



# Royal Road

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**ROYAL ROAD MINERALS LIMITED**

**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS -QUARTERLY**

**FOR THE THREE AND SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

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## **Introduction**

The following interim Management's Discussion & Analysis ("Interim MD&A") of Royal Road Minerals Limited (the "Company" or "RRM" or "Royal Road") for the three and six months ended June 30, 2024 has been prepared to provide material updates to the business operations, liquidity and capital resources of the Company since its last annual management's discussion & analysis, being the Management's Discussion & Analysis ("Annual MD&A") for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023. This Interim MD&A does not provide a general update to the Annual MD&A, or reflect any non-material events since the date of the Annual MD&A.

This Interim MD&A has been prepared in compliance with section 2.2.1 of Form 51-102F1, in accordance with National Instrument 51-102 – Continuous Disclosure Obligations. This discussion should be read in conjunction with the Company's Annual MD&A, audited annual consolidated financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, together with the notes thereto, and unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements for the three and six months ended June 30, 2024, together with the notes thereto. Results are reported in Canadian dollars, unless otherwise noted. The Company's unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements and the financial information contained in this Interim MD&A are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board and interpretations of the IFRS Interpretations Committee. The unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Standard 34, Interim Financial Reporting. Accordingly, information contained herein is presented as of August 28, 2024, unless otherwise indicated.

For the purposes of preparing this MD&A, management, in conjunction with the Board of Directors (the "Board"), 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 Company common shares; (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, evaluates materiality with reference to all relevant circumstances, including potential market sensitivity.

Further information about the Company and its operations can be obtained from the offices of the Company or on SEDAR+ at [www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca).

## **Description of Business**

The Company is a copper and gold focused mineral exploration and development company. The Company works with local partners, initially secures prospective regional land packages and then for any jurisdiction, focuses on a single asset, venturing, vending or relinquishing remaining assets. The Company currently operates in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the Kingdom of Morocco, and in Colombia.

The Company was incorporated under the *Companies (Jersey) Law 1991* on May 6, 2010 as "Tigris Resources Limited". On April 10, 2015, the Company changed its name to "Royal Road Minerals Limited" and amended its share capital structure by converting all of its par value shares to no par value shares and consolidating its then outstanding shares on the basis of two pre-consolidation shares for every one post-consolidation share. On April 15, 2015, the Company completed a business combination transaction (the "Arrangement") by way of an arrangement under the *Business Corporations Act* (Alberta), whereby the Company acquired its wholly-owned subsidiary Royal Road Minerals Canada Limited, a corporation resulting from the amalgamation of Kirkcaldy Capital Corp. and Royal Road Minerals Canada Limited. As a result of the Arrangement, on April 20, 2015, the ordinary shares of the Company were listed and commenced trading on the TSX Venture Exchange (the "TSXV") under the trading symbol "RYR". The Company's registered and head office is located at Ground Floor, Portman House, Saint Helier, Jersey, Channel Islands, JE2 3RE.

## **Corporate and Operational achievements**

### **Corporate Update**

On January 31, 2024, the Company announced that Mr. Ghassane Benchekroun was appointed as a Director of the Company and Ana Juarez resigned as Director.

In January 2024, the Company announced the cancellation of an aggregate of 7.2 million employee incentive stock options exercisable into common shares at a price of \$0.40. It has also granted an aggregate of 3 million options to purchase common shares of Royal Road exercisable at a price of \$0.15 per common share for a period of two (2) years to the aforementioned new director and two new employees of the Company.

On May 7, 2024, the Company's 50% joint venture partner MSB Holding Limited transferred its share ownership and its underlying rights and obligations under the Joint Venture Shareholder Agreement to MIDU Company Limited ("MIDU"). MIDU is a part-owned Saudi Arabian subsidiary of MSB Holding Limited.

### **Mineral properties**

#### **Exploration update**

Set forth in this section is a description of the Company's material mineral projects. All scientific and technical data contained in this MD&A have been reviewed and approved by Dr. Tim Coughlin, BSc (Geology), MSc (Exploration and Mining), PhD (Structural Geology), FAusIMM, President and Chief Executive Officer of RRM and a qualified person as defined by National Instrument 43-101 - *Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects* ("NI 43-101").

#### **Colombia**

In 2016 and 2017, the Company acquired 114 license applications amounting to approximately 350 thousand Hectares in the Western Cordillera of Nariño Province. The area under application extends down to the Ecuador border, sits upstream from the Magui-Payan and Barbacoas alluvial goldfields and surrounds many known operating gold mines, small gold workings and mapped porphyry copper occurrences. The region is relatively unknown from a geological and economic perspective due to security and access issues which prevailed prior to the 2016 peace agreement between the Government of Colombia and FARC rebels. As part of its commitment to the British Embassy's Peace and Business Initiative and in order to align the Company's activities with the peace process, in late 2017 the Company entered into a strategic alliance with Economías Sociales del Común ("ECOMUN"), a joint social and economic organization, formed by Presidential Decree on May 29, 2017, with funding and other support provided by the Colombian government and with the aim of collective and individual economic and social reincorporation of the members of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia People's Army (FARC-EP). The agreement anticipates that ECOMUN will assist the Company with local access and with its social license in Nariño Province.

In 2019, the Company completed a transaction to acquire a Colombian title package from AngloGold Ashanti comprising of mining concession agreements covering approximately 36,000 hectares of land, and the rights with respect to applications that have been made to acquire mining concessions over approximately 169,000 hectares of land, in the Nariño, Cauca, Antioquia and Caldas departments.

In 2022, the Company consolidated and reduced its title and title application holdings to a total of 184,500 hectares, comprising of 18 granted title areas and 85 title application areas.

Royal Road has entered into seven mining formalization agreements in Nariño. The Agreements were negotiated and entered into under the framework of the Colombian government's National Policy for Mining Formalization wherein

specific portions of the area held under concession by the Company will be returned directly to informal miners so that new formalized concession contracts over such returned areas may be granted, enabling legal and responsible mining operations to take place. In exchange, Royal Road will receive a quarterly royalty equivalent to 3% of the doré extracted from the formalized concessions and has been granted the sole and exclusive right to carry out all exploration activities on the formalized concessions and the right to acquire 70% of the formalized concessions, subject to the completion of certain exploration milestones. In-case the Company assists in further optimizing mine operations on formalized concessions, Royal Road may increase the royalty to be received by a further 1%. These agreements have yet to be formalized by the Colombian mining authorities.

Exploration activities in southern Colombia have been suspended due to civil unrest and the Company's exploration titles have been placed under force majeure.

#### Guintar-Niverengo-Margaritas (GNM) Project

Royal Road's principal focus for its exploration activities in Colombia in the GNM porphyry copper and gold project located in the province of Antioquia, in central northern Colombia. The GNM project area was acquired through the Company's purchase of Northern Colombia Holdings Limited. The titles are subject to a 50-50 exploration joint venture pursuant to a strategic alliance agreement dated March 2, 2020, between the Company and Mineros S.A. Royal Road is operator of the strategic alliance.

AngloGold-Ashanti ("AGA") commenced work on the project area in 2015 and completed two scout drilling campaigns for a total of 5662 meters. The Guintar title area covers an artisanal mining district with more than 50 known historic underground adits developed on steeply-dipping, broadly east-west oriented gold mineralized vein structures. AGA's 8-hole, scout-drilling program at Guintar targeted steeply-dipping sheeted vein structures and returned best results of; GUI-DD-009, 28 meters at 0.9 grams per tonne and GUI-DD-006, 12 meters at 1.8 grams per tonne gold (not true width). Outcrop on the neighboring Niverengo project area is limited and so AGA's drilling was focused on a 2000 by 800 meter wide target zone identified primarily using geophysical data and soil geochemical results. Best intersections were from NIV-DD-003, 36m @ 1.2g/t gold from surface and NIV-DD-004, 10m @ 1.6g/t gold and 88m @ 0.9g/t gold.

In 2020 Royal Road completed an initial 1179m diamond drilling program focused on the Niverengo project area. Drilling intersected skarn-style mineralization hosted primarily in folded calc-silicate sedimentary rocks and crosscutting east-west oriented pyrrhotite vein and breccia bodies with elevated gold, silver and copper. Best results were:

- NIV-DDH-007 14m at 4.1 g/t gold equivalent
- NIV-DDH-008 10m at 2.3 g/t gold equivalent
- NIV-DDH-010 18m at 1.9 g/t gold equivalent; and 21.5 meters at 1.3 g/t gold equivalent
- NIV-DDH-015 10.8m at 3.4 g/t gold equivalent

At Niverengo, gold mineralization is related to garnet, pyroxene skarn alteration and pyrrhotite vein and breccia bodies. Recent multi-element geochemical vector studies have identified that this assemblage may be laterally and vertically distal from the primary gold and/or copper source.

Drilling to test this theory and to potentially locate a primary intrusion-related source to mineralization commenced at the Guintar project area in July of 2021. The drilling intersected sheeted and stockwork-style veinlets in a porphyritic intrusive rock and returned significant results including:

- GUI-DD-012 303.7m at 0.7 g/t gold, 4.3 g/t silver and 0.22% copper; including 62m at 2.1 g/t gold, 12.4 g/t silver and 0.62% copper

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- GUI-DD-013 126.0m at 0.8 g/t gold, 5.5 g/t silver and 0.40% copper; and 44m at 1.1 g/t gold and 2.1 g/t silver.

Drilling on the Guntär project recommenced in February 2022 and has returned further significant results including:

- GUI-DD-020 118.0 meters at 0.8 grams per tonne gold, 3.8 grams per tonne silver and 0.17% copper Including (from 6.0 meters), 54.0 meters at 1.0 grams per tonne gold, 5.5 grams per tonne silver and 0.24% copper
- GUI-DD-021 181.0 meters at 0.9 grams per tonne gold, 3.6 grams per tonne silver and 0.20% copper Including (from 148.0 meters), 43.0 meters at 2.4 grams per tonne gold, 8.0 grams per tonne silver and 0.40% copper
- GUI-DD-024 177.0 meters at 0.8 grams per tonne gold, 3.3 grams per tonne silver and 0.16% copper

Also, during 2022, the Company drilled gold mineralized quartz-vein structures on the neighboring El Aleman title over which it has an option agreement to acquire an 80% interest with the best drill result returning:

- ALM-DD-001 80.5 meters at 1 gram per tonne gold, including 18 meters at 3 grams per tonne gold (from 323 meters down hole depth).

In September 2022, Royal Road and Mineros elected to suspend exploration activities on GNM until such time as the Colombian legal and political framework became more certain.

In May 2023, the Company agreed to terminate all agreements governing joint exploration activities and underlying rights with and between Mineros and the Company and its related subsidiaries in Nicaragua, Argentina and Colombia. The effect of these terminations are full and final and such that Mineros shall withdraw their 50% contractual interest in the GNM properties in Colombia and Royal Road shall retain a 100% of those properties and that Royal Road shall withdraw its contractual interests in the exploration strategic alliance in Nicaragua, underlying properties and royalty rights and Mineros (through its subsidiary Hemco Nicaragua S.A) shall retain 100%.

Exploration activities in Colombia have been suspended due to civil unrest and the Company's exploration titles have been placed under Force Majeure.

### **Kingdom of Saudi Arabia ("KSA")**

In June 2023, Royal Road entered into a Joint Venture Share Holder Agreement (the "Agreement") with MSB Holding Limited ("MSB") with respect to establishing a joint-venture company for the exploration of copper and gold resources in the Arabian Shield.

In August 2023, the Company incorporated Royal Road Arabia LLC ("RRA") a Saudi Arabian joint venture vehicle owned on a 50-50% basis by Royal Road and MSB. Royal Road is operator and the board of RRA is made up of an equal number of directors appointed by Royal Road and MSB.

Summary terms of the Agreement, subject to regulatory approval, are as follows:

- Whilst each Party holds 50 percent of the issued shares of JVCO, the Board of JVCO shall be made up of an equal number of Directors appointed by Royal Road and MSB. If a Party's shareholding in JVCO is reduced to 30% or less of the issued shares of JVCO, that Party shall no longer be entitled to appoint any Directors to the Board.

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- Royal Road will act as operator for the JVCO and all operations in relation to the JVCO will be conducted on the basis of an approved program and budget prepared by Royal Road and approved by the Board of JVCO.
- If a Party fails to fund its relevant proportion of the funding required pursuant to a program and budget as and when required, such failure shall cause its shareholding in JVCO to be diluted on a pro-rata basis.
- Provided that it owns more than 30% of the total issued shares in JVCO, the non-contributing Party shall have a catch-up right to restore its 50% shareholding at such time as the Board has approved a further program and budget which requires further funding by the Parties.
- Dilution to below 20% shall convert to a net smelter royalty of 2%.
- The Agreement contains customary deadlock provisions, transfer restrictions and matters reserved for shareholder approval.

The business of RRA is conducted in accordance with the provisions of a Joint Venture Share Holder Agreement as described above. Royal Road Arabia is currently generating and assessing copper and gold target areas in the KSA and is preparing to submit exploration license applications over newly identified areas of significant interest.

As at the date of this MD&A, RRA has been capitalized for a total of SAR 12,500,000 (equivalent to USD \$3,333,333) of which 50% has been contributed by the Company for SAR 6,250,000 (equivalent to USD \$1,666,667). For the 2024 year the estimated budget of the Company's 50% owned subsidiary Royal Road Arabia is USD \$2.4 million.

In January 2024, the RRA was awarded the status of Preferred Bidder of the Jabal Sahabiyah exploration license by the Ministry of Industry and Mineral Resources (MIMR) in a competitive Licensing Round. The license is in process of clearing administrative procedures and will be assigned to Royal Road Arabia once these are completed. Royal Road Arabia is carrying out detailed mapping and sampling at Jabal Sahabiyah and is conducting regional exploration throughout the Arabian Shield area. The Company has submitted several applications for exploration licenses in Saudi Arabia.

On May 7, 2024, MSB transferred its share ownership and its underlying rights and obligations under the Agreement to MIDU. MIDU is a part-owned Saudi Arabian subsidiary of MSB.

In July 2024, RRA was selected as the winning bidder as part of a competitive Licensing Round, for the Al-Miyah copper and gold tender area, located in the Asir Province of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, 150 kilometers northwest of the Company's Jabal Sahabiyah Exploration Licenses.

### **Morocco**

In October 17, 2023, the Company announced that its 50%-owned Saudi Arabian subsidiary, RRA entered into an option agreement to acquire up to 100% of Izughar Resources S.R.L a Moroccan company holding certain exploration titles located within an agreed Area of Interest incorporating the Alouana copper-gold polymetallic project in eastern Morocco.

RRA has defined drilling targets at Alouana and applied for drilling permits with the relevant authorities. The Company expects to initiate drilling activities in Q4 2024.

Elsewhere in Morocco the Company is conducting regional exploration and assessments of third party held properties.

### **Argentina**

In November 2022, the Company entered into a binding Heads of Agreement with an individual title holder, which provides the Company with the option to acquire 100% of certain mineral rights within the Santo Domingo porphyry copper and gold district in San Juan Province, Argentina.

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On February 14, 2023, the Company entered into a Definitive Option Agreement, pursuant to the Heads of Agreement, with an individual title holder, which provides the Company with the option to acquire 100% of certain mineral rights within the Santo Domingo porphyry copper and gold district in San Juan Province, Argentina.

The Agreement comprises:

- An initial payment upon execution of the Heads of Agreement of US\$100,000.
- Annual payments upon the anniversary of the Definitive Agreement totaling US\$800,000 for the next four years.
- An option to purchase 100% of the concessions in the area of interest in exchange for a payment of US\$2,500,000.
- A one-time payment of US\$500,000 upon the filing of the first JORC compliant resource from within the area of interest during the term of the Definitive Agreement.
- Provided that and following such time that, Royal Road has acquired 100% of the concessions in the area of interest a one-time payment of US\$2,000,000 upon the filing of the first successful feasibility study prepared by or for Royal Road that demonstrates to Royal Road’s satisfaction the feasibility of putting a property into commercial production.
- A one-time payment of US\$10,000,000 upon the first commercial production from the mining project (minimum 75% production capacity of the mine as per the feasibility study).
- The Company has a right to terminate the Agreement at any time and at its sole discretion in which case the Company will have no obligation to make any further payments.

In third quarter of 2023, the Company executed a 1962 metre diamond drilling programme in the Santo Domingo project. In April 2024, the Company notified the title holder that it intends to withdraw from the Option Agreement, subject to results from more regional scale exploration in the title areas

Regional Exploration

Expenditures in the Company’s projects are as below:

**Six Months Ended  
June 30, 2024**

|                                 |                          |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b><u>Colombia Projects</u></b> |                          |
| GNM                             | \$ 93,069                |
| Southern Block Regional         | 39,019                   |
| Admin                           | 104,819                  |
| <b>Total Colombia</b>           | <b><u>236,906</u></b>    |
| <b><u>Nicaragua Project</u></b> |                          |
| Other                           | <b><u>2,607</u></b>      |
| <b><u>Argentina Project</u></b> |                          |
| Santo Domingo                   | <b><u>51,141</u></b>     |
| <b>Total Direct Exploration</b> | <b><u>\$ 290,654</u></b> |

**Exploration activities in 50% joint venture with Royal Road Arabia LLC**

The share of the Company’s exploration activities in Royal Road Arabia LLC are as below:

|   | <b>Six Months Ended<br/>June 30, 2024</b> |
|---|---|
| <u>Exploration activities in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia:</u> | <u>\$800,564</u>                          |

## **Trends**

Management regularly monitors economic conditions and estimates their impact on the Company’s operations and incorporates these estimates in both short-term operating and longer-term strategic decisions. Apart from these and the risk factors noted under the heading “Risk Factors”, management is not aware of any other trends, commitments, events or uncertainties that would have a material effect on the Company’s business, financial condition or results of operations. See “Risk Factors” below.

## **Outlook**

The Company is in the exploration stage and is subject to risks and challenges similar to companies in a comparable stage. These risks include, but are not limited to, the challenges of securing adequate capital in view of exploration, development and operational risks inherent in the mining industry as well as global economic and gold price volatility and the impact of the global disruption in equity markets as a result of an uncertain global geopolitical environment. There is no assurance that the Company’s funding initiatives will continue to be successful to fund its planned exploration activities, which are focused on advancing mineral exploration activities in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Kingdom of Morocco.

## **Financial Performance**

**For the three months ended June 30, 2024, compared with the three months ended June 30, 2023:**

For the three months ended June 30, 2024, the Company’s net loss was \$806,502 compared to a net loss of \$1,881,761 for the comparable period. The decrease in net loss of \$1,075,259 was as result of the following:

- During the three months ended June 30, 2024, exploration and evaluation expenditures decreased by \$606,416 compared the 2023 comparable period. Exploration and evaluation expenditures will vary based on budgeted plans.
- Loss from exploration activities in joint venture with Royal Road Arabia LLC for the three months ended June 30, 2024 increased by \$403,858 compared to the prior period. The Company entered into the joint venture during the third fiscal quarter of 2023.
- Employee salaries and benefits for the three months ended June 30, 2024 decreased by \$243,510 compared to the 2023 comparable period. The decrease was attributed to the Company seconding certain employees to the joint venture in Saudi Arabia in 2024.



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- During the three months ended June 30, 2024, stock-based compensation expense increased by \$203,014 compared the 2023 comparable period. Stock based compensation expense will vary from period to period depending upon the number of options granted and vested during a period and the fair value of the options calculated as at the grant date.

**For the six months ended June 30, 2024, compared with the six months ended June 30, 2023:**

For the six months ended June 30, 2024, the Company's net loss was \$2,071,177 compared to a net loss of \$3,610,496 for the comparable period. The decrease in net loss of \$1,539,319 was as result of the following:

- During the six months ended June 30, 2024, exploration and evaluation expenditures decreased by \$947,417 compared the 2023 comparable period. Exploration and evaluation expenditures will vary based on budgeted plans on its wholly-owned properties.
- Loss from exploration activities in joint venture with Royal Road Arabia LLC for the six months ended June 30, 2024 increased by \$800,564 compared to the prior period. The Company entered into the joint venture during the third fiscal quarter of 2023.
- Employee salaries and benefits for the six months ended June 30, 2024 decreased by \$314,664 compared to the 2023 comparable period. The decrease was attributed to the Company seconding certain employees to the joint venture in Saudi Arabia in 2024.
- During the six months ended June 30, 2024, stock-based compensation expense increased by \$70,649 compared the 2023 comparable period. Stock based compensation expense will vary from period to period depending upon the number of options granted and vested during a period and the fair value of the options calculated as at the grant date.

## **Liquidity and Financial Position**

As at June 30, 2024, the Company has a working capital of \$11,035,129 (December 31, 2023 - \$13,386,751); the continuing operations of the Company are dependent on its ability to generate future cash flows or obtain additional financing. Management is of the opinion that additional funds will be obtained from external financing to meet the Company's liabilities and commitments as they become due, although there is a risk that additional financing will not be available on a timely basis or on terms acceptable to the Company.

The Company derives no income from operations, as all of its projects since inception have been exploration projects. Accordingly, the activities of the Company have been financed by private placements of securities. As the Company does not expect to generate cash flows from operations in the near future, it will continue to rely primarily upon the sale of securities to raise capital. As a result, the availability of financing, as and when needed, to fund the Company's activities cannot be assured. See "Risk Factors" below.

## Transactions with Related Parties

In accordance with IAS 24, key management personnel are persons responsible for planning, directing, and controlling the activities of an entity, and include executive and non-executive directors. The key management personnel of the Company are the directors and officers of the Company. No individual party had overall control of the Company during the periods being presented. Transactions between the Company and its subsidiaries have been eliminated on consolidation.

The remuneration of directors and other members of key management personnel for the periods presented was as follows:

|                          | Three Months Ended |            | Six Months Ended |            |
|--------------------------|--------------------|------------|------------------|------------|
|                          | June 30,           |            | June 30,         |            |
|                          | 2024               | 2023       | 2024             | 2023       |
| Salaries                 | \$ 132,168         | \$ 301,265 | \$ 335,278       | \$ 619,961 |
| Stock based compensation | \$ 28,855          | \$ 146,674 | \$ 88,265        | \$ 146,674 |
| Professional fees        | \$ 7,500           | \$ 7,500   | \$ 15,000        | \$ 15,000  |

## Off-Balance Sheet Agreements

The Company has not entered into any off-balance sheet arrangements as of the date of this report.

## Outstanding Share Capital

As of the date of this MD&A, the Company has 265,695,801 common shares outstanding and 13,650,000 stock options.

## Risk Factors

The information provided in this document is not intended to be a comprehensive review of all matters concerning the Company. The users of this information, including but not limited to investors and prospective investors, should read it in conjunction with all other disclosure documents provided including but not limited to all documents filed on SEDAR+ at [www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca).

An investment in the securities of the Company is highly speculative and involves numerous and significant risks. Such investment should be undertaken only by investors whose financial resources are sufficient to enable them to assume these risks and who have no need for immediate liquidity in their investment. Prospective investors should carefully consider the risk factors that have affected, and which in the future are reasonably expected to affect, the section entitled "Risk Factors" in the Company's Annual MD&A for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023, available on SEDAR+ at [www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca).

## **Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements**

Certain statements contained in this MD&A constitute forward-looking statements; as such term is defined under applicable securities laws. These statements relate to future events or future performance and reflect management's expectations and assumptions regarding the growth, results of operations, performances and business prospects and opportunities of the Company. All statements other than statements of historical fact are forward-looking statements. The use of any of the words "anticipate", "plan", "continue", "estimate", "expect", "may", "intend", "will", "project", "could", "believe", "predict", "potential", "should" or the negative of these terms or other similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. These statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause actual results, performance, achievements or events to differ materially from those anticipated, discussed or implied in such forward-looking statements. The Company believes the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable but no assurance can be given that these expectations will prove to be correct and such forward-looking statements included in this MD&A and should be considered carefully and investors should not place undue reliance on them as the Company cannot assure investors that actual results will be consistent with these forward-looking statements.

These statements speak only as of the date of this MD&A. Such statements are based on a number of assumptions which may prove to be incorrect, including, but not limited to, assumptions about: (i) general business and economic conditions; (ii) the supply and demand for, deliveries of, and the level and volatility of prices of gold and other precious metals; (iii) the timing of the receipt of any outstanding regulatory and governmental approvals for the Company's projects; (iv) the ability to meet social and environmental standards and expectations; (v) the availability of financing for the Company's development of its properties on reasonable terms; (vi) the ability to procure equipment and operating supplies in sufficient quantities and on a timely basis; (vii) the ability to attract and retain skilled staff; (viii) exploration and development timetables; and (ix) capital expenditure and operating cost estimates.

These forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties relating to, among other things, exploration and development risks, changes in commodity and, particularly, gold prices, access to skilled mining personnel, results of exploration and development activities, uninsured risks, regulatory changes, defects in title, availability of materials and equipment, timeliness of government approvals and unanticipated environmental impacts on operations. Actual results may differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially include, but are not limited to, the risk factors contained in this MD&A. Investors should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements as the plans, intentions or expectations upon which they are based might not occur. The Company cautions that the foregoing list of important factors is not exhaustive. The forward-looking statements contained in this MD&A are expressly qualified by this cautionary statement. The Company does not undertake any obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements except as expressly required by applicable securities law.