

## **Platinex Inc.**

(A Development Stage Company) Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Years Ended December 31, 2011 and 2010

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## General

The following Management's Discussion and Analysis (:MD&A") relates to the financial condition and results of operations of Platinex Inc. (the "Company") for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010 and should be read in conjunction with the Audited Annual Consolidated Financial Statements and related Notes for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010. The financial statements and related notes of the Company have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"). Certain non-GAAP measures are discussed in this MD&A which are clearly disclosed as such. Additional information, including our press releases, has been filed electronically through the System for Electronic Document Analysis and Retrieval ("SEDAR) and is available online under our profile at <u>www.sedar.com</u>.

## International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS")

The Canadian Accounting Standards Board requires publicly accountable enterprises such as Platinex Inc. to adopt IFRS for fiscal years beginning on or after January 1, 2011. Accordingly, the Company's annual consolidated financial statements for the years ending December 31, 2011 and 2010 have been prepared in accordance with IFRS as required by the International Accounting Standards Board.

For each reporting period in 2011, comparative information for 2010 will also be presented, both for interim and annual financial statements, as applicable, on an IFRS basis. These consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, are the Company's first annual financial statements that comply with IFRS. As this will be the Company's first year of reporting under IFRS, First time Adoption of IFRS (IFRS 1) is applicable.

In accordance with IFRS 1, we have applied IFRS retrospectively as of January 1, 2010 (the Transition Date) for comparative purposes. In preparing our opening balance sheet in accordance with IFRS, we have restated amounts reported previously in our financial statements prepared in accordance with preconversion Canadian GAAP (for detailed information, see Changes in Accounting Policies.)

For further information, please refer to the Company's Audited Annual Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010.

## Highlights

The Company achieved the following milestones in 2010 and 2011:

- Received settlement in 2010 from the Government of Ontario totaling \$5,000,000 plus a 2.5% Net Smelter Royalty on the former Big Trout Lake property.
- Advanced the Shining Tree Gold property to the discovery stage with the identification of significant gold grains and nuggets counts in soil along a nine kilometre length of a shear zone.
- Drilled sixty six holes to date on the Herrick gold deposit on Shining Tree property, all of which intersected gold mineralization. The Company plans to complete an updated National Instrument 43-101 ("NI 43-101"), technical report and resource estimate in Q2 of 2012.
- Entered into a Joint Venture agreement with Creso Exploration to explore a nine claim portion of adjoining property.
- Conducted extensive sampling and follow up drilling program on the Caswell prospect at Shining Tree which have confirmed widespread and partially very high-grade gold mineralization.
- Concentrated till sampling has now identified over 30 high gold count anomalies at Shining Tree.

#### **Overview of Company**

The Company was incorporated on August 12, 1998 under the laws of the Province of Ontario and its shares are listed on the TSX Venture Exchange under the symbol "PTX". The Company is at the exploration and evaluation stage and is engaged in the acquisition, exploration and development of mineral properties for future mining of precious and base metals. The Company has not determined whether the properties contain economically recoverable reserves. Recovery of amounts reported for mineral properties and related deferred expenditures is dependent upon the existence of economically recoverable reserves, confirmation of the Company's interest in the underlying mineral claims, the ability of the Company to obtain necessary financing and the ability of the Company to recover value for its properties and/or upon future profitable production.

The business of mining and 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. Recoverability of the carrying value of exploration properties and the Company'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 or the ability of the Company to raise additional financing or alternatively upon the Company's ability to dispose of its interests on an advantageous basis. Changes in future conditions could require material write down their carrying values.

Although the Company 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 development of such properties these procedures do not guarantee the Company's title. Property title may be subject to government licensing requirements or regulations, unregistered prior agreements, unregistered claims, aboriginal claims, breakdown in law and order, arbitrary and punitive actions of governments and their failure to comply with their own laws and regulations.

The Company is dependent on external financing for working capital and continued exploration of its properties.

#### **Overall Performance and Market Conditions**

The Company is in the exploration stage on its various properties that are described herein and as such has no revenues to fund these activities. The Company accesses the public markets (limited to accredited investors and flow-through rules) to finance exploration activity; the ability to raise additional capital is subject to existing market conditions at that time. The projects do not have a defined mineral resource in place whereby the Company can establish a measured asset value. However, based on independent NI 43-101 technical reports and internal summary reports prepared on Company properties and adjacent properties, further exploration work is warranted.

The market decline has made it very difficult to finance remote property exploration for platinum. Many companies shares trade at a discount to their book value signifying a lack of recognition of goodwill. In order to attract investment it is necessary for a company to distinguish itself from its competitors. Therefore, the Company has shifted its focus to exploration of the Shining Tree Gold property (described under Properties). The ability to establish resources and to be able to bring such a property to production quickly should the exploration bear fruit were key to this decision. To-date sixty six holes have targeted the Herrick deposit in addition to stripping, trenching geophysical surveys and geological mapping. All holes have intersected gold mineralization in the Central Zone, confirming the existence of a large structural gold system.

Specialized soil sampling on the property has revealed persistent high gold values spatially aligned along a 9 km east west composite shear structure tentatively identified as The Larder Lake Break or an associated splay. The gold in soil occurrences is interpreted to indicate the presence of one or more gold deposits probably, but not necessarily, on the Company's property.

#### **Overall Performance and Market Conditions cont'd**

Management is confident that the gold in till anomalies on the Shining Tree property and the Herrick gold deposit will with progressive exploration evolve into significant commercial gold deposits. A drill program commenced in the first quarter of 2012 to test these targets.

Among the Company's properties with potential for nickel, copper, PGEs and chromium is one major property in the Ring of Fire area. Since this property was staked a major chromium discovery, believed to be the largest known deposit in the world, has been discovered in this area. A major steel company, Cliffs Resources, has acquired a controlling interest in two resource companies with properties in the Ring of Fire and plans are in the early stages to develop these properties and bring permanent road and rail transportation into the area.

Statements have been made by some of the provincial politicians that this is the most significant discovery in Canada in the last 100 years. The Company believes its holdings are well positioned in the Ring of Fire area and the Company intends to ensure that exploration is pursued on its properties in a systematic orderly manner.

In addition Noront Resources has recently released results of drilling the Eagle One deposit in the Ring of Fire intrusion. They revealed a combined resource of over 20 million tonnes of high grade Ni-Cu-PGE mineralization. This is a significant discovery.

The Ring of Fire intrusion outcrops on the Company's South McFaulds property approximately 20 km to the southwest. In 2011 the Company published a qualifying report on the property. A Federal/Provincial airborne gravity and magnetic survey covering most of the McFaulds Lake area was released on August 3, 2011. The Company has evaluated the data release and retained a geophysicist to provide an interpretation. A portion of the McFaulds South property was subjected to an airborne HELITEM and magnetic survey by Fugro Airborne Surveys, Corporation in September 2011.

In March and April three qualifying reports were completed on McFaulds North and South and the Norton Lake properties.

In April 2011, the Company vested its interest in the main portion of the Shining Tree property.

In early 2012 the McFaulds North, Norton Lake, Awkward Lake and Core Zone properties were allowed to lapse.

#### **Properties**

The Company maintains an interest in several large gold and PGE properties. Each property requires assessment work to keep it in good standing. Due to the lawsuit previously filed against the Ontario government, the time to conduct this assessment work on the six Ontario PGE properties was extended to 2012. Work may involve airborne geophysical surveys, ground geological, geophysical, and geochemical surveys with line-cutting and drilling.

The properties are described below:

#### a) Shining Tree Gold Property

In April 2008, the Company entered into an option agreement with Skead Holdings Ltd., with respect to certain claims situated in Churchill, Macmurchy and Asquith Townships in Ontario (the "Shining Tree property"). According to the agreement, the Company has the right to acquire a 100%-interest in the 139 claim units (5,680 acres or 2,299 ha), subject to a 3% NSR, by issuing 250,000 shares of Platinex, making cash payments (or share equivalent) totaling \$250,000 and by incurring property expenditures totaling \$850,000 during the four years ending April 11, 2012. In May 2011, the Company vested 100% interest in the 139 claim units. The 3% NSR may be reduced by payment of \$400,000 for each 0.5% NSR purchased to a maximum of 1.5% NSR. If the optionor wishes to sell royalty interest the Company retains a right of first refusal to purchase the NSR.

#### a) Shining Tree Gold Property cont'd

The Company SEDAR-filed its NI 43-101 technical report dated October 2, 2008, by J.G. Bryant and D. Jamieson (the "Report") which examines the Herrick gold deposit on Shining Tree property and seven other known gold prospects, some of which have been explored underground. The Report qualifies the sampling and drilling work by Unocl (1989) and Fort Knox (1990) compliant to NI 43-101 standards.

The property is underlain by a northwest trending, steeply dipping, sequence of felsic to mafic metavolcanic rocks overlain by Temiskaming aged metasedimentary rocks and intruded by irregular trachyte porphyries and syenite stocks of Early Precambrian age. Shining Tree's Herrick deposit was discovered in 1918 and subsequently was developed by a 94 m shaft with 345 m of lateral development on two veins. In 1989 Unocal Ltd. evaluated the historic data and, based on that, stated a potential for the system to carry 1,732 tonnes per vertical foot at 7.2 g/t Au over a width of 1.8 m (400 ounces per vertical foot), Unocal carried out diamond drilling of 11 holes for 1,473m and collected 201 channel samples and 35 composite grab samples on the Herrick vein. In 1990 Fort Knox Gold Inc. followed this work with 45 further channel samples and confirmed the presence of gold mineralization over a 385 m strike length, obtaining samples grading up to 56.5 g/t Au over 1.0 m.

The Report states that, "Judging from evidence of previous results on the Herrick deposit there is a potential to outline a small commercial gold deposit. On a larger scale the bulk of the property may be at the low temperature top of an epithermal system that could well be associated with a world-class gold deposit at depth." Gold geologists recognize that the Shining Tree property is located on the westward extension of the Cadillac Malartic/Larder fault systems that are associated with several gold deposits that contained between 10 and 30 million ounces of gold.

Since October 2008, the Company has carried out its Phase I exploration program and commenced a Phase II program. Particular interest is focused on 446 samples recovered from basal till that have been processed by Overburden Drilling Management. Many of the samples contain pristine gold grains indicating a nearby bedrock source. In addition, 169 samples each returned more than ten gold grains (up to 144 gold grains in one sample) that suggest several nearby previously unexplored gold occurrences in the bedrock. Noticeably a line of the highest counts was obtained along 9 km easterly trending shear believed to be the Larder Lake Break or an associated splay fault and correlating with XDS ORTHO anomalies and circumscribing a syenite stock.

The occurrence, distribution and density of high gold counts is similar to such patterns over the Timmins and Matachewan gold camps. The Company views this result as the initial step in the locating and identifying of one or more major gold deposits, potentially leading to a new major gold camp.

The Phase I exploration program in 2008 and 2009 included an airborne geophysical survey, till sampling, and 26 drill holes for a total of 1,270 m of diamond drilling. In 2010 a comprehensive program of drilling on the Herrick deposit (23 holes for 4,253m) till sampling, and stripping was carried out to further evaluate the potential of the property. A substantial program of channel sampling was carried out on the Caswell prospect.

The original surface sampling by Herrick Gold Mines outlined a 97.5 m length in 3 sections of the Central zone averaging 20.28 g/tonne Au/1.30 m and a length of 63.9 m of the West zone averaging 9.15 g/tonne Au/1.27 m. These are now interpreted to be the same zone which is offset by a fault. Further sampling of the upper 25 m of the shaft averaged 50 g/tonne Au/1.5 m. These latter results have not been qualified. Results reported previously are being re-interpreted and more drilling results compiled in preparation for an internal resource estimate which is currently in progress.

#### a) Shining Tree Gold Property Cont'd

The Central Zone has been channel sampled in 51 locations along 516 linear metres in two sections (by Unocal and Fort Knox Gold) and intersected by 66 drill holes to a depth of 300 m. These results have been partially qualified.

A new round of drilling on the Herrick deposit is being planned to commence in 2012 and when financing is available, an expanded drilling program to test up to twelve identified gold grain in till targets will be carried out.

A five hole 870m drilling program was carried out on previously undrilled portion of the property to test five very strong IP anomalies spatially associated with gold in till anomalies. A nine km Pole-dipole IP survey was completed in March 2012 by JVX Ltd.

All of the holes intersected thick zones of mineralization with alteration. Logging, sampling and assaying of the core is to be completed in mid-May, at which time the results will be reported.

Further drilling is planned this year to follow up till and IP results and to further expand the known size of the Herrick deposit all contingent on financing.

Separately a comprehensive internal report to include the mineral valuation on the Herrick deposit is expected to be completed imminently and, if warranted, it will form the basis for an independent mineral valuation and a NI 43-101 technical report.

In addition the Company in 2010 retrieved documents revealing results of testing near the old Westree or Caswell mine workings of its Shining Tree claim group in which a trench was bulk sampled in 1975 with 551 lbs (250.5kg) of vein material returning 2.960 oz/ton gold (101.3 g/t) and 1206.41 oz/ton silver (41,271.3 g/t) and 572 lbs (260.0 kg) of wall rock material returning 0.224 oz/ton Au(7.7 g/t) and 368.9 oz/ton silver (12,620.1 g/t). A second bulk sample consisting of 1742 pounds (791.8 kg) of vein material taken approximately 125 feet (38.1m) west of the first sample returned 32.77oz./ton silver (1120.7g/t) and trace gold. A 100 lb (45.45kg) grab sample of muck and rock taken from the trench between these samples returned 2.033 oz./ton gold (69.53g/t) and 1.08 oz./ton silver (36.94g/t). These results have been verified but require qualification. Stripping was carried out in the autumn of 2010 and drilling of seven holes was completed for 1,070m in April 2011. All of the holes intersected gold mineralization with one hole intersecting a potentially commercial value.

The Company and Creso Exploration Inc. have entered into an agreement to combine claim holdings along the Larder Lake Break into a 50/50 joint venture in the Shining Tree gold area of Ontario. The nine claims (336ha) that constitute the joint venture property bring together the historic high grade vein systems that include the former Churchill, Gold Corona, Cochrane, and Pet occurrences. A 1,003 m drilling program was carried out in October, 2010 on the joint venture claims. The drill program was designed to begin outlining the dimensions and structural controls of an alteration zone and to guide further drilling toward the most prospective part of the system.

Further geophysical surveys, stripping and trenching were carried out on the joint venture in 2011.

The Ontario Department of Mines reported in 1934 that visible gold and significant gold values over 0.5 opt were returned from channel samples on the principal N60E trending Churchill veins in the southeast part of the zone, where secondary veins in the area also showed gold values of up to 6.96 g/t.

Select grab samples from the old Pet Vein on the Churchill Mining property, taken by Vernon Drylie (P.Eng.) for Creso Exploration in 2009, responded well to initial enhanced gravity concentration testing undertaken by the Knelson Research and Technology Centre, with feed material grading 14.7 g/tonne Au gave a Knelson concentrate grading 724.1 g/tonne Au at 39% Au recovery, in a mass pull of 0.8%,

#### a) Shining Tree Gold Property Cont'd

indicating good grade enhancement by gravity concentration techniques. The drilling and surface sampling conducted in 2010 exposed a broad zone of low grade gold mineralization in a formational zone of jasper iron formation and carbonates. Sampling by Platinex in the summer of 2011 returned values in grab samples up to 181 g/t Au from the Pet Vein.

The Company entered into an agreement with Canadian Prospecting Ventures Inc. on September 16, 2010, to acquire one hundred percent interest, in its 12 claim unit (192 ha.) property. The property adjoins the Shining Tree property.

Under the agreement the Company made initial payments of \$5,000 and issued 50,000 shares. In order to exercise the option the Company must make further payments totaling \$15,000, issue an additional 250,000 shares and expend \$100,000 on exploration over three years. Upon exercise of the option Canadian Prospecting Ventures Inc. will retain a 2% NSR royalty; up to 1.0% of the royalty may be purchased in 0.5% increments for \$500,000 per 0.5% of NSR.

#### b) South McFaulds

The South McFaulds property is located 25 km southwest of Noront Resources' Eagle One and Double Eagle nickel-copper-PGE and Blackbird chromitite discoveries within the Ring of Fire intrusion . This property comprises 158 claim units in three claim blocks covering 2,528 ha (6,320 acres). The property adjoins a block held by MacDonald Mines, on the northwest known as the Butler Property. James Bay Resources holds blocks of claims within and to the north of the Platinex holdings. McDonald's Butler property is being drill tested and has revealed occurrences of volcanogenic massive sulphide copper-zinc mineralization of significance and vanadium and nickel-copper-PGE mineralization. The Company's property was staked to cover a layered intrusion that is coupled with magnetic anomalies. The Ring of Fire intrusion outcrops on the property which is on strike with Noront's discoveries in the Ring of Fire intrusion. A qualifying report was completed on this property in 2011.

In 2011 a federal-provincial airborne gravity and magnetic survey covering the property has highlighted areas of potential for NI-Cu-PGE, Cu-Zn and vanadium deposits underlying the property. A portion of the McFaulds South property was subjected to an airborne HELITEM and magnetic survey by Fugro Airborne Surveys, Corporation in September 2011. This exploration work will enable the Company to keep portions of the property in good standing for up to 5 years.

#### c) Tib Lake

The Tib Lake property is located 60 km northwest of Thunder Bay. This property comprises 49 claim units covering 793.5 ha (1960 acres). The property adjoins the Tib lake property of Houston Lake Resources to the south and was staked to cover the northern portion of the Tib Lake layered intrusion. The intrusion is known to be related to the producing Lac des lles intrusion and is mineralized on the adjacent property with nickel-copper-PGEs. Testing of this property is warranted, especially when considered in light of North American Palladium's nearby operation that demands feedstock. In February 2012 the claims were extended.

#### d) Muskox Property, Nunavut

In November 2007, the Company completed the staking of 38 mining claims totaling 35,231 ha. (87,058 acres) in the Muskox intrusion. A revised NI 43-101 report was filed on SEDAR and the Company website during the third quarter of fiscal 2008. The Muskox property is located 30 km south of Kugluktuk and 350 km north of Yellowknife. All claims lapsed in 2010.

The Muskox Intrusion is one component of one of the world's largest magmatic episodes – the Mackenzie Magmatic Event. In size and style of magmatic activity, it is strikingly similar to the Permian-Triassic events which created the huge Noril'sk sulphide deposits; the world's principal supplier of Palladium. Despite abandoning the property in 2010 the Company maintains an active presence in activities on and about the intrusion.

#### e) Other Properties

North McFaulds, Norton Lake, Awkward Lake and Core Zone were allowed to lapse between January and March 2012. Property description were provided in the 2011 third quarter Management's Discussion and Analysis

For the purpose of this Management's Discussion and Analysis James R. Trusler, P.Eng, President and CEO of the Company is the Qualified Person.

## Former Big Trout Lake Property, Ontario

As described in detail in the Management's Discussion and Analysis for the year ended December 31, 2009 the Company made considerable efforts to attain lawful access to its property for the purpose of exploration through both litigation and attempts to consult, engage and accommodate KI.

During 1999, the Company acquired a 100% interest in 221 mining claims located in the Patricia Mining Division of northwestern Ontario. On February 10, 2006 the Company acquired a 100% unencumbered interest in 81 renewable mining leases, and approximately 7,000m of core (valued at \$2,000,000) from a joint venture operated by INCO Limited for \$162,312 cash and the issuance of \$150,000 worth of the Company's common shares (428,751 common shares issued). The Company attempted to commence its exploratory drill program on the Big Trout Lake property in February, 2006. Members of the First Nation, Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug ("KI") restricted access to the property preventing commencement of the drill program. In April 2006, the Company commenced a lawsuit against KI for damages and sought unobstructed access to its mining claims and leases. In February 2008, the Company delivered written notice to the Province of Ontario of its intention to proceed with legal action for recovery from Ontario of damages suffered by the Company arising from the dispute with KI. In accordance with Accounting Guideline AcG-11, the capitalized asset value has been assessed as impaired due to the lack of access to the property and has accordingly been written down. The claims and leases were surrendered in December 2009 to the Ontario government in return for a payment of \$5,000,000 plus additional mediation and negotiation costs totaling \$377,056 and a 2.5% Net Smelter Royalty.

#### **Private Placements**

For further detail regarding share capital issuances, see the audited consolidated financial statements and related notes for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010. The proceeds of the non-flow through common shares are being used for administrative expenses and working capital. The proceeds from issuance of flow-through common shares will be used for mineral exploration on the Company's Canadian mineral properties qualifying as Canadian Exploration Expense (CEE) under the *Income Tax Act (Canada)* enabling the subscriber to obtain applicable tax credits and deductions.

## **Selected Annual Information**

The following table sets out financial performance highlights for the past three fiscal years prepared in accordance with IFRS or Canadian GAAP as indicated.

Operations:	_	2011 IFRS	2010 IFRS	2009 Cdn GAAP
Revenue	\$	0	0	0
Expenses		(1,412,566)	(1,314,481)	(1,492,023)
Part XII.6 tax, interest and penalties		(211,570)	(6,989)	0
Write down of exploration expenditures		(400,811)	(102,935)	(69,247)
Cost recovery related to Ontario Government Settlement		0	5,000,000	377,056
Future Income tax recoverable	_	21,852	183,151	0
Net Income (loss)	\$	2,003,095	\$ 3,758,746	\$ (1,184,214)
Income (loss) per share basic / fully diluted	\$_		\$ 0.093	\$ (0.033)
Financial Position:				
Total assets	\$	4,248,397	\$ 5,063,172	\$ 1,533,064
Total long-term liabilities	_	0	0	0
Shareholders equity	\$_	3,300,971	\$ 4,925,774	\$ 97,749

## Results of Operations – Year Ended December 31, 2010

#### **Overview of Financial Results**

The Company raised gross proceeds of \$213,250 from equity financings in 2011, as compared to \$1,229,598 in 2010, reflecting the more challenging market conditions facing the Company in 2011. Uncertainty surrounding the outcome of the Notices of Assessment and Reassessment issued to the Company on April 4, 2012 by Canada Revenue Agency may delay completion and reduce the size of planned financings.

In 2011, several private placements were completed issuing 100,000 (200,000 - 2010) non-flow through common shares for property option agreement or trade debt obligations of \$6,000 (\$24,000 - 2010), 1,045,454 (4,980,000 - 2010) non-flow through common shares and 2,763,333 (5,289,200 - 2010) flow-through common shares for gross proceeds of \$322,250 (\$1,229,598 - 2010). In conjunction with these placements, 1,615,667 warrants and broker warrants (5,067,136 - 2010) were issued with a weighted average exercise price of \$0.13 (\$0.15 - 2010). During 2011, 0 warrants (6,700,000 - 2010) with a weighted average exercise price of \$0 (\$0.33 - 2010) expired. In 2011, the Company granted 1,730,000 options (1,140,000 - 2010) under the Company's stock option plan. The weighted average exercise price on these options was \$0.13 (\$0.20 - 2010). During 2011, 1,180,000 options (120,000 - 2010) with a weighted

#### Results of Operations - Year Ended December 31, 2010 cont'd

#### Overview of Financial Results cont'd

average exercise price of 0.20 expired (0.20 - 2010). As a result of the option transactions, the fair value of the stock based compensation of 129,050 (93,600 - 2010) was charged to the statement of operations.

In 2011, Platinex's operations were focused on exploration projects located in Ontario. The Company's 2011 non-exploration expenses increased to \$1,412,568 from \$1,314,481 in 2010 largely as a result of a tax indemnity booked as per financial statement note 19.

In 2011, the Company capitalized \$1,164,076 (\$968,524 - 2010) of mineral property and deferred exploration expenditures in accordance with the Company's accounting policies. In 2011 the Company wrote-off \$400,811 of deferred exploration expenditures due to impairment in value (\$102,935 - 2010).

During 2011, the Company received \$0 (\$5,000,000 - 2010) previously written off of cost recovery fees arising from the settlement of the action against Ontario.

In 2011, the Company reported a future income tax recoverable of \$21,852 (\$183,151 - 2010) arising from the temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting and for tax purposes. The resulting fiscal 2011 loss was \$2,003,095 (\$3,758,746 income – 2010) with a basic and fully diluted loss per share of \$0.042 (\$0.093 earnings - 2010).

#### Summary of Quarterly Results

The following table sets out financial performance highlights for the last eight fiscal quarters, prepared in accordance with IFRS.

	Dec-11	Sep-11	Jun-11	Mar-11	Dec-10	Sep-10	Jun-10	Mar-10
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Expenses	810,267	118,509	306,273	234,114	192,262	206,285	342,909	573,025
Part XII.6 Tax	211,570	0	0	0	6,989	0	0	0
Write down of deferred exploration expenditures	344,644	0	0	0	102,935	0	0	13,786
Cost recovery Ontario Gov't	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,000,000
Future income tax recoverable	0	0	0	(21,852)	(183,151)	0	0	0
Net loss	1,366,501	118,509	306,273	212,262	119,035	206,285	342,909	(4,426,975)
Loss per share basic and fully diluted	0.0285	0.0025	0.0065	0.0045	0.0146	0.0047	0.0094	(0.1217)

#### **Operations:**

## Summary of Quarterly Results cont'd

#### **Financial Position:**

	Dec-11 \$	Sep-11 \$	Jun-11 \$	Mar-11 \$	Dec-10 \$	Sep-10 \$	Jun-10 \$	Mar-10 \$
Total assets	4,248,397	4,542,054	4,751,153	4,748,366	5,063,127	4,943,969	4,549,100	4,749,387
Total long-term Liabilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shareholders								
Equity	4,248,397	4,510,928	4,629,437	4,695,910	4,925,774	4,849,900	4,269,665	4,749,387

#### Results of Operations – Quarter Ended December 31, 2011

In the fourth quarter of 2011, the Company's operations were focused on the Shining Tree exploration program. The Company's fourth quarter 2011 expenses increased to \$1,366,501 from \$119,035 for the same period in 2010 largely as a result of fiscal 2011 Part XII.6 tax of \$211,570 and a tax indemnity provision of \$633,071 as detailed in note 19 of the financial statements. In the fourth quarter of 2011, the Company has a net write down of \$179,662 of exploration and evaluation assets.

In the fourth quarter of 2011, the Company received 0 (5,000,000 - 2010) of cost recovery fees in connection with its settlement with Ontario.

In the fourth quarter of 2011, the Company reported a future income tax recoverable of 0 (\$183,151 - 2010) arising from temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting and for tax purposes. The resulting fiscal 2011 fourth quarter loss was 1,366,501 (\$119,035 - 2010) with a basic and fully diluted loss per share for the quarter of 0.0285 (\$0.0146 - 2010).

## Liquidity

At December 31, 2011, the Company reported working capital of (\$159,498) (\$2,597,199 – December 31, 2010) and cash balances of \$745,108 (\$2,511,273 – December 31, 2010). Included in cash as at December 31, 2011, is \$207,250 (\$69,198 – December 31, 2010) of proceeds received from the issuance of flow-through shares whose use is restricted to exploration expenditures. Management has adopted a policy of preserving cash resources and financing exploration with flow through financing.

	As at December 31			
		2011		2010
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	745,108	\$	905,976
Current assets		787,928		2,756,404
Current liabilities		(947,426)		(159,205)
Working capital (deficiency)	\$	(159,498)	\$	2,597,199

Working capital (deficiency) is defined as current assets net of current liabilities, which is a non-GAAP measure. Non-GAAP financial measures do not have any standardized meanings prescribed by IFRS and therefore may not be comparable to similar measures presented by other issuers. However, management believes that it is a useful measure in assessing the Company's liquidity.

#### Liquidity cont'd

Market conditions continue to adversely impact the Company's share price and its fund-raising ability. Therefore, the Company has experienced delays in obtaining the financing required to sustain its activities and operations. Uncertainty surrounding the outcome of the Notices of Assessment and Reassessment issued to the Company on April 4, 2012 by Canada Revenue Agency may also delay completion and reduce the size of planned financings.

The working capital deficiency is expected to be addressed in the near term by completing one or more equity financings and / or through possible direct investments in the Company's properties by joint venture partners.

In the longer term, the Company intends to finance its exploration and development activities from future equity and / or by obtaining direct investments in the Company's properties.

#### Capital Resources

The Company currently does not have any credit facilities with financial institutions, and is not anticipating a profit from operations in the near future. Therefore the Company is dependent on external financing to fund continued exploration of its mineral properties. Historically, the Company's principal sources of funding have been the issuance of equity securities for cash, interest income from short-term investments and settlement proceeds from litigation.

#### **Transactions with Related Parties**

Remuneration of directors and key management personnel during the years ended December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010 was:

	D	ecember 31 2011	De	ecember 31 2010
Management salaries and fees	\$	480,000	\$	476,119
Directors fees		0		56,500
Share-based payments		109,600		69,600
	\$	469,600	\$	443,061

For the year ended December 31, 2011, \$204,200 (\$80,867 – 2010) of the management fees and salaries were allocated to exploration and evaluation assets. Share based payments are the fair value of options granted to directors and key management personnel which vested during the year. At December 31, 2011, accounts payable included \$0 (December 31, 2010 - \$0) due to related parties.

#### **Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

The Company has no off-balance sheet arrangements.

#### **Proposed Transactions**

There are no material decisions by the Board of Directors of the Company with respect to any imminent or proposed transactions that have not been disclosed.

#### **Critical Accounting Estimates**

The Company makes estimates and assumptions about the future that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities. Estimates and judgments are continually evaluated based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. In the future, actual experience may differ from these estimates and assumptions.

The effect of a change in an accounting estimate is recognized prospectively by including it in comprehensive income/loss in the period of the change, if the change affects that period only, or in the period of the change and future periods, if the change affects both.

Information about critical judgments in applying accounting policies that have the most significant risk of causing material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities recognized in the condensed interim financial statements within the next financial year are discussed below:

i) Capitalization of Exploration and Evaluation Costs

Management has determined that exploration and evaluation costs incurred during the year have future economic benefits and are economically recoverable. In making this judgment, management has assessed various sources of information including but not limited to the geologic and metallurgic information, history of conversion of mineral deposits to proven and probable mineral reserves, scoping and feasibility studies, proximity of operating facilities, operating management expertise and existing permits. See Note 9 for details of capitalized exploration and evaluation costs.

ii) Impairment of Mineral Properties and Deferred Exploration Expenditures

While assessing whether any indications of impairment exist for mineral properties and deferred exploration expenditures, consideration is given to both external and internal sources of information. Information the Company considers includes changes in the market, economic and legal environment in which the Company operates that are not within its control that could affect the recoverable amount of mineral properties and deferred exploration expenditures. Internal sources of information include the manner in which mineral properties and deferred exploration expenditures are being used or are expected to be used and indications of expected economic performance of the assets. Estimates include but are not limited to estimates of the discounted futures after-tax cash flows expected to be derived from the Company's mining properties, costs to sell the properties and the appropriate discount rate. Reductions in metal price forecast, increases in estimated future production, increases in estimated future capital costs, reductions in the amount of recoverable mineral reserves and mineral resources and/or adverse current economics can result in a write-down of the carrying amounts of the Company's mineral properties and deferred exploration expenditures.

iii) Title to Mineral Property Interests

Although the Company has taken steps to verify title to mineral properties in which it has an interest, these procedures do not guarantee the Company's title. Such properties may be subject to prior agreements or transfers and title may be affected by undetected defects.

iv) Income Taxes

Significant judgment is required in determining the provision for income taxes. There are many transactions and calculations undertaken during the ordinary course of business for which the ultimate tax determination is uncertain. The Company recognizes liabilities and contingencies for anticipated tax audit issues based on the Company's current understanding of the tax law. For matters where it is probable that an adjustment will be made, the Company records its best estimate of the tax liability including the related interest and penalties in the current tax provision. Management believes they have adequately provided for the probable outcome of these matters; however, the final outcome may result in a materially different outcome than the amount included in the tax liabilities.

## **Critical Accounting Estimates cont'd**

iv) Income Taxes cont'd

In addition, the Company recognizes deferred tax assets relating to tax losses carried forward to the extent there are sufficient taxable temporary differences (deferred tax liabilities) relating to the same taxation authority and the same taxable entity against which the unused tax losses can be utilized. However, utilization of the tax losses also depends on the ability of the taxable entity to satisfy certain tests at the time the losses are recouped.

v) Share-Based Payment Transactions

The Company measures the cost of equity-settled transactions with employees by reference to the fair value of the equity instruments at the date at which they are granted. Estimating fair value for sharebased payment transactions requires determining the most appropriate valuation model, which is dependent on the terms and conditions of the grant. This estimate also requires determining the most appropriate inputs to the valuation model including the expected life of the share option, volatility and dividend yield and making assumptions about them. The assumptions and models used for estimating fair value for share-based payment transactions are disclosed in note 14.

#### Changes in Accounting Policies - Transition to International Financial Reporting Standards

As stated in Note 2 to the condensed consolidated interim financial statements for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, these financial statements have been prepared in accordance with IFRS.

The accounting policies detailed in note 3 of the financial statements have been applied as follows:

- a) in preparing the consolidated financial statements for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010;
- b) the preparation of an opening IFRS statement of financial position on the Transition Date, January 1, 2010.

The Company's financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2011 are the first annual financial statements prepared in accordance with IFRS. IFRS 1, First Time Adoption of International Financial Reporting Standards, requires that comparative financial information be provided. As a result, the first date at which the Company has applied IFRS was January 1, 2010 (the "Transition Date"). IFRS 1 requires first-time adopters to retrospectively apply all effective IFRS standards as of the reporting date, which for the Company was December 31, 2011. However, it also provides for certain optional exemptions and certain mandatory exceptions for first time IFRS adoption. Prior to transition to IFRS, the Company prepared its financial statements in accordance with Canadian Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("Canadian GAAP").

In preparing the Company's opening IFRS financial statements, the Company has adjusted amounts reported previously in the financial statements prepared in accordance with Canadian GAAP.

The IFRS 1 optional exemptions and exceptions applied in the conversion from Canadian GAAP to IFRS are as follows:

a) Business Combinations

The Company elected not to retrospectively apply IFRS 3 Business Combinations to any business combinations that may have occurred prior to its Transition Date and such business combinations have not been restated.

#### b) Share-based Payment Transactions

The Company has elected not to retrospectively apply IFRS 2 to equity instruments that were granted and had vested before the Transition Date. As a result of applying this exemption, the Company will apply the

## Changes in Accounting Policies - Transition to International Financial Reporting Standards cont'd

b) Share-based Payment Transactions cont'd

provisions of IFRS 2 only to all outstanding equity instruments that are unvested as at the Transition Date to IFRS.

The IFRS 1 mandatory applied in the conversion from Canadian GAAP to IFRS are as follows:

c) Estimates

The estimates previously made by the Company under Canadian GAAP were not revised for the application of IFRS except where necessary to reflect any difference in accounting policy or where there was objective evidence that those estimates were in error. As a result the Company has not used hindsight to revise estimates.

Reconciliations of Canadian GAAP Equity, Comprehensive Income and Cash Flows to IFRS

IFRS 1 requires an entity to reconcile equity, comprehensive income and cash flows for prior periods. The changes made to the statements of financial position and statements of comprehensive income as shown on the pages following have resulted in reclassifications of various amounts on the statements of cash flows. However, as there have been no material adjustments to the net cash flows, no reconciliation of the statement of cash flows has been prepared.

#### **Financial Risk Factors**

The Company has designated its cash as held-for-trading, measured at fair value. Accounts payable and accrued liabilities are classified as other financial liabilities, which are measured at amortized cost. As at December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010, the carrying value of the Company's financial instruments represent their fair value.

The Company's risk exposures and the impact on the Company's financial instruments are summarized below:

Fair Value Hierarchy and Liquidity Risk Disclosure

The fair value hierarchy shall have the following levels: (a) quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1); (b) inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices) (Level 2); and (c) inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs) (Level 3). The adoption of these amendments resulted in additional disclosures in the notes to the consolidated financial statements.

At December 31, 2011 and as at December 31, 2010, the company's financial instruments that are carried at fair value, consisting of cash have been classified as Level 2 within the fair value hierarchy.

#### Credit Risk

The Company's credit risk is primarily attributable to cash. The Company has no significant concentration of credit risk arising from operations. Cash is maintained at a major financial institution. Deposits held with banks may exceed the amount of insurance provided on such deposits. Generally, these deposits may be redeemed upon demand and are maintained with financial institutions of reputable credit and therefore management believes bear minimal risk.

## Financial Risk Factors cont'd

#### Liquidity Risk

The Company's approach to managing liquidity risk is to ensure that it will have sufficient liquidity to meet liabilities when due. As at December 31, 2011, the Company had cash balances of \$745,108 December 31, 2010 - \$2,511,273) to settle current liabilities of \$81,565 (December 31, 2010 - \$137,353).

#### Market Risk

a) Interest rate risk

The Company has cash balances subject to fluctuations in the prime rate. The Company's current policy is to invest excess cash in investment-grade short-term deposit certificates issued by its banking institutions. The Company periodically monitors the investments it makes and is satisfied with the credit ratings of its banks. The Company has no loans and consequently is not required to hedge against interest rate risk.

b) Foreign Currency risk

The Company's functional currency is the Canadian dollar and major purchases are transacted in Canadian dollars. Management believes the foreign exchange risk derived from currency conversions is negligible and therefore does not hedge its foreign exchange risk.

c) Price Risk

The Company is exposed to price risk with respect to commodity prices. The Company closely monitors commodity prices to determine the appropriate course of action to be taken by the Company. See note 4 (i) and (ii).

d) Fair values

The estimated fair value of the Company's financial instruments has been determined based on the Company's assessment of available market information and appropriate valuation methodologies. However, these estimates may not necessarily be indicative of the amounts that the Company could realize in a current market exchange. The Company's cash, funds held in trust and accounts payable and accrued liabilities are considered financial instruments. The estimated fair values of these financial instruments approximate their carrying amounts because of the limited terms of these instruments.

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At December 31, 2011 and as at December 31, 2010, the company's financial instruments that are carried at fair value, consisting of cash have been classified as Level 2 within the fair value hierarchy.

#### **Commitments and Contingencies**

a) Environmental Contingencies

The Company's mining and exploration activities are subject to various federal, provincial laws and regulations governing the protection of the environment. These laws and regulations are continually changing and generally becoming more restrictive. The Company conducts its operations so as to protect public health and the environment and believes its operations are materially in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. The Company has made, and expects to make in the future, expenditures to comply with such laws and regulations.

b) Flow-Through Expenditures

Pursuant to the issuance of 364,200 flow-through shares in December 2010, the Company renounced \$69,198 of qualified exploration expenditures in February 2011. As at December 31, 2011, the Company has met its expenditure commitment.

The Company has agreed to indemnify certain subscribers of current and previous flow-through share offerings against any income tax payable by the subscriber in the event the Company does not meet its expenditure commitments.

During the years 2005 to 2008, the Company issued flow-through common shares for gross proceeds of \$1,550,000 from private placement offerings of securities. In accordance with the terms of these flowthrough share offerings and pursuant to certain provisions of the Income Tax Act (Canada) (the "Act"), the Company renounced for income tax purposes these exploration expenditures and was obligated to spend these funds on Qualifying Canadian Exploration Expenditures ("CEE").

Following an audit by CRA of the Company's CEE for 2005 to 2008 which was substantially completed prior to December 31, 2011, the CRA has alleged that only \$590,801 of flow-through proceeds were spent on CEE. On this basis, the remainder of \$959,199 is potentially subject to tax in accordance with Part XII.6 of the Act and, together with related penalties and interest, the amount of \$191,340 has been included in accrued liabilities as at December 31, 2011. On April 4, 2012, CRA issued Notices of Assessment and Reassessment to the Company totaling \$191,340 including penalties and interest which has been included in accrued liabilities. The Company intends to file Notices of Objection to dispute CRA's interpretation and the validity of the Notices of Assessment and Reassessment.

In accordance with the terms of subscription agreements with certain purchasers of flow-through shares, the Company has agreed to indemnify such investors for an amount equal to the amount of any income tax payable, or income tax that may become payable, by the purchaser, under the Act, as a result of the reduction of previously renounced CEE. The Company has also estimated the potential liability resulting from potential claims which may arise as a result of possible reassessments denying CEE claimed by investors in 2005 to 2008 to be \$633,071 which has been included in accrued liabilities as at December 31, 2011. The actual liability will depend upon a number of factors including the personal tax income tax positions of the investors and the Company's success in its objection proceedings with CRA. The outcome of these matters is uncertain and there can be no assurance that such matters will be resolved in the Company's favour.

c) Lease Commitments

The company is committed to the following minimum payments under operating leases for office space:

2012	\$ 78,135
2013	\$ 32,841

#### Subsequent Events

Subsequent to the year end, the North McFaulds, Norton Lake, Core Zone and Awkward Lake properties have been allowed to lapse. Further, the Tib Lake property has been extended and portions of the South McFaulds property has also lapsed.

#### Additional Disclosure for Venture Issuers without Significant Revenue

The accumulated costs relating to the Company's interests in mineral properties are detailed in the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements and notes for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010.

## **Disclosure of Outstanding Share Data**

The Company is authorized to issue an unlimited number of common shares, and on December 31, 2011 there were 50,759,326 common shares issued (46,850,539 – December 31, 2010).

As at December 31, 2011, there were 3,970,000 options outstanding with a weighted average exercise price of \$0.16 expiring between June 18, 2012 and April 1, 2016. As at the same date, there were 6,682,803 warrants outstanding with a weighted average exercise price of \$0.15 expiring between June 16 and December 16, 2012.

## **Cautionary Statement on Forward Looking Statements**

This management's discussion and analysis contains statements about expected future events and financial and operating results of the Company that are forward looking. By their nature, forward looking statements require the Company to make assumptions and are subject to inherent risks and uncertainties. These forward looking statements are based on current expectations. There is substantial risk that forward looking statements will not prove to be accurate. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on the Company's forward looking statements as a number of factors including economic conditions, technological change, regulatory change, and competitive factors, could cause actual future results, conditions, actions or events to differ materially from targets, expectations, estimates or intentions expressed in the forward looking statements; many of which are beyond the Company's control.

#### **Disclosure Controls and Internal Controls Over Financial Reporting**

## Management's Report on Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Disclosure controls and procedures have been designed reasonable assurance that all material information related to the Company is identified and communicated on a timely basis. Management of the Company, under the supervision of the President and Chief Executive Officer is responsible for the design and operations of disclosure controls and internal control over financial reporting. There have been no changes in the Company's disclosure controls and procedures during the fiscal year and quarter ended December 31, 2011.

#### **Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

The Company's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal controls over financial reporting to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. However, the Company's management, including its Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, believe that due to inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect all misstatements and fraud or on a timely basis. Also, projections of any evaluation of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting to future periods are subject to the risk that the

## Internal Control over Financial Reporting cont'd

controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

There have been no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting during the fiscal year and quarter ended December 31, 2011 that have materially affected or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.