

# ASANTE GOLD CORPORATION

Management's Discussion and Analysis

For the three and six months ended July 31, 2023 and 2022

(Expressed in thousands of Canadian dollars)

Dated: September 14, 2023

This Management's Discussion & Analysis ("MD&A") of Asante Gold Corporation ("Asante" or the "Company") provides an analysis of the Company's financial position and results of operations for the three and six months ended July 31, 2023 and 2022. This MD&A was prepared by management of the Company and should be read in conjunction with the annual Management's Discussion & Analysis for the years ended January 31, 2023 and 2022 (the "Annual MD&A") as well as the condensed interim consolidated financial statements for the three and six months ended July 31, 2023 and 2022 (the "Financial Statements") and the audited consolidated financial statements for the years ended January 31, 2023 and 2022 (the "Annual MD&A") as well as the condensed interim Statements"). The Company's Financial Statements are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board and interpretations of the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee. For further information on the Company, reference should be made to its public filings on SEDAR+ at www.sedarplus.ca.

Asante was incorporated under the Canada Business Corporations Act on May 4, 2011 and has continued as a company under the Business Corporations Act (British Columbia). The address of the Company's corporate office and principal place of business is Suite 615, 800 West Pender Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, V6C 2V6. The Company is currently listed on the Canadian Securities Exchange ("CSE") under the symbol "ASE" and the Ghana Stock Exchange ("GSE") under the symbol "ASG".

This MD&A is current as of September 14, 2023 and was approved by the Company's Board of Directors.

In this MD&A, unless the context otherwise dictates, a reference to "us", "we", "our", or similar terms refers to the Company. All dollar figures included herein are quoted in thousands of Canadian dollars except where noted or the context otherwise requires. References to "\$" are to Canadian dollars, references to "US\$" are to US dollars, references to "GHS" are to Ghanaian Cedi. Throughout this MD&A, the first, second, third and fourth quarters of the Company's fiscal years are referred to as "Q1", "Q2", "Q3" and "Q4", respectively. The year-to-date periods ended July 31, 2023 and 2022 are referred to as "YTD 2024" and "YTD 2023", respectively. The years ended January 31, 2024 and 2023 are referred to as "fiscal 2024" and "fiscal 2023", respectively.

Asante has a number of subsidiaries which own and operate assets and conduct activities in different jurisdictions. The terms "Asante" or the "Company" are used in this MD&A for simplicity of the discussion provided herein and may include references to subsidiaries that have an affiliation with Asante, without necessarily identifying the specific nature of such affiliation.

# CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION

This MD&A contains "forward-looking information" within the meaning of applicable Canadian securities legislation. All information, other than statements of historical facts, included in this MD&A that address activities, events or developments that the Company expects or anticipates will or may occur in the future, including such things as future business strategy, competitive strengths, goals, expansion and growth of the Company's businesses, operations, plans and other such matters are forward-looking information.

When used in this MD&A, the words "estimate", "plan", "continue", "anticipate", "might", "expect", "project", "intend", "may", "will", "shall", "should", "could", "would", "predict", "forecast", "pursue", "potential", "believe" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking information. This information involves known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of the Company to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking information.

Examples of such forward-looking information include information pertaining to, without limitation: the ability to finance additional construction costs on schedule and on terms acceptable to the Company; the realization of mineral resource and mineral reserve estimates; the timing and amount of estimated future production; the impact of inflation on costs of exploration, development and production; estimated production and mine life of the various mineral projects of the Company; the benefits of the development potential of the properties of the Company; the future price of gold and silver; the market and global demand for gold and silver; the estimation of mineral reserves and resources; success of exploration activities; currency exchange rate fluctuations; labour availability, costs and conditions; supply chain elasticity; inherent hazards associated with mining operations; costs of production, expansion of production capabilities; the ability to obtain surface rights to support planned infrastructure at the Corporation's exploration and development projects; requirements for additional capital; government regulation of mining operations; environmental risks and hazards; title disputes or claims; and limitations on insurance coverage.

Factors that could cause actual results to vary materially from results anticipated by such forward-looking statements include: the availability and changing terms of financing; variations in ore grade or recovery rates; changes in market conditions, including, but not limited to, supply chain issues and inflation; risks relating to the availability and timeliness of permitting and governmental approvals; risks relating to international operations; fluctuating metal prices and currency exchange rates; changes in project parameters; the possibility of project cost overruns or unanticipated costs and expenses; the impact of COVID-19 and the impact and effectiveness of governmental responses to COVID-19; labour disputes; and other risks of the mining industry, including but not limited to, the failure of plant, equipment or processes to operate as anticipated. For a more detailed discussion of these factors and other risks, see "Risk Factors and Uncertainties" and the Company's most recent Annual Information Form that is available on the Company's profile on SEDAR+ at www.sedarplus.ca.

Although the Company has attempted to identify important factors that could cause actual actions, events or results to differ materially from those described in forward-looking information, there may be other factors that cause actions, events or results not to be as anticipated, estimated or intended. Forward-looking information contained herein is made as of the date of this MD&A. There can be no assurance that forward-looking information will prove to be accurate, as actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such statements. Accordingly, readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward-looking information. Except as required by law, the Company does not assume the obligation to revise or update forward looking information after the date of this document or to revise such statements to reflect the occurrence of future unanticipated events.

### PRINCIPAL BUSINESS AND CORPORATE DEVELOPMENTS

Asante is a mineral exploration and gold production company primarily involved in the assessment, acquisition, development, and operation 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.

In March 2021, the Company undertook a review of its strategic planning, which led to a refocus on becoming a gold producer. The review resulted in an influx of new capital and investors, principally Ghanaian based investors, and a renewed focus to develop the Kubi Gold Project ("Kubi"). The review led to the acquisition of the Bibiani Gold Mine ("Bibiani") in August 2021, followed by the acquisition of the Chirano Gold Mine ("Chirano") in August 2022.

### Acquisition of Mensin Bibiani Pty. Ltd. and Mensin Gold Bibiani Ltd.

On August 24, 2021, the Company acquired all of Resolute Mining Limited's ("Resolute") ownership interest in the Bibiani Gold Mine in Ghana through the purchase of all the issued and outstanding common shares of Mensin Bibiani Pty. Ltd., leading to the Company's indirect ownership of 90% in Bibiani, with the Ghanaian Government retaining a 10% ownership interest. At the time of acquisition, the Bibiani Gold Mine was in care and maintenance. In September 2021, the Company undertook refurbishment of the Bibiani process plant under an engineering, procurement, and construction management contract with a budgeted cost of approximately US\$26 million.

In connection with the acquisition of Bibiani, Asante acquired potential exploration opportunities, both from near surface and underground targets. Subsequently, a drill program commenced on the Bibiani main pit and associated satellite pits, principally the Walsh and Strauss pits. The Company reported early results from expansion drilling on the Walsh Satellite pit, which confirmed extension and grade continuity of mineralization beneath the then US\$1,500 per ounce design pit shell. The Strauss pit delivered the early ounces as expected and the assay results improved the existing deposit model and supported mine extension of the Walsh satellite pit. As of July 31, 2023, more than 73,000 ounces of contained gold have been mined from the Walsh pit. Follow-up drilling continues at the Walsh and Strauss pits, with focus on extending the Walsh and Strauss Pits further to confirm the underground shoot extensions which form part of the Company's long term underground mining strategy. See the Company's January 19, 2023 news release, a copy of which is available on the Company's profile on SEDAR+ at www.sedarplus.ca, for further details.

Exploratory drilling to the southwest of the existing Bibiani reserves identified the South Russel prospect. Drill results announced by the Company in news releases dated March 29, 2022, August 17, 2022 and January 17, 2023 confirmed over 500 metres strike length of mineralization. The gold mineralized system remains open along strike and at depth and the results lend themselves to the probable development of an additional satellite pit near the Bibiani Main Pit and process plant. On September 14, 2023, the Company announced a Maiden Mineral Resource Estimate (see press release for full details). Additional planned drilling has commenced, to include infill of the inferred mineral resource areas within the constrained shell and also to grow the mineral resources to the south. The Company plans to accelerate starter pit development with infrastructure construction and mining scheduled to commence in December 2023.

### Acquisition of Red Back Mining Pty. Ltd. and Chirano Gold Mines Limited

On August 10, 2022, the Company acquired all issued and outstanding common shares of Asante Chirano Australia Pty Ltd. (formerly Red Back Mining Pty. Ltd) ("Asante Chirano"), which indirectly holds a 90% interest in the Chirano Gold Mine, and its subsidiaries, Chirano Mines Limited (formerly Red Back Mining (Ghana) Limited), Chirano Gold Mines Limited ("CGML"), Chirano Explorer Limited (formerly Red Back Mining No 2 (Ghana) Limited), and Chirano Exploration Limited (formerly Red Back Mining Ghana Limited) (the "Chirano Group"). The purchase consideration was comprised of the issuance of 34,962,584 common shares of the Company at a value of \$1.35 per share, which was the share price of the Company on the closing date of this acquisition, a cash payment of \$77,280 (US\$60.00 million) and deferred cash consideration of \$172,958 (US\$134.28 million) payable to Kinross Gold Corporation ("Kinross"), as well as \$4,830 (US\$3.75 million) contingent consideration representing indemnifiable tax liability. Of the total deferred cash consideration, \$77,904 (US\$60.48 million) was payable on February 10, 2023 ("second cash payment"), \$47,527 (US\$36.90 million) was payable on August 10, 2023 and \$47,527 (US\$36.90 million) was payable on August 10, 2023 and \$47,527 (US\$36.90 million) was payable on August 10, 2024.

On February 13, 2023, the Company entered into an amended purchase agreement with Kinross regarding the acquisition of the Chirano Group. Pursuant to the amendment, the payment schedule of the second cash payment, with total amount of US\$60.48 million, was modified as follows:

- US\$10.00 million payable on February 17, 2023 of which \$6.74 million (US\$5.00 million) has been paid,
- US\$10.00 million payable on March 31, 2023 (unpaid),
- US\$10.00 million payable on April 30, 2023 (unpaid), and
- US\$30.48 million payable on May 31, 2023 (unpaid).

The consideration payable accrues interest at a rate ranging from prime plus 3% to 5% (calculated daily and compounded semiannually) from February 10, 2023 to the date of payment in full of such amount plus all accrued interest. The Company is in dialogue with Kinross on the outstanding deferred payments which are expected to be paid when the Company's financing initiatives are achieved. As partial consideration for amending the purchase agreement, the Company agreed to issue 5 million common share purchase warrants of the Company, with each warrant being exercisable to acquire one common share of the Company at a price of \$2.25 per share for 36 months following the date of issuance. Kinross has agreed not to exercise any warrants within six months from the date of issue. All payments pursuant to the purchase agreement will be accelerated by a change of control of Asante or the Chirano Group.

Under a finder's fee agreement with Induusi Resources Public Limited ("Induusi"), the Company acknowledged Induusi's prior interest in the Chirano Group. Induusi owns prospecting licences near the Chirano mining lease. It was agreed between the parties that Induusi will assign its interest and further sell to the Company the Induusi owned prospecting licences together with further Induusi owned options over additional prospecting licences. In consideration for the assignment of the interest and sale of properties and property options, it was agreed on closing of the acquisition of the Chirano Group to issue to Induusi a finder's fee consisting of US\$1M in cash, 5,000,000 common shares in the capital of the Company and a 2% net smelter returns royalty over the Induusi prospecting licences to be transferred to the Company. Induusi had two common directors with the Company and the conflict of interest was declared. Accordingly, the Board appointed a committee of Independent Directors (the "Special Committee") to assess and negotiate the purchase of the Induusi interests. The Special Committee found the purchase of the Induusi interests and the finder's fee payable to be fair and to the benefit of Asante shareholders. As at July 31, 2023, the transaction had not closed. The Company has accrued \$8,818 in connection with the cash and shares to be issued as a finder's fee upon closing. As of the date of this MD&A, no finder's fees have been paid.

### STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES AND OUTLOOK

Following the acquisitions of Bibiani and Chirano, the Company's focus is to obtain synergies across its operations to increase productivity and efficiency and to drive long-term growth and profitability. To achieve this goal, the Company is taking actions as described below:

### a) Chirano Transition and Business Improvement Plan

Post acquisition, the Company initiated a transition and business improvement plan at Chirano with the objective of increasing gold production and reducing unit operating and sustaining capital costs through the following initiatives:

- Gravity plant design, procurement and installation is advanced, with completion expected October 2023;
- Oxygen addition to the CIL (carbon-in-leach) process is proceeding and an oxygen plant is planned for installation in Q4 of fiscal 2024;

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- A pebble crusher has been procured and installed on schedule and throughput capacity has increased from 3.4Mt/y to 3.7Mt/y. Further primary grinding upgrades are planned to be operational in Q4 of fiscal 2024 with the aim of increasing process plant throughput from 3.7Mt/y to 4.0Mt/y;
- Relocation of minor infrastructure and facilities, planned to provide access to and expansion of the Akoti South open pit, and the second cut at the Sariehu open pit is progressing well. Mining from the Mamnao central and south pits is being completed during Q3 of fiscal 2024 and is being replaced by Sariehu and Mamnao north pits. Management expects these initiatives will provide access to incremental resources;
- Studies and associated initiatives are progressing on schedule to be finalised in Q4 of fiscal 2024, with design to improve the current material handling systems at the Northern mines, and deliver ore to the process plant effectively and at lower cost;
- Initiatives to capture synergies to yield benefits related to the supply of principal consumable materials between the Bibiani and Chirano mines are being advanced;
- Other cost saving and productivity improvement initiatives have advanced, with results expected to start later in fiscal 2024;
- Development of Obra (wide orebody), Suraw and the lower Tano underground mines have been accelerated. Underground
  mining has started earlier than planned at the Obra mine which is supplanting plant feed;
- The Company plans to invest a minimum of \$5 million per year in near mine and regional exploration over the next three years with the intention of increasing Chirano's life of mine ("LOM") to 10 years;
- Exploration projects such as the Suraw mine, Obra mine and open pit mining life extension projects at the Sariehu/Mamnao area are progressing as planned to support a robust mining program and extend the mining life; and
- The Company has developed a 10-year operational strategy as part of its LOM extension program which is systematically updated.

# b) Bibiani Business Improvement Plan

The Company continues to focus on its business improvement plan at Bibiani with the objective of increasing gold production and reducing unit operating and capital costs through the following initiatives:

- A gravity plant has been installed and is performing as planned with the further installation of a scalping screen to increase gravity gold recovery by 5%. This will be completed during Q4 of fiscal 2024;
- The Oxygen plant has been installed on schedule and has been providing oxygen to the plant since September 2023. In addition, a Mach reactor will be installed to increase oxygen utilization during Q3 of fiscal 2024;
- A pebble crusher has been ordered and will be installed during Q4 of fiscal 2024 with the aim of increasing process plant throughput from 3.0 Mt/y to 4.0Mt/y in the next two years;
- The primary crusher upgrade is planned for completion in Q3 of fiscal 2024;
- Sulphide recovery plant long lead items are in progress with the main items ready to be shipped for installation;
- Upgrades and expansions of the CIL and elution circuits are in progress and expected to be completed by Q1 of fiscal 2025;
- Other cost saving and productivity improvement initiatives have started with implementation planned in Q3 of fiscal 2024;
- The Company has developed a 10-year operational strategy as part of its LOM extension program which is systematically updated; and
- Exploration of near mine targets proved to be successful with the South Russel project, where a starter pit is planned by the end of fiscal 2024.

# c) Capturing synergies between Bibiani and Chirano

The Company has commenced initiatives to capture synergies between Bibiani and Chirano as the processing plants are situated approximately 15km apart. These initiatives include development of an access road to directly link the processing plants and increase access for exploration along the highly mineralized Bibiani-Chirano shear. This road will become a mine haul road so that ore can be treated where most appropriate, based upon availability and mineralogy. Asante continues to develop opportunities to share infrastructure and to realize operational cost reductions among its operations.

# d) Other focuses

- The Company expects to continue exploration drilling activities in underexplored areas within the Bibiani mining lease, principally the area further south of South Russel and the Pamunu prospect area supported by exploration fieldwork along the Chirano-Bibiani shear zones.
- Extensive geophysical surveys will continue to the north of Bibiani Mine Lease, covering the Donkoto prospecting license.
- Preparatory work for flora and fauna assessment studies are planned to commence on the Kubi Gold Mine in preparation for a biodiversity offset plan as a precursor to environmental permit applications.

### SIGNIFICANT EVENTS DURING FISCAL 2024

During the six months ended July 31, 2023, the Company has been focused on exploring the areas as identified in the 10-year strategic and business improvement strategies at Bibiani and Chirano gold mines aiming to improve its margins on commercial production at its two producing mines, Chirano and Bibiani.

### Highlights of equity and financing transactions

On March 28, 2023, Asante announced that it entered into an agreement with a major institutional investor, pursuant to which Asante agreed to sell, on a non-brokered private placement basis, 18,232,000 units of the Company (each, a "Unit") at a purchase price of \$1.50 per Unit for aggregate gross proceeds of \$27,348 (the "Offering"). On April 6, 2023, the Company closed the Offering and issued 18,232,000 Units. Each Unit comprised one common share and one common share purchase warrant of the Company (a "Warrant"), with each Warrant exercisable to acquire one common share for a price of \$1.75 per share until April 6, 2024. The Units were subject to a four-month hold period from April 6, 2023 in accordance with applicable securities laws. No commissions or finder's fees were paid by the Company in connection with the Offering. The Company intends to use the proceeds from the Offering for exploration and development of the Company's mineral properties and general corporate working capital purposes.

On April 20, 2023, the Company announced that it received an unsolicited, non-binding and conditional expression of interest (the "Non-Binding Expression of Interest") from Fujairah Holding LLC, which owns 11.43% of the outstanding shares of the Company, ("Fujairah") expressing an interest in acquiring all of the Company's issued and outstanding common shares not held by Fujairah for a contemplated cash consideration of \$2.20 per common share. Following a review, in consultation with the Company's financial and legal advisors, the Board determined that the Non-Binding Expression of Interest was highly conditional and failed to address Asante's near-term financing requirements.

On June 5, 2023, following receipt of government approval, the Company issued 7,000,000 common shares with fair value of \$13,790 to Goknet pursuant to an agreement to close the acquisition of the Kubi Mining Leases.

During the six months ended July 31, 2023, the Company issued 1,205,000 common shares upon the exercise of 1,205,000 options for gross proceeds of \$190, issued 38,710,601 common shares upon the exercise of 38,710,601 warrants for gross proceeds of \$9,678, and issued 19,033 common shares upon exercise of 19,033 RSUs.

### Highlights of operations and production

Following the achievement of commercial production, the Company has been planning to extend the Bibiani open pit LOM from 8.3 years to +10 years with successful exploration leading to development at South Russel (refer to Asante news releases of March 29, 2022, August 17, 2022 and January 17, 2023) and drilling programs at the Grasshopper and Elizabeth satellite deposits as planned. A maiden Mineral Resource Estimation (MRE) for South Russel has been completed by the Bibiani Technical Team and a Starter pit development is scheduled to begin in Q4 of fiscal 2024. The Company continues its near mine development exploration program with planned drilling of approximately 25,000 metres per year for 2023 and 2024. The Bibiani Technical Team initiated an underground mine planning study to define development of an underground mine operation that will access mineralized deposits below the Bibiani Main Pit and the satellite pits. Asante anticipates the underground mine program initiative will increase annual gold production significantly and proceed from 2025 and extend mine life beyond the period of open pit mining.

On April 6, 2023, Asante announced results of the ongoing exploration drilling program at the Aboduabo prospect (refer to Asante news release of April 6, 2023). To date, 50 drill holes totaling 11,950m have been completed. The drilling program has been accelerated and new intercepts confirm near surface, high grade mineralization, with increased widths. The latest results extend the footprint of the prospect to the north, to approximately one kilometer in length. There are significant intercepts down plunge in multiple mineralized structures, which highlight the strong upside potential of the Aboduabo prospect. The intercepts are consistent with those previously encountered in both gold grade and thickness. The prospect remains open along strike and at depth.

### Highlights of changes in management personnel

On June 2, 2023, the Company announced the resignation of Chief Financial Officer ("CFO"), Jon Grygorcewicz, who has left the Company for personal reasons. Dindiok Chialin, Deputy CFO of the Company, served as Interim CFO until the Company appointed a new CFO. On August 14, 2023, the Company announced appointment of David Wiens as the CFO of the Company.

# **OVERVIEW OF OPERATING RESULTS**

The table below details the operating statistics for the Bibiani Gold Mine and Chirano Gold Mine for the last four fiscal quarters and for the six months ended July 31, 2023.

	YTD 2024	Q2 2024	Q1 2024	Q4 2023	Q3 2023
Ore mined (tonnes)	110 2024	SE LVET	ST LVLT	Q 1 2020	QU 2020
Bibiani Gold Mine	1,022,009	447,452	574,557	562,338	613.697
Chirano Gold Mine	1,726,689	537,338	1,189,351	840,167	613,680
Consolidated	2,748,698	984,790	1,763,908	1,402,505	1,227,377
Ore rehandled (tonnes)	, ,	,	, ,		, ,
Bibiani Gold Mine	-	-	-	-	-
Chirano Gold Mine	-	-	-	63,899	133,104
Consolidated	-	-	-	63,899	133,104
Ore moved (tonnes)					
Bibiani Gold Mine	1,022,009	447,452	574,557	562,338	613,697
Chirano Gold Mine	1,726,689	537,338	1,189,351	904,065	746,783
Consolidated	2,748,698	984,790	1,763,908	1,466,403	1,360,480
Ore processed (tonnes)					
Bibiani Gold Mine	1,119,704	500,621	619,083	692,001	612,270
Chirano Gold Mine	1,676,309	855,291	821,018	821,321	754,255
Consolidated	2,796,013	1,355,912	1,440,101	1,513,322	1,366,525
Grade (grams/tonne)					
Bibiani Gold Mine	1.50	1.54	1.46	1.74	1.54
Chirano Gold Mine	1.52	1.57	1.46	1.43	1.33
Consolidated	1.51	1.56	1.46	1.57	1.42
Recovery (%)					
Bibiani Gold Mine	69%	67%	72%	85%	81%
Chirano Gold Mine	87%	85%	86%	88%	88%
Consolidated	80%	85%	79%	87%	86%
Gold equivalent produced (Ounces)					
Bibiani Gold Mine	37,352	17,351	20,001	35,494	25,103
Chirano Gold Mine	71,645	40,274	31,371	33,242	28,400
Consolidated	108,997	57,625	51,372	68,736	53,503
Gold equivalent sold (Ounces)					
Bibiani Gold Mine	36,550	16,698	19,852	36,659	24,224
Chirano Gold Mine	67,872	35,913	31,959	30,738	29,092
Consolidated	104,422	52,611	51,811	67,396	53,316
Metal sales (thousands of CAD)					
Bibiani Gold Mine	90,680	41,690	48,990	83,865	54,403
Chirano Gold Mine	176,951	94,071	82,880	74,588	61,873
Consolidated	267,631	135,761	131,870	158,453	116,276
Average gold price realised (CAD)					
Bibiani Gold Mine	2,481	2,497	2,468	2,288	2,246
Chirano Gold Mine	2,607	2,619	2,593	2,427	2,127
Consolidated	2,563	2,580	2,545	2,351	2,181
All-in sustaining cost per equivalent					
ounce sold (CAD)			<i></i>		
Bibiani Gold Mine	3,508	3,527	3,491	1,645	2,920
Chirano Gold Mine	2,575	2,597	2,550	3,119	2,117
Consolidated	2,901	2,892	2,910	2,317	2,482

Following the first gold pour at Bibiani in July 2022, the Company started to generate revenue in August 2022. During Q2 2024, the Company produced and sold in total 57,625 and 52,611 ounces of gold equivalent, respectively. Consolidated gold equivalent production and gold equivalent sales in Q2 2024 increased by 12% and 2%, respectively, compared to Q1 2024, mostly attributed to Chirano.

At Bibiani, production and cost metrics in Q2 of fiscal 2024 continued to be negatively impacted by equipment availability issues and delay in completion of key metallurgical projects due to limited capital funds, most notably the sulfide recovery plant, resulting in reduced metallurgical efficiency. The Company is pursuing near-term funding initiatives to finance the completion of planned plant upgrades and address equipment availability issues. If successful, this is expected to have a materially positive impact on production and cost metrics moving forward. In the interim, near-term actions are being implemented to address the issues.

At Chirano, production and sales increased in the quarter consistent with increased grades due to reduced dilution in underground mining. Cost metrics remained in line with Q1 of fiscal 2024.

All-in sustaining cost per equivalent ounce sold ("AISC") for Bibiani and Chirano increased by 1% and 2%, respectively, compared to Q1 2024. Consolidated AISC decreased by 1% in Q2 2024 to \$2,892 as compared to \$2,910 in Q1 2024, mainly as a result of the increase in quantity of gold produced and sold from Chirano which was driven by higher ore grades and recovery. Higher AISC in Bibiani is driven by the lower production due the lower recovery and lower ore delivery which does not compensate for all the fixed costs of the mine.

During Q2 2024, the Company had a consolidated average gold price realized of \$2,580 per ounce, which increased by 1% compared to Q1 2024. The increase in the average gold price realized towards the end of Q2 2024 was due to a combination of factors, including strong demand for gold in the global market, geopolitical and economic uncertainty.

### **OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE**

#### Q2 2024 compared to Q2 2023

	Q2 2024	Q2 2023
	\$	\$
Revenue	135,761	-
Cost of sales	178,531	-
Gross loss	(42,770)	-
Operating expenses		
Accretion	2,981	-
Depreciation and depletion	-	8,742
Finance charges	5,338	6,184
General and administrative expenses	3,192	119
Management and consulting fees	2,721	1,350
Professional fees	2,537	299
Share-based payments	139	3,626
Other operating income, net	(5,248)	(7,486)
Operating loss	(54,430)	(12,834)
Other expenses, net	(9,410)	(4,117)
Net loss before income tax	(63,840)	(16,951)
Income tax expense	(3,722)	-
Net loss	(67,562)	(16,951)
Net loss attributed to:		
Shareholders of the Company	(62,382)	(16,076)
Non-controlling interest	(5,180)	(875)

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# <u>Revenue</u>

Revenue was \$135,761 compared to \$nil in the prior year comparable period. The Company's revenue in the current period was comprised of \$135,470 and \$291 from sales of gold doré and silver, respectively. Of the total revenue earned, \$41,690 was from Bibiani and \$94,071 from Chirano.

## Gross loss

Gross loss was \$42,770 compared to \$nil in the prior year comparable period. The Company's first gold pour at Bibiani was in July 2022 and sales commenced in August 2022. The gross loss is due to a higher proportion of fixed costs of sales compared to lower production and lower ore delivery resulting from low recovery following delays in executing of critical capital projects to ramp up production at both mines. Management expects gross margin to improve once production ramps up.

### Accretion

Accretion was \$2,981 compared to \$nil in the prior year comparable period due to the accretion on deferred payments due to Kinross and on the Company's rehabilitation provision.

### Depreciation and depletion

Total depreciation and depletion was \$40,956 compared to \$10,941 in the prior year comparable period. In the current period, \$36,277 was included in cost of sales and \$4,679 was included in inventory as well as exploration and evaluation assets. In the prior year comparable period, \$8,742 was included in operating expenses and \$2,199 was included in inventory. The increase in depreciation and depletion was due to the Company's commencement of commercial production at Bibiani compared to the prior year period when assets were not yet put into service. In addition, the current period amount contains depreciation and depletion associated with Chirano which was acquired in August 2022 (Q3 2023).

### Finance charges

Finance charges were \$5,338 compared to \$6,184 in the prior year comparable period. The increase in finance charges was mainly due to facilitation fees for the metal streaming contract of \$5,982 that the Company entered into in July 2022. The fees were subsequently reclassified to cost of sales when the Company commenced gold sales.

### General and administrative expenses

General and administrative expenses were \$3,192 compared to \$119 in the prior year comparable period due to the commencement of production during July 2022 and the Company's expansion on the acquisition of Chirano operations which led to the Company incurring greater insurance expenses and corporate costs.

### Management and consulting fees

Management and consulting fees were \$2,721 compared to \$1,350 in the prior year comparable period. This increase was impacted by incremental management resources required with the increased scale of the business compared to the prior year comparable period, and additional director fees.

### Professional fees

Professional fees were \$2,537 compared to \$299 in the prior year comparable period. The increase was primarily due to requirements associated with the Company's transition to having two mines in commercial production and being dual listed on both the Canadian Stock Exchange and the Ghana Stock Exchange, incurring additional legal and regulatory compliance costs.

### Share-based payments

Share-based payments were \$139 compared \$3,626 in the prior year comparable period. In the current period, share-based payments are comprised of stock option and RSUs vesting of \$46 and \$93, respectively. In the prior year comparable period, share-based payments comprised of the vesting of RSUs with fair values of \$336 and vesting of stock options of \$3,290.

### Other operating income, net

Other operating income, net was \$5,248 compared to \$7,486 in the prior year comparable period. Current year period operating income, net is comprised of foreign exchange gain of \$6,419, partially offset by travel expenses of \$747 and advertising, trade shows and promotion, shareholder communications, transfer agent and regulatory fees of \$424. Prior year period operating income, net is comprised of foreign exchange gain of \$7,971, partially offset by travel expenses of \$129 and advertising, trade shows and promotion, shareholder communications, transfer agent and regulatory fees of \$356.

### YTD 2024 compared to YTD 2023

	YTD 2024	YTD 2023
	\$	\$
Revenue	267,631	-
Cost of sales	361,230	-
Gross loss	(93,599)	-
Operating expenses		
Accretion	8,636	-
Depreciation and depletion	-	11,805
Finance charges	9,939	6,222
General and administrative expenses	6,717	223
Management and consulting fees	4,733	4,100
Professional fees	3,680	514
Share-based payments	733	18,019
Other operating income, net	(5,927)	(6,508)
Operating loss	(122,110)	(34,375)
Other expenses, net	(13,938)	(4,419)
Net loss before income tax	(136,048)	(38,794)
Income tax expense	(5,269)	-
Net loss	(141,317)	(38,794)
Net loss attributed to:		
Shareholders of the Company	(130,542)	(37,613)
Non-controlling interest	(10,775)	(1,181)

### <u>Revenue</u>

Revenue was \$267,631 compared to \$nil in the prior year comparable period. The Company's revenue in the current period was comprised of \$266,964 and \$667 from sales of gold doré and silver, respectively. Of the total revenue earned, \$90,680 was from Bibiani and \$176,951 from Chirano.

#### Gross loss

Gross loss was \$93,599 compared to \$nil in the prior year comparable period. The Company's first gold pour at Bibiani was in July 2022 and sales commenced in August 2022. The gross loss is due to a higher proportion of fixed costs of sales compared to lower production and lower ore delivery resulting from low recovery following delays in executing of critical capital projects to ramp up production at both mines. Management expects gross margin to improve once production ramps up.

#### Accretion

Accretion was \$8,636 compared to \$nil in the prior year comparable period due to the accretion on deferred payments due to Kinross and on the Company's rehabilitation provision.

### Depreciation and depletion

Depreciation and depletion was \$84,700 compared to \$14,019 in the prior year comparable period. In the current period, \$72,893 was included in cost of sales and \$11,807 was capitalized in inventory as well as exploration and evaluation assets. In the prior year comparable period, \$11,805 was included in operating expenses and \$2,214 was capitalized into inventory. The increase in depreciation and depletion was due to the Company's commencement of commercial production at Bibiani compared to the prior year period when assets were not yet put into service. In addition, the current period amount contains depreciation and depletion associated with Chirano, which was acquired in August 2022 (Q3 2023).

### Finance charges

Finance charges were \$9,939 compared to \$6,222 in the prior year comparable period. The increase in finance charges was mainly due to interest from additional loans obtained by the Company during the current period as well as interest accrued on Kinross deferred payment which started in February 2023.

#### General and administrative expenses

General and administrative expenses were \$6,717 compared to \$223 in the prior year comparable period due to the commencement of production during July 2022 and Company's expansion on the acquisition of Chirano operations, leading to the Company incurring greater insurance expenses and corporate costs.

#### Management and consulting fees

Management and consulting fees were \$4,733 compared to \$4,100 in the prior year comparable period. This increase was impacted by incremental management resources required with the increased scale of the business compared to the prior year comparable period, and additional director fees.

#### Professional fees

Professional fees were \$3,680 compared to \$514 in the prior year comparable period. The increase was primarily due to requirements associated with the Company's transition to having two mines in commercial production and being dual listed on both the Canadian Stock Exchange and the Ghana Stock Exchange, incurring additional legal and regulatory compliance costs.

#### Share-based payments

Share-based payments were \$733 compared \$18,019 in the prior year comparable period. In the current period, share-based payments are comprised only of stock option vesting of \$456 and RSUs of \$277. In the prior year comparable period, share-based payments comprised of the vesting of RSUs and immediately vesting of DSUs with fair values of \$989 and \$7,286, respectively, as well as vesting of stock options of \$9,744.

### Other operating income, net

Other operating income, net was \$5,927 compared to \$6,508 in the prior year comparable period. The current year period other operating income, net is comprised of a foreign exchange gain of \$8,245; partially offset by travel expenses of \$1,457 as well as advertising, trade shows and promotion, shareholder communications, transfer agent and regulatory fees of \$861. The prior year period other operating income, net was comprised of foreign exchange gain of \$7,564; partially offset by travel expenses of \$232 as well as advertising, trade shows and promotion, shareholder communications, transfer agent and regulatory fees of \$824.

### SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY FINANCIAL RESULTS

Selected financial data during the last eight quarters is as follows:

	Q2 2024	Q1 2024	Q4 2023	Q3 2023
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total assets	962,522	1,000,768	977,632	946,550
Total liabilities	914,576	889,417	845,021	708,322
Working capital deficit	(604,602)	(580,465)	(561,487)	(295,748)
Total revenue	267,631	131,870	158,453	116,276
Net loss	(67,562)	(73,755)	(77,432)	(72,288)
Net loss per share <sup>(1)</sup>	(0.14)	(0.17)	(0.21)	(0.19)

# ASANTE GOLD CORPORATION

### Management's Discussion & Analysis

For the three and six months ended July 31, 2023 and 2022

(Expressed in thousands of Canadian dollars, except where noted)

	Q2 2023	Q1 2023	Q4 2022	Q3 2022
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total assets	490,374	319,660	226,851	167,703
Total liabilities	314,316	134,171	133,015	85,254
Working capital deficit	(173,553)	(70,078)	(100,922)	(35,573)
Total revenue	-	-	- -	-
Net loss	(16,951)	(21,843)	(3,705)	(4,160)
Net loss per share <sup>(1)</sup>	(0.06)	(0.07)	(0.01)	(0.03)

(1) Net loss per share in Q3 2023, Q2 2023 and Q1 2023 were previously reported as comprehensive loss per share attributed to shareholders of the Company. These figures have been amended to present these quarters as net loss per share attributed to shareholders of the Company.

The Company's total assets have grown significantly over the last eight quarters due to the acquisitions of Bibiani and Chirano. Total liabilities have increased as a result of these acquisitions as well. Over the last eight quarters, the Company has experienced a general trend in increased net loss. The highest net loss occurred during Q3 2023, Q4 2023 and Q1 2024 resulting from the Company's transformation from an exploration company to a gold producer and the ramp up in operating activities at its mines. Net loss in Q2 2024 was lower compared to the preceding three periods due to the Company's effort in reducing production costs. While the Company has started to generate revenue from its new operations, the significant increase in expenses related to the transformation and expansion has outweighed the revenue generated. This is common for companies in the early commercial production stage as there are high operating expenses associated with the integration of newly acquired capital investments.

### SOURCES AND USES OF CASH

A summary of the Company's cash flow is as follows:

	Q2 2024	Q2 2023	YTD 2024	YTD 2023
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cash provided by operating activities	19,801	121,863	23,944	99,223
Cash used in investing activities	(24,452)	(35,634)	(58,757)	(97,390)
Cash provided by financing activities	3,980	210	42,050	99,594
Effect of foreign exchange on cash	1,606	1,423	1,737	1,297
Change in cash	935	87,862	8,974	102,724
Cash, beginning of period	10,850	20,711	2,811	5,849
Cash, end of period	11,785	108,573	11,785	108,573

Review of the Company's cash flow during Q2 2024 and Q2 2023:

Cash provided by operating activities in Q2 2024 decreased to \$19,801 compared to \$121,863 in the prior year comparable period. The higher cash provided by operating activities during the prior year comparable period was mainly due to the Company entering into a metal streaming contract in July 2022 with proceeds of \$130,150 which was used by the Company to cover the expenses during the initial phase of gold production as well as to support investment in capital projects.

Cash used in investing activities decreased to \$24,452 compared to \$35,634 in the prior year comparable period. The decrease was mainly due to less expenditures on property, plant and equipment totalling \$9,401 in the current period, partially offset by more expenditures on acquiring the Company's mineral properties of \$12,725 and the repayment of Resolute deferred payments of \$1,994. During the prior year comparable period, the Company had cash expenditures on property, plant and equipment of \$35,454 and made an investment in exploration and evaluation assets of \$180.

Cash provided by financing activities increased to \$3,980 compared to \$210 in the prior year comparable period. The increase in financing cash flow in current period was primarily due to more debt financing activities, resulting in proceeds from loans payable of \$23,068 to support the Company's working capital, partially offset by loan repayments of \$19,218. During the prior year comparable period, the Company received cash from warrant exercises of \$210.

### Review of the Company's cash flow during YTD 2024 and YTD 2023:

Cash provided by operating activities in the current period decreased to \$23,944 compared to \$99,223 in the prior year comparable period. The lower cash provided by operating activities in the current period was mainly due to higher operating expenses following the Company's expansion. The higher cash provided by operating activities during the prior year comparable

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period was mainly due to the Company entering into a metal streaming contract in July 2022 with proceeds of \$130,150 which was used by the Company to cover the expenses during the initial phase of gold production as well as investment in capital projects.

Cash used in investing activities decreased to \$58,757 compared to \$97,390 in the prior year comparable period. The decrease in current period was mainly due to less spending on capital projects as the Company's cash use has been primarily allocated to operating activities and capital expenditures deemed necessary to the operation. Higher cash used in investing activities in the prior year comparable period was mainly due to the repayment of Resolute deferred payments and additional purchases of marketable securities.

Cash provided by financing activities decreased to \$42,050 compared to \$99,594 in the prior year comparable period. The decrease in financing cash flow in the current period was primarily due to less equity financing activities. On April 6, 2023, the Company closed a private placement, which provided net cash of \$27,348. Warrant and option exercises provided cash of \$9,678 and \$190, respectively. In addition, the Company received cash of \$34,579 from short term loans, partially offset by loan repayments \$29,745. During the prior year comparable period, the Company received net proceeds from private placements of \$99,032 and proceeds from warrant and option exercises of \$479 and \$83, respectively. Capital raised by the Company through private placements and debt financing is mainly deployed to support the Company's working capital and critical expansion initiatives, including exploration and evaluation activities.

# MINERAL PROPERTIES

A summary of the Company's mineral properties activity is as follows:

	Bibiani	Chirano	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Cost			
Balance, January 31, 2022	-	-	-
Transfer from development properties	93,301	-	93,301
Acquired in acquisition of Red Back	-	194,507	194,507
Additions	116,852	27,217	144,069
Currency translation adjustment	7,730	6,956	14,686
Balance, January 31, 2023	217,883	228,680	446,563
Additions	14,684	11,593	26,277
Currency translation adjustment	(3,069)	(3,259)	(6,328)
Balance, July 31, 2023	229,498	237,014	466,512
Accumulated depletion Balance, January 31, 2022	-	-	-
Depletion	25,711	23,104	48,815
Currency translation adjustment	533	(120)	413
Balance, January 31, 2023	26,244	22,984	49,228
Depletion	24,919	23,482	48,401
Currency translation adjustment	(867)	(772)	(1,639)
Balance, July 31, 2023	50,296	45,694	95,990
Net amount			
Balance, January 31, 2023	191,639	205,696	397,335
Balance, July 31, 2023	179,202	191,320	370,522

# a) Bibiani Gold Mine

Through the acquisition of Mensin Bibiani Pty. Ltd. in August 2021, the Company holds a 90% interest in the Bibiani Gold Mine situated in the Western North Region of Ghana. The Ghanaian Government retains the remaining 10% interest in Bibiani and a 5% net smelter royalty in future mining operations. Following completion of refurbishment activities, Bibiani entered into commercial production in fiscal 2023 and the Company estimates that production of approximately 70,000 - 80,000 ounces of gold will occur in fiscal 2024.

### b) Chirano Gold Mine

Through the acquisition of Asante Chirano in August 2022, the Company holds a 90% interest in the Chirano Gold Mine, an operating open-pit and underground mining operation located in the Western North Region of Ghana, immediately south of the Company's Bibiani Gold Mine. The Ghanaian Government retains the remaining 10% interest in Chirano and a 5% net smelter royalty on mining operations. Chirano was first explored and developed in 1996 and began production in October 2005. The Chirano Gold Mine comprises the Akwaaba, Suraw, Akoti South, Akoti North, Akoti Extended, Paboase, Tano, Obra South, Obra, Sariehu and Mamnao open pits and the Akwaaba and Paboase underground mines. The Company is estimating gold production of 145,000 - 155,000 ounces of gold will occur in fiscal 2024.

### **EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION ASSETS**

The Company capitalizes all mineral property acquisition and exploration costs until the properties to which the costs are related are placed into development, 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.

All the mining properties are located in Ghana and the Ghanaian Government retains a statutory 10% free carried interest in mining leases as and when granted. All gold mining production is subject to a Ghanaian Government 5% net smelter royalty.

A summary of the Company's properties and exploration expenditures is as follows:

	Fahiakoba	Betanase	Sraha	Ayiem	Kubi	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance, January 31, 2022	4,107	501	1,028	225	2,656	8,517
Acquisition and sustaining fees	719	-	162	162	-	1,043
Field expenses	17	17	17	17	143	211
Other expenditures	136	76	76	76	343	707
Geology and geophysics	35	44	4	7	173	263
Currency translation adjustment	223	28	60	21	983	1,315
Balance, January 31, 2023	5,237	666	1,347	508	4,298	12,056
Acquisition and sustaining fees	-	-	-	-	13,790	13,790
Field expenditures	11	11	11	11	15	59
Geology and geophysics	12	12	1	1	129	155
Other expenditures	33	33	33	33	255	387
Currency translation adjustment	(69)	(10)	(18)	(7)	(62)	(166)
Balance, July 31, 2023	5,224	712	1,374	546	18,425	26,281

### a) Fahiakoba Concession

The Company has a 100% interest in the Fahiakoba Concession subject to a 3% net smelter return royalty on production from the Fahiakoba Concession. The prospecting license for this property is in the process of being renewed by the property's prior owner and further exploration will be planned and conducted once the title of the license is renewed and transferred to the Company. Due to the prohibitive transfer costs, final transfer of the title will occur on discovery of significant resources.

# b) Betenase Prospecting License

On August 4, 2015, the Company announced that it had 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 the agreement on May 15, 2018, such that the Company may exercise the option to earn a 100% interest (subject to 10% reserved for the Government of Ghana, and 1% underlying NSR royalties) by completing US\$1.00 million in exploration by December 31, 2023, and by paying US\$1.00 million to Perseus. Given the significant delays in the title issuance and renewal, the Company is currently negotiating with Perseus to extend the time to complete the option earn-in.

### c) Keyhole Gold Project (Sraha and Ayiem concessions)

In September 2016, the Company entered into an agreement with Sikasante Mining Company Limited ("Sikasante"), to earn up to a 100% interest in the Sraha and Ayiem licences. The Company issued to Sikasante 250,000 common shares in the capital of the Company on final issuance of the Ayiem license to Sikasante and receipt by Sikasante of all necessary permits required to commence a drilling program (completed), and to complete \$500,000 in work (completed) over four years to earn 50%. The Company may earn an additional 50% interest by reserving for Sikasante a 2% net smelter returns 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 common shares in the capital of the Company. Sikasante and the Company are related by a common director. All negotiations and final terms of agreement were approved by a Special Committee of the Directors of the Company.

### d) Kubi Gold Project

In 2016, the Company entered into an agreement with Goknet Mining Company Limited ("Goknet") to close the acquisition of 100% of the Kubi Mining Lease, subject to receipt of additional governmental approvals, by issuing seven million common shares (issued) 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. Royal Gold Inc. of Denver holds a 3% net proceeds of production royalty. The Ghanaian Government holds a statutory 10% free carried interest and a 5% net smelter royalty on mining operations.

In October 2021, the Company announced the results of the metallurgical test work program undertaken on three composite drill core samples of Kubi Main gold mineralization. The results were positive with gold easily recoverable from the respective composite drill core samples via conventional cyanidation with achievable gold recoveries exceeding 90%. Improved recovery (up to 96%) may be realized by decreasing the mineralized material grind size to 80%-53 µm. The samples were found to be highly amenable to upgrading by gravity with 38% to 59% gold recovered to the gravity concentrate during respective gravity tests. The average gold grades for the three composite samples were determined: 6.6 g/t, 16.7 g/t, and 11.4 g/t.

Metso Outotec (Finland) Oy Helsinki, Finland concluded that sufficient data was generated from the test program to support a conceptual level operating and capital cost study. Principal conclusions from the Metso Outotec study are incorporated into a NI 43-101 report, released in Q3 2022.

The Company continues studies to evaluate surface oxide mining opportunities at Kubi. This is in conjunction with conventional underground mining by either decline and/or shaft access at Kubi. Work is being planned to develop underground mine workings, which will support exploration drilling at depth.

In August 2022, the Company announced the filing of a technical report for the Kubi Gold Project dated August 29, 2022 (with an effective date of March 11, 2022) prepared for the Company by dMb Management Services and Bara Consulting Pty. Ltd. (the "Kubi Technical Report"). The Kubi Technical Report demonstrates the economic viability of underground mining of the Kubi Main mineral deposit as defined in a prior technical report prepared by SEMS Exploration Services Ltd. ("SEMS") in December 2014 (the "SEMS 2014 Technical Report"). The Kubi Technical Report includes a proposal for early underground development to allow for further exploration drilling from underground platforms. A summary of the Kubi Technical Report is provided in the Company's news release dated August 31, 2022. The Kubi Technical Report was filed on the Company's SEDAR profile on August 31, 2022.

Planning is in progress for an Environmental and Social Impact Assessment in preparation for an Environmental Permit application.

### e) Ashanti II Concessions

The Ashanti II concessions (associated with the purchase of the Kubi Mining Lease) comprise eight prospecting licences, two of which comprise ~38 km<sup>2</sup> adjoining to the north, south and west of the Kubi Mining Lease, and six are contiguous licences (the "Ashanti II concessions") totaling ~270 sq km located on the Asankrangwa Gold Belt 15 km to the southwest and along strike of the Galiano Gold - Goldfields mine. Purchase consideration for the licences will be the issuance of up to 3 million Asante common shares, pro rata on a license-by-license basis if, as and when title is registered in the name of the Company, and a 2% Net Smelter Return royalty on each of the licenses so acquired.

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

### QUALIFIED PERSON

David Anthony, CEO of the Company and a Qualified Person as defined by National Instrument 43-101 *Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects*, has approved the scientific and technical information in this MD&A.

## **RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

Key management personnel include those having authority and responsibility for planning, directing, and controlling the activities of the Company as a whole. The Company has determined that key management personnel consist of members in the Board of Directors, corporate officers, and related companies.

A summary of the Company's related party transactions is as follows:

	Q2 2024	Q2 2023	YTD 2024	YTD 2023
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Management and consulting fees	1,202	428	2,008	2,662
Professional fees	-	119	143	225
Share-based payments	109	1,820	413	12,461
	1,311	2,367	2,564	15,348

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.

As at July 31, 2023, due to related parties was \$4,508 (January 31, 2023 - \$3,203) and was comprised of expense reimbursements, director's fees, and professional fees. These amounts are unsecured, non-interest bearing and due on demand.

As at July 31, 2023, there were 13,407,600 options, 470,200 RSUs, and 4,285,900 DSUs outstanding that had been granted to related parties as share-based payments.

### LIQUIDITY AND FUNDING RESOURCES

As at July 31, 2023, the Company had cash of \$11,785 (January 31, 2023 - \$2,811), restricted cash of \$30,837 (January 31, 2023 - \$31,845) and working capital deficit of \$604,602 (January 31, 2023 - \$561,487). The increased working capital deficit is mainly due to the increase in trade and other payables related to the Company's ongoing expansion, which was partially offset by the increase in current assets when the Company began its commercial production.

A summary of the Company's contractual obligations as at July 31, 2023 is as follows:

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	year	years	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Trade and other payables	420,473	-	420,473
Due to related party	4,508	-	4,508
Loans payable	41,888	16,121	58,009
Deferred payments	129,505	48,623	178,128
	596,374	64,744	661,118

At present, the Company's operations have commenced cash flow generation and its financial success is dependent upon the Company's ability to obtain necessary financing, reach profitable commercial production at Bibiani and Chirano, and to discover and develop other 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.

To finance the Company's exploration programs and to cover operating expenses, the Company has raised money through equity issuances, a metal streaming arrangement and bank facilities. The Company is actively monitoring liquidity and capital resources and taking necessary steps to manage its working capital as well as to fulfill its contractual obligations, including implementing cost-saving measures, improving its collections process, and evaluating additional financing options. Historically, the Company has been successful in raising capital and on April 6, 2023, the Company closed a private placement for gross proceeds of \$27,348. However, there is no assurance that the Company will continue to be able to obtain adequate financing in the future or that such financing will be on terms advantageous to the Company.

The Company continues to face risks and uncertainties related to liquidity and capital resources, including fluctuations in gold prices and global economic conditions. In the event that the Company is unable to generate sufficient cash flows from operations or obtain additional financing, its ability to fund the operations, service debt obligations, and pursue growth plans could be materially and adversely affected.

Central banks around the world continue to raise interest rates to combat high rates of inflation. This has resulted in a significant increase in secured overnight financing rates. The Company continues to monitor its cash management strategy and may make greater use of its own cash reserves to fund corporate activities or pay down debt.

The Company has limited financial resources and there is no assurance that sufficient additional funding or financing will be available when needed by the Company or its direct and indirect subsidiaries on acceptable terms, or at all, to further explore or develop its properties or to fulfill its obligations under any applicable agreements. Asante is a multinational company and relies on financial institutions worldwide to fund corporate and project needs. Instability of large financial institutions may impact the ability of the Company to obtain equity or debt financings in the future and, if obtained, on terms that may not be favorable to the Company. Disruptions in the capital and credit markets as a result of uncertainty, geo-political events, changing or increased regulations of financial institutions, reduced alternatives or failures of significant financial institutions could adversely affect the Company's access to the liquidity needed for the business in the longer term.

The Company may incur substantial debt from time to time to finance working capital, capital expenditures, investments or acquisitions, or for other purposes. If the Company does so, the risks related to the Company's indebtedness could intensify, including: (i) increased difficulty in satisfying existing debt obligations (ii) limitations on the ability to obtain additional financings, or imposed requirements to make non-strategic divestures (iii) impose hedging requirements (iv) imposed restrictions on the Company's cash flows, for debt repayments or capital expenditures (v) increased vulnerability to general adverse economic and industry conditions (vi) interest rate risk exposure as borrowings may be at variable rates of interest (vii) decreased flexibility in planning for and reacting to changes in the mining industry (viii) reduced competitiveness versus less leveraged competitors, and (ix) increased cost of borrowings.

From time to time, the Company may be involved in legal proceedings that arise in the ordinary course of its business.

### CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

The Company's definition of capital includes equity, comprising share capital, reserve for share-based payments, reserve for warrants, accumulated other comprehensive income, accumulated deficit and non-controlling interest. 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.

As at July 31, 2023, the Company had total shareholders' equity of \$47,946 (January 31, 2023 - \$132,611). This decrease was due to the increase in accumulated deficit as a result of net loss incurred during the six months ended July 31, 2023.

The Board of Directors does not establish quantitative return on capital criteria for management but rather relies on the expertise of the Company's management and consultants to sustain future development of the business. The Company is currently dependent upon external financing to fund its activities given the need to complete certain capital projects in order to improve the profitability of its operations (see "Strategic Objectives and Outlook" section above for further detail).

Management reviews its capital management approach on an ongoing basis and believes that the current approach is reasonable given the relative size of the Company. There were no changes to the Company's approach to capital management during the six months ended July 31, 2023.

As at July 31, 2023, the Company was not subject to any externally imposed capital requirements other than restricted cash of \$30,837 (January 31, 2023 - \$31,845).

# FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND RISK MANAGEMENT

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

The Company's financial assets and liabilities consist of cash, restricted cash, accounts receivable, marketable securities, reclamation bonds, loans receivable, trade and other payables, due to related parties, loans payable and deferred payments.

Cash, restricted cash, accounts receivable, reclamation bonds, loans receivable, trade and other payables, due to related parties, loans payable, and deferred payments are measured at amortized cost. These instruments have carrying values that approximate their fair values due to their short-term nature.

Marketable securities are measured at fair value through profit or loss and categorized as Level 1 in the fair value hierarchy. During the six months ended July 31, 2023 and 2022, there were no transfers among categories in the fair value hierarchy.

The Company's risk exposures from financial instruments include but are not limited to:

#### a) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the Company if a customer or counterparty to a financial instrument fails to fulfil its contractual obligations. The Company's credit risk relates primarily to cash, accounts receivable, and loans receivable. The Company mitigates credit risk related to cash by placing cash with sound financial institutions. For trade receivables, the Company trades with recognized creditworthy third parties and regularly reviews the collectability of its accounts receivable. The Company considers credit risk to be minimal.

As at July 31, 2023, the Company had one customer that owed the Company \$991, which accounts for approximately 84% of total outstanding trade receivables.

### b) Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate as a result of changes in market interest rates. As at July 31, 2023, the Company had a bank facility with carrying amount of \$10,246 and deferred payment with carrying amount of \$172,271 that have floating interest rate and therefore, the Company is exposed to interest rate risk. The bank facility has an interest rate cap, and the current floating interest rate is higher than the cap. A change of 100 basis points in interest rate would have minimal impact on consolidated statements of loss and comprehensive loss. A change of 100 basis points in the interest rate on the deferred payment would result in a change of \$483 in finance charges on condensed interim consolidated statements of loss and comprehensive loss.

### c) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will not be able to meet its financial obligations when they become due. To mitigate this risk, the Company has a planning and budgeting process in place to determine the funds required to support its ongoing operations and capital expenditures. The Company endeavors to ensure that sufficient funds are raised from equity offerings or debt financing to meet its operating requirements, after considering existing cash and expected exercise of stock options and share purchase warrants.

As at July 31, 2023, the Company had cash of \$11,785 and restricted cash of \$30,837 (January 31, 2023 - \$2,811 and \$31,845, respectively) as well as working capital deficit of \$604,602 (January 31, 2023 - \$561,487).

### d) Price risk

Gold and silver prices have historically fluctuated significantly and are affected by numerous factors outside of the Company's control, including, but not limited to, industrial and retail demand, central bank lending, forward sales by producers and speculators, level of worldwide production, short-term changes in supply and demand due to speculative hedging activities and certain other factors. The ability of the Company to develop its mineral properties and exploration and evaluation assets is highly correlated to the market price of gold and silver. If metal prices decline for a prolonged period below the anticipated cost of production of the Company's mines, it may not be economically feasible to commence or continue production.

The effect on net loss and comprehensive loss for the six months ended July 31, 2023 of a 10% change in metal prices is estimated to have an increase or decrease in revenue of \$26,763 (2022 - \$nil).

### e) Foreign exchange risk

The Company's functional currency is CAD and therefore the Company's loss and comprehensive loss are impacted by fluctuations in the value of foreign currencies in relation to CAD. The Company is exposed to foreign exchange risk from fluctuation in CAD to US dollars and Ghanaian Cedi.

A summary of the Company's net financial assets (liabilities) that are denominated in US dollars and Ghanaian Cedi as at July 31, 2023, is as follows:

	US\$	GHS
Net financial assets (liabilities)	(434,354)	256,474
Foreign exchange rate	1.3177	0.1203
Net financial assets (liabilities) in CAD	(572,348)	30,857

The sensitivity of the Company's net loss and comprehensive loss for the six months ended July 31, 2023 to changes in the exchange rates of CAD to the US dollar and the Ghanaian Cedi would be as follows: a 10% change in CAD relative to the US dollar would change the Company's net loss and comprehensive loss by approximately \$57,235 (January 31, 2023 - \$51,940), and a 10% change in CAD relative to the Ghanaian Cedi would change the Company's net loss and comprehensive loss by approximately \$3,086 (January 31, 2023 - \$3,203).

### **OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS**

The Company has no off-balance sheet arrangements as at July 31, 2023 or at the date of this MD&A.

### SUBSEQUENT EVENT

On August 29, 2023, the Company issued 10,467 common shares following the exercise of 10,467 RSUs.

#### **PROPOSED TRANSACTIONS**

As at July 31, 2023 and the date of this MD&A, there are no undisclosed proposed transactions.

## **OUTSTANDING SHARE DATA**

As at July 31, 2023 and as at the date of this MD&A, the Company had the following securities outstanding:

	July 31, 2023	MD&A date
Common shares	443,312,477	443,364,986
Stock options	19,259,340	18,939,340
Warrants	23,232,000	23,232,000
RSUs	1,437,727	1,427,260
DSUs	4,285,900	4,285,900

### **NON-IFRS MEASURES**

This MD&A includes certain terms or performance measures that are not defined under IFRS, including but not limited to working capital, AISC and average gold price realized. These non-IFRS financial measures and non-IFRS ratios are widely reported in the mining industry as benchmarks for performance and are used by management to monitor and evaluate the Company's operating performance and ability to generate cash. The Company believes that, in addition to conventional measures prepared in accordance with IFRS, certain investors use this information to evaluate the Company's performance. The data presented is intended to provide additional information and should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for measures of performance prepared in accordance with IFRS. Non-IFRS measures do not have a standardized meaning under IFRS and may not be comparable to similar financial measures disclosed by other companies. Accordingly, non-IFRS financial measures and non-IFRS ratios should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for measures and non-IFRS ratios should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for measures and non-IFRS ratios should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for measures and non-IFRS ratios of the Company's performance prepared in accordance with IFRS.

The non-IFRS measures should be read in conjunction with the Company's financial statements. Non-IFRS financial measures are defined in National Instrument 52-112 *Non-GAAP and Other Financial Measures Disclosure* ("NI 52-112") as a financial measure disclosed that (a) depicts the historical or expected future financial performance, financial position or cash flow of an entity, (b) with respect to its composition, excludes an amount that is included in, or includes an amount that is excluded from, the composition of the most directly comparable financial measure disclosed in the primary financial statements of the entity, (c) is not disclosed in the financial statements of the entity, and (d) is not a ratio, fraction, percentage or similar representation. Non-IFRS ratios are defined by NI 52-112 as a financial measure disclosed that (a) is in the form of a ratio, fraction, percentage, or similar representation, (b) has a non-IFRS financial measure as one or more of its components, and (c) is not disclosed in the financial statements.

### All-in sustaining cost per equivalent ounce sold ("AISC")

AISC is a metric used by mining companies to measure the total cost associated with producing an ounce of gold. The Company defines AISC as the cost of sales, less cost of obtaining contracts as well as depreciation and depletion, and plus all other indirect costs associated with production, including general and administrative expenses, wages and salaries for site administration personnel, management and consulting expenses attributed to production, sustaining capital expenditures, exploration expenses, and other expenses necessary to sustain gold production. By including these indirect costs, AISC provides investors with a comprehensive understanding of the total costs of gold production and helps them evaluate the profitability and sustainability of mining operations. The Company monitors AISC closely to ensure that costs are managed effectively.

The following table provides a detailed reconciliation of AISC during Q2 2024:

	Bibiani	Chirano	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Cost of sales	72,196	106,335	178,531
Adjustments:			
Depreciation and depletion	(17,525)	(18,752)	(36,277)
Site administration expenses:		. ,	. ,
General and administrative expenses	940	1,080	2,020
Travel expenses	164	550	714
Management and consulting fees	97	-	97
Professional fees	20	927	947
Sustaining capital	3,007	3,137	6,144
All-in sustaining costs	58,899	93,277	152,176
Total of gold sold (ounces)	16,698	35,913	52,611
AISC	3,527	2,597	2,892

The following table provides a detailed reconciliation of AISC during YTD 2024:

	Bibiani	Chirano	Total
Cost of sales	\$ 157,978	\$ 203,252	\$ 361,230
Adjustments:			
Depreciation and depletion	(35,739)	(37,154)	(72,893)
Site administration expenses:			
General and administrative expenses	2,387	1,752	4,139
Travel expenses	261	1,078	1,339
Management and consulting fees	270	-	270
Professional fees	40	1,473	1,513
Sustaining capital	3,007	4,365	7,372
All-in sustaining costs	128,204	174,766	302,970
Total of gold sold (ounces)	36,550	67,872	104,422
AISC	3,508	2,575	2,901

### Average gold price realized

The average gold price realized represents the average selling price per ounce of gold sold by the Company during the period. This price is calculated by dividing the total revenue from gold sales by the total ounces of gold sold during the period. The average gold price realized is a key performance indicator that reflects the prevailing market conditions during the period, as well as the Company's ability to sell its gold at competitive prices.

The following table provides a detailed reconciliation of average gold price realized during Q2 2024:

	Bibiani	Chirano	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Revenue from metal sales	41,690	94,071	135,761
Total of gold sold (ounces)	16,698	35,913	52,611
Average gold price realized	2,497	2,619	2,580

The following table provides a detailed reconciliation of average gold price realized during YTD 2024:

	Bibiani	Chirano	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Revenue from metal sales	90,680	176,951	267,631
Total of gold sold (ounces)	36,550	67,872	104,422
Average gold price realized	2,481	2,607	2,563

### **Working Capital**

Working capital is non-IFRS measure, which is calculated by subtracting current liabilities from current assets. Management believes that working capital is a useful indicator of the liquidity of the Company. Management is of the view that the most directly comparable IFRS measure to working capital is current assets and current liabilities.

# ACCOUNTING POLICIES, ESTIMATES, AND JUDGEMENTS

The Company's significant accounting policies are described in Note 3 to the Financial Statements. The Company's critical accounting estimates and judgements are described in Note 4 to the Financial Statements.

# CONTROLS EVALUATION

The Company's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting ("ICFR") and disclosure controls and procedures ("DC&P") in accordance with the requirements of National Instrument 52-109. ICFR is a framework designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with IFRS. DC&P form a broader framework designed to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed by the Company in its annual and interim filings and other reports filed under securities legislation is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time frame specified in securities legislation and includes controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in its annual and interim filings and other reports submitted under securities legislation is accumulated and communicated to the Company's management to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. Together, the ICFR and DC&P frameworks provide internal control over financial reporting and disclosure. The Company maintains disclosure controls and procedures that are designed to provide reasonable assurance that information, which is required to be disclosed in the Company's annual and interim filings and other reports filed under securities legislation, is accumulated and communicated in a timely fashion. Due to their inherent limitations, the Company acknowledges that, no matter how well designed, ICFR and DC&P can provide only reasonable assurance of achieving the desired control objectives and as such may not prevent or detect all misstatements. Further, the effectiveness of ICFR is subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the degree of compliance with policies or procedures may change.

There have been no significant changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting during the six months ended July 31, 2023 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

# **RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES**

The Company is in the mineral exploration, development and production business and as such is exposed to a number of known and unknown risks and uncertainties in conducting its business, including but not limited to risks related to the title and ownership of the Company's mineral properties; risks associated with foreign operations; metals price risk; liquidity risk; and environmental risks. These and other risks and uncertainties are detailed in the Company's Annual Financial Statements, its Annual MD&A and its Annual Information Form available on SEDAR+ at <a href="http://www.sedarplus.ca">www.sedarplus.ca</a>. Readers are encouraged to refer to these documents for a more detailed description of some of the risks and uncertainties inherent to the Company and its business.