

This Management Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") of Asante Gold Corporation, ("Asante" or the "Company" or the "Issuer") provides an analysis of the Company's performance and financial condition for the three and six months ended July 31, 2019. It is prepared as at September 25, 2019 and was approved by the Board of Directors on that date.

This MD&A should be read in conjunction with the Company's unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements for the three and six months ended July 31, 2019 including the related note disclosures. The Company's unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"). All dollar figures included therein and in the following discussion and analysis are quoted in the presentation currency of Canadian dollars unless otherwise specified. Additional information relevant to the Company's activities can be found on SEDAR at www.sedar.com or the Company's website at www.asantegold.com

This MD&A may contain forward-looking statements that are based on the Company's expectations, estimates and projections regarding its business and the economic environment in which it operates. These statements speak only as of the date on which they are made, are not guarantees of future performance, and involve risks and uncertainties that are difficult to control or predict. Examples of some of the specific risks associated with the operations of the Company are set out below. Actual outcomes and results may differ materially from those expressed in these forward-looking statements and readers should not place undue reliance on such statements.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The following information should be read in conjunction with the unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements for the three and six months ended July 31, 2019 and related notes thereto. The unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements were prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards. All currency amounts are expressed in Canadian dollars unless otherwise stated.

Principal Business and Corporate History

Asante Gold Corporation is a mineral exploration company primarily involved in the acquisition and assessment of mineral properties in the Republic of Ghana. The Company's objective is to undertake mineral exploration on properties assessed to be of merit, to define mineral resources, and to take them to production when warranted. Precious metals are targeted with a focus on gold. On May 28, 2015 the Company obtained a listing on the Canadian Securities Exchange and commenced trading under the symbol "ASE".

The Company entered into a Purchase Agreement with Goknet Mining Company Limited ("Goknet"), a Company with a common director, of Accra, Ghana, on June 15, 2011 to acquire the Fahiakoba Concession, in the Ashanti and Central Regions in the Republic of Ghana. The Company acquired a 100% interest in the Fahiakoba Concession by paying Goknet the sum of US\$51,976 (C\$50,630) and by agreeing to expend US\$1,000,000 over a five year period, which commitments have been met in full. The Company also granted Goknet a 3% net smelter return royalty on production from the Fahiakoba Concession. Given the prohibitive costs in transferring title in Ghana, the Company will complete the transfer when significant resources are outlined or when significant working capital is obtained.

The Company entered into a definitive Option Agreement between the Company, Goknet Mining Company Limited ("Goknet"), Kubi Gold (Barbados) Limited ("Kubi") and Asante Gold Corporation (GH) Limited effective February 28, 2015, to earn a 50% interest in the Kubi Gold Project with the right to increase such interest to 75% and ultimately 100% upon completion of certain conditions.

On August 9, 2016 the Company announced that it had reached agreement with Goknet to close the acquisition of the Kubi Mining Lease, subject to receipt of governmental approvals, by issuing seven million shares and reserving for future delivery to Goknet a total of 8,000 ounces of gold from production from Kubi, and thereafter reserving for Goknet a 2% Net Smelter Return Royalty (the "Kubi NSR"). This agreement was formalized in a Mineral Assets Purchase and Sale Agreement between the Company and Goknet effective December 28, 2016. Royal Gold Inc. of Denver holds a 3% Net Proceeds of Production royalty, and the Ghana Government a statutory 10% free carry equity and 5% NSR royalty interest. Asante plans to further explore and if warranted develop Kubi as a custom milling and direct shipping SMD - sustainable mining by drilling or underground operation. SMD is a large bore precision drilling method that enables direct mining of narrow deposits. The SMD method is being developed and commercialized by Anaconda Mining Inc. ("Anaconda"), in collaboration with Memorial University of Newfoundland and utilizes technology proven in other industries (<https://disruptmining.com/,2019>; and <https://www.anacondamining.com/narrow-vein-mining/,2019>). Goknet and the Company are related by one common director. The acquisition was negotiated and approved by a Special Committee of the Directors of Asante.

In addition the Company may acquire Goknet's interests in eight prospecting licences: two totaling ~38 sq km adjoining to the west of the Kubi Mining Lease, and six contiguous licences (the "Ashanti II concessions) totaling ~270 sq km located on the Asankrangwa Gold Belt 15 km to the south west and along the strike of the Asanko-Goldfields mine. To purchase the licences the Company will issue up to a maximum of three million treasury shares, pro rata on a license by license basis if as and when title is registered in the name of the Company. Goknet will retain a 2% Net Smelter Return royalty on each license purchased by the Company. Disinterested shareholder approval for the Ashanti II and the Kubi

Mining Lease transactions was obtained at the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders held on December 28, 2016.

The Company is continuing to source Joint Venture, gold loan, project backed debt or other acceptable funding to develop Kubi.

On September 8, 2016, the Company announced that it had entered into an agreement with Sikasante Mining Company Limited (“Sikasante”), a private Ghana corporation, to earn up to a 100% interest in their Keyhole Gold Project in Ghana, which consists of the Sraha and Ayiem licences. The Company has agreed (pending) to issue to Sikasante 250,000 shares in its capital stock on final issuance of the Ayiem license to Sikasante and receipt by Sikasante of all necessary permits required to commence a drilling program (done), and to complete \$500,000 in work (completed) over four years in order to earn 50%. The Company may earn an additional 50% interest by reserving for Sikasante a 2% net smelter returns royalty (the “Sika NSR Royalty”), and on the assignment of the Sikasante licenses to the Company (subject to the consent of the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources) a final payment of one million shares in the capital stock of the Company. Sikasante and the Company are related by one common director. All negotiations and final terms of agreement have been approved by a Special Committee of the Directors of the Company.

On August 4, 2015 the Company announced that it has entered into an Option and Sale Agreement with Perseus Mining (Ghana) Limited (“Perseus”) to acquire up to a 100% interest in a part of their Dunkwa prospecting license, to be called on issuance the Betenase prospecting license (pending). The license adjoins to the east of the Kubi Mining Lease.

The Company amended its agreement on May 15, 2018 such that the Company may exercise the option to earn 100% interest in Betenase (subject to 10% reserved for the Government of Ghana, and 1% underlying NSR royalties) by completing US\$1million in exploration within four years of the earlier of either the issuance of the new Betenase prospecting licence, or December 31, 2019 and by paying US\$1million to Perseus.

Investors are cautioned that final acquisition of Fahiakoba, the Kubi Mining Lease, any of the Ashanti II concessions, the Betenase prospecting license and the Keyhole options are dependent on additional financing, governmental renewals, approvals and consents, which though reasonably expected, may or may not be ultimately completed or obtained.

Key Activities

In order to increase potential early cash flow, the Company is currently evaluating the application of the previously mentioned SMD - sustainable mining by drilling method, and alternatively a high grade underground mining option at Kubi. Management remains focused on sourcing financing to develop the Kubi Mining Lease towards production, and on exploration at Keyhole and its other Ghanaian holdings.

The Company is continuing to evaluate other high potential acquisitions, toll milling opportunities in Ghana, as well as sourcing additional management and production expertise.

Capital Stock and Financing

On September 4, 2019 the Company closed a private placement of 5,000,000 units for gross proceeds of \$250,000. Each unit comprises one common share and one common share purchase warrant. Each warrant entitles the holder to purchase one additional share at an exercise price of \$0.08 until September 4, 2022 and is subject to early forced conversion should the shares trade at a volume weighted average price of \$0.20 for 20 consecutive trading days. In connection with this private placement, the Company paid finders fees of \$10,255 and issued 205,100 finders warrants.

On July 11, 2019 the Company issued a total of 1,895,536 common shares with a fair market value of \$85,299 in settlement of debt amounting to C\$132,687.50. The Shares have a four (4) month and one day hold period from the date of distribution.

On April 24, 2018, the Company extended the expiry date of 6,115,000 share purchase warrants by one year, all other terms and exercise conditions of the warrants remaining the same as issued, and these have now expired unexercised.

Prior transactions were:

On February 17, 2017, pursuant to the third and final tranche of a private placement announced October 19, 2016, the Company issued 3,888,889 units at a price of \$0.18. Each unit comprises one common share and one half warrant. These warrants expired as of February 17, 2019.

On May 31, 2017 the Company completed a non-brokered private placement of 4,350,000 units of the Company at \$0.10 per unit for aggregate gross proceeds of \$435,000. Each Unit consists of one common share of the Company and one full transferrable Common Share purchase warrant. These warrants expired as of May 31, 2019.

On December 12, 2017 the Company closed a shares for debt private placement converting \$956,474 of debt into 9,564,744 common shares and 603,977 common share purchase warrants (the 'Warrants'), to suppliers, employees, consultants and creditors of the Company, including some insiders. Warrants were issued only to arms-length creditors and are each exercisable into one common share at a price of \$0.15 for a two year term. The common shares issued are subject to a four month plus one day hold period.

Overall Performance

The Company has no operational revenue, and exploration activity has been restricted. Global financial and commodity markets have been volatile, and the Company is thus impacted by these generic industry factors which are beyond its control. The Company anticipates obtaining additional financing in the future primarily through debt, equity, gold-loan or joint venture based financing.

The Company has completed its initial exploration program on the Fahiakoba Concession, consisting of 4,987.5 metres of diamond drilling, ground VLF-EM geophysics and 1,200 auger drill holes. Results are considered sufficiently encouraging that further work is planned, subject to the raising of additional capital.

The Company has also completed a program of ground geophysics at Betenase, covering the strong gold in soil anomaly previously outlined by Perseus, and has completed four diamond drill holes for a total of 562 metres. Significant results to 4m @ 3.14 g/t gold and widespread alteration and quartz veining were noted in the drilling. Further trenching, ground geophysics IP and drilling is planned to test the remaining VTEM anomaly, subject to availability of funding.

Preliminary exploration has also been completed on the Keyhole Project optioned from Sikasante. On April 14, 2017 the Company announced the completion of a maiden 1,151 metre drill program in 12 holes, following up on ground geophysical survey results. Drillhole MEM17-001B was spotted to test directly under the old MEM shaft area and intersected 13.12g/t gold over 3.0m at a down hole depth of 139m. The intersection was vertically ~120m below the MEM shaft in a graphitic shear zone hosted in meta-greywacke/argillite, with quartz-sulfide mineralization and minor visible gold noted.

Channel sampling results were also reported from trench MEM17-529 located 110m to the northeast along the inferred strike of the mineralization in drillhole 001B, with significant assay result of 10.23 g/t Au over 2.0m in vertical dipping meta-sediments with 10-15 % quartz vein material; and 1.62 g/t Au over 1.0m in sapolite in trench MEM17-002 located 110m to the northwest of the MEM showing.

In late October, the Company announced final assay results from a 6 hole second phase 790m diamond drilling program. The program has extended the MEM shear zone to a length of 825m and to depths of 150m, open along strike and to depth. Visible gold was noted in multiple intersections in the sulfide and quartz mineralized shear zone, with assay grades to 15.9g/t Au. Mineralized intersections in the central 400m long section of the MEM shear averaged 9.6g/t Au over estimated average true widths of 1.2m.

Given the locally high grades encountered, the significant strike and depth potential of this shear as well as the prospect of finding numerous other mineralized shears in the MEM area and several kilometres to the north and south, management is highly encouraged to continue exploring the Keyhole option. On conclusion of additional land acquisition and financing, further geophysical surveys will be conducted to locate and drill test any other shear zone/dilational breaks discovered, and to test down dip of the high grade section of the MEM shear.

Selected Quarterly Information

The following table summarizes quarterly results for the most recent 8 quarters. The information contained in this table should be read in conjunction with the Company's financial statements.

Period ending:	Revenue	Net income (loss) for the period	Currency translation adjustment	Comprehensive Income (loss)	Net income (loss) per share
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
July 31, 2019	Nil	(58,885)	(108,804)	(167,689)	
April 30, 2019	Nil	(156,200)	113,004	(43,196)	-
January 31, 2019	Nil	(177,563)	(9,834)	(187,397)	-
October 31, 2018	Nil	(65,616)	40,981	(24,635)	-
July 31, 2018	Nil	(192,810)	74,299	(118,511)	(0.01)
April 30, 2018	Nil	(153,731)	179,839	26,108	-
January 31, 2018	Nil	117,285	(133,734)	(16,449)	-
October 31, 2017	Nil	(214,116)	106,704	(107,412)	(0.01)

Results of Operations

The Company's net operating loss for the six months ended July 31, 2019 was \$215,085 (2018: \$346,540). Generally, costs have been contained in line with the prior year, with the exception of stock based compensation arising from new appointments.

The Company capitalizes all mineral property acquisition and exploration costs until the properties to which the costs are related are placed into production, sold or abandoned. The decision to abandon a property is largely determined by exploration results and the amount and timing of the Company's write-offs of capitalized mineral property costs will vary in a fiscal period from one year to the next and typically cannot be predicted in advance.

During the six months ended July 31, 2019, mineral property acquisition and exploration costs totalling \$51,467 (2018:\$74,278), exclusive of Currency Translation Adjustments, were capitalized to mineral properties. Expenditures are detailed in the exploration expenditure table, page 7.

The table below presents the key expenditure items for the three and six months ended July 31, 2019 and comparative year. **Note references refer to the financial statements.**

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	Six months ended July 31,		Three months ended July 31,	
	2019	2018	2019	2018
Expenses				
Advertising, trade shows and promotions	\$ 16,183	\$ 12,484	\$ 10,778	\$ 986
Directors' fees (Note 8)	26,641	24,601	15,427	10,102
Foreign exchange loss	-	120	-	-
Gain on debt settlement	(38,385)	-	(47,388)	-
General office	12,122	33,755	6,614	16,194
Management and consulting fees (Note 8)	72,896	72,038	36,878	36,483
Professional services (Note 8)	60,274	96,109	22,325	54,241
Share-based payments (Note 6 and 8)	42,140	67,560	-	54,300
Shareholder communications	9,269	26,806	5,995	14,960
Transfer agent and regulatory fees	10,689	9,412	7,590	5,406
Travel	3,258	3,655	668	137
Net loss for the period	\$ 215,085	\$ 346,540	58,885	192,809
Currency translation adjustment	(4,200)	(254,138)	108,804	(74,299)
Total comprehensive loss/(income) for the period	\$ 210,885	\$ 92,402	\$ 167,689	\$ 118,510

Dividends

There are no restrictions that could prevent the Issuer from paying dividends on its Common Shares. The Issuer has not paid any dividends on its Common Shares and it is not contemplated that the Issuer will pay any dividends in the immediate or foreseeable future. All available cash will be used to finance operations and explore mineral properties, until a revenue stream is generated.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

At July 31, 2019, the Company had a working capital deficiency of \$536,255, including \$200,371 which was owed to related parties.

Long term debt settlement agreements totalling \$2,609,815 have been entered into, which defer the maturity date of various amounts in accounts payable, accrued liabilities and amounts due to related parties until April 2021. The debt agreements are non-interest bearing and are unsecured. To facilitate the transaction the Company issued 262,490 share purchase warrants. Each warrant entitles the holder to purchase one common share of the Company at an exercise price of \$0.15 for a period of two years.

In addition, key management and directors have deferred cash compensation until the liquidity position improves.

Expenditure obligations in terms of the acquisition of its interest in the Fahiakoba Concession have been met in full by the Company.

At present, the Company's operations do not generate cash flow and its financial success is dependent on management's ability to discover and develop economically viable mineral deposits. The mineral exploration process can take many years and is subject to many factors that are beyond the Company's control.

In order to finance the Company’s exploration programs and to cover general and administrative expenses, the Company raises money through shareholder loans and equity issues. In addition, the Company continues to source funding for the development of the Kubi Gold Project as discussed in the “Principal Business” section on page 2 above.

Many factors influence the Company’s ability to raise funds, including the gold price, the general health of the resource market, the climate for mineral exploration investment, the Company’s track record, and the experience and calibre of its management. Actual funding requirements may vary from those planned due to a number of factors, including the progress of exploration activities. Management believes it will be able to raise equity capital as required in the long term, but recognizes there will be risks involved that may be beyond their control.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

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

Exploration Expenditures

Exploration expenditures for the period January 31, 2018 to July 31, 2019 were as follows:

	Property:					
	Fahiakoba	Betanase	Sraha	Kubi	Ayiem	Total
Balance at January 31, 2018	\$ 3,566,840	\$ 251,989	\$ 784,789	\$ 140,939	\$ 24,747	\$ 4,769,304
Geology and geophysics	27,146	3,594	9,556	5,673	2,441	48,410
Field expenses	8,106	2,548	2,548	13,655	2,817	29,674
General and administrative	20,941	13,183	12,972	11,677	13,091	71,864
Currency translation adjustment	248,393	16,306	53,042	(3,954)	753	314,540
Balance at January 31, 2019	\$ 3,871,426	\$ 287,620	\$ 862,907	\$ 167,990	\$ 43,849	\$ 5,233,792
Geology and geophysics	15,141	989	854	631	1,215	18,830
Field expenses	2,657	388	56	5,690	429	9,220
General and administrative	6,726	4,362	2,167	5,781	4,381	23,417
Currency translation adjustment	(2,579)	1,201	4,282	13,781	1,122	17,807
Balance at July 31, 2019	\$ 3,893,371	\$ 294,560	\$ 870,266	\$ 193,873	\$ 50,996	\$ 5,303,066

Outstanding Securities Data

As at September 25, 2019 there are 64,055,757 Common Shares issued and outstanding. There are 7,232,388 warrants and 5,540,000 options outstanding as at that date.

Transactions with Related Parties

Related Party transactions include transactions with key management personnel and their related parties who hold positions in other entities that result in them having control or significant influence over the financial or operating policies of those entities.

For the six months ended July 31, 2019 the following transactions occurred:

a) Management Fees

Management fees of \$30,000 (2018:\$30,000) incurred in connection with day-to-day management and general corporate matters were paid or accrued to a consulting firm owned by a director of the

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Company. At July 31, 2019, \$556,000 (January 31, 2019: \$525,000) in fees were owing to this consulting firm.

Professional services of \$25,500 (2018:\$45,000) charged by a consulting firm owned by an officer of the Company. At July 31, 2019 \$407,192 (January 31, 2019:\$415,667) in fees were owing to this consulting firm.

Professional services of \$42,402 (2018:\$42,038) charged by a director of the Company. At July 31, 2019, \$240,608 (January 31, 2019: \$201,103) in fees were owing to this director.

As at July 31, 2019, included in due to related parties was \$65,132 (January 31, 2019:\$56,953) in expense reimbursements owing to directors and officers of the Company.

As at July 31, 2019, included in due to related parties was \$128,967 (January 31, 2019:\$128,318) in directors' fees owing to directors of the Company.

b) Key Management Compensation

Key management personnel compensation for the six months ended July 31, 2019 is summarized in the notes below.

	July 31,	
	2019	2018
Management and consulting fees paid or payable to MIA Investments Ltd, a company controlled by an officer and director	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000
Professional services paid or payable to 1765271 Ontario Inc., a company controlled by an officer of the Company	25,500	45,000
Management and consulting fees paid or payable to an officer and director	42,402	42,038
	<u>\$ 97,902</u>	<u>\$ 117,038</u>

	July 31,	
	2019	2018
Directors fees:		
F. Riedl-Riedenstein	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000
A. Heath	6,000	6,000
A. Haroun	4,000	-
H. K. Arhin (ASG Mining Limited - Ghana)	7,888	7,821
R. Bourke (Asante Gold Cororation GH Limited - Barbados)	1,000	2,390
R. Holford (Asante Gold Cororation GH Limited - Barbados)	1,000	2,390
	<u>\$ 25,888</u>	<u>\$ 24,601</u>

During the six months ended July 31, 2019 share-based payments with a fair value of \$42,140 (2018: \$13,260) were made to related parties.

c) Loans and advances

Included in due to related parties are loans and advances from related parties.

As at July 31, 2019, \$436,190 (January 31, 2019:\$ 435,909) was owing to Goknet Mining Company Limited, a company with a common director of the Company, in respect of loans and advances.

As at July 31, 2019, \$419,341 (January 31, 2019: \$363,006) was owing to MIA Investments Ltd. in respect of loans and advances.

These transactions have been entered into in the normal course of operations and are recorded at their exchange amounts, which is the consideration agreed upon by the related parties.

Amounts due to related parties are unsecured and non-interest bearing.

Executive management and directors have deferred cash compensation until the working capital position is improved, and accordingly amounts due to related parties including key management and directors have increased. On April 29, 2019, the Company reduced its current accounts payable by CDN\$2,624,905 by entering into long term debt settlement agreements with various creditors, including Directors, Officers and Insiders. To facilitate the transaction, the Company issued 262,490 share purchase warrants, each warrant will entitle the holder to purchase, for a period of 24 months from the date of issue, one common share of the Company at an exercise price of CDN\$0.15 per share. The shares will have a four (4) month hold period from the date of distribution.

Significant Accounting Policies

Significant accounting policies are detailed in the notes to the unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements for the six months ended July 31, 2019, which are available on www.sedar.com and on the Company's website.

Changes in Accounting Policies

- New and Amended IFRS Standards that are Effective for the Current Year

The Company has adopted accounting standard IFRS 16 - Leases effective February 1, 2019. The adoption of these accounting standards had no significant impact on the interim condensed consolidated financial statements.

Risks and Uncertainties

The Company is exposed to a variety of risk factors, of which the most significant are outlined in the section 'Financial Risk Management' below.

Financial Risk Management

The Issuer is exposed in varying degrees to a variety of financial instrument related risks. The Board approves and monitors the risk management processes. The type of risk exposure and the way in which such exposure is managed is provided as follows:

Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk of potential loss to the Issuer if a counterparty to a financial instrument fails

to meet its contractual obligations. The Issuer's credit risk is primarily attributable to its liquid financial assets, including cash and receivables. The Issuer limits the exposure to credit risk by only investing its cash with high-credit quality financial institutions in business and saving accounts, guaranteed investment certificates, and in government treasury bills which are available on demand by the Issuer.

Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Issuer will not be able to meet its financial obligations when they become due. The Issuer ensures, as far as reasonably possible, it will have sufficient capital or access to debt in order to meet short to medium term business requirements, after taking into account cash flows from operations and the Issuer's holdings of cash and cash equivalents. The liquidity risk at this time is high due to the working capital deficiency and the current investment climate related to the still weak gold price effect on junior mining companies. The Company intends to raise funds from external sources through joint ventures, equity and debt.

Foreign Exchange Risk

The Issuer is exposed to financial risk arising from fluctuations in foreign exchange rates and the degree of volatility of these rates. At July 31, 2019, the Company is exposed to currency risk through the following financial instruments denominated in foreign currencies:

	US Dollars	Ghana Cedis
Liabilities	\$ 654,629	¢ 160,951
CAD foreign exchange rate	1.3148	0.2645
CAD equivalent	\$ 860,706	\$ 42,571

A 10% increase in the Canadian (CAD) dollar against the foreign currency at July 31, 2019 would result in an increase (decrease) to net income as tabled below, assuming that all other variables remain constant:

	US Dollars	Ghana Cedis
Change in net income	\$ 86,071	\$ 4,257

The Company is also exposed to foreign currency risk because the Company's exploration and evaluation assets are denominated in United States dollars. A 10% increase in the CAD dollar against the United States dollar at July 31, 2019 would result in a decrease to other comprehensive income of approximately \$530,000 arising from the Company's exploration and evaluation assets.

Interest rate risk

The Issuer is subject to interest rate risk with respect to its investments in cash. The Issuer's policy is to invest cash at fixed rates of interest and cash reserves are to be maintained in cash and cash equivalents in order to maintain liquidity, while achieving a satisfactory return for shareholders. Fluctuations in interest rates when the cash and cash equivalents mature impact interest income earned. The Issuer is not exposed to significant interest rate risk.

Commodity Price Risk

While the value of the Issuer's mineral resource properties is indirectly related to the price of gold, the Issuer currently does not have any operating mines and hence does not have any hedging or other commodity based risks in respect of its operational activities.

Gold prices have historically fluctuated widely and are affected by numerous factors outside of the Issuer's control, including, but not limited to, industrial and retail demand, central bank financial policies, forward sales by producers and speculators, levels of worldwide production, short-term changes in supply and demand because of speculative hedging activities, and certain other factors related specifically to gold.

Capital Management

The Issuer's intended policy is to maintain a strong capital base and deal flow so as to maintain investor and creditor confidence and to sustain future development of the business. Given the poor junior company equity markets over the last few years, the Company decided to rely on debt financing rather than equity in order to minimize share dilution. The capital structure of the Issuer consists of cash and equity, comprising of issued common shares, share based payment reserve, accumulated and other comprehensive income (loss) and deficit.

There were no changes in the Issuer's approach to capital management during the quarter. The Issuer is not subject to any externally imposed capital requirements.

Fair Value

The fair value of the Issuer's financial assets and liabilities approximates their carrying amount. Financial instruments measured at fair value are classified into one of three levels in the fair value hierarchy according to the relative reliability of the inputs used to estimate the fair values. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are:

Level 1 - Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;

Level 2 - Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability either directly or indirectly; and

Level 3 - Inputs that are not based on observable market data.

Financial assets are classified and subsequently measured, based on the purpose for which the asset was acquired, as presented below. All transactions related to financial instruments are recorded on a trade date basis.

The following table shows the classification of financial assets and liabilities under IFRS 9:

Financial assets/liabilities	Classification IFRS 9
Cash	FVTPL
Receivables	Amortized cost
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	Amortized cost
Due to related parties	Amortized cost