

## **MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

For the three and six months ended June 30, 2023 (Expressed in United States dollars)



This Management Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") is intended to help the reader understand Mako Mining Corp. (the "Company" or "Mako"), the operations, financial position, and current and future business environment. This MD&A is intended to supplement and complement Mako's condensed interim consolidated financial statements for the three and six months ended June 30, 2023, which have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards ("IFRS") applicable to the preparation of interim financial statements, including International Accounting Standard 34, Interim Financial Reporting.

Additional information regarding Mako, including the risks related to the business and those that are reasonably likely to affect Mako's financial statements in the future, is contained in the continuous disclosure materials, including the most recent audited consolidated financial statements and Management Information Circular, which is available on the Company's website at <a href="https://www.makominingcorp.com">www.makominingcorp.com</a> and under the Company's profile on the SEDAR+ website at <a href="https://www.sedarplus.com">www.sedarplus.com</a>.

This MD&A has been prepared as of August 22, 2023. All amounts are expressed in United States (US) dollars ("\$"), unless otherwise stated. References to "C\$" are to the Canadian dollar.

#### **BUSINESS OVERVIEW**

Mako Mining Corp. was incorporated on April 1, 2004 under the laws of the Yukon Territory and continued into British Columbia under the *British Columbia Corporations Act*. The Company is listed on the TSX Venture Exchange ("TSX-V") under the symbol "MKO". The Company's principal business activities are the production of gold and the exploration of its mineral interests in Nicaragua.

The Company's main asset is the San Albino gold deposit, located within the San Albino-Murra Property, located in Nueva Segovia, Nicaragua ("San Albino"). It was a historical small-scale underground gold producer, commencing production in the early 1900's and operating on and off until approximately 1940. Mako's management brought the San Albino mine into commercial production on July 1, 2021.

The projected free cash flow from the San Albino Mine is anticipated to fund exploration on Mako's prospective 188 square kilometer ("km") land package in Nicaragua.

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS, MAJOR ACTIVITIES AND SIGNIFICANT SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

- Revenues of \$12.9 and \$28.8 million (Q2 2022 \$16.4 million and YTD Q2 2022 \$33.7 million) for the three and six months ended June 30, 2023 ("Q2 2023" and "YTD Q2 2023"), respectively.
- Sales of 6,727 ounces ("oz") and 15,448 oz (Q2 2022 9,027 oz and YTD Q2 2022 18,607 oz) of gold in Q2 2023 and YTD Q2 2023, respectively from the San Albino Mine.
- Net loss of \$2.6 million and \$1.2 million (Q2 2022 –\$3.2million and YTD Q2 2022 \$4.2 million) for Q2 2023 and YTD Q2 2023, respectively.
- Production of 6,575 oz and 15,258 oz (Q2 2022 9,018 oz and YTD Q2 2022 18,537 oz) of gold at the San Albino mine respectively; 7,294 oz of silver were produced at the San Albino Mine for Q2 2023
- Cash generated from operating activities of \$4.5 million (YTD Q2 2022 \$12.2 million) in YTD Q2 2023. Three monthly repayment installments totaling 49,962 oz of silver (\$1.2 million) (Q2 2022 \$1.2 million) were made on the Sailfish Loan during Q2 2023.

#### Subsequent to June 30, 2023:

• On July 7, 2023, and on August 3, 2023, the Company delivered 17,190 and 16,367 oz of silver in lieu of \$0.4 million and \$0.4 million cash, respectively, on the Sailfish Loan.



#### **RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

Financial Performance		Three months ended				Six months ended						
(in \$000's)	Jur	ne 30, 2023 Ju	ine 30, 2022	Change		June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022	Change				
Revenue	\$	12,853 \$	16,373 (\$	3,520)	\$	28,771 \$	33,652 \$	(4,881)				
Income (loss) for the period		(2,630)	(3,203)	573		(1,244)	(4,189)	2,945				
Operating cash inflows (outflow) before												
changes in non-cash working capital		2,261	4,254	(1,993)		8,741	9,548	(807)				
Net cash from (used in) operating activities		3,057	5,845	(2,788)	\$	4,498 \$	12,174 \$	(7,676)				

Financial Condition (in \$000's)	As at		As at	Change
Financial Condition (iii 5000 S)	June 30, 2023		December 31, 2022	Change
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,739	\$	523 \$	1,216
Working capital (deficit) (i)	1,130		(3,252)	4,382
Total assets	44,571		45,171	(600)
Equity	\$ 12,713	\$	13,670 \$	(957)

<sup>(</sup>i) Working capital calculated as current assets less current liabilities.

## San Albino Property, Nueva Segovia, Nicaragua

The Company holds 100% of four mineral concessions in Nueva Segovia, Nicaragua for a total land package of approximately 18,817 hectares (188 km²). The San Albino gold deposit, located within the San Albino-Murra Property, is the Company's new mine located in Nueva Segovia, Nicaragua. It was a historical small-scale underground gold producer, commencing production in the early 1900's and operating on and off until approximately 1940.

On August 24, 2020, the Nicaraguan Ministry of Environmental and Natural Resources ("MARENA") amended the environmental permit granted to the Company in 2017 (see press release dated September 12, 2017) to allow for the processing of up to 1,000 tonne per day ("tpd") at the San Albino-Murra Property. The amendment is initially effective for a period of five years and can be renewed indefinitely so long as the Company complies with the conditions set forth by MARENA. All other provisions contained in the environmental permit granted in 2017 remain in force and are fully applicable apart from the increased throughput from 500 tpd to 1,000 tpd; total capacity of the two mills on site is 1,000 tpd.

Pre-development work commenced in May 2019 at the San Albino Property, the objective of achieving a thorough understanding of the geology of the area and affirming the continuity and grade of the "in-pit" resources.

On October 19, 2020, the Company reported the results of an updated mineral resource estimate (*Technical Report and Estimate of Mineral Resources* for The San Albino Project, Nueva Segovia, Nicaragua), which confirmed San Albino's rank among the highest-grade open pit gold projects in the world. In addition, Mine Development Associates, A division of RESPEC ("MDA"), led by Principal Geologist Steve Ristorcelli, has conservatively reflected the selective open pit mining methods presently being utilized at San Albino, such that management has confidence that the fully diluted open pit grade of 9.54g/t gold ("Au") in the Measured and Indicated categories can be met or exceeded when mined.

On July 1, 2021, the Company declared commercial production.

On June 21, 2022, the Company announced that drilling has confirmed gold mineralization over an area of approximately 530 meters ("m") x 470 m (strike x dip) in an area that was initially identified in the 2020 Mineral Resource Estimate as the SW Pit which at the time measured approximately 50 m x 50 m. On October 13, 2022, the Company reported intersects containing 36.65 g/t Au and 29.5 g/t Ag over 3.1 m (Estimated True Width ("ETW")) in the same area, an updated resource comprising the SW pit will be delivered before the end of Q3 2023.



On October 13, 2022, the Company announced intersects of 36.65 g/t Au and 29.5 g/t Ag over 3.1 m at the SW Pit area.

On January 5, 2023, the Company announced that it intersected 98.50 g/t Au and 66.3 g/t Ag over 1.9 m ETW 39 m from surface at the San Albino SW Pit.

The table below shows the main variables used by management to measure operating performance of the mine: throughput, grade, recovery metal production and cost.

On south a data	Th	ree	months ended	Six months ended					
Operating data	June 30, 2023		June 30, 2022	J	une 30, 2023		June 30, 2022		
Tonnes Mined	1,573,432		1,297,146		3,334,414		2,863,435		
Tonnes Milled	54,284		49,332		103,958		96,201		
Availability	95%		93%	93% 95%			90%		
Avg Tonnes per day	627		586		608		608		591
Recoverability	72%		75%		76%		80%		
Gold sold (ounces)	6,727		9,027		15,448		18,607		
Average realized gold price (\$/oz sold)	1,911	\$	1,814	\$	1,862	\$	1,809		
Cash Cost (\$/oz sold) <sup>(1)</sup>	995	\$	860	\$	881	\$	827		
Total Cash Cost (\$/oz sold) <sup>(1)</sup>	1,090	\$	903	\$	956	\$	868		
AISC (\$/oz sold) <sup>(1)</sup>	1,322	\$	1,121	\$	1,372	\$	1,098		
EBITDA (in \$000's) <sup>(1)</sup>	1,989	\$	4,518	\$	8,043	\$	10,285		
Adjusted EBITDA (in \$000's) <sup>(1)</sup>	4,029	\$	7,350	\$	11,665	\$	15,142		

<sup>(1)</sup> Refer to Non-IFRS Measures

The increase in the cash costs per gold ounce sold of \$135 to \$995 is driven by the decrease in ounces of gold sold offset by a decrease in the costs at the mine site for gold ounces produced in Q2 2023. A combination of detailed geological mapping, additional lab testing, and new procedures implemented by the Company have all contributed to improved mining selectivity, which limits the amount of preg-robbing material being fed to the plant. In addition, the plant has worked on improving cyanide detoxification on solutions returning to the mill from the tails area, the reduction in cyanide levels in the return solution will reduce the gold leach in the grinding circuit which will result in reduced loss from pregrobbing carbon. These efforts have allowed the mill to maintain high throughput and improved recoveries.

The increase in the total cash costs per gold ounce sold of \$187 to \$1,090 is driven by the decrease in the ounces of gold sold in Q2 2023.

The increase in the Company's AISC per gold ounce sold of \$201 to \$1,322 for Q2 2023 is driven by the decrease in ounces of gold sold offset with reduction of costs in the current quarter.

## **EXPLORATION UPDATE**

On the exploration front, during Q2 2023, there was one operating reverse circulation drill rig at the San Albino-Murra Concession, 2,139 m were drilled in the Las Conchitas North area and 3,671 m were drilled in the Las Conchitas South area as part of the infill drilling program to gain better understanding of Las Conchitas geology.

In the La Segoviana concession 1,155 m were drilled, in the areas of La Reforma, San Luis, Minas America and La Reforma West.

## **Las Conchitas Area**

Las Conchitas is situated between two past-producers, the San Albino Mine and the El Golfo Mine. It lies only 2 km south of the mine site for the San Albino Property.



The Las Conchitas area covers approximately 3.75 km<sup>2</sup> and is situated immediately to the south of San Albino, where the Company is currently operating a 500 tpd mining and milling operation and immediately to the north of the historical El Golfo Mine located within the Company's El Jicaro Concession.

Las Conchitas contains numerous mineralized structures over a 1,700 m by 800 m area and it has been subdivided into three primary areas: Las Conchitas norte ("LC-North"), Las Conchitas central ("LC-Central") and Las Conchitas sur ("LC-South"). Each of these areas are comprised of multiple subparallel, northeast-southwest striking and gently dipping mineralized veins.

As with the San Albino deposit, the conceptual model for the Las Conchitas mineralization consists of multiple parallel quartz veins that dip gently to the northwest, associated with extensive shear and fault systems which represent possible feeders for mineralized fluids and a favourable environment for precious metal deposition. These characteristics are consistent with the model for orogenic gold-bearing veins, which can extend to depths in excess of a km. Drilling at Las Conchitas has confirmed down-dip continuity of highly mineralized zones identified by trenching; as demonstrated by results of drilling reported on August 18, 2021; gold mineralization is not restricted solely to quartz veins, but also occurs in the host rock (phyllite/schist) containing quartz veinlets.

On July 28, 2022, the Company announced the discovery of "Crucita" which consists of gold bearing structures containing 37.28 g/t of Au and 34.94 g/t of Ag over 2.5 m. Crucita is located approximately 1.44 km south of the San Albino gold mine and is part of LC- Norte.

The Company has released results for LC-Norte, LC-Sur and LC-Central, these results show intercepts with high grade mineralization over minable widths and shallow depths, which may indicate the potential for a significantly larger resource.

On August 18, 2022, the Company announced that it intersected 85.10 g/t Au and 153.0 g/t Ag over 0.8 m (ETW) at Las Conchitas Central connecting Mina Bonanza and Cruz Grande and expanding the known strike length to over 295 m in this zone.

On September 8, 2022, the Company reported that it intersected 15.36 g/t Au and 16.0 g/t Ag over 6.7 m (ETW) at LC-Central with additional intercepts at LC-North and LC-South.

On October 24, 2022, the Company announced that it intersected 42.59 g/t Au over 2.1 m (ETW) at LC-North, 25.07 g/t Au over 2.2 m (ETW) at LC-Central and 65.45 g/t Au over 1.8 m (ETW) at LC-South.

On January 24, 2023, the Company announced results which indicated intercepts of 33.91g/t gold over 1.7 m (ETW) at LC-Central, 12.73 g/t Au over 4.2m (ETW) at LC-South and multiple high grade silver intercepts up to 3,792.0 g/t silver over 1.0 m across Las Conchitas.

On June 19, 2023, the Company announced that it received approval to begin processing material from Las Conchitas, this material will be processed at the Company's San Albino plant.

On July 27, 2023, the Company announced that it had intersected 30.45 g/t Au over 4.5 m. at Las Conchitas, 13m from surface; at the same time the Company announced that materials from Las Conchitas were starting to be processed at the San Albino plant.

On August 2, 2023, the Company announced additional results from the reverse circulation infill drilling at Las Conchita, reporting intersects of 12.09 g/t Au over 11.5 m, 15 m. from surface.

The Company has now developed an internal geological model and is expecting to complete a NI43-101 compliant resource model in the latter half of 2023.



## **El Jicaro Concession**

El Jicaro encompasses the southwest extension of the mineralized structures identified on the Corona de Oro Gold Belt. It covers an area of 5,071 ha (51 km²). Several good exploration targets have been outlined there. The mapping and prospecting programs completed to date have defined four parallel zones of mineralization. During Q4 2022, 410 m were drilled at El Jicaro.

#### **Potrerillos Concession**

In December 2019, the Company purchased the Potrerillos exploration and exploitation concession ("Potrerillos Concession") formerly owned by a subsidiary of Condor Gold Plc ("Condor"). The Potrerillos Concession comprises 12 km² of subsurface mineral rights and is contiguous to and along strike from the San Albino gold project. The Potrerillos Concession is valid until December 2031 with the ability to renew for an additional 25 years by the Company.

The property was explored by Condor between 2007 and 2009, with a number of channel samples taken on trenches and former mine adits. Recent drilling at San Albino indicates that the Potrerillos mineralization is an extension of the San Albino deposit; 1,109 m have been drilled during the 2022 drilling campaign. The Company plans to begin exploration work to evaluate whether the San Albino mine can be expanded into this area.

## La Segoviana Concession

On April 7, 2020, the Company announced that its wholly-owned Nicaraguan subsidiary, Nicoz Resources, S.A., was granted a new concession by Nicaraguan Ministry of Mines and Energy ("MEM"). The new concession, called La Segoviana, covers an area of 3,845.80 ha (approximately 38.5 km²) and is contiguous to the north and northwest of the Company's San Albino-Murra concession in Nueva Segovia, Nicaragua. The La Segoviana concession allows for both exploration and exploitation and is valid for a period of 25 years, until March 12, 2045.

On May 3, 2021, the Company reported initial results from a reconnaissance exploration program. The initial mapping and sampling have identified four prospects within the La Segoviana concession. A total of 35 channel samples were collected with 23 samples representing the in-situ vein and 12 samples representing dump material. The assays range in value from 0.02 to 43.5 g/t Au, with 12 samples reporting over 10 g/t Au and 15 samples reporting 1-10 g/t Au.

On August 18, 2021, the Company reported the results of initial mapping and sampling which identified at least four prospects. Initial channel sampling across the four prospects yielded grades of up to 82.5g/t gold.

On March 24, 2022, the Company reported the results from a follow-up reconnaissance exploration program. A total of 367 channel and grab samples were collected within the concession from quartz veins exposed in prospects and historical workings with 169 samples yielding more than 1.0 g/t gold, and one of them yielding 105.7 g/t Au over 1.5 m estimated true width; details can be found in the respective press release.

On May 30, 2023, the Company reported a discovery in the La Segoviana Concession, specifically 17 km from the San Albino area, highlighting intercepts of 41.99 g/t Au and 28.7 g/t Ag. over 1.4 m, 34 m from surface, confirming the orogenic nature of gold mineralization across the 28 km of strike contained within the Company's 188 square kilometer land package in Northern Nicaragua.

For details on all previously-reported drill results, please see the Company's filings on SEDAR+.



# TREND ANALYSIS Summary of Quarterly Results

	20	23		202	22		20	021
(in \$000's excluding per share)	Apr - Jun	Jan - Mar	Oct - Dec	Jul - Sept	Apr - Jun	Jan-Mar	Oct - Dec	Jul - Sept
Revenue	12,853	15,916	16,086	13,637	16,373	17,279	16,647	14,288
Cost of sales	(10,952)	(11,424)	(11,693)	(15,176)	(14,537)	(12,701)	(9,664)	(9,750)
Gross profit (loss)	1,901	4,492	4,393	(1,539)	1,836	4,578	6,983	4,538
E&E expenses	(1,498)	(692)	(3,056)	(3,878)	(2,718)	(1,865)	(1,667)	(1,525)
G&A expenses	(2,235)	(1,491)	(1,285)	(1,613)	(1,593)	(1,741)	(1,332)	(1,262)
Other income (expenses)	(360)	(423)	(404)	(36)	(113)	(1,416)	(403)	95
Income taxes	(438)	(499)	(451)	(492)	(610)	(542)	(397)	(15)
Net income (loss)	(2,630)	1,387	(803)	(7,558)	(3,198)	(986)	3,184	1,831
Basic & diluted income (loss) per share	(0.04)	0.02	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.05)	(0.01)	0.06	0.03
The sum of the quarters may not equ	al the annual	results due to	rounding.					
Gold ounces produced	6,575	8,683	10,010	8,370	9,018	9,519	9,572	7,554
Gold ounces sold	6,727	8,721	9,956	8,327	9,027	9,580	9,588	8,280
Average realized gold price (\$/oz)	\$ 1,911	\$ 1,829	\$ 1,616	\$ 1,665	\$ 1,814	\$ 1,804	\$ 1,736	\$ 1,726
Ore Mined (tonnes)	46,452	47,239	50,883	52,084	47,220	49,780	44,160	51,209
Ore Milled (tonnes)	54,284	49,675	49,204	44,452	49,332	46,869	38,313	33,441
Grade milled (g/t Au)	5.27	5.74	7.34	7.66	7.36	7.05	9.01	8.25
Recovery %	71.8%	80.7%	82.3%	76.5%	74.8%	85.3%	92.6%	93.1%

Revenue: During Q2 2023, decrease in revenue is as a result of a decrease in ounces produced and ounces sold during the quarter offset with an increase in the average realized gold price per ounce sold when compared to the previous quarters.

Cost of sales: During Q2 2023, the cost of sales increased, although the production costs and depreciation and depletion and amortization remained consistent with the prior quarter, the ounces of gold sold was lower when compared to previous quarters. Write-down of inventories increased during Q2 2023, arising from the higher costs of mining to access phase 3 of the West Pit, resulting in higher levels of depletion. The higher costs related to phase 3 of the West Pit were incurred as the Company transitions and prepares for the Las Conchitas mining operation.

E&E expenses - During Q2 2023, the expansion drilling program at the Las Conchitas area was coming to an end as the Company prepares the data to develop the resource model.

G&A expenses: During Q2 2023, increase in G&A is mainly attributed to the increase in salaries and benefits expenditure for bonuses and an increase in legal fees as legal advice was sought on corporate matters.

Revenue: During Q1 2023, decrease in revenue is as a result of a decrease in ounces produced and ounces sold during the quarter offset with an increase in the average realized gold price per ounce sold when compared to the previous quarters in 2022.

Cost of sales: During Q1 2023, the cost of sales decreased partially due to a lower depreciation charge on the mineral property asset as it nears the end of its useful life and a decrease in production costs largely due to deferred stripping costs of \$3.8 million related to the West Pit phase 3. During Q2 2023, the Company started extracting ore in phase 3 of the West Pit and stopped deferring stripping costs.



E&E expenses - During Q1 2023, the expansion drilling program at the Las Conchitas area was coming to an end as the Company prepares the data to develop the resource model.

G&A expenses: During Q1 2023, decrease in G&A is mainly contributed to the decrease in salaries and benefits expenditure and stock-based compensation offset by an increase in legal fees as legal advice sought on corporate matters increased.

Revenue: During Q4 2022, increase in revenue is as a result of an increase in ounces produced and ounces sold during the quarter together with the decrease in the average realized gold price per ounce sold when compared to the previous quarters in 2022.

Cost of sales: During Q4 2022, the cost of sales decreased partially due to a lower depreciation charge and a decrease in production costs largely due to deferred stripping costs related to the West Pit phase 3 which is expected to start extracting ore in the second quarter of 2023 when compared to previous quarters.

G&A expenses: Decrease during Q4 2022 is contributed by the reversal of an accrual of \$0.5 million for non-executive staff bonuses.

Other income (expenses): Decrease during Q4 2022, arises from the change in the provision for reclamation and rehabilitation and the increase in the foreign exchange loss weakening of the exchange rate between the Canadian dollar and US dollar.

Revenue: During Q3 2022, decrease in revenue is related to the decrease in ounces produced and the ounces sold during the quarter together with the decrease in the average realized gold price per ounce sold when compared to the previous quarters in 2022.

Cost of sales: During Q3 2022, the cost of sales increased due largely to a combination of mining costs, with increased hauling costs, as the distances covered are now longer, and mill processing costs increases following the metal recovery issues experienced during the quarter where preg-robbing material going through the mill was high, the Company conducted a number of tests using different methodologies, reagent quantities and studies, that resulted in a considerable increase in cost of sales, compared to previous quarters in 2022.

The Q3 2022 cost of sales includes a write-down of stockpiled ore of \$0.8 million related to historical dump material containing 2.75 g/t of gold that is not being utilized in the current mine plan but management anticipates incorporating this historical dump material in the revised expanded San Albino mine plan expected to be released in 2023.

During Q3 2022, the expansion drilling program at the Las Conchitas area is contributed to the increase in exploration and evaluation expenses.

#### Revenue

	Three	months ended	Six months ended				
	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022	Change	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022	Change	
Revenue (in \$000s)	\$12,853	\$16,373	(\$3,520)	\$28,771	\$33,652	(\$4,881)	
Gold sold (ozs.)	6,727	9,027	(2,300)	15,448	18,607	(3,159)	
Average realized gold price (\$ per oz.)	\$1,911	\$1,814	\$97	\$1,862	\$1,809	\$53	

The Company's revenue for 2023 and 2022 came entirely from the San Albino Mine. The decrease in revenue of \$3.5 million (decrease of 21.5%) for Q2 2023 compared to Q2 2022 is a result of selling 2,300 fewer ounces in Q2 2023 and realizing a higher average gold price by \$97 (increase of 5.35%) per ounce.



The Company sells gold at the spot rate. The average spot gold price for Q2 2023 was \$1,975 (Q2 2022 - \$1,871), up 5.6% over Q2 2022, and closed on June 30, 2023, at \$1,912 per oz, up 5.2% from the closing price on June 30, 2022.

## **Exploration and evaluation expenses**

Expenses by property	Three month	is ended		Si	x months ended	
(in \$000s)	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022	Change	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022	Change
El Jicaro	55	-	55	107	30	77
San Albino	160	1,001	(841)	403	2,361	(1,958)
Las Conchitas	956	1,559	(603)	1,318	1,989	(671)
Other	327	158	169	362 202		160
	1,498	2,718	(1,220)	2,190 4,582		(2,392)

During Q2 2023 and Q2 2022, expenses continued to be primarily associated with the expansion drilling program at the Las Conchitas property 2 km to the South of San Albino.

During Q2 2023, the expansion drilling program at the Las Conchitas area was coming to an end as the Company prepares the data to develop the resource model.

#### General and administrative expenses

	Three	months ended		Six	months ended	
(in \$000s)	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022	Change	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022	Change
Accounting and legal	321	158	163	464	234	230
Consulting fees	16	49	(33)	24	49	(25)
Directors' fees	90	51	39	182	102	80
Depreciation	25	3	22	52	5	47
General office expenses	38	96	(58)	90	90 136	
Insurance	132	116	16	270	214	56
Investor relations and communications	21	83	(62)	62	128	(66)
Rent	1	15	(14)	2	27	(25)
Salaries and benefits	1,303	814	489	2,143	1,980	163
Stock-based compensation	204	144	60	275	279	(4)
Telephone and IT services	31	18	13	62	62	-
Transfer agent fees and regulatory fees	24	10	14	51	55	(4)
Travel	29	42	(13)	49	69	(20)
	2,235	1,599	636	3,726	3,340	386

Accounting and legal fees: Q2 2023 increased compared to Q2 2022, increase arises from additional legal advice sought on corporate matters.

Director fees: Q2 2023 fees increased compared to Q2 2022, increase arises from the special committee, which was set up in November 2022, it's comprised of two directors and each member of this committee receiving \$8,000 per month. The increase is slightly offset with the departure of a director in November 2022.

Insurance expenses: increased in Q2 2023 compared with Q2 2022 is in line with the increase of premiums.

Salaries and benefits: Q2 2023 increased compared to Q2 2022 primarily due to bonuses of \$527,338 offset with a decrease in headcount.



Increase in stock-based compensation during Q2 2023 compared to Q2 2022 is as a result of 540,000 options that were granted in the current quarter that are being expensed using the graded vesting method. No stock-based compensation was granted during Q1 2023. During Q2 2023, 38,829 restricted share units ("RSU") were granted; during Q2 2022, 150,380 RSU and 131,840 deferred share units ("DSU") were granted.

## Other (expense) income

	Three	months ended		Six months ended					
(in \$000s)	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022	Change	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022	Change			
Accretion and interest expense	251	335	(84)	695	1,472	(777)			
(Gain) /loss on change in provision for									
reclamation and rehabilitation	(15)	(30)	15	(12)	(4)	(8)			
Change in fair value of Sailfish Loan	86	(5)	91	89	(88)	177			
Gain on gold stream derivative asset	(8)	36	(44)	(46)	(35)	(11)			
Foreign exchange gain (loss)	52	(224)	276	67	184	(117)			
Interest income	(6)	-	(6)	(8)	-	(8)			
	360	112	248	785	1,529	(744)			

Accretion and interest expense primarily relates to interest on the Wexford Loan and finance costs on derivative liability. The Company accrued for the cash equivalent of the remaining cash bonus interest of 321.5 oz of gold at the price of gold based on the closing London Bullion Market monthly average. This cash bonus interest is revalued at each quarter end.

The decrease in the change in provision for reclamation and rehabilitation arises from the asset retirement obligation on the La Trinidad mine in Mexico which was retained following the disposal of the Marlin Group to GR Silver.

Foreign exchange gains and losses arise from the translation of foreign-denominated transactions and balances into the relevant functional currencies of the Company and its subsidiaries. There are significant foreign-denominated intercompany balances held by certain subsidiaries of the Company. Fluctuations between the functional currency of the subsidiary and the currency of the intercompany balance result in significant non-cash, unrealized foreign exchange gains and losses. These unrealized gains and losses are recognized in the consolidated net income of the Company.

## LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES Financial condition

(in \$000s)	June 30, 2023	December 31, 2022	Change	
Cash and cash equivalents	1,739	523	1,216	
Working capital (deficit)	1,130	(3,252)	4,382	

Cash and cash equivalents increased by \$1.2 million during Q2 2023, funds generated from operating activities and the Sailfish Silver Loan were utilized to make principal repayments of \$4.0 million on the Wexford Loan, repayment installments of \$2.0 million on the Sailfish Loan and fund the investing and operating activities.

The working capital deficit decreased during YTD Q2 2023 primarily due to increased inventory levels and during Q2 2023 due to the Wexford Loan extending the maturity to March 31, 2025.



#### **Cash flows**

(in \$000s)	Three	months ended		Six months ended					
	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022	Change	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022	Change			
Operating cash flows before changes in working capital	2,261	3,852	(1,591)	8,741	9,548	(807)			
Changes in working capital	796	1,590	(794)	(4,243)	2,626	(6,869)			
Net cash flows provided by (used in) operating activities	3,057	5,442	(2,385)	4,498	12,174	(7,676)			
Net cash flows provided by (used in) investing activities	(2,867)	(1,869)	(998)	(3,232)	(4,969)	1,737			
Net cash flows provided by (used in) financing activities	889	(1,769)	2,658	(82)	(6,671)	6,589			
Effect of foreign exchange on cash and cash equivalents	19	(7)	26	32	8	24			
Change in cash and cash equivalents	1,098	1,797	(699)	1,216	542	674			

The Company generated positive cash flow from operations of \$3.1 million during Q2 2023 however, cash flows from operating activities reduced over the prior period. This was primarily driven by the decrease in revenue.

The cash used in investing activities during Q2 2023 relates to development activities at the San Albino Property in Nicaragua including the purchase of equipment.

Financing activities during Q2 2023 primarily reflect the \$6.0 million funds received from the Sailfish Silver Loan, principal repayment of \$4.0 million on the Wexford Loan and installment payments of \$1.1 million on the Sailfish Loan.

The Company generated positive cash flow from operations of \$4.5 million during YTD Q2 2023 however, cash flows from operating activities reduced over the prior period. This was primarily driven by the decrease in revenue and changes in non-cash working capital.

The cash used in investing activities during YTD Q2 2023 relates to deferred stripping activities and development activities at the San Albino Property in Nicaragua including the purchase of equipment.

Financing activities during YTD Q2 2023 primarily reflect the \$6.0 million funds received from the Sailfish Silver Loan, principal repayment of \$4.0 million on the Wexford Loan and installment payments of \$2.0 million on the Sailfish Loan.

## Liquidity risk

The condensed interim consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the basis that the Company will continue as a going concern, which assumes that it will be able to meet its existing obligations and commitments and fund ongoing operations in the normal course of business for at least twelve months from June 30, 2023. As at June 30, 2023, the Company has cash and cash equivalents of \$1.7 million and working capital of \$1.1 million.

For YTD Q2 2023, the Company generated operating cash inflows from operating activities of \$4.5 million and generated a net loss of \$1.2 million.

During 2020, the Company secured a credit arrangement from its controlling shareholder for \$15.15 million ("Wexford Loan"). The Wexford Loan matures on March 31, 2025 (per the Sixth Waiver) and may be repaid at any time, in whole or in part, at par plus accrued unpaid interest, without penalty or premium. The Wexford Loan had an interest rate of 8.0% per annum until February 23, 2021, increasing to 10% per annum thereafter. The Company paid a non-refundable upfront fee of \$150,000 to the Lenders on the closing of the Wexford Loan. As at December 31, 2021, the Wexford Loan was fully drawn.



In addition, because the Wexford Loan was not repaid in full on or prior to the first anniversary of the closing date, February 20, 2021, then the Company must pay to the Lenders a cash bonus interest on the first anniversary of the closing date and on each successive anniversary in an amount equal to the cash equivalent of 500 oz. of gold calculated based on the average Gold Fixing Price in the London Bullion Market during the most recently completed calendar month at the time the payment is made, in accordance with the applicable formula set out in the Wexford Loan agreement. The applicable formula set out in the Wexford Loan Agreement is the principal amount less any principal repayments divided by the total loan facility multiplied by the price of gold based on the closing London Bullion Market monthly average.

On August 27, 2021, the Company entered into a loan agreement with Sailfish pursuant to which Sailfish provided an \$8 million unsecured gold-linked term loan to the Company (the "Sailfish Loan"). The proceeds of the Sailfish Loan were used by the Company to pay off loans. The Sailfish Loan is to be repaid with 24 monthly payments, with each monthly payment equal to the cash equivalent of 205 ounces of gold at the average market gold price with a minimum price of \$1,750 and a maximum price of \$2,000.

On March 2, 2023, the Sailfish Loan was modified whereby the remaining seven payments will be made in physical silver in lieu of cash. During Q2 2023, the Company delivered 49,962 oz of silver (totaling \$1.2 million). Subsequent to June 30, 2023, the Company delivered 33,557 oz. of silver (totaling \$0.8 million).

During YTD Q2 2023, the Company made voluntary principal repayments of \$4.0 million on the Wexford Loan; the Company recorded \$0.5 million of accrued interest and cash bonus interest on the Wexford Loan all of which has been expensed.

During YTD Q2 2022, the Company made voluntary principal repayments of \$4.0 million on the Wexford Loan and instalment payments totaling \$2.3 million were made on the Sailfish Loan.

The Company's financial performance is dependent upon many external factors. Exploration, development and mining precious metals involve numerous inherent risks including but not limited to metal price risk as the Company derives its revenue from the sale of gold and silver, currency risks as the Company reports its financial statements in US dollars whereas the Company operates in jurisdictions where it conducts its business in other currencies. Although the Company minimizes these risks by applying high operating standards, including careful planning and management of its facilities, hiring highly qualified personnel and giving adequate training, these risks cannot be eliminated.

#### GR SILVER MINING LTD ("GR SILVER")

On March 31, 2021, the Company completed the transaction with GR Silver pursuant to which GR Silver acquired 100% of the common shares of Mako's wholly-owned subsidiary, Marlin, from the Company. Marlin (incorporated in Canada) is the parent company of Marlin Gold Trading Inc (incorporated in Barbados) and of Oro Gold de Mexico, S.A. de C.V. (incorporated in Mexico) ("Oro Gold"), that owns the La Trinidad mine facilities (collectively, the "Marlin Group"). The Company will continue to be responsible for all necessary reclamation obligations until it receives an acknowledgement from SEMARNAT (the Mexican environmental authority) that Oro Gold's closure plan is complete.

## **Outstanding securities**

As of the date of this MD&A, the Company had 65,818,593 common shares issued and outstanding, plus 75,190 RSUs, 111,240 DSUs and 3,226,504 options outstanding.

## TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

Except as disclosed in other areas, key management personnel include those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Company, and comprise the Company's Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Operating Officer, and Directors. The compensation to key management was as follows:



#### Key management compensation

	Three months ended					Six months ended					
(in \$000s)		June 30, 2023		June 30, 2022	C	Change	June 30, 2023		June 30, 2022	C	hange
Director fees	\$	90	\$	51	\$	39	\$ 183	\$	102	\$	81
Salaries, consulting and management fees		627		232		395	848		818		30
Share-based compensation		51		174		(123)	108		233		(125)
Total	\$	768	\$	457	\$	311	\$ 1,139	\$	1,153	-\$	14

As at		D	ecember	
AS dt		2023		31, 2022
Amount included in accounts payable	\$	199	\$	56

During Q2 2023, the Company granted bonuses of \$0.4 million to three senior members of management.

During Q1 2022, the Company granted bonuses of \$0.4 million to three senior members of management whose bonuses are disclosed in general and administrative expenses.

## Other related party transactions

## (a) Tes-Oro Mining Group, LLC ("Tes-Oro")

Tes-Oro is a private company controlled by the Company's Chief Operating Officer. Tes-Oro is a full-service engineering, procurement and construction management firm working with the Company. During Q2 2023 and YTD Q2 2023, the Company expensed fees relating to consulting services of \$683 and \$1,367 (2022 - \$687 and \$4,773), reclamation and rehabilitation expenses of \$nil and \$7,389 (2022 - \$nil and \$nil) and \$8,542 and \$17,085 (2022 - \$24,668 and \$53, 910) in general office expenses, respectively. Amounts payable to Tes-Oro as at June 30, 2023, were \$1,749 (December 31, 2022 - \$nil).

#### (b) Sonoran Resources, LLC ("Sonoran")

Sonoran is a private company controlled by the Company's Chief Operating Officer. Sonoran is a management, scientific, and technical consulting services industry firm which leases office equipment to the Company. During Q2 2023 and YTD Q2 2023, the Company expensed fees relating to general office expenses of \$nil and \$nil (2022 - \$1,007 and \$2,581). Amounts payable to Sonoran as at June 30, 2023, were \$nil (December 31, 2022 - \$nil).

## (c) Wexford LP ("Wexford")

Wexford is the Company's controlling shareholder. Except as noted elsewhere in the financial statements, during Q2 2022 and YTD Q2 2023, the Company expensed fees of \$nil and \$3,000 related to transaction costs (2022 - \$nil and \$3,070), respectively. Amounts payable to Wexford as at June 30, 2023, were \$3,000 (December 31, 2022 - \$nil).

## (d) Sailfish Royalty Corp. ("Sailfish")

Sailfish is a publicly traded company related by common shareholders and directors. In addition to the Sailfish Loan, during Q2 2023 and YTD Q2 2023, the Company's subsidiary Nicoz:

- i. received advances of \$0.2 million and \$0.4 million (2022 \$0.3 million and \$0.4 million) for the purchase of gold ounces;
- ii. sold 268 and 606 (2022 330 and 703) oz of gold to Sailfish for \$0.1 million and \$0.3 million (2022 \$0.2 million and \$0.3 million); of which \$57,234 and \$0.1 million (2022 \$0.2 million and \$0.2 million) is recorded as



production services revenue and \$7,775 and \$45,511 (2022 - \$3,272, and \$0.1 million) is included in the gain on gold stream derivative asset disclosed in the statement of income and comprehensive income, respectively.

As at June 30, 2023, the balance remaining from the advance received from Sailfish was \$58,001 (December 31, 2022 – a balance of \$23,556 was receivable from Sailfish).

#### PROPOSED TRANSACTIONS

None.

## **ACCOUNTING CHANGES AND CRITICAL ESTIMATES**

## **Estimates and judgments**

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with IFRS requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis of making the judgements about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed at each period end. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimates are revised and in any future periods affected.

Significant assumptions and judgments about the future and other sources of estimation uncertainty that management has made at the end of the reporting period, which could result in a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities, in the event that actual results differ from assumptions made, relate to the following areas:

- Estimated mineral resources;
- Ore in process;
- Deferred income taxes:
- Estimation of the fair value of the Sailfish Silver Loan;
- Judgement in determining that the Sailfish Silver Loan is a derivative;
- Impairment of non-current assets;
- Reclamation and remediation provision; and
- Functional currency determination.

Refer to Note 4 of the consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2022 and Note 3 of the condensed consolidated interim financial statements for the three and six months ended June 30, 2023 for a detailed discussion of these accounting estimates and judgments.

#### **CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

In connection with National Instrument 52-109 (Certificate of Disclosure in Issuer's Annual and Interim Filings ("NI 52-109"), the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of the Company have filed a Venture Issuer Basic Certificate with respect to the financial information contained in the financial statements and the respective accompanying Management's Discussion and Analysis.

## **DISCLOSURE CONTROLS**

Disclosure controls and procedures ("DC&P") are intended to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified by securities regulations and that information required to be disclosed is accumulated and communicated to management. Internal controls over



financial reporting ("ICFR") are intended to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with IFRS.

TSX-V listed companies are not required to provide representations in the annual filings relating to the establishment and maintenance of DC&P and ICFR, as defined in NI 52-109. In particular, the CEO and CFO certifying officers do not make 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 financial statements for external purposes in accordance with the IFRS.

The issuer'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.

#### **NON-IFRS MEASURES**

The Company has included non-IFRS measures in this MD&A such as adjusted EBITDA, cash cost per ounce sold, total cash cost per ounce sold, AISC per ounce sold. These non-IFRS measures are intended to provide additional information and should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for measures of performance prepared in accordance with IFRS. These measures do not have any standardized meaning prescribed under IFRS and therefore may not be comparable to other issuers. In the gold mining industry, this is a common performance measure but does not have any standardized meaning. The Company believes that, in addition to conventional measures prepared in accordance with IFRS, certain investors use this information to evaluate the Company's underlying performance of its core operations and its ability to generate cash flow. Accordingly, it is intended to provide additional information and should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for measures of performance prepared in accordance with IFRS.

"Adjusted EBITDA" represents earnings before interest (including non-cash accretion of financial obligations and lease obligations), income taxes and depreciation, depletion and amortization ("EBITDA"), adjusted to exclude exploration activities, share-based compensation and change in provision for reclamation and rehabilitation.

"Cash costs per ounce sold" is production costs, calculated by deducting revenues from silver sales and dividing the sum of mining, milling and mine site administration costs.

"Total cash costs per ounce sold" is calculated by summing the numerator used to calculate cash costs, G&A from the sister subsidiaries supporting the production activities, production taxes and royalties and then dividing the sum by the number of gold ounces sold.

"AISC per ounce sold" includes total cash costs (as defined above) and adds the sum of G&A, sustaining capital and certain exploration and evaluation ("E&E") costs, sustaining lease payments, provision for environmental fees, if applicable, and rehabilitation costs paid, all divided by the number of gold ounces sold. As this measure seeks to reflect the full cost of gold production from current operations, capital and E&E costs related to expansion or growth projects are not included in the calculation of AISC per ounce. Additionally, certain other cash expenditures, including income and other tax payments, financing costs and debt repayments, are not included in AISC per ounce.



The following table provides a reconciliation of production costs to cash costs and AISC:

(in \$000's)	Three months ended June 30, 2023	Three months ended June 30, 2022	Six months ended June 30, 2023	Six months ended June 30, 2022
Production costs (GAAP)	\$ 6,693	\$ 7,761	\$ 13,603	\$ 15,393
Supporting general and administrative expenses	640	394	1,162	756
Cash costs (non-GAAP)	\$ 7,333	\$ 8,154	\$ 14,765	\$ 16,149
General and administrative expenses	1,375	921	2,312	1,965
Sustaining capital expenditures	158	378	268	1,121
Accretion of the asset retirement costs (ARO) (Non-cash)	25	28	44	35
Deferred stripping expenses	-	641	3,798	1,162
Total AISC (\$)	\$ 8,892	\$ 10,123	\$ 21,188	\$ 20,432
Ounces of gold sold	6,727	9,027	15,448	18,607
Cash cost per gold ounce sold	\$ 995	\$ 860	\$ 881	\$ 827
Total cash cost per gold ounce sold	\$ 1,090	\$ 903	\$ 956	\$ 868
AISC per gold ounce sold	\$ 1,322	\$ 1,121	\$ 1,372	\$ 1,098

Earnings before interest (including non-cash accretion of financial obligations and lease obligations), income taxes and depreciation, depletion, and amortization ("EBITDA") Calculations:

(in 000's)	Jun	Three mont e 30, 2023	hs ended June 30, 2022	Six months ended June 30, 2023		Six months ended June 30, 2022	
Net (loss) income after taxes	\$	(2,630)	\$ (3,203)	\$	(1,244)	\$	(4,189)
Income tax expense		438	610		937		1,152
Finance cost, net of finance income		251	335		695		1,472
Depreciation and amortization		3,930	6,776		7,655		11,850
EBITDA (1)	\$	1,989	\$ 4,518	\$	8,043	\$	10,285
Share-based compensation expense		204	144		275		279
Exploration activities		1,498	2,718		2,190		4,582
Write-down of inventories		353	0		1,169		0
Change in provision for reclamation and rehabilitation		(15)	(30)		(12)		(4)
ADJUSTED EBITDA (1)	\$	4,029	\$ 7,350	\$	11,665	\$	15,142

<sup>(1)</sup> Refer to Non-IFRS Measures

## **RISK AND UNCERTAINTIES**

The Company's principal activity of mineral exploration and exploitation is generally considered to have high risk. It is exposed to a number of risks and uncertainties that are common to other mining exploration and development companies. The industry is capital intensive at all stages and is subject to variations in commodity prices, market sentiment, inflation and other risks. Until completion of the Marlin Transaction in early November 2018, the Company had no source of revenue other than interest income. Moving forward, the San Albino Property is expected to be largely financed by debt and equity financings. The Company's mineral properties are located in Nicaragua, which exposes the Company to risks associated with possible political or economic instability, changes to applicable laws, and impairment or loss of mining title or other mineral rights.



## Some of the other significant risks are:

- Implementation of additional directives, following the October 24, 2022, announcement by the United States
  Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Controls relating to new U.S. sanctions imposed on the
  General Directorate of Mines in Nicaragua pursuant to Executive Order 13851, as well as the issuance of EO
  14088.
- Maintaining the Company's operating and development permits, title, rights and licenses in good standing.
- Mineral resource amounts are estimates only and may be unreliable. The Company cannot be certain that any specified level of recovery of minerals from mineralized material will, in fact, be realized or that any of its mineral property interests or any other mineral deposit will ever qualify as a commercially mineable ore body that can be economically exploited. Material changes in the quantity of mineralization, grade or stripping ratio or gold price volatility and foreign exchange risks may affect the economic viability of the properties.
- The junior resource market where the Company raises funds is extremely volatile, companies are subject to high level of competition for the same pool of investment dollars, and there is no guarantee that the Company will be able to raise adequate funds in a timely manner to conduct its business.
- Although the Company has taken steps to verify title to its exploration and evaluation assets there is no guarantee that the exploration and evaluation assets will not be subject to title disputes or undetected defects.
- The Company is subject to laws and regulations related to environmental matters, including provisions for reclamation, discharge of hazardous material and other matters. The Company conducts its activities in compliance with applicable environmental legislation and is not aware of any existing environmental problems related to its mineral property interests that may be the cause of material liability to the Company.
- There is no assurance that any countries in which Mako operates or may operate in the future will not impose restrictions or taxes on the repatriation of earnings to foreign entities.
- Uncertainties of the impact created by the COVID-19 pandemic, including delays in delivery and shortage of supplies and spare parts.
- Nicaraguan political and economic risks including social unrest.
- Communication and customs risk associated with working in Nicaragua,
- Loss of key personnel and dependence on key personnel.
- Nicaragua is susceptible to hurricanes, earthquakes and volcanoes which could materially impact the Company's operations in the future.

An investment in the Company's common shares is highly speculative and subject to a number of risks and uncertainties. Only those persons who can bear the risk of the entire loss of their investment should participate. An investor should carefully consider the risks described above and the other information filed with the Canadian securities regulators before investing in the Company's common shares. The risks described are not the only ones faced. Additional risks that the Company currently believes are immaterial may become important factors that affect the Company's business. If any of these risks occur, or if others occur, the Company's business, operating results and financial condition could be seriously harmed, and investors may lose all of their investment.

## FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION

This MD&A contains "forward-looking information" (also referred to as "forward-looking statements") within the meaning of applicable Canadian securities legislation. Forward-looking statements are provided for the purpose of providing information about management's current expectations and plans and allowing investors and others to get a better understanding of the Company's operating environment. All statements, other than statements of historical fact, are forward-looking statements.

In this MD&A, forward-looking statements are necessarily based upon a number of estimates and assumptions that, while considered reasonable by the Company at this time, are inherently subject to significant business, economic and competitive uncertainties and contingencies that may cause the Company's actual financial results, performance, or achievements to be materially different from those expressed or implied herein. Some of the material factors or assumptions used to develop forward-looking statements include, without limitation, the uncertainties associated with: regulatory and permitting considerations, financing of the Company's acquisitions and other activities, exploration,



development and operation of mining properties, future effect of the COVID-19 pandemic and the overall impact of misjudgments made in good faith in the course of preparing forward-looking information as well as other risks and uncertainties referenced under "Risks and Uncertainties" in this MD&A.

Forward-looking statements involve risks, uncertainties, assumptions, and other factors including those set out below and including those referenced in the "Risks and Uncertainties" section of this MD&A, and, as a result they may never materialize, prove incorrect or materialize other than as currently contemplated which could cause the Company's results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Any statements that express or involve discussions with respect to predictions, expectations, beliefs, plans, projections, objectives, assumptions or future events or performance (often, but not always, identified by words or phrases such as "expects", "is expected", "anticipates", "believes", "plans", "projects", "estimates", "assumes", "intends", "strategy", "goals", "objectives", "potential", "possible" or variations thereof or stating that certain actions, events, conditions or results "may", "could", "would", "should", "might" or "will" be taken, occur or be achieved, or the negative of any of these terms and similar expressions) are not statements of fact and may be forward-looking statements.

Numerous factors could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements, including without limitation:

- financing, capitalization and liquidity risks;
- mineral exploitation and exploration program cost estimates;
- the nature and impact of drill results and future exploration;
- regulatory risks relating to mineral tenure, permitting, environmental protection, taxation, and royalties;
- volatility of currency exchange rates, metal prices and metal production;
- future effect of the COVID-19 pandemic;
- other factors referenced under "Risks and Uncertainties"; and
- other risks normally incident to the acquisition, exploration, development and operation of mining properties.

This list is not exhaustive of the factors that may affect any of the Company's forward-looking statements. Investors are cautioned not to put undue reliance on forward-looking statements, and investors should not infer that there has been no change in the Company's affairs since the date of this report that would warrant any modification of any forward-looking statements made in this document, other documents periodically filed with or furnished to the relevant securities regulators or documents presented on the Company's website. All subsequent written and oral forward-looking statements attributable to the Company or persons acting on its behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by this notice. The Company disclaims any intent or obligation to update publicly or otherwise revise any forward-looking statements or the foregoing list of assumptions or factors, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, subject to the Company's disclosure obligations under applicable Canadian securities regulations. Investors are urged to read the Company's filings with Canadian securities regulatory agencies, which can be viewed online at <a href="https://www.sedarplus.com">www.sedarplus.com</a>.