# MAYO LAKE MINERALS INC: MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING JUNE 30, 2023 (Information as at June 30, 2023 unless otherwise noted)

## INTRODUCTION

The following provides management's discussion and analysis of results of operations and financial condition for the six-month periods ended June 30, 2023 and 2022. Management's discussion and analysis (MD&A) was prepared by Mayo Lake Minerals Inc. (Mayo or the Company) management and approved by the Board of Directors on August 28, 2023.

This MD&A should be read in conjunction with the Company's financial statements for the six month period ended June 30, 2023. It should also be read in conjunction with the Company's annual financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, which are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"). All figures are presented in Canadian dollars unless otherwise indicated. The financial statements include all of the assets, liabilities and expenses of Mayo.

# SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This document may contain or refer to certain forward-looking statements relating but not limited to the Company's expectations, intentions, plans and beliefs. Forward-looking information can often be identified by forward-looking words such as "anticipate", "believe", "expect", "goal", "plan", "intend", "estimate", "may" and "will" or similar words suggesting future outcomes, or other expectations, beliefs, plans, objectives, assumptions, intentions or statements about future events or performance. Forward-looking information may include reserve and resource estimates, estimates of future production, unit costs, costs of capital projects and timing of commencement of operations, and is based on current expectations that involve a number of business risks and uncertainties. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from any forward-looking statement include, but are not limited to, failure to establish estimated resources and reserves, the grade and recovery of ore which is mined varying from estimates, capital and operating costs varying significantly from estimates, delays in obtaining or failures to obtain required governmental, environmental or other project approvals, inflation, changes in exchange rates, fluctuations in commodity prices, delays in the development of projects, the failure to obtain sufficient funding for operating, capital and exploration requirements and other factors. Forward-looking statements are subject to risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from expected results. Potential shareholders and prospective investors should be aware that these statements are subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those suggested by the forward-looking statements. Shareholders are cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward-looking information. By its nature, forward-looking information involves numerous assumptions, inherent risks and uncertainties, both general and specific, that contribute to the possibility that the predictions, forecasts, projections and various future events will not occur. Mayo undertakes no obligation to update publicly or otherwise revise any forward-looking information whether as a result of new information, future events or other such factors which affect this information, except as required by law.

# Q2, 2023 HIGHLIGHTS

## Corporate

On April 5, 2023 the Company announced the closing of its previously announced (February 28) common share units ('CS Units') placement for a total of 1,716,700 Units at \$0.06 per CS Unit totaling \$103,002. Each CS Unit consists of one common share and one whole warrant exercisable into one Common Share @ \$0.10 valid to March 31, 2026. Upon closing, the Company had a total of 95,941,670 common shares outstanding.

On April 5, 2023 the Company announced a Private Placement on a 'best efforts' basis consisting of any combination of common share units ('CS Units) and flow-through units ('FT Units') totaling \$1,400,000 with a proposed closing date of on or about May 15 ('Closing Date') subject to the discretion of the directors. Each CS Unit is comprised of one common share ('Common Share') and one-half Common Share purchase warrant ('CS Warrant'). Each whole CS Warrant is exercisable into one Common Share at \$0.10. Each FT Unit consists of one flow-through share ('FT Share') as defined in subsection 66 (15) of the Income Tax Act (Canada), and one-half of a Common Share at a price of \$0.12. Both the CS Warrants and the FT Warrants are valid for a period of 36 months

from the closing date. In the event of multiple closings, the day of the final closing will be the Closing Date of record.

# Exploration

On April 17, 2023 the Company announced its exploration plans for 2023, an estimated \$900,000 of work: Anderson-Davidson, diamond drilling - \$65,000; Carlin-Roop, trenching and soil sampling - \$120,000; Trail-Minto, trenching and soil sampling - \$100,000.

# Subsequent Event

On August 2, the Company entered into a non-binding letter of intent (the "LOI") with WestMountain Gold, Inc. ("WestMountain"). The LOI outlines the proposed terms and conditions of a possible transaction pursuant to which Mayo and WestMountain would negotiate to seek to effect a three-cornered amalgamation of a wholly-owned subsidiary of Mayo and WestMountain that would result in Mayo indirectly acquiring all of the outstanding share capital of WestMountain (the "Contemplated Transaction"). The combined entity resulting from the Contemplated Transaction would continue to carry on the combined businesses of Mayo and WestMountain.

The Contemplated Transaction remains subject to Mayo and WestMountain negotiating and entering into a definitive agreement and the receipt of all regulatory and shareholder approvals. In the event a definitive agreement is reached, Mayo will issue a comprehensive press release pursuant to the policies of the Canadian Securities Exchange.

# NATURE OF OPERATIONS AND DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS

Mayo is an exploration stage junior mining company engaged in the identification, acquisition, evaluation and exploration of mineral properties in the Yukon, Canada. The Company has not determined whether its properties contain mineral resources that are economically recoverable. It is focused on exploring and developing its gold and silver prospective properties located in the Mayo Lake District of the Yukon. The recoverability of amounts recorded for mineral exploration properties and deferred exploration expenditures is dependent upon the discovery of economically recoverable resources and the ability of the Company to obtain the necessary financing to complete the development of these resources and attaining future profitable production from the properties or sufficient proceeds from disposition of the properties.

In July 2021, the Company filed a preliminary prospectus (Prospectus) with the Ontario Securities Commission (OSC) in respect to the issue and sale of units of the Company for minimum gross proceeds of \$750,000 (Minimum Offering) and maximum gross proceeds of \$1,500,000 (Maximum Offering) plus a listing application on the Canadian Stock Exchange (CSE). It subsequently received a receipt for the prospectus from the OSC and response from both agencies regarding certain matters of issue. On October 5, 2021, the Company filed a revised Prospectus for a Minimum Offering of \$650,000 and a Maximum Offering of \$1,500,000. On November 8, 2021, the Company received conditional approval for a listing on the CSE subject to final receipt of a Prospectus, completion of any outstanding CSE documentation and payment of fees, and closing of the Initial Public Offering. On November 22, 2021 the Company filed a restated Prospectus. On December 15, it received a final receipt of the Prospectus from the OSC. On December 30, 2021 the Company closed a first tranche of the Initial Public Offering, namely \$943,155 for 6,287,701 flow through (FT) Units and \$240,401 for 2,003,340 common share (CS) units. Subsequently, on March 15, 2022 it closed a further \$316,444 for 2,637,034 CS units, completely filling the Maximum Offering of \$1,500,000 at that time.

The combination of available working capital on December 31, 2021 and the funds raised under the Maximum Offering, that were to be utilized for exploration was:

Property	Principle Purpose	Estimated amount to
		be expended
Carlin- Roop Silver Project	Drilling, Trenching, IP-Resistivity	\$615,737
	Survey, Prospecting and	
	Geochemical Soils	
Anderson-Davidson	Soil Sampling and IP-Survey	\$72,000
Trail-Minto	Soil Sampling	\$88,500
Edmonton	SGH Survey	\$10,500
Cascade	Soil sampling	\$16,500
	Total Exploration	\$803,237

Some modifications were made to the allocation of exploration funds subsequently because of exploration results and their interpretation in early 2022 plus the onerous operating conditions encountered on certain projects during the year. The Anderson Gold Belt at Anderson-Davidson; the Carlin West and AJ zones at Carlin-Roop and the Roaring Fork Stock and vicinity at Trail-Minto continue to be the focus of exploration.

# Yukon Property Acquisitions

The Company entered into binding letter agreements with Auropean Ventures Inc. (Auropean), a related company, in December of 2011 (amended in July 2014) for the acquisition of the Anderson, Davidson and Edmonton Creek claim groups comprising 881 claims and totalling 184 square kilometres. Initial consideration included a total of \$720,000 in cash and 180,000 common shares of the Company valued at \$18,000. On the first and second anniversary of the letter agreements, the Company completed additional payments totalling 6,480,000 common shares of the Company valued at \$648,000 in lieu of previously agreed cash payments, share issuances and exploration expenditure commitments. The vendor retained a 2.75% net smelter return royalty (NSR) on the Anderson claim group and a 2.5% NSR on the Davidson and Edmonton claim groups. The NSRs are subject to a 1% buyback.

The Company also entered into binding letter agreements with Auropean in February 2012 (amended in July 2014) for the acquisition of the Roop and Trail-Minto claim groups comprising 608 claims. Initial consideration paid included \$50,000 cash, 300,000 shares of the Company valued at \$30,000 and the assumption of demand note payable in the amount of \$100,000. This demand note bore interest at 12% per annum and was payable on demand after a three-month term. The Company agreed to provide a further 5,040,000 shares of the Company valued at \$504,000 in lieu of previously agreed future cash payments, share issuances and exploration expenditure commitments. Auropean retained a 2.75% NSR royalty on the Trail-Minto claim group and a 2.5% NSR on the on the Roop claim group, which are both subject to a 1% buyback.

The Company entered into a binding letter agreement with Auropean in April 2012 (amended in July 2014) for the acquisition of the Carlin claim group comprising 185 claims. Initial consideration paid included \$50,000 in the form of a promissory note and 100,000 common shares of the Company. On the first and second anniversary of the purchase agreement, the Company provided an additional 1,440,000 shares of the Company valued at \$144,000 in lieu of previously agreed cash payments, share issuances and exploration expenditure commitments. Auropean retains a 2.5% NSR royalty on the property, which is subject to a 1% buyback.

All of the NSR buybacks are applicable at any time up to commercial production. Any full 1% NSR can be bought back for \$1M if gold is at \$1,000 per ounce or less; \$2M if gold is at \$3,000 per ounce or more with a sliding scale between \$1,000 and \$3,000 per ounce. A buyback can be exercised in increments of 0.5%.

Following the initial acquisitions, claims were added and deleted according to the value potential of areas underlying claims and the amount of assessment work (qualified exploration costs under the Yukon Mining Act) available to maintain the claims in good standing.

# **Property Details**

**Carlin-Roop** consists of two adjacent claim groups. The Company melded these two into one claim group totalling 190 claims in 2017. Originally Roop was comprised of 378 claims and Carlin 185 claims. A further 32 claims were added to Carlin within the common Area of Interest. In 2014 and 2015 a total of 405 claims lapsed. A total of 190 claims, totalling 37.5 sq. km. in area, were in good standing at the end of 2016. In 2022, 40 claims totalling 8.3 sq. km were added. Filing of work completed in 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2022 will leave 230 Carlin-Roop claims, totalling 44.7 sq. km. in area, in good standing; assessment work completed over 198 claims are extended to April 19, 2028 and 28 claims within a core area at Carlin-Roop have been extended until April 19, 2031 and 2032.

**Anderson-Davidson** is a combination of two claim groups totalling 881 claims that were staked separately in 2011. Two claims were disqualified from the original application for registration. In 2015, 4 claims were added, 73 claims lapsed and the two claim groups were melded together. At the end of 2016, 605 claims were in good standing. During 2017, a further 22 claims were added, bringing the total to 627 claims, totalling 130.1 sq. km. in area. Assessment work applied during 2017, 2018 and 2022 has extended 573 claims until March 29, 2024, 27 claims until March 29, 2025 and 27 claims until March 29, 2025.

**Trail-Minto** consisted of 284 claims at the end of 2013; initially 230 claims were purchased from the vendor, subsequently 54 claims were added in the common Area of Interest. A total of 105 claims lapsed prior to the end of 2017 and 5 claims were added in 2019. In 2022, 44 claims totaling 8.9 sq. km. in area were added. Assessment work and payments in lieu applied in 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2022 has resulted in 228 claims totalling 45.8 sq. km. in area in good standing. Of these, 178 claims are in good standing until October 2024; 12 claims until October 2025; 44 until June 2025 and 4 until October, 2026.

**Edmonton** was originally comprised of 205 claims, but because of geographic separation, 52 claims were sectioned off into the **Cascade** claim group. In 2015, 58 claims lapsed leaving Edmonton with 95 claims. Between 2017 and 2019, a further 19 Edmonton claims lapsed leaving Edmonton with 76 claims, totalling 15.6 sq. km. in area, which after applications of assessments from 2012 through 2017; completion of payments in lieu of assessment work; filing of assessments completed during 2022, leaves 7 claims in good standing until July 19, 2024; 26 claims until July 19, 2025; 42 claims until July 16, 2026 and 1 claim until July 16, 2027.

**Cascade** has been left with 40 claims totaling 8.1 sq. km. in area. The application of assessment work from 2012 through 2019, payments in lieu, filing of assessment work from 2022 leaves the claims in good standing until July 19, 2024.

# Geology and Mineralization of the Mayo Lake Area

Regional geology shows metamorphosed Upper Proterozoic to Lower Cambrian Hyland Group sediments in contact with younger Devonian to early Carboniferous metasedimentary units of the Ern Group and Keno Hill Quartzite along a major thrust fault, the Robert Service Thrust. Mid-Triassic mafic sills and greenstones are common within the younger units but are rarely encountered in other units. All units have been affected by the Tombstone Thrust and intruded by the Mid-Cretaceous Age Tombstone Plutonic Suite, which host several gold deposits, such as the Eagle Project at Dublin Gulch with resources of 6.3 million ounces of gold at a grade of 0.66g Au/t including reserves of 2.7 million ounces of gold at a grade of 0.67 g Au/t. All the claim groups lie within the Tombstone Plutonic Belt.

The dominant structural features in the area are a pair of imbricated thrust sheets. The Robert Service Thrust (RST) and the Tombstone Thrust Sheet (TTS), which collectively have transported the Selwyn Basin sediments over 150 kilometres to the northeast. The RST Sheet is marked by many internal thrusts, subsequent folds and faults and a strong penetrative structural fabric imparted by the later underlying TTS. The magnetics on all properties clearly show this structural complexity. The complicated structural history has resulted in much of the terrain being fertile for mineralization and mineral deposits.

Mineralization within the Tintina Gold Belt is primarily the result of intrusion related gold systems. These large felsic epizonal systems result in variable deposits that on the surface may appear unrelated. Proximal mineralization associated with Tombstone intrusives are sheeted gold veins or stockworks within the rim or immediately adjacent to Tombstone Suite plutons. Deposits such as Dublin Gulch, Brewery Creek and Fort Knox are examples of this type of mineralization. The numerous significant gold anomalies surrounding the Roaring Fork Stock on Mayo's Trail-Minto claim group could also indicate a sheeted-vein stockwork type of mineralization.

Thick sequence of sediments in the Tombstone Plutonic Belt have resulted from thrusting and stacking of sediment sequences during mountain building and erosion. This environment is favourable for intrusion-related and orogenic mineral deposits. The Pogo Mine (4.9M oz Au at 12.45g Au/t) in Alaska is an example of a high grade orogenic deposit lying within Yukon-Tanana Terrace. Numerous projects within the Tombstone Belt to the south of Mayo Lake represent the mesothermal phase of orogenic mineralization, including Gold Strike's Plateau Project (numerous high-grade intersections including drill intersections of 13.3g Au/t over 17.5m and 12.5g Au/t over 20.7m) and Golden Predator's 3 Aces (81.5 g Au/t over 5.6m; 50.4g Au/t over 8m; 58.8g Au/t over 4.6m). Much of the geochemical and geophysical data collected and compiled on Anderson-Davidson, Trail-Minto, Edmonton and Cascade claim groups points to magmas and fluids moving through tectonized rocks from intrusions. The recently drilled gold occurrence on the Anderson-Davidson claim group likely corresponds to this orogenic type of mineralization.

Silver Mines at Keno Hill (282M oz Ag mined; 1.2M t at 805g Ag/t resources) are unique in that they are mesothermal silver-base metal deposits with a projected metal source being a buried intrusion. Investigations on the Carlin-Roop Property indicate it has a similar geologic history to those mines at Keno Hill.

# **Exploration Property Descriptions**

A description of the geology, mineralization and Mayo's exploration for each claim group is provided below. See *"Planned Exploration and Evaluation 2022-2023"* and *"Mineral Exploration Properties and Deferred Exploration Expenditures"* for additional details.

# Carlin-Roop Claim Group

Carlin-Roop, which is the amalgamation of two contiguous claim groups, is composed of 230 contiguous quartz claims covering an area of 45.8 square kilometres. The claim groups cover the eastern reaches of the Gustavus Range, which is bisected east to west by the Granite-Keystone Creek valley. Peaks are generally rounded with steep drop-offs or cliffs at the lips of valleys. It lies within the Keno Hill Silver District (KHSD).

Granite Creek was historically prospected for placer potential. Beginning in 2013, a placer operation has been active and pockets containing up to 300 ounces of gold have been mined. Many of the tributaries to Granite Creek have been staked for additional placer potential. The placer operation on Granite Creek can be accessed by a road originating in Keno.

The claim group has been subjected to multiple glaciations. The youngest glaciation was confined to the trunk valleys occupied by Mayo Lake and the lower part of Granite Creek. Its limits are well marked by lateral moraines and lateral meltwater channel. Above this glacial limit, the ice was probably cold-based, resulting in minimal erosion except within part of the Granite Creek valley where most of the terrain is now covered by variable thicknesses of

till. In the core of the valley the glaciers transported rock debris and mineral material in a westerly direction. Outcrop is uncommon, mostly along scarps on the edge of glacial valleys. Soil development is immature and extensively cryoturbated.

Carlin-Roop is underlain by Keno Hill Quartzite (KHQ) interlayered with minor andesitic volcanics and intruded by Triassic gabbros silts and plugs (Greenstones) and the Cretaceous Roop Lakes Stock. A contact metamorphic aureole extends up to 4 kilometres away from the Stock, impacting most units underlying the property.

Airborne magnetics were flown over the large area covered by the two claim groups in 2012. Magnetic patterns clearly showed the Roop Lake Stock and mafic plugs, the Stocks alteration halo and a broad NW trending mag low on the west side of the Roop Lake Stock. A NW trending anticline parallel the mag low with most of the area being underlain by the KHQ and Greenstones. The airborne magnetics defines numerous parallel breaks and terminations in the magnetics. These lineations are related to fracturing and folding patterns, induced by the Tombstone Thrust.

Mayo completed soil sampling at various scales on the property in 2012, 2014, 2016 and 2017. It delineated several geochemical targets. The geochemistry and a follow-up SGH survey has indicated potential for Au bearing veins, copper of unknown provenance and for Keno Hill type  $Ag \pm Pb \pm Zn$  veins. At the northern extremity an Au and Ag target plus a copper target have been defined by soil sampling and SGH. In the southern area soil sampling has indication Au and Ag potential at two localities; some Ag pathfinders indicate a potential for a KHSM silver mineralization in the east-central part of the property. In the western part of the property, highly anomalous Ag, Zn, Pb Sb and As are present over two segments of soil anomaly totaling 1000m in length. One has a length of 600m (Carlin West occurrence) and trends WSW. It in turn is cut by liners trending ESE, with the same elements paralleling this trend. This situation is similar to that in the central KHSD where Ag fault veins are focused along the Tombstone-related fractures and faults.

In 2018, a ground magnetics survey was completed over parts of the 600m long soil anomaly to confirm and refine the position of the soil anomaly s projected by the airborne magnetics. In 2019, IP-Resistivity survey across the soil anomaly indicated 15m wide high silica, mineralized zone, crossing the axis of the Ag soil anomaly, the Carlin West occurrence.

In late October of 2020, a short drill program, 2 holes totalling 205m, was completed, but was terminated prior to achieving its objectives due to severe weather. The first hole was drilled to 127.5m depth at an inclination of 45° and intersected a greenstone unit (Greenstone) below the Keno Hill Quartzite (KHQ) at 93.5m downhole. A second hole was drilled to 75.4m depth at an inclination of 60° and bottomed in KHQ. The Greenstone is secondary to the KHQ in acting as a host to Keno Hill Style Mineralization (KHSM). Nevertheless, a classic KHS breccia, which yielded values of 6.9 g Ag/t over 1.85m, including 12.8g Ag/t over 0.85m, was intersected within the Greenstone. These breccias generally increase in widths and grades by orders of magnitude when intersected within the KHQ. Structural measurements indicate that this breccia likely intersects the KHQ 5-10m above where it cored into the Greenstone. New intervals of KHSM from the two hole collars to 20m downhole drilled through interbedded graphitic schist and quartzite. Assays from many prospective quartz vein and breccia intervals in this new zone assayed to 2.65m at 64.4 g Ag/t from 16.1m, including 0.85m at 124.4g Ag/t from 18m in the second hole; and 0.5m at 18.3g Ag/t from 21.5m and 1.0m at 33.7g Ag/t from 82.5m in the first hole. Structural measurements from the first hole indicate that the drilling did not intercept the 15m wide IP-Resistivity anomaly.

During July, 2021, a prospecting and soil sampling program was completed to define and confirm drill targets in the vicinity of the Carlin West silver occurrence. Results received September, 2021, defined two strong Ag in soil zones trending parallel to regional structural lineations. Four grab samples assayed 72, 197, 199 and 562g Au Eq/t along this trend. In some sectors of the Keno Hill silver district, silver ore can be found in similarly trending vein-faults along this trend. In the vicinity of the Carlin West silver occurrence, two grab samples assayed 4,311 Ag Eq/t and 737g Ag Eq/t along Ag in soil anomalies at obtuse angles to the regional trend.

In October of 2021, two diamond drill holes, totalling 310.8m, were completed on the Carlin West Ag in soil anomaly some 150m along strike from those holes drilled in 2020. The 2021 holes were drilled from the northeast edge of the broad geochem anomaly here, whereas the 2020 holes were drilled from the southwest edge of the broad geochem anomaly. In both cases the diamond drill holes encountered greenstone (Greenstone) before intersecting the central 15m wide near-surface target as identified by an IP-Resistivity survey. The Greenstone was not anticipated to be present at an anticipated 30m depth in the central area. the primary target within the KHQ, the preferred host for high grade KHSM. The first hole was drilled to 203.1m depth at an inclination of 45° and intersected graphic schist to a depth of 15.05m, KHQ between 15.05 and 54.20m, Greenstone between 54.20 and 107.7m and interbedded schist and KHQ between 107.7 and 203.1m. The second hole was drilled to 117m depth at an inclination of 60° and intersected KHQ continuing layers of graphitic schist, sandstone and Greenstone to 44.6m; Greenstone between 44.6 and 67.0m; and interlayered KHQ and graphitic schist from 67.0 to 117.5m depth. Most notable was the 1.8m long intercept of a fractured quartz vein in the first hole. This zone was intercepted within the soil anomaly, but well outside the expected prime target associated with the 15m wide IP-Resistivity anomaly.

During 2022, splitting, logging, sampling and delivery to the BVC laboratories for assaying of 832 samples from eight diamond drill holes centred in the Carlin West zone was completed. Plotting and interpretation of results continued through early 2023. Keno Hill Quartzite (KHQ), quarzitic metasediments (MSD), graphitic schists (GSH) and greenstone (GRE) (metamorphosed gabbro and diorite) were the common lithologies encountered in the drilling. KHQ, in some cases interbedded with MSD and GSH, is dominant in holes MLM22-10 through 13. Interbedded MSD and GSH are the predominant lithologies in MLM22-05 through MLM22-09. GRE was noted at depth in MLM22-09, 10 and 13. Extensive silicification was noted in MLM22-05-11. Quartz veining, some parallel, and some at acute angles, to foliations is extensive throughout most of the DDHs. All DDHs contain veins and disseminations of pyrite and pyrrhotite. Galena, sphalerite, siderite, tetrahedrite, siderite and sulfosalts are occasionally present in some structures, especially those containing quartz veins.

MLM20-01, MLM20-02, MLM21-03 and MLM21-04 all encountered structures containing anomalous silver, both in and below the GRE, as they progressed under or parallel to the highly anomalous Carlin West central core zone where all soil values exceed 30g Ag/t. The structures that contain anomalous silver can be projected up through the GRE into the KHQ. A high-grade silver zone is potentially projected in the receptive KHQ where a steeply dipping IP- Resistivity anomaly running parallel to the Carlin West zone cuts the KHQ.

MLM-05, MLM22-06, MLM-07 and MLM22-09 lie along the northwest extension of the Carlin West zone between prospecting samples running from 3994g Ag/t and 662g Ag/t. MLM22-05 crosses the narrowest part of the Carlin West core zone adjacent to grab samples grading 662 and 3994g Ag/t and intersected fine stringers yielding silver values above background over 31m starting at 79.8m. The DDH also contains two silver structure intercepts anomalous in silver; one measuring 1.0m in length beginning at 83m down hole; and a second measuring 6.9m in length beginning at 90.1m. The latter interval was missing 0.2m of core.

MLM22-07 collars into the Carlin West zone but is missing an aggregate 1.4m of core within its friable portions. Of note is a missing 0.4m interval of core adjacent to a 2.0m intercept grading 1.8g Ag/t, starting at 4.6m downhole. Starting at 98m, stringers yielding silver values above background over 22m of downhole length are common with 4 intercepts exceeding 1g Ag/t anomalous silver. MLKM22-06 intersects the Carlin West stringer zone over 15m in length starting at 85m downhole. It intersected two silver intercepts, one 5.6m in length and a second of 1m in length, exceeding 1g Ag/t within the stringer zone with 0.2m of core loss at the upper intercept. These structures are characterized by fractured and brecciated quartz zones. MLM22-09 contains eight silver structures between 1m and 3m thick above 75m downhole and outside the Carlin West zone plus three structures between 8 and 6.3m long from 84 to 166m down hole, within the Carlin West zone as projected from surface. The lowest structure was within a GRE.

MLM22-13 contains two shallow weakly anomalous silver structures, but both project as being outside the core structure. MLM22-12 was collared at a location where the core zone overlies KHQ. It intercepted a narrow structure containing weakly anomalous silver, at a depth of 84m.

MLM22-10 and MLM22-11 collared in the Carlin West stringer zone produced a fractured intercept that did not produce a complete transect of the structure. Soil sampling from this season indicated that these holes were collared in the centre as opposed to the east of the anomaly as was planned. Both holes intersected a lower stringer zone over 10m wide with silver values up to 14.5g Ag/t. MLM22-10 ended in a mineralized vein 3cm thick. This was below the minimum sampling interval of 0.3m, which was the sample taken from the end of the DDH that yielded 15.2g Ag/t. This stringer zone corresponds to surface float assaying 662g Ag/t and a muted soil anomaly.

The silver structures intercepted to date do not explain the occurrence of high-grade grab samples assaying up to 3,994g Ag/t, nor the large area where all soil samples assayed 1oz Ag/t at Carlin West. It is theorized that this might be the result of missing core as relatively thin, very highly mineralized veins are commonly eroded and get washed away during diamond drilling. Metallic Minerals' press release of April 10, 2023 epitomizes the presence of rich narrow high grade veins in broader silver structures as is envisaged at Carlin West and AJ.

Year	Exploration Expenditures	
2012	Airborne geophysics, soil geochemistry, geology	\$214,671
2013	Geology	\$10,572
2014	Soil geochemistry	\$17,685
2015	Geology	\$2,023
2016	Soil geochemistry, SGH survey	\$21,395
2017	Soil geochemistry, SGH survey	\$21,959
2018	Ground magnetic survey, environmental	\$30,052
2019	Mechanical probing, IR-Resistivity survey	\$13,036
2020	Diamond drilling	\$331,163
2021	Soil geochemistry, diamond drilling	\$362,008
2022	Soil geochemistry, diamond drilling	\$958,259
2023	Drilling, geology	\$13,234

Carlin-Roop explorations expenditures 2011 to June 30, 2023.

Note. Geology includes the synthesis and interpretation of various exploration works for economic evaluation and planning of future exploration.

**Planned 2023 Exploration**. Trenching will be focused on (1) that area of the Carlin West zone where soils assayed  $\geq 30$ gAg/t and high-grade float occurs and (2) on the axis of the AJ zone where numerous high grade float samples parallel the zone.

## Anderson-Davidson Claim Group

Anderson-Davidson is comprised of 627 contiguous quartz claims covering an area of 130.1 square kilometres, near the community of Mayo, Yukon. The claim group is over 30 kilometres long and covers the highlands south of Mayo Lake where several placer operations actively recover gold from creeks draining the highlands. Access to Anderson-Davidson is provided by a seasonal road connecting placer operations on Davidson Creek to the all-weather Mayo Lake Road. A pre-existing, four-wheel drive track runs east-west through the center of the claim group. Anderson-Davidson is also accessible from Mayo Lake and via helicopter from the airport in Mayo.

The area has been subjected to multiple glaciations. The surface cover is a mixture of colluvium and till. Rock exposure is less than 5 percent. During an older glaciation, the uplands were covered by glacial ice which was probably cold-based with the transport of rock and debris being minimal.

The Anderson-Davidson claim group is underlain by phyllites, schists and carbonates of the Hyland Group, occasionally intruded by felsic dykes. Most stratigraphy has bedding parallel or sub-parallel to foliation, which dips shallowly generally southeast except where modified by small scale isoclinal folding.

Anderson-Davidson has a long history of placer mining. Currently Davidson Creek is being mined during the summer, whereas Anderson Creek and another locale, Dawn Gulch are operated sporadically. During Operation Keno several creeks draining the north part of the property were sampled, yielding up to 275,000 ppm Au in heavy mineral concentrates. Samples from the Yukon's regional stream geochemistry are sparse but confirmed the presence

of gold on the eastern part of the property. The property has similarities to that of the Plateau Project, some 40 km to the southwest, where Newmont is required to spend \$53M to earn a 75% interest in the project.

High resolution airborne magnetic completed in 2012 identified numerous magnetic linears associated with broad magnetic trends that were interpreted as having the potential for precious metal veining; and magnetic lows indicating alteration zones and igneous intrusions with associated precious metal that have potential for polymetallic deposits.

Mayo delineated numerous areas of anomalous gold from ridge and spur sampling in 2012. Further testing of one promising area by Mayo delineated the Anderson Gold Trend, a 10-kilometre-long zone of elevated and anomalous Au-As-Sb values. Three gold-in-soil anomalies, with zones more than 50 ppb Au for greater than 200m of strike length within trends of elevated Au up to 2 kilometres long were identified within the Anderson Gold Trend in 2013 to 2015. Significant sections of these soil anomalies contain greater than 100 ppb Au with others up to 500 ppb. A trench excavated at the Anderson-Owl Occurrence yielded anomalous gold in soil samples and a grab sample that assayed 3.5 g Au/t. These targets remain open along strike in up to three directions, in some cases following or crossing untested topographic depressions. Many geochemical targets remain to be tested, both within and outside of the Anderson Gold Trend.

On the Davidson claims, stream sediment and soil sampling has identified a number of gold anomalies ranging from 400m to 1500m in length with associated Sb and As halos. One Au target was verified with a SGH survey. Some of the grids need extending to better determine the probable bedrock source of the Davidson Creek placers.

On the Anderson claims, a 2017 scout reverse circulation (RC) drilling campaign tested the Anderson-Owl anomaly, within the Anderson Gold Trend and intersected a gold-bearing system in drift covered bedrock; this in spite of the fact that the soil anomaly had been displaced by surficial processes. In total, 640m was drilled in 8 RCHs on two separate fences 50m apart. The newly discovered bedrock vein gold system had two mineralized structures, which correlated across both fences. The quartz sulfide vein structures had significant Au+As+Sb+Hg and contained abundant stibnite-arsenopyrite-pyrite mineralization associated with quartz veins and silica-cemented breccia.

One structure (Alpha) yielded 0.77g Au/t over 6.1m, including 0.90 g Au/t over 3.1m, from the bedrock-drift interface 4.6m down-hole in RCH MLM17-005; and 0.55 g Au/t over 3.0m from 3.1m down hole in RCH MLM17-006. Gold grades were highest at the bedrock – drift interface. The structure appears continuous for at least 50m between holes. The width and grade of the Alpha structure could not be determined because of the drill entering into the structure at the bedrock interface. The higher grades of gold at the top of the holes suggest that gold grades could increase in the undrilled part of the structure. A second structure was intersected by RCHs MLM17-002, 003, 005, 006 and 007 and yielded grades averaging about 0.14g Au/t over intervals of between 1.5m to 7.6m, at an average depth of 70m.

During July, 2021, IP-Resistivity profiles were completed, running across the strike of the Au in soil anomaly defining the Anderson-Owl gold anomaly. These profiles appeared to define two parallel steeply dipping zones, suggestive of mineralization.

A total of 331 soil samples over approximately 4 square kms, were collected in the vicinity of the Norman Au in soil anomaly. Results received in early 2022 showed two significant Au in soil anomalies. The first zone had a length of 200+ m and trended SW. It had gold values of 25 and 55 pb and associated As, Sb and Bi anomalies. It was cutoff at the south edge of the soil grid. The second zone had a length of 500m and trends north-west. Gold values range between 10 and 45 ppb.

The Anderson Gold Trend was extended to an area of 16km by 3km and over 9500 m of drill-ready anomalous gold in soil zones, subject to further investigations in some cases, were outlined. At Owl-Anderson an individual gold zone length was increased to 3000 m, with gold values up to 527 ppb. At Steep Creek an individual gold zone length was increased to 1600 m with gold values up to 142 ppb. At Peak an individual gold zone length with gold values

to 272 ppb was delineated over 1600 m. At Norman, one individual gold zone of 670 m length with gold values to 46 ppb was delineated. The Anderson Gold Trend was extended to 16km + in length with recognition of further targets zones at Dawn Gulch and in the drainage basins of Owl and Anderson Creeks. Sites were sampled to investigate the possibility that (i) coarse-grained Au was removed from the standard analyzed -80 mesh samples and (ii) loess and transported silt were analyzed in part with glacial materials and colluvium caused irregularities in analytical results. The results suggest the likelihood for the development of a significant mining camp within the Anderson Gold Trend.

The Owl-Anderson, Norman and Steep Creek Au in soil anomalies plus the restricted geophysical magnetic character associated with these anomalies appear to show that the anomalies are confined within a 500m wide zone within the broader Anderson Gold Belt.

Year	Evaluration Expanditures	Total
rear	Exploration Expenditures	Expenditures
2011	Geology	\$1,380
2012	Airborne geophysics, soil geochemistry, environmental	\$270,185
2013	Soil geochemistry, geology	\$38,694
2014	Soil geochemistry	\$67,621
2015	Soil geochemistry, SGH survey	\$60,026
2016	SGH survey	\$6,616
2017	RC drilling, soil geochemistry	\$273,078
2018	Geology, environmental, community	\$18,942
2019, 2020	Geology	\$934
2021	Ground IP and resistivity survey, soil geochemistry	\$60,088
2022	Soil geochemistry	\$84,296
2023	Geology	\$2,133

Anderson-Davidson explorations expenditures 2011 to June	30 2023

Note. Geology includes the synthesis and interpretation of various exploration works for economic evaluation and planning of future exploration.

**Planned 2023 Exploration**. Drilling of anomalous zones at the Owl-Anderson and Peak prospects, possibly at Steep Creek, are envisaged. Soil sampling at Dawn Gulch is planned, subject to funding.

## Trail-Minto Claim Group

Trail-Minto is currently composed of 228 contiguous quartz claims covering an area of 45.8 square kilometres. Access to Trail-Minto is provided by two pre-existing seasonal roads that cut across the northern and southern edges of the claim group. The roads connect to the Silver Trail Highway, 2.5 kilometres east of the property. Two past producing placer operations are present on creeks draining the property.

Trail-Minto is over 15 kilometres long and covers the highlands west of Silver Trail and south of Mount Haldane. The uplands within Trail-Minto are covered by a mixture of colluvium and till. Outcrop is sparse on the property, rarely exceeding 5 per cent. Trail Minto has been subjected to multiple glaciations but lies beyond the western limit of the most recent glaciation. Due to the elevation of the upland, ice was probably cold-based and transport of rock and debris was minimal. However, some of the upland's surface may be covered by patches of stratified glaciofluvial sediments and/or fluvial sediments formed through periglacial slope processes.

Trail-Minto is underlain by phyllites, schists and carbonates of the Hyland Group metasediments, occasionally intruded by felsic and mafic plugs and dykes. Most stratigraphy has bedding parallel or sub-parallel to foliation, which generally dips shallowly southeast except where modified by small scale isoclinal folding. The Roaring Fork Stock underlies the south part of the Trail-Minto.

Airborne magnetics flown by Mayo in 2012, delineated patterns that were indicative of (i) an underlying N-S oriented intrusion or alteration related to the same intrusion in the southern two-thirds of the property and (ii) a broader E-W

oriented buried intrusion in the northern one-third of the property. Magnetic lineations primarily paralleled or are oblique to the major oblong magnetic anomalies. The N-S oriented pattern relates to the Roaring Fork Stock and the E-W pattern probably relates to a buried intrusion as witnessed by small mafic and granodiorite plugs outcropping in this area. A ground magnetic survey completed in 2018 confirmed that a major magnetic low traversed the west flank of the Roaring Creek Stock with adjacent small lows in the surrounding area showing greater magnetism.

Reconnaissance-type soil sampling completed by Mayo in 2012 and 2015 outlined a number of WNW trending Au+As+Sb anomalies in the northern part of the property. Soil sampling completed in 2012, 2015 and 2016 over the southern part of the property adjacent to the Roaring Fork Stock and its buried projections is characterized by Au in soil anomalies that generally have a N-S orientation with some obliquely-oriented variations. Contours for other elements seem to define patterns that reflect the presence of the Roaring Fork Stock, alteration of the Stock and adjacent wallrock mineralization. The gold mineralization appears to have been transported and precipitated along faults and joints within the Roaring Fork Stock. Gold mineralization is expected to be intrusion related, such as at Victoria Gold's Eagle deposit, or structurally controlled intrusion related mesothermal or epithermal gold bearing veins and stockworks.

A ground magnetic survey completed in 2018 confirmed the magnetic low crossing the west flank of the Roaring Fork Stock and some accessory small mag lows imposing on the surrounding areas in an area where limited soil sampling indicates a high potential for gold mineralization. In 2019 a shallow penetrating IP-Resistivity line identified the contact between the Roaring Fork Stock and adjacent schistose rock. Probing and some geochemical analysis, also in 2019, delineated some gold in soil anomalies that appear correlated with linear gold in soil anomalies.

At Trail-Minto, results from the soil sampling in 2022 continued to define north-trending irregular parallel bands of gold anomalies, mainly in the edges and halo of the Roaring Fork Stock. It was also noted that a potential correlation existed between the gold in soil anomalies and the magnetic analytical signal. Sites were sampled to investigate the possibility that (i) coarse-grained Au was removed from the standard analyzed -80 mesh samples and (ii) loess and transported silt were analyzed in part with glacial materials and colluvium caused irregularities in analytical results.

Year	Exploration Expenditures	Total
		Expenditures
2012	Airborne geophysics, soil geochemistry	\$121,654
2013 - 2014	Geology	\$6,483
2015	Soil geochemistry	\$30,817
2016	Soil geochemistry	\$25,869
2017	Geology, soil geochemistry	\$6,912
2018	Ground magnetic survey	\$20,874
2019 - 2020	Mechanical probing, IP and Resistivity	\$21,735
2021	Payment in lieu	\$4,095
2022	Soil Geochemistry	\$102,494

Trail-Minto exploration expenditures 2011 to June 30, 2023.

Note. Geology includes the synthesis and interpretation of various exploration works for economic evaluation and planning of future exploration.

**Planned 2023 Exploration**. Trenching is planned over the long linear gold in soil anomalies paralleling the Roaring Fork Stock. Further soil sampling will be completed, subject to funding, in areas where the magnetic analytical signal is similar to the signal showing gold in soil anomalies.

## **Edmonton Claim Group**

The Edmonton claim group is composed of 76 contiguous quartz claims covering an area of 15.6 square kilometres near the eastern arm of Mayo Lake. Access is primarily by helicopter. The claim group is also accessible from Mayo

Lake. It is bordered to the west by Edmonton Creek, a historically active placer creek. Other creeks that drain to the east are shown to have been placer mined in the past.

The surface cover at Edmonton is a mixture of colluvium and till. The youngest glaciation affecting Edmonton, was confined to the valley occupied by Mayo Lake. This valley was filled with westward fast-flowing ice that scoured its bottoms and sides. The youngest glacial limits are marked by moraines. Small ice-dammed ponds are present along the periphery of this moraine system. The highest part of uplands was probably covered by older cold-based glacial ice during an older glaciation, transport of rock and debris being minimal.

Edmonton is underlain by the Robert Service Thrust (RST), which is a broad structure containing a complex intermingling of Keno Hill Quartzites and Hyland Group metasediments intruded by competent gabbroic rocks. Local prominences on the plateau that Edmonton covers correspond to gabbro stocks. The thrust limit of the RST is mapped as a surface trace on Edmonton, when it is more likely a series of multiple sub-horizontal faults. The rocks have also been intensively strained during Tombstone thrusting.

Airborne magnetics was flown over the property in 2012. It delineated a large geophysical anomaly in the southern part of the claim group with one boundary that is marked by elevated gold in soil values. This large anomaly is interpreted to be a buried stock or alteration zone of unknown provenance. The true extent and nature of gold in rock source has yet to be determined. Other magnetic lineations clearly showed faults and fractures that are common within the Tombstone strain zone.

Reconnaissance geochemical soil sampling was completed in 2012. It was followed by definition geochemical soil sampling was completed in stages in 2014, 2015, 2017, the later being reported in 2018. It delineated an E-W trending Au anomaly along the northern edge of the large mag low. Other gold and base metal soil anomalies are also evident. A thorough interpretation of the geophysical, geochemical and glacial history of the data was completed in 2019. It became evident that base metal anomalies formed a ring around the large mag low in the southern part of the property. Slightly elevated, variably trending Au anomalies were present in the centre of the mag low. A strong multi-element anomaly trended to the northeast from the mag low. The geochem anomalies were commonly parallel to geophysical linears suggestive of fractures and faulting related to the Tombstone thrusting. The pattern of geochem anomalies and geophysical suggests that base metal mineralization along the flanks of the mag low and Au mineralization within and along the north flank of the mag low reflect fluids from different magmas.

At Edmonton, an SGH survey in 2022 validated the potential [presence of sub-surface gold and base mineral mineralization as previously delineated by geochemical soil sampling. The anomalous zones flank a large magnetic low that is believed to be indicative of an underlying intrusive and associated alteration. The base metal and gold zones may relate to the different fractionation of metals within an intrusive or its sub-phases. Sites were sampled to investigate the possibility that (i) coarse-grained Au was removed from the standard analyzed -80 mesh samples and (ii) loess and transported silt were analyzed in part with glacial materials and colluvium caused irregularities in analytical results.

Year	Exploration Expenditures	Total Expenditures	
2011	Geophysics	\$20,734	
2012	Soil geochemistry, geology, environmental	\$23,857	
2013	Geology	\$15,451	
2014	Soil geochemistry, geology	\$30,066	
2015	Soil geochemistry	\$19,988	
2016	Soil geochemistry	\$7,108	
2017	Soil geochemistry	\$12,597	
2018	Geology	\$18,421	
2019	Soil geochemistry, geology	\$11,534	
2020	Geology	\$282	
2022	Payment in lieu, extending claims to July 19, 2022	\$26,094	

#### Edmonton explorations expenditures 2011 to June 30, 2023.

Note. Geology includes the synthesis and interpretation of various exploration works for economic evaluation and planning of future exploration.

#### Cascade Claim Group

The Cascade claim group is composed of 40 contiguous quartz claims covering an area of 8.1 square kilometres near Mayo Lake. Cascade covers a moderately sloping prominence overlooking a former producing placer creek draining into the Nelson Arm of Mayo Lake. The claim group is also accessible from Mayo Lake, which has a boat launch at its west end. An old road leading from the lake crosses the south part of Cascade.

The surface cover is a mixture of colluvium and till. Cascade has been subjected to multiple glaciations. The ice was probably cold-based due to the elevation of the upland, and transport of rock and debris was minimal.

The property is underlain by the Robert Service Thrust (RST), which is sub-horizontal. It includes a complex intermingling of Hyland Group Metasediments intruded by competent gabbroic rocks and amphibolite dykes. Rock was also intensely strained during the subsequent Tombstone thrusting.

Geophysics flown in 2012 by Mayo suggests that the surface trace of the RST is folded around the nose of the Mayo Lake Antiform on or adjacent to the property. This structurally complex zone has good potential to host mineralized structures. Reconnaissance sampling suggests the presence of a gold in soil anomaly, with the most anomalous sample yielding 2.25 g Au/t.

Definition sampling in 2017 has delineated five gold in soil anomalies. The anomalies are all open in at least one direction. Two anomalies have associated element anomalies suggesting a felsic intrusive or skarn-type provenance. The other Au anomalies have element associations suggesting intrusion related or orogenic-type provenances for the gold; two of them have strong As and Sb associations. In 2018, Mayo reanalyzed soil samples for Au by fire assay to confirm previous Au in soil anomalies defined by INAA and ICP-MS after acid digestion techniques because of the possibility that gold values may have been negated or muted where graphite was present in the soil. The results did not indicate any obvious affects from the graphite or any other soil component. Further definition sampling in 2020 around the exterior of the original soils grid extended those anomalies along the east part of the grid. A new grid in the south part of the property delineated one E-W trending gold in soil anomaly.

The Company planned to conduct more detailed soil sampling in 2022 to define potential gold mineralization in areas where reconnaissance soil sampling and airborne magnetics indicate good potential for gold mineralization, mainly to the east and north part of the claim group. However, logistics and funding limited investigations to trying to determine the cause of past irregularities in soil sampling results, i.e., mainly the positioning of samples having low values close to those showing high Au values. Sites were sampled to investigate the possibility that (i) coarse-grained Au was removed from the standard analyzed -80 mesh samples and (ii) loess and transported silt were analyzed in part with glacial materials and colluvium caused irregularities in analytical results. A total of \$2,872 has been spent to the end of December, 2022.

Year	Exploration Expenditures	Total
		Expenditures
2012	Soil geochemistry, geology	\$20,164
2013	Geology, soil geochemistry	\$9,452
2014	Soil geochemistry	\$54
2015	Soil geochemistry	\$570
2017	Soil geochemistry geology	\$15,078
2018	Geology, soil geochemistry	\$2,315
2019	Soil geochemistry	\$8,880
2021	Cash in lieu	\$4.200
2022	Soil geochemistry	\$2,872

Cascade exploration expenditures 2011 to June 30, 2023

Note. Geology includes the synthesis and interpretation of various exploration works for economic evaluation and planning of future exploration.

All technical information, including costs and costs estimates of programs within this document has been reviewed and approved by Dr. Vern Rampton, P. Eng. in his capacity as a qualified person as defined under NI 43-101.

# SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY RESULTS

The following tables contain selected financial information for the three month periods ended June 30, 2023 and June 30,2022.

	Three-month period ended		
-	June 30, 2023	June 2022, 2022	
Revenue	0	0	
Total expenses	201,926	154,790	
Other income	30	2,282	
Net loss for quarter	201,896	152,508	
Loss per share - diluted	0.0022	0.0016	
Cash dividend per share	Nil	Nil	

Total expenses in Q2, 2023 were \$47,136 higher than those in Q2, 2022, primarily because of increased activity in property evaluation and promotion and share base compensation; this was partially offset by a decrease in professional fees. For more detail see *Annual general and administration expenses for quarters ending June 30*, 2023 and June 30, 2022.

Annual general and administrative expenses for quarters ending June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2022.

Category	June 30, 2023 (\$)	June 30, 2022 (\$)	Increase (Decrease) 2023-2022 (\$)
Investor relations and promotion	28,691	26,844	1,847
Professional; legal, audit, accounting, regulatory	47,826	62,912	(15,086)
General and administrative	53,020	52,421	599
Property evaluation	5,634	-	5,634
Interest expense and bank charges	5,620	6,358	(738)
Share based compensation	54,549	2,989	51,560
Other expenses	6,586	3,266	3,320
Total overhead expenses	201,926	154,790	47,136

The increase of \$51,560 for Share based compensation is due to expensing of options and RSUs. Each tranche of RSUs and Options is vested and expensed over the full time it takes for them to vest. Increases in Investor relations and promotion of \$1,847, General and administrative of \$599, Property evaluation of \$5,634 and Other of \$3,320 were more then off-set by a decrease in Professional fees of \$15,086.

## SUMMARY OF THE SIX MONTHS PERIOD RESULTS

The following tables contain selected financial information for the six month periods ended June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2022.

	Six-month period ended		
	June 30, 2023 (\$)	June 30, 2022 (\$)	
Revenue	0	0	
Total expenses	410,100	268,378	
Other income	35	2,882	
Net loss for quarter	410,065	265,496	
Loss per share - diluted	0.0044	0.0029	
Cash dividend per share	Nil	Nil	

Total expenses in 2023 were \$141,722 higher than those in 2022 primarily because of an increase in the share based payments from 2023 to 2022. For more detail see *Annual general and administrative*) expenses for six months period ending June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2022.

Annual general and administrative expenses for six months ending June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2022.

Category	June 30, 2023 (\$)	June 30, 2022 (\$)	Increase (decrease) 2023-2022 (\$)	
Investor relations and promotion	59,647	43,408	16,239	
Professional; legal, audit, accounting, regulatory	60,675	81,381	(20,706)	
General and administrative	122,844	118,217	4,627	
Project evaluation	5,634	-	5,634	
Interest expense and bank charges	11,655	12,625	(970)	
Share based payments	138,845	5,977	132,868	
Other expenses	10,800	6,770	4,030	
Total overhead expenses	410,100	268,378	141,722	

The increase of \$132,868 for Share based compensation is due to expensing of options and RSUs. Each tranche of RSUs and Options is vested and expensed over the full time it takes for them to vest. An increase in Investor relations and promotion of \$16,239 is mainly due to increased activities related to financing.

Work performed	Carlin- Roop	Trail- Minto	Anderson- Davidson	Edmonton	Cascade	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Geology	-	-	-	-	-	-
Geochemical	-	-	-	-	-	-
Geophysics	-	-	-	-	-	-
Line Cutting	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trenching and Probing	-	-	-	-	-	-
Drilling	3,812	-	-	-	-	3,812
Environmental	-	-	-	-	-	-
Community Social Development	-	-	-	-	-	-
Project Management	9,422	-	2,133	-	-	11,555
Totals	2,133	-	13,234	-	-	15,367

# OVERALL PERFORMANCE AND RESULTS OF EXPLORATION FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDING JUNE 30, 2023 AND 2022.

Work performed	Carlin- Roop	Trail- Minto	Anderson- Davidson	Edmonton	Cascade	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Geology	234	-	297	-	-	531
Geochemical	45,392	67,503	42,976	15,721	1,910	173,502
Geophysics	-	-	-	-	-	-
Line Cutting	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trenching and Probing	-	-	-	-	-	-
Drilling	450,889	-	-	-	-	450,889
Environmental	-	-	-	-	-	-
Community Social Development	-	-	-	-	-	-
Project Management	2,080	1,024	1,248	624	224	5,200
Totals	498,595	68,527	44,521	16,345	2,134	630,122

Summary of exploration and evaluation during the quarters ending March 31, 2023 and 2022.

# Carlin-Roop

During 2023 the Company paid \$3,812 for analysis of drill core received in 2023. \$9,422 was paid for project management.

During 2022 the Company paid \$450,889 for drilling, \$12,973 of which was related to costs encountered in the last quarter of 2021. Soil sampling and interpretation of some results plus review and interpretation of those sample results received during 2021 assisted in the planning of the 2022 soil sampling and drilling programs cost a total of \$47,706.

# Trail-Minto

Nil expenditures during either year in the six months of 2023. During 2022, \$68,527 was spent primarily on soil sampling.

#### Anderson-Davidson

During 2023, 2,133 was paid for project management. During 2022, the total costs for soil sampling and geology was \$42,273; \$1,248 was paid for project management.

# Edmonton

Nil expenditures during either year in the six months of 2023. During 2022, \$16,345 was spent for the collection of SGH and soil samples.

## Cascade

Nil expenditures during either year in the six months of 2023. During 2022, \$2,134 was spent for the collection of soil samples.

#### **Summary of Planned exploration for 2023**

**Anderson-Davidson.** Diamond drilling at two of the prospects, Owl Anderson and Peak are planned to determine the nature and tenor of anticipated gold veins. Budget estimated at \$650,000. Should funds become available, further diamond drilling is contemplated at Steep Creek and soil sampling at Dawn Gulch.

**Carlin-Roop**. Trenching across a highly anomalous silver zone at Carlin West, the primary target, and across an anomalous silver zone at AJ associated with numerous high-grade float samples is envisaged to determine the presence and location of expected high grade-silver veins at both locations. Budget estimated at \$125,000.

**Trail-Minto.** Trenching across gold in soil anomalies paralleling an intrusion to determine the nature of gold mineralization plus limited soil sampling in areas where veining is expected in the underlying bedrock is planned for 2023. Budget is estimated at \$150,000.

# **RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

# SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

#### Financial results on quarterly basis: Q3 2021 through Q2 2023.

Category	2023 Q2 \$	2023 Q1 \$	2022 Q4 \$	2022 Q3 \$	2022 Q2\$	2022 Q1 \$	2021 Q4 \$	2021 Q3 \$
Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Expenses net of income:								
Investor relations and								
promotion	28,691	30,956	32,623	32,479	26,844	16,564	13,214	8,530
Professional; legal, audit,								
accounting, regulatory	47,826	12,849	10,993	18,517	62,912	18,470	59,485	9,442
General and administrative	53,020	69,824	75,772	68,882	52,421	65,794	36,435	46,431
Property evaluation	5,634	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fair value adjustment on								
promissory note	6,586	4,213	3,886	3,570	3,266	3,504	(12,721)	-
Interest expense and bank	5,620	6,035	6,128	6,089	6,358	6,266	4,339	3,083
Share based compensation	54,549	84,297	130,223	49,538	2,989	2,989	62,744	1,924
Other income	(30)	(5)	(30,499)	(207,266)	(2,282)	(599)	(61,188)	1,853
Net loss (gain)	201,896	208,169	229,126	(28,191)	152,508	112,988	102,308	71,263
Net loss (gain) exclusive of								
share based compensation,	140 701	110 664	125 51 6	125,967	149,519	107,094	112 472	67 196
other income and adjustment	140,791	119,664	125,516	123,707	17,519	107,074	113,473	67,486

Investor relations and promotion varied between \$8,530 and \$32,623; largely due to the timing of trade meetings and share placements. They exceeded \$26,844 per quarter from the beginning of Q2 2022 and were below \$16,600 for Q1 2022 and Q3 – Q4, 2021.

Some of the irregularity in Professional fees are due to irregular invoicing. The large sum of \$59,485 (Q2 2021) is also related to fees incurred due to the preparation of the prospectus and the preparation for the IPO during 2021. The large sum of \$62,912 in Q2, 2022 and \$47,826 in Q2 2023 are related to audit fees being invoiced during these quarters.

The higher costs for General and administrative for Q2 2023 (\$53,020), Q1 2023 (\$69,824), and 2022 (\$52,241 - \$75,772) relative to 2021 (\$36,435 - \$46,431) are related to the increased costs of being a public company plus the application for a public listing and planning and budgeting for exploration activities for 2023 and 2022.

Interest and bank expenses varied between \$3,083 and \$6,358 per quarter with the highest amount being for Q1 and Q2 2023, Q1, Q2, Q3 and Q4 2022 (\$5,620, \$6,035, \$6,266, \$6,358, \$6,089 and \$6,128). These sums were directly related to outstanding debt.

Share based compensation of \$62,744 (Q4 2021), \$49,538 (Q3 2022), \$130,223 (Q4 2022), \$84,297 (Q1 2023) and \$54,549 (Q2 2023) relate to the timing of the awarding and vesting of bonuses and monthly compensation. Smaller sums of \$1,924 (Q3 2021) and \$2,989 in Q1 and Q2 2022 are due to the expensing of DSUs on a quarterly basis over 5 years.

Other income of \$207,266 during Q3 2022, \$61,188 during Q4 2021 and \$30,499 during Q4 2022 resulted from the reduction in flow through liability. The expense \$1,853 in Q3 2021 covers the fair value interest discounts on certain notes. The \$30, \$5, \$2,282 and \$599 in Q2 and Q1 2023, Q2 and Q1 2022 is the interest income for funds held in bank accounts.

The average Net loss for each of eight quarters was \$131,258. Net loss varies according to all the components of the expense categories as discussed in the previous paragraphs. The large net losses of \$229,126 for Q4, 2022, \$208,169 for Q1 2023 and \$201,896 for Q2 2023 are primarily due to share based compensation; \$84,297 in Q1, 2023, \$130,223 in Q4, 2022, \$54,549 in Q2 2023 plus \$47,826 in professional fees in Q2, 2023... The net loss of \$152,508 in Q2, 2022 mainly relates to Professional fees of \$62,912 and General and administrative (\$52,241); this related to the IPO and listing of the Company's shares.

The average Net loss, excluding Q3, 2022 and Q3, 2021 is \$167,833; deviations from quarter to quarter are due to variations in all other expenses, sometimes countervailing. The lower than average Net loss of \$71,263 for Q3, 2021 relates to below average costs for all expense categories. The income gain of \$28,191 for Q3, 2022 is primarily the result of the large amount of Other income of \$207,191 due to a reduction in flow through liability.

The Net loss exclusive of share based compensation, other income and adjustment addresses the Company's net cash overhead (Overhead). The average Overhead for the eight quarters is \$118,689 per quarter. The Overhead from Q3, 2021 was lower than those for other quarters because a portion of management fees for the earlier periods was paid through share compensation, the higher Overhead of Q2, 2022 and Q2, 2023 relate primarily to the higher expenses in cash categories caused by the expense of the listing, increased fees related to being a public company, the raising of capital, management fees paid in cash and government reporting related to the 2022 exploration program.

# LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

As at June 30, 2023, the Company held cash of \$2,888 (June 30, 2022 -\$680,555) and had a working capital deficiency of \$421,352 (June 30, 2022 – surplus of \$237,738). Between Q3 of 2021 and Q2 of 2023, the Company financed its operating expenses, property costs and exploration costs through equity financings and promissory notes.

# Financing Activity during the six month period ending June 30, 2023

On March 31, 2023, the Company closed a Common Share private Placement for 1,716,700 Common Share Units at \$0.06, totalling \$103,002. Each Unit consists of one common share and one whole common share purchase warrant. Each whole warrant is exercisable into one common share at \$0.10 per share for expiring on March 31, 2026. The 1,716,700 warrants were valued at \$48,015 using the Black Scholes valuation model.

In conjunction with the offering, the Company paid finder's fees of \$1,050 and granted 17,500 Broker Unit Warrants in relation to the common share offering. Each Broker Unit Warrant is exercisable at a price of \$0.06 expiring March 31, 2023. The Broker Unit Warrants were valued at \$606 using the Black-Scholes valuation model.

# **OUTSTANDING SECURITIES**

	June 30, 2023	Dec. 31, 2022	June 30, 2022	Dec. 31, 2021
Common Shares	95,941,670	93,971,237	92,537,898	88,161,227
Warrants	21,748,379	20,564,872	19,848,202	17,659,866
Broker Warrants	697,094	679,594	586,260	586,260
Options	4,920,158	4,920,158	-	-
RSU-DSUs	1,274,966	1,528,699	900,000	900,000
Fully Diluted	124,582,267	121,664,560	114,458,620	107,307,353

# Warrants **Exercisable and Outstanding**

at June 30, 2023	Exercise Price	Expiry date
410,800	\$0.15	July 30, 2023
40,625	\$0.15	December 30, 2023
12,529,725	\$0.15	November 5, 2024
1,001,670	\$0.18	December 30, 2024
3,143,853	\$0.20	December 30, 2024
1,318,517	1,318,517 \$0.18	
786,319	\$0.18	May 4, 2025
83,500	\$0.24	May 4, 2025
716,670	\$0.20	August 30, 2025
1,716,700	\$0.10	March 31, 2026
Total 21,748,379		

The July 30, 2023 warrants expired prior to August 28, 2023.

# **Broker Unit Warrants Exercisable and Outstanding**

at June 30, 2023		Exercise Price	Expiry date	
	218,757	\$0.12	November 5, 2024	
	14,584	\$0.12	December 30, 2024	
	352,919	\$0.15	December 30, 2024	
	93,334	\$0.12	August 30, 2025	
	17,500	\$0.06	March 31, 2026	
Total	697,094			

Total

# **Stock options**

The Company's Stock Option Plan is available to its directors, officers, employees and service providers. The number of options available is a maximum of 10% of the total number of issued and outstanding common shares. All issuances, including the vesting and exercise periods are approved by the Board.

	Number of Options	Exercise price	Value
Balance, December 31, 2021	-	-	-
Granted	3,990,000	\$0.15	\$173,784
Granted	930,158	\$0.15	\$ nil
Balance December 31, 2022	4,920,158	\$0.15	\$173,784
Expensed at June 30, 2023			\$103,549
Exercisable at June 30, 2023	1,640,053	\$0.15	\$277,333

# SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

On August 2, the Company entered into a non-binding letter of intent (the "LOI") with WestMountain Gold, Inc. ("WestMountain"). The LOI outlines the proposed terms and conditions of a possible transaction pursuant to which Mayo and WestMountain would negotiate to seek to effect a three-cornered amalgamation of a wholly-owned subsidiary of Mayo and WestMountain that would result in Mayo indirectly acquiring all of the outstanding share capital of WestMountain (the "Contemplated Transaction"). The combined entity resulting from the Contemplated Transaction would continue to carry on the combined businesses of Mayo and WestMountain.

The Contemplated Transaction remains subject to Mayo and WestMountain negotiating and entering into a definitive agreement and the receipt of all regulatory and shareholder approvals. In the event a definitive agreement is reached, Mayo will issue a comprehensive press release pursuant to the policies of the Canadian Securities Exchange.

## **RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

The Company has contracts for management and geological services provided by key management, namely officers, administrators and directors of the Company through companies controlled or influenced by them. In addition, key management or their related companies may hold positions in other entities that result in them having control or significant influence over the financial or operating policies of those entities. Transactions are recorded at their fair value as agreed between all parties.

- Dr. Vern Rampton, President and CEO, provides Management Services to the Company through Rampton Resource Group Inc.('RRG') his personal services corporation. RRG also provides accessory office facilities plus an office manager/bookkeeper through contracts negotiated with consideration of competitive prices. All expenses are passed on through at a minimal mark-up.
- Tyrell Sutherland, Vice-President Exploration, provides management & geological services to the Company through Sans Peur Exploration Services Inc. his solely owned personal services corporation.
- Darrell Munro, Corporate Administrator, provides investor relations and administrative services through his sole proprietorship.
- Andre Rancourt, CFO, provides accounting services through his sole proprietorship.
- Lee Bowles. Business Development, provides financial & advisory services through Ironstone Capital Corporation Inc. his personal services corporation.
- On June 18, 2021 the Company issued a series of promissory notes totalling \$101,000 bearing interest at 6% per annum to certain members of the management team in lieu of payment for services rendered. A total of \$16,000 of the principal was repaid in 2022. The remaining principal of \$85,000 plus interest originally due on June 30, 2023 has been extended to June 30, 2024.
- Auropean Ventures Inc. ('Auropean') was formerly designated as an insider, having previously held more than 10% of the outstanding shares of the Company. It has periodically provided credit to the Company. On October 31, 2022, Auropean Ventures Inc. relinquished its status as an insider when its shareholdings fell slightly below 10% of the Company's outstanding shares.
- The President and CEO through his wholly owned corporation Rampton Resource Group Inc. and the Company's Corporate Administrator provide services to Auropean Ventures Inc. ('Auropean')
- The President & CEO and two directors of the Company are also the sole directors of Auropean.

- On November 12, 2021, the directors passed a resolution approving the borrowing of up to \$150,000 from Auropean at a rate of 10% per annum.
- On July 21, 2022 the Company awarded 3,990,000 incentive options to management, directors, consultants and contractors. Each option is exercisable into one common share at \$0.15 for a period of 5 years from the date of issuance. The options vest in three equal segments of 1,330,000 (August 1, 2022, 2023 and 2024).
- On September 30, 2022 the Company awarded 930,158 options exercisable at \$0.15 for a period of 3 years from the date of issuance and 628,699 Restricted Share Units (RSUs) to management, directors, consultants and contractors for their dedication to the company and more specifically to supplement their compensation for fiscal 2021 as well as the period up to the Company's public listing in May of 2022. Both the options and RSUs vest in three separate equal segments, namely January 30 of 2023, 2024 and 2025.
- Interest expense on the amounts due to related parties during the six months ending June 30, 2023 totalled \$9,077 (June 30, 2022 \$9,858).

	Six months ended June 30, 2023	Six months ended June 30, 2022
Compensation and contract fee expense of key management	\$196,634	\$196,617
Value of RSUs/DSUs with officers and directors expensed	\$35,295	-
Value of stock options with officers and directors expensed	\$103,549	-

# **OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS**

The Company has not entered into any material off-balance sheet arrangements such as guarantee contracts, contingent interests in assets transferred to unconsolidated entities, derivative instrument obligations, or with respect to any obligations under a variable interest entity arrangement.

# FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND RISK MANAGEMENT

The Company's financial instruments consist of cash and cash equivalents, accounts payable and accrued liabilities, demand notes payable and due to related parties. Details relating to financial instruments and risk management are disclosed in note 14 to the annual consolidated financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021.

## CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with IFRS requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and disclosures in the notes thereto. These estimates and assumptions are based on management's best knowledge of current events and actions that the Company may undertake in the future. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

The most significant items requiring the use of management estimates and valuation assumptions are related to the recoverable value of mineral exploration properties and deferred exploration expenditures; the valuation of all liability and equity instruments including flow-through share premiums, warrants, compensation options and stock options; and, the ability of the Company to continue as a going concern. Details with respect to critical accounting estimates, judgments and estimation uncertainties are disclosed in note 4 to the annual consolidated financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021.

## NEW ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

## New and revised accounting standards

The Company did not adopt any new standards within the year ended December 31, 2022 or quarter ended March 31, 2023.

#### CORPORATE AND BUSINESS RISK

The Company is engaged in the business of acquiring and exploring mineral properties in the hope of locating economic deposits of gold. The Company's property interests are in the exploration stage only and are without a known economic mineral deposit. Accordingly, there is little likelihood that the Company will realize any profits in the short to medium term. Any profitability in the future from the Company's business will be dependent upon locating an economic mineral deposit, which itself is subject to numerous risk factors. Furthermore, there can be no assurance, even if an economic deposit of minerals is located, that it can be commercially mined. The exploration and development of mineral deposits involves a high degree of financial risk over a significant period of time which even a combination of careful evaluation, experience and knowledge of management may not eliminate risk. While the discovery of ore-bearing structures may result in substantial rewards, few properties which are explored are ultimately developed into producing mines. Major expenses may be required to establish reserves by drilling and to construct mining and processing facilities at a particular site. It is impossible to ensure that the current business relationships or exploration programs of the Company will result in profitable commercial mining operations. The profitability of operations will be, in part, directly related to the cost and success of exploration programs on its properties which may be affected by a number of factors. Substantial expenditures are required to establish reserves sufficient to commercially mine and to construct, complete and install mining and processing facilities in those properties that are actually mined and developed.

#### **Economic Risk**

The prices of copper, gold, silver and other metals fluctuate. The future direction of the price of any metal or mineral will depend on numerous factors beyond the Company's control, including international, economic and political trends, expectations of inflation, currency exchange fluctuations, interest rates, global or regional consumption patterns, speculative activities and increased production due to new extraction developments and improved extraction and production methods. The effect of these factors on the price of commodities, and therefore on the economic viability of the Company's properties, cannot accurately be predicted. As the Company is only at the exploration stage, it is not yet possible for it to adopt specific strategies for controlling the impact of fluctuations in the price of the commodities for which it explores.

#### Management; Dependence on Key Personnel, Contractors and Service Providers

Shareholders of the Company rely on the good faith, experience and judgment of the Company's management and advisors in supervising and providing for the effective management of the business and the operations of the Company and in selecting and developing new investment and expansion opportunities. The Company may need to recruit additional qualified contractors and service providers to supplement existing management. The Company will be dependent on a relatively small number of key persons, the loss of any one of whom could have an adverse effect on the Company.

#### **Industry Conditions**

The exploration and development of mineral deposits involve significant risks that even a combination of careful evaluation, experience and knowledge may not eliminate. While the discovery of a deposit may result in substantial rewards, few properties which are explored are ultimately developed into producing mines. Major expenses may be required to establish reserves, to develop processes and to construct mining and processing facilities at a particular site. It is impossible to ensure that the current exploration and development programs planned by the Company or its joint venture partners will result in a profitable commercial operation.

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, grade and proximity to infrastructure, as well as commodity 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. The exact effect of these factors cannot be accurately predicted, but the combination of these factors may result in the Company not receiving an adequate return on invested capital.

Mining operations generally involve a high degree of risk. The Company's operations will be subject to all the hazards and risks normally encountered in the exploration and development of minerals, including unusual and unexpected geology formations, rock bursts, cave-ins, flooding and other conditions involved in the drilling and removal of material, any of which could result in damage to, or destruction of mines and other producing facilities, damage to life or property, environmental damage and possible legal liability.

#### Value of Common Shares

The value of the Company's common shares could be subject to significant fluctuations in response to variations in quarterly and annual operating results, the success of the Company's business strategy, competition or other applicable regulations which may affect the business of the Company and other factors.

#### Competition

There is aggressive competition within the mining industry for the discovery and acquisition of properties considered to have commercial potential. The Company competes with other interests, many of which have greater financial resources than it has, for the opportunity to participate in promising projects. Significant capital investment is required to achieve commercial production from successful exploration efforts.

#### **Additional Funding and Financing Risk**

Additional funds will be required for future exploration and development. The source of future funds available to the Company is through the sale of additional equity capital or borrowing of funds. There is no assurance that such funding will be available to the Company. Furthermore, even if such financing is successfully completed, there can be no assurance that it will be obtained on terms favourable to the Company or will provide the Company with sufficient funds to meet its objectives, which may adversely affect the Company's business and financial position. In addition, any future equity financings by the Company may result in substantial dilution for existing shareholders.

#### **Environmental Risk**

Environmental legislation is evolving in a manner which will require stricter standards and enforcement, increased fines and penalties for non-compliance, more stringent environmental assessments of proposed projects and a heightened degree of responsibility for companies and their officers, directors and employees. There can be no assurance that future changes to environmental regulation, if any, will not adversely affect the Company's operations. Environmental hazards may exist on the properties in which the Company holds interests that have been caused by previous or existing owners or operators.

#### **Title to Property**

Although the Company has taken reasonable measures to ensure proper title to its properties mineral rights, there is no guarantee that the mineral rights to all of its properties will not be challenged or impugned. Third parties may have valid claims underlying portions of the Company's interests.

#### **Uninsured Hazards**

The Company may not always be able or may choose not to obtain insurance for many of the risks that it faces. In the course of exploration, development and production of mineral properties, several risks and, in particular, unexpected or unusual geological or operating conditions, may occur. It is not always possible to fully insure against such risks, and the Company may decide not to take out insurance against such risks as a result of high premiums or other reasons. Should such liabilities arise, they could reduce or eliminate any future profitability and result in an increase in costs and a decline in the value of the Company's securities.

The Company is currently not insured against environmental risks. Insurance against environmental risks (including potential liability for pollution or other hazards as a result of the disposal of waste products occurring from exploration and production) has not been generally available to companies within the industry. The Company may

periodically evaluate the cost and coverage of the insurance that is available against certain environmental risks to determine if it would be appropriate to obtain such insurance.

Without such insurance, and if the Company becomes subject to environmental liabilities, the payment of such liabilities would reduce or eliminate the Company's available funds or could exceed the available funds that the Company has and result in bankruptcy. Should the Company be unable to fully fund the remedial cost of an environmental problem, it might be required to enter into interim compliance measures pending completion of the required remedy.

## **Conflicts of Interest**

Certain directors and officers of the Company also serve as directors or officers of other companies involved in natural resource exploration, development and production. Consequently, there exists the possibility that such directors will be in a position of conflict of interest. Any decision made by such directors involving the Company are made in accordance with their duties and obligations to deal fairly and in good faith with the Company and such other companies. In addition, such directors will declare, and refrain from voting on, any matter in which such directors may have a material conflict of interest.

## **Political Risk**

The Company's properties or business operations may be exposed to various degrees of political, economic and other risks and uncertainties. The Company's operations and investments may be affected by local political and economic developments, including expropriation, nationalization, invalidation of governmental orders, permits or agreements pertaining to property rights, political unrest, labour disputes, limitations on repatriation of earnings, limitations on foreign ownership, inability to obtain or delays in obtaining necessary exploration or mining permits, opposition to exploration and mining from local, environmental or other non-governmental organizations, government participation, royalties, duties, rates of exchange, high rates of inflation, price controls, exchange controls, currency fluctuations, taxation and changes in laws, regulations or policies as well as bylaws and policies of Canada affecting foreign trade, investment and taxation.

## Permits, Licences and Approvals

The operations of the Company may require licences and permits from various governmental authorities or permits from surface right landowners. The Company believes it holds or is in the process of obtaining all necessary licences and permits to carry on the activities which it is currently conducting under applicable laws and regulations.

Such licences and permits are subject to changes in regulations and in various operating circumstances. There can be no guarantee that the Company will be able to obtain all necessary licences and permits that may be required to maintain its exploration activities, construct mines or other facilities and commence operations of any of their exploration properties.

In addition, if the Company proceeds to production on any exploration property, it must obtain and comply with permits and licences which may contain specific conditions concerning operating procedures, water use, the discharge of various materials into or on land, air or water, waste disposal, spills, environmental studies, abandonment and restoration plans and financial assurances. There can be no assurance that the Company will be able to obtain such permits and licences or that it will be able to comply with any such conditions.

## **Community Risks**

In addition to mineral tenure and environmental permitting, the Company attempts to engage local communities where it explores. Communities may respond differently to exploration and mineral development activities from region to region. Increasingly the exploration sector is required to engage in social contracts with local residents, communities and surface land owners. Factors affecting social acceptance of exploration are variable and can be unpredictable over time. Local opinions can change rapidly about exploration activities and opinions may not be

related to the activity of the Company although its ability to enter an area and conduct its programs may be affected by shifts in perception.

# **Regulatory Matters**

The Company's business is subject to various federal, provincial and local laws governing prospecting and development, taxes, labour standards and occupational health, mine safety, toxic substances, environmental protection and other matters. Exploration and development are also subject to various federal, provincial, state and local laws and regulations relating to the protection of the environment.

These laws impose high standards on the mining industry to monitor the discharge of waste water and report the results of such monitoring to regulatory authorities, to reduce or eliminate certain effects on or into land, water or air, to progressively rehabilitate mine properties, to manage hazardous wastes and materials and to reduce the risk of worker accidents. A violation of these laws may result in the imposition of substantial fines and other penalties.

# **Mineral Price Fluctuations**

The marketability of any mineral is subject to numerous factors beyond the control of the Company. The price of minerals can experience volatile and significant movements over short periods of time. Factors impacting price include, but are not limited to, demand for the particular mineral, political and economic conditions and production levels and costs of production in other areas or countries.

# **CORPORATE INFORMATION**

# **Officers and Directors**

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