# **BANYAN GOLD CORP.**

# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013

#### **Background**

This discussion and analysis of financial position and results of operations is prepared as at January 30, 2014 and should be read in conjunction with the interim financial statements and the accompanying notes for the quarter ended December 31, 2013 for Banyan Gold Corp. (the "Company"). The financial statements, including comparatives, have been prepared using accounting policies consistent with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"). Except as otherwise disclosed, all dollar figures included therein and in the following management discussion and analysis ("MD&A") are quoted in Canadian dollars.

This MD&A contains "forward-looking statements" that are subject to risk factors set out in the cautionary statement below. Additional information relevant to the Company's activities can be found on SEDAR at www.sedar.com and at www.banyangold.com.

## **Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements**

Certain statements contained in this MD&A, including statements or information that contain terminology such as "probable", "proposed", "anticipated", "may", and similar expressions constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of applicable Canadian securities legislation. All statements, other than statements of historical fact, that address activities, events, or developments that we or a third party expect or anticipate will or may occur in the future, including our future growth, results of operations, performance and business prospects and opportunities are forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements reflect our current beliefs and are based on information currently available to us. These statements require us to make assumptions we believe are reasonable and are subject to inherent risks and uncertainties. Actual results and developments may differ materially from the results and developments discussed in the forward-looking statements as certain of these risks and uncertainties are beyond our control.

Consequently, all of the forward-looking statements made in this MD&A are qualified by these cautionary statements and other cautionary statements or factors contained herein, and there can be no assurance that the actual results or developments will be realized or, even if substantially realized, that they will have the expected consequences to, or effects on, Banyan. These forward-looking statements are made as of the date of this MD&A. Except as required by applicable securities legislation, we assume no obligation to update publicly or revise any forward-looking statements to reflect subsequent information, events, or circumstances.

# **Company Overview**

The Company was incorporated by a Certificate of Incorporation issued pursuant to the provisions of the Alberta Corporations Act ("ABCA") on July 26, 2010 under the name Banyan Coast Capital Corp, which was subsequently changed to Banyan Gold Corp under a certificate of amendment on February 14, 2013. On November 24, 2010, the Company became a reporting issuer in the Provinces of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Ontario.

Banyan Coast Capital Corp. successfully completed its initial public offering raising gross proceeds of \$300,000 on January 25, 2011. A total of two million common shares in the capital of the corporation were subscribed for at a price of 15 cents per share.

Banyan commenced trading on January 27, 2011 on the TSX Venture Exchange and trades under the symbol BYN.

On August 31, 2012, the Company entered into a Letter of Intent (the "LOI") with Argus Metals Corp. ("Argus") to acquire an option to acquire a 100% interest in Hyland Gold Property (the "Hyland Property") in the Watson Lake Mining District of the south eastern Yukon Territory, Canada.

On October 4, 2012, the LOI with Argus was upgraded to a Definite Assignment and Transfer Agreement ("Definitative Agreement"). Under the terms of the agreement, Banyan acquired all of the Vendor's right, title and interest in and to the Property and the Interests pursuant to the Assignment and Transfer Agreement, and in consideration for the Property and the Interests, Banyan agreed to the following payments to Argus Metals:

- (a) payment of \$15,000 in cash (paid upon execution of the Letter of Intent);
- (b) payment of \$20,000 in cash at Closing; and
- (c) delivery of 4,000,000 Banyan Shares at Closing.

Banyan also agreed to assume Argus' obligations under the Underlying Option Agreement. Specifically under such Underlying Option Agreement, the Issuer is obligated to pay \$100,000 and deliver 300,000 Argus common shares to StrataGold Corporation on or prior to the earlier of February 15, 2013 or fifteen days following Closing. In addition, the Vendor will be bound, in respect of the Option Claims and the AMI Claims, by a 2.5% capped net smelter return royalty ("NSR") in favour of Victoria Gold Corp., less existing underlying royalties, with a provisional buyback of 1.5% for \$1,000,000. These claims are also subject to a 1% and 0.25% NSR on all core claims payable to Cash Minerals Ltd. and Strategic Metals Ltd., respectively. Additionally, there is a 1% NSR on 88 of the claims payable to Adrian Resources Ltd. that is capped at \$1.5 million.

On February 15, 2013, the definitive agreement was completed with the issuance of 4,000,000 Banyan shares to Argus in conjunction with a non brokered private placement of 5,000,000 Units at \$0.10 per unit to complete the Company's qualifying Transaction under the rules of the TSX Venture Exchange. A final payment of \$100,000 was also made to Victoria Gold. On March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 the Company completed a non brokered private placement of 2,000,000 Units at \$0.10 per unit.

On August 23, 2013 the Company made a share-based payment to Victoria Gold Corp. to extinguish the obligation assumed from Argus Metal Corp. The consideration for this transaction comprised of 150,000 shares with a fair market value of \$7,500.

The Corporation is engaged in the business of exploration and development of precious metals. The Corporation owns a 100% interest in the Hyland Gold Property ("Property") in the Yukon Territory. The Property contains a Main Zone NI 43-101 Compliant Resource of 361,692 oz gold (12,503,994 tonnes of 0.90 g/t Au) and 2,248,948 oz silver (12,503,994 tonnes of 5.59 g/t Ag).

## **Selected Financial Information**

The following selected financial information is derived from the audited financial statements of the Company prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS").

# Fiscal Quarters of the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2014

| All in \$ Cdn                          | First<br>Quarter | Second<br>Quarter | Third<br>Quarter | Fourth<br>Quarter |
|--|------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Operations:                            |                  |                   |                  |                   |
| Revenues                               | \$ -             |                   |                  |                   |
| Expenses                               | 64,649           |                   |                  |                   |
| Comprehensive Loss                     | (64,649)         |                   |                  |                   |
| Loss per share – basic & fully diluted | (0.00)           |                   |                  |                   |
| Balance Sheet:                         |                  |                   |                  |                   |
| Working Capital                        | 275,813          |                   |                  |                   |
| Total Assets                           | 992,712          |                   |                  |                   |
| Total Long term liabilities            | Nil              |                   |                  |                   |

# Fiscal Quarters of the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2013

| All in \$ Cdn                          | First<br>Quarter | Second<br>Quarter | Third<br>Quarter | Fourth<br>Quarter |
|--|------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Operations:                            |                  |                   |                  |                   |
| Revenues                               | \$ -             | \$ -              | \$ -             | \$ -              |
| Expenses                               | 23,074           | 84,527            | 65,934           | 66,698            |
| Comprehensive Loss                     | (23,074)         | (84,527)          | (65,934)         | (66,698)          |
| Loss per share – basic & fully diluted | (0.01)           | (0.01)            | 0.00             | (0.01)            |
| Balance Sheet:                         |                  |                   |                  |                   |
| Working Capital                        | 146,668          | 610,337           | 538,932          | 342,663           |
| Total Assets                           | 202,898          | 1,178,711         | 1,145,314        | 1,077,227         |
| Total Long term liabilities            | Nil              | Nil               | Nil              | Nil               |

# Fiscal Quarters of the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2012

| All in \$ Cdn                          | First<br>Quarter | Second<br>Quarter | Third<br>Quarter | Fourth<br>Quarter |
|--|------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Operations:                            |                  |                   |                  |                   |
| Revenues                               | \$ -             | \$ -              | \$ -             | \$ -              |
| Expenses                               | 2,903            | 14,267            | 5,192            | 55,436            |
| Comprehensive Loss                     | (2,903)          | (14,267)          | (5,192)          | (55,436)          |
| Loss per share – basic & fully diluted | 0.00             | 0.00              | 0.00             | (0.02)            |
| Balance Sheet:                         |                  |                   |                  |                   |
| Working Capital                        | 262,540          | 259,637           | 245,370          | 169,742           |
| Total Assets                           | 269,120          | 246,274           | 243,643          | 235,972           |
| Total Long term liabilities            | Nil              | Nil               | Nil              | Nil               |

#### **Results of Operations**

# **Hyland Property**

#### 2013 Work Program

During the late summer and early fall of 2013, the Corporation conducted a co-incident soil/rock geochemical sampling program designed to follow-up on 6 discreet, high-priority regional geochemical soil samples collected from the Hyland Property by previous operators in 2011.

In total,419 total samples (376 soils and 43 rocks) were collected and analyzed during the 2013 program. Highlights from the soil sampling program are summarized below:

Gold (Au)-in-soils results ranging from trace to 0.191 g/t Au with a mean of 0.016 g/t Au. Arsenic (As)-in-soils results ranging from trace to 597.3g/t As with a mean of 33.65 g/t As. Silver (Ag)-in-soils results ranging from trace to 2.9g/t Ag with a mean of 0.16 g/t Ag.

\*Anomalous gold-in-soils samples are considered >25ppb Au (0.025 g/t A) in the Hyland Project area as determined through statistical analyses of the >10,000 historic soils from the property database.

In specific the 2013 Hyland mineral exploration program culminated in the discovery of the Montrose Ridge Zone on the South Hyland Property, 6.5km south of the Hyland Main Zone) and co-incident with the identified >12 km long Quartz Lake Structure which is interpreted to control gold mineralization identified on the Hyland Project.

### **Analysis of Hyland Expenditures:**

|                       | September 30, 2013 | December 31, 2013 |
|-----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Acquisition           | 550,800            | 550,800           |
| Filing Fees           | 1,598              | 5,058             |
| Travel                | 4,241              | 4,240             |
| Contractors           | 91,555             | 91,555            |
| Assays                | 16,810             | 16,810            |
| Supplies              | 8,574              | 8,574             |
| Equipment Rentals     | 10,290             | 10,290            |
| Balance at Period End | \$ 683,868         | \$ 687,327        |

During the quarter ended December 31, 2013, the Company recorded a net loss of \$(64,649), vs a loss of \$(23,074) for the quarter ended December 31, 2012. The current quarter loss is the result of the Company completing becoming an active exploration company vs the comparison period. Specifically, the Company has begun to incur management fees (\$31.5K in 2013 vs nil in 2012) regarding the running of the company and looking at accretive acquisitions as well as increased transfer agent fees (\$2.0K in 2013 vs \$0K in 2012), travel related expenses (\$3.2K in 2013 vs \$0.9K in 2012) and professional fees (\$10.5K vs \$3.0K).

## Additional Disclosure for Venture Issuers without Significant Revenue

Since the Corporation has no revenue from operations, the following is a breakdown of general and admin expenses and material costs incurred in the last two comparative periods:

| General & Admin & Material Costs | Quarter Ended     | Quarter Ended     |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                                  | December 31, 2013 | December 31, 2012 |
| General & Admin:                 |                   |                   |
| Professional Services            | 10,500            | 3,000             |
| Travel                           | 3,186             | 898               |
| Transfer Agent Fees              | 2,020             | 0                 |
| Shareholder Com – AGM            | 29                | 0                 |
| Office Supplies                  | 174               | 118               |
| Profession Dues                  | 290               | 0                 |
| Telephone                        | 799               | 120               |
| Courier & Postage                | 248               | 20                |
| Interest & Bank Charges          | 6                 | 62                |
| Other Material Costs:            |                   |                   |
| Management Fees                  | 31,500            | 0                 |
| Filing Fees                      | 2,877             | 13,555            |
| Audit                            | 7,000             | 2,000             |

## **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

The accompanying interim financial statements are presented on a going concern basis, which assumes the Company will continue to realize its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of operations.

The Company does not generate cash flows from operations and has therefore relied principally on the issuance of equity securities to finance its operation activities to the extent that such instruments are issuable under terms acceptable to the Company.

If future financing is unavailable, the Company may not be able to meet its ongoing obligations, in which case the realizable values of its assets may decline materially from current estimates. The financial statements do not include any adjustments to the amounts and classification of assets and liabilities that might be necessary should the Company be unable to continue operations.

From inception to December 31, 2013, the Company raised gross proceeds of \$1,100,050 from the sale of its common shares, including \$700,000 in the year ended September 30, 2013.

As at December 31, 2013, the Company had working capital of \$275,813 (2012 - \$146,668) which should be sufficient to fund the company thru the next fiscal year. The Company has no contractual obligations and the recent Hyland work program will maintain the Company in good standing beyond the September 30, 2014 fiscal year.

#### **Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

None

#### **Proposed Transactions**

None

#### **Transactions With Related Parties**

For the quarter, \$42,000 was expensed to the corporation by the three officers of the Company. \$31,500 has been billed to management fees and \$10,500 to professional fees.

# **Critical Judgments and Accounting Estimates**

These financial statements, including comparatives have been prepared using accounting policies consistent with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS").

The preparation of these 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 financial statements and the reported expenses during the period. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

Significant assumptions about the future and other sources of estimation uncertainty that management has made at the end of the reporting period, that could results in a material adjustment to the carry amounts of assets and liabilities in the event that actual results differ from assumptions made, relate to, but are not limited to, the following:

- i) the recoverability of receivables which are included in the statements of financial position;
- ii) the inputs used in accounting for stock-based compensation expense, which are included in the statement of operations.

## Foreign Exchange

The functional currency is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates. The functional currency is the Canadian dollar. The functional currency determinations were conducted through an analysis of the consideration factors identified in IAS 21, The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates.

Transactions in currencies other than the Canadian dollar are recorded at exchange rates prevailing on the dates of the transactions. At the end of each reporting period, the monetary assets and liabilities of the Company that are denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange at the statement of financial position date while non-monetary assets and liabilities are translated at historical rates. Revenues and expense are translated at the exchange approximating those in effect on the date of the transactions. Exchange gains and losses arising on translation are included in the consolidated statements of operations.

#### Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are comprised of cash on deposit and highly liquid short-term interest bearing variable rate investments with an original maturity of three months or less, which are readily convertible into a known amount of cash.

#### **Financial instruments**

#### Financial assets

The Company classifies its financial assets into one of the following categories, depending on the purpose for which the asset was acquired. The Company's accounting policy for each category is as follows:

- Fair value through profit or loss This category comprises derivatives, or assets acquired or incurred principally for the purpose of selling or repurchasing it in the near term. They are carried in the statement of financial position at fair value with changes in fair value recognized in the statement of operations.
- Loans and receivables These assets are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. They are carried at cost less any provision for impairment. Individually significant receivables are considered for impairment when they are past due or when other objective evidence is received that a specific counterparty will default.
- Held-to-maturity investments These assets are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments and fixed maturities that the Company's management has the positive intention and ability to hold to maturity. These assets are measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method. If there is objective evidence that the investment is impaired, determined by reference to external credit ratings and other relevant indicators, the financial asset is measured at the present value of estimated future cash flows. Any changes to the carrying amount of the investment, including impairment losses, are recognized in the statement of operations.

#### Financial liabilities

The Company classifies its financial liabilities into one of two categories, depending on the purpose for which the liability was entered into. The Company's accounting policy for each category is as follows:

Fair value through profit or loss - This category comprises derivatives, or liabilities incurred principally for the purpose of selling or repurchasing it in the near term. They are carried in the statement of financial position at fair value with changes in fair value recognized in the statement of operations.

Other financial liabilities: They are measured in the statement of financial position at amortized cost using the effective interest method.

The Company has classified its cash and cash equivalents as fair value through profit and loss. The Company's receivables are classified as loans and receivables. The Company's accounts payable and accrued liabilities are classified as other financial liabilities.

#### **Impairment**

At the end of each reporting period, the Company's assets are reviewed to determine whether there is any indication that those assets may be impaired. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment, if any. The recoverable amount is the higher of fair value less costs to sell and value in use. Fair value is determined as the amount that would be obtained from the sale of the asset in an arm's length transaction between knowledgeable and willing parties. 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 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. For an asset that does not generate largely independent cash inflows, the recoverable amount is determined for the cash generating unit to which the asset belongs.

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, but to an amount that 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.

#### Interest income

Interest income is recognized as it accrues in the statement of income, using the effective interest method.

#### Loss per share

The Company presents basic loss per share for its common shares, calculated by dividing the loss attributable to common shareholders of the Company by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted loss per share does not adjust the loss attributable to common shareholders or the weighted average number of common shares outstanding when the effect is anti-dilutive.

## **Share-based payments**

The Company may grant stock options to acquire common shares of the Company to directors, officers, employees and consultants. An individual is classified as an employee when the individual is an employee for legal or tax purposes, or provides services similar to those performed by an employee.

The fair value of stock options is measured on the date of grant, using the Black-Scholes option pricing model, and is recognized over the vesting period. Consideration paid for the shares on the exercise of stock options is credited to share capital.

In situations where equity instruments are issued to non-employees and some or all of the goods or services received by the entity as consideration cannot be specifically identified, they are measured at fair value of the share-based payment. Otherwise, share-based payments are measured at the fair value of goods or services received.

#### **Income Taxes**

The income tax expense or benefit for the period consists of two components: current and deferred. Income tax expense is recognized in the statements of comprehensive loss except to the extent it relates to an item recognized directly in equity or other comprehensive income.

Current tax is the expected tax payable or receivable on the taxable profit or loss for the year. Current tax is calculated using tax rates and laws that were enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date in each of the jurisdictions and includes any adjustments for taxes payable or recovery in respect of prior periods.

Deferred tax is recognized using the liability method, on temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for tax

purposes. However, the deferred tax is not recognized 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 nor loss. Deferred tax is determined using tax rates (and laws) that have been enacted or substantially enacted by the reporting date and are expected to apply when the related deferred tax asset is realized or the deferred tax liability is settled.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset if there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax liabilities and assets, and they relate to income taxes levied by the same tax authority on the same taxable entity, or on different tax entities, but they intend to settle current tax liabilities and assets on a net basis or their tax assets and liabilities will be realized simultaneously.

A deferred tax asset is recognised to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which the temporary difference can be utilised. 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.

#### Mineral exploration and evaluation expenditures

Pre-exploration costs are expensed in the year in which they are incurred. Once the legal right to explore a property has been acquired, costs directly related to exploration and evaluation expenditures are recognized and capitalized, in addition to the acquisition costs. These direct expenditures include such cost as: materials used, surveying costs, geological costs, drilling costs, travel to and from the site, and payments made to contractors. Costs not directly attributable to exploration and evaluation activities, including general and administrative overhead, are expensed in the year in which they occur.

## Rehabilitation provision

The Company is subject to various government laws and regulations relating to environmental disturbances caused by exploration and evaluation activities. The Company records the present value of the estimated costs of restoration obligation it the year in which the obligation is incurred. When the liability is recognized, the present value of the estimated costs is capitalized by increasing the carrying amount of the related exploration properties. The discounted liability is increased for the changes in present value based on current market discount rates and liability specific risks.

#### Segment reporting

The Company determined that it only had one operating segment.

#### Capital risk management

The company's objective when managing capital is to maintain its ability to continue as a going concern in order to provide returns for shareholders and benefits for other stakeholders. The Company is currently not subject to externally imposed capital requirements. The Company does not pay out dividends. The Company's investment policy is to invest its short-term excess cash in secure deposits in large Canadian financial institutions. To secure additional capital to pursue future exploration and acquisitions, the Company may attempt to raise additional funds through the issuance of debt and or equity.

## **Future Accounting Policies**

The following new standard has been issued but is not yet applicable to the Company:

#### (i) IFRS 9 Financial instruments:

As part of the project to replace IAS 39, Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement, this standard retains but simplifies the mixed measurement model and establishes two primary measurement categories for financial assets. More specifically, the standard:

- deals with classification and measurement of financial assets;
- establishes two primary measurement categories for financial assets: amortized cost and fair value:
- prescribes that classification depends on entity's business model and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial asset;
- eliminates the existing categories: held to maturity, available for sale, and loans and receivables.

Certain changes were also made regarding the fair value option for financial liabilities and accounting for certain derivatives linked to unquoted equity instruments.

This standard is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2015. The Company will adopt this standards when they become effective. The Company has currently not assessed the impact of adopting this standard.

#### **Risks and Uncertainties**

The Company's financial performance is likely to be subject to the following risks:

The Issuer is a relatively new company with limited operating history and no history of business or mining operations, revenue generation or production history. The Issuer was incorporated on July 26, 2010 and has yet to generate a profit from its activities. The Issuer will be subject to all of the business risks and uncertainties associated with any new business enterprise, including the risk that it will not achieve its growth objective. The Issuer anticipates that it may take several years to achieve positive cash flow from operations.

# Exploration, Development and Operating Risks

The exploration for and development of minerals involves significant risks, which even a combination of careful evaluation, experience and knowledge may not eliminate. Few properties which are explored are ultimately developed into producing mines. There can be no guarantee that the estimates of quantities and qualities of minerals disclosed will be economically recoverable. With all mining operations there is uncertainty and, therefore, risk associated with operating parameters and costs resulting from the scaling up of extraction methods tested in pilot conditions. Mineral exploration is speculative in nature and there can be no assurance that any minerals discovered will result in an increase in the Issuer's resource base.

The Issuer's operations will be subject to all of the hazards and risks normally encountered in the exploration, development and production of minerals. These include unusual and unexpected geological formations, rock falls, seismic activity, flooding and other conditions involved in the extraction of material, any of which could result in damage to, or destruction of, mines and other producing facilities, damage to life or property, environmental damage and possible legal liability. Although precautions to minimize risk will be taken, operations are subject to hazards that may result

in environmental pollution, and consequent liability that could have a material adverse impact on the business, operations and financial performance of the Issuer.

## Substantial Capital Requirements and Liquidity

Substantial additional funds for the establishment of the Issuer's current and planned exploration program and potential mining operations will be required. No assurances can be given that the Issuer will be able to raise the additional funding that may be required for such activities, should such funding not be fully generated from operations, mineral prices, environmental rehabilitation or restitution. Revenues, taxes, transportation costs, capital expenditures and operating expenses and geological results are all factors which will have an impact on the amount of additional capital that may be required. To meet such finding requirements, the Issuer may be required to undertake additional equity financing, which would be dilutive to shareholders. Debt financing, if available, may also involve restrictions on financing and operating activities. There is no assurance that additional financing will be available on terms acceptable to the Issuer or at all. If the Resulting Issuer is unable to obtain additional financing as needed, it may be required to reduce the scope of its operations or anticipated expansion, and pursue only those development plans that can be funded through cash flows generated from its existing operations.

## Fluctuating Mineral Prices

The economics of mineral exploration is affected by many factors beyond the Issuer's control including, commodity prices, the cost of operations, variations in the grade of minerals explored and fluctuations in the market price of minerals. Depending on the price of minerals, it may be determined that it is impractical to continue the mineral exploration operation.

Mineral prices are prone to fluctuations and the marketability of minerals is affected by government regulation relating to price, royalties, allowable production and the importing and exporting of minerals, the effect of which cannot be accurately predicted. There is no assurance that a profitable market will exist for the sale of any minerals found on the Property.

## Regulatory Requirements

The current or future operations of the issuer require permits from various governmental authorities, and such operations are and will be governed by laws and regulations governing exploration, development, production, taxes, labour standards, occupational health, waste disposal, toxic substances, land use, environmental protection, site safety and other matters. Companies engaged in the exploration and development of mineral properties generally experience increased costs and delays in development and other schedules as a result of the need to comply with the applicable laws, regulations and permits. There can be no assurance that all permits which the Issuer may require for the facilities and conduct of exploration and development operations will be obtainable on reasonable terms or that such laws and regulation would not have an adverse effect on any exploration and development project which the Resulting Issuer might undertake.

Failure to comply with applicable laws, regulations and permitting requirements may result in enforcement actions including orders issued by regulatory or judicial authorities causing operations to cease or be curtailed and may include corrective measures requiring capital expenditures, installation of additional equipment or remedial actions. Parties engaged in exploration and development operations may be required to compensate those suffering loss or damage by reason of the exploration and development activities and may have civil or criminal fines or penalties imposed upon them for violation of applicable laws or regulations. Amendments to current laws, regulation and permits governing operations and activities of mineral companies, or more stringent implementation thereof, could have a material adverse impact on the Issuer and cause increases in capital expenditures or exploration and development costs or require abandonment or delays in the development of new properties.

### Financing Risks and Dilution to Shareholders

The Issuer has limited financial resources. If the Issuer's exploration programs on the Property are successful, additional funds will be required for the purposes of further exploration and development. There can be no assurance that the Issuer will be able to obtain adequate financing in the future or that such financing will be available on favourable terms or at all. It is likely such additional capital will be raised through the issuance of additional equity which will result in dilution to the Issuer's shareholders.

#### Requirement for Permits and Licenses

A substantial number of additional permits and licenses may be required should the Issuer proceed beyond exploration; such licenses and permits may be difficult to obtain and may be subject to changes in regulations and in various operational circumstances. It is uncertain whether the Issuer will be able to obtain all such licenses and permits.

#### Competition

There is competition within the mining industry for the discovery and acquisition of properties considered to have commercial potential. The Issuer will compete with other mining companies, many of which have greater financial, technical and other resources than the Issuer, for, among other things, the acquisition of minerals claims, leases and other mineral interests as well as for the recruitment and retention of qualified employees and other personnel.

## Reliance on Management and Dependence on Key Personnel

The success of the Issuer is currently largely dependent upon on the performance of its directors and officers and the ability to attract and retain its key personnel. The loss of the services of these persons may have a material adverse effect on the Issuer's business and prospects. The Issuer will compete with numerous other companies for the recruitment and retention of qualified employees and contractors. There is no assurance that the Issuer can maintain the service of its directors and officers or other qualified personnel required to operate its business. Failure to do so could have a material adverse effect on the Resulting Issuer and its prospects.

#### No Mineral Reserves

Mineral reserves are, in the large part, estimates and no assurance can be given that the anticipated tonnages and grades will be achieved or that the indicated level of recovery will be realized. Reserve estimates for properties that have not yet commenced production may require revision based on actual production experience. Market price fluctuations of metals, as well as increased production costs or reduced recovery rates may render mineral reserves containing relatively lower grades of mineralization uneconomic and may ultimately result in a restatement of reserves. Moreover, short-term operating factors relating to the mineral reserves, such as the need for orderly development of the ore bodies and the processing of new or different mineral grades may cause a mining operation to be unprofitable in any particular accounting period.

## **Environmental Risks**

The Issuer's exploration and appraisal programs will, in general, be subject to approval by regulatory bodies. Additionally, all phases of the mining business present environmental risks and hazards and are subject to environmental regulation pursuant to a variety of international conventions and state and municipal laws and regulations. Environmental legislation provides for, among other things, restrictions and prohibitions on spills, releases or emissions of various substances produced in association with mining operations. The legislation also requires that wells and facility sites be

operated, maintained, abandoned and reclaimed to the satisfaction of applicable regulatory authorities. Compliance with such legislation can require significant expenditures and a breach may result in the imposition of fines and penalties, some of which may be material. Environmental legislation is evolving in a manner expected to result in stricter standards and enforcement, larger fines and liability and potentially increased capital expenditures and operating costs.

## Governmental Regulations and Licenses and Permits

The activities of the Issuer are subject to provincial and federal approvals, various laws governing prospecting, development, land resumptions, production taxes, labour standards and occupational health, mine safety, toxic substances and other matters. Although the Issuer believes that its activities are currently carried out in accordance with all applicable rules and regulations, no assurance can be given that new rules and regulations will not be enacted or that existing rules and regulations will not be applied in a manner which could limit or curtail production or development. Amendments to current laws and regulations governing operations and activities of exploration and mining, or more stringent implementation thereof, could have a material adverse impact on the business, operations and financial performance of the Issuer. Further, the licenses and permits issued in respect of its projects may be subject to conditions which, if not satisfied, may lead to the revocation of such licenses. In the event of revocation, the value of the Issuer's investments in such projects may decline.

#### Local Resident Concerns

Apart from ordinary environmental issues, work on, or the development and mining of the Property could be subject to resistance from local residents that could either prevent or delay exploration and development of the Property.

# **Conflicts of Interest**

Certain of the directors and officers of the Issuer will be engaged in, and will continue to engage in, other business activities on their own behalf and on behalf of other companies (including mineral resource companies) and, as a result of these and other activities, such directors and officers of the Issuer may become subject to conflicts of interest. The ABCA provides that in the event that a director has a material interest in a contract or proposed contract or agreement that is material to the issuer, the director shall disclose his interest in such contract or agreement and shall refrain from voting on any matter in respect of such contract or agreement, subject to and in accordance with the ABCA. To the extent that conflicts of interest arise, such conflicts will be resolved in accordance with the provisions of the ABCA.

#### Uninsurable Risks

Exploration, development and production operations on mineral properties involve numerous risks, including unexpected or unusual geological operating conditions, rock bursts, cave-ins, fires, floods, earthquakes and other environmental occurrences. It is not always possible to obtain insurance against all such risks and the Issuer may decide not to insure against certain risks as a result of high premiums or other reasons. Should such liabilities arise, they could have an adverse impact on the Issuer's results of operations and financial condition and could cause a decline in the value of the Issuer Share. The Issuer does not intend to maintain insurance against environmental risks.

#### **Investor Relations Activities**

The Company does not have any investor relations arrangements.

# **Outstanding Share Data**

The Company's authorized share capital is unlimited common shares without par value. As at December 31, 2013, there are 14,484,000 issued and outstanding common shares, 333,400 stock options exercisable at \$0.15 and expiring on January 25, 2021 and 2,500,000 common share purchase warrants exercisable at \$0.15 until February 14, 2014 and a further 1,000,000 common share purchase warrants exercisable at \$0.15 until March 1, 2014.

# **Subsequent Event**

None

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