



**ECO ORO MINERALS CORP.**

**Management's Discussion and Analysis**

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## INTRODUCTION

Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") is intended to help the reader understand Eco Oro Minerals Corp. ("Eco Oro", "we", "our" or the "Company"), our operations, financial performance, and current and future business environment. This MD&A is intended to supplement and complement the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") for the nine months ended September 30, 2018. This MD&A should be read in conjunction with our unaudited condensed consolidation interim financial statements for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and annual audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2017 which are available on the SEDAR website at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

This MD&A is prepared as of November 27, 2018. All dollar amounts in this MD&A are expressed in thousands of Canadian dollars, unless otherwise specified. United States dollars and Colombian pesos are referred to as "US\$" and "COP," respectively.

## OVERVIEW

Eco Oro is a Canadian publicly-listed, precious metals exploration and development company with mining operations in Colombia. For over two decades, the Company's focus has primarily been its wholly-owned Angostura gold-silver deposit (the "Angostura Project"), located in northeastern Colombia, during which time it has invested a significant amount in the project's development and in that of the surrounding communities. Historically, the Company has aimed to maximize long-term value for its shareholders by developing its Angostura Project and its satellite prospects through to construction and mining. Despite the Company having diligently complied with Colombian regulations and its obligations under its mining titles, recent measures of the Republic of Colombia (the "Colombian State") have deprived Eco Oro of its rights and rendered the Angostura Project unviable. As explained below, these measures are now the subject of a dispute between Eco Oro and the Colombian State under the Free Trade Agreement between Canada and Colombia signed on November 21, 2008 (the "Free Trade Agreement").

Because of the Colombian State's measures, the Company filed a request for arbitration (the "Request for Arbitration") with the World Bank's International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes ("ICSID") against Colombia on December 8, 2016 ("ICSID Arbitration"). The ICSID Arbitration proceedings are ongoing.

While the Company's primary objective had always been the development of the Angostura Project, in light of the Colombian State's measures, the ICSID Arbitration has now become the core focus of the Company.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- On April 20, 2018, the Company repaid a bridge loan including related interest, costs and fees to Trexs Investments ("Trex") in the amount of \$5,578 (US\$4,389,015).
- On April 20, 2018, the Company entered into a loan agreement with Trexs for a secured term of \$19,411 (US\$15.19 million) (the "Term Loan"). The Term Loan was funded by way of two advances, the first advance, of \$9,746,029 (US\$7,668,532), was received on April 20, 2018 and the second advance, of \$9,665,154 (US\$7,521,468), was received on May 1, 2018.
- On July 6, 2018, the Company signed a binding asset purchase agreement (the "Purchase Agreement") with Sociedad Minera de Santander S.A.S. ("Minesa") to sell to Minesa the Company's interests in certain mining and land titles located near Minesa's project in the Santander Department of Colombia, along with technical information and ancillary assets relating to the mining licenses. Pursuant to the terms of the Purchase Agreement, Minesa will pay the Company an aggregate purchase price of US\$5,000,000 upon completion of the asset purchase agreement. These titles are unrelated to Eco

Oro's Angostura Project and Concession 3452, which are the subject of Eco Oro's ongoing arbitration against the Republic of Colombia and in relation to which Minesa has acquired no interest. Completion of the asset purchase agreement is subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions precedent.

- On July 16, 2018, the Company provided a written notice to Trexs to extend the maturity date of the Term Loan from July 16, 2018 to October 16, 2018.
- On October 16, 2018, the Company provided a written notice to Trexs to further extend the maturity date of the Term Loan from October 16, 2018 to January 16, 2019.
- On November 21, 2018, the Company received US\$971,000, net of tax of US\$29,000, from Minesa.

## **ICSID ARBITRATION**

### ***Status of the ICSID Arbitration***

In the ICSID Arbitration Eco Oro seeks compensation for all of the loss and damage resulting from the Colombian State's wrongful conduct and its breaches of the protections set forth in the Free Trade Agreement against inter alia expropriation, unfair and inequitable treatment and discrimination in respect of the Angostura Project, as discussed further below.

On December 8, 2016, Eco Oro filed the Request for Arbitration with ICSID against Colombia. The claim relates to the Colombian State's measures which have deprived Eco Oro of its rights under its main mining title, Concession 3452, comprising the Angostura gold and silver deposit, thereby depriving Eco Oro of the returns that would have resulted from its investment in the development of the Angostura Project, and destroying the value of its investment, in violation of Colombia's obligations under the Free Trade Agreement.

On December 29, 2016, ICSID registered the Request for Arbitration. The three-member tribunal for the ICSID Arbitration ("Tribunal") was constituted on September 11, 2017. The first procedural hearing was held on November 21, 2017, following which the procedural calendar for the ICSID Arbitration was issued on November 30, 2017. The arbitration procedure will consist of a written phase, during which parties submit one or more pleadings and accompanying evidence, and an oral phase that will consist of one or more hearings during which the parties will present their case and examine any witnesses and experts. Following the closure of proceedings, the Tribunal will deliberate and issue a written award, which will be final and binding, and subject only to the limited post-award remedies set out in the ICSID Convention. In accordance with the procedure established by the Tribunal, Eco Oro filed its Memorial on the Merits on March 19, 2018 and on June 28, 2018, the Tribunal issued its Decision on Bifurcation, rejecting Colombia's application to bifurcate the proceeding into separate jurisdictional and merits phases.

### ***Background to the Dispute***

Eco Oro was one of the first foreign mining companies to invest in Colombia's gold mining sector. Since the mid-1990s, Eco Oro has invested hundreds of millions of dollars to develop the Angostura Project. Eco Oro made these investments in reliance on Colombia's commitments in its mining titles, including Concession 3452, which was stabilized pursuant to Colombia's 2001 Mining Code. The Colombian State made repeated assurances of support for Eco Oro's Angostura Project, even declaring it to be a "project of national interest" in 2011 and again in 2013.

Despite these commitments and assurances, the Colombian State, through the Colombian National Mining Agency (Agencia Nacional de Minería or "ANM") issued a decision in August 2016 depriving Eco Oro of its mining rights in respect of 50.73% of the Concession area that falls within the preservation zone of the Santurbán Páramo, established in Ministry of Environment Resolution 2090 of December 2014 ("Resolution 2090"). This decision was made on the basis of an earlier decision rendered by the Colombian Constitutional Court in February 2016. The ANM's decision came five months after Eco Oro formally notified Colombia, on March 7, 2016, of its intent to submit to arbitration a dispute arising under

the Free Trade Agreement. The ANM has since indicated through a series of inconsistent decisions that Eco Oro may also be prohibited from carrying out mining activities within the “restoration” zone of the Santurbán Páramo. Eco Oro has sought clarification from the ANM on the various inconsistent communications and decisions from the ANM in this regard. The ANM’s responses, however, have not provided clarity. A further decision of the Colombian Constitutional Court was rendered in November 2017, which struck down Resolution 2090, together with the delimitation of the Santurbán Páramo contained therein, as unconstitutional. The Court suspended its declaration of unconstitutionality for twelve months so the Colombian Government can carry out a new delimitation of the Santurbán Páramo. The Court ordered the Ministry of Environment to adopt a broad, participative, effective and deliberative procedure when undertaking the new delimitation. The Colombian Ministry of Environment has recently been granted an eight-month extension to the deadline for carrying out the new delimitation of the Santurbán Páramo, until July 2019. The Court noted that the new delimitation cannot provide a lesser degree of protection to the Santurbán Páramo than the original delimitation. Eco Oro’s rights are therefore under threat of further encroachments, given the risk that the new delimitation and future decisions of the Colombian authorities will further reduce the area of Concession 3452 accessible for mining activities.

The exploration phase of Concession 3452 expired in August 2018. To begin the construction phase, Eco Oro must carry out the environmental licensing process for the project, which is currently not possible due to the circumstances discussed below in the “Project permitting status and legal challenges” section. At the behest of the ANM, Eco Oro has requested, and has been granted, an extension to carry out the licensing process.

The Colombian State’s measures have rendered the Angostura Project unviable. These measures have not only deprived Eco Oro of the value of the investments that it has already made, but also of the returns that would have resulted from Eco Oro’s investment of hundreds of millions of dollars over the past two decades in reliance upon commitments from the Colombian State. Eco Oro is therefore asserting its entitlement to recover the losses to its investment resulting from Colombia’s breaches, amounting to US\$696 million plus interest in the sum of US\$68 million.

### **Impairment of Project Assets & Financing Arrangements**

#### ***Impairment of Project Assets***

In 2016, the Company assessed the Angostura Project for asset impairment based on the guidance in IAS 36 *Impairment of Assets*. Eco Oro has been deprived of its rights in relation to the majority of the area of Concession 3452. Moreover, the exploration phase of Concession 3452 expired in August 2018 and, at the behest of the ANM, Eco Oro requested, and has been granted, an extension to carry out the licensing of the project. However, the regional environmental authority has informed the Company that, in light of the legal uncertainties regarding the regulatory framework applicable to the Angostura Project, it is unable to process a request for or grant an environmental license. In light of these facts, as well as the Company’s failure to reach an amicable settlement of the dispute that would enable it to exercise the rights that were granted to it under Concession 3452 and develop the Angostura Project, the Company recorded a non-cash write-down of \$24,574 relating to all mineral property and \$1,620 of its plant and equipment located in Colombia during the 2016 financial year (the “Impairment”). The Impairment was based on international accounting standards, and thus without prejudice to the legal qualification that the Colombian State measures may be given under Colombian or international law (including the Free Trade Agreement). Given the nature of the assessed impairment indicators that have given rise to the Impairment, there is significant uncertainty over whether it will be appropriate to capitalize future expenditures that the Company may incur in preserving its assets in Colombia.

## PROJECT PERMITTING STATUS AND LEGAL CHALLENGES

In the context of the above disclosures concerning the ICSID Arbitration, the information set out below and elsewhere in this MD&A relating to the Angostura Project, the mining title, permitting, the pending arbitration proceedings, and other developments, is for background purposes only and should not be interpreted as being indicative of the Company's expectations as at the date of this MD&A regarding the future development of the Angostura Project. As noted above, Colombia's measures have rendered the Angostura Project unviable.

### **Background**

The Company's Angostura Project in the Department of Santander, Colombia, is located approximately 400 km northeast of the capital city of Bogotá. The Angostura Project consists of two main deposits: the Angostura and Móngora deposits. Of the two, the Angostura deposit is significantly larger and the central focus of the Angostura Project. The Móngora deposit is ancillary to the Angostura deposit.

### **Mining Title**

The Angostura Project's principal mining title is concession contract 3452 (the "Concession"), which was created by the consolidation of ten previously existing titles, two concession contract requests and one exploration license request. The Concession was granted in 2007 over an area of 5,244 hectares that contains the Angostura and the Móngora deposits, *inter alia*, for a period of twenty years (expiring in 2027), renewable for an additional 30 years.

On May 6, 2016, the Company applied to the ANM for a further two-year extension of the exploration phase of its Concession. At the time, Eco Oro's mining rights with respect to the area of the Concession had not been modified by the Colombian State and were fully in force. On July 26, 2016, however, prior to its decision on the Company's extension request, the ANM wrote to the Company requesting payment of the annual canon on the Concession. The ANM indicated that payment should be made only in relation to 49.27% of the total area of the Concession because the remainder fell within the preservation area of the Santurbán Páramo. On August 5, 2016, the Company responded to the ANM's letter noting that it did not understand the basis for the ANM's position since its rights under the Concession had not been terminated or modified in any way. The Company indicated that it had paid the amounts requested by the ANM on the understanding that its rights would be fully respected, and that it remained willing and ready to pay the canon corresponding to the total area of the Concession. The Company fully reserved its rights under international law and the Free Trade Agreement.

The Company was subsequently notified on August 8, 2016 of a decision from the ANM by way of Resolution VSC 829 dated August 2, 2016 (the "ANM Resolution"). The ANM Resolution deprived the Company of its mining rights in respect of 50.73% of the Concession that falls within the preservation zone of the Santurbán Páramo which was established pursuant to Ministry of Environment Resolution 2090. In support of this position, the ANM Resolution cited a decision of the Colombian Constitutional Court rendered on February 8, 2016 (the "Constitutional Court Decision"), which struck down exceptions to the restrictions on mining in the Santurbán Páramo that were applicable to Eco Oro.

The ANM's Resolution came five months after the Company announced on March 7, 2016 that it had formally notified Colombia of its intent to submit to arbitration a dispute arising under the Free Trade Agreement between Canada and Colombia (the "Dispute") in connection with Colombia's failure to comply with its obligations under the Free Trade Agreement and international law. Thus, using the Constitutional Court Decision of February 8, 2016 as a pretext, the ANM deprived the Company of its rights under the Concession as well as the returns that would have resulted from the hundreds of millions of dollars of investments that the Company has made for over two decades in reliance upon those rights.

The ANM has since indicated through a series of inconsistent decisions that Eco Oro may also be prohibited from carrying out mining activities within the "restoration" zone of the Santurbán Páramo. As

noted above, Eco Oro has yet to obtain clarification in this regard. A further decision of the Colombian Constitutional Court published in November 2017 declared the delimitation of the Santurbán Páramo under Resolution 2090 to be unconstitutional. The Court suspended its declaration of unconstitutionality for twelve months so the Colombian Government can carry out a new delimitation of the Santurbán Páramo. The Court ordered the Ministry of Environment to adopt a broad, participative, effective and deliberative procedure when undertaking the new delimitation. The Court noted that the new delimitation cannot provide a lesser degree of protection to the Santurbán Páramo than the original delimitation. Eco Oro's rights are therefore under threat of further encroachments, given the risk that the new delimitation and future decisions of the Colombian authorities will further reduce the area of Concession 3452 accessible for mining activities. The Colombian Ministry of Environment has recently been granted an eight-month extension to the deadline for carrying out the new delimitation of the Santurbán Páramo, until July 2019.

### ***Regional Park***

In a process separate from the determination of the boundaries of Santurbán Páramo, the Autonomous Regional Corporation for the Defense of the Plateau of Bucaramanga (Corporación Autónoma Regional para la Defensa de la Meseta de Bucaramanga or "CDMB") was considering the boundaries of a proposed regional park to protect the Santurbán Páramo, among other ecosystems. In January 2013, the coordinates of the Regional Park of Santurbán (the "Park") were approved by the CDMB. The Company's assessment at the time indicated that the officially-declared Park boundaries did not impede development of the Angostura Project. Indeed, the ANM did not alter Eco Oro's mining titles and concessions as a result of the creation of that Park.

However, as noted above, the August 2016 ANM Resolution has deprived the Company of its mining rights in respect of 50.73% of the Concession area that falls within the preservation zone of the Santurbán Páramo as established by Ministry of Environment Resolution 2090 of December 2014, and there is a risk that Eco Oro's rights may suffer further encroachments, as discussed above.

### ***Permitting***

The Company requested the National Authority for Environmental Licensing (*Autoridad Nacional de Licencias Ambientales* or "ANLA") to provide terms of reference for an Environmental and Social Impact Assessment ("EIA") for an underground operation. In March 2012, the Company received terms of reference for an EIA for the underground Angostura Project that, according to the ANLA, had to consider the delimitation of the Santurbán Páramo. That delimitation was subsequently accomplished through Resolution 2090 of December 2014. That Resolution and the subsequent Law 1753 of 2015 contained exceptions to the restrictions on mining activities in the Santurbán Páramo that applied to Eco Oro.

In January 2016, the Company requested that ANLA provide updated terms of reference for an EIA. These terms of reference were not issued, however, as a consequence of the Constitutional Court Decision of February 8, 2016 that transferred the responsibility for issuing such terms of reference to the regional environmental agency (the "CDMB").

In light of current legal uncertainties, the relevant environmental authority, the CDMB, has informed the Company that it is not in a position to process a request of or grant the environmental license for the Angostura Project required to exploit the remaining portion of the Concession.

### ***Other Developments***

In May 2012, the Company applied to the ANM for a two-year extension to its exploration phase of concession 3452. The ANM granted the extension but required the Company to temporarily suspend mining activities in the areas deemed to constitute páramo according to the Atlas of Páramo issued by Von Humboldt Institute until the boundaries of the Santurbán Páramo ecosystem had been determined. In July 2013, the Company filed before the ANM a request to suspend exploration activities in all the area of Concession 3452 until the boundaries of the Santurbán Páramo had been determined. In December

2013, the ANM issued Resolution 001024, allowing the requested suspension for a 6-month term, from July 1, 2013 until December 31, 2013, clarifying that the suspension would be lifted if the boundaries were determined before the expiration of the term. In May 2014, the Company applied to the ANM for a further 2-year extension to its exploration phase of Concession 3452. In August 2014, the Company received notice from the ANM that the extension was granted. The Company filed two subsequent requests to suspend its exploration activities, which were both granted by the ANM. The suspensions of activities were finally lifted upon the issuance of Resolution 2090 of December 2014 that provided the coordinates of the Santurbán Páramo. Resolution 2090 provides that no new mining concession contracts may be executed and no environmental licenses may be issued for mining activities in the Santurbán Páramo. However, mining activities carried out under concession contracts and mining titles with environmental licenses or equivalent environmental management and control instruments granted prior to February 9, 2010 that are within the Santurbán Páramo may continue to be carried out until their termination, without extension, subject to strict supervision by mining and environmental authorities. Resolution 2090 also provides that mining may take place within the “restoration zones” of the Santurbán Páramo located in the traditional mining municipalities of Vetás, California and Suratá, subject to strict environmental controls. Pursuant to Law 1753, 2015, known as the “National Development Plan” mining activities are restricted in páramo ecosystems, although, as under Resolution 2090, certain exceptions apply to Eco Oro’s Angostura Project.

On February 9, 2016, the Company announced that the Colombian Constitutional Court had issued Communication No. 4 of 2016 dated February 8, 2016, which indicated that certain provisions of the National Development Plan are unconstitutional. The Court subsequently formally issued ruling C-035 of 2016 (also dated February 8, 2016). Pursuant to this ruling, among other things, the provisions of the National Development Plan that set out certain exceptions to the restrictions on mining in páramo ecosystems were declared unconstitutional. In addition, although the Court endorsed the concept of projects of national interest and the creation of a national system to handle them due to their importance, it declared the provisions of the National Development Plan that provided that the ANLA would have exclusive authority for licensing such projects, regardless of the size of the project, unconstitutional.

As discussed above, in May 2016, the Company applied to the ANM for a further two-year extension to the exploration phase of concession 3452. On August 8, 2016, Eco Oro received a decision from the ANM rendered on August 2, 2016 through ANM Resolution VSC 829 which granted an extension of the exploration phase for Concession 3452, only for the areas that fall outside the “preservation zone” of the Santurbán Páramo established in Resolution 2090, which corresponds to 50.73% of the concession area. In Resolution VSC 829, the ANM cited the February 8, 2016 decision of the Colombian Constitutional Court as the basis for its decision. Consequently, the resources located in the preservation zone of the Santurbán Páramo are no longer accessible for development and extraction.

More recently, the ANM has indicated that Eco Oro may also be prohibited from carrying out mining activities within the “restoration” zone of the Santurbán Páramo. As noted above, Eco Oro has yet to obtain clarification in this regard.

In addition, the Company was notified that a lawsuit (Acción de Tutela) had been filed before the Constitutional Court against the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development (Ministerio de Ambiente y Desarrollo Sostenible) that seeks to strike down Resolution 2090. On November 6, 2017, a Colombian news outlet published an article that purported to reproduce the full text of a leaked decision of the Colombian Constitutional Court responding to the lawsuit. Four days later, on November 10, 2017, the decision was published on the website of the Constitutional Court itself. The decision was dated May 30, 2017, however no explanation was provided as to why the Court had waited six months to publish it. This most recent Constitutional Court decision struck down Resolution 2090 on the basis that, inter alia, in delimiting the Santurbán Páramo, the Minister of Environment failed to consult adequately with all parties potentially affected by the delimitation and failed to allow them to participate meaningfully in

the delimitation process. The Constitutional Court suspended the effects of its decision for a period of twelve months so that the Ministry of Environment can carry out a new delimitation of the Santurbán Páramo on the basis of a broad, participative, effective and deliberative procedure, that shall be based on community consultation. The Court also noted that the new delimitation must not provide a lesser degree of protection to the páramo than the original delimitation.

On October 24, 2017, the Company was notified by the ANM that the ANM had decided to approve a mine plan filed by Sociedad Minera de Santander (also known as Minesa), a Colombian gold mining company with a project neighbouring Eco Oro's Angostura Project. Minesa's mine plan contemplates the construction of two tunnels underneath part of Eco Oro's Concession 3452. On November 8, 2017, Eco Oro filed an administrative appeal against the approval of Minesa's mine plan. Eco Oro has since received confirmation that its appeal has been unsuccessful.

### ***La Plata***

In February 2012, the Company received notice that Sociedad Minera La Plata Ltda. ("SMLPL") was initiating an arbitration pursuant to the arbitration clause contained in the mining title assignment agreement (the "La Plata Assignment Agreement") pursuant to which the Company acquired its La Plata property from SMLPL. An arbitration panel was constituted and there were ten hearings between December 2012 and July 2013. The arbitration panel rendered its decision in September 2013 finding that the two year statute of limitations applied to the La Plata Assignment Agreement and the first of three subordinate partial assignment agreements, in respect of 25% of the property, and found in favour of the Company in that regard. However, the arbitration panel found that the statute of limitations did not apply to the second and third subordinate partial assignment agreements (the "Annulled Agreements"), in respect of 75% of the property, and declared a relative nullity in respect of these agreements with respect to the amounts greater than 500,000 Colombian pesos. The panel ordered SMLPL to pay the Company 1,677,500,686 Colombian pesos (plus interest and indexation), which relates to the amount paid to SMLPL by the Company under each of the Annulled Agreements (less 500,000 Colombian pesos X 2), within thirty days of the decision becoming final.

The arbitration panel recognized in its decision that it lacked the power to order the relevant Colombian authorities to annul the administrative acts relating to the property and related environmental management plan registered in the name of the Company. The La Plata property and related environmental management plan remain in the name of the Company. In October 2013, the Company filed with the Judicial District Tribunal Superior Court of Bucaramanga a motion for annulment of the arbitration panels' decision on the basis, among other things, that: the arbitration tribunal lacked jurisdiction to rule on the subordinate partial assignment agreements as they did not contain arbitration clauses; and the statute of limitations should have been applied to the Annulled Agreements as they were subordinate to the La Plata Assignment Agreement. In February 2014, the Company was notified of the decision rendered by the Judicial District Tribunal Superior Court with respect to the motion for annulment and the Company was not successful. In August 2014, the Company filed with the Supreme Court an action (Acción de Tutela or "Tutela Action") seeking the revocation of the decisions of the arbitration panel and Judicial District Tribunal Superior Court. In September 2014, the Company was notified of the decision rendered by the Supreme Court in the Tutela Action and the Company was not successful. This decision was appealed to the Supreme Court and, in November 2014, the Company was notified of the decision rendered by the Supreme Court in the appeal and the Company was not successful. To date, the ANM has rejected SMLPL's request to register the decision of the arbitration panel and cancel registration of the Annulled Agreements and, as such, the Company remains the registered owner of the entire La Plata property. On July 21, 2015, the Company received notice that SMLPL had filed a Tutela Action with the Tenth Criminal Circuit Court of Bucaramanga seeking an order that the ANM register the arbitration decision and its 75% interest in the La Plata property. On August 4, 2015, the Company was notified of the decision rendered by the Court that SMLPL was not successful and the Tutela Action was dismissed. As the La Plata Assignment Agreement (and the first of three

subordinate partial assignment agreements) remains valid, if necessary, the Company may commence a legal action against SMLPL to require SMLPL to comply with its obligations thereunder, including the obligation to legally assign the remaining portion of the La Plata property, which was the subject of the Annulled Agreements, to the Company. On July 8, 2018, the Company executed a transaction agreement with SMLP, thereby reaching an amicable resolution to the dispute.

## **OUTLOOK**

Notwithstanding the continuation of the ICSID Arbitration process, the Company remains open to engagement with the Colombian authorities in order to achieve an amicable resolution of the dispute.

In the meantime, the Company's immediate plans for the ensuing year are as follows:

- to advance the ICSID Arbitration and, in due course, review and respond to Colombia's response to its Memorial;
- to continue to assess the Company's activities, including monetization of certain of the Company's assets (including the potential disposition of assets, plant and equipment acquired for the Project) and cost reduction to support the preservation of its core assets and rights, in an effort to mitigate losses;
- to carefully manage its cash resources;
- to continue to assess the Company's mining titles and related ongoing regulatory requirements;
- the protection of its rights and interests in Colombia; and
- to seek additional financing for the Company's operations.

## RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

### Three months ended September 30, 2018

	For the three months ended		Change	
	September 30, 2018	September 30, 2017	in \$	Note
<b>Exploration and evaluation expenses:</b>				
Administrative expenses	\$ 186	\$ 164	\$ 22	
Depreciation	3	2	1	
Environmental expenses	160	(6)	166	a
Legal fees	296	120	176	b
Other exploration and evaluation expenses	21	-	21	
Salaries and benefits	258	219	39	
Surface rights	64	64	-	
	<b>988</b>	<b>563</b>	<b>425</b>	
<b>General and administrative expenses:</b>				
Administrative expenses	57	120	(63)	
Legal and other professional fees	761	6,218	(5,457)	c
Management and directors' fees	261	324	(63)	d
Share-based compensation	23	70	(47)	
	<b>1,102</b>	<b>6,732</b>	<b>(5,630)</b>	
	<b>\$ 2,090</b>	<b>\$ 7,295</b>	<b>\$ (5,205)</b>	
<b>Other items</b>				
Finance cost	\$ 1,060	\$ 35	\$ 1,025	e
Foreign exchange loss (gain)	(444)	206	(650)	f
Other income	(28)	(13)	(15)	
Loss on modification of secured term loan	1,124	-	1,124	g
	<b>1,712</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>1,484</b>	
<b>NET LOSS FOR THE PERIOD</b>	<b>\$ 3,802</b>	<b>\$ 7,523</b>	<b>\$ (3,721)</b>	
Foreign currency translation differences for foreign operations	\$ (189)	\$ (41)	\$ (148)	
<b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE LOSS FOR THE PERIOD</b>	<b>\$ 3,613</b>	<b>\$ 7,482</b>	<b>\$ (3,869)</b>	

#### Exploration and evaluation expenses:

- a) Environmental expenses include the impact of the current year's changes in the site restoration provision. The cost estimates are updated periodically to reflect known developments and are estimated based on the Company's interpretation of current regulatory requirements and constructive obligations. The increase during the three months ended September 30, 2018 was due mainly to the accretion of interest on site restoration provision.
- b) Legal fees are mainly related to the arbitration costs incurred in Colombia.

#### General and administrative expenses:

- c) The general and administrative legal fees and other professional fees were primarily associated with legal and regulatory proceedings and activities related to the preparation of the Company's principal submission in the ICSID Arbitration.
- d) The increase in management and directors' fees is primarily related to the consulting fees paid to the Company's former Chairman and the directors fees paid to the current directors. In addition, the management fees paid to the Company's current CEO incurred for this quarter was classified as general and administrative expenses instead of evaluation and exploration expenses.

**Other items:**

- e) The increase in finance costs was primarily related to the interest of the convertible notes, loan payable, secured Term Loan payable and accretion of interest related to the site restoration provision. In April 2018, the Company incurred \$1,648 transaction costs in connection with the issuance of the secured Term Loan payable, Due to the short-term nature of the loan, these fees were charged as finance costs as incurred.
- f) The foreign exchange loss (gain) was primarily a result of the translation of the Company's US cash and loan payable which is denominated in USD into Canadian dollars.
- g) Loss on modification of the secured Term Loan was solely due to the the extension of the Term Loan on July 16, 2018.

**Nine months ended September 30, 2018**

	For the nine months ended		Change	
	September 30, 2018	September 30, 2017	in \$	Note
<b>Exploration and evaluation expenses:</b>				
Administrative expenses	\$ 587	\$ 568	\$ 19	
Depreciation	9	2	7	
Environmental expenses	124	230	(106)	a
Legal fees	831	728	103	b
Other exploration and evaluation expenses	77	97	(20)	
Salaries and benefits	785	1,670	(885)	c
Surface rights	86	92	(6)	
	<b>2,499</b>	<b>3,387</b>	<b>(888)</b>	
<b>General and administrative expenses:</b>				
Administrative expenses	206	336	(130)	
Legal and other professional fees	5,669	16,083	(10,414)	d
Management and directors' fees	735	442	293	e
Share-based compensation	131	293	(162)	f
	<b>6,741</b>	<b>17,154</b>	<b>(10,413)</b>	
	<b>\$ 9,240</b>	<b>\$ 20,541</b>	<b>\$ (11,301)</b>	
<b>Other items</b>				
Equity tax	\$ -	\$ 46	\$ (46)	
Finance cost	3,740	176	3,564	g
Foreign exchange loss (gain)	238	335	(97)	h
Gain on disposal of plant and equipment	-	(505)	505	i
Loss on modification of secured term loan	1,124	-	1,124	j
Other income	(63)	(134)	71	
	<b>5,039</b>	<b>(82)</b>	<b>5,121</b>	
<b>NET LOSS FOR THE PERIOD</b>	<b>\$ 14,279</b>	<b>\$ 20,459</b>	<b>\$ (6,180)</b>	
<b>OTHER COMPREHENSIVE EXPENSES</b>				
Foreign currency translation differences for foreign operations	\$ 241	\$ (310)	\$ 551	
<b>TOTAL LOSS AND COMPREHENSIVE LOSS FOR THE PERIOD</b>	<b>\$ 14,520</b>	<b>\$ 20,149</b>	<b>\$ (5,629)</b>	

**Exploration and evaluation expenses:**

- a) Environmental expenses include the impact of the current year's changes in the site restoration provision. The cost estimates are updated periodically to reflect known developments and are estimated based on the Company's interpretation of current regulatory requirements and constructive obligations. The decrease during the nine months ended September 30, 2018 was due mainly to change on the costs and timing of the restoration work required to be done.
- b) Legal fees are mainly related to the arbitration costs incurred in Colombia.
- c) The decrease in salaries and benefits is mainly related the termination of 24 employees in Colombia in the second quarter of 2017 and the resignation of the former CEO of the Company.

**General and administrative expenses:**

- d) The general and administrative legal fees and other professional fees were primarily associated with legal and regulatory proceedings and activities related to the preparation of the Company's principal submission in the ICSID Arbitration.
- e) The increase in management and directors' fees is primarily related to the consulting fees paid to the Company's former Chairman and the directors fees paid to the current directors. In addition, the management fees paid to the Company's current CEO incurred for this quarter was classified as general and administrative expenses instead of evaluation and exploration expenses in the prior period.
- f) This decrease in share-based payments resulted from a decrease in the number of options vesting and a corresponding increase in recognition of expenses incurred during the period.

**Other items:**

- g) The increase in finance costs was primarily related to the interest of the convertible notes, loan payable, secured Term Loan payable and accretion of interest related to the site restoration provision. In April 2018, the Company incurred \$1,648 transaction costs in connection with the issuance of the secured Term Loan payable. Due to the short-term nature of the loan, these fees were charged as finance costs as incurred.
- h) The foreign exchange loss (gain) was primarily a result of the translation of the Company's US cash and loan payable which is denominated in USD into Canadian dollars.
- i) Gain on disposal of plant and equipment was primarily related to the proceeds from the disposition of the plant and equipment in Colombia during the nine months ended September 30, 2017.
- j) Loss on modification of the secured Term Loan was solely due to the the extension of the Term Loan on July 16, 2018.

**SELECTED FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

	<b>As at:</b>	<b>September 30, 2018</b>	<b>December 31, 2017</b>	<b>December 31, 2016</b>
Total assets	\$	5,497	\$ 2,591	\$ 18,750
Total long-term liabilities		7,087	6,426	6,601

  

	<b>For the nine months ended:</b>	<b>September 30, 2018</b>	<b>September 30, 2017</b>	<b>September 30, 2016</b>
Loss and comprehensive loss	\$	14,520	\$ 20,149	\$ 4,440
Basic and diluted loss per share		0.13	0.18	0.05

The increase in total assets and liabilities as of September 30, 2018 when compared to December 31, 2017 is mainly due to the secured Term Loan received on April 20 2018 and May 1, 2018. The decline in total assets as of December 31, 2017 when compared to December 31, 2016 is mainly due a significant reduction in cash relating to ongoing administrative costs and professional and legal fees incurred to maintain and respond to multiple legal proceedings in multiple jurisdictions in connection with a settlement agreement the Company entered into on July 31, 2017.

The Company has no operating revenue and relies primarily on equity financing to fund its activities. There have been no distributions or cash dividends declared for the periods presented.

## SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY RESULTS

	Three months ended			
	September 30, 2018	June 30, 2018	March 31, 2018	December 31, 2017
Exploration and evaluation expenditures	\$ 988	\$ 666	\$ 845	\$ 761
General and administrative expenses	1,084	1,904	3,735	3,561
Other items	1,730	3,051	276	377
Net loss for the period	3,802	5,621	4,856	4,699
Basic and diluted loss per share	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.05

	Three months ended			
	September 30, 2017	June 30, 2017	March 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
Exploration and evaluation expenditures	\$ 549	\$ 1,734	\$ 1,104	\$ 2,348
General and administrative expenses	6,732	7,415	3,007	3,169
Other items	242	(495)	171	26,498
Net loss for the period	7,523	8,654	4,282	32,015
Basic and diluted loss per share	0.06	0.07	0.04	0.31

The decrease in exploration and evaluation costs since the third quarter of 2017 is mainly the result of the termination of 24 employees in Colombia in the second quarter of 2017 and the adjustment of the environmental expenses due to the change in estimates of the site restoration provision. In conjunction with the termination, the Company paid \$606 severance payments in the second quarter of 2017. The increase in exploration and evaluation costs in the third and fourth quarter of 2016 and the first and second quarters of 2017 is mainly related to compliance with regulatory requirements and in legal fees due to the legal dispute with the Colombian State. In the fourth quarter of 2016, the Company recognized \$614 environmental expenses due to the change in estimates of the site restoration provision. Except for these increases, the exploration and evaluation costs remained at relatively constant levels due to the cost reduction initiatives.

Except for the significant increase in legal fees and other expenses associated with the litigation and settlement agreement the Company entered into on July 31, 2017, the general and administrative costs are mainly related to the ongoing arbitration and administrative costs. The increase in general and administrative expense in the second quarter of 2017 is related to the recognition of the share-based payments of the options granted in those quarters.

“Other Items” mainly consists of foreign exchange gain / loss, finance costs, equity tax expense, gain / loss on disposal of plant and equipment, impairment loss on plant and equipment, loss of modification of secured Term Loan. The fluctuation in exchange rate for the USD and COP triggered a swing of exchange gain / loss for each quarter. Finance costs are mainly due to the interest of the convertible notes, loan payable and secured Term Loan. During the second quarter of 2018, the Company recognized \$1,648 transaction costs in connection with the issuance of the secured term loan payable. In the fourth quarter of 2016, the Company made the payment of surface canons and related interest charges (COP\$631,474,949) to the Colombian State related to certain mining titles. In the fourth quarter of 2016, the Company recognized an impairment loss on plant and equipment of \$1,620 and exploration and evaluation assets of \$24,574. In the second quarter of 2017, the Company recognized a gain on disposal on plant and equipment of \$505 due to the disposition of certain plant and equipment which the carrying value was written down to \$nil. In the third quarter of 2018, the Company recognized a loss on modification of the secured Term Loan due to the extension of the secured Term Loan.

## LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

### Liquidity and Cash Flows

	Three months ended			
	September 30, 2018	June 30, 2018	March 31, 2018	December 31, 2017
Cash used in operating activities	\$ (2,442)	\$ (6,511)	\$ (1,081)	\$ (1,777)
Cash flows from financing activities	-	12,367	-	-
Cash flows from (used in) investing activities	-	-	-	(15)
Effects of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	(6)	145	(138)	(10)
Total cash flow	(2,448)	6,001	(1,219)	(1,802)
Cash and cash equivalents	4,458	6,906	905	2,124
Guaranteed investment certificate	-	-	-	-
Working capital (deficiency)	(24,005)	(5,397)	(15,030)	(10,281)

	Three months ended			
	September 30, 2017	June 30, 2017	March 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
Cash used in operating activities	\$ (4,797)	\$ (13,084)	\$ (2,041)	\$ (3,106)
Cash flows from financing activities	4,823	-	-	20,171
Cash flows from (used in) investing activities	(29)	394	-	4
Effects of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	87	(36)	(7)	16
Total cash flow	84	(12,726)	(2,048)	17,085
Cash and cash equivalents	3,926	3,842	16,568	18,616
Guaranteed investment certificate	-	-	-	-
Working capital (deficiency)	(5,516)	1,725	10,040	14,202

Except for the significant cash used in legal fees and other expenses associated with the litigation and settlement agreement the Company entered into on July 31, 2017 and the legal dispute with the Colombian State in 2017 and fourth quarter of 2016, the trend of lower quarterly cash burn is primarily due to the implementation of cost reduction initiatives commencing in the second quarter of 2013 that deferred of all discretionary spending on the Angostura Project and decreased general and administrative expenses in both Canada and Colombia through reductions in salaries and benefits, rent and other administrative expenses.

The Company has not yet achieved profitable operations and expects to incur further losses in the development of its business. Until there is a satisfactory resolution of the ICSID Arbitration, management's current forecasts includes cash outflows to continue its trend consistent with the last two quarters and cash inflows is expected to be covered by financing.

On April 20, 2018, the Company entered into a loan agreement with Trexs for a secured Term Loan of US\$15.19 million. The Term Loan is funded by way of two advances, the first in the amount of US\$7,668,532 (received on April 20, 2018) and the second in the amount of US\$7,521,468 (received on May 1, 2018). The Company used the funds from the first advance to repay the US\$4 million bridge loan obtained on September 11, 2017.

The Company plans to cover its operational expenses through financing. Management continues to review the Company's activities in order to identify areas to further reduce expenditures. There are no guarantees that the Company will be able to secure additional financing in the future and at terms that are favorable.

The Company's ability to continue operations and fund future business activities is dependent on management's ability to secure additional financing. Management is actively pursuing additional sources of financing. However, there is no assurance that they will be able to do so successfully. The Company has identified opportunities to reduce its operating costs for fiscal year 2018. To date, the Company has not generated any profit through its operations. These matters result in material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt on whether the Company will continue on as a going concern. Risk factors potentially influencing the Company's ability to raise financing include: the outcome and timing of the

ICSID Arbitration, metal prices, the political risk of operating in a foreign country other uncertainties described above, and the buoyancy of the equity markets. For a more detailed list of risk factors, see the Company's most recent Annual Information Form.

### Commitments, Contractual Obligations & Contingencies

#### Commitments

	Total	2018	2019	2020	2021	2023 and thereafter
Site restoration provision <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 6,025	\$ 448	\$ 1,846	\$ 1,373	\$ 775	\$ 1,583
Secured loan <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	21,542	-	21,542	-	-	-
Convertible notes <sup>(1)</sup>	12,473	-	-	-	-	12,473
	<b>\$ 40,040</b>	<b>\$ 448</b>	<b>\$ 23,388</b>	<b>\$ 1,373</b>	<b>\$ 775</b>	<b>\$ 14,056</b>

- 1) Represents the undiscounted cash flow.
- 2) On October 16, 2018, the Company provided a written notice to Trex to extend the Maturity Date of the Term Loan from October 16, 2018 to January 16, 2019. The Company has the unilateral right to extend the Term Loan to April 30, 2019.

#### Management Incentive Plan

During the first quarter of 2017, the Company implemented a management incentive plan (the "MIP") to incentivize certain key personnel toward the effective prosecution and collection of the Company's arbitration claim against Colombia under the Canada-Colombia Free Trade Agreement. Implementation of a management incentive plan was a requirement under the terms of the Investment Agreement.

Pursuant to the terms of the MIP, a committee of the board of directors of the Company (the "Committee") was appointed to administer the MIP and be responsible for, among other things, determining whether to grant participants under the MIP certain cash retention amounts that will not in aggregate exceed 7% of the gross proceeds of the Arbitration.

On October 16, 2017, pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, the MIP was amended such that the cash retention amount pool was decreased from 7% to 5% of the total gross proceeds of the ICSID Arbitration and was amended to ensure that other participants (including current or former employees, consultants or directors of the Company) may benefit from the MIP.

Awards under the MIP will be at the sole discretion of the Committee taking into consideration, among other things, the amount of the proceeds received from the ICSID Arbitration and the time dedicated by each participant to the Arbitration proceedings. No member of the Committee is currently a participant under the MIP.

#### Contingencies

The Company is, from time to time, involved in various claims, legal proceedings and complaints arising in the ordinary course of business. We have disclosed certain of these uncertainties in note 12 of the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and note 15 of the audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2017. Other than these, the Company does not believe that adverse decisions in any other ongoing, pending or threatened proceedings related to any matter, or any amount which it may be required to pay damages in any form by reason thereof, will have a material adverse effect on the financial condition or future results of operations of the Company. In addition, any adverse decision in resolving the ICSID Arbitration would have a material adverse effect on the Company.

For a discussion on the contingencies, refer to note 13(c) of the unaudited condensed consolidated

interim financial statements for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and note 15(c) of the audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2017.

### Outstanding Share Data

The Company's authorized share capital consists of an unlimited number of common shares issued without par value. The Company has issued warrants for the purchase of common shares and has a stock option plan.

At September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, the Company had 106,524,953 common shares issued and outstanding.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2018, 370,000 options expired unexercised.

The following are outstanding as at November 27, 2018:

Common shares	106,524,953
Shares issuable on the exercise of outstanding stock options	3,132,000
Fully diluted shares outstanding	109,806,953

### SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

- On October 16, 2018, the Company provided a written notice to Trexs to extend the Maturity Date of the Secured Term Loan from October 16, 2018 to January 16, 2019.
- On November 21, 2018, the Company received US\$971,000, net of tax of US\$29,000, from Minesa.

### FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

In the normal course of business, the Company is inherently exposed to certain financial risks, including market risk, credit risk and liquidity risk, through the use of financial instruments. The timeframe and manner in which the Company manages these risks varies based upon management's assessment of the risk and available alternatives for mitigating risk. The Company does not acquire or issue derivative financial instruments for trading or speculative purposes. All transactions undertaken are to support the Company's operations. These financial risks and the Company's exposure to these risks are provided in various tables in note 16 of our unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2017. For a discussion on the significant assumptions made in determining the fair value of financial instruments, refer also to note 3(d) of the consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2017.

### TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

#### Key management personnel

Key management personnel include the members of the Board of Directors and executive officers of the Company.

	For the nine months ended	
	September 30, 2018	September 30, 2017
Short-term benefits	\$ 837	\$ 761
Share-based payments	-	9
	\$ 837	\$ 770

Certain executive officers are entitled to termination benefits. In the event of termination without sufficient advance written notice, these executive officers are entitled to an amount of 6 months of their base compensation by way of lump sum payment.

The Company is also a party to certain management contracts. These contracts contain clauses requiring that \$270 be paid upon a change of control of the Company. As the likelihood of these events taking place is not determinable, the contingent payments have not been reflected in these consolidated financial statements.

#### Other related parties

The aggregate value of transactions with other related parties, including entities over which key management personnel have control or significant influence, is as follows:

	<b>For the nine months ended</b>	
	<b>September 30, 2018</b>	September 30, 2017
<b>Fintec Holdings Corp. ("Fintec")</b>		
Management fees	\$ 370	\$ 150
<b>Quantum Advisory Partners LLP ("Quantum")</b>		
Management and accounting services	\$ 248	\$ 211
<b>Trexs Investments, LLC ("Trexs")</b>		
Finance costs <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 4,111	\$ -
<b>Canopy Capital Ltd. ("Canopy")</b>		
Directors' fees	\$ 73	\$ -
<b>Croftcap Inc. ("Croftcap")</b>		
Directors' fees	\$ 73	\$ -

(1) Amount included interest on the Term Loan of \$1,977 (US\$ 1,514,916) pursuant to the Term Loan with Trexs (Note 7).

Fintec is a company owned by the Company's former Executive Chairman, former Interim President, and current director, Anna Stylianides. The services provided by Fintec were in the normal course of operations related to director and management fees.

An incorporated partner and a senior manager of Quantum (a limited liability partnership) are the Company's Interim Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Interim Chief Financial Officer (CFO), respectively. The services provided by Quantum were in the normal course of operations related to CEO, CFO, accounting and corporate secretarial services.

Trexs is an entity managed by Tenor Capital Management Company, L.P. ("Tenor") in which the Company's current director, David Kay, owns an interest.

Canopy is a company owned by the Company's current director, Courtenay Wolfe. The services provided by Canopy were in the normal course of operations relating to director and management fees.

Croftcap is a company owned by the Company's current director, Peter McRae. The services provided by Croftcap were in the normal course of operations relating to director and management fees.

As of September 30, 2018 December 31, 2017, the amount due to the Company's officers and directors, and the company controlled by the Company's officers and directors was as follows:

	<b>September 30, 2018</b>	December 31, 2017
Trade and other payables	\$ 115	\$ 194
Loan payable	-	5,080
Secured loan <sup>(1)</sup>	<b>21,542</b>	-
Convertible notes	<b>9,068</b>	8,825
	<b>\$ 30,725</b>	<b>\$ 14,099</b>

(1) Pursuant to the Term Loan with Trexs (Note 7), the outstanding amount of the Term Loan included interest of \$1,977 (US\$ 1,514,916) as of September 30, 2018 is \$21,542 (US\$ 16,704,916).

## CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES

The preparation of our consolidated financial statements requires management to use judgment and make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amount of expenses during the period. Actual results could materially differ from these estimates. Refer to note 2 of our annual audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2017 for a more detailed discussion of the critical accounting estimates and judgments.

## CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### Adoption of new and amended accounting standards

Certain pronouncements were issued by the IASB or the IFRS Interpretations Committee that are mandatory for accounting periods beginning before or on January 1, 2018.

The adoption of the following IFRS pronouncement will result in enhanced financial statement disclosures in the Company's annual consolidated financial statements. This pronouncement did not affect the Company's financial results nor did it result in adjustments to previously-reported figures.

- IFRS 9 – New standard that replaced IAS 39 for classification and measurement.
- IFRS 15 – New standard to establish principles for reporting the nature, amount, timing, and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows arising from an entity's contracts with customers.

Refer to note 3 of the Company's unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 for a more detailed discussion on the impact of the adoption of the new pronouncement.

### New accounting standards not yet adopted

Certain new standards, interpretations, amendments and improvements to existing standards were issued by the IASB or IFRIC that are mandatory for accounting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2017. Updates which are not applicable or are not consequential to the Company have been excluded thereof. The following have not yet been adopted by the Company:

- IFRS 16 – Leases: New standard to establish principles for recognition, measurement, presentation and disclosure of leases with an impact on lessee accounting, effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2019.

## **RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES**

The business of the Company is subject to a variety of risks and uncertainties, including but not limited to, the ability of the Company to obtain a permanent solution with respect to any defaults that may exist under the Investment Agreement, contingent value rights certificates or convertible notes. For a discussion of additional risks and uncertainties faced by the Company, please refer to the most recent Annual Information Form. These risks could materially adversely affect the Company's future business, operations and financial condition and could cause such future business, operations and financial condition to differ materially from the forward-looking statements and information contained in this MD&A and as described in under "Forward-Looking Statements" section below.

## **FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

Certain statements included or incorporated by reference in this Management Discussion and Analysis constitute forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements with respect to the settlement or potential outcome of the ICSID Arbitration under the Free-trade Agreement, the Company's ability to obtain additional funding, the Company's ability to comply with its covenants under the Investment Agreement, defaults under the Investment Agreement, the Company's plans with respect to the Angostura Project and future announcements relating thereto, estimated capital expenditures, estimated internal rates of return, currency fluctuations, requirements for additional capital, government regulation of mining operations and environmental risks or claims.

Forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of the Company to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. Such factors include, among others, risks relating to the outcome and timing of the ICSID Arbitration; conclusions of economic evaluations; changes in project parameters as plans continue to be refined; risks related to the business being subject to environmental laws and regulations which may increase costs of doing business and restrict the Company's operations; risks relating to all the Company's properties being located in Colombia, including political, economic and regulatory instability; accidents, labour disputes and other risks of the mining industry; as well as those factors discussed in the section entitled "Risk and Uncertainties" above.

Although the Company has attempted to identify important factors that could cause actual actions, events or results to differ materially from those described in forward-looking statements, there may be other factors that cause actions, events or results not to be as anticipated, estimated or intended. There can be no assurance that forward-looking statements will prove to be accurate, as actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such statements. The Company's forward-looking statements are based on the beliefs, expectations and opinions of management as of the date the statements are made, including, without limitation, the potential settlement or outcome of the ICSID Arbitration, that the Company can access financing, and the Company does not assume any obligation to update any forward-looking statements if circumstances or management's beliefs, expectations or opinions should change, except as required by law. For the reasons set forth above, readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements.