### EARTHWISE MINERALS CORP.

Management's Discussion and Analysis

For the six months ended September 30, 2024

Date: November 28, 2024

The following Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") is prepared as at November 28, 2024 in accordance with National Instrument 51-102F1, and should be read together with the condensed interim financial statements for the six months ended September 30, 2024 and the audited financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2024 and related notes, which are prepared in accordance IFRS Accounting Standards ("IFRS") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB"). Additional information regarding the Company will be available through the SEDAR+ website at <a href="https://www.sedarplus.ca">www.sedarplus.ca</a>

Certain information included in this MD&A may constitute forward-looking statements. Statements in this report that are not historical facts are forward-looking statements involving known and unknown risks and uncertainties, which could cause actual results to vary considerably from these statements.

Forward-looking statements are statements about the future and are inherently uncertain, and actual achievements of the Company may differ materially from those reflected in forward-looking statements due to a variety of risks, uncertainties and other factors. The Company's forward-looking statements are based on the beliefs, expectations and opinions of management on the date the statements are made, and the Company does not assume any obligation to update forward-looking statements if circumstances or management's beliefs, expectations or opinions should change except as required by law. For the reasons set forth above, investors should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements.

It is the Company's policies that all forward-looking statements are based on the Company's beliefs and assumptions which are based on information available at the time these assumptions are made. The forward-looking statements contained herein are as of the date of the MD&A and are subject to change after this date, and the Company assumes no obligation to publicly update or revise the statements to reflect new events or circumstances, except as may be required pursuant to applicable laws. Although management believes that the expectations represented by such forward-looking information or statements are reasonable, there is significant risk that the forward-looking information or statements may not be achieved, and the underlying assumptions thereto will not prove to be accurate.

Actual results or events could differ materially from the plans, intentions and expectations expressed or implied in any forward-looking information or statements, including the underlying assumptions thereto, as a result of numerous risks, uncertainties and other factors such as those described above and in "Risks and Uncertainties" below. The Company has no policy for updating forward-looking information beyond the procedures required under applicable securities laws.

All dollar figures are stated in Canadian dollars unless otherwise indicated.

### The Company's Business

Earthwise Minerals Corp., (formerly Hawkmoon Resources Corp.) (the "Company"), was incorporated on April 26, 2019, in British Columbia. The head office and registered and records office of the Company is located at 409 Granville Street, Suite 1000, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, V6C 1T2. The Company is a mineral property exploration company. On April 15, 2021, the Company was listed and commenced trading on the CSE on April 19, 2021, under the trading symbol "HM". The Company commenced trading on CSE under the new trading symbol "WISE" on April 21, 2023. On May 11, 2021, the Company also listed and commenced trading on the Börse Frankfurt in Germany under the symbol "966". On June 15, 2022, the Company commenced trading on the OTCQB Venture Market in the United States under the ticker symbol "HWKRF".

## Commitments and Contingencies

During the year ended March 31, 2022, the Company received \$2,002,000 from the issuance of flow-through shares. The Company renounced \$2,001,834 to the subscribers and has until December 31, 2022, to incur the qualifying expenditures. As at March 31, 2023, the deadline to incur the qualifying expenditures has passed and the Company did not fulfill its obligations of approximately \$826,000. An amount totaling \$543,700 was accrued for the indemnification of the shareholders for taxes and penalties related to the unspent portion of the commitment including Part XII.6 taxes and related interest and penalties. During the year ended March 31, 2024, the Company paid \$32,993 in interest and penalties to Revenue Quebec. During the six months ended September 30, 2024, the Company accrued an additional \$27,307 in interest expense. Included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities at September 30, 2024 is \$590,824 for the indemnification of the shareholders and Part XII.6 taxes and related interest and penalties.

During the year ended March 31, 2023, the Order of Geologists of Quebec ("Order") filed a complaint that the Company's former chief geologist engaged in professional activities reserved for the members of the Order, while he was not a member of the Order nor otherwise authorized by the law to engage in such activities. As at March 31, 2023, the Company estimated that it would likely settle a potential obligation of \$51,000 for \$15,000, and recorded a \$15,000 provision.

On June 18, 2024, the Company received a Notice of Judgement from Ministère de la Justice Quebec related to the complaint for a total fine and contribution of \$90,668 and is required to pay this amount by October 13, 2024. During the year ended March 31, 2024, the Company recognized in penalties and other interest charges an additional cost of \$75,668. As at September 30, 2024 and March 31, 2024, \$90,668 was included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

# Change in Management and Board of Directors

On March 27, 2023, the board of directors appointed Patrick Morris, as director of the Company. Mr. Morris is also appointed as the Chief Executive Officer and Corporate Secretary. On May 1, 2023, the board of directors appointed Mark Luchinski as director of the Company. On March 6, 2024, the Company appointed Steven Nguyen as the Chief Financial Officer.

Mr. Morris is a seasoned entrepreneur and capital markets expert with two decades of experience successfully raising funds for microcap companies across diverse industries. His expertise spans pharmaceutical cannabis, resource exploration, blockchain technologies, finance and innovative businesses dedicated to the future of food. As CEO and Director of Eat Beyond Global Holdings Inc., Canada's pioneering publicly traded investment issuer focused exclusively on investing in the future of food, Mr. Morris demonstrated his exceptional leadership skills and market acumen. Additionally, Mr. Morris co-created and co-produced Canada's first nationally syndicated radio show showcasing growth stock opportunities, which aired on fourteen of the top-rated news talk stations across the country, cementing his reputation as a trusted and knowledgeable authority in the investment world. Mr. Luchinski has over 20 years of capital market experience, having worked in both public and private sectors as an Officer and Director on several companies. Mr. Luchinski is a graduate from the University of Victoria. He is well versed in corporate governance, finance, compliance, and the administration of publicly traded companies.

Mr. Nguyen is an experienced accounting professional with expertise in audit, accounting, tax and financial reporting in several industries including apparel, food and beverage, various consumer products, and resource exploration. Mr. Nguyen is the president of Nuyun Consulting Corp., a Vancouver-based company that provides financial reporting consulting services to publicly listed companies. He also acts as an officer for both CBOE Canada and Canadian Securities Exchange-listed companies. Previously, Mr. Nguyen worked in a public practice accounting firm for four years. Mr. Nguyen is a chartered professional accountant (CPA) and holds a Bachelor of Business Administration from the Beedie School of Business at Simon Fraser University.

The new management is actively seeking new properties that align with the Company's objectives and strategic vision. Due to cash flow constraints, the Company's operations are limited at this time. The Company intends to rely upon the issuance of securities to finance its future activities.

#### Property description

	Wilson Property	Gilnockie Property	Total
Balance, March 31, 2023	465,500	10,000	475,500
Shares issued	62,000	, <u>-</u>	62,000
Cash - received	-	(10,000)	(10,000)
Write-off of exploration and evaluation asset	(527,500)	-	(527,500)
Balance, March 31, 2024 and September 30, 2024	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

## Wilson Gold Property

By a property option agreement with Cartier Resources Inc. dated on April 22, 2021, and as amended on April 20, 2023, the Company acquired 100% interest in the Wilson Gold property located in Verneuil township east of the town of Lebel-sur-Quevillon Quebec. As consideration, the Company is required to pay cash of \$1,050,000, issue an aggregate of 2,020,000 common shares, incur not less than \$6,000,000 in exploration expenditures and drill a minimum of 24,000 metres over a period of five years as follows:

- a) Cash payment of \$200,000 and issuance of 70,000 common shares upon execution of the agreement (paid and shares issued);
- b) Cash payment of \$150,000, issuance of 70,000 common shares, minimum exploration expenditures of \$750,000 and drilling of 3,000m within the first anniversary date (paid, issued, incurred and completed);
- c) Issuance of 1,600,000 common shares and are subject to resale restrictions of 400,000 common shares (25%) that may be sold after the three-month hold period and an additional 25% may be sold every three months thereafter with the last 25% may be sold 12 months from the date of issuance (issued);
- d) Minimum exploration expenditures of \$750,000 and drilling of 3,000m within the second anniversary date (incurred and completed);
- e) Cash payment of \$300,000, issuance of 80,000 common shares, minimum exploration expenditures of \$1,000,000 and drilling of 4,000m within the third anniversary date;
- f) Cash payment of \$300,000, issuance of 100,000 common shares, minimum exploration expenditures of \$1,500,000 and drilling of 6,000m within the fourth anniversary date;
- g) Cash payment of \$100,000, issuance of 100,000 common shares, minimum exploration expenditures of \$2,000,000 and drilling of 8,000m within the fifth anniversary date.

The Company has commitments of royalties of 4.5% to various owners with the options to repurchase.

Upon exercise of the option, the Cartier Resources Inc. will retain a 2% net smelter return royalty ("NSR") of which 1% NSR may be purchased by the Company for \$4,000,000.

During the year ended March 31, 2024, the Company decided not to proceed with the property option agreement with Cartier Resources Inc. and have recorded a write-off of \$527,500 in acquisition costs.

#### Gilnockie Property

On November 14, 2022, the Company entered into a land purchase and sale contract agreement with Strata GeoData Services Ltd. to acquire 100% interest in 2 mineral claims, known as the Gilnockie property, located 40 kilometers south of Cranbrook, British Columbia. As consideration, the Company paid a cash purchase price of \$21,425.

During the year ended March 31, 2023, the Company recorded a write-down of \$11,425 to its recoverable amount of \$10,000. During the year ended March 31, 2024, the Company disposed of the Gilnockie Property and received \$10,000 in cash consideration.

#### **Selected Annual Financial Information**

The table below sets out certain selected financial information regarding the operations of the Company for the period indicated. The selected financial information has been prepared in accordance with IFRS as issued by the IASB and should be read in conjunction with the Company's financial statements and related notes.

	Year ended March 31, 2024		Year ended March 31, 2023		Year ended arch 31, 2022
Revenue	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-
Net loss and comprehensive loss	\$ 788,804	\$	2,171,971	\$	3,005,054
Loss per share	\$ 0.07	\$	0.29	\$	0.58
Total assets	\$ 126,082	\$	669,084	\$	1,619,543

During the year ended March 31, 2022, the Company recorded a net loss of \$3,005,054 as compared to \$451,729 for the previous year ended March 31, 2021. The increase in expenses can be attributed to the increase in consulting fees, exploration costs, marketing, share-based payments and professional fees. The Company's total assets for the year ended March 31, 2022 were \$1,619,543 which is mainly made up of cash.

During the year ended March 31, 2023, the Company recorded a net loss of \$2,171,971 as compared to \$3,005,054 for the previous year ended March 31, 2022. The decrease in expenses can be attributed to the decrease in consulting fees, exploration costs, investor relations and share-based payments. The Company's total assets for the year ended March 31, 2023, were \$669,084 which is mainly made up of exploration and evaluation asset.

During the year ended March 31, 2024, the Company recorded a net loss of \$788,804 as compared to \$2,171,971 for the previous year ended March 31, 2023. The decrease in expenses can be attributed to the decrease in exploration costs, investor relations and share-based payments. The Company's total assets for the year ended March 31, 2024, were \$126,082 which is made up of cash, amounts receivable and prepaid expenses and deposits.

The Company has not declared any dividends since its incorporation and does not anticipate paying cash dividends in the foreseeable future on its common shares but intends to retain any future earnings to finance internal growth, acquisitions, and development of its business. Any future determination to pay cash dividends will be at the discretion of the board of directors of the Company and will depend upon the Company's financial condition, results of operations, capital requirements and such other factors as the board of directors of deems relevant.

## **Selected Quarterly Financial Information**

A summary of results for the eight quarters since incorporation follows:

	Sep. 30, 2024 Qtr 2	Jun. 30, 2024 Qtr 1	Mar. 31, 2024 Qtr 4	I	Dec. 31, 2023 Qtr 3
Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$	-
Net income (loss)	\$ (93,807)	\$ (102,845)	\$ (780,747)	\$	85,096
Income (loss) per share	\$ (0.00)	\$ (0.01)	\$ (0.07)	\$	0.01

	Sep. 30,	Jun. 30,	Mar. 31,	Dec. 31,
	2023	2023	2023	2022
	Qtr 2	Qtr 1	Qtr 4	Qtr 3
Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Net income (loss)	\$ (35,925)	\$ (57,228)	\$ (473,157)	\$ (540,099)
Income (loss) per share	\$ (0.00)	\$ (0.00)	\$ (0.06)	\$ (0.07)

Due to rounding, the figures for the Company's loss per share may not add up to the amount disclosed in the Company's annual financial statements.

During the quarter ended December 31, 2022, the Company recorded a net loss of \$540,099 as compared to the \$797,994 for the previous quarter. The decrease can be attributed no exploration work performed in this quarter and no share-based payments recorded. During the quarter ended March 31, 2023, the Company recorded a net loss of \$473,157 as compared to the \$540,099 for the previous quarter. The decrease can be attributed to the accrual for the indemnification of the shareholders for taxes and penalties related to the unspent portion of the commitment including Part XII.6 taxes and related interest penalties in the previous quarter. During the guarter ended June 30, 2023, the Company recorded a net loss of \$57,228 as compared to the \$473,157 for the previous quarter. The decrease can be attributed no exploration work was performed in this quarter and the write-off of properties during the previous quarter. During the quarter ended September 30, 2023, the Company recorded a net loss of \$35,925 as compared to \$57,228 for the previous quarter. The decrease can be attributed to the mining tax credits of \$72,251 recognized. During the quarter ended December 31, 2023, the Company recorded a net income of \$85,096 as compared to the net loss of \$35,925 for the previous quarter. The result of income in the quarter can be attributed to the mining credits of \$275,665 recognized. During the quarter ended March 31, 2024, the Company recorded a net loss of \$780,747 as compared to the net income of \$85,096 for the previous quarter. The increase in expenses can be attributed to the write-off of exploration and evaluation asset for \$527,500. During the guarter ended June 30, 2024, the Company recorded a net loss of \$102,845 as compared to \$780,747 for the previous quarter. During the previous quarter, the Company wrote-off its mineral property. During the quarter ended September 30, 2024, the Company recorded a net loss of \$93,807 which is comparable to \$102,845 for the previous quarter ended June 30, 2024.

# **Results of Operations**

During the three months ended September 30, 2024:

The Company did not record any revenues in the three months ended September 30, 2024, and incurred a net loss of \$93,807 as compared to \$35,925 for the comparable quarter ended September 30, 2023. Total expense for the current quarter was \$93,807 as compared to \$37,286 for the comparable guarter, an increase of approximately \$56,000.

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In the previous quarter, the Company received its mining tax credit refund from the Quebec Government and recorded a recovery of \$72,252 in general exploration costs. All other costs were consistent with maintaining the Company's reporting issuer status.

During the six months ended September 30, 2024:

The Company did not record any revenues in the six months ended September 30, 2024, and incurred a net loss of \$196,652 as compared to a net loss of \$93,153 for the comparable period ended September 30, 2023 an increase of approximately \$104,000.

Total expenses for the current period to September 30, 2024 amounted to \$196,806 as compared to \$94,514 for the comparable period to September 30, 2024. In the previous quarter, the Company received its mining tax credit refund from the Quebec Government and recorded a recovery of \$72,252 in general exploration costs. All other cost were consistent with maintaining the Company's reporting issuer status.

Due to the shortage of cash, the Company's operations will continue to be limited to maintaining the Company's reporting issuer status. The Company intends to rely on the issuance of securities to finance its future activities.

### **Fourth Quarter**

N/A

#### **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

The Company's cash position as at September 30, 2024 was \$5,267 (March 31, 2024 - \$70,914) with a working capital deficiency of \$1,013,226 (March 31, 2024 working capital deficiency - \$816,574). Total assets as at September 30, 2024 was \$17,143 (March 31, 2024 - \$126,082).

The Company believes that the current capital resources are not sufficient to pay overhead expenses for the next twelve months and is in the process of raising additional funding to fund its overhead expenses and potential future acquisitions. The Company will continue to monitor the current economic and financial market conditions and evaluate their impact on the Company's liquidity and future prospects.

Since the Company may not be able to generate cash from its operations in the foreseeable future, the Company will have to rely on the issuance of shares or the exercise of options and warrants to fund ongoing operations and investment. The ability of the Company to raise capital will depend on market conditions and it may not be possible for the Company to issue shares on acceptable terms or at all.

The Company manages its capital structure in order to ensure sufficient resources are available to meet operational requirements and safeguard its ability to continue as a going concern. There are no externally imposed capital requirements on the Company. Management considers the items included in shareholders' equity (deficit) and working capital as capital. The Company manages the capital structure and makes adjustments to it in response to changes in economic conditions and the risk characteristics of the underlying assets. The Company's primary objective with respect to its capital management is to ensure that it has sufficient cash resources to fund the operation of the Company. To secure the additional capital necessary to pursue these plans, the Company intends to raise additional funds through equity or debt financing.

#### **Going Concern**

These condensed interim financial statements have been prepared on the assumption that the Company will continue as a going concern, meaning it will continue in operation for the foreseeable future and will be able to realize assets and discharge liabilities in the ordinary course of operations. Different bases of measurement may be appropriate if the Company was not expected to continue operations for the foreseeable future. At September 30, 2024, the Company has not achieved profitable operations, has accumulated losses of \$6,996,581 since inception and expects to incur further losses in the development of its business. The above material uncertainties cast significant doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. The Company's continuation as a going concern is dependent upon successful results from its exploration and evaluation activities, its ability to attain profitable operations to generate funds and/or its ability to raise equity capital or borrowings sufficient to meet its current and future obligations. Although the Company has been successful in the past in raising funds to continue operations, there is no assurance it will be able to do so in the future.

#### **Off Balance Sheet Arrangements**

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

### **Financial Instruments**

The Company's risk exposures and the impact on the Company's condensed interim financial statements are summarized below.

## Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they become due. The Company's policy is to ensure that it will always have sufficient cash to allow it to meet its liabilities when they become due, under both normal and stressed conditions, without incurring unacceptable losses or risking damage to the Company's reputation. The Company manages its liquidity risk by forecasting cash flows required for operations and anticipated investing and financing activities.

The business of mining and exploration involves a high degree of risk and there can be no assurance that exploration programs will result in profitable mining operations. The Company monitors its cash flows to meet the Company's normal operating requirements on an ongoing basis and its planned capital expenditures. All of the Company's financial liabilities have contractual maturities of 30 days or are due on demand and are subject to normal trade terms. As at September 30, 2024 the Company had a working capital deficiency of \$1,013,226 (March 31, 2024 working capital deficiency - \$816,574). The Company has insufficient cash to meet its requirements for administrative overhead, to conduct due diligence on mineral property acquisition targets, and to conduct exploration of its mineral properties and mineral properties that may be acquired.

The Company does not generate cash flows from operations to fund its activities and therefore relies principally upon the issuance of securities for financing. Future capital requirements will depend on many factors including the Company's ability to execute its business plan. The Company intends to continue relying upon the issuance of securities to finance its future activities but there can be no assurance that such financing will be available on a timely basis under terms acceptable to the Company.

# Market Risk

Market risk is the risk of loss that may arise from changes in market factors such as interest rates, investment fluctuations, and commodity and equity prices.

#### Interest rate risk

The Company is not exposed to significant interest rate risk.

#### Credit risk

Financial instruments that potentially expose the Company to credit risk is cash. To minimize the credit risk on cash the Company places the instrument with a high credit quality financial institution. The maximum exposure to loss arising from these advances is equal to their total carrying amounts.

### **Fair Values**

The Company's financial instruments at amortized costs include cash, and accounts payable and accrued liabilities. The carrying amounts of these financial instruments approximate their fair values because of their current nature.

## **Related Party Transactions**

Related party transactions are comprised of services rendered by directors and/or officers of the Company or by a company with a director and/or officer in common. Related party transactions are in the ordinary course of business and are measured at the exchange amount.

## **Key Management Compensation**

The following expenses were incurred with key management personnel of the Company. Key management personnel are persons responsible for planning, directing and controlling the activities of an entity, and include certain directors and officers. Key management compensation comprises:

	For the six months ended September 30,				
		2024		2023	
Consulting fees					
Enermetal Ventures Inc., company controlled by CEO	\$	60,000	\$	37,500	
Jasmine Cherian former CFO		-		1,000	
	\$	60,000	\$	38,500	

As at September 30, 2024, prepaid expenses and deposits includes \$Nil (March 31, 2024 - \$21,000) in prepaid consulting fees to the CEO.

Included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities at September 30, 2024 is \$37,383 (March 31, 2024 - \$6,384) in unpaid consulting fees and expense reimbursement to a company controlled by the CEO. These amounts are unsecured, due on demand, and non-interest bearing.

# **Proposed Transaction**

N/A

# **Subsequent Events**

N/A

## **Outstanding Share Data**

Below is the summary of the Company's share capital as at September 30, 2024 and as of the date of this report:

	As at				
Security description	September 30, 2024	MD&A Date			
Common shares – issued and outstanding	11,904,383	11,904,383			
Share purchase warrants	1,587,500	1,587,500			
Finder's warrants	40,000	40,000			
Stock options	606,000	606,000			
Common shares – fully diluted	14,137,883	14,137,883			

## <u>Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments</u>

The Company makes estimates and assumptions about the future that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities. Estimates and judgments are continually evaluated based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. In the future, actual experience may differ from these estimates and assumptions.

The effect of a change in an accounting estimate is recognized prospectively by including it in comprehensive income in the year of the change, if the change affects that year only, or in the year of the change and future years, if the change affects both.

Information about critical judgments in applying accounting policies that have the most significant risk of causing material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities recognized in the financial statements within the next financial year are discussed in Note 4 to the audited financial statements as at March 31, 2024.

### **Business and Industry Risks**

### **Speculative Nature of Investment Risk**

An investment in securities of the Company involves a high degree of risk and must be considered highly speculative due to the nature of the Company's business and the present stage of exploration and development of its mineral properties. In addition to information set out or incorporated by reference in this MD&A, prospective investors should carefully consider the risk factors set out below. Any one risk factor could materially affect the Company's financial condition and future operating results and could cause actual events to differ materially from those described in forward looking statements relating to the Company.

# **No Operating History**

The Company was incorporated on April 26, 2019 and has not commenced commercial operations. The Company has no history of earnings or paid any cash dividends, and it is unlikely to produce earnings or pay dividends in the immediate or foreseeable future.

### **Exploration and Mining Risks**

Resource exploration and development and mining operations are highly speculative and characterized by a number of significant risks which even a combination of careful evaluation, experience and knowledge may not eliminate, including, among other things, unprofitable efforts resulting not only from

the failure to discover mineral deposits, but from finding mineral deposits which, though present, are insufficient in quantity and quality to be mined profitability. Few properties that are explored are ultimately developed into producing mines. There is no assurance that the Company's mineral exploration and development programs will result in any discoveries of bodies of commercial mineralization. There is also no assurance that even if commercial quantities of mineralization are discovered, a mineral property will be brought into commercial production. The Company will continue to rely upon the advice and work of consultants and others for exploration, development, construction, and operating expertise.

Substantial expenditures are required to establish and upgrade mineral resources, to establish mineral reserves, to develop metallurgical processes to extract metals from mineral resources and, in the case of new properties, to develop the mining and processing facilities and infrastructure at any site chosen for mining. No assurance can be given that the funds required for development can be obtained on a timely basis. Whether a mineral deposit will be commercially viable depends on a number of factors, some of which are: the particular attributes of the deposit, such as size and grade; metal prices which are highly cyclical; and government regulations, including regulations relating to prices, taxes, royalties, land tenure, land use, importing and exporting of minerals and environmental protection. Unsuccessful exploration and development programs could have a material adverse impact on the Company's operations and financial condition.

## **Factors Beyond the Company's Control**

The mining exploration business is subject to a number of factors beyond the Company's control including changes in economic conditions, intense industry competition, variability in operating costs, changes in government and in rules and regulations of various regulatory authorities. An adverse change in any one of such factors would have a material adverse effect on the Company, its business and results of operations which might result in the Company not identifying a body of economic mineralization, completing the development of a mine according to specifications in a timely, cost effective manner or successfully developing mining activities on a profitable basis.

# **Reliance on Independent Contractors**

The Company's success depends to an extent on the performance and continued service of certain independent contractors. The Company has contracted the services of professional drillers and others for exploration, environmental, engineering, and other services. Poor performance by such contractors or the loss of such services could have a material and adverse effect on the Company, its business and results of operations and result in the Company failing to meet its business objectives.

### **Additional Funding Required**

Further exploration on, and development of, the Company's properties may require significant additional financing. Accordingly, the continuing development of the Company's properties will depend upon the Company's ability to obtain financing through equity financing, debt financing, the joint venturing of projects or other external sources. Failure to obtain sufficient financing may result in a delay or an indefinite postponement of exploration, development, or production on any or all of the Company's properties, or even a loss of property interest, or have a material adverse impact on the Company's future cash flows, earnings, results of operations and financial condition or result in the substantial dilution of its interests in its properties. There can be no assurance that additional capital or other types of financing will be available if needed or that, if available, the terms of such financing will be favorable to the Company. If the Company was required to arrange for debt financing it could be exposed to the risk of leverage, while equity financing may cause existing shareholders to suffer dilution. There can be no assurance that the Company will be successful in overcoming these risks or any other problems encountered in connection with such financings. Failure to raise capital when needed would have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, financial condition, and results of operations.

The Company has and will continue to have negative operating cash flow until its mineral property commence commercial production should exploration and development efforts demonstrate that commercial production from such mineral properties is feasible.

#### **Market Price of Common Shares**

The trading price of the common shares is likely to be significantly affected by short term changes in mineral prices or in its financial condition or results of operations as reflected in its quarterly earnings reports. Other factors unrelated to the Company's performance that may have an effect on the price of the common shares include the following: the extent of analytical coverage available to investors concerning the Company's business; the lessening in trading volume and general market interest in the Company's securities may affect an investor's ability to trade significant numbers of common shares; and the price of the common shares and size of the Company's public float may limit the ability of some institutions to invest in the Company's securities.

As a result of any of these factors, the market price of the common shares at any given point in time may not accurately reflect the Company's long-term value. Securities class action litigation often has been brought against companies following periods of volatility in the market price of their securities. The Company may in the future be the target of similar litigation. Securities litigation could result in substantial costs and damages and divert management's attention and resources.

#### Wars

The Company's business financial condition and results of operations may be further negatively affected by economic and other consequences from Russia's military action against Ukraine and the sanctions imposed in response to that action in late February 2022 and the escalation of war in the Middle East. While the Company expects any direct impact of the war in the Ukraine to the business to be limited, the indirect impacts on the economy and on the mining industry and other industries in general could negatively affect the business.

# **Fluctuating Mineral Prices**

The Company's revenues in the future, if any, are expected to be in large part derived from the extraction and sale of precious and base minerals and metals, which in turn depend on the results of the Company's exploration on these properties and whether development will be commercially viable or even possible. Factors beyond the control of the Company may affect the marketability of metals discovered, if any. Metal prices have fluctuated widely, particularly in recent years. Consequently, the economic viability of any of the Company's exploration projects cannot be accurately predicted and may be adversely affected by fluctuations in mineral prices.

#### Competition

The mining industry is intensely competitive in all its phases. The Company competes for the acquisition of mineral properties, claims, leases and other mineral interests as well as for the recruitment and retention of qualified employees with many companies possessing greater financial resources and technical facilities than the Company. The competition in the mineral exploration and development business could have an adverse effect on the Company's ability to hire or maintain experienced and expert personnel or acquire suitable properties or prospects for mineral exploration in the future.

#### **Resale of Common Shares**

The continued operation of the Company will be dependent upon its ability to generate operating revenues and to procure additional financing. There can be no assurance that any such revenues can be generated or that other financing can be obtained. If the Company is unable to generate such revenues or obtain such additional financing, any investment in the Company may be lost. In such

event, the probability of resale of the common shares by any investor of the Company would be diminished.

# **Community Groups**

There is an ongoing level of public concern relating to the effects of mining on the natural landscape, on communities and on the environment. Certain non-governmental organizations, public interest groups and reporting organizations ("NGOs") who oppose resource development can be vocal critics of the mining industry. Any such actions and the resulting media coverage could have an adverse effect on the reputation and financial condition of the Company or its relationships with the communities in which it operates, which could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flows or prospects.

# **Price Volatility of Publicly Traded Securities**

In recent years, the securities markets in Canada have experienced a high level of price and volume volatility, and the market prices of securities of many companies have experienced wide fluctuations in price which have not necessarily been related to the operating performance, underlying asset values or prospects of such companies. There can be no assurance that continual fluctuations in price will not occur. It may be anticipated that any quoted market for the common shares will be subject to market trends generally, notwithstanding any potential success of the Company in executing on its business plan, creating revenues, cash flows or earnings. The value of the common shares will be affected by such volatility.