

### **MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

For the years ended September 30, 2021 and 2020 As at January 30, 2022

This Management Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") has been approved in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors of Cypherpunk Holdings Inc. ("Cypherpunk" or, the "Company") dated January 30, 2021. It should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements of the Company as at and for years ended September 30, 2021 and 2020.

#### ABOUT CYPHERPUNK HOLDINGS INC.

Cypherpunk is a publicly traded company that is listed on the Canadian Securities Exchange (CSE) under the ticker HODL.

The Company's business plan is based on its investment thesis that there will be increasing demand for technologies and cryptocurrencies with strong privacy, self-sovereignty, and digital property rights (the "Thesis"). Cypherpunk executes its Thesis through three lines of effort: (1) Treasury management and diversified yield generation - a core holding of crypto currencies supported with risk management strategies to reduce volatility, and lending, staking and liquidity provisioning to generate yield; (2) Private equity focused on early stage companies in the privacy, gaming, DeFi and blockchain sectors; and, (3) Active investments to generate yield including IPv4 leasing and bitcoin mining.

As at September 30, 2021, the Company had total assets of \$31.2 million and net book value of \$29.8 million. The Company's cryptocurrency holdings consisted of 401.58 bitcoin ("BTC") and 511.89 ethereum ("ETH") with market values of US\$17.5 million (\$22.4 million) and US\$1.5 million (\$2.0 million) respectively, resulting in a combined market value of US\$19.4 million (\$24.4 million). As at September 30, 2021, 72 of the Company's BTC had been posted as collateral to Genesis Global Capital, LLC ("Genesis") pursuant to a master loan agreement. Cypherpunk currently has investments in four privacy technology development companies and one publicly traded investment company that holds a minority interest in a data center company offering web hosting, a colocation data center, cloud, system integration, blockchain infrastructure and other solutions.

# SIGNIFICANT EVENTS IN THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

### **Treasury Management and Diversified Yield Generation**

Cryptocurrencies - As at September 30, 2021, the Company's cryptocurrency holdings consisted of 401.58 BTC and 511.89 ETH with a combined market value of US\$19.4 million (\$24.4 million). During the year ended September 31, 2021, through cash purchases, coin swaps, dividends and interest, the Company increased its BTH holdings by 137.8 coins and its ETH holdings by 233.5 coins.

In June 2021, the Company entered into a master loan agreement with Genesis Global Capital, LLC ("Genesis") pursuant to which Cypherpunk may lend U.S. Dollars or digital currency to Genesis. On June 28, 2021 the Company loaned 100 Bitcoins to Genesis (the "Bitcoin Loan"). The Bitcoin Loan bears interest at 2.5% per annum, payable monthly in Bitcoin, there is no maturity date and Cypherpunk has the option to demand immediate payment of a portion or the entirety of the Bitcoin Loan balance at any time. The principal value of the Bitcoin Loan was repaid prior to year end.

In August 2021, the Company entered into a master digital loan agreement (the "Agreement") with Genesis

pursuant to which the Company may borrow \$1,700,000 U.S. Dollars (\$2,159,000) from Genesis (the "Genesis Loan"). The Genesis Loan bears interest at 10.5% per annum, payable monthly in cash, there is no maturity date, and the Company has the option to repay a portion or the entirety of the Genesis Loan balance at any time. The Company posted 72 Bitcoins as collateral for the Genesis Loan and were held with Genesis to satisfy the margin requirement in accordance with the terms of the Agreement.

## **Private Equity**

In August 2021, the Company acquired 2 million shares of Animoca for total consideration of \$2.0 million. Animoca is a private Australian company operating in the digital entertainment, blockchain and gamification sectors.

### **Active Investments**

In August 2021, the Company purchased a package of IP addresses for USD \$327,680 (\$419,345). The package of IP addresses known as IPv4 Subnet 206.206.64.0/18 was leased to generate operating revenues subsequent to year end.

In February 2021, the Company purchased a package of IP addresses for USD \$393,216 (\$519,236). In March 2021, the Company secured a leasing arrangement generating approximately a 14.8% yield per annum on the Company's original investment

### **Private Placements**

In March 2021, the Company closed a private placement for aggregate gross proceeds of \$10,000,000 through the issuance of 29,411,766 units at a price of \$0.34 per unit. Each unit consisted of one common share and one-half common share purchase warrant. Each full warrant entitles his holder to acquire one common share at an exercise price of \$0.395 for a period of 3 years from the date of issuance. Using the relative fair value method, \$2,443,637 was attributed to the warrants. The Company incurred in \$878,823 of cash issue costs in addition to the issuance of 2,058,824 broker warrants in connection with the private placement.

In January 2021, the Company closed a private placement for aggregate gross proceeds of \$2,980,121 through the issuance of 19,867,470 units at a price of \$0.15 per unit. Each unit consisted of one common share and one-half common share purchase warrant. Each full warrant entitles his holder to acquire one common share at an exercise price of \$0.25 for a period of 2 years from the date of issuance. Using the relative fair value method, \$842,368 was attributed to the warrants. The Company incurred in \$55,344 of issue costs in connection with the private placement.

#### **Employee Termination Costs**

In October 2017, Grant Edey, the Company's former CEO and Chairman, began an action in the Superior Court of Ontario, seeking, among other things, compensation for lost salary and bonus, and punitive damages for the manner of his dismissal from the Company. In April 2021, the Company terminated Dennis Gibson as CFO. During the period, the Company, Mr. Edey and Mr. Gibson entered into respective agreements whereby all claims or potential claims arising out of, or in relation to, the termination their employment were settled on a confidential basis for a combined total of \$477,500.

### COVID-19

Since early 2020, the outbreak of the novel strain of coronavirus, specifically identified as "COVID-19", has resulted in governments worldwide enacting emergency measures to combat the spread of the virus. These measures, which include the implementation of travel bans, self-imposed quarantine periods and social distancing, have caused material disruption to businesses globally, resulting in an economic slowdown. Global equity markets have experienced significant volatility and weakness. Governments and central banks have reacted with significant monetary and fiscal interventions designed to stabilize economic conditions. The duration and impact of the

COVID-19 outbreak is unknown at this time, as is the efficacy of the government and central bank interventions. In the current year, there has not been adverse impact on the Company liquidity, investments, expenditures or any other of its key business factors or operations but it is not possible to reliably estimate the length and severity of these developments and the future impact on the financial results and condition of the Company. Through a thorough review of operating expenses and the scheduling of some expenditures, the Company is focused on prudently managing the Company's financial resources and planned activities pending a resolution of the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### **OVERAL PERFORMANCE**

#### Overview

- Total assets increased \$24.4 million to \$31.2 million (352%)
- Net book value increased \$22.2 million to \$27.8 million (315%)
- Increases due primarily to private placements for net proceeds of \$12.0 million and net gains on cryptocurrencies of \$10.5 million

# **Treasury Management and Diversified Yield Generation**

Cryptocurrency prices had a volatile yet overall positive performance during the Company's fiscal year ended September 31, 2021. BTC opened the Fiscal Year at US\$10,777, had its low price of US\$10,385 in October 2020, attained its high of US\$64,889 in April, 2021 and closed out the Fiscal Year at US\$43,791. ETH opened the year at US\$360, reached its low of US\$333 in October 2020, attained its high of US\$4,379 in May, 2021 and closed out the Fiscal Year at US\$3,002.

On June 28, 2021, the Company loaned 100 Bitcoins to Genesis on an open loan basis pursuant to a master loan agreement (the "Bitcoin Loan"). The Bitcoin Loan bears interest at 2.5% per annum, payable monthly in Bitcoin, there is no maturity date and Cypherpunk has the option to demand immediate payment of a portion or the entirety of the Bitcoin Loan balance at any time. The Bitcoin Loan, plus accrued interest, was repaid to the Company on September 28, 2021. The Company earned interest income of approximately 0.44 BTC on its Bitcoin Loan during the year ended September 30, 2021.

On August 25, 2021, the Issuer borrowed US\$1.7 million (\$2.2 million) from Genesis Global Capital (the "Loan"), at an interest rate of 10.50% per annum, against which 60 BTC were pledged as collateral. The proceeds of the Loan were used to acquire the Animoca shares described below. On September 24, 2021, an additional 12 BTC were pledged as collateral. On September 29, 2021, the Issuer repaid US\$780,000 (\$993,567) of the Loan's principal.

As at September 30, 2021, the Company's cryptocurrency holdings consisted of 401.58 BTC and 511.89 ETH with market values of US\$17.5 million (\$22.4 million) and US\$1.5 million (\$2.0 million) respectively, resulting in a combined market value of US\$19.1 million (\$24.4 million).

At the date of this report BTC and ETH had market unit values of US\$36,964 (\$46,790) and US\$2,406 (\$3,045) respectively and, at the end of the Company's fiscal year ended September 31, 2021, BTC and ETH had market unit values of US\$43,799 (\$55,860) and US\$3,001 (\$3,827) respectively.

The Company expects cryptocurrency prices to continue to be volatile with an upward trend and will continue to apply a treasury management and diversified yield generation approach to its core holding of crypto currencies, supported with risk management strategies to reduce volatility, and lending, staking and liquidity provisioning to generate yield.

#### **Investments**

## Highlights

- \$2.2 million increase in investments
- \$1.0 million unrealized gain in Animoca
- \$923,290 unrealized loss on Sixty-Six Capital Inc.
- \$150,875 unrealized gain in Chia Network Inc.

	9	September 30,		
	Quantity	2021	Quantity	2020
Sixty-Six Capital Inc Shares	3,642,000	473,460	3,842,000	1,440,750
Animoca Brands Corporation Limited	2,000,000	3,023,460	-	-
zkSNACKS Limited - Shares	4,500	445,027	4,500	445,027
Chia Network Inc.	19,860	551,999	SAFE	400,170
Streetside Development, LLC	1,429	126,516	1,429	126,516
	9	4,620,462		\$ 2,412,463

## (a) Sixty-Six Capital Inc.

Sixty-Six Capital Inc. (CSE:SIX), formerly Hydro66 Holdings Corp. ("Sixty-Six"), announced in March 2021, that it had become an investment holding company, selling its shares of Hydro66 UK Limited ("Hydro66 UK") to Northern Data AG (Northern Data) for 338,273 shares of Northern Data and up to 4 million Euros in cash. Sixty-Six will now focus on its principal asset of 338,273 shares of Northern Data, representing approximately 2.3% of Northern Data, and crypto assets. During the period ended September 30, 2021, the Company sold 200,000 shares of Sixty-Six and recognized a realized loss of \$3,910 and an unrealized loss of \$923,290 in its consolidated statement of comprehensive income (loss). The market value of Sixty-Six was \$0.13 per share at September 30, 2021. In October 2021, the Company sold its remaining interest in Sixty-Six, 3.642 million shares, at a price of \$0.10 per share for gross proceeds of \$364,200.

## (b) Animoca Brands Corporation Limited

In August 2021, the Company acquired 2 million shares of Animoca Brands Corporation Limited ("Animoca") for total consideration of \$2.06 million. Animoca is a private Australian company operating in the digital entertainment, blockchain and gamification sectors.

## (c) zkSNACKS Limited

zkSNACKS Limited ("zkSNACKS") is private company focused on privacy related technology, including its Wasabi Wallet. In January 2021, the Company received a dividend of 2.7 BTC on its investment in zkSNACKS Limited.

### (d) Chia Network Inc.

In May 2021, the Company received 19,806 shares of Series B Stock of Chia Network Inc. ("Chia") priced at US\$15.15 per share representing 0.09% of the Chia's issued and outstanding common shares on a fully diluted basis, pursuant to Cypherpunk's Simple Agreement for Future Equity ("SAFE") investment in Chia. The Company recognized an unrealized gain of \$150,875 in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income. Also in May 2021, Chia announced that it had raised approximately US\$61 million of Series D Preferred equity investments led by Richmond Global Ventures and Andreessen Horowitz, with participation from True

Ventures, Slow Ventures, Cygni Capital, Breyer Capital, Naval Ravikant, Collab+Currency and DHVC. In August, 2021, the Company exercised its participation rights and acquired 600 common shares of Chia at a price of US\$21.21.

Cypherpunk also holds a \$256,112 convertible loan, granted to NGRAVE.IO ("NGRAVE") that is classified as a loan receivable in the consolidated financial statements. In December 2021, the Company's convertible loan to NGRAVE was converted into common shares of NGRAVE pursuant to its convertible loan investment agreement. The Company received 138,966 NGRAVE common shares at a deemed price of EUD0.7936.

### **Active Investments**

In August 2021, the Company purchased a package of IP addresses for USD \$327,680 (\$419,345). The package of IP addresses known as IPv4 Subnet 206.206.64.0/18 is intended to be leased to generate operating revenues.

In February 4, 2021, the Company purchased a package of IP addresses for USD \$393,216 (\$519,236). In March 2021, the Company secured a leasing arrangement generating approximately a 14.8% yield per annum on the Company's original investment

#### SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

On October 6, 2021 the Company loaned 100 Bitcoins to Genesis on an open loan basis pursuant to the Bitcoin Loan. The Bitcoin Loan bears interest at 1% per annum, payable monthly in Bitcoin, there is no maturity date and Cypherpunk has the option to demand immediate payment of a portion or the entirety of the Bitcoin Loan balance at any time. The Bitcoin Loan, plus accrued interest, was repaid to the Company on October 26, 2021.

On October 18, 2021 the Company sold its remaining interest in Sixty Six, 3,642,000 shares, at a price of \$0.10 per share for gross proceeds of \$364,200.

On October 11, 2021, the Company purchased 25 Bitmain S19J Pro miners (the "Equipment") for USD \$300,000 which each produce 100 terahashes per second each, and has leased the Equipment to MineON LLC, which will host and operate the machines in Iowa, USA for the Company pursuant to a managed mining and profit-sharing agreement.

Between October 26, 2021 and November 1, 2021, agreements with certain consultants to the Company were terminated, which resulted in the expiration of 1,000,000 options which were outstanding at year end.

On December 29, 2021, the Company's convertible loan to NGRAVE was converted into common shares of NGRAVE pursuant to its convertible loan investment agreement. The Company received 138,966 NGRAVE common shares at a deemed price of EUR 0.7936.

Subsequent to year end, the Company granted 3,500,000 options to directors and officers of the Company, 1,000,000 options have an exercise price of \$0.20 and expire on October 7, 2026 and the remaining 2,500,000 options have an exercise price of \$0.24 and expire on November 11, 2026.

On January 25, 2022, the Company sold 450,000 shares of Animoca at a price of AUD 3.97 (\$3.58) for gross proceeds of AUD 1.79 million (\$1.61 million), the Company continues to hold 1.55 million Animoca ordinary shares.

#### **SELECTED QUARTERLY INFORMATION**

The below selected quarterly information summarizes the financial information for the last eight quarters.

	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1
	Sep-21	Jun-21	Mar-21	Dec-20	Sep-20	Jun-20	Mar-20	Dec-19
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Other income	(1,430)	25,007	13,282	1,493	1,406	2,302	8,290	12,265
Dividend income	(13,440)	-	135,014	-	-	-	-	-
Realized gain (loss) on investments	-	-	(3,910)	-	170,546	-	765	-
Unrealized gain (loss) on investments	1,071,164	(188,431)	(36,420)	(595,510)	826,030	389,300	(366,400)	(487,696)
Expenses	580,010	1,297,118	456,193	433,995	526,668	303,461	(47,696)	164,792
Loss before taxes	611,298	(1,460,542)	(483,241)	(1,028,012)	470,687	88,141	(309,649)	(639,596)
Tax Recovery	1,186,000	-	-	-	231,000	-	-	-
Loss for the year	1,797,298	(1,460,542)	(483,241)	(1,028,012)	701,687	88,141	(309,649)	(639,596)
Net unrealized gain (loss) on cryptocurrencies	7,094,609	(11,154,104)	10,402,125	5,319,245	547,362	821,287	(255,974)	(343,236)
Net realized gain (loss) on cryptocurrencies	-	218,836	-	1,000,010	112,368	-	-	(627)
Total comprehensive income (loss)	4,167,306	(12,395,810)	10,053,898	5,593,984	1,017,799	910,387	(567,718)	(983,459)
Net income (loss) per share (basic and diluted)	0.01	(0.01)	-	(0.01)	0.01	-	-	(0.01)
Total current assets	1,386,017	7,750,345	10,812,101	2,074,387	503,539	524,986	608,416	1,004,862
Total current liabilities	1,507,320	372,203	237,938	277,805	186,114	232,450	128,762	108,724
Total assets	31,230,861	23,487,650	35,223,067	12,556,303	6,855,628	5,025,044	4,010,969	4,558,649

In the quarterly periods, the main items are the unrealized gains or losses from the adjustments to fair value of the cryptocurrencies and investment holdings. There is also interest earned on the bank accounts, investments and on the guaranteed investment certificates "GICs" which fluctuates over the quarters due to changes in the cash balances. In the current fiscal year, the Company changed its accounting policy for its cryptocurrency holdings, as a result all realized and unrealized gains and losses on its cryptocurrency holdings are recorded in other comprehensive income (loss), which is a component within equity and described in note 1 of the consolidated financial statements.

Expenses variances are due to the gain or loss in foreign exchange that fluctuates over the quarters due to the variances in the foreign exchange rates, mainly the US dollar, and for the variance of the cash and cryptocurrencies balances that are denominated in such currency. Increased expenses in Q4 2021 are mainly due to the employee termination costs pertaining to the claim of Mr. Grant Edey, former CEO of the Company, and increased professional fees recognized in Q3 2021. Other general expenses variances are mainly composed of technical consulting, corporate and administrative expenses.

The main components of total assets of the Company are cash, cryptocurrencies, investments and intangible assets. Total assets variances from quarter to quarter are mainly due to increase in cash from the Company's private placements in Q2 2021, investments in cryptocurrencies and investments, and the fair value variances of the cryptocurrencies and investments.

#### **Results of Operations**

Comparison of the three-month period ended September 30, 2021 and 2020

The total comprehensive income for the three-month period ended September 30, 2021 increased \$3,149,507 to \$4,167,306 compared to total comprehensive income of \$1,017,799 for Q4 in fiscal 2020. The variances are summarized as follows:

- In Q4 2021, there is a \$7,094,609 unrealized gain on cryptocurrencies versus a gain of \$547,362 in Q4 2020, mainly due to the positive variance in the value of Bitcoin in Q4 2021 and the larger number of Bitcoins held; 401.58 BTC at the end of Q4 2021 compared to 263.65 BTC at the end of Q4 2020.
- In Q4 2021, there is \$nil realized gain on cryptocurrencies versus gain of \$112,368 in Q4 2020 due to the

sale of the 2,748.87 Moneros in Q4 2020.

- In Q4 2021, there is a \$nil realized gain on investments a versus a realized gain of \$170,546 in Q4 2020 due to realized gain on the sale of 738,000 shares of Sixty-Six in the prior period.
- In Q4 2021, there is a \$1,071,164 unrealized gain on investments due to a reduction in the fair value in the shares of Sixty-Six, offset by an increase in the fair value of Animoca and Chia. In Q4 2020 there was an unrealized gain on investments of \$826,030 due to an increase in the fair value of the shares of Sixty-Six. The investments are required to be marked-to-market each period-end and the adjustment is recorded in operations.
- In Q4 2021, total expenses are \$580,010, an increase of \$53,342, compared to \$526,668 in Q4 2020, the increase in expenses is mainly due to the following:
  - \$151,077 of consulting expenses compared to \$57,581 in Q4-2020, mainly due to the engagement of additional management and executive consultants in Q4-2021 compared to the prior year;
  - o \$114,137 of professional fees versus \$14,261 in Q4-2020, mainly due to increased audit expenses;
  - \$68,066 of amortization expense versus \$nil in 2020, due to the acquisition of IPv4 assets in fiscal
     2021;
  - \$249,180 of foreign exchange loss versus a loss of \$61,507 of foreign exchange loss in Q4-2020, due mainly to increased exposure to foreign currencies, mainly the US dollar, and the Canadian dollar's appreciation against the U.S. dollar during the year from 0.7472 CAD/USD at September 30, 2020 to 0.7841 CAD/USD at September 30, 2021.

#### **SELECTED ANNUAL INFORMATION**

The below selected annual information summarizes the financial information for the last three fiscal years.

Years ended September 30	2021 2020		2019
	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
Interest income	38,352	24,263	21,613
Realized gain (loss) on investments	(3,910)	171,311	118,746
Unrealized gain (loss) on investments	250,803	361,234	(2,536,318)
Expenses	2,767,316	947,225	697,891
Net income (loss) for the year	(2,360,497)	(390,417)	(2,913,631)
Total comprehensive income (loss)	7,419,378	377,009	(2,909,492)
Total current assets	1,386,017	503,539	3,749,153
Total current liabilities	1,507,320	186,114	113,883
Total assets	31,230,861	6,855,628	5,547,267

### **Results of Operations**

Comparison of the twelve-month period ended September 30, 2021 and 2020

The comprehensive income for the year ended September 30, 2021 is \$7,416,378 compared to comprehensive income of \$377,009 for the year 2020. The variances are summarized as follows:

• In the year ended September 30, 2021, there is a \$11,661,875 unrealized gain on cryptocurrencies held by the Company versus an unrealized gain of \$769,439 in 2020, mainly due to the positive variance in the value of Bitcoin during the period and the larger number of Bitcoins held.

- In the year ended September 30, 2021, there is a \$250,803 unrealized gain on investments (2020 \$361,234), mainly due to the Company's unrealized gains on its Animoca and Chia investments of \$1,023,218 and \$150,875 respectively, offset by an unrealized loss on its Sixty-Six investment of \$967,290. In fiscal 2020 the unrealized gain on investments was due to an increase in the fair value of Sixty-Six. The investments are required to be marked-to-market each period-end and the adjustment is recorded in operations.
- In the year ended September 30, 2021, the Company realized a \$1,521,587 gain on the sale of cryptocurrencies, consisting of a \$1,302,751 gain on the sale of Ethereum (ETH) and a \$218,836 gain on the sale of Moneros (XMR). The proceeds of the Ethereum (ETH) sale were used to purchase Bitcoins (BTC) and for general working capital purposes. A portion of the acquired Bitcoins (BTC) were then used to fund the NGRAVE investment. In 2020, there was a realized gain of \$111,741 due to a small loss of \$627 on the sale of 19 Bitcoins (BTC) offset by a gain of \$112,368 due to the sale of the 2,748.87 Moneros.
- In the year ended September 30, 2021, the Company realized a loss on investments of 3,910 due to the sale of 200,000 shares of Sixty-Six, compared to a gain of \$171,311 in fiscal 2020 realized gain on the sale of 758,000 shares of Sixty-Six.
- In the year ended September 30, 2021, the Company had total expenses of \$2,767,316, a \$1,820,091 increase from the prior year (2020 \$947,225), mainly due to the following:
  - \$477,500 of employee termination costs in 2021 versus \$nil in 2020 due to expenses related to termination of former CEO and CFO;
  - \$344,691 of foreign exchange loss in 2021 versus a loss of \$2,654 in 2020, an increased loss of \$342,037 due mainly to the appreciation of the Canadian dollar's appreciation against the U.S. dollar during the year from 0.7472 CAD/USD at September 30, 2020 to 0.7841 CAD/USD at September 30, 2021;
  - \$664,195 of stock-based compensation versus \$365,887 in 2020, an increase of \$298,308 due mainly to the increased number of options granted during the year;
  - \$371,781 of professional fees versus \$169,709 in 2020, an increase of \$202,072, mainly due to increased legal expenses related to the Company's annual general meeting and increased audit fees;
  - \$410,015 of general and administrative expenses compared to \$83,801 in 2020, an increase of \$326,214, mainly due to increased shareholder communications expenses related to the Company's annual general meeting.

## FINANCIAL AND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

## **Outstanding Share Data**

## At September 30, 2021

Common shares outstanding: 159,970,718
Options to purchase common shares: 12,650,000
Warrants: 27,673,442

### At January 30, 2022

Common shares outstanding: 160,070,718
Options to purchase common shares: 15,150,000
Warrants: 27,573,442

#### **Cash Flow**

For the year ended September 30, 2021, the net cash inflow is \$391,378 mainly due to the \$12,045,954 net cash received from two private placements, \$1,163,383 received from loans and \$892,500 from exercised options and warrants, offset by \$1,635,395 of cash used in operating activities, and \$12,075,064 used in investing activities, which includes \$10,555,359 used to purchase cryptocurrencies, \$2,016,301 used to purchase investments, \$938,581 used in the purchase of intangible assets, offset by \$1,395,087 received from the sale of cryptocurrencies and \$40,090 from the sale of investments.

#### **FINANCIAL RISK FACTORS**

# **Capital Management**

The Company manages and adjusts its capital structure, based on the funds available to the Company, in order to support the investment in cryptocurrencies and blockchain companies. The Board of Directors does not establish quantitative return on capital criteria for management, but rather relies on the expertise of the Company's management to sustain future development of the business. The Company considers capital to be its capital stock, warrant, and stock option components of shareholders' equity.

To effectively manage the Company's capital requirements, the management has in place a planning, budgeting, and forecasting process to help determine the funds required to ensure the Company has the appropriate liquidity to meet its operating and growth objectives. The Company ensures that there are sufficient working capital and planned future capital raises to meet its short-term business requirements, taking into account its anticipated cash flow from operations and its holding of cash and cash equivalents and short-term investments.

Management reviews its capital management approach on an ongoing basis and believes that this approach, given the relative size of the Company, is reasonable. The Company is not subject to capital restrictions other than described in note 12 of the consolidated financial statements.

There were no changes in the Company's approach to capital management during the year ended September 30, 2021.

### **Safeguarding of Cryptocurrency Assets**

The Company retains two third-party custodians (the "Custodians") to safeguard its cryptocurrency assets; Coinbase Custody Trust Company, LLC ("Coinbase") to hold the Company's Bitcoin and Ethereum cryptocurrency assets and Paradiso Ventures Inc. o/a Balance ("Balance") to hold its Monero (XMR) cryptocurrency assets. The Custodians are only responsible for holding and safeguarding the Company's cryptocurrency assets and have not appointed a sub-custodian to hold certain cryptocurrency assets.

Coinbase, located at 200 Park Avenue South, Suite 1208, New York, NY 10003, is regulated by the New York Department of Financial Services (NYDFS) and operates as an independently capitalized entity. Coinbase is a fiduciary under § 100 of the New York Banking Law and is licensed to custody its clients' digital assets in trust on their behalf. As a New York state-chartered trust, Coinbase is held to the same fiduciary standards as national banks and is a qualified custodian for purposes of § 206(4)-2(d)(6) of the Advisers Act, commonly called the custody role.

Cypherpunk is not aware of anything with regards to the Coinbase's operations that would adversely affect the Company's operations and there are no known security breaches or other similar incidents involving the custodian as a result of which the Company's cryptocurrency assets have been lost or stolen.

Coinbase holds 100% of the Company's bitcoin holdings and carries an annually renewed commercial crime policy with Coinbase Global Inc., Coinbase's parent company, as the named insured.

In the event of a bankruptcy or insolvency Cypherpunk will enforce its rights under the Custodial Services Agreement through Arbitration under the laws of the State of New York, and will be in contact with Coinbase's Regulator, the New York State Department of Financial Services, as well as Coinbase's named insurer.

The due diligence Cypherpunk performed on Coinbase included confirmation that an annual SOC 1 audit report pertaining to internal controls over financial reporting, as well as an annual SOC 2 audit report pertaining to controls related to operations and compliance were completed by Coinbase, a review of negative news related to Coinbase, and a review of online training and tutorials offered by Coinbase. Balance, located at 8 Telegram Mews, Unit 637, M5V 3Z5, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, is registered with the Financial Transactions and Reports Analysis Centre of Canada (FINTRAC) as a money service business dealing in virtual currencies with registration number M20210422. Balance is regulated by FinTRAC in Canada.

Cypherpunk is not aware of anything with regards to the Balance's operations that would adversely affect the Company's operations and there are no known security breaches or other similar incidents involving the custodian as a result of which the Company's cryptocurrency assets have been lost or stolen.

Balance states digital assets held in custody are insured against third-party hacks, theft, and dishonest, fraudulent, or malicious acts of employees. As at September 30, 2021 the Company held no cryptocurrency assets at Balance.

In the event of a bankruptcy or insolvency Cypherpunk will proceed with its legal rights under the Paradiso Ventures Custody Agreement, with Arbitration in the Province of Ontario Canada, as well as contacting Paradiso Ventures designated insurer.

The due diligence performed on Balance include a review of Balance's stated security policies as represented by Balance staff, as well as a review of any negative news pertaining to Balance.

The Company utilizes one trading platform (the "Platform") to purchase and sell its cryptocurrency assets as well as; Gemini Trust Company LLC ("Gemini") to purchase and sell Bitcoin and Ethereum cryptocurrency assets. The Platform is responsible for receiving deposits of US dollars, or cryptocurrency, and enabling trades on an order book-based exchange. The Company has a policy to not store Cryptocurrency assets on the Platform for extended periods of time, and assets are stored on the Platform only for as long as is practically required to execute trades. Furthermore, the Company has a policy to not leave in excess of \$1,000,000 U.S. Dollars of assets on the platform at any given time. This limit is subject to change based on Management's risk assessment of the Platform.

Gemini, located at 315 Park Avenue South, 18th Floor, NY, USA, is regulated by the New York Department of Financial Services (NYDFS) and operates as fiduciary under § 100 of the New York Banking Law and is licensed to custody its clients' digital assets in trust on their behalf. As a New York state-chartered trust, Gemini is held to the same fiduciary standards as national banks and is a qualified custodian for purposes of § 206(4)-2(d)(6) of the Advisers Act, commonly called the custody role.

Cypherpunk is not aware of anything with regards to the Gemini's operations that would adversely affect the Company's operations and there are no known security breaches or other similar incidents involving the custodian as a result of which crypto assets have been lost or stolen.

The due diligence Cypherpunk performed on Gemini included receiving confirmation that an annual SOC1 audit report pertaining to internal controls over financial reporting as well as an annual SOC 2 audit report pertaining to controls related to operations and compliance were completed by Gemini. A review of negative news related to Gemini and a review of online training and tutorials offered by Gemini were also completed.

### **Risk Disclosures**

Exposure to credit, interest rate, cryptocurrency and currency related risks arises in the normal course of the Company's business.

#### **Credit Risk**

Credit risk is the risk that a counterparty to a financial instrument will fail to discharge an obligation or commitment that it has entered into, causing the other party to incur a financial loss. The Company limits its credit risk by placing its cash with high credit quality financial institutions and with cryptocurrency exchanges on which the Company has performed internal due diligence procedures. The Company deems these procedures necessary as some exchanges are unregulated and not subject to regulatory oversight. Furthermore, cryptocurrency exchanges engage in the practice of commingling their clients' assets in exchange wallets. When cryptoassets are commingled, transactions are not recorded on the applicable blockchain ledger but are only recorded by the exchange. Therefore, there is risk around the occurrence of transactions, or the existence of period end balances represented by exchanges.

As at September 30, 2021, the Company holds \$876,757 in cash and cash equivalents at high credit quality financial institutions, \$256,112 in a convertible loan receivable from a third party for which the Company intends to convert into shares concurrent with a financing to be performed in the short-term, \$20,334,429 in cryptocurrencies at a custodian regulated by the New York Department of Financial Services and \$4,021,203 of cryptocurrencies posted as collateral pursuant to a loan payable. The Company's due diligence procedures around exchanges and custodians utilized throughout the period include, but are not limited to, internal control procedures around on-boarding new exchanges or custodians which includes review of the exchanges or custodians anti-money laundering ("AML") and know-your-client ("KYC") policies by the Company's chief investment officer, constant review of market information specifically regarding the exchanges or custodians security and solvency risk, setting balance limits for each exchange account based on risk exposure thresholds and preparing weekly asset management reports to ensure limits are being followed and having a fail-over plan to move cash and cryptocurrencies held on an exchange or with a custodian in instances where risk exposure significantly changes.

There is no significant credit risk with respect of receivables.

#### **Interest Rate Risk**

The Company has no exposure to interest rate risk since there are no outstanding debts or other payables subject to interest charges at the end of the reported periods.

## **Cryptocurrencies Risk**

Cryptocurrencies are measured at fair value less cost to sell. Cryptocurrency prices are affected by various forces including global supply and demand, interest rates, exchanges rates, inflation or deflation and political and economic conditions. Further, cryptocurrencies have no underlying backing or contracts to enforce recovery of invested amounts. The profitability of the Company is related to the current and future market price of cryptocurrencies; in addition, the Company may not be able to liquidate its inventory of cryptocurrencies at its desired price if necessary. Investing in cryptocurrencies is speculative, prices are volatile, and market movements are difficult to predict. Supply and demand for such currencies change rapidly and are affected by a variety of factors, including regulation and general economic trends.

Cryptocurrencies have a limited history; their fair values have historically been volatile, and the value of cryptocurrencies held by the Company could decline rapidly. A decline in the market prices of cryptocurrencies could negatively impact the Company's future operations. Historical performance of cryptocurrencies is not indicative of their future performance.

Many cryptocurrency networks are online end-user-to-end-user networks that host a public transaction ledger (blockchain) and the source code that comprises the basis for the cryptographic and algorithmic protocols protocols governing such networks. In many cryptocurrency transactions, the recipient or the buyer must provide its public key, which serves as an address for a digital wallet, to the seller. In the data packets distributed from

cryptocurrency software programs to confirm transaction activity, each party to the transaction user must sign transactions with a data code derived from entering the private key into a hashing algorithm, which signature serves as validation that the transaction has been authorized by the owner of the cryptocurrency. This process is vulnerable to hacking and malware and could lead to theft of the Company's digital wallets and the loss of the Company's cryptocurrency.

Cryptocurrencies are loosely regulated and there is no central marketplace for exchange. Supply is determined by a computer code, not a central bank. Additionally, exchanges may suffer from operational issues, such as delayed execution, which could have an adverse effect on the Company.

The cryptocurrency exchanges on which the Company may trade on are relatively new and, in many cases, largely unregulated, and therefore may be more exposed to fraud and failure than regulated exchanges for other assets. Any financial, security, or operational difficulties experienced by such exchanges may result in an inability of the Company to recover money or cryptocurrencies being held on the exchange. Further, the Company may be unable to recover cryptocurrencies awaiting transmission into or out of the exchange, all of which could adversely affect an investment of the Company. Additionally, to the extent that the digital asset exchanges representing a substantial portion of the volume in digital asset trading are involved in fraud or experience security failures or other operational issues, such digital asset exchanges' failures may result in loss or less favorable prices of cryptocurrencies, or may adversely affect the Company, its operations, and its investments.

Furthermore, crypto-exchanges engage in commingling their client's assets in exchange wallets. When crypto-assets are commingled transactions are not recorded on the applicable blockchain ledger but are only recorded by the exchange. Therefore, there is a risk around the occurrence of transactions or existence of period end balances represented by exchanges.

### Loss of access risk

The loss of access to the private keys associated with the Company's cryptocurrency holdings may be irreversible and could adversely affect an investment. Cryptocurrencies are controllable only by an individual that possess both the unique public key and private key or keys relating to the "digital wallet" in which the cryptocurrency is held. To the extent a private key is lost, destroyed, or otherwise compromised and no backup is accessible the Company may be unable to access the cryptocurrency.

## Irrevocability of transactions

Cryptocurrency transactions are irrevocable and stolen or incorrectly transferred cryptocurrencies may be irretrievable. Once a transaction has been verified and recorded in a block that is added to the blockchain, an incorrect transfer or theft generally will not be reversible, and the Company may not be capable of seeking compensation.

## Hard fork and air drop risks

Hard forks may occur for a variety of reasons including, but not limited to, disputes over proposed changes to the protocol, significant security breach, or an unanticipated software flaw in the multiple versions of otherwise compatible software. In the event of a hard fork in a cryptocurrency held by the Company, it is expected that the Company would hold an equivalent amount of the old and new cryptocurrency following the hard fork.

Air drops occur when the promoters of a new cryptocurrency send amounts of the new cryptocurrency to holders of another cryptocurrency that they will be able to claim a certain amount of the new cryptocurrency for free.

The Company may not be able to realize the economic benefit of a hard fork or air drop, either immediately or ever, for various reasons. For instance, the Company may not have any systems in place to monitor or participate in hard forks or airdrops.

#### **Market Risk**

Market risk is the risk that the value of financial instruments will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk or foreign currency risk), whether caused by factors specific to an individual investment, its issuer, or all factors affecting all instruments traded in a market or market segment. All investments present a risk of loss of capital. The maximum risk resulting from financial instruments is equivalent to their fair value. The Company's investments are susceptible to other market risk arising from uncertainties about future prices of the instruments. The Company moderates this risk through the various investment strategies within the parameters of the Company's investment guidelines.

As of September 30, 2021, management's estimate of the effect on equity to a +/- 10% change in the market prices of the Company's investments, with all other variables held constant, is \$426,046.

## **Foreign Currency Risk**

The Company is exposed to foreign currency risk on financial assets and liabilities that are denominated in a currency other than the Canadian dollar. The currencies giving rise to this risk are primarily the U.S. dollar and the Euro, the balance of net monetary assets in such currencies as of September 30, 2021 is \$(1,178,272) (2020 - \$(46,528)). Sensitivity to a plus or minus 10% change in the foreign exchange rates would result in a foreign exchange gain/loss of \$117,827 (2020 - \$4,653).

# **Liquidity Risk**

The Company is exposed to liquidity risk primarily as a result of its trade accounts payable as well as the risk of not being able to liquidate assets at reasonable prices. The Company's approach to managing liquidity risk is to ensure that it will have sufficient liquidity to meet liabilities when due. As at September 30, 2021, the Company had cash and cash equivalents balance of \$876,237 (2020 - \$485,379) to settle accounts payable and accrued liabilities of \$321,514 (2020 - \$186,114). All of the Company's trade accounts payable have contractual maturities of less than 30 days and are subject to normal trade terms.

## **Fair Value Hierarchy**

The fair value of the Company's loan payable and cash and cash equivalents are not materially different from the carrying values given the short term nature.

# Recurring fair value measurements (financial and non-financial assets)

### (i) Fair value hierarchy

The Company records certain financial instruments or assets on a recurring fair value basis as follows:

Recurring fair value measurements - September 30, 2021	Level 1		Level 2		Level 3	
Financial assets at fair value through FVTPL						
Listed equity investments	\$	473,460	\$	-	\$	-
Equity investment		-		3,023,460		
Other equity investments		-		-		1,123,542
Non financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive inco	me					
Convertible loan receivable		256,112		-		-
Cryptocurrencies		-		20,334,429		-
Cryptocurrencies held as collateral		-		4,021,203		
	\$	729,572	\$	27,379,092	\$	1,123,542

Recurring fair value measurements - September 30, 2020	Level 1		Level 2	Level 3	
Financial assets at fair value through FVTPL					
Listed equity investments	\$ 1,440,7	50 \$	-	\$ -	
Equity investment		-	-	-	
Other equity investments		-	-	971,713	
Non financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive in	icome				
Convertible loan receivable		-	-	-	
Cryptocurrencies		-	3,926,801	-	
Cryptocurrencies held as collateral		-	-	-	
	\$ 1,440,7	50 \$	3,926,801	\$ 971,713	

The Company defines its fair value hierarchy as follows:

**Level 1:** The fair value of financial instruments traded in active markets (such as publicly traded equity securities) is based on quoted market prices at the end of the reporting period. The quoted market price used for financial assets held by the group is the current bid price. These instruments are included in level 1.

**Level 2:** The fair value of financial instruments that are not traded in an active market (e.g., other public markets) is determined using valuation techniques that maximise the use of observable market data and rely as little as possible on entity-specific estimates. If all significant inputs required to fair value an instrument are observable, the instrument is included in level 2.

In the current year, one of the equity investments is available to market participants in a market that is not regulated. Access to the market is not restricted and subsequent to the year end the Company accessed the market and disposed of 450,000 shares of Animoca at a price of AUD3.97 (\$3.58) per share for gross proceeds of AUD1,786,500 (\$1,611,959).

The Company exercised significant due diligence and judgement and determined that this presence and availability of this market was the most advantageous market and utilised the pricing available in the market as an estimate of the fair value of the investment. In addition, The Company's cryptocurrencies, convertible loan, and assets held as collateral are classified as Level 2 determined by taking the price from www.coinmarketcap.com as of 24:00 UTC.

**Level 3:** If one or more of the significant inputs is not based on observable market data, the instrument is included in level 3. This is the case for unlisted equity securities.

## (ii) Valuation techniques used to determine fair values:

Specific valuation techniques used to fair value financial instruments, specifically those that are not quoted in an active market. These are development stage companies, as such the Company utilised a market approach:

- a) The use of quoted market prices in active or other public markets
- b) The use of most recent transactions of similar instruments
- c) Changes in expected technical milestones of the investee
- d) Changes in management, strategy, litigation matters or other internal matters
- e) Significant changes in the results of the investee compared with the budget, plan, or milestone

## (iii) Transfers between levels 2 and 3

There were no transfers between levels 2 and 3 during the years ended September 30, 2021 and 2020.

(iv) Valuation inputs and relationships to fair value

The following table summarises the quantitative information about the significant unobservable inputs used in the level 3 fair value measurements (see above for valuation techniques adopted):

Description	Fair Va	alue	Unobservable	Range of inputs
	Sept 30-21	Sept 30-21 Sept 30-20		Sept 30-21
Unlisted equity investments	\$ 1,123,542	\$ 971,713	Timeline for milestones	N/A

## (vi) Valuation processes

The Investment Committee includes a team that performs the valuations of all items required for financial reporting purposes, including level 3 fair values. This team collaborates with the chief financial officer ("CFO") and the audit committee ("AC"). Discussions of valuation processes and results are held between the CFO, AC, and the valuation team at least once every three months which is in-line with the Company's reporting requirements. The main Level 3 inputs derived and evaluated by the Company's team are the timeline for expected milestones and assessment of the technical matter relating to the technology.

The Company performed a sensitivity analysis on the carrying value of its Level 3 assets and noted that a 20% decrease would result in a \$224,708 decrease in fair value.

## **Accounting Policies**

This MD&A should be read in conjunction with the Company's consolidated financial statements and notes as at and for the years ended September 30, 2021 and 2020. For additional information on the Company's significant accounting policies and methods used in preparation of the Company's 2020 consolidated financial statements and notes, please refer to Note 2 of the audited consolidated financial statements as at September 30, 2021.

The consolidated financial statements as at September 30, 2021 and 2020 are presented on a going concern basis.

The preparation of financial statements in compliance with IFRS requires the Company's management to make certain estimates and assumptions that they consider reasonable and realistic. Despite regular reviews of these estimates and assumptions, based in particular on past achievements or anticipations, facts and circumstances may lead to changes in these estimates and assumptions which could impact the reported amount of the Company's assets, liabilities, income, and expenses. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

### **Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgements**

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in compliance with IFRS requires the Company's management to make certain estimates and assumptions that they consider reasonable and realistic. Despite regular reviews of these estimates and assumptions, based in particular on past achievements or anticipations, facts and circumstances may lead to changes in these estimates and assumptions which could impact the reported amount of the Company's assets, liabilities, income, and expenses. Significant estimates and assumptions include: fair value of the Level 2 and Level 3 investments and the estimated useful economic life of the IP addresses. Actual results and outcomes may differ from management's estimates and assumptions due to risks and uncertainties. To the extent that there are material differences between these estimates and actual results, the Company's consolidated financial statements will be affected. The Company based its estimates on historical experience and on various other assumptions that are believed to be reasonable; the result of which forms the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities, as well as reported amounts during the reported periods.

Accounting for cryptocurrencies - The Company accounts for its cryptocurrencies as Intangible assets which are recorded at fair value using the revaluation model under IAS 38 with changes in fair value recorded in other comprehensive income. There was significant judgment applied by the Company in making this assessment as accounting for cryptocurrencies depends on the nature of the asset, the use of the asset including the expected

timeline or use, and how the asset is held. This judgement included consideration of the operations, strategy, and intent of management. The Company classifies its cryptocurrency holdings as noncurrent and as an intangible asset, based on the Company's overall strategy to hold a portfolio of asset tokens from an approved product list in order to buy/sell to risk-manage long positions. The Company also assessed the industry and what would appropriately reflect the operations of the Company. With the guidance under IFRS, there was significant judgment by management in determining the accounting for cryptocurrencies as well as the classification. As the Company's operations mature together with the industry, the accounting and classification of cryptocurrencies continue to be sources of critical judgment and estimation.

Classification of cryptocurrencies as intangible assets - The Company classifies its cryptocurrency holding as noncurrent and as intangible assets, based on the Company's overall strategy to hold a portfolio of asset tokens from an approved product list in order to buy/sell to risk-manage long positions.

Valuation techniques of certain investments (Level 2 and Level 3) - The fair value of investments is measured using an income or market approach. The determination of the fair value requires significant judgement by the Company and include the use of the milestone method analysis and other valuation techniques.

COVID19 impact - Since December 31, 2019, the outbreak of the novel strain of coronavirus, specifically identified as "COVID19", has resulted in governments worldwide enacting emergency measures to combat the spread of the virus. These measures, which include the implementation of travel bans, self-imposed quarantine periods and social distancing, have caused material disruption to businesses globally resulting in an economic slowdown. The impact of COVID19 on the Company has been negligible, however, the duration and future impact of the COVID19 outbreak is unknown at this time, as is the efficacy of the government and central bank interventions. It is not possible to reliably estimate the length and severity of these developments and the impact on the financial results and condition of the Company, or on its ability to raise capital to fund operations, in future periods.

## **Significant Estimates**

Valuation of investments – The fair value of the financial instruments that are not traded in an active market is determined using valuation techniques. The Company uses its judgement to select a variety of methods and make assumptions that are mainly based on market conditions existing at the end of each reporting period. For details of the key assumptions used and the impact of changes to these assumptions see note 9 of the consolidated financial statements.

The directors have determined that they do not control any of the Company's investments, primarily as in all cases the Company's interest in the equity of these companies are less than 5% and the Company is not exposed, and has no right, to variable returns from these companies.

Intangible assets - Intangible assets are capitalized if they are expected to have future economic benefits and are expected to be economically recoverable. Purchased intangibles are valued on acquisition using established methodologies and amortized over their estimated useful economic lives, except in those cases where intangibles are determined to have indefinite lives, where there is no foreseeable limit over which these intangibles would generate net cash flows. The valuations and lives of intangible assets are based on management's best estimates of future performance and periods over which value from intangible assets will be derived. Intangible assets are assessed for impairment indicators at each reporting date or earlier if events and circumstances indicate. There were no impairment indicators for the Company's intangible asset at the September 30, 2021. The Company estimates the useful life of the IP addresses to be at least five years based on the expected technical obsolescence of such assets. However, the actual useful life may be shorter or longer than five years, depending on technical innovations and competitor actions. If the useful life were only three years, the carrying amount would be \$814,321 as at September 30, 2021. If the useful life were estimated to be fifteen years, the carrying amount would be \$913,729.

## **New Accounting Standards Adopted**

Amendments to IFRS 9, IAS 39, IFRS 7, IFRS 4 and IFRS 16 - Interest Rate Benchmark Reform - Phase 2

In August 2020, the IASB issued amendments to IFRS 9, Financial Instruments (IFRS 9), IAS 39, Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement (IAS 39), IFRS 7, Financial Instruments: Disclosures (IFRS 7), IFRS 4, Insurance Contracts (IFRS 4) and IFRS 16, Leases (IFRS 16) as a result of Phase 2 of the IASB's Interest Rate Benchmark Reform project. The amendments address issues arising in connection with reform of benchmark interest rates including the replacement of one benchmark rate with an alternative one. The amendments were effective January 1, 2021. As at September 30, 2021, these amendments did not affect the Company's consolidated financial statements.

#### Amendments to IAS 12 – Income Taxes

In May 2021, the IASB issued amendments to IAS 12, Income Taxes (IAS 12). The amendments will require companies to recognize deferred tax on particular transactions that, on initial recognition, give rise to equal amounts of taxable and deductible temporary differences. The proposed amendments will typically apply to transactions such as leases for the lessee and decommissioning and restoration obligations related to assets in operation. An entity is required to apply these amendments for annual reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2023. Early application is permitted. The amendments are applied to transactions that occur on or after the beginning of the earliest comparative period presented. The Company does not expect these amendments to have a material effect on its consolidated financial statements.

# **Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

The Company does not have any off-balance sheet arrangements.

## **Transactions with Related Parties**

The Company's related parties include its subsidiary, key management personnel and any entity related to key management personnel that has transactions with the Company. Key management personnel are those persons having the authority and responsibility for planning, directing, and controlling the activities of the Company, directly or indirectly.

During the year ended September 30, 2021, Laramide Resources Ltd. ("Laramide"), a company having a former director and officer in common, charged \$33,698 (2020 - \$45,900) for financial and administrative services, rent and other shared expenditures. In addition, Laramide paid \$1,408 (2020 - \$24,964) of certain expenses on behalf of the Company which were subsequently reimbursed to Laramide. At September 30, 2021, there is \$6,436 (2020 - \$2,276) of accounts payable to Laramide.

During the year ended September 30, 2021, Treasury Metals Inc. ("Treasury Metals"), a company having a former director and officer in common with the Company, paid \$1,396 (2020 - \$2,256) of certain expenses on behalf of the Company. At September 30, 2021, there is \$nil (2020 - \$207) of accounts payable to Treasury Metals.

During the year ended September 30, 2021, the Company paid \$72,000 (2020 - \$72,000) for consulting services provided by a director and officer of the Company and \$5,820 for certain expenses paid for by behalf of the Company. On September 30, 2021, \$155,246 was due from the director for stock options exercised, which was repaid subsequent to year end on October 1, 2021. At September 30, 2021 there is \$27,861 (2020 - \$20,340) of accounts payable to this related party.

During the year ended September 30, 2021, the Company paid \$22,517 (2020 - \$24,500) for consulting services provided by a former officer of the Company. At September 30, 2021 there is \$nil (2020 - \$3,500) payable to this

#### related party.

During the year ended September 30, 2021, the Company paid \$28,086 (2020 - \$nil) for consulting services provided by an officer of the Company. At September 30, 2021 there is \$nil (2020 - \$nil) of accounts payable to this related party.

During the year ended September 30, 2021, the Company paid \$nil (2020 - \$66,000) for consulting services provided by a former officer and director of the Company. At September 30, 2021 and 2020, there is \$nil of accounts payable to this related party.

During the year ended September 30, 2021, the Company paid \$65,743 (2020 - \$nil) for consulting services provided by an officer of the Company. At September 30, 2021 there is \$14,403 (2020 - \$nil) of accounts payable to this related party.

During the year ended September 30, 2021, the Company paid \$72,000 (2020 - \$42,149) for consulting services provided by a director and officer of the Company. At September 30, 2021 there is \$6,000 of accounts payable to this related party (2020 - \$nil).

During the year ended September 30, 2021, \$128,524 (2020 - \$27,558) was charged for legal services by a firm of which an officer of the Company is a partner. At September 30, 2021 there is \$10,402 of accounts payable to this related party (2020 - \$4,358).

During the year ended September 30, 2021, there is \$nil (2020 - \$3,800) charged for consulting services provided by a firm of which a former director and officer of the Company is a tax partner. At September 30, 2021 there is \$nil of accounts payable to this related company (2020 - \$nil).

During the year ended September 30, 2021, the Company purchased an investment in Animoca. Prior to the acquisition, a director and former officer of the Company owned 9,300,000 ordinary shares of Animoca representing 0.6% of the issued and outstanding shares of Animoca at September 30, 2021.

## **Key Management Compensation**

Key management includes the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Investment Officer, and directors of the Company.

The compensation to current and former key management is shown below:

	2021			
Consulting fees	\$ 260,346	\$	204,581	
Director fees	37,500		39,313	
Stock-based compensation	578,815		341,495	
	\$ 876,661	\$	585,389	

At September 30, 2021 included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities is \$18,750 (2020 - \$7,500) owed relating to director fees.

## **Other Risk Factors**

Risks which the Company is not aware of or which the Company currently deems to be immaterial may surface and have a material adverse impact on the Company's business income and financial condition. Exposure to credit, interest rate, cryptocurrency and currency risks arises in the normal course of the Company's business.

### Other Information

This discussion and analysis of the financial position and results of operation as at September 30, 2021, should be

read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements for the years ended September 30, 2021 and 2020. Additional information can be accessed through the Company's public filings at <a href="https://www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a>.

## **Management's Responsibility for Financial Information**

The Company's consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management and have been approved by the Board of Directors. The consolidated financial statements were prepared by the Company's management in accordance with IFRS. The consolidated financial statements include certain amounts based on the use of estimates and assumptions. Management has established these amounts in a reasonable manner, in order to ensure that the consolidated financial statements are presented fairly in all material respects.

# Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Management of the Company, under the supervision of the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer, is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate disclosure controls and procedures. Disclosure controls and procedures are designed to provide reasonable assurance that material information related to the Company, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to the Company's certifying officers. The Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer believe that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures are effective in providing reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed under applicable securities regulations is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the times specified. Management regularly reviews the Company's disclosure controls and procedures; however, they cannot provide an absolute level of assurance because of the inherent limitations in cost effective control systems to prevent or detect all misstatements due to error or fraud.

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of consolidated financial statements for external purposes in accordance with IFRS. The design of any system of controls and procedures is based, in part, upon certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events. There can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions, regardless of how remote.

During the year ended September 30, 2021, the Company's employees began working remotely from home due to Company COVID-19 protocols. This change has required certain processes and controls that were previously done or documented manually, to be completed and retained in electronic form. Despite the changes required by the current environment, there have been no significant changes in the Company's internal controls over financial reporting during fiscal 2021 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

Jeffrey Gao Chief Executive Officer January 30, 2022

#### **Forward-Looking Statements**

Certain statements included or incorporated by reference in this MD&A, including information as to the future financial or operating performance of the Company, its subsidiaries, and its projects, constitute forward-looking statements. The words "believe", "expect", "anticipate", "contemplate", "target", "plan", "intends", "continue", "budget", "estimate", "may", "schedule" and similar expressions identify forward-looking statements. This MD&A includes, but is not limited to, forward-looking statements regarding: the Company's ability to meet its working capital needs for the twelve-months ending September 30, 2022 and statements regarding the Company's critical accounting estimates. Forward-looking statements are necessarily based upon a number of estimates and assumptions that, while considered reasonable by the Company, are inherently subject to significant business, economic, competitive, political, and social uncertainties, and contingencies. Many factors could cause the Company's actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied in any forward-looking statements made by, or on behalf of, the Company. Such factors include, among others, risks relating to additional funding requirements, political and foreign risk, uninsurable risks, competition, environmental regulation and liability, government regulation, currency fluctuations, recent losses and write-downs and dependence on key employees. See "Risk and Uncertainties" section of this MD&A. Due to risks and uncertainties, including the risks and uncertainties identified above, actual events may differ materially from current expectations. Investors are cautioned that forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and, accordingly, investors are cautioned not to put undue reliance on forward-looking statements due to the inherent uncertainty therein. Forward-looking statements are made as of the date of this MD&A and the Company disclaims any intent or obligation to update publicly such forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events, or results or otherwise.