

**ATCO MINING INC.
(FORMERLY EV VENTURES INC.)**

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

**For the year ended December 31, 2022 and the period from the date of incorporation on
January 28, 2021 to December 31, 2021**

The following management discussion and analysis (“MD&A”) should be read in conjunction with the condensed interim financial statements and accompanying notes (“Financial Statements”) of ATCO MINING INC. (formerly EV Ventures Inc. - the “Company”) for the year ended December 31, 2022 and the period from the date of incorporation on January 28, 2021 to December 31, 2022. Results have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”) issued by the International Accounting standards Board (“IASB”). All monetary amounts are reported in Canadian dollars unless otherwise indicated. This MD&A is dated April 28, 2023.

This MD&A contains forward-looking information. See “Forward-Looking Information” and “Risks and Uncertainties” for a discussion of the risks, uncertainties and assumptions relating to such information. On October 24, 2022, the Company completed its Initial Public Offering (“IPO”) and its shares were listed on the Canadian Securities Exchange commenced trading on October 25, 2022 under the symbol “ATCM”.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This report may contain forward-looking statements. The words “expect,” “anticipate,” “estimate,” “may,” “will,” “should,” “intend,” “believe,” “target,” “budget,” “plan,” “projection” and similar expressions are intended to identify such forward-looking statements. Information concerning mineral reserve and mineral resource estimates also may be considered forward-looking statements, as such information constitutes a prediction of what mineralization might be found to be present during operations, or if and when an undeveloped project is actually developed.

Forward-looking statements involve a number of known and unknown risks and uncertainties including statements regarding the outlook of ATCO Mining Inc.’s business and results of operations. By their nature, these risks and uncertainties could cause actual results, performance and achievements to differ materially from those indicated. Such factors include, without limitation, risks inherent in mineral exploration, changes in commodity prices, geological and metallurgical assumptions (including with respect to size, grade and recoverability of mineral resources and mineral reserves), the Company’s history of operating losses and uncertainty of future profitability, uncertainty of access to additional capital, environmental risks, as well as the world’s physical and financial health in dealing with COVID-19. In making the forward-looking statements in this MD&A, the Company has applied material assumptions, including without limitation, the assumption that any additional financing needed will be available on reasonable terms.

Additional factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, weak commodity prices and general metal price volatility; the state of the global economy and economic and political events, including the deterioration of the global capital markets, affecting supply and demand; and securing and the nature of regulatory permits and approvals and the costs of complying with environmental, health and safety laws and regulations.

The Company cannot assure investors that any of these assumptions will prove to be correct.

ATCO Mining Inc. disclaims any intention or obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise, except as is required by applicable securities regulations. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements which speak only as of the date the statements were made, and are also advised to consider such forward looking statements while considering the risk factors set forth in this MD&A.

Company information

Atco Mining Inc. (formerly, EV Ventures Inc.) (the “Company”) incorporated under the Business Corporations Act of British Columbia on January 28, 2021. The address of the Company’s corporate office and its principal place of business is 2200 - 885 West Georgia Street Vancouver BC, V6C 3E8.

The Company is in the exploration stage and its principal business activity is the sourcing and exploration of mineral properties.

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May Lake

On May 1, 2021, the Company entered into a Property Option Agreement whereby the Vendors granted the Company a Property Option to acquire a 100% interest in the Property, subject to a Royalty and a Bonus, on the terms set out in the Property Option Agreement. In order to exercise the Property Option and to maintain the Property Option in good standing, the Company must:

- (a) incur exploration expenditures on the Property of \$30,000 on or before June 30, 2021 (complete); and
- (b) on or before the earlier of: August 31, 2022; and the date which is five business days following the issuance of a receipt by a securities regulatory authority in any jurisdiction of Canada for a final prospectus in respect of the Company.
 - (i) pay to the Vendors \$50,000 in cash (paid); and
 - (ii) issue to the Vendors 400,000 Common Shares (issued with fair value of \$20,000).

Newfoundland and Labrador Project

On March 9, 2022, the Company signed a Mineral Property Agreement to purchase 100% interest in the Newfoundland and Labrador Project Mineral Property located in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada. Under the terms of the agreement, the Company must issue to the Vendor:

- (a) 600,000 consideration shares on the Effective date (issued with fair value of \$30,000);
- (b) 1,200,000 Consideration Shares on the 14-month anniversary of the date the common shares of the Purchaser are listed for trading on the Canadian Securities Exchange (the “Listing Date”);
- (c) 600,00 Consideration Shares on the 18-month anniversary of the Listing date; and
- (d) 600,00 Consideration Shares on the 24-month anniversary of the Listing date.

Following the completion of the issuance of the consideration shares, and exercise of the options in full, the Company shall be the beneficial owner of the claims, subject to a two percent royalty on returns from the commercial production of minerals from the Claims in favor of the Vendor. One half of the royalty may be purchased by the Company through a cash payment of \$1,000,000 to the Vendor.

Selected financial information and additional disclosure

The Company was incorporated in the province of British Columbia on January 28, 2021. The following table summarizes selected information from the Company’s condensed financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2022, and period from the date of incorporation on January 28, 2021, to December 31, 2021.

	Year Ended December 31, 2022	Period from the date of incorporation on January 28, 2021, to December 31, 2021
	\$	\$
Operating expenses	665,787	27,523
Loss from operations	(665,787)	(27,523)
Loss per share – basic and diluted	(0.04)	(0.00)
Total assets	1,257,917	454,279
Total liabilities	96,570	51,973
Exploration and evaluation assets	415,829	148,781

Results of operations and quarterly results

The table below sets out the quarterly results for the past eight quarters:

	Three months ended December 31, 2022	Three months ended September 30, 2022	Three months ended June 30, 2022	Three months ended March 31, 2022
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total revenue	-	-	-	-
General and administrative expenses	606,424	21,616	24,387	13,360
Loss before other items	(606,424)	(21,616)	(24,387)	(13,360)
Net loss and comprehensive loss	(606,424)	(21,616)	(24,387)	(13,360)
Net loss per share – Basic & fully diluted	(0.03)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)

	Three months ended December 31, 2021	Three months ended September 30, 2021	Three months ended June 30, 2021	from the date of incorporation on January 28, 2021, to March 31, 2021
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total revenue	-	-	-	-
General and administrative expenses	19,810	4,078	3,562	73
Loss before other items	(19,810)	(4,078)	(3,562)	(73)
Net loss and comprehensive loss	(19,810)	(4,078)	(3,562)	(73)
Net loss per share – Basic & fully diluted	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)

Results of Operations

For the three months ended December 31, 2022 and 2021

Net and comprehensive loss for the three months ended December 31, 2022, was \$606,424 (2021 - \$19,810). The comprehensive loss was mainly attributable to the following:

- Accounting and audit – An increase of \$47,060 from a recovery of \$3,000 during the three months ended December 31, 2021, to \$44,060 for the three months ended December 31, 2022. This was mainly due to hire of an external accounting firm for audit and IPO support.
- Advertising and marketing fees – An increase of \$14,958 from \$Nil during the three months ended December 31, 2021 to \$14,958 for the three months ended December 31, 2022. This was mainly due to the development of the Company's new website and news releases.
- Bank charges – An increase of \$194 from \$179 during the three months ended December 31, 2021 to \$373 for the three months ended December 31, 2022.
- Consulting fees – An increase of \$148,183 from \$Nil during the three months ended December 31, 2021 to \$148,183 for the three months ended December 31, 2022. This was mainly due to the accounting services and external consultant for potential M&A activities.
- Filing fees – An increase of \$25,785 from \$Nil during the three months ended December 31, 2021, to \$25,785 for the three months ended December 31, 2022. This was mainly due to the listing process of its securities.
- Office expenses – An increase of \$27,085 from \$Nil during the three months ended December 31, 2021 to \$27,085 for the three months ended December 31, 2022. This was mainly due to write off of GST receivables as the Company is not yet a GST registrant.
- Professional fees – A increase of \$54,674 from \$22,631 during the three months ended December 31, 2021, to \$77,305 for the three months ended December 31, 2022. This was mainly due to the legal fees regarding listing process of its securities.
- Share-based compensation – A increase of \$268,675 from \$Nil during the three months ended December 31, 2021, to \$268,675 for the three months ended December 31, 2022. The Company granted new options to its new directors and officers during the year.

For the year ended December 31, 2022, and the period from the incorporation date on January 28, 2021, to December 31, 2021

Net and comprehensive loss increased by \$638,264 from \$27,523 for the period from the incorporation date on January 28, 2021 to December 31, 2021 to \$665,787 for the year ended December 31, 2022. The comprehensive loss was mainly attributable to the following:

- Accounting and audit – An increase of \$53,560 from \$Nil during the period from the incorporation date on January 28, 2021 to December 31, 2021, to \$53,060 for the year ended December 31, 2022. This was mainly due to hire of an external accounting firm for audit and IPO support.
- Advertising and marketing fees – An increase of \$16,958 from \$Nil during the period from the incorporation date on January 28, 2021 to December 31, 2021, to \$16,958 for the year ended December 31, 2022. This was mainly due to the development of the Company's new website and news releases.
- Bank charges – A slight increase of \$376 from \$378 during the period from the incorporation date on January 28, 2021 to December 31, 2021 to \$754 for the year ended December 31, 2022.
- Consulting fees – An increase of \$148,183 from \$Nil during the period from the incorporation date on January 28, 2021 to December 31, 2021 to \$148,183 for the year ended December 31, 2022. This was mainly due to the accounting services and external consultant for potential M&A activities.
- Filing fees – An increase of \$48,851 from \$Nil during the period from the incorporation date on January 28, 2021 to December 31, 2021 to \$49,335 for the year ended December 31, 2022. This was mainly due to the listing process of its securities.
- Office expenses – An increase of \$27,085 from \$Nil during the period from the incorporation date on January 28, 2021 to December 31, 2021 to \$27,085 for the year ended December 31, 2022. This was mainly due to write off of GST receivables as the Company is not yet a GST registrant.

- Professional fees – A increase of \$74,092 from \$27,145 during the period from the incorporation date on January 28, 2021 to December 31, 2021 to \$101,237 for the three months ended December 31, 2022. This was mainly due to the legal fees regarding listing process of its securities.
- Share-based compensation – A increase of \$268,675 from \$Nil during the period from the incorporation date on January 28, 2021 to December 31, 2021 to \$268,675 for the year ended December 31, 2022. The Company granted new options to its new directors and officers during the year.

Related Party Transactions

Parties are considered to be related if one party has the ability, directly or indirectly, to control the other party or exercise significant influence over the other party in making financial and operating decisions. Related parties may be individuals or corporate entities. A transaction is considered to be a related party transaction when there is a transfer of resources or obligations between related parties.

Key management includes directors and key officers of the Company, including the President, Chief Executive Officer (“CEO”) and Chief Financial Officer (“CFO”). There were no amounts paid or accrued to key management.

	Year ended December 31, 2022	Period from incorporation to December 31 2021
	\$	\$
Share-based compensation	157,509	-
Total key management compensation	157,509	-

There were no accruals payable to related parties as at December 31, 2022.

Off Balance Sheet Arrangements

The Company has no off-balance sheet arrangements.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

The Company has no revenue-producing operations. As of December 31, 2022, the Company had an accumulated deficit of \$693,310, and a working capital balance of \$745,518 including cash of \$673,486, which amount is considered adequate to meet its requirements for the ensuing 12 months based on current budgeted expenditures for operations and exploration of its mineral property interests. Working capital is held almost entirely in cash, significantly reducing any liquidity risk of financial instruments held by the Company.

Currency Risk

As at December 31, 2022, the Company’s expenditures are exclusively in Canadian dollars, and any future equity raised is expected to be predominantly in Canadian dollars. As a result, the Company does not believe it is exposed to any significant currency risk.

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk consists of two components:

- (i) To the extent that payments made or received on the Company’s monetary assets and liabilities are affected by changes in the prevailing market interest rates, the Company is exposed to interest rate cash flow risk; and

- (ii) To the extent that changes in prevailing market rates differ from the interest rates on the Company's monetary assets and liabilities, the Company is exposed to interest rate price risk.

In management's opinion, the Company is not exposed to significant interest rate risk.

Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk of an unexpected loss if a customer or third party to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations. The Company's exposure to credit risk is limited to cash. The Company manages credit risk, in respect of cash, by placing its cash with a major Canadian financial institution in accordance with the Company's investment policy.

Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The Company manages liquidity risk through its capital management as outlined in Note 7 to the Company's condensed interim financial statements. At present, the Company's operations do not generate positive cash flows. The Company's primary source of funding has been the issuance of equity securities through private placements. Despite previous success in acquiring these financings, there is no guarantee of obtaining future financings. The Company manages its liquidity risk by forecasting cash flows, but is nonetheless exposed to liquidity risk.

Market Risk

Market risk is the risk of loss that may arise from changes in market factors such as interest rates, commodity and equity prices and foreign currency exchange rates. The Company is not currently significantly exposed to market risk.

Outstanding Share Data

As at December 31, 2022, the Company had 26,457,024 common shares issued and outstanding. As at the date of this MD&A, the Company had 33,944,124 common shares issued and outstanding.

As at December 31, 2022, the Company had 900,000 warrants issued and outstanding. As at the date of this MD&A, the Company had 7,335,876 warrants issued and outstanding.

As at December 31, 2022 and as at the date of this MD&A, the Company had 1,655,000 and 1,700,000 options issued and outstanding, respectively.

Subsequent Events

On January 3, 2023, the Company granted 200,000 RSUs to a consultant of the Company. The RSU will vest and convert into common shares on May 4, 2023, provided that the consultant remains involved with the Company.

On January 5, 2023, the Company announced that it completed 255-line-km of its 1,184-line-km airborne gravity survey on its Apollo, Adonis, Rocky and Eagle salt projects, located within the St. George's Bay basin in southwestern Newfoundland. On January 25, 2023, the Company also announced that it completed the rest of its survey.

On February 2, 2023, the Company granted 200,000 stock options to purchase common shares of the Company to a consultant. The options vest on the date of issuance and are exercisable for a period of two years from the date of issue at an exercise price of \$0.25 per option share. The Company also granted 200,000 RSUs to the consultant. The RSU will vest and convert into common shares on June 1, 2023.

On February 10, 2023, the Company announced that it appointed a new chief financial officer (CFO) respectively. The Company granted 200,000 stock options to purchase common shares of the company to CFO. The options vest on the date of issuance and are exercisable for a period of 2 years at a price of \$0.25 per option share.

On March 7, 2023, the Company announced that it closed a non-brokered private placement of 6,712,500 units of the company at a price of \$0.16 per unit for gross proceeds of \$1,074,000. Each unit consists of one common share of the company and one transferable common share purchase warrant, entitling the holder thereof to purchase one additional share at a price of \$0.24 until March 7, 2026.

In connection with closing of the private placement, the Company paid finder's fees totaling \$26,600 to certain arm's-length brokerage firms. All securities issued in connection with the private placement are subject to a statutory hold period until July 8, 2023, under applicable Canadian securities laws, in addition to such other restrictions as may apply under applicable securities laws of jurisdictions outside Canada. The company intends to allocate the net proceeds of the private placement for the advancement of its salt projects in southwestern Newfoundland, for marketing and advertising, as well as for general working capital purposes.

An insider of the Company subscribed for \$100,000, or 625,000 units. With this investment, the insider had approximately 13.3% of the issued and outstanding common shares of the Company. On April 10, 2023, the insider disposed of 1.15 million common shares of the Company, representing approximately 3.39% of the issuer's current issued and outstanding common shares. Following completion of the transfer, the insider has ownership and control of 3,496,000 common shares of the Company, representing approximately 10.29% of the Company's current issued and outstanding common shares, and 625,000 share purchase warrants.

Assuming exercise of just the warrants held by the insider, the insider would have ownership and control of 4,121,000 common shares of the issuer representing approximately 11.92% of the then issued and outstanding common shares.

On April 24, 2023 the Company and VOA Exploration Inc. (the "Vendor") entered into an agreement for the purchase of a mineral licence in Newfoundland and Labrador, under which the Company agreed to issue 700,000 restricted common shares and make a cash payment of \$20,000 to purchase the licence. Pursuant to the agreement 300,000 common shares will be issued to the Vendor on the closing of the agreement, a further 200,000 common shares or before 12 months after the date of the agreement and a further 200,000 common shares on or before 24 months after the date of the agreement. Following the completion of the share payments, the Company will grant a 2% royalty, freely assignable, on returns from the licence to the Vendor. The royalty can be purchased at any time for \$1,500,000.