



## CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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*For the year ended December 31, 2023  
(Expressed in United States dollars)*



## Independent auditor's report

To the Shareholders of Mako Mining Corp.

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### Our opinion

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Mako Mining Corp. and its subsidiaries (together, the Company) as at December 31, 2023 and 2022, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IFRS Accounting Standards).

#### What we have audited

The Company's consolidated financial statements comprise:

- the consolidated statements of financial position as at December 31, 2023 and 2022;
- the consolidated statements of income (loss) and comprehensive income (loss) for the years then ended;
- the consolidated statements of changes in shareholders' equity for the years then ended;
- the consolidated statements of cash flows for the years then ended; and
- the notes to the consolidated financial statements, comprising material accounting policy information and other explanatory information.

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### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated financial statements* section of our report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Independence

We are independent of the Company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the consolidated financial statements in Canada. We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

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## Key audit matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the consolidated financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

| Key audit matter   | How our audit addressed the key audit matter   |
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| <p><b>Stockpiled ore and ore in-circuit inventory net realizable value assessment</b></p> <p><i>Refer to note 2 – Basis of presentation, note 5(g) – Critical accounting estimates and judgments and note 7 – Inventories to the consolidated financial statements.</i></p> <p>The Company's stockpiled ore and ore in-circuit inventory balances amounted to \$13.5 million and \$1.2 million, respectively, as at December 31, 2023. Inventories are stated at the lower of weighted average cost and net realizable value (NRV). The NRV of stockpiled ore and ore in-circuit inventory is calculated by management based on estimated recoverable ounces of gold within stockpiled ore and ore in-circuit inventory, and the forecasted gold price per ounce, less the estimated costs of completion and selling expenses. If there is a subsequent increase in the NRV of stockpiled ore or ore in-circuit, the previous writedowns to NRV are reversed to the extent that the related inventory has not been sold. During the year, stockpiled ore was written down by \$1.2 million to its NRV. No NRV writedown was recorded for ore in-circuit inventory.</p> <p>We considered this a key audit matter due to the significant judgment applied by management in developing the estimated NRV, including assumptions related to estimated recoverable ounces of gold within stockpiled ore and ore in-circuit inventory, the forecasted gold price per ounce, estimated costs of completion and selling expenses. This, in turn, led to a high degree of</p> | <p>Our approach to addressing the matter included the following procedures, among others:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tested how management determined the net realizable value of stockpiled and ore in-circuit inventory, which included the following:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Tested the mathematical accuracy of the NRV calculations.</li><li>– Tested underlying data used in the NRV calculations, including estimated volumes and related cost of the inventory.</li><li>– Evaluated the reasonableness of assumptions used by management by comparing:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ the forecasted gold price per ounce with external market and industry data; and</li><li>○ the estimated costs of completion and selling expenses with recent actual costs incurred.</li></ul></li></ul></li><li>• The work of management's experts was used in performing the procedures to evaluate the reasonableness of the estimated recoverable ounces of gold within stockpiled ore and ore in-circuit inventory. As a basis for using this work, the competence, capabilities and objectivity of management's experts was evaluated, the work performed was understood and the appropriateness of the work as audit evidence was evaluated. The procedures performed also included evaluation of the methods and assumptions used by management's experts,</li></ul> |



| Key audit matter   | How our audit addressed the key audit matter  |
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| auditor judgment, subjectivity and effort in performing procedures and evaluating audit evidence relating to these assumptions used by management. | tests of the data used by management's experts and an evaluation of their findings. |

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### Other information

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the Management's Discussion and Analysis.

Our opinion on the consolidated financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the consolidated financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the consolidated financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

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### Responsibilities of management and those charged with governance for the consolidated financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process.



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## Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these consolidated financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the consolidated financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Company to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.



We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with those charged with governance, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is Lana Kirk.

**/s/PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP**

Chartered Professional Accountants

Vancouver, British Columbia  
April 10, 2024



**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
Expressed in thousands of United States dollars

| As at   | Note | December 31, 2023 | December 31, 2022 |
|---|------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                                       |      |                   |                   |
| <b>Current</b>                                      |      |                   |                   |
| Cash and cash equivalents                           |      | \$ 1,498          | \$ 523            |
| Receivables   | 6    | 511               | 1,180             |
| Inventories   | 7    | 13,849            | 9,971             |
| Gold stream derivative asset                        | 8    | 265               | 346               |
| Prepaid expenses, and other advances                |      | 591               | 884               |
| <b>Total current assets</b>                         |      | <b>16,714</b>     | <b>12,904</b>     |
| <b>Inventories</b>                                  | 7    | 4,274             | -                 |
| <b>Advances and other prepaid expenses</b>          |      | 289               | 3                 |
| <b>Exploration and evaluation assets</b>            | 9    | 765               | 765               |
| <b>Mineral property, plant and equipment</b>        | 10   | 19,767            | 31,499            |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                                 |      | <b>\$ 41,809</b>  | <b>\$ 45,171</b>  |
| <b>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>         |      |                   |                   |
| <b>Current liabilities</b>                          |      |                   |                   |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities            | 11   | \$ 6,506          | \$ 12,678         |
| Term loans and derivative liabilities               | 12   | 3,152             | 2,789             |
| Provision for reclamation and rehabilitation        | 13   | -                 | 689               |
| <b>Total current liabilities</b>                    |      | <b>9,658</b>      | <b>16,156</b>     |
| <b>Accrued liabilities</b>                          | 11   | 943               | 1,131             |
| <b>Provision for reclamation and rehabilitation</b> | 13   | 3,064             | 1,944             |
| <b>Term loans and derivative liabilities</b>        | 12   | 7,516             | 12,270            |
| <b>Total liabilities</b>                            |      | <b>21,181</b>     | <b>31,501</b>     |
| <b>Shareholders' equity</b>                         |      |                   |                   |
| Share capital                                       | 14   | 87,869            | 88,021            |
| Contributed surplus                                 | 14   | 12,552            | 12,087            |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income              |      | 1,324             | 1,402             |
| Deficit   |      | (81,117)          | (87,840)          |
| <b>Total shareholders' equity</b>                   |      | <b>20,628</b>     | <b>13,670</b>     |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>   |      | <b>\$ 41,809</b>  | <b>\$ 45,171</b>  |

Approved by the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors on April 8, 2024

"John Hick", Audit Committee Chair

"Akiba Leisman", Director

Events after the reporting period (Note 22)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.



## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (LOSS) AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

Expressed in thousands of United States dollars, except per share amounts

| For the year ended   | Note          | December 31, 2023 | December 31, 2022 |
|--|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Revenue</b>   |               | \$ 65,432         | \$ 62,931         |
| <b>Production services revenue</b>                                 | 8 & 15(d)(ii) | 516               | 444               |
|  |               | 65,948            | 63,375            |
| <b>Cost of sales</b>   |               |                   |                   |
| Production costs   |               | (28,622)          | (30,993)          |
| Write-down of inventories  |               | (1,169)           | (2,200)           |
| Depreciation, depletion and amortization                           |               | (13,321)          | (20,346)          |
|  |               | (43,112)          | (53,539)          |
| <b>Mine operating profit</b>                                       |               | 22,836            | 9,836             |
| <b>Exploration and evaluation expenses</b>                         |               | (4,356)           | (11,517)          |
| <b>General and administrative expenses</b>                         | 18            | (7,194)           | (6,232)           |
| <b>Other income (expense)</b>                                      |               |                   |                   |
| Accretion and interest expense                                     | 19            | (1,449)           | (2,324)           |
| Change in provision for reclamation and rehabilitation             | 13            | (31)              | 185               |
| Change in fair value of derivative liability                       | 12(b)(c)      | (913)             | 71                |
| Gain (loss) on gold stream derivative asset                        | 8             | (86)              | 13                |
| Foreign exchange gain (loss)                                       |               | 56                | 84                |
| Interest income  |               | 20                | 2                 |
| <b>Income (loss) before income taxes</b>                           |               | 8,883             | (9,882)           |
| Income tax expense   | 20            | (2,084)           | (2,095)           |
| <b>Income (loss) for the year</b>                                  |               | \$ 6,799          | \$ (11,977)       |
| <b>Other comprehensive income (loss)</b>                           |               |                   |                   |
| Income (loss) for the year   |               | 6,799             | (11,977)          |
| Items subject to reclassification into statement of income (loss): |               |                   |                   |
| Foreign currency translation adjustment                            |               | (78)              | (361)             |
| <b>Other comprehensive income (loss) for the year</b>              |               | (78)              | (361)             |
| <b>Comprehensive income (loss) for the year</b>                    |               | \$ 6,721          | \$ (12,338)       |
| Basic and diluted income (loss) per common share                   |               | \$ 0.10           | \$ (0.18)         |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding - basic (thousands)     |               | 65,776            | 65,800            |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding - diluted (thousands)   |               | 66,513            | 65,800            |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.



**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY**  
Expressed in thousands of United States dollars

|                                     | Number of<br>shares<br>(000s) | Share capital    | Contributed<br>surplus | Accumulated<br>other<br>comprehensive<br>income (loss) | Deficit            | Total            |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------------|--|--------------------|------------------|
| <b>Balance at December 31, 2021</b> | <b>65,931</b>                 | <b>\$ 88,259</b> | <b>\$ 11,603</b>       | <b>\$ 1,763</b>  | <b>\$ (75,657)</b> | <b>\$ 25,968</b> |
| Shares cancelled (NCIB)             | (208)                         | (289)            | -                      | -  | (206)              | (495)            |
| Common shares issued on DSU vesting | 20                            | 51               | (51)                   | -  | -                  | -                |
| Share-based compensation            | -                             | -                | 535                    | -  | -                  | 535              |
| Net loss                            | -                             | -                | -                      | -  | (11,977)           | (11,977)         |
| Other comprehensive loss            | -                             | -                | -                      | (361)  | -                  | (361)            |
| <b>Balance at December 31, 2022</b> | <b>65,743</b>                 | <b>\$ 88,021</b> | <b>\$ 12,087</b>       | <b>\$ 1,402</b>  | <b>\$ (87,840)</b> | <b>\$ 13,670</b> |
| Shares cancelled                    | (268)                         | (337)            | -                      | -  | (76)               | (413)            |
| Common shares issued on RSU vesting | 76                            | 185              | (185)                  | -  | -                  | -                |
| Share-based compensation            | -                             | -                | 650                    | -  | -                  | 650              |
| Net income                          | -                             | -                | -                      | -  | 6,799              | 6,799            |
| Other comprehensive income          | -                             | -                | -                      | (78)   | -                  | (78)             |
| <b>Balance at December 31, 2023</b> | <b>65,551</b>                 | <b>\$ 87,869</b> | <b>\$ 12,552</b>       | <b>\$ 1,324</b>  | <b>\$ (81,117)</b> | <b>\$ 20,628</b> |

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**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
Expressed in thousands of United States dollars

| For the year ended                                      | Note | December 31, 2023 | December 31, 2022 |
|---|------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Operating activities</b>                             |      |                   |                   |
| Income (loss) for the year                              | \$   | 6,799             | \$ (11,977)       |
| Non-cash items:   |      |                   |                   |
| Accretion and interest expense                          |      | 1,430             | 2,317             |
| Depreciation, depletion and amortization                |      | 13,487            | 20,452            |
| Change in provision for reclamation and rehabilitation  |      | 31                | (185)             |
| Writedown of inventory                                  |      | 1,169             | 2,200             |
| Lease interest  |      | 18                | 7                 |
| Change in fair value of derivative liability            |      | 913               | (71)              |
| Gain on gold stream derivative asset                    |      | 81                | 202               |
| Share-based payments                                    |      | 650               | 544               |
| Unrealized foreign exchange loss                        |      | 278               | (343)             |
|   | \$   | 24,856            | \$ 13,146         |
| Changes in non-cash working capital                     | 17   | (12,385)          | 3,234             |
| <b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>        |      | <b>12,471</b>     | <b>16,380</b>     |
| <b>Investing activities</b>                             |      |                   |                   |
| Expenditures on mineral property, plant and equipment   |      | (4,764)           | (8,799)           |
| <b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>            | \$   | <b>(4,764)</b>    | <b>\$ (8,799)</b> |
| <b>Financing activities</b>                             |      |                   |                   |
| Purchase of common shares - NCIB                        |      | (413)             | (495)             |
| Sailfish Silver Loan                                    |      | 6,000             | -                 |
| Repayment of Sailfish Silver Loan                       |      | (2,316)           | -                 |
| Sailfish Silver Loan - interest paid                    |      | (34)              | -                 |
| Repayment of Sailfish Loan and derivative liability     |      | (3,025)           | (4,467)           |
| Drawdown on Wexford Loan                                |      | 2,000             | -                 |
| Repayment of Wexford Loan                               |      | (8,865)           | (4,000)           |
| Payments on lease liability                             |      | (99)              | (24)              |
| <b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>            | \$   | <b>(6,752)</b>    | <b>\$ (8,986)</b> |
| Effect of foreign exchange on cash and cash equivalents |      | 20                | (16)              |
| <b>Change in cash and cash equivalents</b>              |      | <b>975</b>        | <b>(1,421)</b>    |
| <b>Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year</b>     |      | <b>523</b>        | <b>1,944</b>      |
| <b>Cash and cash equivalents, end of year</b>           | \$   | <b>1,498</b>      | <b>\$ 523</b>     |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.



## NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### 1. NATURE OF OPERATIONS

Mako Mining Corp. (“Mako” or the “Company”) 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 address of the Company’s corporate office and principal place of business is Suite 700 – 838 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, BC, V6C 0A6, Canada.

Mako is a gold mining and exploration company. The Company’s primary asset is the San Albino mine, an open pit mine located in Nicaragua, which commenced commercial production on July 1, 2021. In addition to its mining operation, Mako continues to explore its other concessions in Nicaragua.

On March 8, 2023, the Company effected the consolidation of all of its issued and outstanding common shares on the basis of one new common share for ten previously issued and outstanding common shares.

### 2. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

#### (a) Statement of compliance

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (“IFRS Accounting Standards”).

These consolidated financial statements were approved for issuance by the Board of Directors on April 8, 2024.

#### (b) Basis of presentation

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis except for certain financial instruments that are measured at fair value.

#### (c) Basis of consolidation

These consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its subsidiaries. All intercompany transactions, balances, revenues and expenses have been eliminated upon consolidation.

Subsidiaries are included in the consolidated financial statements from the date of acquisition or control until the date of disposition or until control ceases. Control exists when the Company has exposure or rights to variable returns from its involvement with an entity, and the ability to affect those returns through its power over the entity.

The consolidated financial statements of the Company include the following subsidiaries:

| Subsidiary            | Referred to as | Place of incorporation | Ownership interest | Principal activity   |
|-----------------------|----------------|------------------------|--------------------|--|
| Gold Belt, S.A.       | “Gold Belt”    | Nicaragua              | 100%               | Holds mineral interest in Nicaragua, exploration activities.                     |
| Nicoz Resources, S.A. | “Nicoz”        | Nicaragua              | 100%               | Holds mineral interest in Nicaragua, San Albino mine and exploration activities. |
| Mako US Corp.         | “Mako US”      | United States          | 100%               | Incorporated on June 19, 2019, service company                                   |



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### 3. SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### (a) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash, term deposits and short-term highly liquid investments with an original term to maturity of three months or less.

#### (b) Functional and presentation currency

The financial statements of each company within the consolidated group are measured using their functional currency which is the currency of the primary economic environment in which an entity operates. The functional currency of the parent company, Mako, is the Canadian dollar and the functional currency of its subsidiaries is the United States dollar ("US dollar").

The presentation currency of these consolidated financial statements is the US dollar.

#### *Transactions and balances*

Transactions in currencies other than the entity's functional currency are recorded at exchange rates prevailing on the dates of the transactions. At the end of each reporting period, the monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange at the financial reporting date while non-monetary assets and liabilities are translated at historical rates. Non-monetary items measured at fair value are reported at the exchange rate at the date when fair values were determined. Revenues and expenses are translated at the exchange rates approximating those in effect on the date of the transactions. Exchange gains and losses arising on translation are included in the consolidated statement of income and comprehensive income.

#### *Parent and subsidiary companies*

The financial statements of entities that have a functional currency different from the presentation currency are translated into US dollars as follows:

- assets and liabilities are translated at the closing rate at the date of the statement of financial position; and
- income and expenses are translated at the average rate for the applicable period (as this is considered a reasonable approximation to actual rates); items such as depreciation are translated at the monthly average exchange rate.

All resulting changes are recognized in other comprehensive income as currency translation differences and taken into a separate component of equity. These differences are recognized in the consolidated statement of loss in the period in which the operation is disposed of.

#### (c) Inventories

Inventories are valued at the lower of weighted average cost and net realizable value ("NRV"). NRV is the estimated selling price, less the estimated costs of completion and selling expenses. For supplies and spare parts NRV is estimated based on replacement costs. Any write-downs of inventory to NRV are recorded as cost of sales in the consolidated statement of income or loss. If there is a subsequent increase in the value of inventories, the previous write-downs to NRV are reversed to the extent that the related inventory has not been sold.

Inventory includes work in progress inventory in the form of stockpiled ore and ore in-circuit inventory, finished goods inventory, and supplies and spare parts.



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- Stockpiled ore represents unprocessed ore that has been mined and is available for future processing. Stockpiled ore is measured by estimating the number of tonnes through physical surveys and contained ounces through grade reconciliation via the ore control process.
  - Ore in-circuit inventory represents material that is currently being processed to extract the contained gold into a saleable form, typically unrefined doré. The amount of gold in-circuit is determined by assay values and by measure of the various gold bearing materials in the recovery process.
  - Finished metal inventory consists of gold in doré awaiting refinement, or bullion.
  - Supplies and spare parts inventory consists of consumables used in operations, such as fuel, chemicals, reagents and spare parts.

Cost of work in progress inventory and finished goods includes all direct costs incurred in production including mining; crushing, leaching and processing; site administration costs; and allocated indirect costs, including depreciation and amortization of mineral property, plant and equipment. Inventory costs are charged to production costs on the basis of the quantity of metal sold. Cost of supplies and spare parts inventory include acquisition, freight and other directly attributable costs.

### (d) Exploration and evaluation expenditures

All exploration and evaluation expenditures are expensed, except for costs related to the acquisition of exploration and evaluation assets which are capitalized.

Management reviews the capitalized costs on its exploration and evaluation assets to consider if there is an impairment to take into consideration arising from current exploration results and management's assessment of the exploration results and of the future probability of profitable operations from the property, or likely gains from the disposition or option of the property. Indicators of impairment considered by management include: (i) the duration which the Company has the right to explore in the area has expired during the year or will expire in the near future, (ii) substantive expenditure on further exploration for an evaluation of mineral resources in the area is neither budgeted nor planned, (iii) based on the technical reports prepared by management's experts, whereby sufficient data exists to support that extracting the mineral resources will not be technically feasible or commercially viable and (iv) other facts and circumstances suggest that the carrying amount exceeds the recoverable amount. If a property is abandoned, or considered to have no future economic potential, the acquisition and accumulated exploration and evaluation costs are written off to the statement of income. If the carrying value of a project exceeds its estimated value, an impairment provision is recorded.

When technical feasibility and commercial viability of extracting a mineral resource are demonstrable, exploration and evaluation assets related to the mining property are tested for impairment and then reclassified to development assets within mineral property, plant and equipment.

### (e) Right-of-use asset and lease liabilities

The Company assesses whether a contract is or contains a lease at inception of a contract. The Company recognizes a right-of-use asset ("ROU asset") and a corresponding lease liability with respect to all lease arrangements in which it is the lessee, at the commencement of the lease, with the following exceptions:

- the Company has elected not to recognize ROU assets and liabilities for leases where the total lease term is less than or equal to 12 months or
- for leases of low value.



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The ROU asset is initially measured based on the present value of lease payments, lease payments made at or before the commencement day, and any initial direct costs. They are subsequently measured at cost less accumulated amortization and impairment losses. The ROU asset is depreciated over the shorter of the lease term or the useful life of the underlying asset. The ROU asset is subject to testing for impairment if there is an indicator of impairment.

The lease liability is initially measured at the present value of lease payments that are not paid at the commencement date, discounted by using the rate implicit in the lease. If this rate cannot be readily determined, the Company uses its incremental borrowing rate. Lease payments include fixed payments and any variable lease payments where variability depends on an index or rate, less any lease incentives. When the lease contains an extension or purchase option that the Company considers reasonably certain to be exercised, the cost of the option is included in the lease payments.

Variable lease payments that do not depend on an index or rate are not included in the measurement of the ROU assets and lease liabilities. The related payments are recognized as an expense in the period in which the triggering event occurs and are included in the consolidated statements of loss and comprehensive loss.

(f) Mineral property, plant and equipment

*Mineral properties*

Mineral properties are carried at cost, less accumulated depletion and any accumulated impairment charges. Costs include:

- The fair value of mineral properties acquired;
- The carrying value, less impairments, of exploration and evaluation assets reclassified to development assets;
- Development costs on an area of interest once management has determined the property has achieved technical feasibility and commercial viability. Development expenditures include operating and site administration costs;
- Development costs are capitalized when it is probable that additional economic benefit will be derived from future operations.

Mining properties are depleted over the economic life of the property on a units-of-production basis based on recoverable ounces from the estimated measured and indicated and inferred resources that are reasonably expected to be converted to proven and probable reserves.

Capitalization of costs incurred ceases when the mining property is capable of commencement of mining operations in the manner intended by management. Costs incurred prior to this point, including depreciation of related plant and equipment, are capitalized. The Company applies judgment in its assessment of when a mine is capable of operating in the manner intended by management which takes account of the design of the mine and the nature of the initial commissioning phase of the mine. Costs incurred after the property is placed into production that increase production volume or extend the life of a mine are capitalized.

*Deferred Stripping*

In open pit mining operations, it is necessary to remove overburden and other waste materials to access ore from which minerals can be extracted economically. The process of mining overburden and waste materials is referred to as stripping.



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During the development stage of the mine, stripping costs are capitalized as part of the cost of building, developing and constructing the mine and are amortized once the mine has entered the production stage.

During the production stage of a mine, stripping costs are recorded as a part of the cost of inventories unless these costs are expected to provide a future economic benefit and, in such cases, are capitalized to mineral property, plant and equipment.

Production stage stripping costs provide a future economic benefit when:

- It is probable that the future economic benefit (e.g., improved access to the ore body) associated with the stripping activity will flow to the Company;
- The Company can identify the component of the ore body for which access has been improved; and
- The costs relating to the stripping activity associated with that component can be measured reliably.

Capitalized production stage stripping costs are amortized over the expected useful life of the identified component of the ore body that becomes more accessible as a result of the stripping activity.

### *Plant and equipment*

Plant and equipment are carried at cost, less accumulated amortization and impairment losses. Cost comprises the fair value of consideration given to acquire an asset and includes the direct charges associated with bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for putting it into use along with the future cost of dismantling and removing the asset. When parts of an item of plant and equipment have different useful lives, they are accounted for as separate items (major components) of plant and equipment.

Amortization is calculated over the useful life on a straight-line basis as follows: • Building - 10 years; • Equipment - 2 - 5 years. The plant was depreciated on a units-of-production basis based on recoverable ounces from the estimated measured, indicated and inferred resources through September 30, 2022 when the Company changed its depreciation method to straight-line. This was done to best reflect the expected pattern of consumption of the future economic benefits of the asset as well as its best estimate of the remaining useful life of the asset being 2 years from October 1, 2022. On June 1, 2023, the estimated remaining useful life of the plant was extended by an additional 55 months based on the revised remaining useful life of the asset.

### (g) Impairment of non-current assets

At each reporting period, the Company assesses whether there is an indication that an asset or group of assets may be impaired. When impairment indicators exist, or when the decision to proceed with the development of a particular project is taken based on its technical and commercial viability, the Company estimates the recoverable amount of the asset or group of assets and compares it against the carrying amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of the fair value less costs of disposal and the asset's value in use. If the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, an impairment loss is recorded in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income for the period.

In calculating the recoverable amount, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessment of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset. The cash flows are based on best estimates of expected future cash flows from the continued use of the asset.



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### (h) Provision for reclamation and rehabilitation

An obligation to incur restoration, rehabilitation and environmental costs arises when the environmental disturbance is caused by the exploration or development of a mineral property interest. Such costs arising from the dismantling, remediation and ongoing treatment and monitoring of a mine and other site preparation work, discounted to their net present value, are provided for and capitalized at the start of each project to the carrying amount of the asset, along with a corresponding liability as soon as the obligation to incur such costs arises. The timing of the actual rehabilitation expenditure is dependent on a number of factors such as the life and nature of the asset, the operation license conditions and, when applicable, the environment in which the mine operates. Discount rates using a pre-tax rate that reflects the time value of money and the risk associated with the liability are used to calculate the net present value. These costs are capitalized and then charged against the consolidated statement of loss over the economic life of the related asset, through amortization using the unit-of-production. The corresponding liability is progressively increased as the effect of discounting unwinds creating a finance expense in the consolidated statement of income.

Decommissioning costs are also adjusted at each reporting date for changes in estimates. These may include revised expected cash flows, the timing of the cash flows and discount rate. Those adjustments are accounted for as a change in the corresponding capitalized cost, except where a reduction in costs is greater than the unamortized capitalized cost of the related assets, in which case the capitalized cost is reduced to nil and the remaining adjustment is recognized in the consolidated statement of income. The operations of the Company have been, and may in the future be, affected by changes in environmental regulations, including those for site restoration costs.

### (i) Share-based payments awards

The grant date fair value of the estimated number of share-based payments awarded to employees, officers and directors that will eventually vest, is recognized as share-based compensation expense over the vesting period of the stock options with a corresponding increase to equity. The grant date fair value of each stock option is estimated on the date of the grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model and is expensed over the vesting period, based on the Company's estimate of equity instruments that will eventually vest. At the end of each reporting period, the Company revises its estimate of the number of equity instruments expected to vest and adjusts the amount of recorded compensation expense accordingly. The impact of the revision of the original estimates, if any, is recognized in the statement of operations or capitalized in mining properties such that the accumulated expense reflects the revised estimate, with a corresponding adjustment to contributed surplus.

For transactions with non-employees, the fair value of equity settled awards is measured at the fair value of the goods or services received, at the date the goods or services are received by the Company. In cases where the fair value of goods or services received cannot be reliably estimated, the Company estimates the fair value of the awards at the date of grant.

### (j) Revenue recognition

The Company's primary source of revenue is from the sale of gold. The refiners who received doré from the Company, refine the materials on the Company's behalf.

Refined metals are sold at spot prices and revenue is recognized on the trade settlement date.

Revenue is recognized to the extent that it is probable that economic benefits will flow to the Company and the revenue can be reliably measured. Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or



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receivable. Revenue from the sale of goods is recognized when control has transferred, which is generally considered to occur when title passes to the customer. Once the title has passed to the customer, the significant risks and rewards of ownership have been transferred and the customer is able to direct the use of and obtain substantially all of the remaining benefits from the goods. Revenue from the sale of silver is accounted for as a by-product and is recorded as a credit to production costs.

### (k) Income tax

Income tax is recognized in net income (loss) for the period except to the extent that it relates to items recognized either in other comprehensive income or directly in equity, in which case it is recognized in other comprehensive income or equity, respectively.

Deferred tax is provided using the balance sheet method whereby deferred tax is recognized in respect of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for taxation purposes. Deferred tax is measured at the tax rates that are expected to be applied to temporary differences when they are realized or settled, based on the laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date. Deferred tax is not recognized for temporary differences which arise on the initial recognition of assets or liabilities in a transaction that is not a business combination and that affects neither accounting, nor taxable profit or loss. A deferred tax asset is recognized for unused tax losses, tax credits and deductible temporary differences, to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which they can be utilized. Deferred tax assets are reviewed at each reporting date and are reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that the related tax benefit will be realized.

Mining taxes and royalties are considered to have the characteristics of an income tax when they are imposed under government authority and the amount payable is calculated by reference to taxable income. Obligations arising from royalty arrangements and other types of taxes that do not satisfy these criteria are recognized as current provisions and included in cost of sales.

### (l) Financial instruments

A financial instrument is any contract that gives rise to a financial asset of one entity and a financial liability or equity instrument of another entity. All financial instruments are initially recorded at fair value, adjusted for directly attributable transaction costs. The Company determines each financial instrument's classification upon initial recognition. Measurement in subsequent periods depends on the financial instrument's classification.

#### **Financial assets**

Financial assets are classified and measured at: fair value through profit and loss ("FVTPL"), fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVOCI") and amortized cost. On initial recognition of an equity instrument that is not held for trading, the Company may irrevocably elect to present subsequent changes in the investment's fair value in other comprehensive income. Measurement and classification of financial assets is dependent on the Company's business model for managing the financial assets and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial asset i.e. whether cash flows will result from collecting contractual cash flows, selling the financial assets, or both.

#### *Financial assets at amortized cost (debt instruments)*

The Company measures financial assets at amortized cost if both of the following conditions: the financial asset is held with the objective to collect contractual cash flows; and the contractual terms of the financial asset give rise to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest ("SPPI"). This is referred to as the SPPI test.



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Financial assets at amortized cost are subsequently measured using the effective interest rate (“EIR”) method and are subject to impairment. Interest received is recognized as part of finance income. Gains and losses are recognized when the asset is derecognized, modified or impaired.

The Company’s financial assets at amortized cost include: cash equivalents and receivables.

### *Financial assets at FVTPL*

Financial assets at FVTPL include financial assets held for trading, financial assets designated upon initial recognition at FVTPL, or financial assets mandatorily required to be measured at fair value i.e. that fail the SPPI test. Derivatives are classified as held for trading unless they are designated as effective hedging instruments.

Financial assets at FVTPL are carried in the statement of financial position at fair value with net changes in fair value recognized in the consolidated statement of income.

An embedded derivative will often make a financial asset fail the SPPI test thereby requiring the instrument to be measured at FVTPL in its entirety.

The Company’s financial assets at FVTPL include: gold stream derivative.

### *Impairment*

An expected credit loss (“ECL”) impairment model applies which requires a loss allowance to be recognized based on ECLs. The estimated present value of future cash flows associated with the asset is determined and an impairment loss is recognized for the difference between this amount and the carrying amount as follows: the carrying amount of the asset is reduced to estimated present value of the future cash flows associated with the asset, discounted at the financial asset’s original EIR, either directly or through the use of an allowance account and the resulting loss is recognized in profit or loss for the period.

### **Financial liabilities**

Financial liabilities are classified, at initial recognition, as financial liabilities at FVTPL, loans and borrowings, payables, or as derivatives designated as hedging instruments in an effective hedge, as appropriate.

### *Financial liabilities at FVTPL*

Financial liabilities at FVTPL include financial liabilities held for trading and financial liabilities designated upon initial recognition as at FVTPL. Financial liabilities are classified as held for trading if they are incurred for the purpose of repurchasing in the near term. This category also includes derivative financial instruments that are not designated as hedging instruments.

Gains or losses on financial liabilities at FVTPL are recognized in the consolidated statement of income.

The Company’s financial liabilities at FVTPL include: derivative liability.

### *Loans and borrowings and payables*

After initial recognition, interest-bearing loans and borrowings and trade and other payables are subsequently measured at amortized cost using the EIR method. Gains and losses are recognized in profit or loss when the liabilities are derecognized, as well as through the EIR amortization process. Amortized cost is calculated by taking into account any discount or premium on acquisition and fees or costs that are an integral part of the EIR. The EIR amortization is included as finance costs in the statement of comprehensive income. Gains and losses are recognized when the financial liability is derecognized.



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The Company's financial liabilities at amortized cost include:

- accounts payable; and
- term loan

A financial liability is derecognized when the associated obligation is discharged or cancelled or expires. When an existing financial liability is replaced by another from the same lender on substantially different terms, or the terms of an existing liability are substantially modified, such an exchange or modification is treated as the derecognition of the original liability and the recognition of a new liability. The difference in the respective carrying amounts is recognized in the statement of comprehensive loss.

(m) Fair value measurement

From time to time, the fair values of non-financial assets and liabilities are required to be determined, e.g., when the entity acquires a business, or where an entity measures the recoverable amount of an asset or a cash generating unit at fair value less cost of disposal ("FVLCD").

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction in the principal (or most advantageous) market at the measurement date under current market conditions (an exit price) regardless of whether that price is directly observable or estimated using another valuation technique.

#### 4. NEW STANDARDS AND INTERPRETATIONS ADOPTED

*(a) Amendments to IAS 1 and IFRS Practice Statement 2 - Disclosure of Accounting Policies*

In February 2021, the IASB issued amendments to IAS 1, Presentation of Financial Statements ("IAS 1"), and IFRS Practice Statement 2. The amendments to IAS 1 require an entity to disclose its material accounting policies instead of its significant accounting policies. The amendments include clarification on how an entity can determine material accounting policies by applying the 'four-step materiality process' described in IFRS Practice Statement 2. The amendments to IAS 1 are effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2023. The Company adopted the amendments effective January 1, 2023, with no material impact to the consolidated financial statements for 2023.

*(b) Amendments to IAS 1 – Presentation of Financial Statements*

In October 2022, the IASB issued amendments to IAS 1 titled Non-current Liabilities with Covenants. These amendments sought to improve the information that an entity provides when its right to defer settlement of a liability is subject to compliance with covenants within 12 months after the reporting period. These amendments to IAS 1 override and incorporate the previous amendments, Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current, issued in January 2020, which clarified that liabilities are classified as either current or non-current, depending on the rights that exist at the end of the reporting period. Liabilities should be classified as non-current if a company has a substantive right to defer settlement for at least 12 months at the end of the reporting period. The amendments are effective January 1, 2024, with early adoption permitted. Retrospective application is required on adoption. We do not expect these amendments to have a material effect on our financial statements.

#### 5. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGMENTS

The preparation of these consolidated financial statements 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



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other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis of making the judgments 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.

Outlined below are the key areas which require management to make significant judgments, estimates and assumptions in determining carrying values.

### (a) Estimated mineral resources

Mineral resources are estimates of the amount of metal that can be extracted from the Company's properties, considering both economic and legal factors. The Company estimates the quantity and/or grade of its mineral resources based on information compiled by appropriately qualified persons relating to the geological data on the size, depth and shape of the ore body, and requires judgments to interpret the complex geological data. Calculating mineral resources is based upon factors such as estimates of metallurgical recoveries along with geological assumptions and judgments made in estimating the size and grade of the ore body. Changes in the mineral resources may affect the Company's financial position in a number of ways, including:

- asset carrying values may be affected due to changes in estimated future cash flows;
- depreciation charges in the Company's consolidated statement of comprehensive income (loss) may change when such charges are determined by the unit-of-production basis, or when the useful lives of assets change; and
- provision for reclamation liabilities balances may be affected as the estimated timing of reclamation activities is adjusted for changes in the estimated mine life as determined by the available mineral resources.

### (b) Silver obligations

The carrying value of the Sailfish Silver Loan represents management's best estimate of the fair value of the arrangement. The fair value incorporates estimates of silver prices and discount rates. Judgment was made in determining that it's a derivative. (Refer to note 12(c)).

### (c) Deferred income taxes

The determination of income tax expense and deferred income tax involves judgment and estimates as to the future taxable earnings, expected timing of reversals of deferred tax assets and liabilities, and interpretation of laws in the countries in which the Company operates. The Company is subject to assessments by tax authorities who may interpret the tax law differently. Changes in these estimates may materially affect the final amount of deferred income taxes or the timing of tax payments.

### (d) Impairment of non-current assets

Management applies significant judgment in its assessment and evaluation of asset or cash generating units at each reporting date to determine whether there are any indications of impairment. The Company considers both internal and external sources of information when making the assessment of whether there are indications of impairment for the Company's mineral properties, plant and equipment. External sources of information considered are changes in the Company's economic, legal and regulatory environment, which it does not control, but affect the



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recoverability of its mining assets. Internal sources of information the Company considers include the manner in which mining properties and plant and equipment are being used or are expected to be used and indications of economic performance of the assets. Calculating the fair value less costs of disposal of cash generating units for impairment tests requires management to make estimates and assumptions with respect to future production levels, operating, capital and closure costs, future metal prices and discount rates. Changes in any of the assumptions or estimates used in determining the fair values could impact the impairment analysis.

### (e) Reclamation and remediation provisions

Reclamation and remediation provisions represent the present value of estimated future costs for the reclamation of the Company's mines and properties. These estimates include assumptions as to the cost of services, timing of the reclamation work to be performed, inflation rates, foreign exchange rates and interest rates. The reclamation and closure estimates are more uncertain the further into the future the activities are to be performed.

The actual cost to reclaim a mine may vary from the estimated amounts because there are uncertainties in factors used to estimate the cost and potential changes in regulations or laws governing the reclamation of a mine. Management periodically reviews the reclamation requirements as new information becomes available and will assess the impact of new regulations and laws as they are enacted. Any changes to assumptions will result in an adjustment to the provision which affects the Company's liabilities and either its mineral property, plant and equipment or statement of income.

### (f) Depreciation, depletion and amortization

The Company uses the units of production method to deplete mineral properties and the straight-line method to amortize plant and equipment. The calculation of the unit of production rate and the useful life and residual values of plant and equipment, and therefore the annual depletion and depreciation expense, could be materially affected by changes in the underlying estimates. Changes in estimates can be the result of changes in the Company's mine plans, changes in the estimation of mineral resources and changes in the estimated remaining life or residual value of plant and equipment.

### (g) Stockpiled ore and ore in-circuit net realizable value

Management applies significant judgment in developing the NRV of stockpiled ore and ore in-circuit inventory, including assumptions related to estimated recoverable ounces of gold within stockpiled ore and ore in-circuit inventory, the estimated forecasted gold price per ounce, estimated costs of completion and selling expenses.

## 6. RECEIVABLES

| <b>As at</b>     | <b>December 31, 2023</b> |     | <b>December 31, 2022</b> |       |
|------------------|--------------------------|-----|--------------------------|-------|
| Trade receivable | \$                       | 304 | \$                       | 1,098 |
| Other            |                          | 207 |                          | 82    |
|                  | \$                       | 511 | \$                       | 1,180 |



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### 7. INVENTORIES

| As at                     | December 31, 2023 | December 31, 2022 |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Stockpiled ore            | \$ 9,265          | \$ 5,737          |
| Ore in-circuit            | 1,232             | 1,566             |
| Finished metal            | 278               | 261               |
| Supplies and spare parts  | 3,074             | 2,407             |
|                           | 13,849            | 9,971             |
| Disclosed as non-current: |                   |                   |
| Stockpiled ore            | 4,274             | -                 |
|                           | \$ 18,123         | \$ 9,971          |

As at December 31, 2023, ore in-circuit, finished metal and stockpiled ore was recorded at cost. As at December 31, 2022, ore in-circuit and finished metal were recorded at cost, and stockpiled ore was recorded at NRV. During the year ended December 31, 2023, stockpiled ore was written down by \$1,168,593 (2022 - \$2,200,000).

### 8. GOLD STREAM DERIVATIVE ASSET

Gold stream derivative asset arises from the amended gold stream agreement the Company entered into with Sailfish Royalty Corp ("Sailfish") (also refer to note 15(d)) in November 2018 whereby the Company received \$1,096,051 (the "Gold Stream Advance") which was recorded as a credit to the mineral property. At that time, it was determined to be a disposition of mineral interest. In return for the Gold Stream Advance, the Company is required to deliver 4% of gold production to Sailfish and is to receive a payment at 25% of the market price of the gold delivered. Effectively the Company sold 4% of the gold mineralization relating to the mineral property and is being paid for services relating to the processes required to obtain the finished metal. As the price of gold is not closely related to the price of the services being provided, the contract to provide these services contains an embedded derivative that requires separation from the host contract.

The contract to deliver to Sailfish its 4% of gold production, in return for 25% of the market value of the gold delivered, contains an embedded derivative that was previously of minimal value. This derivative consists of a "swap" of the variable payment based on the price of gold for the fixed price implied by the contract. As at December 31, 2023, this derivative was determined to be an asset of \$264,900 (December 31, 2022 - \$345,696) based on current spot and future gold prices, and projected deliveries under the contract, all of which is disclosed as a current asset in the statement of financial position.

For the year ended December 31, 2023, the Company delivered a total of 1,058 (2022 -1,467) ounces of gold to Sailfish, pursuant to this agreement. In exchange the Company received \$510,400 (2022 - \$659,030) and there was a change in fair value on the derivative of \$86,323 (2022 - loss of \$12,952) for the year ended December 31, 2023.

### 9. EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION ASSETS

The following exploration and evaluation assets (acquisition costs) are located in Nicaragua:

|  | Potrerillos | El Jicaro | Total  |
|--|-------------|-----------|--------|
| Balance, December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022 | \$ 645      | \$ 120    | \$ 765 |



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**10. MINERAL PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT**

|   | Mineral<br>property | Plant            | Land and<br>Building | Equipment       | Right-of-use<br>asset | Total            |
|---|---------------------|------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| <b>Cost</b>                             |                     |                  |                      |                 |                       |                  |
| As at December 31, 2021                 | \$ 10,309           | \$ 38,044        | \$ 3,247             | \$ 1,662        | \$ -                  | \$ 53,262        |
| Additions                               | -                   | 780              | 2,144                | 1,916           | 353                   | 5,193            |
| Asset retirement obligation             | 499                 | -                | -                    | -               | -                     | 499              |
| Foreign currency translation adjustment | (259)               | (82)             | -                    | -               | -                     | (341)            |
| Deferred stripping                      | 4,259               | -                | -                    | -               | -                     | 4,259            |
| <b>As at December 31, 2022</b>          | <b>\$ 14,808</b>    | <b>\$ 38,742</b> | <b>\$ 5,391</b>      | <b>\$ 3,578</b> | <b>\$ 353</b>         | <b>\$ 62,872</b> |
| Additions                               | -                   | 77               | 244                  | 461             | -                     | 782              |
| Reclass assets                          | 220                 | (220)            | -                    | -               | -                     | -                |
| Asset retirement obligation             | 161                 | 131              | -                    | -               | -                     | 292              |
| Deferred stripping                      | 3,798               | -                | -                    | -               | -                     | 3,798            |
| <b>As at December 31, 2023</b>          | <b>\$ 18,987</b>    | <b>\$ 38,730</b> | <b>\$ 5,635</b>      | <b>\$ 4,039</b> | <b>\$ 353</b>         | <b>\$ 67,744</b> |
| <b>Accumulated depreciation</b>         |                     |                  |                      |                 |                       |                  |
| As at December 31, 2021                 | \$ 2,643            | \$ 5,632         | \$ 124               | \$ 1,101        | \$ -                  | \$ 9,500         |
| Depreciation                            | 6,695               | 14,554           | 22                   | 787             | 29                    | 22,087           |
| Foreign currency translation adjustment | (179)               | (35)             | -                    | -               | -                     | (214)            |
| <b>As at December 31, 2022</b>          | <b>\$ 9,159</b>     | <b>\$ 20,151</b> | <b>\$ 146</b>        | <b>\$ 1,888</b> | <b>\$ 29</b>          | <b>\$ 31,373</b> |
| Depreciation                            | 9,671               | 6,210            | 39                   | 596             | 88                    | 16,604           |
| <b>As at December 31, 2023</b>          | <b>\$ 18,830</b>    | <b>\$ 26,361</b> | <b>\$ 185</b>        | <b>\$ 2,484</b> | <b>\$ 117</b>         | <b>\$ 47,977</b> |
| Net book value as at December 31, 2021  | \$ 7,666            | \$ 32,412        | \$ 3,123             | \$ 561          | \$ -                  | \$ 43,762        |
| Net book value as at December 31, 2022  | \$ 5,649            | \$ 18,591        | \$ 5,245             | \$ 1,690        | \$ 324                | \$ 31,499        |
| Net book value as at December 31, 2023  | \$ 157              | \$ 12,369        | \$ 5,450             | \$ 1,555        | \$ 236                | \$ 19,767        |



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**11. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES**

| As at  | December 31, 2023 | December 31, 2022 |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities       | \$ 5,924          | \$ 10,897         |
| Lease liability (Note 11 (a))                  | 88                | 99                |
| Income taxes payable                           | 271               | 208               |
| Sailfish Loan payment accrual (Note 12 (b))    | -                 | 368               |
| Surface rights acquisitions                    | 200               | 1,050             |
| Due to related parties (Note 15)               | 23                | 56                |
| Total current liabilities                      | \$ 6,506          | \$ 12,678         |
| <i>Non-current liability</i>                   |                   |                   |
| Surface rights acquisitions                    | -                 | 200               |
| Lease liability (Note 11 (a))                  | 168               | 238               |
| Accrued liabilities (Note 11 (b))              | 775               | 693               |
| Total non-current liabilities                  | 943               | 1,131             |
| Total accounts payable and accrued liabilities | \$ 7,449          | \$ 13,809         |

(a) Lease liability

| As at                 | December 31, 2023 | December 31, 2022 |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Opening balance       | 337               | -                 |
| Additions             | -                 | 354               |
| Lease payments made   | (99)              | (24)              |
| Finance charges       | 18                | 7                 |
| Closing balance       | 256               | 337               |
| Less: current portion | (88)              | (99)              |
|                       | 168               | 238               |

The lease liability was discounted at a discount rate of 6%.

|   | \$  |
|---|-----|
| Total lease payments payable for the next twelve months | 101 |
| Total lease payments payable for the next 1-3 years     | 176 |
| Total lease payments payable for the next 4-5 years     | -   |

(b) Severance Obligation

Non-current accrued liabilities as at December 31, 2023, include severance obligation for employees at the Company's operations in Nicaragua of \$602,073 (December 31, 2022 - \$410,482). The severance is computed based on the years of service at the average salary of the last six months of employment. Employees that work less than six years have a maximum benefit of five months' salary. The calculation is in line with labor regulations in Nicaragua.



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**12. TERM LOANS AND DERIVATIVE LIABILITIES**

| As at  | December 31, 2023 | December 31, 2022 |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| Wexford Loan (Note 12 (a))                       |                   |                   |
| Principal  | \$ 15,150         | \$ 15,150         |
| Additional advance                               | 2,000             | -                 |
| Principal repayments made                        | (17,150)          | (8,285)           |
| Wexford Loan - principal balance                 | \$ -              | \$ 6,865          |
| Accrued interest and cash bonus interest accrual | 6,287             | 5,405             |
| <b>Total Wexford Loan</b>                        | <b>\$ 6,287</b>   | <b>\$ 12,270</b>  |
| Sailfish Loan (Note 12(b))                       | -                 | 2,789             |
| Sailfish Silver Loan (Note 12 (c))               | 4,381             | -                 |
| <b>Total Term Loans</b>                          | <b>\$ 10,668</b>  | <b>\$ 15,059</b>  |
| <i>Disclosed as follows:</i>                     |                   |                   |
| Current liabilities                              | \$ 3,152          | \$ 2,789          |
| Non-current liabilities                          | 7,516             | 12,270            |
|  | \$ 10,668         | \$ 15,059         |

(a) Wexford Loan

On February 20, 2020, the Company entered into a \$15,150,000 unsecured loan facility (the “Wexford Loan”) from Wexford Catalyst Trading Limited, Wexford Spectrum Trading Limited, Debello Trading Limited and from August 22, 2023, Wexford Focused Trading Limited (collectively, the “Lenders”), each private investment fund is managed by the Company’s controlling shareholder, Wexford Capital LP (“Wexford Loan Agreement”). The Wexford Loan may be prepaid at any time, in whole or in part, at par plus accrued but unpaid interest, without penalty or premium (“Obligations Termination Date”). The Wexford Loan bears interest at the rate of 10% per annum. The Company paid a non-refundable up-front fee of \$150,000 to the Lenders on the closing of the Wexford Loan. On August 12, 2022, the Lenders extended the maturity date from February 21, 2023 to March 31, 2024. On May 25, 2023, the maturity date of the Wexford Loan was further extended from March 31, 2024 to March 31, 2025. Refer to Note 23(d).

On August 22, 2023, the Lenders agreed to increase the loan facility by an additional \$2,000,000 and advanced an additional \$2,000,000 to the Company.

As at December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022, the Wexford Loan was fully drawn.

As at December 31, 2023, the accrued interest and cash bonus interest accrual, after the Company having received seven waivers was as follows:

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
|   | \$           |
| Accrued interest and cash bonus interest accrual as at December 31, 2021        | 3,735        |
| Accrued interest  | 1,093        |
| Cash Bonus Interest – cash equivalent of 321.25 ounces of gold                  | 577          |
| Accrued interest and cash bonus interest accrual as at December 31, 2022        | 5,405        |
| Accrued interest  | 808          |
| Cash Bonus Interest – change in the cash equivalent of 321.25 ounces of gold    | 74           |
| <b>Accrued interest and cash bonus interest accrual as at December 31, 2023</b> | <b>6,287</b> |



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As at December 31, 2023, the remaining amounts owing all represent interest. Those interest amounts in turn accrue interest at 10% per annum.

During the year ended December 31, 2023, the Company recorded \$808,911 (2022 - \$1,091,781) of accrued interest and \$74,707 (2022 - \$577,203) cash bonus interest, representing the change in gold price associated with 321 ounces of gold, on the Wexford Loan all of which has been expensed.

### Repayments

During the year ended December 31, 2023, the Company made voluntary principal repayments of \$8,865,274 (2022 - \$3,999,970).

### (b) Sailfish Loan and Derivative Liability

On August 27, 2021, the Company entered into a \$8,000,000 unsecured gold-linked two-year term loan with Sailfish, a company related by common shareholders and a common director (the "Sailfish Loan"). 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 subject to a minimum price of \$1,750 and a maximum price of \$2,000 (the "Price Parameters").

Management determined that the Sailfish Loan was a debt contract with an embedded derivative. By fixing the number of ounces that would have to be repaid to satisfy the debt obligation, the Company is essentially entering into a commodity forward. As the price of gold is not closely related to the host debt contract, the forward is required to be separated from the host contract and accounted for at fair value, with any movements going through the statement of income.

The embedded derivative reflects the fact that the cash payment is variable as it is linked to the fluctuating price of gold with the Price Parameters of a cap at \$2,000 and a floor at \$1,750 acting as call and put options, respectively.

On March 2, 2023, the Sailfish Loan was modified whereby the remaining seven payments were to be made in physical silver in lieu of cash. For the period from March 2, 2023 to September 8, 2023, the Company delivered 118,514 ounces of silver.

As at December 31, 2023, the Sailfish Loan was fully repaid.

As at December 31, 2022, the Company included in accounts payable an accrual of \$368,332 for the Sailfish Loan payment that was made in cash on January 6, 2023, based on the December 2022 average gold price of \$1,797 per ounce.

During the year ended December 31, 2023, the Company paid nine monthly installment repayments totaling \$3,539,760 (2022- 12 monthly installments of \$4,466,792), via a combination of \$757,551 (2022 - \$4,466,792) paid in cash and \$2,782,209 (2022 - \$nil) in the delivery of 118,514 silver ounces.



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During the year ended December 31, 2023, the Company recorded \$399,516 (2022 - \$493,850) of finance expense accretion on the Sailfish Loan, and \$17,605 (2022 - \$71,105) of fair value adjustment on the Sailfish Loan.

|                                | Sailfish<br>Loan<br>\$ | Derivative<br>Liability<br>\$ | Total<br>\$ |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| As at December 31, 2021        | 6,675                  | 89                            | 6,764       |
| Finance expense                | 565                    | -                             | 565         |
| Fair value adjustment          | -                      | (71)                          | (71)        |
| Loan repayments made           | (4,467)                | -                             | (4,467)     |
| Change in accrual loan payment | (2)                    | -                             | (2)         |
| As at December 31, 2022        | 2,771                  | 18                            | 2,789       |
| Finance expense                | 400                    | -                             | 400         |
| Fair value adjustment          | -                      | (18)                          | (18)        |
| Loan repayments made           | (3,539)                | -                             | (3,539)     |
| Change in accrual loan payment | 368                    | -                             | 368         |
| As at December 31, 2023        | -                      | -                             | -           |

### (c) Sailfish Silver Loan and Derivative Liability

On May 24, 2023, the Company entered into an agreement with Sailfish, whereby Sailfish advanced \$6,000,000 (received, May 25, 2023) for the delivery of a fixed amount of ounces of silver (13,500), on the last day of the month or the gold equivalent, for a period of 24 months ("Silver Loan"). Interest on the Silver Loan is accrued at US Prime (8.25%) plus four percent per annum, calculated daily on undelivered ounces when due. Sailfish also has the option, exercisable after 12 months from entering the Silver Loan, to purchase all remaining future silver production from all of the Company's concessions for an additional \$1,000,000.

The Company determined that the stream obligation is a derivative liability, and as such, the stream obligation is recorded at fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL") at each statement of financial position date.

The fair value of the stream obligation was valued using a discounted cash flow model. The significant assumptions developed by management used in the model included: the silver forward price curve and a discount rate of 32.16%.

During the year ended December 31, 2023, the Company delivered eight installments totaling 108,000 ounces of silver and incurred interest expense of \$34,437.

During the year ended December 31, 2023, a change in the fair value of the Silver Loan of \$930,124 was recorded in change in fair value of derivative liability in the statement of income (loss).

As at December 31, 2023, there are 16 remaining installments owed by the Company totaling 216,000 ounces of silver. Refer to Note 23(a).



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|                                      | <b>Total<br/>\$</b> |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| As at December 31, 2022              | -                   |
| Funds received                       | 6,000               |
| Cost to deliver 108,000 oz of silver | (2,549)             |
| Fair value adjustment                | 930                 |
| <b>As at December 31, 2023</b>       | <b>4,381</b>        |

**13. RECLAMATION AND REHABILITATION OBLIGATIONS**

|   | <b>San Albino<br/>Mine</b> | <b>La Trinidad<br/>Mine</b> | <b>Total</b>    |
|---|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Balance, December 31, 2021                                  | \$ 1,246                   | \$ 1,042                    | \$ 2,288        |
| Cash outflows for reclamation and rehabilitation activities | -                          | (49)                        | (49)            |
| Changes in estimate   | 499                        | (185)                       | 314             |
| Accretion expense   | 75                         | 5                           | 80              |
| <b>Balance, December 31, 2022</b>                           | <b>\$ 1,820</b>            | <b>\$ 813</b>               | <b>\$ 2,633</b> |
| Cash outflows for reclamation and rehabilitation activities | -                          | (3)                         | (3)             |
| Changes in estimate   | 291                        | 31                          | 322             |
| Accretion expense   | 87                         | 25                          | 112             |
| <b>Balance, December 31, 2023</b>                           | <b>\$ 2,198</b>            | <b>\$ 866</b>               | <b>\$ 3,064</b> |

| <b>As at</b>                 | <b>December 31<br/>2023</b> | <b>December 31<br/>2022</b> |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <i>Disclosed as follows:</i> |                             |                             |
| Current portion              | \$ -                        | \$ 689                      |
| Long-term portion            | 3,064                       | 1,944                       |
|                              | <b>\$ 3,064</b>             | <b>\$ 2,633</b>             |

The Company has recognized liabilities relating to the La Trinidad mine in Mexico and the San Albino Project and has determined that no significant closure and reclamation liabilities exist in connection with the activities on its other properties. The Company has calculated the present value of the closure and reclamation provision as at December 31, 2023, using the undiscounted estimate of cash outflows associated with reclamation activities as \$3,509,405 (December 31, 2022 - \$3,028,358), with \$890,744 (December 31, 2022 - \$848,043) associated to the La Trinidad mine and \$2,618,661 (December 31, 2022 - \$2,180,315) associated with the San Albino Project. The provision was determined using a discount rate of 3.93% - 4.51% (December 31, 2022 - 4.11% - 4.74%) and an inflation rate of 2.43% (December 31, 2022 - 2.44% - 2.52%). Refer to Note 23 (b).



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### 14. SHARE CAPITAL

- (a) Authorized – Unlimited number of common shares, without par value.
- (b) Issued
  - (i) On March 8, 2023, the Company consolidated its shares on a ten-for-one basis. All share and per share amounts in these consolidated financial statements have been adjusted retroactively to reflect this change.
  - (ii) During the year ended December 31, 2023, 75,190 common shares of the Company were issued on the vesting of 75,190 restricted share units and the fair value of \$185,462 was transferred from contributed surplus to share capital (refer to Note 14 (e)).
  - (iii) On November 7, 2023, the Company commenced a normal course issuer bid (“NCIB”) whereby the Company approved the purchase up to a maximum of 3,290,929 common shares in the capital of the Company. All common shares acquired by the Company under the NCIB are to be subsequently cancelled.

During the year ended December 31, 2023, the Company purchased 267,600 common shares for \$412,994 (C\$564,677) and allocated \$75,911 (C\$103,415) to deficit. These common shares were cancelled.

- (iv) On October 19, 2021, the Company commenced a NCIB whereby the Company approved the purchase up to a maximum of 3,296,545 common shares in the capital of the Company. All common shares acquired by the Company under the NCIB are to be subsequently cancelled. Purchases under this NCIB ended on October 18, 2022.

During the year ended December 31, 2022, the Company purchased 208,100 common shares for \$494,815 (C\$633,515) and allocated \$289,238 (C\$358,265) to deficit. These common shares were cancelled.

- (v) On November 30, 2022, 20,600 common shares of the Company were issued on the vesting of 20,600 deferred share units and the fair value of \$50,812 was transferred from contributed surplus to share capital (refer to note 12 (f)).
- (c) Share purchase warrants

On January 16, 2022, 3,550,000 share purchase warrants, exercisable at C\$0.60 per warrant and 150,000 Broker Warrants, exercisable at C\$0.40 per warrant expired unexercised.

As at December 31, 2023, the Company had no share purchase warrants outstanding.



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(d) Share options

|   | For the year ended<br>December 31, 2023 |                | For the year ended<br>December 31, 2022 |                |
|---|---|----------------|---|----------------|
|   | Number<br>of options                    | WAEP           | Number<br>of options                    | WAEP           |
| Opening balance   | 3,370,004                               | C\$2.68        | 3,364,500                               | C\$2.67        |
| Granted   | 540,000                                 | 2.13           | 70,000                                  | 3.70           |
| Forfeited   | (22,500)                                | 2.13           | (5,000)                                 | 5.10           |
| Expired   | (151,000)                               | 2.27           | (59,500)                                | 3.30           |
| <b>Ending balance</b>                                     | <b>3,736,504</b>                        | <b>C\$2.62</b> | <b>3,370,000</b>                        | <b>C\$2.68</b> |
| Options exercisable                                       | 3,294,004                               | C\$2.66        | 3,240,000                               | C\$2.63        |
| Weighted average remaining contractual<br>life (in years) | 1.23                                    |                | 1.59                                    |                |

WAEP = Weighted average exercise price

On May 12, 2023, the Company granted 540,000 stock options to employees and consultants of the Company exercisable to acquire one common share of the Company at an exercise price of C\$2.13 per share for a term of five years, expiring on May 12, 2028. The options vest as to 25% on the date of grant, and as to 25% on each of the first, second and third anniversary of the date of grant. The fair value of these options was calculated as \$488,691 (C\$656,567) using the Black-Scholes model.

During the year ended December 31, 2023, 7,500, 15,000 and 128,500 stock options with an exercise price of \$2.13, \$5.10 and \$1.95 per option, respectively, expired unexercised; additionally, 22,500 stock options with an exercise price of \$2.13 per option were forfeited.

On March 9, 2022, the Company granted 70,000 stock options to an employee of the Company exercisable to acquire one common share of the Company at an exercise price of C\$3.70 per share for a term of five years, expiring on March 9, 2027. The options vest as to 25% on the date of grant, and as to 25% on each of the first, second and third anniversary of the date of grant. The fair value of these options was calculated as \$101,856 (C\$130,800) using the Black-Scholes model.

During the year ended December 31, 2023, the Company recorded share-based payments expense of \$308,140 (2022 - \$188,960), all of which is included in general and administrative expenses.

(e) Restricted share units ("RSU")

On October 16, 2023, the Company granted 975,000 restricted share units ("RSU") to officers of the Company. The RSUs vest annually over three years commencing on October 13, 2024. Once vested, each RSU is exercisable into one common share entitling the holder to receive the common share for no additional consideration. The fair value was C\$1.36 per RSU with a total fair value of \$973,039 (C\$1,326,000) based on the market value of the underlying shares at the date of issuance.

On May 12, 2023, the Company granted 38,829 RSU to officers of the Company. Each RSU will vest 50% on the first anniversary of the grant date (being May 12, 2024), 25% on the one year and sixth month anniversary of the grant date (being November 12, 2024) and the remaining 25% on May 12, 2025. Once vested, each RSU is exercisable into one common share entitling the holder to receive the common share for no additional consideration. The fair



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value was C\$2.04 per RSU with a total fair value of \$58,957 (C\$79,211) based on the market value of the underlying shares at the date of issuance.

On January 31, 2022, the Company granted 150,380 RSU to senior executives. Each RSU will vest 50% on the first anniversary of the grant date (being January 31, 2023), 25% on the second anniversary of the grant date (being January 31, 2024) and 25% on December 1, 2024. Once vested, each RSU is exercisable into one common share entitling the holder to receive the common share for no additional consideration. The fair value was C\$0.32 per RSU with a total fair value of \$370,925 (C\$473,697) based on the market value of the underlying shares at the date of issuance.

In March 2023, 75,190 RSUs vested.

For the year ended December 31, 2023, total share-based compensation relating to RSUs was \$254,250 (2022 - \$242,237) of which all is included in general and administrative expenses.

At December 31, 2023, there were 1,089,019 (December 31, 2022 – 150,380) RSUs outstanding.

(f) Deferred share units (“DSU”)

On October 16, 2023, the Company granted 275,000 deferred share units (“DSU”) to the Company’s directors. Each DSU will vest on the director’s termination of service and is exercisable into one common share entitling the holder to receive the common share for no additional consideration or receive the cash equivalent or a combination thereof. The fair value was C\$1.36 per DSU with a total fair value of \$274,445 (C\$374,000) based on the market value of the underlying shares at the date of issuance.

On January 31, 2022, the Company granted 131,840 DSU to the Company’s directors. Each DSU will vest on the director’s termination of service and is exercisable into one common share entitling the holder to receive the common share for no additional consideration or receive the cash equivalent or a combination thereof. The fair value was C\$0.32 per DSU with a total fair value of \$325,196 (C\$415,296) based on the market value of the underlying shares at the date of issuance.

On November 30, 2022, following the departure of a board member, 20,600 DSU vested and 20,600 common shares of the Company were issued and the fair value of \$50,812 (C\$64,890) was transferred from contributed surplus to share capital.

For the year ended December 31, 2023, total share-based compensation relating to DSUs was \$88,660 (2022 - \$115,047) of which all is included in general and administrative expenses.

At December 31, 2023, there were 386,240 (December 31, 2022 - 111,240) DSUs outstanding.



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- (g) The fair value of stock options and warrants are estimated using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following weighted average assumptions:

| For the year ended              | December 31, 2023 |          | December 31, 2022 |          |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|----------|-------------------|----------|
|                                 | Options           | Warrants | Options           | Warrants |
| Risk-free interest rate         | 3.16%             | N/A      | 1.65%             | N/A      |
| Expected dividend yield         | -                 | N/A      | -                 | N/A      |
| Expected stock price volatility | 64.71%            | N/A      | 58.06%            | N/A      |
| Expected life in years          | 5 years           | N/A      | 5 years           | N/A      |
| Forfeiture rate                 | 0.00%             | N/A      | 0.00%             | N/A      |
| Weighted average fair value     | C\$1.22           | N/A      | C\$1.91           | N/A      |
| Exercise price                  | C\$2.13           | N/A      | C\$3.70           | N/A      |
| Weighted average share price    | C\$2.13           | N/A      | C\$3.70           | N/A      |

**15. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

- (a) Key management compensation

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.

| For the year ended                       | December 31, 2023 | December 31, 2022 |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| Director fees                            | \$ 365            | \$ 241            |
| Salaries, consulting and management fees | 1,285             | 1,223             |
| Share-based compensation                 | 365               | 476               |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>\$ 2,015</b>   | <b>\$ 1,940</b>   |

| As at                               | December 31, 2023 | December 31, 2022 |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Amount included in accounts payable | \$ 23             | \$ 56             |

During the year ended December 31, 2023, the Company granted bonuses of \$407,226 (2022 - \$365,000) to three senior members of management which is included in general and administrative expenses, and granted 924,225 RSUs.

A special committee was set up in November 2022, comprised of two directors and each member of this committee receives \$8,000 per month.

- (b) 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 the year ended December 31, 2023, the Company expensed fees relating to consulting services of \$2,845 (2022 - \$6,141), reclamation and rehabilitation expenses of \$8,555 (2022 - \$21,842) and \$35,318 (2022 - \$84,936) in general office expenses. Amounts payable to Tes-Oro as at December 31, 2023, were \$nil (December 31, 2022 - \$nil).



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(c) Wexford LP (“Wexford”)

Wexford is the Company’s controlling shareholder. In addition to what is noted elsewhere in the financial statements, during the year ended December 31, 2023, the Company expensed fees of \$6,430 related to transaction costs (2022 - \$3,308). Amounts payable to Wexford as at December 31, 2023, were \$nil (December 31, 2022 - \$nil).

(d) Sailfish Royalty Corp. (“Sailfish”)

Sailfish is a publicly traded company related by common shareholders, and a director. In addition to the Sailfish Loan and the Sailfish Silver Loan (note 12 (b)& (c), respectively), during the year ended December 31, 2023, the Company’s subsidiary Nicoz had the following transactions with Sailfish:

*Gold sales*

- i. received advances of \$573,923 (2022 - \$641,018) for the purchase of gold ounces;
- ii. sold 1,058 (2022 – 1,467) ounces of gold to Sailfish for \$510,400 (2022 - \$659,030) of which \$515,928 (2022 - \$444,306) is recorded as production services revenue and \$86,323 (2022-\$214,724) is included in the gain on gold stream derivative asset disclosed in the statement of income and comprehensive income;
- iii. sold 198 ounces of gold to Sailfish for \$387,769 which is recorded as revenue.

As at December 31, 2023, a balance of \$295,112 (2022 - \$23,556) was receivable from Sailfish as is included in receivables.

*Royalty*

Sailfish is entitled to a two percent net smelter royalty of the production of all gold and silver ounces, excluding the area of interest, as defined in the amended gold stream agreement entered into in November 2018 (refer to Note 8).

During the year ended December 31, 2023, a royalty fee of \$261,106 was owing to Sailfish and is included in production costs in the consolidated statement of income and comprehensive income.

As at December 31, 2023, a balance of \$246,445 was payable to Sailfish and is included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

## 16. SEGMENTED INFORMATION

For the year ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Company’s principal product was gold sold to a refinery at spot market rates by the Company’s subsidiary, Nicoz. The gold was produced at the San Albino Project in Nicaragua, which represents the Company’s sole segment.

For the year ended December 31, 2023 and for the year ended December 31, 2022, all of the Company’s significant non-current assets and revenues were in Nicaragua.



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**17. SUPPLEMENTARY CASH FLOW INFORMATION**

| For the twelve months ended                        | December 31, 2023 | December 31, 2022 |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| Changes in non-cash working capital:               |                   |                   |
| Change in receivables                              | \$ 412            | \$ (921)          |
| Change in inventories                              | (10,098)          | 3,522             |
| Change in prepaid expenses, and other              | 251               | (52)              |
| Change in accounts payable and accrued liabilities | (2,917)           | 660               |
| Change in due to related parties                   | (33)              | 25                |
|  | \$ (12,385)       | \$ 3,234          |

**18. GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES**

| For the year ended                      | December 31, 2023 | December 31, 2022 |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| Accounting and legal                    | \$ 818            | \$ 816            |
| Consulting fees                         | 37                | 70                |
| Directors' fees                         | 365               | 241               |
| Depreciation                            | 103               | 59                |
| General office expenses                 | 173               | 203               |
| Insurance                               | 483               | 418               |
| Investor relations and communications   | 157               | 290               |
| Rent                                    | 3                 | 19                |
| Salaries and benefits                   | 3,581             | 3,196             |
| Stock-based compensation                | 650               | 544               |
| Telephone and IT services               | 130               | 140               |
| Transfer agent fees and regulatory fees | 76                | 86                |
| Travel                                  | 165               | 150               |
| Withholding taxes on Term Loans         | 453               | -                 |
|   | \$ 7,194          | \$ 6,232          |

**19. ACCRETION AND INTEREST EXPENSE**

| For the year ended                                  | December 31, 2023 | December 31, 2022 |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| Accretion on asset retirement obligation (Note 13)  | \$ 112            | \$ 80             |
| Interest expense - Wexford Loan (Note 12 (a))       | 884               | 1,670             |
| Interest expense – other                            | 53                | 9                 |
| Finance costs on derivative liability (Note 12 (b)) | 400               | 565               |
|   | \$ 1,449          | \$ 2,324          |



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**20. INCOME TAX EXPENSE AND DEFERRED TAXES**

- (a) The income tax expense or recovery reported by the Company differs from the amounts obtained by applying the statutory income tax rates to the income or loss. A reconciliation of the income tax provision computed at statutory rates to the reported income tax expense is provided below:

| For the year ended  | December 31, 2023 |         | December 31, 2022 |         |
|---|-------------------|---------|-------------------|---------|
| Income (loss) for the year before income tax  | \$                | 8,883   | \$                | (9,882) |
| Canadian statutory tax rate   |                   | 27.0%   |                   | 27.0%   |
| Computed expected tax (recovery) expense at statutory rates                                       |                   | 2,399   |                   | (2,668) |
| Permanent Differences   |                   | 906     |                   | 2,822   |
| Effect of change and difference in tax rate   |                   | 692     |                   | 1,062   |
| Foreign Exchange  |                   | (208)   |                   | -       |
| Adjustment to prior years provision versus statutory tax returns and expiry of non-capital losses |                   | (1,086) |                   | (743)   |
| Change in deferred tax assets not recognized  |                   | (619)   |                   | 1,622   |
|   | \$                | 2,084   | \$                | 2,095   |
| Current income tax expense  | \$                | 2,084   | \$                | 2,095   |
| Total income tax expense  | \$                | 2,084   | \$                | 2,095   |

- (b) The significant components of the Company's net deferred income tax asset and liabilities are as follows:

| As at December 31,                      | 2023 |          | 2022 |          |
|---|------|----------|------|----------|
| <i>Deferred tax assets:</i>             |      |          |      |          |
| Non-Capital losses                      | \$   | 7,676    | \$   | 5,425    |
| Allowable Capital losses                |      | 2,365    |      | 2,146    |
| Share Issuance Costs and Financing Fees |      | 72       |      | 143      |
| Exploration and evaluation assets       |      | 2,715    |      | 5,665    |
| Mineral property, plant and equipment   |      | 3,640    |      | 4,036    |
| Other                                   |      | 1,382    |      | 735      |
| Total deferred tax assets               | \$   | 17,850   | \$   | 18,150   |
| <i>Deferred tax liabilities</i>         |      |          |      |          |
| Loans and debentures                    |      | (2,600)  |      | (1,859)  |
| Other                                   |      | (637)    |      | (884)    |
| Total deferred tax liabilities          | \$   | (3,237)  | \$   | (2,743)  |
| Unrecognized deferred tax assets        |      | (14,613) |      | (15,407) |
| Net deferred tax assets                 | \$   | -        | \$   | -        |



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- (c) The Company recognizes tax benefits on losses or other deductible amounts generated in countries where it is probable the Company will generate future taxable income. The Company’s unrecognized deductible temporary differences and unused tax losses for which no deferred tax asset is recognized consist of the following amounts:

|   | December 31, Expiry date<br>2023 range |                       | December 31, Expiry date<br>2022 range |                       |
|---|--|-----------------------|--|-----------------------|
| Non-capital losses available for future years | \$                                     | 24,264 2024-2043      | \$                                     | 15,875 2024-2042      |
| Allowable capital losses                      |  | 17,516 No expiry date |  | 7,782 No expiry date  |
| Share Issuance Costs and Financing Fees       |  | 267 2042-2046         |  | 531 2022-2025         |
| Exploration and evaluation assets             |  | 9,108 No expiry date  |  | 28,418 No expiry date |
| Mineral property, plant and equipment         |  | 7,154 No expiry date  |  | 60 No expiry date     |
| Inventories                                   |  | - No expiry date      |  | 179 No expiry date    |
| Provision for reclamation and rehabilitation  |  | 885 No expiry date    |  | 813 No expiry date    |
| Other   |  | 3,659 No expiry date  |  | 650 No expiry date    |
| Unrecognized deductible temporary differences | \$                                     | 62,853                | \$                                     | 54,308                |

- (d) The Company’s unused non-capital losses expire as follows:

| Country   | Unused non-capital losses | Expiry date range |
|-----------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Canada    | \$ 24,264                 | 2039 to 2043      |
| Nicaragua | \$ 3,734                  | 2024              |

**21. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND LIQUIDITY RISK**

Financial Instruments measured at fair value are classified into one of three levels using a fair value hierarchy that reflects the significance of the inputs used in making the measurements. The fair value hierarchy has the following levels:

- Level 1 – quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;
- Level 2 – inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices); and
- Level 3 – inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

The Company’s financial instruments include cash and cash equivalents, receivables, accounts payable and the Term Loans and derivative liabilities. The carrying values of cash and cash equivalents, receivable and accounts payable approximate fair value because of the short-term nature of these instruments or capacity of prompt liquidation. The Sailfish Silver Loan and derivative liability is carried at fair value determined by using a discounted cash flow model (refer to note 12 (c)).

The Company’s derivative asset and liability is measured using level 3 inputs.

During the year ended December 31, 2023, there were no transfers between level 1, level 2 and level 3 classified assets and liabilities.



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**Credit risk**

Credit risk is the risk of potential loss to the Company if the counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations.

The Company is exposed to credit risk with respect to its cash and cash equivalents and receivables. The Company's maximum exposure to credit risk is the amount disclosed in the consolidated statements of financial position.

Credit risk associated with cash and cash equivalents is minimized by placing the majority of these instruments with major financial institutions with strong investment-grade ratings as determined by a primary ratings agency.

Credit risk associated with trade receivables is managed by dealing with reputable international metals trading companies. The Company assesses and monitors risk by performing an aging analysis of its trade receivables.

**Liquidity risk**

Liquidity risk represents the risk that the Company will be unable to meet its obligations associated with its financial liabilities as they fall due. The Company manages liquidity risk by preparing an annual budget for approval by the Board of Directors and preparing cash flow and liquidity forecasts on a regular basis. The Company's objective when managing liquidity risk is to ensure that it has sufficient liquidity available to meet its liabilities when due. The Company uses cash to settle its financial obligations. The ability to do this relies on the Company collecting its trade receivables in a timely manner and maintaining sufficient cash on hand through debt financing.

As at December 31, 2023, the Company had cash and cash equivalents of \$1,498,366 (December 31, 2022 - \$523,262), a working capital of \$7,058,321 (December 31, 2022 – deficit of \$3,253,887) and an accumulated deficit of \$81,116,578 (December 31, 2022 - \$87,840,695). The Company recorded net income of \$6,800,026 for the year ended December 31, 2023 (December 31, 2022 - net loss of \$ \$11,977,225); and for the year ended December 31, 2023, had cash inflows from operating activities of \$12,469,919 (December 31, 2022 - \$16,380,700) and investing outflows of \$4,763,940 (December 31, 2022 - \$8,798,784).

Based on the Company's forecasted cash flows and the current working capital, the Company estimates that it will have sufficient liquidity to meet its obligations and operating requirements for at least the next twelve months.

The following are the contractual maturities of financial liabilities:

| <i>At December 31, 2023</i>              | Carrying Amount | Contractual Cash Flows | Within 1 year | 1 to 2 years | 2 to 3 years | 3 to 6 years |
|--|-----------------|------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|  | \$              | \$                     | \$            | \$           | \$           | \$           |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | 7,449           | 7,449                  | 6,506         | 341          | -            | 602          |
| Term loans and derivative                | 10,668          | 10,668                 | 3,153         | 7,515        | -            | -            |
| Asset Retirement Obligation              | 866             | 866                    | -             | 866          | -            | -            |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>18,983</b>   | <b>18,983</b>          | <b>9,659</b>  | <b>8,722</b> | <b>-</b>     | <b>602</b>   |

**Market risk**

Market risk is the risk that the fair value of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in market factors. Market risk comprises three types of risk: price risk, interest rate risk and currency risk.



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### *Commodity price risk*

The Company is subject to commodity price risk from fluctuations in the market prices for silver. Commodity price risks are affected by many factors that are outside the Company's control including global or regional consumption patterns, the supply of and demand for metals, speculative activities, the availability and costs of metal substitutes, inflation, and political and economic conditions. The financial instrument impacted by commodity prices is the Sailfish Silver Loan and Derivative Liability obligation. A 5% change in the market price of silver would change the derivative liabilities by approximately \$219,000.

### *Interest rate risk*

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair values and future cash flows of the Company will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates.

The Company is exposed to interest rate risk to the extent that the cash maintained at financial institutions is subject to a floating rate of interest. The interest rate risk on cash is considered insignificant due to the low interest rates in the current economic environment and short-term nature of its holdings and as such the Company does not take any actions to manage interest rate risk. The interest rate on the Term Loan is fixed at 10% per annum.

### *Currency risk*

Currency risk is the risk that the fair values or future cash flows of the Company's financial instruments will fluctuate because of changes in foreign currency exchange rates.

The Company's currency risk primarily arises from financial instruments denominated in US dollars that are held by Mako, as the functional currency of the Company is Canadian dollars. Conversely for the Company's subsidiaries whose functional currency is the US dollar, currency risk primarily arises from financial instruments denominated in Nicaraguan córdoba that are held at the subsidiary company level. As at December 31, 2023, a 5% change in the exchange rate between the Canadian Dollar and the U.S. dollar would result in a net impact of approximately \$20,000 and a 5% change in the exchange rate between the Nicaraguan córdoba and the U.S. dollar would result in a net impact of approximately \$196,000 in the consolidated statement of income. The Company does not consider the currency risk to be material to the future operations of the Company and, as such, does not have a hedging program or any other programs to manage currency risk.

## **22. CAPITAL MANAGEMENT**

The Company's objectives when managing capital are to safeguard the Company's ability to continue as a going concern in order to pursue the development and exploration of its mineral properties and to maintain a flexible capital structure, which optimizes the costs of capital to an acceptable risk.

The capital structure of the Company currently consists of common shares. The Company manages the capital structure and makes adjustments to it in light of changes in economic conditions, its expected funding requirements, and risk characteristics of the underlying assets. The Company's funding requirements are based on cash forecasts.

In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Company may issue new shares, debt and/or consider strategic alliances. Management reviews its capital management approach on a regular basis. The Company is not subject to any externally imposed capital requirements.



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### 23. EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

The following events took place subsequent to December 31, 2023:

(a) Sailfish Silver Loan

The Company delivered 40,500 ounces of silver for January to March 2024 installments.

(b) On February 15, 2024, the Company entered into an agreement with GR Silver Mines Ltd. (“GR Silver”) to settle all liabilities and responsibilities, including but not limited to the reclamation and rehabilitation obligations, of Mako, related to the sale of Mako’s Mexican operations to GR Silver in March 2021 (Settlement and Release Agreement).

Pursuant to the terms of the Settlement and Release Agreement, Mako made a total payment of \$960,000 to GR Silver comprised of \$500,000 cash (paid in February 2024) and the issuance of 296,710 common shares (issued in March 2024) of Mako.

(c) On March 25, 2024, the Company and Goldsource Mines Inc. (“Goldsource”) entered into an arrangement agreement, pursuant to which Mako will acquire all of the issued and outstanding common shares of Goldsource, in exchange for 0.22 common shares of the Company per share of Goldsource held, by way of a plan of arrangement (the “Transaction”). The issuance of up to 15.2 million Mako common shares is expected. The Transaction is subject to shareholder and TSX approval.

(d) The Wexford Loan maturity date was further extended to March 31, 2029.

(e) The Company purchased 480,600 common shares under the NCIB for C\$1,165,890.

(f) 45,000 options with an exercise price of C\$2.13 were forfeited.

(g) 287,150 options were exercised with an exercise price of C\$1.625 per option.