



CASSIAR GOLD CORP.  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
FOR THE THREE AND SIX-MONTHS PERIODS ENDED  
MARCH 31, 2023 AND 2022

DATED: MAY 17, 2023

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## INTRODUCTION

The following management's discussion and analysis ("MD&A") of the financial condition and results of the operations of Cassiar Gold Corp. (the "**Company**" or "**Corporation**") constitutes management's review of the factors that affected the Corporation's financial and operating performance for the three and six-months periods ended March 31, 2023 and 2022. This MD&A was written to comply with the requirements of National Instrument 51-102 – Continuous Disclosure Obligations. This discussion should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements of the Corporation for the years ended September 30, 2022 and 2021, together with the notes thereto (the "**Financial Statements**"). Results are reported in Canadian dollars, unless otherwise noted. The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("**IFRS**") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("**IASB**").

For the purposes of preparing this MD&A, management, in conjunction with the Board of Directors, considers the materiality of information. Information is considered material if: (i) such information results in, or would reasonably be expected to result in, a significant change in the market price or value of the common shares (the "**Common Shares**") in the capital of the Corporation; (ii) there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable investor would consider it important in making an investment decision; or (iii) it would significantly alter the total mix of information available to investors. Management, in conjunction with the Board of Directors, evaluates materiality with reference to all relevant circumstances, including potential market sensitivity. The date of this MD&A is May 17, 2023.

Further information about the Corporation and its operations, including the annual information form for the Corporation, can be obtained from the offices of the Corporation or from [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

## FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION

This document contains certain forward-looking statements, including management's assessment of future plans and operations, and capital expenditures and the timing thereof, that involve substantial known and unknown risks and uncertainties, certain of which are beyond Cassiar's control. Forward-looking information does not relate strictly to historical or current facts and can be identified by words such as "anticipate", "believe", "estimate", "expect", "forecast", "intend", "may", "project", "should", "will" or similar expressions. These statements represent management's reasonable projections, expectations and estimates as of the date of this document but undue reliance should not be placed upon them, as they are derived from many assumptions. Such assumptions are subject to known and unknown risks and uncertainties, including the business risks discussed in the MD&A, which may cause actual performance and financial results to differ materially from any projections of future performance or results implied by such forward looking statements.

The forward-looking information in this MD&A is subject to significant risks and uncertainties and is based on many factors and assumptions which may prove to be incorrect; including, but not limited to, the following:

- the Corporation's expectations with regards to qualified expenditures for flow-through shares;
- the sufficiency of the Corporation's financial resources with which to conduct its capital program;
- whether or not the Corporation can obtain additional capital through equity or debt issuances; and
- the potential impacts of COVID-19 to the drill and exploration program.

The forward-looking information presented herein represents management's views as of the date of this MD&A and such information should not be relied upon as representing our views as of any date subsequent to the date of this document. Management has attempted to identify important factors that could cause actual results to vary from those current expectations or estimates expressed or implied by the forward-looking information. However, there may be other factors that cause actual results or performance to differ materially from current estimates and expectations. Other risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to:

- normal risks common to the mining industry, including various operational risks in the implementation of exploration, development and production operations;
- risks and uncertainties of mining economic geological reserves;

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- revisions or amendments to capital expenditure programs, including development and exploitation opportunities;
- the Corporation's ability to attract and retain qualified professional employees and consultants;
- risks as to the availability and pricing of appropriate financing alternatives on acceptable terms;
- potential changes in government policies, rules, approval process changes, delays or enhancements, or income tax regulations;
- economic slowdown as a result of COVID-19; and
- fluctuations in commodity prices.

The preparation of the financial statements in accordance with IFRS requires management to make certain judgments and estimates that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses. Estimating reserves is also critical to several accounting estimates and requires judgment and decisions based on available geological, engineering and economic data. These estimates may change, having either a negative or positive effect on net earnings as further information becomes available, and as the economic environment changes.

Cassiar's actual results, performance or achievements could differ materially from those expressed in, or implied in, these forward-looking statements and, accordingly, no assurances can be given that any of the events anticipated by the forward-looking statements will transpire or occur, or if any of them do so, what benefits, including the amount of proceeds, that Cassiar will derive therefrom. Readers are cautioned that the foregoing list of factors is not exhaustive. All subsequent forward-looking statements, whether written or oral, attributable to Cassiar or persons acting on its behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by these cautionary statements. Furthermore, the forward-looking statements contained in this document are made as of the date of this document and Cassiar does not undertake any obligation to update publicly or to revise any of the included forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as may be required by applicable securities laws.

## **DESCRIPTION OF THE BUSINESS AND OVERALL PERFORMANCE**

The Corporation was incorporated under the *Business Corporations Act* (Alberta ) on August 5, 2009 as a Capital Pool Company under TSX Venture Exchange (the “**TSX-V**”) Policy 2.4. In January 2011, the Corporation completed an initial public offering (“**IPO**”) and the common shares (“**Common Shares**”) of the Corporation currently trade on the TSX-V and the OTCQB Venture Market under the trading symbols “**GDLC**” and “**CGLCF**” respectively. The registered address of the Corporation is 15<sup>th</sup> Floor, Bankers Court, 850 – 2<sup>nd</sup> St. SW, Calgary, Alberta, T2P 0R8.

The Corporation is a Canadian gold exploration company focused on exploration and development of its Sheep Creek, Bayonne projects as well as its flagship Cassiar gold project (the “**Cassiar Gold Project**”) in British Columbia, Canada.

On September 23, 2020, the Corporation changed its name to “Cassiar Gold Corp.” from “Margaux Resources Ltd.” and completed a share consolidation with respect to the Common Shares of the Corporation (the “**Consolidation**”). The Corporation's Common Shares were consolidated on a basis of one post-consolidated Common Share for every 5 pre-consolidated Common Shares. The number of Common Shares, options and warrants presented have been adjusted to reflect the impact of the Consolidation.

### **Cassiar Gold Project**

On March 25, 2019, the Corporation entered into an Option Agreement the (“**Cassiar Gold Option Agreement**”) with Wildsky Resources Inc. (“**Wildsky**”) for an option to acquire a 100% interest in the Cassiar Gold. Pursuant to the Cassiar Gold Option Agreement, and in order to be eligible to exercise its option, the Corporation agreed to issue 11,640,000 Common Shares to Wildsky over the course of 18 months. The Corporation also agreed to undertake exploration on the Cassiar Gold Project and to certain other conditions as follows:

- (a) the Corporation would expend at least \$400,000 on the planning, development and execution of the Cassiar Gold Project 2019 work program, based on a mutually approved budget;

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- (b) Wildsky retains the right to appoint one member to the board of directors of Cassiar, which right may be exercised at any time in the six months after the issuance of the Common Shares;
- (c) Wildsky retains the right to appoint an additional person (for a total of two board members) to the board of directors of Cassiar, which right may be exercised any time in the twelve months after the issuance of the Common Shares;
- (d) Wildsky retains the right to appoint one person to the senior management team of Cassiar, on terms and conditions to be agreed upon by Cassiar and Wildsky, acting reasonably, which right may be exercised any time in the twelve months after the issuance of the Common Shares; and
- (e) Wildsky is to be granted a 30% net profit interest on all minerals processed from Cassiar's tailings pond located on the Cassiar Gold Project, after capital payout of up to \$500,000.

During the year ended September 30, 2021, the Corporation satisfied all the requirements outstanding to Wildsky and the 100% interest in the Cassiar Gold Project was fully acquired by the Corporation. The deemed acquisition price of the Cassiar Gold Project was \$3,259,200, settled in Common Shares. Liabilities assumed by the Corporation were \$2,666,584 and related to asset retirement obligations.

The Corporation incurred \$3,297,460 of exploration and evaluation ("E&E") costs on the Cassiar Project during the period ended March 31, 2023 (2022 – \$2,166,154) relating to exploration activity.

### **Sheep Creek Gold District**

#### **Bayonne and Sheep Creek Property, British Columbia**

On December 23, 2016, the Corporation entered into an option agreement with Yellowstone Resources Ltd. (a private company, based in British Columbia) ("**Yellowstone**"), as amended on February 10, 2020, July 10, 2020 and February 15, 2021 (the "**YSR Agreement**") for the acquisition of 100% of the Bayonne and Sheep Creek properties, located in Salmo, British Columbia (collectively, the "**YSR Properties**").

The Corporation has exercised its option to acquire the Bayonne property, by making payments to Yellowstone of an aggregate \$194,000 in cash and an aggregate issuance of 110,000 Common Shares, paid in several installments which were completed in 2020. In addition, the Corporation has exercised its option to acquire the Sheep Creek property by making payments to Yellowstone of an aggregate \$500,000 in cash and an aggregate issuance of 210,000 Common Shares, paid in several installments.

During the year ended September 30, 2022 the Corporation paid \$100,000 in cash and issued 90,000 shares to satisfy the fifth and final anniversary payment on the Sheep Creek property thereby satisfying all of its requirements to acquire a 100% interest in the Sheep Creek project.

The Corporation incurred \$2,617 of E&E costs on the Sheep Creek project during the period ended March 31, 2023 (2022 – \$25,222) relating to exploration activity.

### **GOING CONCERN**

The Corporation incurred a net loss of \$709,550 and \$1,277,156 (2022 - \$650,858 and \$1,010,144) and had negative cash flows relating to operating activities of \$831,598 and \$3,651,045 (2022 - \$631,894 and \$1,358,132) for the three and six-months periods ended March 31, 2023, and had a working capital of \$1,897,245 as at March 31, 2023 (September 30, 2022 – \$6,529,507). As such, there is a material uncertainty related to these events and conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability to continue as a going concern and therefore, it may be unable to realize its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of business. The continuation of the Corporation as a going concern is dependent on the ability of the Corporation to achieve positive cash flow from operations and/or obtain necessary equity or other financing to continue exploration on its exploration and evaluation assets. The Financial Statements do not reflect any adjustments to the carrying values of assets and liabilities, reported expenses, and balance sheet classifications that would be necessary should the Corporation be unable to continue as a going concern, and

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these adjustments could be material. The Corporation intends to raise the required funds through the issuance of equity, by securing strategic partners or assuming debt.

The application of the going concern concept is dependent upon the Corporation's ability to generate future profitable operations and receive continued financial support from investors. Management is actively engaged in the review and due diligence of new projects, is seeking to raise the necessary capital to meet its funding requirements and has undertaken available cost cutting measures. There can be no assurance that management's plan will be successful. If the going concern assumptions were not appropriate for the Corporation's financial statements for the three and six-months periods ended March 31, 2023 and 2022 then adjustments would be necessary to the carrying value of assets and liabilities, the reported expenses and the statement of financial position classifications used. Such adjustments could be material.

The business of mining and exploration involves a high degree of risk and there can be no assurance that current exploration programs will result in profitable mining operations. The Corporation has no source of revenue and has significant cash requirements to meet its administrative overhead and maintain its mineral interests. The recoverability of amounts shown for exploration and evaluation assets is dependent on several factors. These include the discovery of economically recoverable reserves, the ability of the Corporation to obtain the necessary financing to complete the development of these properties, and future profitable production or proceeds from disposition of exploration and evaluation assets.

### **COVID-19 Public Health Crisis**

The Corporation's business, operations and financial condition could be materially and adversely affected by the outbreak of epidemics or pandemics or other health crises, including the recent outbreak of COVID-19. To date, there have been a large number of temporary business closures and government enforced lockdowns, along with a general reduction in consumer activity in Canada. The outbreak has caused companies and various governmental bodies to impose travel, gathering and other restrictions pursuant to public health orders. While these effects are expected to be temporary, the duration of the various disruptions to businesses locally and internationally and the related financial impact cannot be reasonably estimated at this time. Similarly, the Corporation cannot estimate whether or to what extent this outbreak and its financial impact may extend. Such public health crises can result in volatility and disruptions in the supply and demand for gold and other metals and minerals, global supply chains and financial markets, as well as declining trade and market sentiment and reduced mobility of people. All of the foregoing may impact mineral prices, interest rates, credit ratings, credit risk, share prices and inflation. The risks to the Corporation of COVID-19 and related public health orders may include but are not limited to the following: potential slowdowns or temporary suspensions of operations in locations impacted by an outbreak; interruptions to supply chains and supplies upon which the Corporation relies; restrictions that the Corporation and its contractors and subcontractors impose to ensure the safety of employees and others; increased labor costs; regulatory changes; political or economic instabilities; and civil unrest.

As of the date hereof, the British Columbia provincial government has designated businesses engaged in mineral exploration and development as an "essential service". Provided the Corporation's exploration activities continue to be so designated and the current availability of labor and supplies is not materially affected by new developments respecting COVID-19 or responses thereto, the Corporation expects that its personnel and/or consultants will be able to continue surveying and drilling activities respecting any exploration activities without significant delays or increases in cost.

The Corporation has and will continue to take measures recommended by Health Canada and applicable regulatory bodies, as appropriate. At this point, the extent to which COVID-19 will or may impact the Corporation is uncertain and these factors are beyond the Corporation's control; however, it is possible that COVID-19 may have a material adverse effect on the Corporation's business, results of operations and financial condition.

## **CORPORATE UPDATES**

### **Summary of Financing and Securities Matters**

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On April 26, 2023, the Corporation entered into an agreement with Cormark Securities Inc., Canaccord Genuity Corp., and Red Cloud Securities Inc. to act as co-lead underwriters, and together with PI Financial Corp. (collectively, the "Underwriters") to purchase 12,700,000 charity flow-through units of the Corporation (the "Charity FT Unit") at a price of \$0.75 (the "Offering Price") per FT Unit, for aggregate gross proceeds to the Corporation of \$9,525,000 on a "bought deal" basis (the "Underwritten Offering"). The Corporation has granted to the Underwriters an option, exercisable for a period of 30 days after and including the closing date of the Underwritten Offering, to purchase up to an additional 1,905,000 Charity FT Units at the Offering Price to raise additional gross proceeds of up to \$1,428,750 to cover over-allotments, if any, and for market stabilization purposes.

On May 4, 2023, the Corporation completed the Underwritten Offering. The Corporation issued a total of 12,760,000 Charity FT Units at the Offering Price for aggregate gross proceeds of \$9,570,000. The Charity FT Units were sold by way of prospectus supplement filed in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Ontario and Nova Scotia on April 26, 2023.

Concurrent with the Underwritten Offering, the Company completed the first tranche (the "First Tranche") of a non-brokered private placement (the "Non-Brokered Offering", and together with the Underwritten Offering, the "Offering"). Under the First Tranche, the Company issued of 466,667 traditional flow-through units of the Corporation (each, a "Regular FT Unit", and together with the Charity FT Units, the "FT Units") at a price of \$0.75 per Regular FT Unit for aggregate gross proceeds of \$350,000. The First Tranche of the Non-Brokered Offering was completed by way of a private placement and the Regular FT Units, FT Shares and Warrants issued under the Non-Brokered Offering are subject to a 4 month and one-day hold period from the closing date.

Each FT Unit will consist of one common share of the Corporation to be issued as a "flow-through share" within the meaning of the Income Tax Act (Canada) (each, a "FT Share") and one half of one common share purchase warrant (each whole warrant, a "Warrant"). Each whole Warrant shall entitle the holder to purchase one non-flow-through common share of the Corporation (each, a "Warrant Share") at a price of \$0.70 at any time on or before that date which is 24 months after the closing date of the Offering.

Proceeds from the sale of FT Shares will be used to incur "Canadian Exploration Expenses" as defined in subsection 66.1(6) of the Income Tax Act and "flow through mining expenditures" as defined in subsection 127(9) of the Income Tax Act. Such proceeds will be renounced to the subscribers with an effective date not later than December 31, 2023, in the aggregate amount of not less than the total amount of gross proceeds raised from the issue of FT Shares. The Corporation intends to use the net proceeds raised from the Offering for the exploration of the Corporation's Cassiar Gold property in British Columbia, Canada.

As compensation for services in the Underwritten Offering, the Underwriters received a cash commission of \$573,525. In addition, the Underwriters received 764,700 non-transferable warrants exercisable at any time prior to the date that is 24 months from the closing date to acquire 764,700 common shares of the Corporation (the "Broker Warrant Shares") at an exercise price equal to \$0.50 per Broker Warrant Share. No finder's fees were paid in connection with the First Tranche.

### **Other Updates**

On May 11, 2022, the Corporation completed the filing on an independent National Instrument 43-101 technical report on its 100% owned flagship Cassiar Gold Project located in northern British Columbia, Canada. The technical report, with an effective date of April 28, 2022, titled "*National Instrument 43-101 Technical Report on the Cassiar Gold Property*" can be viewed on Cassiar's website and has been filed under the Corporation's profile on SEDAR. The new technical report was completed by Scott Zelligan, P.Geo.; James Moors, P.Geo.; and Chantal Jollette, P.Geo., all of whom meet the requirements of independent qualified persons as described in National Instrument 43-101 and the companion Policy 43-101CP.

On October 4, 2022, Kevin Chen, CPA, CMA, MBA was appointed as the Corporation's Chief Financial Officer. Don Nguyen resigned as Chief Financial Officer and Shirley Anthony resigned as VP Investor Relations and Communications.

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On October 19, 2022, the Corporation paid a \$500,000 reclamation bond payment related to the Table Mountain Gold Mine.

The Company's 2022 program included 70 drill holes and over 23,000m of diamond drilling that commenced in June and recently concluded in October. The exploration focus of the drilling targeted high priority areas at the Taurus Deposit, significant vein prospects at Cassiar South and additional brownfields opportunities on the property. Cassiar Gold continues to focus on advancing exploration of the project through deposit expansion, optimization, and the potential for new discovery.

On March 1, 2023, the Corporation paid a \$500,000 reclamation bond payment related to the Table Mountain Gold Mine.

## HIGHLIGHTS

	Three months ended		Six months ended	
	March 31, 2023	March 31, 2022	March 31, 2023	March 31, 2022
Net revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Cash flows related to financing activities	29,361	2,171,547	397,197	3,986,013
Cash flows relating to operating activities	(831,598)	(631,894)	(3,651,045)	(1,358,132)
Net loss	(709,550)	(650,858)	(1,277,156)	(1,010,144)
Loss per share - basic and diluted	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.02)	(0.02)

As at March 31,	2023	2022	2021
Total assets	\$ 36,238,371	\$ 25,028,857	\$ 19,573,659
Total liabilities	3,276,305	2,818,001	3,967,342
Current assets	2,864,177	4,320,359	5,257,863
Current liabilities	966,932	336,087	1,005,513
Working capital (deficiency)	1,897,245	3,984,272	4,252,350
Common shares outstanding	82,218,378	66,280,294	54,346,435

## SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY RESULTS

The following table summarizes the Corporation's quarterly financial results:

Three-month periods ended	March 31		December 31		September 30		June 30	
	2023	2022	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021
Expenses								
General and administrative	\$ 491,139	\$ 521,191	\$ 569,199	\$ 271,104	\$ 398,912	\$ 487,559	\$373,034	\$ 201,388
Depreciation	33,529	12,974	33,529	12,974	35,435	15,316	20,461	15,316
Share based compensation	202,926	144,099	91,101	144,099	919,940	196,356	193,778	165,841
<b>Loss before other items</b>	<b>\$ 727,594</b>	<b>\$ 678,264</b>	<b>\$ 693,829</b>	<b>\$ 428,177</b>	<b>\$ 1,354,287</b>	<b>\$ 699,231</b>	<b>\$587,273</b>	<b>\$ 382,545</b>
Flow through share premium	-	(27,730)	(102,389)	(69,212)	(163,092)	(502,353)	(65,660)	(196,452)
Interest income	(35,156)	(17)	(40,946)	(20)	(12)	(20)	(18)	(31)
Accretion and change in estimate of asset retirement obligation	17,112	341	17,112	341	13,957	(139,480)	11,910	56,004
<b>Net loss from Operations</b>	<b>\$ 709,550</b>	<b>\$ 650,858</b>	<b>\$ 567,606</b>	<b>\$ 359,286</b>	<b>\$ 1,205,140</b>	<b>\$ 57,378</b>	<b>\$533,505</b>	<b>\$ 242,066</b>
<b>Loss per share – basic and diluted</b>	<b>\$0.01</b>	<b>\$0.01</b>	<b>\$0.01</b>	<b>\$0.01</b>	<b>\$0.02</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.01</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

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**Variations quarter over quarter can be explained as follows:**

- For the quarter ended March 31, 2023, the higher net loss is related to higher share-based compensation from issuance of stock options, RSUs and DSUs.
- For the quarter ended December 31, 2022, the higher net losses are related a higher general and administrative costs related to business development expenses.
- For the quarter ended September 30, 2022, the higher net loss is related to higher share-based compensation from the issuance of stock options, RSUs and DSUs, and less flow through share premium received.
- For the quarter ended June 30, 2022, the higher net loss is related to higher general and administrative costs related to legal and listing fees.

**DISCUSSION OF OPERATIONS**

The Corporation is focused on the exploration of gold in British Columbia. The Corporation's general and administrative expenses decreased to \$491,139 from the 2022 comparative amount of \$521,191 for three-month ended March 31,2023. The decrease in general and administrative expenses is primarily a result of less legal fees and filing fees.

The Corporation's general and administrative expenses increased to \$1,060,338 from the 2022 comparative amount of \$792,295 for six-month ended March 31,2023. The increase in general and administrative expenses is primarily a result of increased marketing fees related to the business development of the Corporation.

**General and administrative details for the three and six-months periods ended March 31:**

	Three months ended		Six months ended	
	March 31, 2023	March 31, 2022	March 31, 2023	March 31, 2022
Management fees	\$113,811	\$153,835	\$233,192	\$278,079
Consulting	92,588	36,000	112,113	72,000
Travel and meals	1,519	21,572	3,267	21,745
Office and administrative	33,342	22,966	56,294	52,181
Marketing	147,031	101,332	539,324	146,196
Professional Fees	102,848	185,486	116,148	222,094
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$491,139</b>	<b>\$521,191</b>	<b>\$1,060,338</b>	<b>\$792,295</b>

General and administrative expenses decreased during the three-month period ended March 31, 2023 and increased during the six-month period ended March 31, 2022 over the prior comparative year principally due to the net effect of the following:

- Management fees decreased to \$113,811 and \$233,192 (2022 – \$153,835 and \$278,079) as a result of reduced fees to executives;
- Consulting fees increased to \$92,588 and \$112,113 (2022 – \$36,000 and \$72,000) as a result of increase needs for third party consultants;
- Travel and meals decreased to \$1,519 and \$3,267 (202 2– \$21,572 and \$21,745) as a result of decreased travel related costs;
- Marketing cost increased to \$147,031 and \$539,324 (2022 – \$101,332 and \$146,196) as a result of increased activities for business development; and
- Professional fees decreased to \$102,848 and \$116,148 (2022 – \$185,486 and \$222,094) as a result of reduced needs for legal services.



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**Total expenses**

Total expenses for the three and six-months periods ended March 31, 2023 were \$727,594 and \$1,421,423 (2022 – \$678,264 and \$1,106,441).

The increase for the three-month period ended March 31, 2023 is a result of:

- Increased depreciation costs due to additional of right-of-use assets from office lease;
- Increased of share-based payments as a result of share-based compensation expenses for RSUs and DSUs issued;
- And offset by decreased general and administrative expenses as a result of less legal services cost.

The increase for the six-month period ended March 31, 2023 is due to the increased general and administrative expenses as a result of increased marketing cost.

**Second Quarter**

The table below details the significant changes in general and administrative expenditures for the three months period ended March 31, 2023 as compared to the corresponding period ended March 31, 2022

Expenses	Increase / Decrease in Expenses	Explanation for Change
Management fees	Decrease of \$40,024	Decrease as a result of decrease fees to executives
Consulting	Increase of \$56,588	Increase as a result of increased consulting service required during the quarter
Travel and meals	Decrease of \$20,053	Decrease as a result of less travel
Marketing	Increase of \$45,699	Increase as a result of increased business development activities
Professional Fees	Decrease of \$82,638	Decrease as a result of decreased legal fees and filing fees

**FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES**

The Corporation's financial instruments, consisting of cash and cash equivalents, receivables and trade payables, approximate fair values due to the relatively short-term maturities of the instruments. It is management's opinion that the Corporation is not exposed to significant interest, currency or credit risks arising from these financial instruments. The Corporation's primary objective with respect to its capital management is to ensure that it has sufficient cash resources to fund the identification and evaluation of potential acquisitions and to maintain the development program for the Corporation's properties. To secure the additional capital necessary to pursue these plans, the Corporation may attempt to raise additional funds through the issuance of equity, by securing strategic partners or assuming debt. The Corporation is exposed to liquidity risk. Liquidity risk is the risk that an entity will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities.

As at March 31, 2023, the Corporation had cash and cash equivalents of \$2,254,108 compared with \$8,589,522 at September 30, 2022. The Corporation continues to experience negative operating cash flow as a result of no revenue coupled with the Corporation's ongoing expenses related to its exploration and business development activities. The Corporation anticipates a negative operating cash flow will continue until such time as production begins on its existing properties.

Certain conditions exist that may cast significant doubt on the validity of the going concern assumption. The Corporation incurred a net loss of \$709,550 and \$1,277,156 for the three and six-months periods ended March 31, 2023 (2022 – \$650,858 and \$1,010,144), had negative cash flows relating to operating activities of \$831,598 and \$3,651,045 (2022 – \$631,894 and \$1,358,132) and had a working capital of \$1,897,245 (September 30, 2022 – \$6,529,507). The continuation of the Corporation as a going concern is dependent on the ability of the Corporation to achieve positive cash flow from operations and/or obtain necessary equity or other financing to continue exploration on its exploration and evaluation assets. The Corporation's financial statements for the three and six-months periods

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ended March 31, 2023 and 2022 do not reflect any adjustments to the carrying values of assets and liabilities, reported expenses, and balance sheet classifications that would be necessary should the Corporation be unable to continue as a going concern, and these adjustments could be material. The Corporation intends to raise the required funds through the issuance of equity, by securing strategic partners or assuming debt.

The Corporation defines capital to include equity, comprised of share capital including warrants, contributed surplus and deficit.

#### OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS

The Corporation has not engaged in any off-balance sheet arrangements such as obligations under guarantee contracts, a retained or contingent interest in assets transferred to an unconsolidated entity, any obligation under derivative instruments or any obligation under a material variable interest in an unconsolidated entity that provides financing, liquidity, market risk or credit risk support to the Corporation or engages in leasing or hedging services with the Corporation.

#### PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

	Land	Buildings	Computers, Equipment & Vehicles	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Cost</b>				
Balance as at September 30, 2021	28,933	380,706	260,286	669,925
Additions/Disposal	-	-	-	-
Balance as at September 30, 2022	28,993	380,706	260,286	669,985
Additions/Disposal	-	-	-	-
Balance as at March 31, 2023	28,993	380,706	260,286	669,985
<b>Accumulated Depreciation</b>				
Balance as at September 30, 2021	-	38,071	185,003	223,074
Additions	-	34,264	17,631	51,895
Balance as at September 30, 2022	-	72,335	202,634	274,969
Additions	-	15,419	6,716	22,135
Balance as at March 31, 2023	-	87,754	209,350	297,104
<b>Net book value</b>				
September 30, 2022	28,993	308,371	57,652	395,016
March 31, 2023	28,993	292,952	50,936	372,881

#### EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION ASSETS

	Cassiar Gold Project	Sheep Creek Gold District Project	Total
Balance at September 30, 2021	\$15,565,169	\$1,978,346	\$17,543,515
Cash option payments	-	100,000	100,000
Share option payments	-	83,700	83,700
Change in estimate of asset retirement obligation	(248,725)	-	(248,725)
Exploration costs	10,673,203	25,780	10,698,983

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Balance at September 30, 2022	\$25,989,647	\$2,187,826	\$28,177,473
Exploration costs	3,297,460	2,617	3,300,077
Balance at December 31, 2022	\$29,287,107	\$2,190,443	\$31,477,550

E&E assets consist of costs expended on the Corporation's projects which are pending determination of technical feasibility and commercial viability.

**ASSET RETIREMENT OBLIGATION ("ARO")**

Cassiar has future obligations relating to retiring its exploration and evaluation assets at the Cassiar Property including dismantling, remediation and treatment of the site. The exact nature and costs of the obligation are subject to change because of the ongoing changes of environmental requirements enacted by government agencies.

A continuity of the asset retirement obligation is as follows:

Balance at September 30, 2021	\$2,481,232
Accretion expense	26,549
Change in estimate	(248,725)
Balance at September 30, 2022	\$2,259,056
Accretion Expense	34,224
Balance at March 31, 2023	\$2,293,280

The total discounted cash flow estimated to settle the obligations as at March 31, 2023 was \$2,293,280 (September 30, 2022 – \$2,259,056) which was adjusted for inflation at the rate of 2% and then discounted at a risk free rate of 3.03%. Significant reclamation costs are expected to be incurred in 2029.

As at March 31, 2023, the Corporation had \$1,418,944 (September 30, 2022 - \$418,944) of reclamation bonds with the Ministry of Energy and Mines of British Columbia as commitments to meet its regulatory obligations. \$354,944 of reclamation bonds were acquired pursuant to the acquisition of Cassiar (2020).

**RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

All related party transactions are in the normal course of operations and initially recorded at fair value.

As at March 31, 2023, the Corporation had an amount of \$Nil (2022 - \$Nil) due to directors and officers included in trade and other payables.

During the three and six-months periods ended March 31, 2023:

An aggregate of \$69,999 and \$139,998 (2022 - \$63,307 and \$113,227) was paid for compensation as Vice President Exploration of the Corporation. The total amounts have been capitalized to E&E.

An aggregate of \$21,000 and \$42,000 (2022 - \$36,000 and \$69,000) in consulting fees was paid to a company owned by an officer of the Corporation for compensation as CFO.

An aggregate of \$71,250 and \$142,500 (2022 - \$59,750 and \$113,750) in consulting fees were paid to a company owned by an officer of the Corporation for compensation as CEO.

**Compensation of key management personnel**

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The remuneration of directors and other members of key management personnel during the period were as follows:

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	March 31, 2023	March 31, 2022	March 31, 2023	March 31, 2022
Short-term compensation	\$162,249	\$246,301	\$324,498	\$383,221
Share-based payments	163,031	144,099	308,403	288,198
Capitalized share-based payments	33,591	10,410	60,924	20,821
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$358,871</b>	<b>\$400,810</b>	<b>\$693,825</b>	<b>\$692,240</b>

### OUTSTANDING SHARES

The Corporation is authorized to issue an unlimited number of Common Shares and an unlimited number of preferred shares, all without nominal or par value. The preferred shares may be issued in one or more series and the directors are authorized to fix the number of shares in each series and to determine the designation, rights, privileges, restrictions, and conditions attached to the shares of each series. As at the date hereof, no preferred shares have been issued by the Corporation.

Common Shares		
	Number of Common Shares	Share capital
Balance at September 30, 2022	81,563,103	\$41,970,081
Warrant Exercises	555,275	333,165
Option Exercises	100,000	83,994
Balance at March 31, 2023	82,218,378	\$42,387,240
Warrants		
	Number of warrants	Share capital
Balance at September 30, 2022	15,363,957	\$3,758,702
Warrants expired	-4,322,143	-1,932,687
Balance at March 31, 2023	11,041,814	\$1,826,015
Total share capital at September 30, 2022		\$45,728,783
Balance at March 31, 2023		\$44,213,255

### Overview of Share History

On October 30, 2022, 555,275 common share purchase warrants were exercised at a price of \$0.60. The Corporation received proceeds of \$333,165 and issued 555,275 common shares. 4,570,488 common share purchase warrants expired unexercised.

On November 24, 2022, 100,000 stock options were exercised at a price of \$0.45. The Corporation received proceeds of \$45,000 and issued 100,000 Common Shares.

### FLOW-THROUGH SHARES

During the year ended September 30, 2022, the Corporation raised \$11,079,040 on a CEE flow-through share basis and was required to incur a net total of \$11,079,040 of qualifying expenditures to renounce the tax deductions to investors. As at March 31, 2023 the Corporation still need to incur an additional \$600,575 (2022 – \$513,197) to meet

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its flow through share commitment. A flow-through share premium liability of \$Nil (September 30, 2022 – \$102,389) was recognized as the Corporation has incurred sufficient qualifying expenditures to offset the liability as at March 31, 2023. The accumulated flow-through share premium of \$Nil and \$102,389 (2022 - \$27,730 and \$96,942) was recognized during the three and six-months periods ended March 31, 2023 and 2022.

**STOCK OPTION PLAN**

The Corporation has adopted an incentive stock option plan in accordance with the policies of the TSX-V (the "Stock Option Plan") which provides that the Board of Directors of the Corporation may from time to time, at its discretion, grant to directors, officers, employees and consultants of the Corporation non-transferable options to purchase common shares, provided that the number of common shares reserved for issuance under the Stock Option Plan shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the issued and outstanding common shares exercisable for the period of up to ten (10) years. In addition, the number of common shares reserved for issuance to any one person shall not exceed five percent (5%) of the issued and outstanding common shares and the number of common shares reserved for issuance to any one consultant will not exceed two percent (2%) of the issued and outstanding common shares. The Board of Directors determines the price per common share and the number of common shares which may be allocated to each director, officer, employee and consultant and all other terms and conditions of the option, subject to the rules of TSX-V.

All options expire in five years and vest one-third immediately and one-third on the first and second anniversaries on the grant date respectively.

A summary of the Corporation's stock option plan activity is as follows:

	<b>Number of Options</b>	<b>Weighted Average Exercise</b>
Exercisable as at September 30, 2021	2,496,657	\$0.77
Outstanding at September 30, 2021	4,156,000	\$0.71
Granted		\$0.69
Forfeited		\$0.68
Cancelled		\$1.42
Exercised		\$0.58
Exercisable as at September 30, 2022	3,912,325	\$0.68
Outstanding at September 30, 2022	6,093,668	\$0.67
Cancelled		\$0.79
Exercised		\$0.45
Exercisable as at March 31, 2023	4,490,328	\$0.68
Outstanding at March 31, 2023	5,943,668	\$0.68

During the period ended March 31, 2023, Nil options were issued (2022 – 650,000). At March 31, 2023, the weighted-average life of the options outstanding was 3.17 years (September 30, 2022 – 3.7 years).

Total share-based payments of \$159,784 and \$303,007 for the three and six-months periods ended March 31, 2023 (2022 – \$144,099 and \$288,198) was recognized based on the estimated fair value of the options on the grant date using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. Of the total share-based payments, \$51,049 and \$92,983 (2022 - \$10,411 and 20,821) were capitalized to E&E.

**SHARE UNIT PLAN**

The Corporation has established a deferred share unit and restricted share unit plan (the "Unit Plan"), which provides for the grant of DSUs and RSUs to eligible directors, officers, employees, advisors and consultants of the Company. The Unit Plan provides for settlement through cash payment or the issuance of common shares. The form of settlement is at the option of the Corporation. The Corporation does not intend to make cash payments and there is no history of the Company making cash payments under the Unit plan and, as such, the DSUs and RSUs are accounted for within shareholders' equity. These common shares would be issued from the same 10% rolling pool as the common shares issued under the Corporation's Deferred Share Unit Plan and the Company's Share Option Plan. As DSUs and RSUs are expected to be settled with equity, an amount equal to compensation expense is initially credited to contributed surplus, recognized over the term of the vesting period, and transferred to share capital if and when the units are

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exercised. RSUs vest in three tranches, with all RSUs vesting no later than the second anniversary from the date of grant.

The Corporation has adopted its Share Unit Plan which received shareholder approval on March 16, 2022.

RSU and DSU movements during the three-month ended March 31, 2023 are as follows:

	<b>Number of RSUs</b>
Outstanding at September 30, 2021	-
Granted	1,140,000
Exercised	(72,000)
Outstanding as at September 30, 2022	1,068,000
Cancelled	(44,000)
Outstanding at March 31, 2023	1,024,000
	<b>Number of DSUs</b>
Outstanding at September 30, 2021	-
Granted	744,000
Outstanding as at September 30, 2022	744,000
Cancelled	(16,000)
Outstanding at March 31, 2023	728,000

Total share-based payments of \$122,316 and \$209,531 for the three and six-months ended March 31, 2023 (2022 – \$Nil) was recognized based on the estimated fair value of the RSU and DSU of \$0.66 and \$0.79. Of the total share-based payments, \$28,125 and \$54,068 (2022 - \$Nil) were capitalized to E&E.

During the period ended March 31, 2023, \$71,460 (2022 - \$Nil) share based payments for year ended September 30, 2022 were reclassified to capitalized to E&E.

## **CONTROLS AND INTERNAL CONTROLS OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING**

Management of the Corporation is responsible for establishing and maintaining appropriate information systems, procedures and controls to ensure that information used internally and disclosed externally is complete, reliable and timely. Management is also responsible for the design and evaluation of internal controls over financial reporting to provide sufficient knowledge to support the representations made in this MD&A and in the financial statements for the years ended September 30, 2022 and 2021.

Management of the Corporation has filed the Venture Issuer Basic Certificate with the filings for the three-month periods ended March 31, 2023 and 2022 on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

In contrast to the certificate required under National Instrument 52-109 – *Certification of Disclosure in Issuers' Annual and Interim Filings* ("**NI 52-109**"), the venture issuer basic certificate does not include representations relating to the establishment and maintenance of disclosure controls and procedures ("**DC&P**") and internal control over financial reporting ("**ICFR**"), as defined in NI 52-109. In particular, the certifying officers filing certificates for venture issuers are not making any representations relating to the establishment and maintenance of:

- (a) controls and other procedures designed to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed by the issuer in its annual filings, interim filings or other reports filed or submitted under securities legislation is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in securities legislation; and
- (b) a process to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of the financial statements for external purposes in accordance with the issuer's generally accepted accounting principles.

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The Corporation's certifying officers are responsible for ensuring that processes are in place to provide them with sufficient knowledge to support the representations they are making in their certificates.

Investors should be aware that inherent limitations on the ability of certifying officers of a venture issuer to design and implement DC&P and ICFR as defined in NI 52-109 on a cost-effective basis may result in additional risks to the quality, reliability, transparency, and timeliness of interim and annual filings and other reports provided under securities legislation.

#### **CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND ESTIMATES**

The preparation of the audited financial statements is in conformity with IFRS. Preparing the audited financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Management continually evaluates these judgments, estimates and assumptions based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results could differ from these estimates. Note 4 of the Corporation's audited financial statements for the years ended September 30, 2022 and 2021 provide greater detail regarding all of the significant accounting policies.

#### **BUSINESS RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES**

The Corporation's exploration activities are concentrated in Western Canada where activity is highly competitive and includes companies ranging from smaller junior exploration companies to the much larger integrated mining companies. The Corporation is subject to various types of business risks and uncertainties, including:

- Finding and developing mineral reserves at economic costs
- Commodity risk
- Production of minerals in commercial quantities
- Marketability of minerals produced
- Substantial capital requirements and access to capital markets
- Environmental risks
- Reliance on operators and key employees
- Third party credit risk
- Insurance
- Changes in legislation and incentive programs
- Potential impacts of COVID-19

The Corporation is not in a position to predict these risks or uncertainties, nor evaluate their impact, as the case may be, on its activities. The following summary of risks and uncertainties applicable to the Corporation are not comprehensive, and there may be other factors, or a combination of factors, that can cause actual results to differ from those presented in the Corporation's forward-looking statements.

The spread of COVID-19 has severely impacted many local economies around the globe. In many countries, businesses are being forced to cease or limit operations for long or indefinite periods of time. Measures taken to contain the spread of the virus, including travel bans, quarantines, social distancing, and closures of non-essential services have triggered significant disruptions to businesses worldwide, resulting in an economic slowdown. Global stock markets have also experienced great volatility and a significant weakening. Governments and central banks have responded with monetary and fiscal interventions to stabilize economic conditions.

The Corporation has determined that these events are non-adjusting subsequent events. Accordingly, the financial position and results of operations as of and for the three-month periods ended December 31, 2022 have not been adjusted to reflect their impact. The duration and impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as the effectiveness of government and central bank responses, remains unclear at this time. It is not possible to reliably estimate the duration

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and severity of these consequences, as well as their impact on the financial position and results of the Corporation for future periods.

*Commodity Risk*

The value of the Corporation's exploration and evaluation of assets are related to the price of gold and other mineral commodities, and the outlook for the minerals. The Corporation's business could be affected by commodity market price movements and their impact on the future economic viability of the Corporation's projects and the ability of the Corporation to raise capital. These market risks are evaluated by monitoring changes in key economic indicators and market information on an on-going basis and adjusting operating and exploration budgets accordingly.

*Exploration Risk*

The Corporation operates as a mineral explorer in the mining industry which involves considerable financial and technical risk. Substantial time and expenditures are usually required to make discoveries and to establish economic reserves. It is impossible to ensure that the current properties and programs of the Corporation will result in economic discoveries and development. Accordingly, success in achieving the objectives of the Corporation is affected by some circumstances over which the Corporation has no control.

In order to reduce exploration risk, the Corporation strives to employ highly qualified and motivated professional employees with a demonstrated ability to generate quality proprietary geological and geophysical prospects. To help maximize drilling success, the Corporation combines exploration in areas that afford multi-zone prospect potential, targeting a range of low to moderate risk prospects with some exposure to select high risk, high reward opportunities.

*Additional Financing*

The business of the Corporation depends, in part, on its ability to raise funds by issuing securities of the Corporation. The Corporation is exposed to financing risks such as not being able to raise sufficient funds to meet the required option payments on the Corporation's properties. To mitigate this risk, the Corporation has intermediaries with valuable commercial relationships actively searching for ways to raise funds. The Corporation intends to raise the required funds through issuance of equity by securing strategic partners or assuming debt. The exercise of stock options, as well as any new equity financings, represent dilution factors for present and future shareholders.

*Credit Risk*

Credit risk is the risk that a customer or counter party will fail to perform an obligation or fail to pay amounts due causing a financial loss. The Corporation's credit risk is primarily attributable to cash and trade and other receivables which are with customers and are subject to normal credit risks.

Credit risk associated with cash is minimized substantially by ensuring that these financial assets are placed with major Canadian financial institutions.

The Corporation's maximum exposure for the three-month periods ended March 31, 2023 relates to \$2,254,108 (September 30, 2022 – \$8,589,522) of cash and \$112,616 (September 30, 2022 – \$408,342) of receivables.

*Liquidity Risk*

Liquidity risk rises from the Corporation's general funding needs and in the management of the Corporation's assets, liabilities and mineral property expenditure requirements. The Corporation manages its liquidity risk to maintain sufficient liquid financial resources to meet its commitments and obligations as they come due in a cost-effective manner.

*Environmental Risks*

Mining can involve environmental risks such as pollution of the environment and destruction of natural habitat, as well as safety risks such as personal injury. In order to mitigate such risk, the Corporation conducts its operations at



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high standards and follows safety procedures intended to reduce the potential for personal injury to employees, contractors and the public at large.

The Corporation mitigates its risk related to producing hydrocarbons and minerals through the utilization of the most appropriate technology and information systems. In addition, the Corporation seeks to maintain operational control of the majority of its prospects.

*Management and Employees*

The Corporation depends on the skills and experience of its management team and other key employees. The Corporation also relies on its ability to attract and retain skilled personnel in a competitive environment. A failure to recruit and retain employees in order to assist the Corporation's business may adversely affect the Corporation's business or financial condition.

**Directors and Officers**

Marco Roque, CEO, President and Director  
Kevin Chen, CFO  
Stephen Letwin, Director and Chairman  
Christopher Stewart, Director  
James Maxwell, Director  
Michael Wood, Director  
Stephen Robertson, Director