

**HORNBY BAY MINERAL EXPLORATION LTD.  
MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
THREE AND SIX MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2011**

**GENERAL**

*This Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") relates to the performance, financial condition and future prospects of Hornby Bay Mineral Exploration Ltd. ("Hornby Bay" or the "Company") and should be read in conjunction with the unaudited condensed interim financial statements for the three and six months ended September 30, 2011, and Notes thereto. Readers are cautioned that the MD&A contains forward-looking statements and that actual events may vary from management's expectations. Readers are encouraged to consult the Company's Audited Consolidated Financial Statements and corresponding Notes to the financial statements for the years ended March 31, 2011 and 2010, for additional details. The unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements and MD&A are presented in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB"). All amounts are presented in Canadian dollars unless otherwise specified. This discussion addresses matters we consider important for an understanding of our financial condition and results of operations as of November 29, 2011 and for the three and six months ended September 30, 2011. Readers are encouraged to read the Company's public information filings which can be accessed and viewed through a link to the Company's Canadian Securities Commissions filings via the System for Electronic Data Analysis and Retrieval (SEDAR) at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com)*

*This section contains forward-looking statements and should be read in conjunction with the risk factors described in "Risks and Uncertainties" and the "Cautionary Statement on Forward-Looking Information" at the end of this MD&A.*

**1. Corporate Overview**

In 1996, the Company was incorporated in Ontario with its primary focus on uranium exploration in Nunavut, Canada. Nunavut is the only territory and/or province that has settled its native land claim issues.

The Company is a reporting issuer in Ontario, British Columbia and Alberta and trades on the TSX Venture Exchange under the symbol HBE.

**2. 2011 exploration season and plans**

Hornby Bay Mineral Exploration Ltd. (HBME) is exploring for uranium on its Coppermine Property and on part of a Joint Venture Property in the Hornby Bay Basin, Nunavut. The Coppermine Property is 100% owned by HBME and consists of 16 claims and 39 leases covering 117,933 acres (47,725 hectares). The Joint Venture Property is a 50/50 joint venture with MIE Metals Corporation and comprises 29 mineral claims and 1 mining lease covering 60,906 acres (24,648 hectares). HBME is the operator of 10 mineral claims of the property, covering 25,825 acres (10,451 hectares), and owns 13 mineral claims and one mining lease of the joint venture, covering 36,144 acres (14,627 hectares). The Company's Properties are located in the northern region of the Early Proterozoic Wopmay Orogen, where the units of the orogen are overlain by Middle Proterozoic sedimentary rocks of the deeper, eastern lobe of the Hornby Bay Basin. During the three months ended September 30, 2011 the Company did not conduct any field-based activities on its Nunavut properties.

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In February 2011, the Company applied for a new land use permit for its claims and leases in Nunavut. The application was approved and a new two-year permit was issued on April 12, 2011 by the Department of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (previously known as the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada).

Because of the drastic reversal of the uranium markets worldwide following the tragedy in Japan, the Company has postponed until 2012 the Nunavut exploration program that was initially planned for the 2011 exploration season.

The Company is currently planning an exploration program to be conducted on the gold mining leases that it owns in the Timmins area in Ontario. The exploration program will include establishment of geophysical grids, ground magnetic, VLF-EM, and IP/ resistivity surveying, and compilation of the new geophysical data with historic data. In September 2011 a field visit has been conducted to record the current access to these properties and set up base line origin points for the planned geophysical surveys. The Ontario exploration program is expected to be completed in the spring of 2012.

**3. Exploration Expenses**

During the three months ended September 30, 2011 the Company spent \$68,467 on exploration compared to \$665,990 during the three months ended September 30, 2010. During the six months ended September 30, 2011 the Company spent \$102,106 on exploration compared to \$728,529 during the six months ended September 30, 2010. The change over the prior periods is due to the Company postponing its exploration activities for the three and six months ended September 30, 2011 after initially planning to commence a program in Spring 2011. During the three and six months ended September 30, 2010 the amount spent by the Company was to maintain its properties on a care and maintenance basis.

	Three months ended		Six months ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	<b>2011</b>	2010	<b>2011</b>	2010
<b>Exploration Expenses</b>				
Assaying	\$ -	\$ 2,039	\$ -	\$ 2,039
Camp and support	-	368,048	<b>7,490</b>	393,048
Drilling	-	100,000	<b>721</b>	100,000
Ground geophysics	-	21,578	<b>1,500</b>	27,983
Helicopter	-	168,741	-	168,741
Lease rental overpayment	<b>46,409</b>	(21,245)	<b>46,409</b>	(21,245)
Technical consulting	<b>2,894</b>	-	<b>8,894</b>	-
Program planning and reports	<b>18,193</b>	26,200	<b>35,832</b>	56,200
Licences and permits	-	-	<b>186</b>	-
Recording fees and taxes	<b>971</b>	629	<b>1,074</b>	1,763
	<b>\$ 68,467</b>	\$ 665,990	<b>\$ 102,106</b>	\$ 728,529

**4. Liquidity and Capital Resources**

The Company has no operating revenues and relies primarily on equity financings as well as the exercise of warrants and options to fund its exploration and administrative costs.

The Company's operations consist of the exploration and evaluation of its various properties, a process that is ongoing, and is dependent on many factors some of which are beyond the

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Company's control. The Company maintains a policy of reviewing its working capital requirements on a continuous basis and is mindful of its property and administrative commitments.

At September 30, 2011, the Company had a working capital deficiency of \$681,319 compared to a working capital deficiency of \$458,680 at March 31, 2011. Cash balances were \$5,011 at September 30, 2011 compared with \$14,265 at March 31, 2011.

The Company has a need for equity capital and because of limited working capital and continuing operating losses, the Company's continuance as a going concern is dependent upon its ability to obtain adequate financing. It is not possible to predict whether financing efforts will be successful.

**Selected Annual Information**

	2011	2010	2009 <sup>1</sup>
	\$	\$	\$
Total revenues	-	18,747	83,837
Net loss	1,451,029	541,629	4,442,836
Basic & diluted net loss per share	0.03	0.01	0.03
Total assets	552,880	14,577	293,820

<sup>1</sup>Prepared under Canadian Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("CGAAP")

**5. Results of Operations**

During the three months ended September 30, 2011, the Company recorded a net loss from operations of \$136,686. This is compared to losses of \$1,137,764 for the three-month comparative period in 2010. During the six months ended September 30, 2011, the Company recorded a net loss from operations of \$230,961. This is compared to losses of \$1,236,703 for the six-month comparative period in 2010. The Company initially planned to commence an exploration program in Spring 2011 but later decided to postpone this program as a result of the tragedy in Japan in March 2011. In the prior year period ended September 30, 2010, the Company was in care and maintenance mode, resulting in minimal expenditures incurred during that period. See item 3 for details of exploration expenditures. The following schedule provides the details of general and administration expenses.

**General and Administration Expenses**

	Three months ended September 30,		Six months ended September 30,	
	2011	2010	2011	2010
Interest income	\$ -	\$ (13)	\$ -	\$ (13)
Stock-based compensation	877	330,000	8,321	330,000
Interest and bank charges	90	113	197	864
Office and general	9,199	30,800	17,175	39,449
Professional fees	40,409	88,174	77,620	100,719
Salaries and benefits	-	4,452	-	4,452
Shareholders' information	16,258	12,348	24,157	26,803
Travel and promotion	1,386	5,900	1,385	5,900
	<b>\$ 68,219</b>	<b>\$ 471,774</b>	<b>\$ 128,855</b>	<b>\$ 508,174</b>

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**Summary of Quarterly Results**

	Fiscal 2012		Fiscal 2011	
	2nd Quarter	1st Quarter	4th Quarter	3rd Quarter
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Revenues	-	-	-	-
Net loss (income)	136,686	94,275	(78,532)	288,585
Net loss (income) per share	0.002	0.002	0.005	0.005
Shares issued & outstanding	56,785,405	56,785,405	56,785,405	56,785,405

  

	Fiscal 2011		Fiscal 2010 <sup>1</sup>	
	2nd Quarter	1st Quarter	4th Quarter	3rd Quarter
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Revenues	-	-	-	18,747
Net loss (income)	1,137,764	98,939	155,114	86,048
Net loss (income) per share	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00
Shares issued & outstanding	56,785,405	48,438,585	145,315,756	145,315,756

<sup>1</sup>Prepared under CGAAP

**6. Outstanding Share Data**

The following is the outstanding share data and outstanding securities that are convertible into common shares of the Company as of November 29, 2011:

	# outstanding	Weighted average exercise price
Common shares	56,785,405	N/A
Derivatives:		
Warrants	710,500	\$0.16
Stock options	3,224,999	\$0.25

**7. Commitments**

Pursuant to the issuance of 8,346,820 flow-through shares on September 9, 2010 the Company has renounced \$1,318,421 of qualified exploration expenditures with an effective date of December 31, 2010. The Company is required to spend these flow-through funds by December 31, 2011. As of September 30, 2011, the amount remaining to be expended is approximately \$616,000.

Due to the drastic reversal of the uranium markets worldwide following the tragedy in Japan, the Company will not meet its expenditure requirements by December 31, 2011. Consequently, there will be taxes and penalties levied against the Company by the Canada Revenue Agency, the amount of which is unknown as of the date of this report. The Company has indemnified the subscribers of current and previous flow-through share offerings against any tax-related amounts that become payable by the shareholder as a result of the Company not having met its expenditure commitments.

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**8. Future Accounting Pronouncements**

**International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”)**

In February 2008, the Accounting Standards Board (“AcSB”) confirmed that IFRS, as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (“IASB”), will replace CGAAP for publicly accountable enterprises and must be adopted for fiscal years beginning on or after January 1, 2011. Changing from current CGAAP to IFRS is a significant undertaking that may materially affect the Company’s reported financial position and results of operations.

The Company launched its conversion project in 2010 drawing on internal and external resources and personnel. The Company is following the key events timeline proposed by the AcSB to obtain training and thorough knowledge of IFRS, finalize assessment of accounting policies with reference to IFRS and plan for convergence to be ready for the 2011 changeover.

The conversion project consists of four primary phases:

- Preliminary impact assessment phase was completed in October 2010 and served as the basis for the planning of future phases.
- Design, planning and solution development phase — the design and planning portion of this phase was completed in November 2010 and involved the development of the detailed plan for convergence and implementation. The solution development portion of this phase has been completed and involved the analyses of policy alternatives allowed under IFRS, the specification of changes required to existing accounting policies, and the development of solutions for information systems and business processes. In addition, the Company continues to monitor IFRS developments and adapt its convergence plan accordingly. Continuing changes to IFRS will result in certain policies and policy choices being revised or not finalized until later in the Company’s convergence timeline.
- The implementation phase is currently in progress, and includes the completion and formal authorization of recommended changes to accounting policies, the execution of changes to information systems and business processes, delivery of training programs across the Company, and the preparation of the opening balance sheet and draft financial statements with disclosures that are compliant with IFRS. In addition, the impact of IFRS on certain agreements, such as property option agreements and compensation agreements, will be addressed.
- Post-implementation phase — this phase will involve a compliance review and project assurance activities, to ensure the adequacy of controls over the IFRS conversion project itself.

The Company has engaged and will continue to engage in dialogue with the Company’s independent auditors in all phases of the conversion project.

Management engaged an independent consultant to assist in the compilation of IFRS compliant financial data for the opening balance sheet at April 1, 2010, fiscal 2010 and thereafter. Implementation of changes to the reporting and system processes to support preparation of the IFRS opening balance sheet at April 1, 2010 was completed during the three months ended June 30, 2011. The Implementation Phase also includes ongoing training for key personnel, identification and documentation of impact and required changes to, and ensuring the effectiveness of, the Company’s internal control environment and disclosure controls and procedures. This stage of Phase 3 was completed by July 2011. The post implementation

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phase will include sustainable IFRS compliant financial data and processes for fiscal 2011 and beyond.

The Company quantified the impacts expected on its condensed consolidated financial statements and has completed the preparation of its opening balance sheet at April 1, 2010, which has been audited by the Company's independent auditors. The following is a discussion of some of the specific issues facing the Company related to the accounting standards identified as most likely to have a material financial statement impact.

**IFRS 6, IAS 8 – Exploration and Evaluation:**

The Company's policy under CGAAP is to expense all exploration and evaluation costs as they are incurred until a project is determined to be potentially economically viable. Under IFRS, the Company will continue to expense all exploration and evaluation costs until probable economic recovery is determined. The Company has not recorded an adjustment to the opening IFRS balance sheet at April 1, 2010 for exploration and evaluation expenditures.

**IFRS 2 – Share Based Payments**

The Company's policy under CGAAP is to use the straight-line method to account for options that vest over time. Under IFRS, for graded-vesting features, IFRS requires each instalment to be treated as a separate share option grant, because each instalment has a different vesting period, and hence the fair value of each instalment will differ. The Company did not record an adjustment related to share-based awards as the difference between what was recorded by the Company under CGAAP and the amount to be recorded under IFRS was immaterial.

In addition, CGAAP permits companies to either estimate the forfeitures at the grant date or record the entire expense as if all share-based payments vest and then record forfeitures as they occur. IFRS requires that forfeitures be estimated at the time of grant to eliminate distortion of remuneration expense recognized during the vesting period. The estimate should be revised if subsequent information indicates that actual forfeitures are likely to differ from previous estimates. The Company estimated a 0% forfeiture rate and, as a result, no adjustments were recognized.

The Company did not record an adjustment to the opening IFRS balance sheet at April 1, 2010 for share-based payments.

**Equity Reserves:**

**CGAAP** –The Company recorded the value of share-based payments to contributed surplus. Warrants issued were included in capital stock.

**IFRS** – IFRS allows a company to record the value of share-based payments, such as outstanding options, and warrants as a separate component of shareholder's equity. IFRS requires an entity to present for each component of equity, a reconciliation between the carrying amount at the beginning and end of the period, separately disclosing each change. IFRS requires a separate disclosure of the value that relates to "Reserves for warrants", "Reserves for share-based payments" and any other component of equity. During the year ended March 31, 2011, the Company credited the share-based payment reserve for \$56,840 for warrant activity during the year.

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IFRS also allows a company to transfer the amounts for expired, unexercised stock options and warrants recorded in its reserve account to the deficit account on expiry. The Company debited its reserve account and credited its deficit account at April 1, 2010 in the amount of \$3,564,905. At March 31, 2011, an additional amount of \$812,082 was credited to its deficit account.

**IAS 12 – Income Taxes:**

While the overall methodology for recording deferred taxes is consistent between CGAAP and IFRS, there are several other key differences that may have a significant impact on the Company's financial statements. The IFRS impact on tax processes and policies is extensive as the impact will not only result from changes to tax accounting standards but may also arise from changes to other standards.

In particular, IFRS does not provide guidance for the treatment of flow-through shares, which is covered by CGAAP under CICA Handbook Section 3465 and EIC 46. In the absence of such guidance, IFRS 8.10 allows an entity to develop an acceptable accounting policy, through use of judgement, which results in information that is relevant and reliable to financial statement users. IFRS further allows management to consider the most recent pronouncements of other standard-setting bodies that use a similar conceptual framework. The Corporation has considered US Securities Exchange Commission published guidance on accounting for flow-through shares under FAS 109 whereby the proceeds from the offering would be allocated between the flow-through shares issued in a given transaction and the sale of the tax benefits of those shares.

**IAS 8 – Flow-through Shares**

CGAAP - Flow through shares are a unique Canadian tax incentive, which is the subject of specific guidance under Canadian GAAP and US GAAP.

IFRS - Does not have equivalent guidance to CICA 3465 and EIC 146 on accounting for flow-through shares. As a result, the Company needs to apply IAS 8.10 – IAS 8.12 in developing an acceptable accounting policy which, in the absence of an IFRS standard that specifically applies to a transaction, allows management to use its judgment in developing and applying an accounting policy.

The Company intends to adopt the following accounting policy:

The resource expenditure deductions for income tax purposes related to exploratory and evaluation activities funded by flow-through share arrangements are renounced to investors in accordance with Canadian tax legislation. Any premium between the quoted market price and the price paid by investors for flow through shares will be recognized as a liability of the Company at the time the shares are issued. When these expenditures are renounced, a deferred tax liability is set up and the initial premium liability is reversed, with the difference being recognized in the statement of operations.

As a result of adopting this accounting policy, as at the Transition Date to the Opening Statement of Financial Position at April 1, 2010, the Company made an adjustment to capital stock and deficit in the amount of \$4,172,335. As at March 31, 2011, an income tax recovery of \$4,273 was recorded in the Statement of Comprehensive Loss, with a corresponding debit to capital stock on the Statement of Financial Position.

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IFRS 1 – First-Time Adoption of IFRS:

Most adjustments required on transition to IFRS will be made, retrospectively, against opening retained earnings as of April 1, 2010, the date of the first comparative balance sheet presented under IFRS. However, IFRS 1 provides entities adopting IFRS for the first time a number of optional exemptions and mandatory exemptions, in certain areas, to the general requirement for full retrospective application of IFRS on the date of transition. The following are the optional exemptions which the Company is considering:

- Fair value or revaluation as deemed cost election – The Company may elect on transition to record certain items of property, plant and equipment at fair value. Use of this election can avoid the requirement to reverse any impairment losses recognized prior to transition.
- Share-based payments election – This election enables the Company to adopt IFRS 2, Share-based payments, from the date of transition to IFRS.
- Assets and liabilities of subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures currently reporting under IFRS – The Company is considering including the consolidated financial statements of its subsidiaries based on the adopted policies of the Company, requiring retrospective adjustment where policies differ and IFRS 1 elections are not available.

The remaining optional exemptions are not expected to be significant to the Company's adoption of IFRS. For additional details on the accounting policies adopted under IFRS, the reconciliation of the opening statement of financial position at April 1, 2010 and reconciliations of 2010 comparative figures, please see Notes 3, 4 and 14 to the unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial Statements for the three and six months ended September 30, 2011.

**9. Financial Instruments**

Details of the significant accounting policies and methods adopted for financial instruments (including the criteria for recognition, the bases of measurement, and the bases for recognition of income and expenses) for each class of financial asset, and financial liability are disclosed in Note 3 to the unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements for the three and six months ended September 30, 2011.

***Fair value***

The Company has designated its cash and amounts receivable as loans and receivables, which are measured at amortized cost. Accounts payable and accruals, promissory note, and shareholder's loan are classified as other financial liabilities, which are measured at amortized cost.

Fair value estimates are made at the balance sheet date, based on relevant market information and information about the financial instrument. These estimates are subjective in nature and involve uncertainties in significant matters of judgment and therefore cannot be determined with precision. Changes in assumptions could significantly affect these estimates. The carrying amounts for cash, amounts receivable, promissory note and accounts payable and accruals on the balance sheet approximate fair value because of the limited term of the instruments. It is not possible to determine if the shareholder's loan is at fair value as there is no comparable market value for such a loan.

At September 30, 2011, the Company had no financial instruments that are carried at fair value.

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For a full discussion on financial instrument risk factors please refer to Note 10 to the unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements for the three and six months ended September 30, 2011.

**10. Litigation**

- i. The Company has received a statement of claim from Bellmin Inc. ("Bellmin"), a corporation controlled by Cheryl Bell, the wife of George Bell, the former President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, claiming:
- (a) payment in the amount of \$30,000 for default on a promissory note;
  - (b) payment in the amount of \$173,093 for damages of breach of contract; and
  - (c) pre- and post-judgment interest and costs related to the action.

The Company has filed a statement of defense with respect to the action and a counter-claim alleging breach of contract by Bellmin. The Company fully repaid the promissory note of \$30,000 plus accrued interest during the year ended March 31, 2011.

Management of the Company believes that the claim for damages is without merit and the Company will continue to defend itself against the action. The outcome of these proceedings cannot be reasonably determined at this time.

- ii. An action has been brought by the Company against a former officer of the company and his spouse for damages in the amount of \$72,166 for breach of fiduciary duty and conversion. The action has been defended by the former officer and his spouse and the parties have exchanged affidavits of documents. The next steps in the litigation will be to schedule a settlement conference and mediation.

**11. Off Balance Sheet Arrangements**

The Company has no off balance sheet arrangements.

**12. Related Party Transactions**

Included in accounts payable is an amount owing to a shareholder of \$926,587 (March 31, 2011 - \$916,587). This amount is due on demand, unsecured, non-interest bearing with no fixed terms of repayment. Subsequent to the period ended September 30, 2011, the same shareholder of the Company advanced \$160,000 in loans to the Company to be used for working capital purposes. The amount is due on demand, unsecured and non-interest bearing. No guarantees have been given.

Also included in accounts payable at September 30, 2011 is an amount owing to a director of the Company of \$19,488 (March 31, 2011 - \$nil) for legal services rendered during the period. Included in professional fees is an amount paid to a director of the Company for legal services provided during the three months ended September 30, 2011 of \$13,905 (September 30, 2010 - \$52,661). During the six months ended September 30, 2011, professional fees paid to that director totaled \$20,253 (September 30, 2010 - \$52,661).

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**13. Directors and Officers Compensation**

During the three and six months ended September 30, 2011 the Company paid \$15,000 and \$30,000, respectively, to officers of the Company as remuneration for services provided (September 30, 2010 - \$10,000 and \$17,500, respectively).

**14. Post-reporting Date Events**

See note 12.

**15. Risks & Uncertainties**

***Exploration***

The Company's exploration projects are subject to conditions beyond its control that can affect the carrying costs and development costs for varying lengths of time. Such conditions include environmental hazards, unusual or unexpected geological formations or pressures and periodic interruptions due to inclement or hazardous weather conditions. Such risks could result in damage to, or destruction of, mineral properties or facilities, personal injury, environmental damage, delays in exploration programs, monetary losses and possible legal liability. Mineral exploration is highly speculative in nature, involves many risks and frequently is non-productive. There is no assurance that exploration efforts will be successful. Success in establishing reserves is a result of a number of factors, including the quality of management, the Company's level of geological and technical expertise, the quality of land holdings, the availability of suitable contractors, and other factors. Through high standards and continuous improvement the Company works to reduce these risks and maintains insurance to cover normal business risks.

If mineralization is discovered, it may take several years in the initial phases of drilling until production is possible, during which time the economic feasibility of production may change. Substantial expenditures are required to establish proven and probable reserves through drilling, to determine the optimal metallurgical process to extract the metals from the ore and to construct mining and processing facilities. Because of these uncertainties, no assurance can be given that exploration programs will result in the establishment of resources or reserves. Whether a resource deposit will ultimately be commercially viable depends on a number of factors, including the particular attributes of the deposit such as the deposit's size, financing costs and the prevailing prices for the applicable resource. Also of key importance are government regulations, including those relating to prices, taxes, royalties, land tenure, land use and environmental protection.

***Financing***

In the absence of cash flow from operations the Company relies on the capital markets to fund operations. Although the Company has been successful in the past in obtaining financing through the sale of equity securities, there can be no assurance that additional funding will be available, or available under terms favourable to the Company. Failure to obtain such additional finance could result in delay or the indefinite postponement of further exploration and the development of the Company's properties.

***Licenses and Permits, Laws and Regulations***

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The Company's exploration activities require permits from various government authorities, and are subject to extensive federal provincial and local laws and regulations governing prospecting, exploration, development, production, exports, taxes, labour standards, occupational health and safety, mine safety and other matters. Such laws and regulations are subject to change, can become stringent and compliance can therefore become more costly. The Company relies on the expertise and commitment of its management team, their advisors, its employees and contractors to ensure compliance with current laws and fosters a climate of open communication and co-operation with regulatory bodies.

The Company believes that it holds all necessary licenses and permits under applicable laws and regulations and believes it is presently complying in all material respects with the terms of such licenses and permits. However, such licenses and permits are subject to change in various circumstances. There can be no guarantee that the Company will be able to maintain or obtain all necessary licenses and permits that may be required to explore and develop its properties, commence construction or operation of mining facilities or to maintain continued operations.

***Environmental, Health and Safety***

The Company's activities are subject to extensive federal, provincial and local laws and regulations governing environmental protection and employee health and safety. Environmental legislation is evolving in a manner that is creating stricter standards, where enforcement, fines and penalties for non-compliance are more stringent. Environmental assessments of proposed projects carry a heightened degree of responsibility for companies and directors, officers and employees. The company is also subject to various reclamation-related conditions imposed under federal or provincial rules and permits, and there can be no assurance that they will not change in the future in a manner that could have a material effect on the Company's financial condition, liquidity or results of operations.

**15. Forward Looking Statements**

Certain statements contained in the section "Description of the Business" of this MD&A constitutes forward-looking statements. These statements relate to future events or the Company's future performance, business prospects or opportunities. All statements other than statements of historical fact may be forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are often, but not always, identified by the use of words such as "seek", "anticipate", "plan", "continue", "estimate", "expect", "may", "will", "project", "predict", "potential", "targeting", "intend", "could", "might", "should", "believe" and similar expressions. Information concerning the interpretation of drill results, mineral resource and reserve estimates and capital cost estimates may also be deemed as forward-looking statements as such information constitutes a prediction of what mineralization might be found to be present and how much capital will be required if and when a project is actually developed. These statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause actual results or events to differ materially from those anticipated in such forward-looking statements. The Company believes that the expectations reflected in those 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 should not be unduly relied upon. These statements speak only as of the date of this MD&A. Actual results and developments are likely to differ, and may

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differ materially, from those expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements contained in 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:

- general business and economic conditions;
- the supply and demand for, deliveries of, and the level and volatility of prices of base metals, and uranium, among others;
- the availability of financing for the Company's exploration and development projects on reasonable terms;
- the ability to procure equipment and operating supplies in sufficient quantities and on a timely basis;
- the ability to attract and retain skilled staff;
- market competition;
- the accuracy of the Company's resource estimate (including, with respect to size, grade and recoverability) and the geological, operational and price assumptions on which it is based;
- tax benefits and tax rates.

These forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties relating to, among other things, changes in commodity and, particularly, gold prices, uranium and copper prices, access to skilled mining development and mill production personnel, results of exploration and development activities, the Company's limited experience with production and development stage mining operations, uninsured risks, regulatory changes, defects in title, availability of materials and equipment, timeliness of government approvals, actual performance of facilities, equipment and processes relative to specifications and expectations 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 incorporated by reference herein. See "**Risks and Uncertainties**". The Company cautions that the foregoing list of important factors is not exhaustive. Investors and others who base themselves on the Company's forward-looking statements should carefully consider the above factors as well as the uncertainties they represent and the risk they entail. The Company also cautions readers not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. Moreover, these forward-looking statements may not be suitable for establishing strategic priorities and objectives, future strategies or actions, financial objectives and projections other than those mentioned above.