

#### Introduction

The following interim Management Discussion & Analysis ("MD&A") of Arizona Metals Corp. ("AMC" or the "Company") for the three months ended March 31, 2024 has been prepared to provide material updates to the business operations, liquidity and capital resources of the Company since its last annual management discussion & analysis, being the Management Discussion & Analysis ("Annual MD&A") for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023. This MD&A does not provide a general update to the Annual MD&A, or reflect any non-material events since the date of the Annual MD&A. Additional information, including the annual information form for the year ended December 31, 2023, has been filed electronically through SEDAR+ at <a href="www.sedarplus.ca">www.sedarplus.ca</a>.

This MD&A has been prepared in compliance with section 2.2 of Form 51-102F1, in accordance with National Instrument 51-102 – *Continuous Disclosure Obligations*. This discussion should be read in conjunction with the Company's Annual MD&A, audited annual financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, together with the notes thereto, and unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements for the three months ended March 31, 2024, together with the notes thereto. Results are reported in Canadian dollars, unless otherwise noted. The Company's unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements and the financial information contained in this Interim MD&A are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB") and interpretations of the IFRS Interpretations Committee. The unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Standard 34, Interim Financial Reporting. Accordingly, information contained herein is presented as of May 15, 2024, unless otherwise indicated.

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

#### **Description of Business**

The Company is a mineral exploration company based in Toronto, Ontario, focusing on the exploration and development of mineral resource properties in Arizona. The Company's common shares trade on the Toronto Stock Exchange ("TSX") under the symbol "AMC" and on the OTCQX under the symbol "AZMCF". On October 13, 2022, the Company's common shares were delisted from the TSX Venture Exchange (the "TSX-V") upon graduation to the TSX.

AMC owns, through its wholly-owned subsidiaries, 100% of the Kay Mine Project (the "Kay Mine Project" or "Kay"), located in Yavapai County, Arizona, USA and 100% of the Sugarloaf Peak Gold Project (the "Sugarloaf Peak Project") located in La Paz County, Arizona, USA.

## **Mineral Exploration Properties**

The technical information contained in this MD&A has been prepared in accordance with Canadian regulatory requirements set out in National Instrument 43-101 – *Standards for Disclosure for Mineral Projects* ("NI 43-101") and reviewed and approved by David Smith, CPG, Vice-President of Exploration of the Company and a "Qualified Person" as defined under NI 43-101.

# Kay Mine Project

The Company, through its wholly-owned subsidiary, owns 100% of approximately 1,625 acres of patented and unpatented claims covering and surrounding the past-producing Kay VMS deposit (the "Kay Deposit"), located in Yavapai County, Arizona, approximately 50 miles north of Phoenix.

As at March 31, 2024, the Company has completed a total of approximately 106,000 metres at the Kay Mine Project since inception of drilling, including a successful completion of its Phase 2 expansion drill program of 75,000 metres.

The Phase 3 drill program will test the numerous parallel targets heading west of the Kay Deposit, as well as the possible northern and southern extensions of the Kay Deposit. Drilling has commenced at the Central and Western targets.

## Current Plans Related to the Kay Mine Project

The Company completed its Phase 2 expansion drill program in June 2023 and has drilled 23,000 metres of the 76,000-metre Phase 3 drill program at the Kay Mine Project. The following table summarizes the expenditures by the Company on the Phase 3 expansion drill program to March 31, 2024, and the total estimated costs to completion of the Phase 3 drill programs:

Kay Mine Project Work Plans	Planned Expenditures <sup>(1)</sup> (rounded) \$	Incurred as at March 31, 2024 (rounded) \$	Estimated Remaining Expenditures (rounded) \$
Phase 2 expansion drill program (HQ core drilling, all-in cost)	35,638,000	35,638,000	Nil
Phase 3 expansion drill program (HQ core drilling, all-in cost)	32,300,000	14,327,000	17,973,000
Total other exploration expenditures	6,100,000	3,115,000	2,985,000
TOTAL	74,038,000	53,080,000	20,958,000

## Notes:

- (1) Expenditures to the completion of the Phase 3 expansion drilling program based on management's best estimates as at the date of this MD&A. See below under the heading "Liquidity and Capital Resources" for a comparison between prior disclosure of estimated use of proceeds from the bought-deal private placement offering (the "April 2021 Offering") of 10,000,000 special warrants of the company at a price of \$2.10 per special warrant and the bought-deal offering (the "November 2021 Offering") of 11,725,000 common shares at a price of \$4.25 per common share by way of short form prospectus (the "November 2021 Short Form Prospectus") and current management estimates of costs and expenditures to completion of the Phase 2 and Phase 3 expansion drill programs and a discussion of the causes and impact of any variances.
- (2) Includes resource and geological mapping, geochemical and geophysical work on additional targets, metallurgical test work, permitting, environmental costs, and concession, but does not include acquisition costs or general corporate and administrative expenses (including salaries, corporate consulting fees, insurance and professional fees).

In August 2023, the Company entered into a purchase and sale agreement with an arm's length party to acquire 100% of a private land parcel, located 950 metres northeast of its Kay Mine Project. The property includes the surface, mineral, and water rights, among other rights and benefits. The purchase price was \$3,422,174 (US\$2,500,000) and the purchase was completed in December 2023.

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In April 2024, the Company announced that it has completed a claims staking program which increased the total property size by 22%, from 1,330 to 1,625 acres.

## Sugarloaf Peak Project

The Company, its wholly-owned subsidiary, owns 100% of the Sugarloaf Peak Project, which is located on 4,412 acres of BLM claims in La Paz County, Arizona.

# Current Plans Related to the Sugarloaf Peak Project

The Company completed metallurgical testing on the results from its Phase 1 drill program at the Sugarloaf Peak Project, which achieved gold bottle-roll recoveries averaging 76% with oxide material recoveries as high as 95%. Additional column testing of the oxide material achieved up to 90% recoveries. For the sulphide composites, two low-cost flow sheets were considered: 1) whole ore leach; and 2) bulk floatation followed by fine grinding. Both these tests yielded gold recoveries of up to 85%. A comprehensive Phase 2 drill program and budget is being formulated with the intention of commencing work when the gold resource capital markets improve.

Sugarloaf Work Plans	Planned Expenditures <sup>(1)</sup> (rounded) \$	Incurred as at March 31, 2024 (rounded) \$	Estimated Remaining expenditures (rounded) \$
Care and maintenance <sup>(2)</sup>	200,000	155,000	45,000
Metallurgical testing	434,000	434,000	Nil
TOTALS	634,000	589,000	45,000

#### Notes:

- (1) Based on management's best estimates as at the date of this MD&A. See below under the heading "Liquidity and Capital Resources" for a comparison between prior disclosure of estimated use of proceeds from the November 2021 Offering and current management estimates, and a discussion of the causes and impact of any variances.
- (2) Includes concession fees paid to the Bureau of Land Management. Estimated cost through September 2024.

## **Operational Highlights**

On January 22, 2024, the Company announced that it intends to create two new companies through the spin-out of the Sugarloaf Peak Gold Project and two newly-created royalties on its Kay Mine Project. The first company, expected to be named "Sugarloaf Gold Corp.", will be transferred shares of the Company's wholly-owned subsidiary, Croesus Gold USA Corp. The second company, expected to be named "Arizona Royalties Corp.", will hold a newly-created 2% net smelter royalty ("NSR") on any potential future mineral production at the Company's Kay Mine Deposit, as well as a newly-created 2% NSR royalty on all future potential mineral production from any new deposits discovered through the Company's ongoing exploration activities at the Kay Mine Project. It is expected that the Company will retain a 19.9% ownership in shares of Sugarloaf Gold Corp. and Arizona Royalties Corp. with the remaining shares being distributed to the Company's shareholders on a pro rata basis.

On January 25, 2024, the Company granted the following:

1,000,000 stock options to directors, consultants and employees of the Company with an exercise price of \$2.10 per share, expiring in 5 years. The options vest 1/2 immediately, 1/4 on January 25, 2025, and 1/4 on January 25, 2026;

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- 522,000 RSUs to officers and consultants of the Company. The RSUs vest 1/3 on the one year anniversary of the grant date, 1/3 on the two year anniversary of the grant date, and 1/3 on the third year anniversary of the grant date; and
- 152,000 DSUs to directors of the Company. The DSUs vest 1/3 on the one year anniversary of the grant date, 1/3 on the two year anniversary of the grant date, and 1/3 on the third year anniversary of the grant date.

During the three months ended March 31, 2024, a total of 2,349,500 stock options with exercise prices ranging from \$0.20 to \$0.30 were exercised for aggregate gross proceeds of \$604,850.

## **Discussion of Operations**

## Three Months Ended March 31, 2024 Compared to Three Months Ended March 31, 2023

For the three months ended March 31, 2024, the Company's net loss was \$6,019,823 (2023 – net loss of \$3,964,121). The increase in net loss is a result of the following:

- Exploration and evaluation expenditures increased to \$4,224,482 for the three months ended March 31, 2024 (2023 - \$3,740,076) due to increased activities at the Kay Mine Project.
- Professional fees increased to \$171,742 for the three months ended March 31, 2024 (2023 \$59,128) due to increased legal expenses.
- Share-based payments increased to \$1,263,496 for the three months ended March 31, 2024 (2023 - \$123,304). Share-based payments will vary based on the vesting of stock options, RSUs and DSUs.

# **Capital Management**

The Company manages its capital with the objective of ensuring sufficient financial flexibility to achieve the ongoing business objectives, including primarily the completion of its mineral exploration programs, and also maintain flexibility insofar as funding of future growth opportunities and the pursuit of accretive acquisitions, if identified and deemed appropriate.

The Company monitors its capital structure and makes adjustments according to market conditions in an effort to meet its objectives given the current outlook of the business and industry in general. The Company may manage its capital structure by issuing new shares, repurchasing outstanding shares, adjusting capital spending, or disposing of assets. The capital structure is reviewed by management and the Board of Directors on an ongoing basis.

The Company includes equity, comprising issued share capital, reserves and deficit, in the definition of capital, which as at March 31, 2024, totaled \$25,873,314 (December 31, 2023 - \$30,024,791).

The Company manages capital through its financial and operational forecasting processes. The Company reviews its working capital and forecasts its future cash flows based on operating expenditures, and other investing and financing activities. The forecast is updated based on activities related to its mineral properties. Selected information is provided to the Board of Directors.

As the Company does not have a credit facility, the Company is not currently subject to any capital requirements imposed by a lending institution or regulatory body. The Company expects that its capital resources will be sufficient to discharge its liabilities as of the current statement of financial position date.

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There were no changes in the Company's process, policies and approach to capital management during the period ended March 31, 2024.

The Company is not subject to any capital requirements imposed by a lending institution or regulatory body, other than TSX which requires at least \$350,000 of exploration and/or development work that is acceptable to the TSX, and adequate working capital and an appropriate capital structure to carry on its business. As of March 31, 2024, the Company believes it is compliant with the policies of the TSX.

# **Off-Balance-Sheet Arrangements**

As of the date of this MD&A, the Company does not have any off-balance-sheet arrangements that have, or are reasonably likely to have, a current or future effect on the financial performance or financial condition of the Company, including, and without limitation, such considerations as liquidity and capital resources.

# **Commitments and Contingencies**

## **Environmental Contingencies**

The Company's mineral exploration activities are subject to various laws and regulations governing the protection of the environment. These laws and regulations are continually changing and generally becoming more restrictive. The Company conducts its operations so as to protect public health and the environment and believes its operations are materially in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. The Company has made, and expects to make in the future, expenditures to comply with such laws and regulations.

## **Management Contracts**

The Company is party to certain employment contracts. These contracts require that additional payments of approximately \$3,200,000 be made upon the occurrence of a change of control or \$1,600,000 upon termination without cause. As a triggering event has not taken place, the contingent payments have not been reflected in the Company's consolidated financial statements. The minimum amount due in one year pursuant to these contracts is \$800,000.

# **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

At March 31, 2024, the Company had \$426,538 in cash and \$24,879,211 in investments (December 31, 2023 - \$550,399 in cash and \$29,546,734 in investments). Investments can be liquidated if the Company deems it prudent to do so.

At March 31, 2024, accounts payable and accrued liabilities were \$850,194 (December 31, 2023 - \$1,534,729). The Company's working capital as at March 31, 2024 is sufficient to pay these liabilities.

The Company has no operating revenues and therefore must utilize its funds from financing transactions to maintain its capacity to meet ongoing operating activities.

As of March 31, 2024 and to the date of this MD&A, the cash resources of the Company are held with one Canadian chartered bank. The Company has no variable interest rate debt and its credit and interest rate risk is minimal. Accounts payable and accrued liabilities are short-term and non-interest-bearing.

Cash used in operating activities was \$5,528,779 for the three months ended March 31, 2024. Operating activities were affected by a net loss of \$6,019,823 offset partially by share-based payments of \$1,263,496, depreciation of \$14,878, accrued interest of \$132,545, and the net change in non-cash working capital balances of \$654,785 due to the changes in sales tax recoverable, prepaid expenses and deposits, and accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

Cash provided by investing activities was \$4,800,068 for the three months ended March 31, 2024. Investing activities included redemption of investments of \$14,900,472, partially offset by purchase of investments of \$10,100,404.

Cash provided by financing activities was \$604,850 for the three months ended March 31, 2024 from proceeds from exercise of stock options.

As of March 31, 2024, based on current projections, the Company's working capital of \$24,849,856 is sufficient to meet its planned business objectives. The table below outlines the Company's previously disclosed planned use of net proceeds of financings (other than working capital) in the short form prospectus related to the April 2021 Offering (the "April 2021 Short Form Prospectus") and the November 2021 Short Form Prospectus, the actual expenditures as at March 31, 2024, the current estimate of expected remaining expenditures to the completion of the Phase 3 expansion drill program at the Kay Mine Project, and the Company's estimate of expected expenditures through December 31, 2024.

Use of Capital	Prior (2021) Estimated Expenditures \$	Current Estimated Expenditures	Spent as at March 31, 2024 \$	Estimated Remaining Expenditures \$	Estimated Remaining Expenditures until December 31, 2024
Exploration Expenditures  – Kay Mine Project					
Phase 2 expansion drilling (all-in cost)	25,560,000 <sup>(2)</sup>	35,638,000	35,638,000	Nil	Nil
Phase 3 expansion drilling (all-in cost)	26,707,000 (3)	32,300,000	14,327,000	18,608,000	8,010,000
Other Exploration Expenditures <sup>(4)</sup>	6,100,000	6,100,000	3,115,000	2,985,000	1,638,000
- Sugarloaf Peak Project					
Care and maintenance	150,000	200,000	155,000	45,000	45,000
Metallurgical testing <sup>(3)</sup>	250,000	434,000	434,000	Nil	Nil
TOTALS	58,767,000	74,672,000	53,669,000	21,003,000	9,693,000

#### Notes:

- (1) Expenditures to the completion of the Phase 3 expansion drill program based on the best estimate of management as at the date of this MD&A.
- (2) As originally estimated and disclosed in the April 2021 Short Form Prospectus.
- (3) As originally estimated and disclosed in the November 2021 Short Form Prospectus.
- (4) Includes resource and geological mapping, geochemical and geophysical work on additional targets, metallurgical test work, permitting, and environmental costs, but does not include acquisition costs or general corporate and administrative expenses (including salaries, corporate consulting fees, insurance and professional fees). The

amount includes estimated use of proceeds for other exploration expenditures in connection with the completion of the Phase 2 expansion drill program as disclosed in the April 2021 Short Form Prospectus (\$750,000) and estimated use of proceeds for other exploration expenditures in connection with the completion of the Phase 3 expansion drill program as disclosed in the November 2021 Short Form Prospectus (\$5,350,000).

(5) Care and maintenance includes primarily payment of concession fees to the Bureau of Land Management through September 2024.

Increased estimated costs are as a result of industry-wide cost inflation in both material and labour, fluctuations in exchange rates, and a variety of other factors. In particular, exploration success at depth in the Phase 2 expansion drill program resulted in drilling of more holes at depth than originally planned (deeper holes are higher cost) as well as more directional drilling from branch holes. Inflation in fuel prices also increased logistical costs associated with drilling. However, the Company does not expect that the variances will impact the ability of the Company to achieve its stated business objectives and milestones.

Use of Capital	Current Total Estimated Expenditures \$ <sup>(1)</sup>	Expenditures as at March 31, 2024 \$ <sup>(2)</sup>	Current Estimated Remaining Expenditures until December 31, 2024 \$(3)
General corporate expenses (1)	11,485,000	8,362,000	1,365,000

#### Notes:

- (1) Estimate of total general, corporate and administrative expenses to be incurred from January 2021 to December 31, 2025.
- (2) The amount spent on general, corporate and administrative expenses for the period beginning on January 1, 2021 up to March 31, 2024.
- (3) Estimate of general, corporate and administrative expenses from the date of this MD&A to December 31, 2024.

#### **Trends and Economic Conditions**

Management regularly monitors economic financial market conditions and estimates their impact on the Company's operations and incorporates these estimates in both short-term operating and longer-term strategic decisions. Until recently, equity markets in the junior resource exploration sector have been difficult. To date, the Company has been able to raise sufficient capital to fund exploration programs on both properties. The global economy is currently characterized by increased volatility and uncertainty.

Apart from these factors and the risk factors noted under the headings "Risk Factors" and "Commitments and Contingencies", management is not aware of any other trends, commitments, events or uncertainties that would have a material effect on the Company's business, financial condition or results of operations.

# **Transactions with Related Parties**

Related parties include the Board of Directors, close family members and enterprises which are controlled by these individuals as well as certain persons performing similar functions.

Remuneration of directors and key management personnel of the Company was as follows:

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2024 \$	Three Months Ended March 31, 2023 \$
Salaries and benefits	295,669	240,302
Share-based payments	901,650	Nil
Professional fees (i)	11,280	11,055
Legal fees (ii)	88,906	33,023
	1,297,505	284,380

As at March 31, 2024, \$nil (December 31, 2023 - \$350,000) was owed to officers and directors of the Company and this amount was included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

- (i) Included in professional fees is \$11,280 (2023 \$11,055) paid to Marrelli Support Services Inc. ("MSSI") for an employee of MSSI to act as the Chief Financial Officer ("CFO") of the Company and provide bookkeeping services.
- (ii) A director of the Company is a partner in a law firm that provides services on a recurrent basis to the Company. During the three months ended March 31, 2024, the Company incurred legal fees of \$88,906 (2023 \$33,023) included in professional fees to this law firm.

# **Cumulative Exploration and Evaluation Expenditures**

The Company has incurred cumulative exploration and evaluation expenditures to March 31, 2024 as follows:

	Kay \$	Sugarloaf Peak \$	Total \$
Acquisition	7,348,035	2,575,075	9,923,110
Concession fees	104,424	381,353	485,777
Legal fees	529,181	8,668	537,849,
Consulting	2,866,137	591,506	3,457,643
Camp costs	626,474	Nil	626,474
Drilling	51,576,089	557,263	52,133,352
Assays	2,245,821	92,213	2,338,034
Storage	34,238	5,928	40,166
Total	65,330,399	4,212,006	69,542,405

#### **Risk Factors**

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

#### **Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

The Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") and Chief Financial Officer ("CFO"), together with management, evaluated the design and operating effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures as at March 31, 2024. Based on that evaluation, the CEO and the CFO concluded that the design and operation of these disclosure controls and procedures were effective as at March 31, 2024 to provide reasonable assurance that material information relating to the Company, including its consolidated subsidiaries, would be made known to them by others within those entities and that information required to be disclosed by the Company in its annual and interim filings and other reports submitted under securities legislation was recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the periods specified in securities legislation.

## **Internal Controls over Financial Reporting**

The CEO and the CFO, with the assistance of management, conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of the Company's internal controls over financial reporting as at March 31, 2024. Based on the evaluation, the CEO and the CFO have concluded that as at March 31, 2024, the Company's internal control over financial reporting is effective, based on the criteria set forth in the *Internal Control – Integrated Framework* published by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission on Internal Control.

The inherent limitations in all control systems are such that they can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud or error, if any, within the Company have been detected. Therefore, no matter how well-designed, ICFR has limitations and can provide only reasonable assurance with respect to financial statement preparation and may not prevent and detect all misstatements.

The Company assesses internal controls over financial reporting on an ongoing basis and, where determined appropriate, proactively implements enhancements to the design of controls required to support anticipated changes to and growth of the business. Due to operational, financial and administrative changes which may occur as the Company evolves beyond an early-stage exploration company, changes will be required to the Company's internal controls over financial reporting in order to maintain reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of the Company's financial reporting and preparation of financial statements.

As at the end of the period covered by this MD&A and accompanying Financial Statements, the Company's management evaluated the effectiveness of its disclosure controls. Based on that evaluation, the CEO and the CFO have concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures and internal controls over financial reporting, provide reasonable assurance that they were effective for the covered period. There have been no changes in our internal control over financial reporting during the period ended March 31, 2024 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, internal control over financial reporting.

## **Critical Accounting Estimates**

Estimates and assumptions are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The determination of estimates requires the exercise of judgement based on various assumptions and other factors such as historical experience and current and expected economic conditions. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Significant accounting estimates and assumptions as well as significant judgements in applying the Company's accounting policies are detailed in the notes to the audited consolidated financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, filed on SEDAR+ at www.sedarplus.ca.

# **Forward-Looking Statements**

Certain information included in this discussion may constitute forward-looking statements. Readers are cautioned not to put undue reliance on 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. Forwardlooking 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. These forwardlooking statements include statements regarding the future price of commodities, the timing and amount of estimated future production, costs of production, capital expenditures, the success of exploration activities, permitting time lines, currency fluctuations, the requirements of future capital. drill results and the estimation of mineral resources and reserves. 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 contained into this report should not be unduly relied upon. These statements speak only as of the date of this report. Actual results and developments are likely to differ, and may differ materially, from those expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements contained in this report. 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 commodity, base metals, as well as petroleum products;
- the availability of financing for the Company's development of their 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;

These forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties relating to, among other things, changes in commodity prices, access to skilled mining development personnel, results of exploration and development activities, 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 hereinabove. Investors should not place

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undue reliance on forward-looking statements as the plans, intentions or expectations upon which they are based might not occur. The Company cautions that the foregoing list of important factors is not exhaustive. 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 forward-looking statements contained in this report are expressly qualified by this cautionary statement.