

# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

# **DECEMBER 31, 2019 AND 2018**

Note to Reader: The December 31, 2019 Management's Discussion and Analysis is being refiled as the effective date of the document was inadvertently shown as May 26, 2020 instead of May 28, 2020.

There were no material changes between the date of approval approved by the Company's Audit Committee and Board of Directors (May 26, 2020) and the date of filing (May 28, 2020).

## INTRODUCTION

The Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") of James Bay Resources Limited (the "Company" or "James Bay") should be read in conjunction with the Company's consolidated audited financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018. Those financial statements are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") and all amounts shown in this MD&A and in the financial statements are expressed in Canadian dollars, unless otherwise noted. This MD&A dated May 28, 2020 was reviewed and approved by the Company's Audit Committee and Board of Directors on May 26, 2020.

#### FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION

This MD&A contains certain forward-looking statements and information relating to the Company that are based on the beliefs of its management as well as assumptions made by and information currently available to the Company. When used in this document, the words "anticipate", "believe", "estimate", "expect" and similar expressions, as they relate to the Company or its management, are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking statements relate to, among other things, regulatory compliance, the sufficiency of current working capital, the estimated cost and availability of funding for the continued exploration of the Company's exploration property. Such statements reflect the current views of the Company with respect to future events and are subject to certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Many factors could cause the actual results, performance or achievement of the Company to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements that may be expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date the statements were made.

#### **COMPANY OVERVIEW**

James Bay is a junior resource company originally focused on the acquisition and exploration of base and precious metal mineral properties, with activities centered in Canada.

In 2011, the Company entered into a preliminary agreement to conduct due diligence to identify potential oil and gas acquisition targets in Nigeria.

In 2012, the Company signed an agreement to acquire a 47% interest in the Ogedeh Marginal Field Award on the Farmed-Out Area within the Oil Mining Licence 90 ("OML 90 Project" or the "Ogedeh Project"). The OML 90 Project has been placed on hold given the economics in current market conditions.

The Company, through its wholly owned subsidiary, James Bay Energy Nigeria Limited ("JBENL") has a 45% ownership interest in Crestar Integrated Natural Resources Limited ("CINRL" or "Crestar") with the remaining 55% portion held by an indigenous Nigerian corporation, Crestar Hydrocarbon Exploration and Production Company Limited ("CHEPCL").



## **CORPORATE STRUCTURE**

In February 2012, the Company incorporated a wholly owned Nigerian subsidiary, James Bay Energy Nigeria Limited ("JBENL"). Pursuant to an agreement signed with D&H Solution AS, 100% share ownership interest of D&H Energy Nigeria Limited ("DHENL") and Ondobit Limited ("OL") were transferred to JBENL on March 9, 2012.

In April 2012, 2255431 Ontario Inc., (a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company), assigned its 100% ownership interest of James Bay Coal LLC ("JBC LLC") to James Bay. JBC LLC is a US entity and a wholly owned subsidiary of James Bay. JBC LLC was later converted from a Delaware corporation to a Delaware limited liability company called James Bay Energy Nigeria LLC ("JBEN LLC"). Subsequently, 2255431 Ontario Inc. was wound up in June 2013.

The Company, through its wholly owned subsidiary JBENL has a 45% ownership interest in CINRL with the remaining 55% portion held by an indigenous Nigerian corporation, Crestar Hydrocarbon Exploration and Production Company Limited ("CHEPCL").

The consolidated financial statements comprise the financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries.

James Bay Energy Nigeria LLC, USA	100%
James Bay Energy Nigeria Limited, Nigeria	100%
D&H Energy Nigeria Limited, Nigeria	100%

## PETROLEUM PROPERTY INTERESTS

#### **OML 25 PROJECT**

In June 2014, Crestar Integrated Natural Resources Limited (CINRL) was selected as the winning bidder for a 45% participating interest in active Oil Mining Lease No. 25 ("OML 25") in the Niger Delta region, offered by joint venture partners: The Shell Petroleum Development Company of Nigeria Limited, Total E&P Nigeria Limited, and Nigerian AGIP Oil Company Limited (collectively the "Shell JV"). CINRL obtained terms for a loan from a prospective future investor, for the full purchase price of OML 25.

The Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation ("NNPC") attempted to block the sale and acquire the interest for itself. Crestar commenced injunction proceedings in January 2015 in the Nigerian Federal High Court to bar the Shell JV from effecting a transfer to NNPC or anyone else, which injunctions were granted on a preliminary basis. The Shell JV subsequently sought to discharge the injunctions, but the Federal High Court dismissed the Shell JV's application on March 6, 2015. Further court proceedings were instituted by the Shell JV, but ultimately those have been unsuccessful. The Federal High Court of Nigeria also has ruled in favor of CINRL and granted an injunction in favour of CINRL which effectively has frozen any potential plans by the NNPC to acquire the 45% participating interest in OML 25 being divested by the Shell JV. As of the date hereof this injunction in favour of CINRL continues to remain in place.

CINRL had also commenced legal proceedings in the High Court of Justice in England, against the Nigerian subsidiary of Seplat Petroleum Development Company PLC ("Seplat") on January 27, 2017. CINRL's claim alleged bad faith conduct by Seplat's subsidiary, Newton Energy Limited ("Newton"), relating to the proposed acquisition of OML 25. The dispute in the English High Court was on US\$20.5 million held in escrow following a protracted dispute over the acquisition of OML 25 from the Shell JV, which CINRL alleged should have been released to CINRL had Newton not sent its bad faith election that it intended to finance the OML 25 purchase on August 16, 2016.

In June 2017, the Company lent CINRL £200,000 GBP as a form of security for legal costs. In August 2017, the Company's President and CEO provided a letter of guarantee in the amount of USD \$575,000 also as a form of security for legal costs. Both of these security forms are protected by the litigation until such time when the court



orders are released. As a result of the settlement agreement in this action, these amounts have been released to the Company and the Company's President and CEO, respectively.

#### Settlement

On March 21, 2018, the settlement offer in the litigation between CINRL and Newton was accepted. The litigation relates to proceedings brought in January 2017 by CINRL in the English High Court over the deposit of US\$20.5 million currently held in an escrow account, following a protracted dispute over the acquisition of OML 25 from the Shell JV.

On April 16, 2018, under the terms of the settlement, the Company received US\$10.5 million plus interest of US\$227,820 in connection with the litigation between CINRL and Newton. The interest was for the period from January 3, 2018 to the date of acceptance of the settlement offer on March 21, 2018. The Company also received US \$1.2 million from Seplat as an agreed payment for costs of the action.

#### **Litigation Payout**

In connection with the convertible debentures issued in 2015, the Company sold and assigned, pursuant to separate agreements with each subscriber, a pro rata entitlement (based on all the subscribers) for up to an aggregate of 30% of the net proceeds of litigation related to the OML 25 project. The net proceeds of the Litigation (whether as a result of final judgment by a court of competent jurisdiction or settlement for which no appeal or further proceeding may be taken (the "Final Award") after deduction of all related costs and taxes incurred by the Company in the Litigation (the "Net Final Amount"). The payout amount of US\$2,811,255 was calculated after deduction of all related costs and taxes incurred by the Company in the litigation, payable to the debenture holders within 60 days from the receipt of the Final award.

On April 24, 2018, the Company paid an estimated amount of US\$2.7 million to convertible debenture holders ("Holder"). Each holder received an amount based on a pro rata share of their participating interest in the original convertible debenture issued in 2015. The remaining amount of USD\$111,255 was paid before December 31, 2018.

## **Subsequent Events**

Subsequent to year-end, there was a global outbreak of COVID-19 (coronavirus), which had a significant impact on businesses through restrictions put in place by the Canadian government regarding travel, business operations and isolations/quarantine orders. At this time, it is unknown the extent of the impact the COVID-19 outbreak may have on the Company as this will depend on future developments that are highly uncertain and that cannot be predicted with confidence. These uncertainties arise from the inability to predict the ultimate geographic spread of the disease and the duration of the outbreak, including the duration of travel restrictions, business time, or disruptions and quarantine/isolation measures that are currently, or may be put, in place by Canada and other countries to fight the virus. While the extent of the impact is unknown, we anticipate that this outbreak may cause supply chain disruptions, staff shortages and increased government regulations, all of which may negatively impact the Company's business and financial condition.



#### FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019 AND 2018

## RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

#### Revenue

The Company is in the exploration and evaluation stage and therefore, did not have revenues from operations.

## **Expenses and Income**

For the year ended December 31, 2019, the Company recorded total expenses of \$297,816 (December 31, 2018 – \$186,307) from operations. The change was mainly due to increased professional fees and office and general expenses.

## Net loss and comprehensive loss

For the year ended December 31, 2019, the Company recorded a net loss of \$7,032,055 (December 31, 2018 – income of \$9,905,515). The material changes during the year 2019 and 2018 are as follows:

- (i) The Company wrote-off the loans to CB Holdings as unrecoverable on October 31, 2019 and recorded a loss of \$5,599,104;
- (ii) The Company also wrote-off the account receivables from CB Holdings as unrecoverable, totaling \$273,870, which consisted of legal expenses of \$126,141 and an impairment loss of \$147,728;
- (iii) Loss pick-up from CINRL of \$539,291 (December 31, 2018 \$962,746);

## **CASH FLOWS**

#### **Operating Activities**

For the year ended December 31, 2019, the Company had net cash outflow of \$52,874 (December 31, 2018 - \$1,337,441) from operating activities. It is a major decrease in cash outflow from the prior year. The Company charged a significant amount of its operating costs to CINRL.

## **Investing Activities**

For the year ended December 31, 2019, the Company had a net cash outflow of \$1,198,432 (December 31, 2018 – \$2,979,793) from investing activities. The increase in cash outflow is due to advances to equity investment for CINRL.

#### **Financing Activities**

For the year ended December 31, 2019, the Company had a net cash inflow of \$114,914 (December 31, 2018 - \$558,272) from financing activities. The President and CEO of the Company loaned approximately \$120,734 to finance the working capital of the Company.



## SELECTED ANNUAL AND QUARTERLY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Selected data from James Bay's financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2019 and for the two preceding financial years are as follows:

	2019	2018	2017
Interest (income) expense	(844,066)	(71,913)	5,228
Expenses	297,816	186,307	206,437
Net loss (income) and comprehensive loss (income) attributable to:  • Common Shareholders	7,032,055	(9,905,515)	4,239,973
Basic and diluted loss (income) per share attributable to the common shareholders of James Bay	0.15	(0.22)	0.10
Total assets	1,819,171	8,268,051	236,607
Total liabilities	983,043	399,868	3,159,395
Shareholder's equity (deficit)	836,128	7,868,183	(2,922,788)

Notes: Net loss per share on a diluted basis is the same as basic net loss per share, as all outstanding stock options and warrants are anti-dilutive.



## SELECTED QUARTERLY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY RESULTS

	Quarter-ended			
	December 31, 2019 \$	September 30, 2019 \$	June 30, 2019 \$	March 31, 2019 \$
Working capital (deficiency)	(760,484)	5,274,557	5,359,632	5,577,422
Operating loss	148,034	60,873	40,896	48,013
Interest recovery	(108,744)	(394,836)	(167,252)	(173,234)
Net loss and comprehensive loss	6,372,029	51,607	373,538	234,882
Net loss and comprehensive loss per share attributable to the common shareholders of the Company (basic and diluted)	0.15	0.001	0.01	0.01

	Quarter-ended			
	December 31, 2018 \$	September 30, 2018 \$	June 30, 2018 \$	March 31, 2018 \$
Working capital (deficiency)	897,901	7,858,588	8,417,598	(4,204,476)
Operating expenses (income)	145,894	(26,296)	(44,067)	38,864
Interest expense (recovery)	68,175	(57,241)	(85,618)	2,771
Net loss (income) and comprehensive loss (income)	49,715	560,076	(11,735,793)	1,220,487
Net loss (income) and comprehensive loss (income) per share attributable to the common shareholders of the Company – restated (basic and diluted)	0.06	0.01	(0.30)	0.03

Notes: Net loss per share on a diluted basis is the same as basic net loss per share, as all outstanding stock options and warrants are anti-dilutive in fiscal 2019.



## LIQUIDITY AND OUTLOOK

As at December 31, 2019, the Company had no source of operating cash inflows and reported a net loss and comprehensive loss of \$7,032,055 for the twelve-months and a deficit of \$17,497,209. The Company's continuance as a going concern is dependent upon its ability to obtain equity capital and financing for its working capital and for the exploration, development and operation of its properties.

The Company's opinion concerning liquidity and its ability to avail itself in the future of the financing options mentioned above are based on currently available information. To the extent that this information proves to be inaccurate, future availability of financing may be adversely affected. Factors that could affect the availability of financing include the Company's performance (as measured by various factors including the progress and results of its exploration work) and equity markets, investor perceptions and expectations of past and future performance, the global financial climate, and the impact from the global pandemic.

#### **CAPITAL RESOURCES**

#### Common shares

At December 31, 2019 and May 28, 2020 the Company had 46,697,405 common shares issued and outstanding.

#### Stock options

At December 31, 2019 a total of 5,150,000 stock options were issued and outstanding. On May 4, 2020 a total of 4,900,000 expired unexercised. The balance of 250,000 shares will expire on September 15, 2020. The weighted average exercise price for all stock options is \$0.25. All stock options entitle the holder to purchase common shares of the Company.

#### Warrants

At December 31, 2019 and May 28, 2020, the Company had no issued and outstanding warrants. On October 30, 2019, 50,000 warrants expired and on December 19, 2019, the remaining 101,313 warrants expired.

## FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Company's risk exposures and the impact on the Company's financial instruments are summarized below. There have been no significant changes in the risks, objectives, policies and procedures from the previous period.

## Credit risk

The Company's credit risk is primarily attributable to cash and cash equivalents and amounts receivable. The Company has no significant concentration of credit risk arising from operations. Management believes that the credit risk concentration with respect to cash and cash equivalents and amounts receivable is remote.

## Liquidity risk

The Company's approach to managing liquidity risk is to ensure that it will have liquidity to meet liabilities when due. At December 31, 2019, the Company had cash and cash equivalents of \$15,988 (December 31, 2018 - \$1,152,380) to settle current liabilities of \$910,623 (December 31, 2018 - \$399,868). The Company has a working capital deficiency of \$760,484 (December 31, 2018 working capital - \$897,901). The Company's current financial liabilities generally have contractual maturities of less than 30 days and are subject to normal trade terms.



## FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

#### Market risk

## (a) Interest rate risk

The Company has no cash balances and interest-bearing debt due to convertible debentures. The Company's current policy is to invest excess cash in investment-grade short-term guaranteed investment certificates issued by its banking institutions. The Company periodically monitors the investments it makes and is satisfied with the credit ratings of its banks. The Company's convertible debentures have been fully paid in 2018.

## (b) Price risk

The ability of the Company to pursue its resource interests and the future profitability of the Company is directly related to the market price of oil and gas.

## (c) Foreign currency risk

The Company is subject to foreign exchange risk as the Company has certain assets and liabilities, and makes certain expenditures, in US dollars and Nigerian Naira. The Company is therefore subject to gains and losses due to fluctuations in the US dollar and the Nigerian Naira relative to the Canadian dollar. The Company does not hedge its foreign exchange risk.

## Sensitivity analysis

Based on management's knowledge and experience of the financial markets, the Company believes the following movements are reasonably possible over a twelve-month period.

As at December 31, 2019, the Company has net monetary assets of \$Nil denominated in US dollars (December 31, 2018 – USD \$787,883). A 10% change in the value of the Canadian dollar relative to the US dollar would result in a corresponding change in net income approximately \$Nil (December 31, 2018 – USD \$78,788) based on the balance of these amounts held in US dollars as at December 31, 2019.

#### Fair value

The carrying value of cash and cash equivalents, amounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities approximate their fair value due to the relatively short periods to maturity of the financial instruments. Management believes the carrying value of the convertible debentures approximates its fair value. The derivative liabilities are recorded at their estimated fair values.

## Fair value hierarchy and liquidity risk disclosure

Fair value measurements are classified using a fair value hierarchy that reflects the significance of the inputs used in making the measurements. The fair value hierarchy shall have the following levels: (a) quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1); (b) inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e., as prices) or indirectly (i.e., derived from prices) (Level 2); and (c) inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs) (Level 3). As at December 31, 2019 and 2018, the Company designated its derivative liabilities from convertible debentures as fair value through profit and loss which is measured at fair value and classified as Level 2.

## RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS AND CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Recent accounting pronouncements

Certain pronouncements were issued by the IASB or the IFRIC that are mandatory for accounting periods on or after January 1, 2019 or later periods. Many are not applicable or do not have a significant impact to the Company and have been excluded. The following have not yet been adopted and are being evaluated to determine their impact on the Company.



The Company has adopted the following amendments, effective January 1, 2019. The changes were made in accordance with the applicable transitional provisions.

IFRS 16 – Leases ("IFRS 16") was issued in January 2016 and replaces IAS 17 – Leases as well as some lease related interpretations. With certain exceptions for leases under twelve months in length or for assets of low value, IFRS 16 states that upon lease commencement a lessee recognizes a right-of-use asset and a lease liability. The right-of-use asset is initially measured at the amount of the liability plus any initial direct costs. After lease commencement, the lessee shall measure the right-of-use asset at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment. A lessee shall either apply IFRS 16 with full retrospective effect or alternatively not restate comparative information but recognize the cumulative effect of initially applying IFRS 16 as an adjustment to opening equity at the date of initial application. IFRS 16 requires that lessors classify each lease as an operating lease or a finance lease. A lease is classified as a finance lease if it transfers substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of an underlying asset. Otherwise it is an operating lease. IFRS 16 was effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2019. Earlier adoption was permitted if IFRS 15 has also been applied. The Company adopted IFRS 16 on January 1, 2019, refer to Note 12.

The Company has applied IFRS 16 using the modified retrospective approach and therefore the comparative information has not been restated and continues to be reported IAS 17 and IFRIC 4.

For leases that were classified as finance leases under IAS 17, the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset and the lease liability at January 1, 2019 are determined at the carrying amount of the lease asset and lease liability under IAS 17 immediately before that date. For leases classified as operating leases under IAS 17, lease liabilities were measured at the present value of the remaining lease payments, discounted at the Company's incremental borrowing rate as at January 1, 2019 and the related right-of-use assets were recognized at amounts equal to the corresponding lease liability.

The Company used the following practical expedients when applying IFRS 16 to leases previously classified as operating leases under IAS 17.

- Applied the exemption not to recognize ROU assets and liabilities for leases with less than 12 months of lease term
- Excluded initial direct costs from measuring the ROU asset at the date of initial application

The Company was subject to a lease commitment for a premise in Canada which expired in January 2019, the new lease commenced on March 2019. When measuring lease liabilities, the Company discounted lease payments using its incremental borrowing rate. The weighted average incremental borrowing rate applied to the lease liabilities on March 1, 2019 was 10%.

#### RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

These consolidated financial statements include balances and transactions with directors and officers of the Company and/or corporations related to them. During the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, the Company entered into the following transactions involving related parties:

The Company incurred legal fees of approximately \$203,487 (December 31, 2018 - \$278,822) with a law firm of which a partner, is a director of the Company, of which, approximately \$70,637 (December 31, 2018 - \$215,708) has been charged to CINRL. This amount is included in professional fees on the consolidation statement of (loss) income and comprehensive (loss) income. As of December 31, 2019, included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities is an accumulated balance of \$216,005 (December 31, 2018 - \$142,046) owing to this law firm.

The Company started renting office space from a corporation with two common directors, beginning March 1, 2019. During the year ended December 31, 2019, approximately \$62,196 (December 31, 2018 - \$33,500) was charged by this corporation.



In accordance with IAS 24, key management personnel are those having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Company directly or indirectly, including any directors (executive and non-executive) of the Company.

The remuneration of directors and other members of key management personnel for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018 were as follows:

	December 31, 2019	December 31, 2018
Management salaries	\$632,358	\$872,994
Director's fees	80,000	80,000
	\$712,358	\$952,994

During the year ended December 31, 2019, the Company paid \$632,358 (December 31, 2018 - \$872,994) to three executive officers of which \$589,158 (December 31, 2018 - \$764,994) has been charged as management fees to CINRL.

Included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities as at December 31, 2019 is \$80,000 (December 31, 2018 - \$80,000) of Director's Fees.

Also included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities as at December 31, 2019 is \$100,000 (December 31, 2018 - \$Nil) of unpaid salary owing to the President and CEO of the Company

All of the above amounts payable to related parties are unsecured, non-interesting bearing, with no fixed terms of repayment.

#### COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The Company is party to certain management contracts, which contain clauses requiring additional payments of up to \$864,000 be made upon the occurrence of certain events such as a change of control and additional payments of up to \$872,000 be made upon termination of contracts. As a triggering event has not taken place, the contingent payments have not been reflected in these consolidated financial statements. As of December 31, 2019, under these management contracts, management has committed to \$522,000 of salaries and benefits due within one year.

James Bay had retained Mr. Olaniyan to serve as its subsidiary company James Bay Energy Nigeria Limited's ("JBENL") Chief Operating Officer and the Company's Country Manager in Nigeria pursuant to an employment agreement dated June 1, 2012. Mr. Olaniyan was subsequently appointed as the President and Chief Executive Officer of JBENL on December 4, 2014. The employment agreement had an initial term which ran until June 1, 2014 and had been automatically extended for additional consecutive one (1) year periods with the last extended period until June 1, 2019. James Bay provided notice to Mr. Olaniyan on April 30, 2019 that the Company would not be extending the employment agreement for a further one-year term and terminated the agreement on June 1, 2019. James Bay has entered into an at-will consulting agreement with Mr. Olaniyan for any consulting services to be provided by Mr. Olaniyan to James Bay as may be required by James Bay in the future.

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

The Company is party to legal proceedings in the ordinary course of its operations related to legally binding agreements with third parties. As at December 31, 2019, one such proceeding was ongoing. The Company believes this claim to be without merit. Management does not expect the outcome of this proceeding to have a materially adverse effect on the results of the Company's financial position or results of operations and therefore this amount has



not been reflected in these consolidated financial statements. Should any losses result from the resolution of this dispute, that amount will be charged to operations in the year that it is determined.

On February 15, 2019, the Company was served with a Notice of Action and related Statement of Claim commenced in the Superior Court of Justice by Alkebulan Ltd. and Andre van der Spuy, as plaintiffs. The claim, which also includes Seplat Petroleum Development Company PLC as a defendant, alleges damages in the amount of \$850,000 for a purported breach of contract, and \$50,000 for punitive damages. The Company has reviewed the claim with counsel and is of the view the claim is wholly without merit, and intends to defend the claim vigorously, including requiring the plaintiffs to post security for cost as foreign plaintiffs in this action. Plaintiffs' counsel has advised that they intend to serve an amended claim and will not require a statement of defence be served until that time. The Company has received nothing further to date.

#### OFF BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS

The Company has no off-balance sheet arrangements.

#### RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Company, through its subsidiary, holds an interest in a petroleum property in Nigeria. As such, it is exposed to the laws governing the Nigerian petroleum industry with respect to matters such as taxation, environmental compliance, and other regulatory and political factors as well as shifts in politics and labor unrest, any of which could adversely affect the Company and its future exploration and production activities.

## **Additional Capital**

The Company conducted due diligence to identify potential acquisition targets of onshore/offshore Nigerian oil and gas projects. If the results are favourable, Company will require additional capital which may come from future financings. There can be no assurance that the Company will be able to raise such additional capital if and when required on terms it considers acceptable.

## No History of Profitability

The Company is an exploration company with no history of profitability. There can be no assurance that the operations of the Company will be profitable in the future. The Company has limited financial resources and will require additional financing to further explore, develop, acquire, retain and engage in commercial production on its property interests and, if financing is unavailable for any reason, the Company may become unable to acquire and retain its mineral concessions and carry out its business plan.

## **Government Regulations**

The Company's exploration operations are subject to government legislation, policies and controls relating to prospecting, development, production, environmental protection, mining taxes and labour standards. For the Company to carry out mining activities, exploitation licenses must be obtained and kept current. There is no guarantee that the Company's exploitation licenses would be extended or that new exploitation licenses would be granted. In addition, such exploitation licenses could be changed and there can be no assurances that any application to renew any existing licenses will be approved. The Company may be required to contribute to the cost of providing the required infrastructure to facilitate the development of its properties. The Company will also have to obtain and comply with permits and licenses which may contain specific conditions concerning operating procedures, water use,



waste disposal, spills, environmental studies, abandonment and restoration plans and financial assurances. There can be no assurance that the Company will be able to comply with any such conditions.

## **Market Fluctuation and Commercial Quantities**

The market for minerals is influenced by many factors beyond the control of the Company such as changing production costs, the supply and demand for resources, the rate of inflation, the inventory of resources producing companies, the international economic and political environment, changes in international investment patterns, global or regional consumption patterns, costs of substitutes, currency availability and exchange rates, interest rates, speculative activities in connection with resources, and increased production due to improved extractor and production methods. The resource industry in general is intensely competitive and there is no assurance that, even if commercial quantities and qualities of resources are discovered, a market will exist for profitable sale. Commercial viability of precious and base metals and oil and gas deposits may be affected by other factors that are beyond the Company's control including particular attributes of the deposit such as its size, quantity and quality, the cost of mining and processing, proximity to infrastructure and the availability of transportation and sources of energy, financing, government legislation and regulations including those relating to prices, taxes, royalties, land tenure, land use, import and export restrictions, exchange controls, restrictions on production, as well as environmental protection. It is impossible to assess with certainty the impact of various factors which may affect commercial viability so that any adverse combination of such factors may result in the Company not receiving an adequate return on invested capital.

#### Mining Risks and Insurance

The Company is subject to the risks normally encountered in the mining industry, such as unusual or unexpected geological formations, cave-ins or flooding. The Company may become subject to liability for pollution, damage to life or property and other hazards of mineral exploration against which it or the operator of its exploration programs cannot insure or against which it or such operator may elect not to insure because of high premium costs or other reasons. Payment of such liabilities would reduce funds available for acquisition of mineral prospects or exploration and development and could have a material adverse effect on the financial position of the Company.

## Competition

The mineral exploration and mining industry is competitive in all phases of exploration, development and production. The Company competes with a number of other entities and individuals in the search for and the acquisition of attractive properties. As a result of this competition, the majority of which is with companies with greater financial resources than the Company, the Company may not be able to acquire attractive properties in the future on terms it considers acceptable. Finally, the Company competes with other resource companies, many of whom have greater financial resources and/or more advanced properties that are better able to attract equity investments and other capital. The ability of the Company to acquire attractive properties in the future depends not only on its success in exploring and developing its present properties and on its ability to select, acquire and bring to production suitable properties or prospects for exploration, mining and development. Factors beyond the control of the Company may affect the marketability of minerals mined or discovered by the Company.

#### **Environmental Protection**

The mining and mineral processing industries are subject to extensive governmental regulations for the protection of the environment, including regulations relating to air and water quality, mine reclamation, solid and hazardous waste handling and disposal and the promotion of occupational health and safety which may adversely affect the Company or require it to expend significant funds.



#### **Aboriginal Claims**

Aboriginal rights may be claimed on Crown or other types of tenure with respect to which mining rights have been granted. The Company is not aware of any aboriginal claims having been asserted or any legal actions relating to native issues having been instituted with respect to any of the mineral claims in which the Company has an interest. Should aboriginal claims be made against the Property and should government or the courts in favor of the aboriginal people resolve such a claim, it could materially adversely affect the business of James Bay only for the James Bay lowlands property. The Company is fully aware of the mutual benefits afforded by cooperative relationships with indigenous people in conducting exploration activity and is fully supportive of measures established to achieve such cooperation.

#### **Conflicts of Interest**

Certain of the directors and officers of the Company may also serve as director and officer of other companies involved in gold and precious metal or other natural resource exploration and development and consequently, the possibility of conflict exists. Any decisions made by such directors involving the Company will be made in accordance with the duties and obligations of directors to deal fairly and in good faith with the Company and such other companies. In addition, such directors declare, and refrain from voting on any matters in which such directors may have a conflict of interest.

#### **Additional Information**

Additional information relating to the Company can also be found on SEDAR.

#### **Global Pandemic**

A global pandemic could cause temporary interruptions in operations if there is an outbreak in areas in which the Company operates. In addition, governments may take preventative measures such as imposing travel restrictions and closing points of entry which may impact the Company's ability to operate. These preventive measures along with market uncertainty could cause economic uncertainty, resulting in a decrease in the demand for oil and natural gas. The outbreak of the novel coronavirus at the end of 2019 has had an adverse effect on the price of oil and natural gas.

#### **Global Economic Downturn**

In the event of a continued general economic downturn or a recession, there can be no assurance that the business, financial condition and results of operations of the Company would not be materially adversely affected. Recent market events and conditions, including disruptions in the international credit markets and other financial systems and the American and European sovereign debt levels have caused significant volatility in commodity prices. These conditions have caused a decrease in confidence in the global credit and financial markets and have created a climate of greater volatility, less liquidity, widening of credit spreads, a lack of price transparency, increased credit losses and tighter credit conditions. Notwithstanding various actions by governments, concerns about the general condition of the capital markets, financial instruments, banks, investment banks, insurers and other financial institutions caused the broader credit markets to further deteriorate and stock markets to decline substantially. This volatility may in the future affect the Company's ability to obtain equity or debt financing on acceptable terms. Petroleum prices are expected to remain volatile for the near future as a result of market uncertainties over the supply and demand of these commodities due to the current state of the world economies, OPEC actions and the ongoing global credit and liquidity concerns. No assurance can be given that oil and natural gas prices will be sustained at levels which will enable the Company to achieve profitability. These factors may impact the Company's ability to obtain equity, debt bank financing on terms commercially reasonable to the Company, or at all. Additionally, these factors, as well as other related factors, may cause decreases in asset values that are deemed to be other than temporary, which may result in impairment losses. If these increased levels of volatility and market turmoil continue, the Company's



operations could be adversely impacted, and the trading price of the Company's securities could continue to be adversely affected.

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