

**Cumberland Resources Nickel Corp.
(formerly Jerico Explorations Inc.)**

Consolidated Financial Statements

**For the year ended September 30, 2023
and the period from Incorporation (October 22, 2021) to September 30, 2022**

(Expressed in Canadian Dollars)

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Shareholders of Cumberland Resources Nickel Corp. (formerly Jerico Explorations Inc.)

Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Cumberland Resources Nickel Corp. (formerly Jerico Explorations Inc.) (the "Company"), which comprise the consolidated statements of financial position as at September 30, 2023 and 2022, and the consolidated statements of loss and comprehensive loss, changes in shareholders deficit and cash flows for the year ended September 30, 2023 and for the period from incorporation (October 22, 2021) to September 30, 2022, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as at September 30, 2023 and 2022, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year ended September 30, 2023 and for the period from incorporation (October 22, 2021) to September 30, 2022 in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the "Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements" section of our report.

We are independent of the Company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the consolidated financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter

Without qualifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 in the consolidated financial statements which describes certain conditions that indicate the existence of a material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the Management Discussion and Analysis.

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

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

We obtained Management's Discussion and Analysis prior to the date of this auditor's report. If, based on the work we have performed on this other information, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact in this auditor's report. We have nothing to report in this regard.

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

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

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements

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

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

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the consolidated financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit. We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is George G. Lovrics.

Toronto, Ontario
January 12, 2024

Stern & Lovrics LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants

Cumberland Resources Nickel Corp. (formerly Jerico Explorations Inc.)
Consolidated Statements of Financial Position
(Expressed in Canadian Dollars)

	As at September 30, 2023	As at September 30, 2022
Assets		
Current		
Cash	\$ 197,843	\$ 14,937
Restricted cash (Note 5)	-	585,375
Deferred transaction costs (Note 5)	-	8,560
Total Assets	\$ 197,843	\$ 608,872
Liabilities		
Current		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 76,601	\$ 106,878
Share subscriptions received (Note 5)	-	780,500
	76,601	887,378
Long Term		
Other liabilities (Note 6)	4,749	-
	81,350	887,378
Shareholders' Equity (Deficit)		
Share capital (Note 5)	2,050,527	800,001
Contributed surplus (Note 5)	70,873	-
Deficit	(2,004,907)	(1,078,507)
Total Shareholders' Equity (Deficit)	116,493	(278,506)
Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity	\$ 197,843	\$ 608,872

Nature of and continuance of operations (Note 1)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Cumberland Resources Nickel Corp. (formerly Jerico Explorations Inc.)
Consolidated Statements of Loss and Comprehensive Loss
(Expressed in Canadian Dollars)

	Year ended September 30, 2023	Period from incorporation (October 22, 2021) to September 30, 2022
Expenses		
General and administrative	\$ 81,615	\$ 1,502
Professional fees	264,217	106,878
Exploration and evaluation asset expenditures (note 10)	1,500	964,877
Regulatory	8,481	5,250
Share based payments	36,187	-
Listing cost (note 4)	538,354	-
Total expenses	(930,354)	(1,078,507)
Other items		
Interest income	3,954	-
Net Loss and Comprehensive for the Period	\$ (926,400)	\$ (1,078,507)
Basic and Diluted Loss Per Common Share	\$ (0.02)	\$ (0.03)
Weighted Average Number of Common Shares Outstanding	59,856,850	37,188,498

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Cumberland Resources Nickel Corp. (formerly Jerico Explorations Inc.)
Consolidated Statements of Changes in Shareholders' Equity (Deficit)
(Expressed in Canadian Dollars)

	Share Capital		Contributed Surplus		Deficit	Shareholders' Equity (Deficit)
	Number	Amount				
Balance, Incorporation on October 22, 2021	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
Common shares issued on incorporation	1	1	-	-	-	1
Common shares issued for property acquisition	39,999,999	800,000	-	-	-	800,000
Net loss and comprehensive loss for the period	-	-	-	(1,078,507)	(1,078,507)	(1,078,507)
Balance, September 30, 2022	40,000,000	\$ 800,001	\$ -	\$ (1,078,507)	\$ (278,506)	
Balance, September 30, 2022	40,000,000	\$ 800,001	\$ -	\$ (1,078,507)	\$ (278,506)	
Common shares issued on conversion of sub-receipts	15,610,000	780,500	-	-	-	780,500
Share issue costs	-	(29,995)	-	-	-	(29,995)
Issued pursuant to reverse takeover (Note 4)	10,000,425	500,021	34,686	-	-	534,707
Share based payments (Note 5)	-	-	36,187	-	-	36,187
Net loss and comprehensive loss for the period	-	-	-	(926,400)	(926,400)	(926,400)
Balance, September 30, 2023	65,610,425	\$ 2,050,527	\$ 70,873	\$ (2,004,907)	\$ 116,493	

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Cumberland Resources Nickel Corp. (formerly Jerico Explorations Inc.)
Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows
(Expressed in Canadian Dollars)

	Year ended September 30, 2023	Period from incorporation (October 22, 2021) to September 30, 2022
Cash provided by (used in):		
Operating Activities		
Net loss for period	\$ (926,400)	\$ (1,078,507)
Share based payments	36,187	-
Shares issued for property acquisition	-	800,000
Listing cost	538,354	
Changes in working capital balances:		
Deferred transaction costs	-	(8,560)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(110,763)	106,878
Cash Used in Operating Activities	(462,622)	(180,189)
Investing Activities		
Cash acquired on reverse takeover	81,588	-
Cash Provided by Investing Activities	81,588	-
Financing Activities		
Share issue costs	(21,435)	-
Shares issued on incorporation	-	1
Proceeds of subscription receipts	-	780,500
Cash Provided by Financing Activities	(21,435)	780,501
Change in cash	(402,469)	600,312
Cash, Beginning	600,312	-
Cash, Ending	\$ 197,843	\$ 600,312
Cash is comprised of the following:		
Cash	\$ 197,843	\$ 14,937
Restricted cash	-	585,375
	\$ 197,843	\$ 600,312

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Cumberland Resources Nickel Corp. (formerly Jerico Explorations Inc.)
Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements
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1. NATURE AND CONTINUANCE OF OPERATIONS

Cumberland Resources Nickel Corp. (formerly, Jerico Explorations Inc.) (the “Company”) was incorporated under the Canada Business Corporations Act on February 2, 2004 and commenced operations on that date. On August 26, 2005, the Company’s common shares were listed for trading on the TSX Venture Exchange (“TSX-V”). On December 21, 2022, the Company completed a transaction resulting in a reverse takeover (“RTO”) of the Company by Cumberland Resources Corp. (“CRC”). CRC was incorporated under the *Business Corporations Act* of British Columbia on October 22, 2021. The Reverse Takeover Transaction was completed by way of a three-cornered amalgamation (the “Amalgamation”) pursuant to which, among other things, (i) CRC amalgamated with a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, incorporated for the purposes of the Amalgamation, and (ii) all of the outstanding common shares in the capital of CRC were cancelled and, in consideration, the holders thereof received post-consolidation common shares in the capital of the Company on a 1:1 basis.

Prior to the completion of the RTO, the Company changed its name to “Cumberland Resources Nickel Corp.” and consolidated its common shares on a 26.89 to 1 basis, resulting in 2,331,682 common shares outstanding (the “Consolidation”). In connection with the RTO, CRC completed a private placement of subscription receipts (each, a “Subscription Receipt”) at a price of \$0.05 per Subscription Receipt, pursuant to which CRC issued an aggregate of 15,610,000 Subscription Receipts for aggregate gross proceeds of \$780,500 (the “Offering”). Concurrent with closing of the RTO, each Subscription Receipt was converted into one common share of the Company.

The Company is an exploration and development company focused on the acquisition, exploration and development of properties which are prospective for nickel and other metals.

The address of the Company’s registered and head office is #3606 - 833 Seymour Street Vancouver, British Columbia, V6B 0G. The common shares are listed for trading on the Canadian Securities Exchange under the symbol “LAND”.

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the assumption that the Company will continue as a going concern, meaning it will continue in operation for the foreseeable future and will be able to realize assets and discharge liabilities in the ordinary course of operations. Different bases of measurement may be appropriate if the Company is not expected to continue operations for the foreseeable future. As at September 30, 2023, the Company has not generated any revenue since inception and has a deficit \$2,004,907. The Company’s continuation as a going concern is dependent on its ability to generate future cash flows and/or obtain additional financing. These factors indicate the existence of a material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt about the Company’s ability to continue as a going concern. Management intends to finance operating costs over the next twelve months with cash on hand, and/or private placements of common stock. There is a risk that additional financing will not be available on a timely basis or on terms acceptable to the Company. These consolidated financial statements do not reflect any adjustments that may be necessary should the Company be unable to continue as a going concern. Such adjustments could be material.

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Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements
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2. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

Approval of the Consolidated Financial Statements

The consolidated financial statements were reviewed by the Board of Directors and approved and authorized for use on January 12, 2024 by the Board of Directors of the Company.

(a) Statement of Compliance to International Financial Reporting Standards

The consolidated financial statements of the Company have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB").

(b) Basis of Preparation

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared on an accrual basis and are based on historical costs modified where applicable. The consolidated financial statements are presented in Canadian dollars unless otherwise noted.

(c) Basis of Consolidation

These consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of the Company and the entities controlled by the Company. Control exists when the Company has the power, directly or indirectly, to govern the financial and operating policies of an entity so as to obtain benefits from its activities. The financial statements of the subsidiary are included in the consolidated financial statements from the date that control commences until the date that control ceases. All intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated on consolidation.

Subsidiary name	Ownership	Jurisdiction
Cumberland Resources Nickel Subco Corp.	100%	British Columbia

(d) Use of Estimates and Judgements

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimates are revised and in any future periods affected.

1. Critical judgements exercised by management in applying accounting policies that have the most significant effect on the amounts presented in these consolidated financial statements are as follows:
 - Functional currency – The assessment of the Company's functional currency and the functional currency of its subsidiaries involves judgment regarding the primary economic environment the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiary operates in.

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2. BASIS OF PRESENTATION (continued)

- Stock options and warrants – Determining the fair value of warrants and stock options requires estimates related to the choice of a pricing model, the estimation of stock price volatility, the expected forfeiture rate and the expected term of the underlying instruments. Any changes in the estimates or inputs utilized to determine fair value could have a significant impact on the Company's future operating results or on other components of the shareholders' equity.
- Going concern – The assessment of the Company's ability to continue as a going concern involves judgement regarding future funding available for its operations and working capital requirements.

2. Critical accounting estimates

- Income taxes and recoverability of potential deferred tax assets -Tax expense comprises current and deferred tax. Current tax and deferred tax are recognized in profit or loss except to the extent that it relates to a business combination, or items recognized directly in equity or in other comprehensive income. Current tax is the expected tax payable or receivable on the taxable income or loss for the year, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date, and any adjustment to tax payable in respect of previous years. Deferred tax is recognized in respect of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for taxation purposes.

Deferred tax is not recognized for the following temporary differences: the initial recognition of assets or liabilities in a transaction that is not a business combination and that affects neither accounting nor taxable profit or loss, and differences relating to investments in subsidiaries and jointly controlled entities to the extent that it is probable that they will not reverse in the foreseeable future. In addition, deferred tax is not recognized for taxable temporary differences arising on the initial recognition of goodwill. Deferred tax is measured at the tax rates that are expected to be applied to temporary differences when they reverse, based on the laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset if there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax liabilities and assets, and they relate to income taxes levied by the same tax authority on the same taxable entity, or on different tax entities, but they intend to settle current tax liabilities and assets on a net basis or their tax assets and liabilities will be realized simultaneously.

A deferred tax asset is recognized for unused tax losses, tax credits and deductible temporary differences, to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which they can be utilized. Deferred tax assets are reviewed at each reporting date and are reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that the related tax benefit will be realized.

- Share-based payments - Management determines costs for share-based payments using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. The fair value of the market-based and performance-based share awards are determined at the date of grant and incorporates Black- Scholes input assumptions including the future volatility of the stock price, expected dividend yield, and expected life. Such judgements and assumptions are inherently uncertain. Changes in these assumptions affect the fair value estimates.

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3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Cash

Cash includes cash held in trust with the Company's law firm.

(b) Financial Instruments

(i) Classification

The Company classifies its financial instruments in the following categories: at fair value through profit and loss ("FVTPL"), at fair value through other comprehensive income (loss) ("FVTOCI") or at amortized cost. The Company determines the classification of financial assets at initial recognition. The classification of debt instruments is driven by the Company's business model for managing the financial assets and their contractual cash flow characteristics. Equity instruments that are held for trading are classified as FVTPL. For other equity instruments, on the day of acquisition the Company can make an irrevocable election (on an instrument-by-instrument basis) to designate them as at FVTOCI. Financial liabilities are measured at amortized cost, unless they are required to be measured at FVTPL (such as instruments held for trading or derivatives) or if the Company has opted to measure them at FVTPL.

(ii) Measurement

Financial assets and liabilities at amortized cost

Financial assets and liabilities at amortized cost are initially recognized at fair value plus or minus transaction costs, respectively, and subsequently carried at amortized cost less any impairment.

Financial assets and liabilities at FVTPL

Financial assets and liabilities carried at FVTPL are initially recorded at fair value and transaction costs are expensed in the statements of net (loss) income. Realized and unrealized gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value of the financial assets and liabilities held at FVTPL are included in the statements of net (loss) income in the period in which they arise.

Debt investments at FVOCI

These assets are subsequently measured at fair value. Interest income calculated using the effective interest method, foreign exchange gains and losses and impairment are recognized in profit or loss. Other net gains and losses are recognized in Other Comprehensive Income ("OCI"). On derecognition, gains and losses accumulated in OCI are reclassified to profit or loss.

Equity investments at FVOCI

These assets are subsequently measured at fair value. Dividends are recognized as income in profit or loss unless the dividend clearly represents a recovery of part of the cost of the investment. Other net gains and losses are recognized in OCI and are never reclassified to profit or loss.

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3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(b) Financial Instruments (continued)

(iii) Impairment of financial assets at amortized cost

The Company recognizes a loss allowance for expected credit losses on financial assets that are measured at amortized cost. At each reporting date, the Company measures the loss allowance for the financial asset at an amount equal to the lifetime expected credit losses if the credit risk on the financial asset has increased significantly since initial recognition. If at the reporting date, the financial asset has not increased significantly since initial recognition, the Company measures the loss allowance for the financial asset at an amount equal to the twelve month expected credit losses. The Company shall recognize in the statements of net (loss) income, as an impairment gain or loss, the amount of expected credit losses (or reversal) that is required to adjust the loss allowance at the reporting date to the amount that is required to be recognized.

(iv) Derecognition

Financial assets

The Company derecognizes financial assets only when the contractual rights to cash flows from the financial assets expire, or when it transfers the financial assets and substantially all of the associated risks and rewards of ownership to another entity.

Financial liabilities

The Company derecognizes a financial liability when its contractual obligations are discharged or cancelled, or expire. The Company also derecognizes a financial liability when the terms of the liability are modified such that the terms and / or cash flows of the modified instrument are substantially different, in which case a new financial liability based on the modified terms is recognized at fair value. Gains and losses on derecognition are recognized in profit or loss.

(c) Share Capital

Common shares are classified as equity. Transaction costs directly attributable to the issue of common shares, stock options and warrants are recognized as a deduction from equity, net of any tax effects.

The proceeds from the exercise of stock options and warrants are recorded as share capital in the amount for which the option or warrant enabled the holder to purchase a share in the Company.

The fair value of the warrants are determined using the Black-Scholes Option Pricing Model.

All costs related to issuances of share capital are charged against the proceeds received from the related share capital.

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3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(d) Income Taxes

Current income tax

Current income tax assets and liabilities for the current period are measured at the amount expected to be recovered from or paid to the taxation authorities. The tax rates and tax laws used to compute the amount are those that are enacted or substantively enacted, at the reporting date, in the countries where the Company operates and generates taxable income.

Current income tax relating to items recognized directly in other comprehensive income or equity is recognized in other comprehensive income or equity and not in profit or loss. Management periodically evaluates positions taken in the tax returns with respect to situations in which applicable tax regulations are subject to interpretation and establishes provisions where appropriate.

Deferred income tax

Deferred income tax is provided using the asset and liability method on temporary differences at the reporting date between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts for financial reporting purposes.

The carrying amount of deferred income tax assets is reviewed at the end of each reporting period and recognized only to the extent that it is probable that sufficient taxable profit will be available to allow all or part of the deferred income tax asset to be utilized.

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply to the year when the asset is realized or the liability is settled, based on tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period.

Deferred income tax assets and deferred income tax liabilities are offset, if a legally enforceable right exists to set off current tax assets against current income tax liabilities and the deferred income taxes relate to the same taxable entity and the same taxation authority.

(e) Loss Per Share

Basic loss per share is calculated using the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. The Company uses the treasury stock method to compute the dilutive effect of options, warrants and similar instruments. Under this method the dilutive effect on earnings per share is calculated presuming the exercise of outstanding options, warrants and similar instruments. It assumes that the proceeds of such exercise would be used to repurchase common shares at the average market price during the period. However, the calculation of diluted loss per share excludes the effects of various conversions and exercise of options that would be anti-dilutive.

Subscription receipts are not included in the calculation of the weighted average number of common shares outstanding.

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3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(f) Exploration and evaluation assets

Exploration and evaluation expenditures are costs incurred in the course of the initial search for mineral resources before the technical feasibility and commercial viability of extracting a mineral resource are demonstrable. Costs incurred before the legal right to undertake exploration and evaluation activities are recognized in profit or loss when they are incurred.

Exploration expenditures are the costs incurred in the initial search for mineral deposits with economic potential, including acquisition costs. Exploration expenditures typically include costs associated with prospecting, sampling, mapping, diamond drilling and other work involved in searching for ore. All exploration expenditures are expensed as incurred.

When economically viable reserves have been determined and the decision to proceed with development has been approved, the expenditures incurred subsequent to this date related to development and construction are capitalized as construction-in-process and classified as a component of property, plant and equipment.

Mining properties and process facility assets are amortized upon commencement of commercial production either on a unit-of-production basis over measured and indicated resources included in the mine plan or the life of the mine.

Accounting standards issued but not yet effective

The Company has reviewed the accounting standards or amendments to existing accounting standards that have been issued but have future effective dates and determined that these are either not applicable or are not expected to have a significant impact on the Company's financial statements.

4. REVERSE TAKEOVER

On December 21, 2022, the Company completed the RTO, pursuant to which it acquired all of the issued and outstanding shares of CRC (Note 1). While the Company was the legal acquirer, CRC was the accounting acquirer since shareholders of CRC held and controlled the majority of the outstanding Common Shares upon completion of the RTO. As a result of the RTO, the consolidated financial statements and comparative information are presented with CRC as the continuing entity.

The acquisition of the Company was accounted for as an asset acquisition, as the assets acquired and liabilities assumed did not constitute a business, as defined in IFRS 3, Business Combinations. The total consideration was allocated to the fair value of the net assets acquired and liabilities assumed, as follows:

Net assets acquired and the consideration paid	
Cash	\$ 81,588
Accounts payable	(80,486)
Other liabilities	(4,749)
Listing expense	538,354
Net assets acquired as at December 21, 2022	\$ 534,707
Consideration given	
Common shares deemed issued – 10,000,425 @ \$0.05 per share	\$ 500,021
1,666,666 stock options at an exercise price of \$0.02	34,686
	\$ 534,707

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4. REVERSE TAKEOVER (continued)

In connection with the RTO, the Company recognized a listing expense in the amount of \$534,707, such amount being equal to the consideration paid less the net asset acquired under the RTO. The deemed consideration paid by CRC for the net assets of the Company (10,000,425 common shares), being the total shares of the Company prior to the RTO, was measured on the basis of the fair value of the equity instruments issued, considering the price per share ascribed from a CRC financing. This price was used as the estimated fair value as it was the most reliable basis of measurement.

5. SHARE CAPITAL

(a) Shares authorized

The Company has authorized an unlimited number of common shares without par value.

(b) Common shares issued and outstanding

As at September 30, 2023, the Company had outstanding 65,610,425 common shares.

On October 22, 2021, the Company issued 1 common share at \$1 to its director on incorporation.

On October 25, 2021, the Company issued 39,999,999 common shares (at \$0.02 per common share) to acquire 100% interest in the St. Anthony Nickel Property.

On November 29, 2021, the Company completed a non-brokered private placement ("Private Placement") of 15,610,000 subscription receipts at a price of \$0.05 per subscription receipt (the "Company Subscription Receipts") for gross proceeds of \$780,500, of which 75% were classified as restricted cash as at September 30, 2022, and released on closing of the RTO. On the completion of the RTO (Note 4), each Subscription Receipt was automatically exchanged for one (1) freely tradeable common share of the Company. Share issue costs of \$29,995 (deferred until conversion of the subscription receipts) were incurred for legal fees and commissions and recorded as share issue costs.

(c) Stock option plan

Under the Company's 2021 Incentive Stock Option Plan, the Company is authorized to grant options of up to 10% of its issued and outstanding common shares to officers, directors, employees and consultants of the Company or its affiliated entities. The options can be granted for a maximum term of 10 years.

On October 21, 2022, the Company granted options to acquire up to an aggregate of 1,666,666 common shares at a price of \$0.02 per share to its directors, officers and consultants for a period of 2 years from the date of grant. As part of the RTO, replacement options were granted on the same terms. The fair value of the options was estimated on the date of the grant using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following assumptions: current share price \$0.03, expected volatility of 119%; expected dividend yield of 0%; risk-free interest rate of 4.16%; and expected life of 2 years. The options were valued at \$34,686.

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5. SHARE CAPITAL (continued)

On December 29, 2022, the Company issued 1,950,000 options to officers, directors and consultants of the Company exercisable for a period of three years at an exercise price of \$0.05 per option. 1,700,000 of the options were granted to officers and directors. The options vested immediately on the date of grant. The fair value of the options was estimated on the date of the grant using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following assumptions: current share price \$0.03, expected volatility of 119%; expected dividend yield of 0%; risk-free interest rate of 3.77%; and expected life of 3 years. The options were valued at \$36,188.

Expected volatility in the above valuations was based on historical volatility of comparable companies

As at September 30, 2023, the weighted average exercise price of options outstanding and options exercisable were as follows:

	September 30, 2023	
	Number	Weighted Average Exercise Price
Outstanding – beginning of period	-	-
Granted	1,666,666	\$ 0.020
Granted	1,950,000	\$ 0.050
Outstanding – end of period	3,616,666	\$ 0.036
Exercisable – end of period	3,616,666	\$ 0.036

As at September 30, 2023 the Company had the following stock options outstanding:

Number of Options Outstanding	Exercise Price (\$'s)	Expiry Date	Number of Options Exercisable	Weighted Average Remaining Life
1,666,666	0.020	Oct 21, 2024	1,666,666	1.06
1,950,000	0.050	Dec 29, 2025	1,950,000	2.25
3,616,666	0.036		3,616,666	1.70

6. OTHER LIABILITIES

As part of the RTO, certain liabilities were assumed. Subsequent to the year ended September 30, 2014, the Company transferred \$4,749 of liabilities (the "Statute-barred Claims") to non-current liabilities on the basis that any claims in respect of the Statute-barred Claims were statute barred under the Limitations Act (British Columbia). The Statute-barred Claims relate to liabilities of third parties. Under IFRS, a financial liability can only be derecognized from the Company's Statement of Financial Position when it is extinguished, meaning only when the contract is discharged or canceled or expires. The effect of the Limitations Act is to prevent a creditor from enforcing an obligation, but it does not formally extinguish the financial liability under IFRS.

It is the position of management of the Company that the Statute-barred Claims cannot be enforced by the creditors, do not create any obligation for the Company to pay out any cash and do not affect the financial or working capital position of the Company. The Statute-barred Claims are required to be reflected on the Company's Statement of Financial Position as a result of the current interpretation of IFRS, but they are classified as non-current liabilities as the Company has no intention to pay these Statute-barred Claims and the creditors cannot enforce payment of the Statute-barred Claims.

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7. CAPITAL MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICIES

The Company's objective when managing capital is to maintain its ability to continue as a going concern in order to provide returns for shareholders and benefits for other stakeholders.

The Company includes equity, comprised of issued common shares and reserves, in the definition of capital.

The Company's primary objective with respect to its capital management is to ensure that it has sufficient cash resources to fund the identification and evaluation of potential acquisitions. To secure the additional capital necessary to pursue these plans, the Company may attempt to raise additional funds through the issuance of equity. The Company is not subject to any external capital restrictions.

8. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Fair Values

At September 30, 2023, the Company's financial instruments consist of cash, restricted cash, accounts payable and accrued liabilities and share subscriptions received. The fair value of these financial instruments approximates its carrying value due to the relatively short-term maturity of the instrument.

Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk of loss associated with the counterparty's inability to fulfill its payment obligations. Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to concentrations of credit risks consist principally of cash. To minimize the credit risk the Company places these instruments with a high credit quality financial institution.

Foreign Exchange Risk

Foreign currency risk is the risk that the fair values of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because they are denominated in currencies that differ from the respective functional currency. The Company is not exposed to foreign exchange risk.

Interest Rate Risk

The Company is not exposed to any significant interest rate risk.

Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The Company currently settles its financial obligations out of cash. The ability to do this relies on the Company raising equity financing in a timely manner and by maintaining sufficient cash in excess of anticipated needs and to meet the Company's liabilities. The \$76,601 of accounts payable and accrued liabilities are due within one year.

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8. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

Fair value of financial instruments

The Company has a three-tier hierarchy as a framework for disclosing fair value based on inputs used to value the Company's financial instruments. The hierarchy of inputs is summarized below:

- Level 1 - quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities. An active market is one in which transactions for the assets occur with sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis;
- Level 2 - inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e. prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices); and
- Level 3 - inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data.

The classification of a financial instrument in the fair value hierarchy is based upon the lowest level of input that is significant to the measurement of fair value.

The Company measures its cash, deferred transaction costs and accounts payable and accrued liabilities, at amortized cost. As at September 30, 2023, the fair values of Company's financial instruments approximate their carrying values, given their short-term nature.

9. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the year ended September 30, 2023, the Company was charged \$36,000 plus sales tax, (2022 - \$27,000) for consulting services by CFO Advantage Inc., a Company owned by the Chief Financial Officer of the Company. \$11,880 of the amount is included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

During the year ended September 30, 2023, the Company was charged \$25,000 plus sales tax, (2022 - \$nil) respectively, by the Chief Executive Officer for management fees.

10. EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION EXPENDITURES

On October 25, 2021, the Company entered into an agreement to acquire 100% of the St. Anthony Nickel Property (located along the northeast coast of the Great Northern Peninsula, White Bay District of Newfoundland), from an arm's length party, in exchange of 39,999,999 common shares of the Company with a value of \$0.02 per share. The valuation was determined by arm's length negotiations between the parties, including with the subscribers of subscription receipts as to the pre-money valuation for this property. Very limited historical work had been done within the current boundaries of the St. Anthony Property. Primary focus of exploration was based on historic lake sediment sampling completed by the Newfoundland Geological Survey.

\$1,500 was incurred on the property during the year ended September 30, 2023 for a geological consultant.

Breakdown of expenses incurred:

	2023	Cumulative
Acquisition costs	\$ -	\$ 800,000
Field Program	-	129,324
43-101 report	-	12,264
Digital survey	-	16,188
Analytical	-	3,201
Other	1,500	5,400
	\$ 1,500	\$ 966,377

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10. INCOME TAXES

- a) The reported recovery of income taxes differs from amounts computed by applying the statutory income tax rates to the reported loss before income taxes due to the following:

	Year ended September 30, 2023	Period Ended September 30, 2022
Loss before income taxes	\$ (926,400)	\$ (1,078,507)
Statutory tax rate	27.00%	27.00%
Expected income tax (recovery)	(250,128)	(291,197)
Tax effect of the following:		
Share issue costs	(1,620)	-
Share based payments	9,770	-
Exploration expenses	405	260,516
Non-deductible	145,356	-
Unrecognized deferred tax benefits	96,217	30,681
Total income tax expense	\$ -	\$ -

- b) The Company has the following significant temporary differences for which no deferred tax asset has been recognized:

	As at September 30, 2023	As at September 30, 2022
Share issue costs	\$ 6,479	\$ -
Non-capital losses available for future period	273,009	176,792
Mineral properties and deferred exploration costs	363,802	363,397
	643,290	540,189

Deferred tax assets have not been recognized in respect of these items because it is not probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the Company can use the benefits.

- c) As future taxable profits of the Company are uncertain, no deferred tax asset has been recognized. As at September 30, 2023, the Company has approximately \$1,011,000 in non-capital losses which can be offset against future taxable income in Canada. These losses expire in different stages up to and including 2043. The potential future tax benefit of these losses has not been recorded as a deferred tax asset valuation allowance has been provided due to the uncertainty regarding the realization of these losses.

In addition, the Company has unclaimed resource deductions in the amount of approximately \$1,347,000, which do not expire and may be deducted against future taxable income on a discretionary basis.