CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019

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# **Independent Auditor's Report**

To the Shareholders of Salazar Resources Limited

## Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Salazar Resources Limited (the "Company"), which comprise the consolidated statements of financial position as at December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019, and the consolidated statements of comprehensive loss, consolidated statements of changes in equity and consolidated statements of cash flows for the years then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as at December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

### **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 are independent of the Company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the consolidated financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

# Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in 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.

We obtained Management's Discussion and Analysis prior to the date of this auditor's report. If, based on the work we have performed on this other information, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact in this auditor's report. 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 International Financial Reporting 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.

# 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.



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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.

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

"D&H Group LLP"

Vancouver, B.C. April 30, 2021

**Chartered Professional Accountants** 

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	Notes	December 31, 2020 \$	December 31, 2019 \$ (Restated - Note 3)
ASSETS			
Current assets Cash Restricted cash Amounts receivable GST / IVA tax receivables Prepaid expenses Materials and supplies	6(a)	1,345,851 215,980 253,082 318,206 988,719 945,250	4,079,065 397,896 123,390 121,537 492,420
Total current assets		4,067,088	5,214,308
Non-current assets Property, plant and equipment Exploration and evaluation assets	5 6	1,458,605 20,567,209	1,058,319 19,986,463
Total non-current assets		22,025,814	21,044,782
TOTAL ASSETS		26,092,902	26,259,090
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities Accounts payable and accrued liabilities Advances from joint-venture partner	6(a)	2,103,828 155,340	463,840 288,182
TOTAL LIABILITIES		2,259,168	752,022
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY Share capital Share-based payments reserve Deficit Accumulated other comprehensive income	7	39,283,561 5,797,803 (26,532,416) 5,284,786	39,138,461 5,823,385 (25,534,954) 6,080,176
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		23,833,734	25,507,068
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		26,092,902	26,259,090
Nature of Operations - see Note 1			
Commitments - see Note 10			
Events after the Reporting Period - see Note 14			
These consolidated financial statements were approved for issue by the behalf by:	he Board of Directors on	April 30, 2021 and	d are signed on its
/s/ Fredy Salazar Fredy Salazar Director	/s/ Pablo Acosta Pablo Acosta Director		

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE LOSS

		Year Ended I	December 31
	Note	2020	2019
		\$	\$
Expenses			
Accounting and administration	8(b)(ii)	56,055	55,738
Audit	- (-)(-)	150,120	139,112
Consulting	8(b)(i)	274,668	187,593
Corporate development		157,620	103,026
Depreciation		146,823	146,721
Drill rig standby cost		-	481,190
General exploration		49,617	87,880
Legal		15,038	37,772
Office		64,188	141,030
Regulatory		22,128	20,043
Salaries, compensation and benefits	8(a)	472,221	455,768
Share-based compensation	7(d)	35,418	516,164
Shareholder costs		11,466	7,799
Transfer agent		8,044	6,658
Travel		16,854	34,893
Cost recoveries	6(a)	(307,638)	(463,420)
		1,172,622	1,957,967
Loss before other items		(1,172,622)	(1,957,967)
Other items			
Interest income		31,189	98,187
Operator fees	6(b)	85,090	123,474
Drill income, net of costs	6(b)	70,599	-
Gain on sale of investments	4	-	367,316
Gain on property dispositions	6(b)	-	99,138
Foreign exchange	-(-)	(11,718)	(50,511)
		175,160	637,604
Net loss for the year		(997,462)	(1,320,363)
Other comprehensive income (loss)		(705.200)	605.450
Change in currency translation of foreign subsidiaries		(795,390)	625,478
Comprehensive loss for the year		(1,792,852)	(694,885)
Basic and diluted loss per common share		\$(0.01)	\$(0.01)
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding		127,087,790	126,477,790

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

	Year Ended December 31, 2020					
	Share	Capital				
	Number of Shares	Amount \$	Share-Based Payments Reserve \$	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) \$	Deficit \$	Total Equity \$
Balance at December 31, 2019	126,477,790	39,138,461	5,823,385	6,080,176	(25,534,954)	25,507,068
Common shares issued for: - share options Transfer on exercise of share options Share-based compensation Currency translation adjustment Net loss for the year	610,000	84,100 61,000 - -	(61,000) 35,418	- - (795,390)	- - - - (997,462)	84,100 - 35,418 (795,390) (997,462)
Balance at December 31, 2020	127,087,790	39,283,561	5,797,803	5,284,786	(26,532,416)	23,833,734

	Year Ended December 31, 2019					
	Share	Capital				
	Number of Shares	Amount \$	Share-Based Payments Reserve \$	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income \$	Deficit \$	Total Equity \$
Balance at December 31, 2018	126,477,790	39,138,461	5,187,221	5,454,698	(24,214,591)	25,565,789
Share-based compensation Debt settlement:	-	-	516,164	-	-	516,164
- warrants	_	-	120,000	_	-	120,000
Currency translation adjustment	-	-	-	625,478	-	625,478
Net loss for the year					(1,320,363)	(1,320,363)
Balance at December 31, 2019	126,477,790	39,138,461	5,823,385	6,080,176	(25,534,954)	25,507,068

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(Expressed in Canadian Dollars)

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2020 \$	2019
	3	\$
Operating activities	(00= 450)	(4.000.050)
Net loss for the year	(997,462)	(1,320,363)
Adjustments for:	146.022	146.501
Depreciation	146,823	146,721
Gain on property dispositions	-	(99,138)
Gain on sale of investments	25 410	(367,316)
Share-based compensation	35,418	516,164
Changes in non-cash working capital items:	(125 (92)	(125 (92)
Restricted cash Amounts receivable	(125,683)	(125,683)
GST / VAT receivables	(116,883)	(80,746) 4,909
	(335,561)	
Prepaid expenses and deposits  Material and supplies	(428,292) (995,735)	(86,789)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	1,736,268	(865,299)
Accounts payable and accrued habitules  Advances from joint-venture partner	(132,336)	911,891
Advances from John-venture partier	(132,330)	911,091
Net cash used in operating activities	(1,213,443)	(1,365,649)
Investing activities		
Exploration and evaluation assets expenditures, net of recoveries	(916,046)	(923,919)
Additions to property, plant and equipment, net of recoveries	(618,739)	(177,109)
Proceeds from sale of investments	-	3,223,404
Proceeds from sale of exploration and evaluation assets	-	99,138
Advance payment received	335,300	329,750
Net cash provided by investing activities	(1,199,485)	2,551,264
Financing activity		
Issuance of common shares	84,100	
Net cash provided by financing activity	84,100	_
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	(404,386)	109,149
Net change in cash	(2,733,214)	1,294,764
Cash at beginning of year	4,079,065	2,784,301
Cash at end of year	1,345,851	4,079,065

**Supplemental Cash Flow Information -** see Note 12

# NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019

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# 1. Nature of Operations

Salazar Resources Limited (the "Company") was incorporated on July 23, 1987 under the provisions of the Company Act (British Columbia). The Company's common shares are listed and trade on the TSX Venture Exchange ("TSXV") under the symbol "SRL", on the OTCQB under the symbol "SRLZF" and on the Frankfurt Exchange under the symbol "CCG". The Company's executive head office is located in Quito, Ecuador.

The Company is a junior mineral exploration company currently engaged in the acquisition and exploration of mineral properties located in Latin America. On the basis of information to date, the Company has not yet determined whether these properties contain economically recoverable ore reserves. The underlying value of the exploration and evaluation assets is entirely dependent on the existence of economically recoverable reserves, the ability of the Company to obtain the necessary financing to complete development and upon future profitable production. Exploration and evaluation assets represent costs incurred to date, less amounts depreciated and/or written off, and do not necessarily represent present or future values.

The Company's mineral properties are located in Ecuador and consequently the Company is subject to certain risks, including currency fluctuations and possible political or economic instability which may result in the impairment or loss of mining title or other mineral rights, and mineral exploration and mining activities may be affected in varying degrees by political stability and governmental regulations relating to the mining industry.

The Company has negotiated a number of agreements to provide continued funding for exploration of its exploration and evaluation assets, as described in Note 6. As at December 31, 2020 the Company had working capital of \$1,807,920 and management considers that the Company has adequate resources to maintain its core operations and, with the financial support of its partner, conduct ongoing exploration programs on its existing exploration and evaluation assets for the next twelve months. See also Note 14.

These consolidated financial statements do not include adjustments to the amounts and classifications of assets and liabilities that might be necessary should the Company be unable to continue as a going concern.

On March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization ("WHO") declared a global pandemic of the novel coronavirus identified as "COVID-19". In order to combat the spread of COVID-19 governments worldwide, including Ecuador and Canada, have enacted emergency measures including travel bans, legally enforced or self-imposed quarantine periods, social distancing and business and organization closures. These measures have caused material disruptions to businesses, governments and other organizations resulting in an economic slowdown and increased volatility in national and global equity and commodity markets. In March 2020 the Company and its strategic partner temporarily suspended all its site activities at the Curipamba, Pijili and Santiago projects, while desktop and office work continues remotely where possible. Most recently, there has been partial lifting of COVID-19 related restrictions and the Company has restarted field and drilling activities, at both the Curipamba and Pijili projects and other Company owned projects. The duration and impact of the COVID-19 outbreak is unknown at this time, as is the efficacy of any intervention.

#### 2. Basis of Preparation

#### Statement of Compliance

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB") and interpretations of the IFRS Interpretations Committee ("IFRIC").

# Basis of Measurement

The Company's consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis except for the revaluation of certain financial assets and financial liabilities to fair value.

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## 2. Basis of Preparation (continued)

### Details of the Group

In addition to the Company, the consolidated financial statements include all subsidiaries. Subsidiaries are all corporations over which the Company is able, directly or indirectly, to control financial and operating policies, which is the authority usually connected with holding majority voting rights. Subsidiaries are fully consolidated from the date on which control is acquired by the Company. Inter-company transactions and balances are eliminated upon consolidation. They are deconsolidated from the date that control by the Company ceases.

# 3. Significant Accounting Policies

# Critical Judgments and Sources of Estimation Uncertainty

The preparation of these consolidated financial statements requires management to make certain estimates, judgments and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and reported amounts of expenses during the reporting period. Actual outcomes could differ from these estimates. These financial statements include estimates which, by their nature, are uncertain. The impacts of such estimates are pervasive throughout the financial statements, and may require accounting adjustments based on future occurrences. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimate is revised and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods. These estimates are based on historical experience, current and future economic conditions and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

### Critical Judgments

The following are critical judgments that management has made in the process of applying accounting policies and that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognized in the financial statements:

- (i) The determination of categories of financial assets and financial liabilities has been identified as an accounting policy which involves judgments or assessments made by management.
- (ii) The determination of a subsidiary's functional currency often requires significant judgment where the primary economic environment in which they operate may not be clear. This can have a significant impact on the consolidated results of the Company based on the foreign currency translation methods used.
- (iii) Management is required to assess impairment in respect of intangible exploration and evaluation assets. The triggering events are defined in IFRS 6. In making the assessment, management is required to make judgments on the status of each project and the future plans towards finding commercial reserves. The nature of exploration and evaluation activity is such that only a proportion of projects are ultimately successful and some assets are likely to become impaired in future periods.
  - During fiscal 2020 and 2019 management determined that no impairment indicators were present and no impairment charge was required.
- (iv) Although the Company takes steps to verify title to exploration and evaluation assets in which it has an interest, these procedures do not guarantee the Company's title. Such properties may be subject to prior agreements or transfers and title may be affected by undetected defects.

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## 3. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

(v) The assessment of the probability of future taxable income in which deferred tax assets can be utilized is based on the Company's estimate of future profits or losses adjusted for significant non-taxable income and expenses and specific limits to the use of any unused tax loss or credit. The tax rules in the jurisdictions in which the Company operates are also carefully taken into consideration. If a positive forecast of taxable income indicates the probable use of a deferred tax asset, especially when it can be utilized without a time limit, that deferred tax asset is usually recognized in full. The recognition of deferred tax assets that are subject to certain legal or economic limits or uncertainties is assessed individually by management based on the specific facts and circumstances. Details of these can be found in Note 9.

# Estimation Uncertainty

The following are key assumptions concerning the future and other key sources of estimation uncertainty that have a significant risk of resulting in a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities within the next financial year:

- (i) Depreciation expense is allocated based on assumed useful life of property, plant and equipment. Should the useful life differ from the initial estimate, an adjustment would be made in the statement of operations.
- (ii) The cost estimates are updated periodically during the life of a mine to reflect known developments, (e.g. revisions to cost estimates and to the estimated lives of operations), and are subject to review at regular intervals. Decommissioning, restoration and similar liabilities are estimated based on the Company's interpretation of current regulatory requirements and constructive obligations are measured at fair value. Fair value is determined based on the net present value of estimated future cash expenditures for the settlement of decommissioning, restoration or similar liabilities that may occur upon decommissioning of the mine. Such estimates are subject to change based on changes in laws and regulations and negotiations with regulatory authorities. As at December 31, 2020 and 2019, there were no decommissioning liabilities.
- (iii) The assessment of any impairment of exploration and evaluation assets and property, plant and equipment is dependent upon estimates of the recoverable amounts that take into account factors such as reserves, economic and market conditions and the useful lives of assets. In fiscal 2020 and 2019 management concluded there were no impairment indicators and no impairment charge was required.

# Comparative Figures

Certain of the prior year's comparative figures have been reclassified to conform with the current fiscal year's presentation.

# Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash includes cash on hand and demand deposits. Cash equivalents include short-term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value. The Company is not exposed to significant credit or interest rate risk although cash is held in excess of federally insured limits with a major financial institution. As at December 31, 2020 and 2019 the Company did not have any cash equivalents.

# Amounts Receivable

Receivables are recognized initially at fair value and classified as amortized cost. Receivables are subsequently measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method, less expected credit losses. At each reporting date, the Company records a credit losses at an amount equal to the lifetime expected credit losses using a present value and probability-weighted model.

# Materials and Supplies

Materials and supplies are valued at the lower of cost and replacement cost.

# NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019

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## 3. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

# Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities

Payables are obligations to pay for materials or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Payables are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less (or in the normal operating cycle of the business if longer). If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Payables are classified as amortized cost initially at fair value and are subsequently measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method.

# Exploration and Evaluation Assets

The Company follows the practice of capitalizing all costs relating to the acquisition of, exploration for and development of mineral properties and crediting all proceeds received against the cost of the related properties. Such costs include, but are not exclusive to, geological, geophysical studies, exploratory drilling and sampling. At such time as commercial production commences, these costs will be charged to operations on a unit-of-production method based on proven and probable reserves. The aggregate costs related to abandoned mineral properties are charged to operations at the time of any abandonment, or when it has been determined that there is evidence of a permanent impairment. An impairment charge relating to a mineral property is subsequently reversed when new exploration results or actual or potential proceeds on sale or farm out of the property result in a revised estimate of the recoverable amount, but only to the extent that this does not exceed the original carrying value of the property that would have resulted if no impairment had been recognized.

The recoverability of amounts shown for exploration and evaluation assets is dependent upon the discovery of economically recoverable reserves, the ability of the Company to obtain financing to complete development of the properties, and on future production or proceeds of disposition.

The Company recognizes in income costs recovered on mineral properties when amounts received or receivable are in excess of the carrying amount.

Once the technical feasibility and commercial viability of the extraction of mineral resources in an area of interest are demonstrable, exploration and evaluation assets attributable to that area of interest are first tested for impairment and then reclassified to mining property and development assets. At such time as commercial production commences, these costs will be charged to operations on a unit-of-production method based on proven and probable reserves.

All capitalized exploration and evaluation expenditures are monitored for indications of impairment. Where a potential impairment is indicated, assessments are performed for each area of interest. To the extent that exploration expenditures are not expected to be recovered, they are charged to the results of operations.

# Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment are carried at cost, less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses.

The cost of an item of property, plant and equipment consists of the purchase price, any costs directly attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for its intended use and an initial estimate of the costs of dismantling and removing the item and restoring the site on which it is located.

Property, plant and equipment are depreciated annually on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets, at a rate of between 10% and 33% commencing when the related asset is available for use.

An item of property, plant and equipment is derecognized upon disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected to arise from the continued use of the asset. Any gain or loss arising on disposal of the asset, determined as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset, is recognized in profit or loss in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income or loss.

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## 3. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Where an item of plant and equipment comprises major components with different useful lives, the components are accounted for as separate items of plant and equipment. Expenditures incurred to replace a component of an item of plant and equipment that is accounted for separately, including major inspection and overhaul expenditures are capitalized.

The Company compares the carrying value of property, plant and equipment to estimated net recoverable amounts, based on estimated future cash flows, to determine whether there is any indication of impairment whenever events or circumstances warrant.

# Impairment of Assets

At each financial position reporting date, the carrying amounts of the Company's assets are reviewed to determine whether there is any indication that those assets are impaired. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment, if any. Where the asset does not generate cash flows that are independent from other assets, the Company estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

An asset's recoverable amount is the higher of fair value less costs of disposal and value in use. Fair value is determined as the price that would be received to sell an asset in an orderly transaction between market participants. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset. If the recoverable amount of an asset or cash-generating unit is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset is reduced to its recoverable amount and the impairment loss is recognized in the profit or loss for the period.

Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset (or cash-generating unit) is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, so that the increased carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognized for the asset (or cash-generating unit) in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognized immediately in profit or loss.

# **Decommissioning Provision**

An obligation to incur restoration, rehabilitation and environmental costs arises when environmental disturbance is caused by the exploration, development or ongoing production of a mineral interest by or on behalf of the Company. Costs for restoration of site damage which is created on an ongoing basis during exploration and evaluation are provided for at their net present values and charged against profits in the period such exploration and evaluation occurs. Discount rates using a risk-free rate that reflects the time value of money are used to calculate the net present value. The related liability is adjusted for each period for the unwinding of the discount rate and for changes to the current market-based discount rate, amount or timing of the underlying cash flows needed to settle the obligation. As at December 31, 2020 and 2019 the Company does not have any decommissioning obligations.

#### Financial Instruments

The Company classifies its financial assets and financial liabilities in the following measurement categories: (i) those to be measured subsequently at FVTPL; (ii) those to be measured subsequently at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI); and (iii) those to be measured at amortized cost. The classification of financial assets depends on the business model for managing the financial assets and the contractual terms of the cash flows. Financial liabilities are classified as those to be measured at amortized cost unless they are designated as those to be measured subsequently at FVTPL (irrevocable election at the time of recognition). For assets and liabilities measured at fair value, gains and losses are either recorded in profit or loss or other comprehensive income.

All financial instruments are required to be measured at fair value on initial recognition, plus, in the case of a financial asset or financial liability not at FVTPL, transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issuance of the financial asset or financial liability. Transaction costs of financial assets and financial liabilities carried at FVTPL are expensed in profit or loss. Financial assets and financial liabilities with embedded derivatives are considered in their entirety when determining whether their cash flows are solely payment of principal and interest.

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## 3. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Financial assets that are held within a business model whose objective is to collect the contractual cash flows, and that have contractual cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal outstanding are generally measured at amortized cost at the end of the subsequent accounting periods. All other financial assets including equity investments are measured at their fair values at the end of subsequent accounting periods, with any changes taken through profit and loss or other comprehensive income (irrevocable election at the time of recognition). For financial liabilities measured subsequently at FVTPL, changes in fair value due to credit risk are recorded in other comprehensive income.

# Share Capital

Common shares issued by the Company are classified as equity. Costs directly attributable to the issue of common shares, share purchase warrants and share options are recognized as a deduction from equity, net of any related income tax effects.

# **Equity Financing**

The Company engages in equity financing transactions to obtain the funds necessary to continue operations and explore and evaluate mineral properties. These equity financing transactions may involve issuance of common shares or units. Units typically comprise a certain number of common shares and share purchase warrants. Depending on the terms and conditions of each equity financing transaction, the warrants are exercisable into additional common shares at a price prior to expiry as stipulated by the terms of the transaction. The Company has adopted the residual value method with respect to the allocation of proceeds received on sale of units to the underlying common shares and share purchase warrants issued as private placement units. The fair value of the common shares issued in private placements is determined by the closing quoted bid price on the announcement date. The balance, if any, is allocated to the attached share purchase warrants.

# Share-Based Payment Transactions

The share option plan allows Company employees and consultants to acquire shares of the Company. The fair value of share options granted is recognized as a share-based compensation expense with a corresponding increase in the equity settled share-based payments reserve in equity. An individual is classified as an employee when the individual is an employee for legal or tax purposes (direct employee) or provides services similar to those performed by a direct employee.

For employees the fair value is measured at grant date and each tranche is recognized separately on a straight line basis over the period during which the share options vest. The fair value of the share options granted is measured using the Black-Scholes option pricing model taking into account the terms and conditions upon which the share options were granted. At the end of each reporting period, the amount recognized as an expense is adjusted to reflect the actual number of share options that are expected to vest.

Equity-settled share-based payment transactions with non-employees are measured at the fair value of the goods or services received. However, if the fair value cannot be estimated reliably, the share-based payment transaction is measured at the fair value of the equity instruments granted at the date the Company receives the goods or the services.

# Current and Deferred Income Taxes

Income tax expense comprises current and deferred tax. Income tax is recognized in the statement of comprehensive loss, except to the extent that it relates to items recognized in other comprehensive loss or directly in equity. In this case the income tax is also recognized in other comprehensive loss or directly in equity, respectively.

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## 3. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Current Income Tax

The current income tax charge is calculated on the basis of the tax laws enacted or substantively enacted at the statement of financial position date in the countries where the Company's subsidiaries and associates operate and generate taxable income. Management periodically evaluates positions taken in tax returns with respect to situations in which applicable tax regulation is subject to interpretation. It establishes provisions where appropriate on the basis of amounts expected to be paid to the tax authorities.

### Deferred Income Tax

Deferred income tax is recognized, using the liability method, on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the consolidated financial statements. However, the deferred income tax is not accounted for if it arises from initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction other than a business combination that at the time of the transaction affects neither accounting nor taxable profit or loss. Deferred income tax is determined using tax rates (and laws) that have been enacted or substantially enacted by the statement of financial position date and are expected to apply when the related deferred income tax asset is realized or the deferred income tax liability is settled.

Deferred income tax assets are recognized only to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilized.

Deferred income tax is provided on temporary differences arising on investments in subsidiaries, except where the timing of the reversal of the temporary difference is controlled by the Company and it is probable that the temporary difference will not reverse in the foreseeable future. Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets against current tax liabilities and when the deferred income tax assets and liabilities relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority on either the taxable entity or different taxable entities where there is an intention to settle the balances on a net basis.

# Income (Loss) Per Share

Basic income (loss) per share is computed by dividing income available to common shareholders by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. The computation of diluted income (loss) per share assumes the conversion, exercise or contingent issuance of securities only when such conversion, exercise or issuance would have a dilutive effect on income (loss) per share. The dilutive effect of convertible securities is reflected in diluted earnings per share by application of the "if converted" method. The dilutive effect of outstanding options and warrants and their equivalents is reflected in diluted earnings per share by application of the treasury stock method.

# Advances from Joint Venture Partner

When acting as operator of a particular project, the Company typically receives funds in advance of performing exploration work. The Company records such advances as a deferred liability until such time as the applicable costs are incurred, at which point these advances are offset against costs.

# Foreign Currency Translation

Functional and Presentation Currency

Items included in the financial statements of each of the Company's entities are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates ("the functional currency"). The Company's entities' functional currencies are the Canadian dollar and the United States dollar. The consolidated financial statements are presented in Canadian dollars which is the Company's presentation currency.

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## 3. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

The Company's active subsidiaries have the United States dollar as the functional currency. Assets, liabilities and transactions are therefore translated into Canadian dollars using the report date closing exchange rate. Income and expenses are translated into Canadian dollars at the average exchange rate over the reporting period. Exchange differences are presented in other comprehensive income and recognized in the accumulated other comprehensive income.

Foreign Currency Transactions

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing on the dates of the transactions. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at period-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognized in comprehensive income.

## Adoption of New Accounting Standards

Definition of a Business (Amendments to IFRS 3)

Effective January 1, 2020 the Company adopted amendment *Definition of a Business* (Amendments to IFRS 3) to clarify the definition of a business for the purpose of determining whether a transaction should be accounted for as an asset acquisition or a business combination. The amendments:

- clarify the minimum attributes that the acquired assets and activities must have to be considered a business;
- remove the assessment of whether market participants can acquire the business and replace missing inputs or processes to enable them to continue to produce outputs;
- narrow the definition of a business and the definition of outputs; and
- add an optional concentration test that allows a simplified assessment of whether an acquired set of activities and assets is not a business.

There was no impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements upon the adoption of this amendment.

#### Accounting Standards and Interpretations Issued but Not Yet Effective

Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-Current (Amendments to IAS 1)

The IASB has published *Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-Current* (Amendments to IAS 1) which clarifies the guidance on whether a liability should be classified as either current or non-current. The amendments:

- clarify that the classification of liabilities as current or non-current should only be based on rights that are in place "at the end of the reporting period";
- clarify that classification is unaffected by expectations about whether an entity will exercise its right to defer settlement of a liability; and
- make clear that settlement includes transfers to the counter-party of cash, equity instruments, other assets or services that result in extinguishment of the liability.

This amendment is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2022. Earlier application is permitted. The extent of the impact of adoption of this amendment has not yet been determined. There is currently a proposal outstanding that would defer the effective date until January 1, 2023.

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# 4. Investments

During fiscal 2019 the Company sold 43,500 Batero Gold Corp. common shares (the "Batero Shares") and 3,804,348 Adventus Mining Corporation common shares (the "Adventus Shares") for total proceeds of \$3,223,404, recognizing a gain on sale of \$367,316. The Adventus Shares were received from the disposition of the Santiago Concession and Pijili Project, as described in Note 6(b). As of December 31, 2020 and 2019 the Company did not hold any investments.

# 5. Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, Plant and Equipment	Land \$	Drill Rigs and Equipment \$	Total \$
Cost:			
Balance at December 31, 2018 Additions Write-off Cost recoveries (Note 6(a)) Foreign exchange movement	149,300 2,842,082 (2,718,288) (8,331)	1,602,498 596,987 (29,190) (543,672) 623,116	1,751,798 3,439,069 (29,190) (3,261,960) 614,785
Balance at December 31, 2019 Additions Cost recoveries (Note 6(a)) Foreign exchange movement	264,763 1,889,942 (1,753,140) (13,566)	2,249,739 985,603 (503,666) (85,654)	2,514,502 2,875,545 (2,256,806) (99,220)
Balance at December 31, 2020	387,999	2,646,022	3,034,021
Accumulated Depreciation:			
Balance at December 31, 2018  Depreciation  Write-off  Foreign exchange movement	- - - -	(930,273) (146,721) 17,887 (397,076)	(930,273) (146,721) 17,887 (397,076)
Balance at December 31, 2019 Depreciation Foreign exchange movement	- - -	(1,456,183) (161,725) 42,492	(1,456,183) (161,725) 42,492
Balance at December 31, 2020		(1,575,416)	(1,575,416)
Carrying Value:			
Balance at December 31, 2019	264,763	793,556	1,058,319
Balance at December 31, 2020	387,999	1,070,606	1,458,605

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# 6. Exploration and Evaluation Assets

	As at December 31, 2020			
Ecuador	Acquisition Costs \$	Deferred Exploration Costs \$	Foreign Exchange Movement \$	Total \$
Curipamba	_	12,008,151	5,615,044	17,623,195
Other	754,855	2,322,370	(133,211)	2,944,014
	754,855	14,330,521	5,481,833	20,567,209
		As at Decemb	per 31, 2019	
	Acquisition Costs S	Deferred Exploration Costs \$	Foreign Exchange Movement \$	Total \$
Ecuador	J	<b>3</b>	J	3
Curipamba	-	12,654,628	6,139,015	18,793,643
Other	506,969	696,909	(11,058)	1,192,820
	506,969	13,351,537	6,127,957	19,986,463

<b>Exploration and Evaluation Assets</b> (continued)	Curipamba \$	Exploration Alliance \$	Other \$	Total \$
Balance at December 31, 2018	18,823,922	92,526	268,901	19,185,349
Exploration costs				
Assay analysis	251,626	123,336	67,916	442,878
Camp supervision and personnel	319,051	44,371	369,243	732,665
Camp supplies	308,021	25,712	44,718	378,451
Community relations	829,094	12.702	8,125	837,219
Environmental studies Equipment maintenance	61,424	12,792	19,531 20,727	93,747
Exploration site	386,092 642,557	11,293 76,359	80,864	418,112 799,780
Geological	617,882	43,388	1,189	662,459
Geophysics	-	1,143,935	-	1,143,935
Legal	69,683	-	11,227	80,910
Permits	160,595	-	-	160,595
Salaries	2,016,387	265,980	584	2,282,951
Supplies	200,689	-	23,550	224,239
Travel	418,757	83,155	36,839	538,751
	6,281,858	1,830,321	684,513	8,796,692
Acquisition costs	101.761	104.000	277 171	572.022
Property / concession payments	191,761	104,000	277,171	572,932
Other	(( 400.250)	(2.024.210)		(0.512.660)
Cost recoveries  Management fees	(6,489,350) (464,380)	(2,024,310)	-	(8,513,660) (464,380)
Advance payment	(331,700)	-	-	(331,700)
Foreign exchange movement	781,532	(2,537)	(37,765)	741,230
	(6,503,898)	(2,026,847)	(37,765)	(8,568,510)
Balance at December 31, 2019	18,793,643		1,192,820	19,986,463
Exploration costs				
Assay analysis	323,038	-	71,050	394,088
Camp supervision and personnel	113,707	-	677,957	791,664
Camp supplies	-	-	113,969	113,969
Community relations Construction	754,264	-	28,568	782,832
Consulting	144,310 159,388	-	-	144,310 159,388
Depreciation	139,366	-	14,902	14,902
Drilling	1,456,980	-	275,422	1,732,402
Environmental studies	222,408	-	28,913	251,321
Equipment maintenance	373,071	-	35,163	408,234
Exploration site	260,845	-	94,692	355,537
Geological	717,093	-	65,099	782,192
Legal	137,328	-	32,556	169,884
Permits	33,085	-	-	33,085
Salaries	2,562,805	-	2,916	2,565,721
Supplies	22,819	-	96,148	118,967
Travel VAT incurred	215,414 421,253	<u> </u>	51,024 36,082	266,438 457,335
	7,917,808		1,624,461	9,542,269
Acquisition costs	221 000		240.007	450.055
Property / concession payments	231,089		248,886	479,975
Other	(7.007.605)			(7.007.607)
Cost recoveries  Management fees	(7,897,627)	-	-	(7,897,627)
$\mathcal{E}$	(502,950) (335,300)	-	-	(502,950)
Advance navment	(333,300)	-	-	(335,300)
Advance payment Drilling services	(59.407)	_		(39.497)
Advance payment Drilling services Foreign exchange movement	(59,497) (523,971)	<u> </u>	(122,153)	(59,497) (646,124)
Drilling services			(122,153)	

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## 6. Exploration and Evaluation Assets (continued)

The Company holds interests in the following properties in Ecuador:

#### (a) Curipamba Project

The Company owns a 100% interest in seven concessions (the "Curipamba Project") located in the provinces of Bolivar and Los Rios, Ecuador. The Curipamba Project is subject to a 2% net smelter return royalty ("NSR").

On September 14, 2017, as amended September 19, 2019, the Company entered into a definitive option agreement (the "Curipamba Option") whereby Adventus Mining Corporation ("Adventus") may earn (the "Earn-In") a 75% interest in the Company's Curipamba Project by funding costs on the Curipamba Project of US \$25,000,000 over the next five years, including the completion of a feasibility study on the El Domo deposit, subject to certain exceptions. A feasibility study is required to be completed no later than April 30, 2022, after which Adventus is required to fund 100% of the development and construction expenditures to commercial production.

Adventus will provide the Company with non-refundable advance payments of US \$250,000 per year until achievement of commercial production, to a maximum cumulative total of US \$1,500,000. As at December 31, 2020 the Company has received total advance payments of US \$1,000,000 (2019 - US \$750,000).

Upon achievement of commercial production, Adventus will receive 95% of the dividends from the Curipamba Project until its aggregate investment, including the US \$25,000,000, has been recouped minus the approximate Company carrying value of US \$18,200,000 when the Curipamba Option was signed, after which dividends will be shared on a pro-rata basis according to their respective ownership. In certain circumstances where project development is delayed post earn-in, Adventus' ownership position could be diluted.

Adventus has also agreed to pay the Company a 10% management fee on certain expenditures for the duration of the Curipamba Option, with a prescribed minimum annual amount of US \$350,000 by each anniversary date. During fiscal 2020 the Company earned \$502,950 (2019 - \$464,380) in management fees and, as at December 31, 2020, \$148,805 (2019 - \$119,980) remained outstanding and was included in amounts receivable.

During fiscal 2020 Adventus funded a total of \$10,462,071 for costs incurred by the Company, of which \$2,256,806 was applied against property, plant and equipment, \$7,897,627 against exploration and evaluation assets and \$307,638 as an expense recovery.

During fiscal 2019 Adventus funded a total of \$10,214,730 for costs incurred by the Company, of which \$3,261,960 was applied against property, plant and equipment, \$6,489,350 against exploration and evaluation assets and \$463,420 as an expense recovery.

Adventus has notified the Company that, in addition to costs incurred by the Company and funded by Adventus, a total of US \$3,738,558 (December 31, 2019 - US \$2,135,363) of project related costs have been incurred directly by Adventus and as at December 31, 2020 a total of US \$28,841,374 (2019 - US \$18,951,173) had been incurred towards the Earn In.

Funding by Adventus of cash calls is segregated in separate bank accounts and payments are disbursed as approved by Adventus. As at December 31, 2020 the Company has recorded a balance of \$155,340 ( 2019 - \$288,182) as advances from the joint-venture partner and \$215,980 (2019 - \$397,896) of unspent funding remained in restricted cash.

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## 6. Exploration and Evaluation Assets (continued)

Drilling services required by Adventus' exploration program as part of Adventus' Earn-In are being provided by a subsidiary of the Company. As drilling services to third parties are not in the Company's ordinary activities and the drilling services have been contracted with Adventus in which both the Company and Adventus share in the risks and benefits that result from the drilling services Adventus is not considered a customer and the drilling services are not in the scope of IFRS 15 - Revenue from Contracts with Customers. In accordance with IFRS 6 - Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources the Company recognizes all amounts received from drilling services against the carrying amount of the Curipamba exploration and evaluation asset.

# (b) Exploration Alliance

On September 13, 2017, as amended December 21, 2017, the Company and Adventus signed an exploration alliance memorandum of understanding (the "MOU") to jointly explore in Ecuador (the "Alliance"). Under the MOU the venture would be owned 80% by Adventus and 20% by the Company, with the Company operating the Alliance and Adventus funding all activities incurred on behalf of the Alliance up to a construction decision.

#### Dos Gemas

On February 19, 2018 the Company, Adventus and Minera Dos Gemas M2G S.A. ("Dos Gemas") entered into the definitive exploration alliance agreement (the "Exploration Alliance Agreement") to formalize the terms of the MOU. Dos Gemas is owned 80% by Adventus and 20% by the Company. As operator of the Alliance the Company will be paid a 10% operator's fee on all expenditures incurred, subject to an annual maximum fee of US \$200,000 on costs pertaining to surface rights acquisitions. During fiscal 2020 the Company earned \$7,507 (2019 - \$8,740) in operator fees and, as at December 31, 2020, \$6,258 (2019 - \$1,050) has been included in amounts receivable. In addition, commencing fiscal 2020 the Company provided drilling services to Dos Gemas. The Company recorded \$1,397,768 revenue and incurred \$1,327,169 operating costs resulting in \$70,599 in net drill income.

During fiscal 2018 Adventus assumed control of Dos Gemas and, as such, the Company derecognized the assets and liabilities of Dos Gemas from the consolidated financial statements. The remaining 20% investment retained in Dos Gemas was recognized at fair value when control was assumed by Adventus and the Company subsequently accounted for its investment using the equity method. The Company's share of losses exceeds its interest in Dos Gemas and, as such, the Company has discontinued recognizing its share of any further losses as there are no legal or constructive obligations.

# Pijili Project

In August 2017 the Company was awarded three concessions (the "Pijili Project"), located in the province of Azuay, Ecuador. On March 28, 2018 the Company, Adventus and Dos Gemas entered into a letter agreement whereby the Company agreed to transfer the Pijili Project to Dos Gemas under the Alliance upon completion by Adventus of the following considerations:

- (i) on July 17, 2018 the Company received 2,536,232 Adventus common shares at an ascribed value of \$2,028,986, of which \$426 was applied against evaluation and exploration assets on costs capitalized and the remaining \$2,028,560 as a gain on property disposition in fiscal 2018;
- (ii) Adventus was also required to fully fund a US \$1,000,000 exploration budget on the Pijili Project by September 28, 2020. Adventus fulfilled this funding commitment in fiscal 2018; and
- (iii) payment of US \$150,000 cash, of which \$129,320 (US \$100,000) was received by the Company as at December 31, 2018, and the remaining \$66,385 (US \$50,000) was received in August 2019. During fiscal 2018 the Company applied the \$129,320 received, as to \$60,168 against exploration and evaluation assets on costs capitalized and the remaining \$69,152 as a gain on property disposition During fiscal 2019 the Company recorded the \$66,385 as gain on property disposition and an application to legally transfer the Pijili Project to Dos Gemas has been made.

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## 6. Exploration and Evaluation Assets (continued)

During fiscal 2020 the Company earned \$77,583 (2019 -\$46,254) in operator fees and, as at December 31, 2020, \$66,500 (2019 - \$1,766) has been included in amounts receivable.

Santiago Concession

The Company held a 100% interest in a concession (the "Santiago Concession") located in the province of Loja, Ecuador. On May 22, 2018 the Company, Adventus and Dos Gemas entered into an agreement whereby the Company agreed to transfer the Santiago Project to Dos Gemas under the Alliance upon completion of the following considerations:

- (i) on July 17, 2018 the Company received 1,268,116 Adventus common shares at an ascribed value of \$1,014,492, of which \$585,734 was applied against exploration and evaluation assets on costs capitalized and the remaining \$428,758 as a gain on property disposition in fiscal 2018;
- (ii) Adventus was also required to fully fund a US \$500,000 exploration budget on the Santiago Project by May 22, 2020. Adventus fulfilled this funding commitment in March 2019; and
- (iii) payment of US \$75,000 in cash to the Company, of which \$64,365 (US \$50,000) was received during fiscal 2018 and the remaining \$32,753 (US \$25,000) was received in July 2019. During fiscal 2018 the Company applied the \$64,365 against exploration and evaluation assets on costs capitalized. During fiscal 2019 the Company recorded the \$32,753 received as gain on property disposition and completed the official transfer of the Santiago Project to Dos Gemas.

During fiscal 2020 the Company earned \$nil (2019 - \$68,480) in operator fees and other services.

The Santiago Project is subject to a 1.5% net smelter royalty that can be bought out for US \$1,000,000, as well as a 4% net profits interest royalty that is in favour of INV Metals Inc.

# (c) Other

Macara Project

The Macara Project comprises two concessions as follows:

- (i) On November 6, 2017 the Company entered into an option agreement with an Ecuadorian individual (the "Macara Vendor") whereby the Company was granted an option (the "Macara Option") to acquire a 100% interest in one concession (the "Macara Concession") located in the province of Loja, Ecuador. The Macara Vendor is currently an employee of the Company however, at the time the Macara Vendor acquired the Macara concessions they were at arm's length to the Company. Pursuant to the terms of the Macara Option the Company has paid US \$200,000 and agreed to make additional cash payments totalling US \$400,000 (collectively the "Option Proceeds"), as follows:
  - US \$200,000 on the earlier of a NI43-101 resource calculation or November 6, 2021; and
  - US \$200,000 on the earlier of a preliminary economics assessment of November 21, 2024.

The Macara Vendor also retains a 0.5% NSR, which may be purchased by the Company for US \$1,000,000 at any time.

The Macara Vendor has entered into a participation agreement with an employee of the Company and the son of the Company's President to share the Option Proceeds equally.

As at December 31, 2020 the Company has incurred \$243,272 (2019 - \$222,746) of costs on the Macara Project.

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## 6. Exploration and Evaluation Assets (continued)

(ii) In July 2017 the Company was awarded a concession (the "Bonanza Concession") located in the provinces of Loja and Tacamoros, Ecuador. As at December 31, 2020 the Company has incurred \$1,333,267 (2019 - \$703,088) of costs on the Bonanza Concession.

#### Ruminahui Project

The Company owns a 100% interest in two concessions (the "Ruminahui Project") located in the province of Pichincha, Ecuador. As at December 31, 2020 the Company has incurred \$720,023 (2019 - \$139,748) of costs on the Ruminahui Project.

### Los Osos Concession

On March 21, 2019 the Company entered into an option agreement with an Ecuadorian individual (the "Los Osos Vendor"), whereby the Company has been granted the option to acquire up to a 100% interest in one mineral concession ("Los Osos Concession") located in the Province of El Oro, Ecuador. The Los Osos Vendor is currently an employee of the Company however, at the time the Los Osos Vendor acquired the Los Osos concession they were at arm's length to the Company. Pursuant to the terms of the agreement the Company may earn the following interests by payments of:

Interest	Amount US \$	
15%, on March 21, 2019	35,000	(paid)
15%, on March 21, 2020	35,000	(paid)
20%, on March 21, 2021	50,000	(paid April 7, 2021)
25%, on March 21, 2022	65,000	
25%, on March 21, 2023	65,000	_
	250,000	-

The Los Osos Vendor also retains a 1% NSR, which may be purchased by the Company for US \$1,000,000 at any time. As at December 31, 2020 the Company has incurred \$533,955 (2019 - \$14,367) of costs on the Los Osos Concession.

# Los Santos Concession

On December 8, 2020 the Company entered into a binding letter of intent (the "Los Santos LOI") with Minera Mesaloma S.A. ("Mesaloma") whereby the Company may acquire a 100% interest in the Los Santos Concession, located in southwest Ecuador. Pursuant to the terms of the LOI the Company is required to make an initial payment of US \$25,000 (the "Initial LOI Payment") and is required to make an additional payment of US \$50,000 (the "Second LOI Payment") upon receipt of TSXV approval. Upon making the Second LOI Payment the parties are to proceed with the preparation and execution of a definitive agreement under which the Company may then earn the following interests by making option payments (the "Option Payments") of:

Interest	Amount US \$
26%, on first anniversary	150,000
25%, on second anniversary	250,000
10%, on third anniversary	350,000
19%, on fourth anniversary	500,000
10%, on fifth anniversary	700,000
	1,950,000

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## 6. Exploration and Evaluation Assets (continued)

Upon the Company having earned a beneficial 90% interest in the Los Santos Concession the Company may acquire the remaining 10% interest by paying Mesaloma US \$2,000,000 and granting a 1.5% NSR, which may be repurchased by the Company for a price of US \$1,250,000 per 0.5% NSR.

Mesaloma can elect to receive the Second LOI Payment and or any of the Option Payments, in lieu of the respective cash amounts, in units of the Company. Each unit will comprise one common share and one-half share purchase warrant. Each unit will be issuable at the greater of \$0.23 or the five-day volume weighted average price minus a discount of 7.5% from the market price prior to the payment date. Each warrant will be exercisable for 18 months at the greater of \$0.305 or the market price prior to the payment date.

As at December 31, 2020 the Company had paid \$32,620 (US \$25,000) for the Initial LOI Payment and \$53,170 for legal and filing fees. See also Note 14(a).

### 7. Share Capital

(a) Authorized Share Capital

The Company's authorized share capital consisted of an unlimited number of common shares without par value. All issued common shares are fully paid.

(b) Equity Financings

No financings were conducted during fiscal 2020 or fiscal 2019. See also Note 14(b).

(c) Warrants

On February 16, 2019 the Company issued share purchase warrants to Arlington Group Asset Management Limited to purchase 1,000,000 common shares at an exercise price of \$0.12 per share, expiring February 16, 2024, for settlement of debt of \$120,000 for services previously provided.

A summary of the number of common shares reserved pursuant to the Company's outstanding warrants at December 31, 2020 and 2019 and the changes for the years ended on those dates is as follows:

	2020	2020		)
	Number	Weighted Average Exercise Price \$	Number	Weighted Average Exercise Price \$
Balance, beginning of year Issued	1,000,000	0.12	1,000,000	0.12
Balance, end of year	1,000,000	0.12	1,000,000	0.12

As at December 31, 2020 warrants to purchase 1,000,000 common shares at an exercise price of \$0.12 per share, expiring February 16, 2024, were outstanding.

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## 7. Share Capital (continued)

### (d) Share Option Plan

The Company has established a rolling share option plan (the "Plan"), in which the maximum number of common shares which can be reserved for issuance under the Plan is 10% of the issued and outstanding shares of the Company. The minimum exercise price of the options is set at the Company's closing share price on the day before the grant date, less allowable discounts in accordance with the policies of the TSXV. Options granted may be subject to vesting provisions as determined by the Board of Directors and have a maximum term of five years.

During fiscal 2020 the Company granted share options to purchase 100,000 (2019 - 5,472,000) common shares and recorded compensation expense of \$16,000 (2019 - \$516,164). The Company also recorded compensation expense of \$19,418 (2019 - \$nil) on the vesting of share options previously granted. The fair value of share options granted and vested is estimated using the Black-Scholes option pricing model using the following assumptions:

<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
0.34% - 1.89%	1.79% - 1.89%
94% - 100%	100%
5 years	5 years
0%	0%
0%	0%
	0.34% - 1.89% 94% - 100% 5 years 0%

The weighted average measurement date fair value of all share options recognized during fiscal 2020 was \$0.16 (2019 - \$0.10) per share option.

Option-pricing models require the use of estimates and assumptions including the expected volatility. Changes in the underlying assumptions can materially affect the fair value estimates and, therefore, existing models do not necessarily provide reliable measure of the fair value of the Company's share options.

A summary of the Company's share options at December 31, 2020 and 2019 and the changes for the years ended on those dates, is as follows:

	20	2020		2019		
	Number of Options Outstanding	Weighted Average Exercise Price \$	Number of Options Outstanding	Weighted Average Exercise Price \$		
Balance, beginning of year	11,972,000	0.14	7,175,000	0.14		
Granted	100,000	0.22	5,472,000	0.13		
Exercised	(610,000)	0.14	-	-		
Expired		-	(675,000)	0.14		
Balance, end of year	11,462,000	0.14	11,972,000	0.14		

The following table summarizes information about the share options outstanding and exercisable at December 31, 2020:

Number Outstanding	Number Exercisable	Exercise Price \$	Expiry Date
5,575,000	5,575,000	0.14	December 1, 2021
600,000	600,000	0.14	January 15, 2022
1,000,000	625,000	0.12	January 25, 2024
4,187,000	4,187,000	0.135	February 14, 2024
100,000	100,000	0.22	June 15, 2025
11,462,000	11,087,000		

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# 7. Share Capital (continued)

See also Note 14.

# (e) Restricted Share Units ("RSU") Plan

On August 27, 2020 the Company adopted a restricted share unit plan (the "RSU Plan"). The RSU Plan provides for the issuance of up to 1,000,000 restricted share units (the "RSUs"). Under the RSU Plan, RSUs may be granted to directors, officers, employees and consultants of the Company (excluding investor relations consultants) as partial compensation for the services they provide to the Company. The RSU Plan is a fixed number plan, and the number of common shares issued under the RSU Plan, when combined with the number of stock options available under the Company's share option plan, will not exceed 10% of the Company's outstanding common shares.

As at December 31, 2020 no RSUs have been awarded. See also Note 14(d).

### 8. Related Party Disclosures

A number of key management personnel, or their related parties, hold positions in other entities that result in them having control or significant influence over the financial or operating policies of those entities. Certain of these entities transacted with the Company during the reporting period.

# (a) Compensation of Key Management Personnel

During fiscal 2020 and 2019 the following amounts were incurred with respect to the President & Chief Executive Officer ("CEO"), the Chief Financial Officer ("CFO"), and the Executive Vice-President of the Company:

	2020 \$	2019 \$
Salaries and fees	343,749	290,803
Health benefits	6,966	6,939
Share-based compensation	19,418	218,964
	370,133	516,706

As at December 31, 2020 \$14,335 (2019 - \$15,000) remained unpaid and has been included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

### (b) Other Related Party Transactions

(i) During fiscal 2020 and 2019 the following amounts were incurred with respect non-executive directors of the Company:

1 3	2020 \$	2019 \$
Consulting Share-based compensation	114,405	118,161 100,000
	114,405	218,161

As at December 31, 2020 \$nil (2019 - \$3,918) remained unpaid and has been included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

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# 8. Related Party Disclosures (continued)

(ii) During fiscal 2020 the Company incurred a total of \$56,055 (2019 - \$55,738) to Chase Management Ltd. ("Chase"), a private corporation owned by a director of the Company, for accounting and administration services provided by Chase personnel, excluding the director. As at December 31, 2020 \$4,456 (2019 - \$nil) remained unpaid and has been included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

During fiscal 2019 the Company also recorded \$15,000 for share-based compensation for share options granted to Chase.

- (iii) During fiscal 2020 the Company incurred \$151,465 (2019 \$279,967) for equipment rental services and \$148,202 (2019 \$162,601) for professional services provided by a private corporation controlled by the President and the CFO of the Company. As at December 31, 2020 \$95,244 (2019 \$57,982) remained unpaid and has been included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities.
- (iv) During fiscal 2020 the Company incurred \$37,017 (2019 \$31,047) for storage rental provided by a private corporation controlled by the son of the President of the Company.
- (v) During fiscal 2020 the Company incurred \$160,483 (2019 \$10,699) for environmental studies provided by a private corporation controlled by the CFO of the Company.
- (vi) During fiscal 2020 the Company incurred \$6,894 (2019 \$nil) for geological services provided by a private corporation controlled by the CFO of the Company.

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- (vii) See also Note 6(c).
- (c) Certain of the expenses incurred by the Company with related parties and remuneration paid to Company personnel have been recovered from Adventus. See Note 6.

# 9. Income Taxes

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities of the Company as at December 31, 2020 and 2019, are as follows:

	2020 \$	2019 \$
Deferred income tax assets (liabilities):		
Losses available for future periods Financing costs Difference between book value and income tax costs of:	2,765,100	2,282,800 1,700
<ul><li>exploration and evaluation assets</li><li>property, plant and equipment</li></ul>	6,464,400 1,033,400 10,262,900	4,717,000 717,000 7,718,500
Unrecognized deferred tax asset	(10,262,900)	(7,718,500)
Net deferred tax asset		_

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### 9. **Income Taxes** (continued)

The recovery of income taxes shown in the consolidated statements of operations differs from the amounts obtained by employing substantively enacted statutory rates to the loss before provision for income taxes for fiscal 2020 and 2019 as follows:

	2020 \$	2019 \$
Income (loss) before income taxes	(997,462)	(1,320,363)
Statutory tax rate	27.0%	27.0%
Expected income tax expense (recovery)	(269,300)	(356,500)
Foreign income tax rate differences	(7,100)	29,000
Other	7,800	146,100
Change in unrecognized deductible temporary differences	268,600	181,400
Actual income tax expense (recovery)		

As at December 31, 2020 the Company has approximately \$10,198,100 (2019 - \$7,797,600) of non-capital losses carried forward, and unclaimed deductions of \$2,067,800 (2019 - \$2,074,200) for Canadian tax purposes available to offset future income. The non-capital losses expire from 2027 to 2040. The Company also has non-capital losses of approximately \$52,800 (2019 - \$806,300) for Ecuadorian tax purposes.

Deferred income tax benefits which may arise as a result of these losses have not been recognized in the consolidated financial statements as their realization is unlikely.

## 10. Commitments

The Company is obligated to fulfill certain investment obligations on its mineral concessions in Ecuador pursuant to the following rules:

- (a) When applying for new concessions via the public tender process in Ecuador, the Company, either directly or under option agreement, presented its investment offers for each concession. The investment offer represents the total amount that is required to be spent in order to maintain possession of the concession area at the end of the four-year investment period required by the Government of Ecuador. Accordingly, should the Company wish to retain possession of all the concession areas it holds as at December 31, 2020, the Company's commitment for fiscal 2021 is approximately US \$2,300,000.
- (b) Concessions in Ecuador that were not acquired via the public tender process require the Company to submit an annual expenditure plan to the Government of Ecuador outlining the minimum amount of committed expenditures for the upcoming year. The total obligation of the Company for these concession areas for the fiscal 2021 is approximately US \$2,400,000.

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# 11. Financial Instruments and Risk Management

#### Categories of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities

Financial instruments are classified into one of the following categories: FVTPL; FVOCI and amortized cost. The carrying values of the Company's financial instruments are classified into the following categories:

Financial Instrument	Category	December 31, 2020 \$	December 31, 2019 \$
Cash	FVTPL	1,345,851	4,079,065
Restricted cash	FVTPL	215,980	397,896
Amounts receivable	Amortized cost	253,082	123,390
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	Amortized cost	(2,103,828)	(463,840)
Advances from joint-venture partner	Amortized cost	(155,340)	(288,182)

The Company's financial instruments recorded at fair value require disclosure about how the fair value was determined based on significant levels of inputs described in the following hierarchy:

- Level 1 Quoted prices are available in active markets for identical assets or liabilities as of the reporting date. Active markets are those in which transactions occur in sufficient frequency and value to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis.
- Level 2 Pricing inputs are other than quoted prices in active markets included in Level 1. Prices in Level 2 are either directly or indirectly observable as of the reporting date. Level 2 valuations are based on inputs including quoted forward prices for commodities, time value and volatility factors, which can be substantially observed or corroborated in the market place.
- Level 3 Valuations in this level are those with inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market

The recorded amounts for amounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities and due from joint venture partner approximate their fair value due to their short-term nature. The Company's cash, restricted cash and investments under the fair value hierarchy are measured using Level 1 inputs.

The Company's risk exposures and the impact on the Company's financial instruments are summarized below:

#### Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk of loss associated with a counterparty's inability to fulfill its payment obligations. The Company's credit risk is primarily attributable to cash and amounts receivable. Management believes that the credit risk concentration with respect to financial instruments included in cash and amounts receivable is remote.

# Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will not have the resources to meet its obligations as they fall due. The Company manages this risk by closely monitoring cash forecasts and managing resources to ensure that it will have sufficient liquidity to meet its obligations. All of the Company's financial liabilities are classified as current and are anticipated to mature within the next fiscal period. The following table is based on the contractual maturity dates of financial assets and the earliest date on which the Company can be required to settle financial liabilities.

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# 11. Financial Instruments and Risk Management (continued)

		Contractual Matu	rity Analysis at D	ecember 31, 2020	)
	Less than 3 Months \$	3 - 12 Months \$	1 - 5 Years \$	Over 5 Years \$	Total \$
Cash	1,345,851	-	_	_	1,345,851
Restricted cash	215,980	-	-	-	215,980
Amounts receivable	253,082	-	-	-	253,082
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(2,103,828)	-	-	-	(2,103,828)
Advances from joint-venture partner	(155,340)	_	_	_	(155,340)

Market Risk

Market risk is the risk of loss that may arise from changes in market factors such as interest rates, foreign exchange rates, and commodity and equity prices. These fluctuations may be significant.

## (a) Interest Rate Risk

The Company is exposed to interest rate risk to the extent that the cash bears floating rates of interest. The interest rate risk on cash and on the Company's obligations are not considered significant.

# (b) Foreign Currency Risk

The Company's significant subsidiary is located in Ecuador which has adopted the US Dollar as its currency.

The Company also maintains cash deposits in US Dollars with its Canadian bank. As such, the fluctuation of the Canadian Dollar in relation to the US Dollar will have an impact upon the profitability of the Company and may also affect the value of the Company's assets and the amount of shareholders' equity. The Company has not entered into any agreements or purchased any instruments to hedge possible currency risks. At December 31, 2020, 1 Canadian Dollar was equal to 0.79 US Dollar.

Balances are as follows:

	US \$	CDN \$ Equivalent
Cash	287,512	363,939
Restricted cash	169,635	215,980
Amounts receivable	198,176	253,082
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(1,576,823)	(1,995,979)
Advances from joint-venture partner	(122,007)	(155,340)
	(1,043,507)	(1,318,318)

Based on the net exposures as of December 31, 2020 and assuming that all other variables remain constant, a 10% fluctuation on the Canadian Dollar against the US Dollar would result in the Company's comprehensive loss being approximately \$142,000 higher (or lower).

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# 11. Financial Instruments and Risk Management (continued)

Capital Management

The Company manages its capital structure and makes adjustments to it, based on the funds available to the Company, in order to support the acquisition and exploration of mineral properties. The Board of Directors does not establish quantitative return on capital criteria for management, but rather relies on the expertise of the Company's management to sustain development of the business. The Company defines capital that it manages as share capital and cash. The Company will continue to assess new properties and seek to acquire an interest in additional properties if it feels there is sufficient geologic or economic potential and if it has adequate financial resources to do so. Management reviews its capital management approach on an ongoing basis and believes that this approach, given the relative size of the Company, is reasonable.

# 12. Supplemental Cash Flow Information

During fiscal 2020 and 2019 non-cash activities were conducted by the Company as follows:

	2020 \$	2019 \$
Operating activities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		(120,000)
Financing activities		
Issuance of common shares	61,000	-
Share-based payments reserve	(61,000)	-
Issuance of warrants on debt settlement		120,000
		120,000

# 13. Segmented Information

The Company operates in one reportable segment, the exploration and development of unproven exploration and evaluation assets. The Company's exploration and evaluation assets are located in Ecuador and its corporate assets are located in Canada.

		December 31, 2020	
	Corporate Canada \$	Mineral Operations Ecuador \$	Total \$
Current assets	4,067,088	_	4,067,088
Property, plant and equipment	-	1,590,574	1,590,574
Exploration and evaluation assets		20,435,240	20,435,240
	4,067,088	22,025,814	26,092,902
		December 31, 2019	
	Corporate Canada \$	December 31, 2019  Mineral Operations Ecuador \$	Total \$
Current assets		Mineral Operations	
Current assets Property, plant and equipment	Canada \$	Mineral Operations	\$
	Canada \$	Mineral Operations Ecuador \$	\$ 5,214,308

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# 14. Events after the Reporting Period

- (a) In January 2021 the Company received TSXV approval to the Los Santos LOI and, at Mesoloma's election, made the Second LOI Payment through the issuance of 177,283 units comprising 177,283 common shares and 88,642 warrants, with each warrant entitling the holder to acquire an additional common share at a price of \$0.385 per share, expiring July 22, 2022, at a fair value of \$74,458.
- (b) On February 2, 2021 the Company completed a non-brokered private placement of 18,572,000 common shares at \$0.35 per share, for total proceeds of \$6,500,200. The Company paid finders' fees totalling \$390,012 and issued 1,114,320 finders' warrants. Each finders' warrant entitles the holder to purchase one common share of the Company at a price of \$0.35 per share, expiring February 2, 2026.
- (c) On April 6, 2021 the Company granted share options to purchase 1,950,000 common shares of the Company at an exercise price of \$0.29 per share, expiring April 6, 2026. The share options will vest over three years.
- (d) On April 6, 2021 the Company awarded 798,000 RSUs which will vest on April 6, 2023.
- (e) On April 7, 2021 the Company issued 523,514 common shares on the exercise of share options for proceeds of \$73,292.
- (f) See also Note 6(c).