## CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019

(Expressed in Canadian Dollars)

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## **Independent Auditor's Report**

To the Shareholders of Murchison Minerals Ltd.

## **Opinion**

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Murchison Minerals Ltd. and its subsidiaries (the "Company"), which comprise the consolidated statements of financial position as at December 31, 2020 and 2019, and the consolidated statements of loss and comprehensive loss, consolidated statements of 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 consolidated financial position of the Company as at December 31, 2020 and 2019 and its consolidated financial performance and its consolidated 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. 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 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 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, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

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

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with IFRS, 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 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 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 judgement 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 risks 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

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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.

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 of the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is Koko Yamamoto.

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Chartered Professional Accountants Licensed Public Accountants

Toronto, Ontario March 17, 2021

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

(Expressed in Canadian Dollars) As at December 31,

	2020	2019
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash	\$ 2,062,411	\$ 1,434,347
Amounts receivable and prepaid expenses (Note 6)	90,923	164,187
Total current assets	2,153,334	1,598,534
Investment (Note 7)	3,402	2,196
Property and equipment (Note 8)	71,580	11,056
Total assets	\$ 2,228,316	\$ 1,611,786
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (Note 14)	\$ 100,439	\$ 35,769
Flow-through share premium liability (Notes 10 and 15)	130,459	330,349
Total liabilities	230,898	366,118
EQUITY		
Share capital (Note 10)	32,305,495	29,934,685
Reserves (Notes 11 and 12)	1,019,705	745,135
Deficit	(31,327,782)	(29,434,152)
	1,997,418	1,245,668
Total equity		

Approved on Behalf of the Board
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"signed"	"signed"
Jean-Charles Potvin	Denis Arsenault
Director	Director

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF LOSS AND COMPREHENSIVE LOSS

(Expressed in Canadian Dollars)

For the years ended December 31,

	2020	2019
EXPENSES		
Exploration expenses (Note 9)	\$ 1,781,549 \$	894,935
Professional fees	41,309	34,589
Management fees and salaries (Note 14)	215,213	194,359
Office and general	63,380	55,804
Regulatory and transfer agent	10,396	15,753
Investor relations	127,054	145,561
Share-based payments (Notes 12 and 14)	301,170	305,380
Loss before the under noted	2,540,071	1,646,381
Interest income	(3,347)	(7,732)
Flow-through shares premium	(429,413)	(167,977)
Unrealized gain on marketable securities (Note 7)	(1,206)	(86)
Loss for the year	\$ 2,106,105 \$	1,470,586
Loss per share - basic and diluted	\$ 0.03 \$	0.03
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding - basic and diluted	71,316,783	47,443,350

## MURCHISON MINERALS LTD. **CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EQUITY** (Expressed in Canadian Dollars)

		_	Rese	rves	<u> </u>		
	Share Capital	sl	quity settled hare-based payments reserve	,	Warrants reserve	Deficit	Total
Balance, December 31, 2018	\$ 28,895,886	\$	808,011	\$	458,456	\$ (29,002,753) \$	1,159,600
Net loss for the year	- · · · · · · · · · -		-		_	(1,470,586)	(1,470,586)
Issuance of common shares (net of issue costs)	1,038,799		-		-	-	1,038,799
Issuance of stock options	-		305,380		_	-	305,380
Expiry of stock options	-		(580,731)		_	580,731	-
Issuance of warrants	-		_		212,475	-	212,475
Expiry of warrants	-		-		(458,456)	458,456	
Balance, December 31, 2019	\$ 29,934,685	\$	532,660	\$	212,475	\$ (29,434,152) \$	1,245,668
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Net loss for the year	- · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				_	(2,106,105)	(2,106,105)
Issuance of common shares (net of issue costs)	2,370,810		-		_	-	2,370,810
Issuance of stock options	-		301,170		-	-	301,170
Issuance of warrants	-		-		185,875	-	185,875
Expiry of warrants	-		-		(212,475)	212,475	
Balance, December 31, 2020	\$ 32,305,495	\$	833,830	\$	185,875	\$ (31,327,782) \$	1,997,418

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(Expressed in Canadian Dollars)

For the years ended December 31,

	2020	2019
CASH (USED IN) PROVIDED BY:		
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Loss for the year	\$ (2,106,105)	\$ (1,470,586)
Share-based payments	301,170	305,380
Flow-through shares premium	(429,413)	(167,977)
Unrealized gain on marketable securities	(1,206)	(86)
Amortization	16,163	3,160
Common shares issued for mineral property	-	65,000
	(2,219,391)	(1,265,109)
Net change in non-cash working capital items:	(2,21),351)	(1,203,107)
Amounts receivable and prepaid expenses	73,264	(3,528)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	64,670	(102,430)
	(2.004.475)	(4.054.055)
Net cash flows used by operating activities	(2,081,457)	(1,371,067)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of property and equipment	(76,687)	(14,216)
Net cash flows used by investing activities	(76,687)	(14,216)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Issuance of securities	2,960,703	1,711,070
Issue costs	(174,495)	(68,137)
Promissory note issuance	200,000	-
Promissory note repayment	(200,000)	-
Net cash flows provided by financing activities	2,786,208	1,642,933
NET CHANGE IN CASH	628,064	257,650
CASH, BEGINNING OF THE YEAR	1,434,347	1,176,697
CASH, END OF THE YEAR	\$ 2,062,411	\$ 1,434,347

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements December 31, 2020 and 2019

(Expressed in Canadian Dollars)

#### 1. NATURE AND CONTINUANCE OF OPERATIONS

Murchison Minerals Ltd. (the "Company" or "Murchison") was incorporated under the Canada Business Corporations Act on July 25, 2001. The principal business of the Company is the acquisition, exploration and evaluation of mineral property interests. The primary office is located at Suite 100, 5063 North Service Road, Burlington, Ontario, Canada, L7L 5H6.

The consolidated financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on March 17, 2021.

The business of mining and exploring for minerals involves a high degree of risk and there can be no assurance that planned exploration and evaluation programs will result in profitable mining operations. The continuance of the Company is dependent upon completion of the acquisition of the exploration and evaluation properties, the discovery of economically recoverable reserves, confirmation of the Company's interest in the underlying mineral claims, the ability of the Company to obtain necessary financing to complete the development and future profitable production or, alternatively, upon disposition of such property at a profit. Changes in future conditions could require material write downs of the carrying values of the Company's assets.

Although the Company has taken steps to verify title to its exploration and evaluation properties, in accordance with industry standards for the current stage of exploration of such property, these procedures do not guarantee the Company's title. Property title may be subject to unregistered prior agreements and noncompliance with regulatory and environmental requirements. The Company's assets may also be subject to increases in taxes and royalties, renegotiation of contracts, currency exchange fluctuations and restrictions and political uncertainty.

As at December 31, 2020, the Company has a cumulative deficit of \$31,327,782 (December 31, 2019 - \$29,434,152), continuing losses and is not yet generating positive cash flows from operations. However, management believes that its current working capital position is sufficient to support planned operations for the next twelve months.

These consolidated financial statements were prepared on a going-concern basis in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"). Funding for operations has been obtained primarily through private share offerings. Future operations are dependent upon the Company's ability to finance expenditure requirements and upon the achievement of profitable operations. Management believes it will be successful in raising the necessary funding to continue operations in the normal course of operations; however, there is no assurance that these funds will be available on terms acceptable to the Company or at all (See Note 16). These consolidated financial statements do not include adjustments to the amounts and classification of assets and liabilities that might be necessary should the Company be unable to continue operations. Such adjustments could be material.

## 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

## Statement of compliance

These consolidated financial statements, including comparatives, have been prepared in accordance with IFRS.

### Basis of presentation

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis except for investment which has been presented at fair value. In addition, these consolidated financial statements have been prepared using the accrual basis of accounting except for cash flow information.

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements December 31, 2020 and 2019

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## 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

## Basis of consolidation

Subsidiaries are entities over which the Company has control, where control is defined to exist when the Company is exposed to variable returns from its involvement with the investee and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the investee. Subsidiaries are fully consolidated from the date control is transferred to the Company, and are de-consolidated from the date control ceases.

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries. All intercompany transactions, balances, income and expenses are eliminated upon consolidation.

The following companies have been consolidated within these consolidated financial statements:

Company	Registered	Principal activity
Murchison Minerals Ltd.	Ontario, Canada	Parent company
Flemish Gold Corp.	Ontario, Canada	Exploration company

## Foreign currencies

The functional currency, as determined by management of the Company and each of its subsidiaries is the Canadian Dollar. For the purposes of the consolidated financial statements, the results and financial position are expressed in Canadian Dollars.

Transactions in currencies other than the functional currency are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the period-end exchange rates are recognized in profit or loss. Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are not re-translated.

## Financial instruments

Financial assets at amortized cost are financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. Such assets are initially recognized at fair value plus any directly attributable transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition, they are measured using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses.

A financial asset is classified as fair value through profit and loss ("FVPL") if it is classified as held for trading or is designated as such upon initial recognition. Financial assets are designated as FVPL if the Company manages such investments and makes purchases and sale decisions based on their fair value in accordance with the Company's documented risk management or investment strategy. Realized and unrealized gains and losses are reflected in the consolidated statement of loss. Transaction costs associated with FVPL financial assets are expensed as incurred, while transaction costs associated with all other financial assets are included in the initial carrying amount of the asset. The Company has designated its investments in marketable securities as FVPL.

## Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements December 31, 2020 and 2019

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## 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

### Financial instruments (continued)

Financial liabilities at amortized cost are recognized initially at fair value net of any directly attributable transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition, these financial liabilities are measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method. The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortized cost of a financial liability and of allocating interest and any transaction costs over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments through the expected life of the financial liability or (where appropriate) to the net carrying amount on initial recognition. Financial liabilities are de-recognized when the obligations are discharged, cancelled or expired.

## Impairment of financial assets:

Financial assets are assessed for indicators of impairment at the end of each reporting period. Financial assets are impaired when there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial assets, the estimated future cash flows of the financial assets have been negatively impacted. Evidence of impairment could include:

- significant financial difficulty of the issuer or counterparty; or
- default or delinquency in interest or principal payments; or
- the likelihood that the borrower will enter bankruptcy or financial re-organization.

The carrying amount of financial assets is reduced by any impairment loss directly for all financial assets with the exception of amounts receivable, where the carrying amount is reduced through the use of a provision for expected credit losses. When an account receivable is considered uncollectible, it is written off against the provision for expected credit losses account. Changes in the carrying amount of the provision for expected credit losses are recognized in profit or loss.

If, in a subsequent period, the amount of the impairment loss decreases and the decrease can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment was recognized, the previously recognized impairment loss is reversed through the consolidated statement of loss to the extent that the carrying amount of the financial asset at the date the impairment is reversed does not exceed what the amortized cost would have been had the impairment not been recognized.

#### Financial instruments recorded at fair value:

Financial instruments recorded at fair value on the consolidated statements of financial position are classified using a fair value hierarchy that reflects the significance of the inputs used in making the measurements. The fair value hierarchy has the following levels:

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

As at December 31, 2020, the Company's *Investment* on the consolidated statement of financial position was recorded at Level 1 with a fair value of \$3,402 (December 31, 2019 - \$2,196).

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements December 31, 2020 and 2019

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## 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

## Impairment of non-financial assets

At the end of each reporting period, the Company reviews the carrying amounts of its non-financial assets with finite lives to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. Where such an indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less cost to sell or its value in use. In addition, long-lived assets that are not amortized are subject to a periodic impairment assessment. The Company evaluates impairment losses for potential reversals when events or circumstances warrant such consideration.

#### Exploration and evaluation properties

The acquisition costs of exploration and evaluation properties are expensed the consolidated statements of loss in the period incurred, as permitted under IFRS 6, Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources.

The acquisition costs of exploration and evaluation properties include the cash consideration and the estimated fair market value of share-based payments issued for such property interests.

Exploration costs are expensed in the period incurred. Option payments which are solely at the Company's discretion are recorded as acquisition costs as they are made. Administrative expenditures are expensed in the period incurred.

## Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents in the statement of financial position comprise cash at banks, on hand and short-term money market investments with original maturities of 90 days or less which are readily convertible into a known amount of cash. The Company's cash and cash equivalents are invested with major financial institutions in business accounts and are available on demand by the Company. When cash and cash equivalents include an amount to be incurred in relation to a flow-through commitment, an amount equal to the minimum commitment is kept in a separate bank account. As at December 31, 2020 and 2019, the Company had no cash equivalents.

#### **Provisions**

A provision is recognized when the Company has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation, and the amount of the obligation can be reliably estimated. If the effect is material, provisions are determined by discounting the expected future cash flows at a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and, where appropriate, the risks specific to the liability.

A provision for onerous contracts is recognized when the expected benefits to be derived by the Company from a contract are lower than the unavoidable cost of meeting its obligations under the contract.

The Company had no material provisions at December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019.

## Property and equipment

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

The cost of an item of property 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. Repairs and maintenance costs are charged to profit or loss during the period in which they are incurred.

## Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements December 31, 2020 and 2019

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## 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

## Property and equipment (continued)

An asset's residual value, useful life and amortization method are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, on an annual basis.

An item of property 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.

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

Amortization is recognized based on the cost of an item of property and equipment, less its estimated residual value, over its estimated useful life at the following rates:

Detail	Rate	Method
Exploration equipment	3 years	Straight-line
Buildings	20 years	Straight-line

## Share-based payment transactions

The fair value of stock options granted to employees is recognized as an expense over the vesting period with a corresponding increase 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, including directors of the Company.

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

Where the terms of an equity-settled award are modified, the minimum expense recognized is the expense as if the terms had not been modified. An additional expense is recognized for any modification which increases the total fair value of the share-based payment arrangement, or is otherwise beneficial to the employee as measured at the date of modification. Unexercised expired and modified stock option values are transferred to deficit.

Where equity instruments are granted to non-employees, they are recorded at the fair value of the goods or services received in the statement of comprehensive loss. When the value of goods or services received in exchange for the share-based payment cannot be reliably estimated, the transaction is measured at the fair value of the equity instrument granted.

#### Income taxes

Income tax on the profit or loss for the periods presented comprises current and deferred tax. Income tax is recognized in profit or loss except to the extent that it relates to items recognized directly in equity, in which case it is recognized in equity.

Current tax expense is the expected tax payable on the taxable income for the period, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at period end, adjusted for amendments to tax payable with regards to previous years.

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements December 31, 2020 and 2019

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## 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Deferred tax is for temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for taxation purposes. The following temporary differences are not provided for: goodwill not deductible for tax purposes and the initial recognition of assets or liabilities that affect neither accounting nor taxable profit. The amount of deferred tax provided is based on the expected manner of realization or settlement of the carrying amount of assets and liabilities, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the financial position reporting date.

A deferred tax asset is recognized only to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which the asset can be utilized.

#### Equity

Share capital, stock options, warrants and broker units are classified as equity. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issuance of shares, warrants and broker units are recognized as a deduction from equity and allocated between share capital and warrants. Expired stock options and warrants are transferred to deficit.

## Flow-through shares

The Company finances some exploration expenditures through the issuance of flow-through shares. The resource expenditure deductions for income tax purposes are renounced to investors in accordance with the appropriate income tax legislation. When the common shares are offered, the difference ("premium") between the amount recognized in common shares and the amount the investors pay for the shares is recognized as a flow-through share related liability which is reversed into the consolidated statement of loss when the eligible expenditures are incurred. The amount recognized as a flow-through share related liability represents the difference between the quoted price of the common shares and the amount the investor pays for the flow-through shares. The Company indemnifies the subscribers of flow-through shares for additional taxes payable by the subscribers if the Company does not meet its expenditure requirements.

#### Restoration, rehabilitation and environmental obligations

A legal or constructive obligation to incur restoration, rehabilitation and environmental costs may arise when environmental disturbance is caused by the exploration, development or ongoing production of a property interest. Such costs arising from the decommissioning of plant and other site preparation work, discounted to their net present value, are provided for and capitalized at the start of each project to the carrying amount of the asset, as soon as the obligation to incur such costs arises. Discount rates using a pretax rate that reflects the time value of money are used to calculate the net present value. These costs are charged against profit or loss over the economic life of the related asset, through amortization using either a unit-of-production or the straight-line method as appropriate. 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. Costs for restoration of subsequent site damage that is created on an ongoing basis during production are provided for at their net present values and charged against profits as extraction progresses.

The Company has no material restoration, rehabilitation and environmental costs as at December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019 as the disturbance to date is minimal.

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements December 31, 2020 and 2019

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## 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### Loss per share

The Company presents basic and diluted loss per share data 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. The diluted loss per share is determined by adjusting the loss attributable to common shareholders and the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the effects of all warrants, finders' warrants and stock options outstanding that may add to the total number of common shares. Diluted loss per share does not include the effect of stock options, warrants and finders' warrants as they are anti-dilutive. See Notes 11 and 12.

#### Warrants

Warrants are recognized at fair value on the date of grant and are measured using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. Unexercised expired warrants are transferred to deficit.

## Significant accounting judgments and estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires the Company's management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions about future events that affect the amounts reported in the consolidated financial statements and related notes to the financial statements. Although these estimates are based on management's best knowledge of the amounts, events or actions, actual results may differ from those estimates.

The areas which require management to make significant judgments, estimates and assumptions in determining carrying values include, but are not limited to:

- Assets' carrying values and impairment charges

In the determination of carrying values and impairment charges, management looks at the recoverable amount, being the higher of value in use and fair value less costs to sell in the case of non-financial assets and at objective evidence, significant or prolonged decline of fair value on financial assets indicating impairment. These determinations and their individual assumptions require that management make a decision based on the best available information at each reporting period.

#### -Income and other taxes

The Company is subject to income, value added, withholding and other taxes. Significant judgment is required in determining the Company's provisions for taxes. There are many transactions and calculations for which the ultimate tax determination is uncertain during the ordinary course of business. The Company recognizes liabilities for anticipated tax audit issues based on estimates of whether additional taxes will be due. The determination of the Company's income, value added, withholding and other tax liabilities requires interpretation of complex laws and regulations. The Company's interpretation of taxation law as applied to transactions and activities may not coincide with the interpretation of the tax authorities. All tax related filings are subject to government audit and potential reassessment subsequent to the financial statement reporting period. Where the final tax outcome of these matters is different from the amounts that were initially recorded, such differences will impact the tax related accruals and deferred income tax provisions in the period in which such determination is made.

## - Share-based payments

Management determines costs for share-based payments using market-based valuation techniques. The fair value of the market-based and performance-based non-vested share awards are determined at the date of grant using generally accepted valuation techniques. Assumptions are made and judgment is used in applying valuation techniques. These assumptions and judgments include estimating the future volatility of the stock price, expected dividend yield, future employee turnover rates and future employee stock option exercise behaviors and corporate performance. Such judgments and assumptions are inherently uncertain. Changes in these assumptions affect the fair value estimates. The Company currently estimates the expected volatility of its common shares based on historical volatility taking into consideration the expected life of the options and warrants.

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements December 31, 2020 and 2019

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## 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

## New accounting policies

Certain pronouncements were issued by the IASB or the IFRIC that are mandatory for accounting periods commencing on or after January 1, 2020. Many are not applicable or do not have a significant impact to the Company and have been excluded. Adoption of these pronouncements is mandatory for entities with year ends beginning on or after January 1, 2020.

IAS 1 – Presentation of Financial Statements ("IAS 1") and IAS 8 – Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors ("IAS 8") were amended in October 2018 to refine the definition of materiality and clarify its characteristics. The revised definition focuses on the idea that information is material if omitting, misstating or obscuring it could reasonably be expected to influence decisions that the primary users of general purpose financial statements make on the basis of those financial statements. The adoption of these amendments did not have any material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

#### Government grants

Government grants are transfers of resources to an entity by government in return for past or future compliance with certain conditions relating to the operating activities of the entity. Government assistance is action by government designed to provide an economic benefit that is specific to an entity or range of entities qualifying under certain criteria.

Government grants and assistance are recognized where there is a reasonable assurance that the grants and assistance will be received, and conditions will be complied with. Government grants and assistance are recognized as an offset to the expenses to which they relate.

A government grant that becomes receivable as compensation for expenses or losses already incurred or for the purpose of giving immediate financial support to the entity with no future related costs is recognized in profit or loss of the period in which it becomes receivable.

#### Future accounting policies

Certain pronouncements were issued by the IASB or the IFRIC that are mandatory for accounting periods commencing on or after January 1, 2021. Many are not applicable or do not have a significant impact to the Company and have been excluded. Management is currently evaluating the impact of these new pronouncements on the consolidated financial statements.

IFRS 10 – Consolidated Financial Statements ("IFRS 10") and IAS 28 – Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures ("IAS 28") were amended in September 2014 to address a conflict between the requirements of IAS 28 and IFRS 10 and clarify that in a transaction involving an associate or joint venture, the extent of gain or loss recognition depends on whether the assets sold or contributed constitute a business. The effective date of these amendments is yet to be determined, however early adoption is permitted.

IAS 1 – Presentation of Financial Statements ("IAS 1") was amended in January 2020 to provide a more general approach to the classification of liabilities under IAS 1 based on the contractual arrangements in place at the reporting date. The amendments clarify that the classification of liabilities as current or noncurrent is based solely on a company's right to defer settlement at the reporting date. The right needs to be unconditional and must have substance. The amendments also clarify that the transfer of a company's own equity instruments is regarded as settlement of a liability, unless it results from the exercise of a conversion option meeting the definition of an equity instrument. The amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on January 1, 2023.

IAS 37 – Provisions, Contingent Liabilities, and Contingent Assets ("IAS 37") was amended. The amendments clarify that when assessing if a contract is onerous, the cost of fulfilling the contract includes all costs that relate directly to the contract – i.e. a full-cost approach. Such costs include both the incremental costs of the contract (i.e. costs a company would avoid if it did not have the contract) and an allocation of other direct costs incurred on activities required to fulfill the contract – e.g. contract management and supervision, or depreciation of equipment used in fulfilling the contract. The amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on January 1, 2022.

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#### 3. CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

The Company manages its capital with the following objectives:

- to ensure sufficient financial flexibility to achieve the ongoing business objectives including funding of future growth opportunities, and pursuit of accretive acquisitions; and
- to maximize shareholder return through enhancing the share value.

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

The Company considers its capital to consist of equity, comprising share capital, reserves and deficit which at December 31, 2020 totalled \$1,997,418 (December 31, 2019 - \$1,245,668). The Company manages capital through its financial and operational forecasting processes. The Company reviews its working capital and forecasts its future cash flows based on operating expenditures, and other investing and financing activities. The forecast is regularly updated based on its exploration and development activities. Selected information is regularly provided to the Board of Directors of the Company. The Company's capital management objectives, policies and processes have remained unchanged during the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019. The Company is not subject to any capital requirements imposed by a regulator or lending institution.

## 4. FINANCIAL RISK FACTORS

The Company's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks: credit risk, liquidity risk and market risk (including interest rate, foreign exchange rate and commodity price risk).

Risk management is carried out by the Company's management team under policies approved by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors also provides regular guidance for overall risk management. There have been no changes in the risks, objectives, policies and procedures during the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019.

### 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 balances and amounts receivable. Cash is held with reputable banks, from which management believes the risk of loss to be remote. Financial instruments included in amounts receivable consist of sales tax receivable and refundable tax credits from government authorities in Canada. Management believes that the credit risk concentration with respect to financial instruments included in amounts receivable is remote.

## Liquidity risk

The Company's approach to managing liquidity risk is to ensure that it will have sufficient liquidity to meet liabilities when due. As at December 31, 2020, the Company had a cash balance of \$2,062,411 (December 31, 2019 - \$1,434,347) to settle accounts payable and accrued liabilities of \$100,439 (December 31, 2019 - \$35,769). All of the Company's financial liabilities generally have contractual maturities of less than 30 days and are subject to normal trade terms.

#### 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 prices.

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## 4. FINANCIAL RISK FACTORS (Continued)

#### Interest rate risk

The Company has cash balances and no interest-bearing debt. The Company's current policy is to invest excess cash in certificates of deposit or interest bearing accounts at major Canadian chartered banks. The Company periodically monitors the investments it makes and is satisfied with the creditworthiness of its Canadian chartered banks. Management believes that interest rate risk is minimal as cash and cash equivalents investments have maturities of three months or less.

### Foreign currency risk

The Company's functional and presentation currency is the Canadian dollar. Limited expenditures are transacted in foreign currencies. As a result, the Company purchases these foreign currencies as needed.

## Commodity price risk

Commodity price risk could adversely affect the Company. In particular, the Company's future profitability and viability of development depends upon the world market price of commodities. Commodity prices have fluctuated widely in recent years. There is no assurance that, even as commercial quantities of base and/or precious metals may be produced in the future, a profitable market will exist for them. A decline in the market price of commodities may also require the Company to reduce its mineral resources, which could have a material and adverse effect on the Company's value. As at December 31, 2020, the Company is not a commodities producer. As a result, commodity price risk may affect the completion of future equity transactions such as equity offerings and the exercise of stock options and warrants. This may also affect the Company's liquidity and its ability to meet its ongoing obligations.

## Sensitivity analysis

Based on management's knowledge and experience, the Company believes the following movements are "reasonably possible" over a one-year period:

(i) Based on cash balances earning interest at December 31, 2020, a 1% change in interest rates would result in a corresponding interest income change of approximately \$20,600 for the one-year period.

## 5. CATEGORIES OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

		December 2020	December 2019
Financial assets:			
Amortized cost	¢	2.062.411	¢ 1.424.247
Cash FVTPL	\$	2,062,411	\$ 1,434,347
Investment		3,402	2,196
Financial liabilities:			
Amortized cost			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$	100,439	\$ 35,769

As of December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019, the fair value of all the Company's current financial instruments approximates the carrying value, due to their short-term nature.

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## 6. AMOUNTS RECEIVABLE AND PREPAID EXPENSES

	December 2020	December 2019	
Sales tax receivable Prepaid expenses and advances	\$ 81,703 \$ 9,220	20,478 143,709	
	\$ 90,923 \$	164,187	

## 7. INVESTMENT

The Company's investment is classified as fair value through profit and loss ("FVPL") and is carried at fair value. The balance is comprised of the following:

Number of shares		December 2020	December 2019
First Mining Gold Corp.	8,612	\$ 3,402 \$	2,196

The Company holds 8,612 (2019 - 8,612) common shares of First Mining Gold Corp. The unrealized gain of \$1,206 for the year ended December 31, 2020 (2019 - \$86) was recognized on the consolidated statement of loss.

## 8. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

	Buildings	Exploration dings equipment			Total
Year ended December 31, 2019					
Opening net book amount	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-
Additions	-		14,216		14,216
Amortization for the period	-		(3,160)		(3,160)
Closing net book amount	\$ 	\$	11,056	\$	11,056
At December 31, 2019					
Cost	\$ -	\$	14,216	\$	14,216
Accumulated amortization	-		(3,160)		(3,160)
Net book amount	\$ -	\$	11,056	\$	11,056
Year ended December 31, 2020					
Opening net book amount	\$ -	\$	11,056	\$	11,056
Additions	48,866		27,821		76,687
Amortization for the period	(2,151)		(14,012)		(16,163)
Closing net book amount	\$ 46,715	\$	24,865	\$	71,580
At December 31, 2020					
Cost	\$ 48,866	\$	42,037	\$	90,903
Accumulated amortization	(2,151)		(17,172)		(19,323)
Net book amount	\$ 46,715	\$	24,865	\$	71,580

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#### 9. EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION PROPERTIES

#### Canada

## Brabant Lake Property - Saskatchewan

As at December 31, 2020, the Company holds a 100% interest in certain claims forming the Brabant Lake property in Saskatchewan.

## HPM Property - Quebec

On February 28, 2019, the Company announced the acquisition of the other 50% interest held by joint venture partner Pure Nickel Inc. in the nickel-copper-cobalt HPM property. On March 5, 2019, as per the agreement and following the TSX Venture Exchange approval, the Company paid \$50,000 and issued 500,000 common shares of the Company valued at \$65,000 to Pure Nickel Inc. See Note 10. The Company now owns 100% of the HPM property in Québec.

The following table sets out the exploration expenses for the last two years:

	Ι	December 31, 2020		cember 31, 2019
Brabant Lake				
Amortization	\$	16,163	\$	3,160
Drilling		868,116		-
General Administrative		2,000		3,425
Geology		292,709		519,173
Geophysics		371,275		225,641
Mineral Property and Staking		4,421		17,340
Total Brabant Lake	\$	1,554,684	\$	768,740
	Ι	December 31, 2020	De	cember 31, 2019

	D	2020	De	2019
HPM				
Geology		86,425		-
Geophysics		135,008		=
Mineral Property and Staking		5,432		116,857
Total HPM	\$	226,865	\$	116,857

#### **Government Assistance**

The Saskatchewan Targeted Mineral Exploration Incentive ("TMEI") supports the diversification of Saskatchewan's mineral sector by encouraging exploration for base metals, precious metals, and diamonds as well as other components such as airborne geophysical data and complementary ground-based geoscience investigations.

The TMEI provides up to \$50,000 financial assistance in the form of a grant to eligible exploration companies that undertake exploration drilling for base metals, precious metals, or diamonds.

In 2020, the Company received \$50,000 under the TMEI in relation to the drilling completed in the winter 2020. This amount has been recorded as a reduction of the Brabant Lake exploration drilling expenses on the statement of loss for the year ended December 31, 2020.

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#### 10. SHARE CAPITAL

## (a) Authorized Share Capital

The Company's authorized share capital consists of an unlimited number of common shares.

### (b) Issued

	Number	Amount
Balance - December 31, 2018	44,209,881	\$ 28,895,886
Issuance of common shares for mineral property (i)	500,000	65,000
Issuance of flow-through shares (ii) (iii)	15,811,901	1,461,070
Flow-through premium (ii) (iii)	-	(456,659)
Issuance of common shares (iii)	4,166,667	250,000
Warrants (iii)	-	(225,150)
Issue costs (ii) (iii)	-	(55,462)
Balance – December 31, 2019	64,688,449	\$ 29,934,685
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Issuance of common shares (v)	6,614,600	429,949
Issuance of flow-through shares (iv)(v)(vi)(vii)	27,633,128	2,530,754
Flow-through premium (iv)(v)(vi)	-	(229,523)
Warrants (v)(vii)	-	(185,875)
Issue costs (iv)(v)(vi)(vii)	-	(174,495)
Balance – December 31, 2020	98,936,177	\$ 32,305,495

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>(i)</sup> On March 5, 2019, the Company completed the acquisition of the remainder 50% interest in the nickel-copper-cobalt HPM property held by joint venture partner Pure Nickel Inc. by making a cash payment of \$50,000 and issuing 500,000 common shares of the Company valued at \$65,000 to Pure Nickel Inc. based on the quoted market price of the Company's shares on the date of issuance. See Note 9.

The fair value of the warrants was estimated at \$225,150 using the Black-Scholes option model pricing with the following assumptions: expected dividend yield of 0%, expected volatility of 131%, risk-free interest rate of 1.70%, expected life of 1 year and share price of \$0.05. Issue costs of \$12,675 were allocated to the warrants.

Finder's fees totaling \$36,770 were paid under the private placement. A director of the Company participated in the private placement for a total of \$237,760. See Note 14.

<sup>(</sup>ii) On June 19 and 27, 2019, the Company completed a non-brokered flow-through private placement and issued 3,714,545 flow-through common shares priced at \$0.11 per share for gross proceeds of \$408,600 of which \$130,009 was allocated to the flow-through premium. Finders' fees of \$3,000 were also paid. Officers of the Company acquired 260,000 flow-through common shares for gross proceeds of \$28,600. See Note 14.

<sup>(</sup>iii) On December 12, 2019, Murchison completed a non-brokered private placement and issued 4,166,667 common share units (the "Units") at a price of \$0.06 per Unit and 12,097,356 flow-through units (the "FT Units") at a price of \$0.087 per FT Unit for aggregate gross proceeds of \$1,302,470 of which \$326,650 was allocated to the flow-through premium. Each Unit consisted of one common share of the Company and one full common share purchase warrant. Each warrant entitles the holder to acquire one additional common share until December 12, 2020 at an exercise price of \$0.10 per Share. Each FT Unit consisted of one flow-through common share of the Company and one full non flow-through common share purchase warrant having the terms as the warrant issued as part of the Unit. All securities issued pursuant to the private placement are subject to a four month hold period from the date of issue.

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## 10. SHARE CAPITAL (Continued)

- (iv) On June 24, 2020, the Company completed a non-brokered flow-through private placement and issued 2,285,714 flow-through common shares priced at \$0.0875 per share for gross proceeds of \$200,000 of which, \$17,143 was allocated to the flow-through premium. Finders' fees of \$12,000 were also paid.
- (v) On July 23 and August 13, 2020, the Company completed two tranches of a non-brokered private placement for gross proceeds of \$841,949. The Company issued 6,614,600 common share units at a price of \$0.065 per unit and issued 5,150,000 flow-through units at a price of \$0.08 per FT unit. Each common share unit consisted of one common share of the Company and one full common share purchase warrant. Each warrant entitles the holder to acquire one additional common share for a period of eighteen months at an exercise price of \$0.12 per warrant. Each FT unit consisted of one flow-through common share and one-half non flow-through common share purchase warrant with each full warrant being exercisable under the same terms. Finders' fees of \$29,910 were paid in relation to the private placement and \$128,170 was allocated to the flow-through premium.

The fair value of the warrants was estimated at \$182,760 using the Black-Scholes option model pricing with the following assumptions: expected dividend yield of 0%, expected volatility of 147% based on historical trading of the Company's shares, risk-free interest rate of 0.26%, expected life of 1.5 years and share price of \$0.045.

An officer and a director of the Company acquired, in aggregate, 4,000,000 units and 500,000 flow-through units for gross proceeds of \$300,000. See Note 14.

- (vi) On December 9, 2020, the Company completed a non-brokered flow-through private placement and issued 4,210,525 flow-through common shares priced at \$0.095 per share for gross proceeds of \$400,000 of which, \$84,210 was allocated to the flow-through premium. Finders' fees of \$24,000 were paid.
- (vii) On December 29 and 30, 2020, the Company completed a non-brokered flow-through private placement in tranches and issued 15,986,889 flow-through common shares priced at \$0.095 per share for gross proceeds of \$1,518,754. Finder's fees totalling \$76,402 were paid and an aggregate of 534,233 finders' warrants were issued. Each finder's warrant entitles the holder to acquire one common share of the Company at a price of \$0.12 per share until December 31, 2021. A director of the Company participated in the private placement for a total of \$427,500. See Note 14.

The fair value of the finders' warrants was estimated at \$12,855 using the Black-Scholes option model pricing with the following assumptions: expected dividend yield of 0%, expected volatility of 85%, risk-free interest rate of 0.20%, expected life of 1 year and share price of \$0.10.

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## 11. WARRANTS AND FINDERS' WARRANTS

The following summarizes the warrants and finders' warrants activity for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019:

	Number of Warrants	_	Frant Date Fair Value		
Balance - December 31, 2018	4,844,970	\$	458,456	\$	0.24
Expired	(4,844,970)		(458,456)		0.24
Issued	16,264,023		212,475		0.10
Balance – December 31, 2019	16,264,023	\$	212,475	\$	0.10
Balance - December 31, 2019	16,264,023	\$	212,475	\$	0.10
Expired	(16,264,023)		(212,475)		0.10
Issued	9,723,833		185,875		0.12
Balance – December 31, 2020	9,723,833	\$	185,875	\$	0.12

As at December 31, 2020, the Company had warrants and finders' warrants outstanding as follows:

Date of Grant	Number of Warrants	Exercise Price (\$)	Grant Date Fair Value (\$)	Expiry Date	Remaining Contractual Life (years)
July 23, 2020	8,552,100	0.12	161,012	January 23, 2022	1.07
August 13, 2020	637,500	0.12	12,008	February 13, 2022	1.12
December 30, 2020	534,233	0.12	12,855	December 31, 2021	1.00
	9,723,833		185,875		1.07

## 12. STOCK OPTIONS

The Company maintains a stock option plan whereby certain key employees, officers, directors and consultants may be granted stock options for common shares of the Company. The maximum number of common shares that is issuable under the plan was fixed at 10% of the number of common shares issued and outstanding (a maximum of 5% of the number of common shares issued and outstanding may be held by any one person). Options expire after a maximum period of five years following the date of grant. Vesting provisions are determined at the time of each grant.

The following summarizes the stock option activity for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019:

	Number of Stock Options	Weighted Average Exercise Price	
Balance - December 31, 2018	3,502,800	\$	0.30
Granted (i) (ii)	3,965,000		0.09
Expired	(2,312,800)		0.35
Balance – December 31, 2019	5,155,000		0.12
Balance - December 31, 2019	5,155,000	\$	0.12
Granted (iii) (iv)	4,100,000		0.10
Balance – December 31, 2020	9,255,000		0.11

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## 12. STOCK OPTIONS (Continued)

- <sup>(i)</sup> On March 6, 2019, the Company granted 665,000 stock options exercisable at \$0.095 for 5 years to directors, officers and consultants of the Company. The grant date fair value of these options of \$61,180 was estimated using the Black Scholes valuation model with the following weighted average assumptions: risk free interest rate -1.69%, expected volatility -186%, expected dividend yield -0%, expected forfeiture rate of -0% and expected life -5 years. The options vested immediately and the \$61,180 fair value was recorded as share-based payment on the consolidated statement of loss for the year ended December 31, 2019.
- (ii) On December 23, 2019, the Company granted 3,300,000 stock options exercisable at \$0.085 for 5 years to directors and officers of the Company. The grant date fair value of these options of \$244,200 was estimated using the Black Scholes valuation model with the following weighted average assumptions: risk free interest rate -1.65%, expected volatility -132%, expected dividend yield -0%, expected forfeiture rate of -0% and expected life -5 years. The options vested immediately and the \$244,200 fair value was recorded as share-based payment on the consolidated statement of loss for the year ended December 31, 2019.
- (iii) On July 20, 2020, the Company granted 400,000 stock options exercisable at \$0.10 for 5 years to an investor relations consultant of the Company. The grant date fair value of \$23,200 was estimated using the Black Scholes valuation model with the following weighted average assumptions: risk free interest rate -0.34%, expected volatility -116%, expected dividend yield -0%, expected forfeiture rate of -0% and expected life -5 years. The options are vesting over 1 year with 25% every 3 months. The share-based compensation expense is recognized based on the vesting periods and \$16,270 was recorded on the consolidated statement of loss for the year ended December 31, 2020.
- (iv) On December 31, 2020, the Company granted 3,700,000 stock options exercisable at \$0.10 for 5 years to directors and officers of the Company. The options grant date fair value of \$284,900 was estimated using the Black Scholes valuation model with the following weighted average assumptions: risk free interest rate -0.39%, expected volatility -116%, expected dividend yield -0%, expected forfeiture rate of -0% and expected life -5 years. The options vested immediately and the \$284,900 fair value was recorded as share-based payment on the consolidated statement of loss for the year ended December 31, 2020.

As at December 31, 2020, the Company had incentive stock options issued to directors, officers, employees and key consultants of the Company outstanding as follows:

Date of Grant	Options Outstanding <sup>(1)</sup>	Exercise Price (\$)	Grant Date Fair Value (\$)	Expiry Date	Remaining Contractual Life (years)
September 27, 2016	305,000	0.30	75.945	September 27, 2021	0.74
January 10, 2018	885,000	0.19	151,335	January 10, 2023	2.03
March 6, 2019	665,000	0.095	61,180	March 6, 2024	3.18
December 23, 2019	3,300,000	0.085	244,200	December 23, 2024	3.98
July 20, 2020	400,000	0.10	23,200	July 20, 2025	4.55
December 31, 2020	3,700,000	0.10	284,900	December 31, 2025	5.00
	9,255,000	0.11	840,760		4.06
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 $<sup>\</sup>overline{(1)}$  All options are exercisable, except for 300,000 granted on July 20, 2020 (100,000 vest on each of January 20, 2021, April 20, 2021 and July 20, 2021).

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## 13. INCOME TAXES

## (a) Provision for income taxes

Major items causing the Company's income tax to differ from the combined Canadian federal and provincial statutory rate of 27% (2019 - 27%) were as follows:

	2020 \$	2019 \$	
Combined Canadian statutory income tax rate	27%	27%	
Loss before income taxes	(2,106,105)	(1,470,586)	
Expected income tax recovery based on the statutory rate Adjustment to expected income tax benefit:	(564,000)	(394,000)	
Expiry of losses	-	-	
Differences in tax rates and foreign exchange	-	2,000	
Permanent differences and other	81,000	329,000	
Deferred tax assets not recognized	483,000	63,000	
Deferred income tax provision (recovery)	-	-	

## (b) Deferred income tax

Deferred income tax assets have not been recognized in respect of the following deductible temporary differences:

	2020 \$	2019 \$
Capital losses	20,209,000	20,209,000
Non-capital losses	17,530,000	16,956,000
Resource properties	5,399,000	4,580,000
Share issue costs - Canada	236,000	201,000
Other	519,000	431,000
otal	43,893,000	42,377,000

<sup>(</sup>c) As at December 31, 2020, the Company had approximately \$5,399,000 (2019 - \$4,580,000) of Canadian development and exploration expenses and foreign exploration and development expenses, which, under certain circumstances, may be utilized to reduce taxable income of future years.

## (d) Tax loss carry-forwards

As at December 31, 2020, the Company had approximately \$17,530,000 of non-capital losses in Canada, which may be used to reduce taxable income in future years. These losses expire from 2025 to 2040.

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#### 14. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

a) Remuneration of directors and officers was as follows:

	2020	2019
Salaries and benefits Share-based payments	\$ 215,213 284,900	\$ 194,359 278,700
	\$ 500,113	\$ 473,059

For the year ended December 31, 2020, the salaries and benefits amount above includes \$98,250 (2019 - \$91,407) for fees invoiced by a corporation controlled by the CFO of the Company for his services and \$116,963 (2019 - \$102,952) for fees invoiced by the CEO of the Company for his services as CEO. Included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities at December 31, 2020 is \$19,650 (2019 - \$10) owed to corporation controlled by the CFO and \$12,335 (2019 - \$15,013) owed to the CEO. The amounts payable are unsecured, non-interest bearing and have no fixed terms of repayment.

## b) Promissory Note

On March 27, 2020, the Company issued a \$200,000 promissory note to Vyco Limited ("Vyco"). The amount owing under this promissory note bore interest at an annual rate of 5.0% and, in the event that the principal amount was not repaid in full by the due date of June 30, 2020, the interest accrued at the rate of 10% per annum from the due date until payment was effected. Vyco is a corporation controlled by a family trust. Mr. Donald K. Johnson, director of the Company, is a discretionary beneficiary of such trust and President of Vyco. The promissory note was repaid on September 9, 2020 along with interest of \$6,493.

## c) Private Placements

As part of the private placement completed in June 2019, officers of the Company acquired 260,000 flow-through common shares for gross proceeds of \$28,600. As part of the private placement completed in December 2019, a director of the Company subscribed for 3,962,667 common share units for gross proceeds of \$237,760. See Note 10.

An officer and a director of the Company acquired, in aggregate, 4,000,000 units and 500,000 flow-through units for gross proceeds of \$290,000 in the private placement closed on July 23, 2020. As part of the private placement completed on December 30, 2020, a director of the Company subscribed for 4,500,000 flow-through common shares for gross proceeds of \$427,500. See Note 10.

See also Note 16.

## 15. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

#### Management Contracts

On April 9, 2020, the Company entered into consulting agreements for the services of its CEO and CFO. The agreements are effective April 1, 2020. Under the agreements, additional payments totaling \$400,000 are be made upon the occurrence of a change of control. As a triggering event has not taken place, the contingent payments have not been reflected in these consolidated financial statements. The commitment upon termination of the agreements is \$220,000, in aggregate. The minimum commitment due within one year under the terms of the agreements is \$146,400, in aggregate.

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## 15. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (Continued)

## Flow-Through Obligation

As at December 31, 2020, the Company has to incur \$2,066,326 in qualifying exploration expenditures by December 31, 2021 to meet its flow-through commitments. At this time, management anticipates meeting that obligation and as a result, no additional provisions are required.

The flow-through agreements require the Company to renounce certain tax deductions for Canadian exploration expenditures incurred on the Company's mineral properties to flow-through participants. The Company indemnified the subscribers for any related tax amounts that become payable by the subscribers as a result of the Company not meeting its expenditure commitments.

#### **Environmental**

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

#### COVID-19

The Company's operations could be significantly adversely affected by the effects of the global spread of the contagious coronavirus causing the outbreak of COVID-19 respiratory disease, which was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization in March 2020. The Company has followed the instructions and advice of Federal and Provincial health authorities, as well as industry-wide best practice guidelines, and has limited travel and field activities to help control the spread of COVID-19 and protect local communities. The Company cannot accurately predict the impact the COVID-19 pandemic will have on its operations, including uncertainties relating to the duration of the pandemic, the ultimate severity of the disease, the duration of travel and quarantine restrictions imposed by governmental authorities, and the impact on schedules and timelines for planned operations or exploration programs. In addition, this widespread health crisis and related business lockdowns have adversely affected the economies and financial markets of many countries, resulting in an economic downturn that could affect the Company's operations and ability to finance its planned operations.

## 16. SUBSEQUENT EVENT

On March 5, 2021, the Company completed a non-brokered private placement for gross proceeds of \$800,000. The Company issued 10,000,000 common share units at a price of \$0.08 per unit. Each unit consisted of one common share and one-half common share purchase warrant with each full warrant entitling the holder to acquire one additional common share of the Company at an exercise price of \$0.12 for a period of eighteen months expiring on September 5, 2022. A director and officers of the Company subscribed for 4,150,000 units pursuant to this private placement.

End of Notes to Financial Statements

# MURCHISON MINERALS LTD. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

This Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") is intended to supplement the consolidated financial statements and notes of Murchison Minerals Ltd. (the "Company" or "Murchison") for the year ended December 31, 2020 with comparatives for the same period a year earlier. The consolidated financial statements including comparative figures have been prepared by the Company in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") applicable to preparation of financial statements. This MD&A should be read in conjunction with the Company's audited consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes for the year ended December 31, 2020, which are available on the Company's website (www.murchisonminerals.com). This MD&A covers the most recently completed financial year end and the subsequent period up to March 17, 2021. The information is presented in Canadian dollars unless stated otherwise.

## **OVERALL PERFORMANCE**

## **Description of Business**

Murchison is a Canadian based exploration company with a focus on its Brabant Lake property (the "Property") which includes the high-grade Brabant-McKenzie VMS zinc-copper-silver deposit (the "Deposit") in north-central Saskatchewan. The Company also owns 100% of the HPM nickel-copper-cobalt project in Quebec. The Company expects to acquire additional properties as attractive opportunities are identified. The Company does not have any projects that generate revenue at this time. The Company's ability to carry out its business plan in the future rests entirely on its ability to secure equity and other financings or realize cash from the sale of assets.

### **Trends**

The financing, exploration and development of any properties the Company holds or may acquire in the future will be subject to a number of factors including the commodity prices for minerals, applicable laws and regulations, political conditions, currency fluctuations, the hiring of qualified people, and obtaining necessary services in jurisdictions where the Company operates. The current trends relating to these factors could change at any time and negatively affect the Company's operations and business. Apart from these, the risk factors noted under the heading "Uncertainties and Risk Factors" and "Forward Looking Statement" included in this MD&A, management is not aware of any other trends, commitments, events or uncertainties that would have a material effect on the Company's business, financial condition or results of operations.

Following the declaration on March 11, 2020 of a global pandemic related to COVID-19 by the World Health Organization, the restrictions imposed by governments around the world have had a significant impact on the global economy and commodity prices. While the extent of the impact is unknown, we anticipate this outbreak will continue to cause investment market volatility, supply chain disruptions, and increased government regulations, all of which may negatively impact the Company's operations and ability to finance its operations. Following these events, the Company has taken and will continue to take action to ensure the safety of its workers and minimize the financial impact.

## OUTLOOK

On March 5, 2021, the Company completed a \$800,000 private placement. Combined with the flow-through private placement during 2020, Murchison is well funded to complete its planned 2021 exploration activities and meet its administrative obligations for 2021 and beyond.

The Company is currently drilling at its flagship Brabant McKenzie property in Saskatchewan where 4,000 metres of drilling (weather permitting) should be completed by the end of March 2021.

The Company has retained Geotech Ltd. to complete a VTEM and magnetic surveys at it HPM project in Quebec. These surveys should be flown by the end of April 2021. The data generated will be integrated with a remote sensing study of the property in preparation for detailed field prospecting this coming summer.

There are no known legal, political, environmental or other risks that could materially affect the potential development of Company's exploration projects. Management is of the opinion that it will be able to maintain the status of its current exploration obligations and to keep its properties in good standing. Advancing exploration at the mineral properties will require substantially more financial resources. In the past, the Corporation has been able to rely on its ability to raise financing via equity private placements.

Management's main objective is to advance its current projects and maximize their potential via the use of different exploration techniques available. The long-term goal remains to develop the Company's properties and achieve commercial production. The Company may enter into partnerships in order to fully exploit the production potential of its exploration assets.

## **MINERAL PROPERTIES – EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES**

## **Brabant Property – Saskatchewan**

The Property is owned 100% by Murchison is strategically located along Highway 102 approximately 175 kilometres northeast of the town of La Ronge and near major infrastructure, including grid power. The Property consists of the Brabant-McKenzie VMS Deposit and multiple known mineralized showings and identified geophysical conductors over approximately 57 kilometre strike length of favourable geological horizon, all of which remain under-explored and mostly untested. The 627 km² Property shares geological characteristics, including similar age, with the Flin Flon and Lynn Lake volcanogenic massive sulphide (VMS) mining camps in Manitoba.

## **Drilling**

In January 2021, a 4,000 metre (16 holes) drilling program was initiated targeting various targets identified during previous geophysical surveys and field exploration programs.

On March 31, 2020, the Company announced that exploration drilling on the Brabant Lake property has intersected high grade copper-zinc mineralization at the Main Lake target located approximately 10 km southwest of the Deposit. The Main Lake target is on the same geological horizon as the Brabant-McKenzie VMS Deposit.

The copper-zinc mineralization intercepted in drill hole ML-20-004 consisted of a copper rich upper zone and a zinc rich lower zone. The upper zone was intersected over an interval of 3.59 metres with 0.83% Cu, 0.61% Zn and 11.8 g/t Ag. The lower zone intersected 6.62 metres of 0.09% Cu, 1.62% Zn and 41 g/t Ag over the entire interval, including 1.02 metres at 5.08% Zn and 0.22 metre at 9.77% Zn. There are several high silver intercepts in this zone as well, the highest of which was 81.2 g/t Ag over 0.82 metre (169.80-170.62 metres).

Drill Hole ID	From (m)	To (m)	Length (m)	Cu (%)	Zn (%)	Ag (g/t)	Au (g/t)	
ML-20-004 Upper	139.65	143.24	3.59	0.83	0.61	11.80	0.025	
ML-20-004 Lower	169.80	176.42	6.62	0.09	1.62	41.10	0.056	
including	169.80	170.62	0.82	0.02	0.65	81.20	0.094	
including	170.62	171.64	1.02	0.15	5.08	26.90	0.081	
including	176.20	176.42	0.22	0.03	9.77	56.50	0.050	
Intercepts are reporte	Intercepts are reported as drill widths. True thickness is currently unknown.							

Two holes were drilled at Brabant McKenzie South and significant zinc mineralization was noted in drill hole BMS-20-002 (1.49% Zn over 1.43 metres). The TOM2 and T2T targets were each tested by 1 drill

hole which did not intersect any economically significant mineralization. Graphite and pyrrhotite were present in both TOM2 and T2T but do not adequately explain the strong geophysical signature and both areas require further work. The Main Lake West target was tested by 3 drill holes with copper mineralization noted in drill holes MLW-20-001, MLW-20-002 and MLW-20-003 (0.23% Cu over 6.0 metres, 0.08% Cu over 5.53 metres and 0.26% Cu over 2.03 metres, respectively). Drill results at Main Lake West are encouraging and will require future investigation.

Drill Hole ID	From (m)	To (m)	Length (m)	Cu (%)	Zn (%)	Ag (g/t)	Au (g/t)
BMS-20-002	72.62	73.04	0.42	0.06	1.49	8.37	0.032
ML-20-001	135.43	142.79	7.36	0.06	0.03	2.31	0.018
MLW-20-001	60.98	70.48	9.50	0.23	0.01	0.22	0.038
MLW-20-002	71.37	76.90	5.53	0.08	0.01	0.17	n/a
MLW-20-003	18.84	20.87	2.03	0.26	0.01	1.86	n/a
Intercepts are report	ed as drill wid	ths. True th	nickness is curi	rently unkno	own.		

The winter 2020 drill program was originally designed to test 12 high priority drill targets but due to an unseasonably warm winter and inadequate ice conditions, the decision was made to forego drilling any targets requiring ice road access. Of the 12 targets originally planned to be tested, only 5 were ultimately tested with 11 drill holes totalling 2,618 metres.

Please refer to the Company's press release dated March 31, 2020 for full results on the winter 2020 drill program at the Property.

## **Geophysics**

Murchison's winter 2020 program included fixed loop surface TDEM geophysical survey focused on the Brabant South area, which contains a complex package of conductors defined by the 2011 VTEM (Versatile Time Domain Electromagnetic) Plus survey. The survey results defined five high conductance targets that are high priority and ready for the Company next drill program.

On April 6, 2020, the Company announced that it had completed a 949-line kilometre EM VTEM-Max airborne survey covering approximately 3,353 hectares at the Property. A total of 58 new conductors were identified of which, 35 are located on the Deposit's horizon.

The 35 new EM conductors to the south-west of the Brabant-McKenzie VMS Deposit and the recent Main Lake drill discovery. An additional 23 EM conductors have also been defined on the M-Block group of claims located on the eastern side of the Property.

## **Property Holdings Extended**

In February 2020, the Company acquired 11 mineral claims (123.91 km²) located southwest and contiguous to the Property. These claims were acquired from MAS Gold Corp. ("MAS") in exchange for a 1% NSR royalty.

The new claims which hosted 6 mineral showings, covered the same prospective geological unit that hosts the Deposit. The area covered by these claims has seen limited historic exploration and represents a promising exploration opportunity to employ modern geophysical and other exploration techniques.

Also in February 2020, the Company acquired, by map designation, an additional 11.56 km<sup>2</sup> of claims contiguous to the Property. The new claims covered prospective geological units that hosts 14 conductors identified from a 1968 government sponsored airborne EM survey.

In August 2020, the Company acquired two additional claim blocks totaling 6,187 hectares in Saskatchewan. The new May Lake claim is located 29 km north of Murchison's Brabant-McKenzie copperzinc-silver deposit. The claim covers a historic Geological Survey of Canada (GSC) regional lake sediment sample collected from a small lake (Jones Lake) which assayed 780 ppm zinc, which is highly anomalous,

16 ppb Au, 81 ppm copper. Limited historic drilling done on the property in 1969 and 1974 encountered strong pyrite and pyrrhotite mineralization which may indicate VMS potential.

The Cunning Lake claim is located 29 km northeast of the Brabant-McKenzie VMS deposit. The claim overlies the Cunning or Halfway Lake lead occurrence where notable lead sulphide (galena) and copper iron sulphide (chalcopyrite) have been historically identified in outcrop. The mineralization was noted as occurring within a silicified migmatite zone. Galena and chalcopyrite are often associated with volcanogenic massive sulphide (VMS) deposits or orogenic gold deposits and represent a prospective target for exploration. This area has seen limited exploration in 1962 and 1967 with no historic diamond drilling reported.

As at March 17, 2021, the Brabant Lake property was approximately 627 km<sup>2</sup>.

#### **New Mineralized Area**

On November 13, 2020, the Company announced the discovery of new zinc mineralization at its recently acquired May Lake claim in Saskatchewan. The zinc mineralization consisted of a grab sample assaying 0.91% zinc, 0.12% copper, 0.08% nickel, and 2.6 g/t silver. The sample was collected as part of the summer prospecting program on the claims acquired to investigate a historic zinc-rich lake sediment sample in Jones Lake as described above. The newly discovered mineralization was found in shallowly buried pyritic quartz rich bedrock. The subcropping zinc mineralization is an indication that the historic lake sediment zinc is locally sourced and signifies that the area is prospective for VMS mineralization. Murchison considers the area highly prospective and plans to conduct additional prospecting and to cover the area with electromagnetic geophysical surveys in the future.

The Company has also recently acquired additional new claims via staking directly adjacent to the Brabant-McKenzie Deposit covering an area of 2.45 km<sup>2</sup>. This area was formerly precluded from staking being held as provincial crown reserve CR-918, which lapsed on January 13, 2021. This new mineral claim block is projected to contain the northernmost extent of the Brabant-McKenzie Deposit as well as the highly prospective historic Betty Zn-Cu showing.

#### Betty Zn-Cu showing:

The Betty showing (SMDI 1886 & 0414) is located directly on strike with the Brabant-McKenzie Deposit and is approximately 1.2 km north of the Deposit. The Betty showing has a similar geophysical signature, and limited historic drilling targeting the near-surface extent of the geophysical anomaly intersected significant zinc, copper and lead mineralization. A drill hole discovering the showing location drilled in 1967 by Scurry-Rainbow intersected 1.5 m of 5% lead, additional drilling in 1972 by Canadian Nickel Company intersected 2.3 m grading 0.94% copper and noted significant sphalerite (zinc sulphide), but the reported work lacks zinc assays.

Murchison plans to complete two 250-m drill holes to test the centre of the geophysical anomaly associated with the historic mineralization.

## **Mineral Resource Estimate**

In September, 2018, the Company provided the results of a new mineral resource estimate (the "2018 Mineral Resource Estimate"). The 2018 Mineral Resource Estimate included the addition of 19 diamond drill holes totaling 9,004 metres which were completed during the 2018 winter drilling program as well as a comprehensive re-interpretation of the geology of the Deposit using current and historical drilling data and reports. Please refer to the press release dated September 13, 2018 for full details.

The 2018 Mineral Resource Estimate has been prepared by independent qualified person ("QP") Finley Bakker, P.Geo., and was calculated using Minesight/Hexagon 3D modeling software to define the mineralized limits of the Deposit.

The 2018 Mineral Resource Estimate for the Deposit is as follows:

Category	Tonnes	Zn%	Cu%	Pb%	Ag (g/t)	Zn Eq%
Indicated	2,100,000	7.08	0.69	0.49	39.6	9.98
Inferred	7,600,000	4.45	0.57	0.19	18.4	6.29

The 2018 Mineral Resource Estimate for the Deposit was determined on the basis of:

- Drilling results to March 24, 2018 and including historical diamond drilling used in the previous NI-43-101 resource estimate completed in 2008 and 2018;
- US\$ metal prices of \$1.20/lb Zn, \$2.50/lb Cu, \$1.00/lb Pb, \$16.00/oz Ag and \$1,200/oz Au;
- CDN\$:US\$ exchange rate of \$1.20;
- An NSR cut-off of \$90/tonne or 3.5% zinc equivalent ("Zn Eq") based on above metal prices;
- Average metallurgical and payable recovery of 75% for all metals;
- Indicated Resource was calculated using a two-hole minimum and a maximum distance of 60 metres from a diamond drill hole;
- Inferred Resource was calculated using a no-hole minimum and a maximum distance of 200 metres from a diamond drill hole;
- As much as possible, a 2 metre intercept minimum was used but not strictly adhere to;
- The resources were also manually reviewed and adjusted to take into consideration drill intercepts from previous operators in the areas of drilling carried out by the Company, and;
- 138 drill holes were used in the calculation and were used to model 2 mineral lenses.

## **HPM Property – Quebec (100%)**

In March 2020, the Company announced the acquisition, by map designation, of an additional 31 km<sup>2</sup> of mineral claims at the HPM property, effectively consolidating a 100% interest over 58.3 km<sup>2</sup> land position in the area.

This expanded property holding covers the prospective geological unit that hosts significant nickel/copper/cobalt mineralization identified by a total of 32 diamond drill holes (6,479 metres) completed in 2001/2002 and 2008.

To date, only a small portion of the HPM property has been evaluated. Previous exploration has been primarily focused on two areas of Ni-Cu-Co mineralization (PYC & Barre de Fer) which were originally discovered by Falconbridge Nickel. Past diamond drilling at PYC (1 hole) and Barre de Fer (25 holes) has confirmed the Ni-Cu-Co mineralization continues at depth. Generally, mineralization occurs as massive sulfide breccia and as disseminated (5-15% sulfides) to net-textured sulfide in norite intrusion (Barre de Fer area) and in granulitic gabbro (PYC area).

In September 2020, the Company retained Orix Geoscience 2018 Inc. (Orix) for a ground prospecting program on the 58 km² HPM nickel, copper, cobalt project. The Company also retained Prospectair Geosurveys Inc. to complete a 1,400-line kilometre airborne magnetic (MAG) survey over the entire HPM claim block.

In November 2020, the Company announced the results of the ground prospecting program which confirmed the widespread nature of Ni-Cu-Co mineralization across the HPM project area. Grab sample assay results reach up to 0.16% cobalt, 0.499% copper and 0.526% nickel.

## **Results Highlights**

- Strong gossan zones sampled 2 km to the northeast of the Barre de Fer occurrence yielded 0.53% Ni, 0.5% Cu, and 903 ppm Co, hosted in gabbro-gabbronorite with 30-40% semi-massive to nettextured pyrrhotite and trace chalcopyrite.
- Sampling of the Syrah occurrence 0.5 km to the east of Barre de Fer yielded 0.36% Ni, 0.18% Cu, and 409 ppm Co, hosted in norite-gabbronorite with 3-7% pyrrhotite.
- Sampled massive pyrite-pyrrhotite hosted in pyroxenite boulders at the base of a cliff 2.5 km to the southeast of Barre de Fer contained 0.3% Ni, 0.27% Cu, and 0.16% Co.

The program focused on the prospecting of anomalies identified by past airborne electromagnetic surveys and further investigation of known sulphide occurrences. Several gossanous zones with sulphide mineralization were sampled and Beep Mat conductors were outlined in preparation for future follow-up work. The gossan zones are several metres wide and mostly observed along the side of NNW-SSE striking cliff faces; the thickness and extent of the gossan zones are undetermined due to overburden cover. Gossans are a common key indicator of a sulfide deposit below and often the primary target for prospecting sulfide deposits.

## 2021 Exploration Plans at HPM

Murchison has retained Geotech to complete a VTEM-Max airborne survey over the HPM property package which is expected to be completed by the end of April. Murchison has also commissioned a remote sensing study to identify possible similarities in field signatures to known deposits such as Voisey Bay. This fingerprinting technology may identify areas of particular interest for the coming field prospecting program planned to take place this coming summer

According to the Company, the several numerous gossanous nickel/copper/cobalt-bearing outcrops spatially linked to airborne EM anomalies are quite encouraging. Voisey's Bay was originally prospected and mapped as a pyritic gossan and the fact that the first sampling yielded little or no anomalous metal concentrations at that time no doubt reflects the leaching of metals from the deeply weathered surficial cap.

For the year ended December 31, 2020, the exploration expenses totaled \$1,781,549 (2019 - \$\$894,935) with \$1,554,684 (2019 - \$768,740) at the Brabant project in Saskatchewan, \$226,865 (2019 - \$116,857) at HPM in Quebec and \$nil in general exploration (2019 - \$9,338).

## **Qualified Persons**

The scientific and technical disclosures included in this MD&A have been reviewed and confirmed by John Shmyr, P. Geo. and Martin St-Pierre, P. Geoph., qualified persons as defined by National Instrument 43-101. Mr. Shmyr and Mr. St-Pierre are independent consultants to Murchison and the Brabant Lake project.

## **Access to Properties**

The Company's access to its Canadian properties is dependent on climate and weather conditions. The Brabant property in Saskatchewan is accessible all year round. All projects in Québec can be accessed from January to September as weather limits the activities during other times of the year.

## ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURE FOR VENTURE ISSUERS

The following table sets out the exploration expenses for the last two years:

	December 31, 2020	December 31, 2019
Brabant Lake, Saskatchewan		
Amortization	\$ 16,163	\$3,160
Drilling	868,116	-
General Administrative	2,000	3,425
Geology	292,709	519,173
Geophysics	371,275	225,641
Mineral Property & Staking	4,421	17,340
Total Brabant Lake	\$ 1,554,684	\$ 768,740
	December 31,	•
	2020	2019
HPM, Quebec		
Geology	86,425	-
Geophysics	135,008	-
Mineral Property & Staking	5,432	116,857
Total HPM	\$ 226,865	\$ 116,857

## **RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

For the year ended December 31, 2020, the Company incurred a loss of \$2,106,105 (2019 - \$1,470,586). The increase of \$635,519 is mainly related to the following factors: **1.** higher exploration expenses of \$886,614 (2020 - \$1,781,549 vs 2019 - \$894,935) as the Company completed 2,618 metres of drilling in 2020 compared to only geophysical surveys and field exploration in 2019 at the Brabant Lake project. Also, the Company completed an airborne survey and a field exploration program at the HPM project during 2020; **2.** higher management fees and salaries of \$20,854 (2020 - \$215,213 vs 2019 - \$194,359) related to relatively higher fees paid to the CEO and CFO in 2020.; offset by **3.** lower investor relations expense of \$18,507 (2020 - \$127,054 vs 2019 - \$145,561) due to the reduction of conferences attended and the related travel expenses, offset by; **4.** higher non-cash flow-through shares premium of \$261,436 (2020 - \$429,413 vs 2019 - \$167,977) as the Company completed 4 different flow-through private placement in 2020 and recognized the income based on the related exploration activities in Canada funded by such flow-through financings.

For the year ended December 31, 2020, exploration expenses totaled \$1,781,549 (2019 - \$\$894,935) with \$1,554,684 (2019 - \$768,740) at the Brabant project in Saskatchewan, \$226,865 (2019 - \$116,857) at HPM in Quebec and \$nil in general exploration (2019 - \$9,338).

## **SELECTED ANNUAL INFORMATION**

The following table sets out financial performance highlights for the last three years and was prepared in accordance with IFRS.

	December 31, 2020	December 31, 2019	December 31, 2018
Interest Income	\$3,347	\$7,732	\$25,070
Operating Expenses (1)	\$2,238,901	\$1,341,001	\$3,282,388
Loss	\$2,106,105	\$1,470,586	\$2,590,596
Basic and Diluted loss per share	\$0.03	\$0.03	\$0.06
Total Assets	\$2,228,316	\$1,611,786	\$1,339,466
Exploration Expenses	\$1,781,549	\$894,935	\$2,371,300

<sup>(1)</sup> The exploration expenses are included in operating expenses and share-based payments are excluded from operating expenses.

The interest income fluctuation from year to year is the direct result of the cash balance and short-term investments available in each of the years. The timing of equity financing and ensuing exploration and operating expenses are the main factors affecting the level of funds invested from time to time. The variation in the interest rates also has an impact on the interest income but such variation has been minimal for the years 2017 to 2019. The higher loss in 2018 was mostly related to the exploration activities and expenses at Brabant in Saskatchewan compared to 2017 and 2019. The total assets in 2020 included \$2.06 million in cash compared to \$1.43 in 2019 and \$1.18 million in 2018.

## **SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY RESULTS**

	Fourth	Third	Second	First
	Quarter 2020	Quarter 2020	Quarter 2020	Quarter 2020
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Assets	2,228,316	871,386	580,520	628,930
Current Assets	2,153,334	791,516	497,054	543,461
Non-current Assets	74,982	79,870	83,466	85,469
Total Liabilities	227,906	347,843	358,980	490,679
Interest Income	406	320	103	2,518
Loss	540,295	371,675	86,718	1,107,417
Loss Per Share (1)	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.02

	Fourth Quarter 2019	Third Quarter 2019	Second Quarter 2019	First Quarter 2019
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Assets	1,611,786	563,941	944,323	948,668
Current Assets	1,598,534	549,590	928,212	945,740
Non-current Assets	13,252	14,351	16,111	2,928
Total Liabilities	366,118	95,674	116,988	180,029
Interest Income	1,370	1,761	1,973	2,628
Loss	387,681	243,306	322,458	517,141
Loss Per Share (1)	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01
(i) Loss per share remains the	e same on a diluted basis			

Due to the nature of the business, the cash balance and short-term investments generating interest income are subject to fluctuations from quarter to quarter. The timing of equity financing and ensuing exploration and operating expenses are the main factors affecting the level of funds invested from time to time. The variation in interest rates also has an impact on the interest income.

In Q4/20, the Company raised gross proceeds of \$1,918,754 in two flow-through private placements. The total liability at the end of Q4/20 included 130,459 in non-cash flow-through share liability. In Q3/2020, the Company raised gross proceeds of \$841,949 via a private placement. In Q2/2020, the Company completed a \$200,000 flow-through private placement and received a financial assistance payment of \$50,000 under the Targeted Mineral Exploration Incentive program from the Government of Saskatchewan which was related to the drilling completed in the winter 2020. In Q1/2020, the loss includes exploration expenses of \$1,277,846 related to drilling and geophysical surveys at the Brabant Lake project. In Q4/2019, the loss includes a \$244,200 non-cash share-based payment expense related to stock option granted in December 2019. In Q3-Q2/2019, the Company completed its summer field exploration program at the Brabant Lake project and in Q2-2019, the Company completed a \$408,600 non-brokered flow-through private placement. In Q1-2019, the Company completed an extensive airborne geophysical survey at the Brabant Lake property and on the newly acquired claims. It also acquired joint venture partner Pure Nickel's 50% interest in the HPM project in Québec at a cost of \$115,000.

## LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

As at December 31, 2020, the Company had no debt, cash of \$2,062,411 and working capital (excluding flow-through share premium liability) of \$2,052,895 (December 31, 2019 – \$1,434,347 and \$1,562,765, respectively). The Company's excess cash, when available, is deposited into interest-bearing accounts or invested in redeemable GICs with major Canadian chartered banks.

As at December 31, 2020, the Company had amounts receivable and prepaid expenses totaling \$90,923 which included sales tax receivable of \$81,703 and prepaid expenses of \$9,220.

The December 31, 2020, consolidated financial statements were prepared in accordance with accounting principles applicable to a going concern, which assumes that the Company will be able to realize its assets and discharge liabilities in the normal course of business. The Company's ability to continue as a going concern is always dependent on its ability to raise new funds to meet its obligations and continue its exploration activities.

## **Equity Financing**

The Company's exploration projects are at an early stage and it has not yet been determined whether any of its properties contain economically recoverable ore. As a result, the Company has no current sources of revenue and has relied on the issuance of shares to generate the funds required to further its projects.

## Private Placements

On June 24, 2020, the Company completed a non-brokered flow-through private placement and issued 2,285,714 flow-through common shares priced at \$0.0875 per share for gross proceeds of \$200,000. Finders' fees of \$12,000 were also paid.

On July 23 and August 13, 2020, the Company completed a private placement in two tranches. The Company issued 6,614,600 common share units at a price of \$0.065 per unit and issued 5,150,000 flow-through units at a price of \$0.08 per flow-through unit for aggregate gross proceeds of \$841,949. An officer and a director of the Company acquired, in aggregate, 4,000,000 units and 375,000 flow-through units for gross proceeds of \$290,000.

Each unit consisted of one common share of the Company and one full warrant. Each warrant entitles the holder to acquire one additional common share for a period of eighteen months at an exercise price of \$0.12 per warrant. Each flow-through unit consisted of one flow-through common share and one-half non

flow-through warrant having the terms as the unit warrants. Finder's fees totaling \$29,910 were paid in relation to this private placement.

On December 9, 2020, the Company completed a non-brokered flow-through private placement and issued 4,210,525 flow-through common shares priced at \$0.095 per share for gross proceeds of \$400,000. Finders' fees of \$24,000 were paid.

On December 29 and 30, 2020, the Company completed a fourth non-brokered flow-through private placement in tranches and issued 15,986,889 flow-through common shares priced at \$0.095 per share for gross proceeds of \$1,518,754. Finder's fees totaling \$76,402 were paid and an aggregate of 534,233 finders' warrants were issued. Each finder's warrant entitles the holder to acquire one common share of the Company at a price of \$0.12 per share until December 31, 2021. A director of the Company participated in the private placement for a total of \$427,500.

On March 5, 2021, the Company completed a non-brokered private placement for gross proceeds of \$800,000. The Company issued 10,000,000 common share units at a price of \$0.08 per unit. Each unit consisted of one common share and one-half common share purchase warrant with each full warrant entitling the holder to acquire one additional common share of the Company at an exercise price of \$0.12 for a period of eighteen months expiring on September 5, 2022. A director and officers of the Company subscribed for 4,150,000 units pursuant to this private placement.

### Warrants

As part of the July 23 and August 13, 2020 private placement, the Company issued respectively 8,552,100 and 637,500 warrants at an exercise price of \$0.12 per warrant expiring 18 months from issuance.

As part of the private placement closed on December 29 and 30, 2020, the Company issued 534,233 finders' warrants exercisable at \$0.12 until December 31, 2021.

As part of the private placement closed on March 5, 2021, the Company issued 5,000,000 warrants exercisable at \$0.12 until September 5, 2022.

### **Stock Options**

In July 2020, the Company granted 400,000 stock options to an investor relations consultant exercisable at \$0.10 for 5 years. The options are vesting over 1 year with 25% every 3 months.

On December 31, 2020, the Company granted 3,700,000 stock options exercisable at \$0.10 for 5 years to directors and officers of the Company.

#### General

The Company's ability to successfully acquire mineral projects or recover amounts expended on mineral properties is conditional on its ability to secure financing when required. The Company expects to meet additional financing requirements through equity financing. The Company may seek other alternatives for financing in the future depending on market conditions and exploration results; however, there can be no assurance that such financing attempts will be successful. The impact on our business and the cost and availability of financing remain uncertain and could affect our overall liquidity.

## **Commitments and Obligations**

On April 9, 2020, the Company entered into consulting agreements for the services of its CEO and CFO. The agreements are effective April 1, 2020. Under the agreements, additional payments totaling \$400,000 are be made upon the occurrence of a change of control. As a triggering event has not taken place, the contingent payments have not been reflected in these consolidated financial statements. The commitment upon termination of the agreements is \$220,000, in aggregate. The minimum commitment due within one year under the terms of the agreements is \$146,400, in aggregate.

As at December 31, 2020, the Company has to incur \$2,066,326 in qualifying exploration expenditures by December 31, 2021 to meet its flow-through commitments. At this time, management anticipates meeting that obligation and as a result, no additional provisions are required.

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

The Company has no long-term contractual obligations.

#### OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS

The Company has no off-balance sheet arrangements.

## TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

a) Remuneration of directors and the officers was as follows:

	2020	2019
Salaries and benefits	\$ 215,213	\$ 194,359
Share-based payments	284,900	278,700
	\$ 500,113	\$ 473,059

For the year ended December 31, 2020, the salaries and benefits amount above includes \$98,250 (2019 - \$91,407) for fees invoiced by a corporation controlled by the CFO of the Company for his services and \$116,963 (2019 - \$102,952) for fees invoiced by the CEO of the Company for his services as CEO. Included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities at December 31, 2020 is \$19,650 (2019 - \$ nil) owed to corporation controlled by the CFO and \$12,335 (2019 - \$15,013) owed to the CEO. The amounts payable are unsecured, non-interest bearing and have no fixed terms of repayment.

## b) Promissory Note

On March 27, 2020, the Company issued a \$200,000 promissory note to Vyco Limited ("Vyco"). The amount owing under this promissory note bore interest at an annual rate of 5.0% and, in the event that the principal amount was not repaid in full by the due date of June 30, 2020, the interest accrued at the rate of 10% per annum from the due date until payment was effected. Vyco is a corporation controlled by a family trust. Mr. Donald K. Johnson, director of the Company, is a discretionary beneficiary of such trust and President of Vyco. The promissory note was repaid on September 9, 2020 along with interest of \$6,493.

## c) Private Placements

As part of the private placement closed on July 23, 2020, an officer and a director of the Company acquired, in aggregate, 4,000,000 units and 375,000 flow-through units for gross proceeds of \$290,000. As part of the private placement completed on December 30, 2020, a director of the Company subscribed for 4,500,000 flow-through common shares for gross proceeds of \$427,500. In the private placement closed on March 5, 2021, a director and officers of the Company subscribed for 4,150,000 units.

## PROPOSED TRANSACTIONS

The Company continues to evaluate quality exploration projects and financing opportunities. There are no transactions currently pending.

## CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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## FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

	2020	2019
Financial assets:		
Amortized cost		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,062,411	\$ 1,434,347
FVPL		
Investments	3,402	2,196
Financial liabilities:		
Amortized cost		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 100,439	\$ 35,769

As of December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019, the fair value of all the Company's financial instruments approximates the carrying value, due to their short-term nature, except as for the investment which is presented at fair value.

As at December 31, 2020, the Company's Investment on the consolidated statements of financial position was recorded at level 1 with a fair value of \$3,402 (2019 - \$2,196).

## Significant accounting judgments and estimates:

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires the Company's management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions about future events that affect the amounts reported in the consolidated financial statements and related notes to the financial statements. Although these estimates are based on management's best knowledge of the amount, event or actions, actual results may differ from those estimates.

The areas that require management to make significant judgments, estimates and assumptions in determining carrying values include, but are not limited to the following:

## Assets' carrying values and impairment charges

In the determination of carrying values and impairment charges, management looks at the higher of recoverable amount or fair value less costs to sell in the case of assets and at objective evidence, significant or prolonged decline of fair value on financial assets indicating impairment. These determinations and their individual assumptions require that management make a decision based on the best available information at each reporting period.

#### Income and other taxes

Income tax on the profit or loss for the periods presented comprises current and deferred tax. Income tax is recognized in profit or loss except to the extent that it relates to items recognized directly in equity, in which case it is recognized in equity.

Current tax expense is the expected tax payable on the taxable income for the period, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at period end, adjusted for amendments to tax payable with regards to previous years.

Deferred tax is provided using the statement of financial position liability method, providing for temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for taxation purposes. The following temporary differences are not provided for: goodwill not deductible for tax purposes and the initial recognition of assets or liabilities that affect neither accounting nor taxable profit. The amount of deferred tax provided is based on the expected manner of realization or settlement of the carrying amount of assets and liabilities, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the financial position reporting date.

A deferred tax asset is recognized only to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which the asset can be utilized.

## • Share-based payments

Management determines costs for share-based payments using market-based valuation techniques. The fair value of the market-based and performance-based non-vested share awards are determined at the date of grant using generally accepted valuation techniques. Assumptions are made and judgments used in applying valuation techniques. These assumptions and judgments include estimating the future volatility of the stock price, expected dividend yield, future employee turnover rates and future employee stock option exercise behaviors and corporate performance. Such judgments and assumptions are inherently uncertain. Changes in these assumptions affect the fair value estimates. The Company currently estimates the expected volatility of its common shares based on historical volatility taking into consideration the expected life of the options and warrants.

## **Capital Management:**

The Company manages its capital with the following objectives:

- to ensure sufficient financial flexibility to achieve the ongoing business objectives including funding
  of future growth opportunities, and pursuit of accretive acquisitions and
- to maximize shareholder return through enhancing the share value.

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

The Company considers its capital to consist of equity, comprising share capital, reserves and deficit. The Company manages capital through its financial and operational forecasting processes. The Company reviews its working capital and forecasts its future cash flows based on operating expenditures, and other investing and financing activities. The forecast is regularly updated based on its exploration and development activities. Selected information is regularly provided to the Board of Directors of the Company. The Company's capital management objectives, policies and processes have remained unchanged during the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019. The Company is not subject to any capital requirements imposed by a regulator or lending institution.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

## **Outstanding Shareholders' Equity Data**

As of March 17, 2021, the following are outstanding:

Common Shares 108,936,177
 Stock Options 9,255,000
 Warrants 14,723,833

### **Uncertainties and Risk Factors**

An investment in the securities of the Company is highly speculative and involves numerous and significant risks. Such investment should be undertaken only by investors whose financial resources are sufficient to enable them to assume these risks and who have no need for immediate liquidity in their investment. Prospective investors should carefully consider the risk factors that have affected, and which in the future are reasonably expected to affect, the Company and its financial position.

In addition to the risks outlined below, Murchison has identified the extreme volatility occurring in the financial markets as a significant risk for the Company. As a result of the market turmoil, investors are moving away from assets they perceive as risky to those they perceive as less so. Companies like Murchison are considered risk assets and as mentioned above are highly speculative. The volatility in the markets and investor sentiment may make it difficult for the Company to access the capital markets to raise the funds required for its future expenditures.

### **Exploration, Development and Operating Risks**

Mining operations generally involve a high degree of risk. The Company's operations are subject to all the hazards and risks normally encountered in the exploration, development and production of gold, precious metals and other minerals, including unusual and unexpected geologic formations, seismic activity, rock bursts, cave-ins, flooding and other conditions involved in the drilling and removal 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 adequate precautions to minimize risk will be taken, milling operations are subject to hazards such as equipment failure or failure of retaining dams around tailings disposal areas which may result in environmental pollution and consequent liability.

The exploration for and development of mineral deposits involves significant risks which even a combination of careful evaluation, experience and knowledge may not eliminate. While the discovery of a mineral-bearing structure may result in substantial rewards, few properties which are explored are ultimately developed into producing mines.

Major expenses may be required to locate and establish mineral reserves, to develop metallurgical processes and to construct mining and processing facilities at a particular site. It is impossible to ensure that the exploration or development programs planned by The Company will result in a profitable commercial mining operation. Whether a gold or other mineral deposit will be commercially viable depends on a number of factors, some of which are: the particular attributes of the deposit, such as quantity and quality of mineralization and proximity to infrastructure; mineral prices which are highly cyclical; and government regulations, including regulations relating to prices, taxes, royalties, land tenure, land use, importing and exporting of minerals and environmental protection. The exact effect of these factors cannot be accurately predicted, but the combination of these factors may result in The Company not receiving an adequate return on invested capital.

There is no certainty that the expenditures made by the Company towards the search and evaluation of gold or other minerals will result in discoveries of commercial quantities of gold or other minerals.

## **Country Risk**

The Company may conduct business in jurisdictions and some countries in which the title to its properties may be uncertain or where access to infrastructure, or political stability, or security, among other things, may be unknown, or known, and prevent, or severely compromise, the Company from carrying out business. It may be that the Company accepts some or all of these risks, to the extent that they can be determined at all, in favour of acquiring properties with exceptional exploration and development potential, and may ultimately be prevented from exploring and developing those properties for any number of reasons which may, or may not, be predictable, foreseeable, or manageable.

## **Current Economic Conditions**

There are significant uncertainties regarding the price of precious metals and other minerals and the availability of equity financing for the purposes of mineral exploration and development. The prices of precious metals and other minerals have fluctuated substantially over the past several years. The Company's future performance is largely tied to the development of its current mineral properties and the overall financial markets. Current financial markets are likely to be volatile for the remainder of the calendar year, reflecting ongoing concerns about the stability of the global economy and global growth prospects. As well, concern about global growth has led to sustained drops in the commodity markets for commodities other than gold. As a result, the Company may have difficulties raising equity financing for the purposes of mineral exploration and development, particularly without excessively diluting present shareholders of the Company. These economic trends may limit the Company's ability to develop and/or further explore its mineral property interests.

## **Limited Operating History**

The Company has a limited history of operations, is in the early stage of exploration and must be considered a start-up company. As such, the Company is subject to many risks common to such enterprises, including under-capitalization, cash shortages, limitations with respect to personnel, financial and other resources and lack of revenues. It is common in new mining operations to experience unexpected problems and delays. In addition, delays in the commencement of mineral production often occur. There is no assurance that the Company will be successful in achieving a return on shareholders' investment or successfully establish mining operations and the likelihood of success must be considered in light of its early stage of operations.

#### **Reliability of Resource Estimates**

There is no certainty that any mineral resources identified in the future on any of the Company's properties will be realized. Until a deposit is actually mined and processed the quantity of mineral resources and grades must be considered as estimates only. In addition, the quantity of mineral resources may vary depending on, among other things, metal prices. Any material change in quantity of mineral resources, grade or stripping ratio may affect the economic viability of any project undertaken by the Company. In addition, there can be no assurance that gold recoveries or other metal recoveries in small-scale laboratory tests will be duplicated in a larger scale test under on-site conditions or during production.

Fluctuations in gold and other base or precious metals prices, results of drilling, metallurgical testing and production and the evaluation of studies, reports and plans subsequent to the date of any estimate may require revision of such estimate. Any material reductions in estimates of mineral resources could have a material adverse effect on the Company's results of operations and financial condition from time to time.

#### **Insurance and Uninsured Risks**

The Company's business is subject to a number of risks and hazards generally, including adverse environmental conditions, industrial accidents, labour disputes, unusual or unexpected geological conditions, ground or slope failures, cave-ins, changes in the regulatory environment and natural phenomena such as inclement weather conditions, floods and earthquakes. Such occurrences could result in damage to mineral properties or production facilities, personal injury or death, environmental damage to The Company's properties or the properties of others, delays in mining, monetary losses and possible legal liability.

Although the Company may in the future maintain insurance to protect against certain risks in such amounts as it considers to be reasonable, its insurance will not cover all the potential risks associated with a mining company's operations. The Company may also be unable to maintain insurance to cover these risks at economically feasible premiums. Insurance coverage may not continue to be available or may not be adequate to cover any resulting liability. Moreover, insurance against risks such as environmental pollution or other hazards as a result of exploration and production is not generally available to the Company or to other companies in the mining industry on acceptable terms. The Company might also become subject to liability for pollution or other hazards which may not be insured against or which the Company may elect not to insure against because of premium costs or other reasons. Losses from these events may cause the Company to incur significant costs that could have a material adverse effect upon its financial performance and results of operations.

## **Environmental Risks and Hazards**

All phases of the Company's operations are subject to environmental regulation in the jurisdictions in which it operates. These regulations mandate, among other things, the maintenance of air and water quality standards and land reclamation. They also set forth limitations on the generation, transportation, storage and disposal of solid and hazardous waste. Environmental legislation is evolving in a manner which will require stricter standards and enforcement, increased fines and penalties for non-compliance, more stringent environmental assessments of proposed projects and a heightened degree of responsibility for companies and their officers, directors and employees. There is no assurance that future changes in environmental regulation, if any, will not adversely affect the Company's operations. Environmental hazards may exist on the properties on which the Company holds interests which are unknown to the Company at present and which have been caused by previous or existing owners or operators of the properties.

Government approvals and permits are currently and may in the future be required in connection with the Company's operations. To the extent such approvals are required and not obtained, the Company may be curtailed or prohibited from continuing its exploration or mining operations or from proceeding with planned exploration or development of mineral properties.

Failure to comply with applicable laws, regulations and permitting requirements may result in enforcement actions thereunder, 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 mining operations or in the exploration or development of mineral properties may be required to compensate those suffering loss or damage by reason of the mining activities and may have civil or criminal fines or penalties imposed for violations of applicable laws or regulations.

Amendments to current laws, regulations and permits governing operations and activities of mining and exploration companies, or more stringent implementation thereof, could have a material adverse impact on the Company and cause increases in exploration expenses, capital expenditures or production costs or reduction in levels of production at producing properties or require abandonment or delays in development of new mining properties.

## Infrastructure

Mining, processing, development and exploration activities depend, to one degree or another, on adequate infrastructure. Reliable roads, bridges, power sources and water supply are important determinants, which affect capital and operating costs. Unusual or infrequent weather phenomena, sabotage, government or other interference in the maintenance or provision of such infrastructure could adversely affect the Company's operations, financial condition and results of operations.

#### **Land Title**

No assurances can be given that there are no title defects affecting property or any other property interests of the Company. Title insurance generally is not available, and the Company's ability to ensure that it has obtained secure claim to individual mineral properties or mining concessions may be severely constrained. Furthermore, the Company has not conducted surveys of the claims in which it holds an interest and, therefore, the precise area and location of such claims may be in doubt. Accordingly, the Company's mineral properties may be subject to prior unregistered liens, agreements, transfers or claims, including native land claims, and title may be affected by, among other things, undetected defects. In addition, the Company may be unable to operate its properties as permitted or to enforce its rights with respect to its properties.

## Competition

The mining industry is competitive in all of its phases. The Company faces strong competition from other mining companies in connection with the acquisition of properties producing, or capable of producing, precious and base metals. Many of these companies have greater financial resources, operational experience and technical capabilities than the Company. As a result of this competition, the Company may be unable to maintain or acquire additional attractive mining properties on terms it considers acceptable or at all. Consequently, the Company's revenues, operations and financial condition could be materially adversely affected.

## **Additional Capital**

The development and exploration of the Company's properties will require substantial additional financing. Failure to obtain sufficient financing may result in the delay or indefinite postponement of exploration, development or production on any or all of the Company's properties or even a loss of property interest. The primary source of funding available to the Company consists of equity financing. There can be no assurance that additional capital or other types of financing will be available if needed or that, if available, the terms of such financing will be favourable to the Company.

## **Commodity Prices**

The price of the Company's common shares, the Company's financial results and exploration, development and mineral development activities may in the future be significantly adversely affected by declines in the price of precious metals or other minerals. The price of precious metals and other minerals fluctuates widely and is affected by numerous factors beyond the Company's control such as the sale or purchase of commodities by various central banks and financial institutions, interest rates, exchange rates, inflation or deflation, fluctuation in the value of the United States dollar and foreign currencies, global and regional supply and demand, the political and economic conditions of major mineral-producing countries throughout the world, and the cost of substitutes, inventory levels and carrying charges. Future serious price declines in the market value of precious metals or other minerals could cause continued development of and commercial production from the Company's properties to be impracticable. Depending on the price of precious metals and other minerals, cash flow from mining operations may not be sufficient and the Company could be forced to discontinue production and may lose its interest in, or may be forced to sell, some of its properties. Future production from the Company's mineral exploration properties is dependent upon the prices of precious metals and other minerals being adequate to make these properties economic.

In addition to adversely affecting the Company's future resource or reserve estimates, if any, and its financial condition, declining commodity prices can impact operations by requiring a reassessment of the feasibility of a particular project. Such a reassessment may be the result of a management decision or may be required under financing arrangements related to a particular project. Even if the project is ultimately determined to be economically viable, the need to conduct such a reassessment may cause substantial delays or may interrupt operations until the reassessment can be completed.

### **Government Regulation**

The development and mineral exploration activities of the Company are subject to various laws governing prospecting, development, production, taxes, labour standards and occupational health, mine safety, toxic substances, land use, water use, land claims of local people and other matters. In addition, no assurance can be given that new rules and regulations will not be enacted or that existing rules and regulations will not otherwise be applied in a manner which could limit or curtail production or development in any of the jurisdictions in which the Company operates. Amendments to other current laws and regulations governing mineral exploration and development or more stringent implementation thereof could also have a substantial adverse impact on the Company.

## **Dividend Policy**

No dividends on the common shares have been paid by the Company to date. Payment of any future dividends will be at the discretion of the Company's board of directors after taking into account many factors, including the Company's operating results, financial condition and current and anticipated cash needs.

## **Dilution to the Company Common Shares**

As of March 17, 2021, the Company had 108,936,177 common shares and 23,978,833 convertible securities issued and outstanding. The increase in the number of securities issued and outstanding and the possibility of sales of such shares may have a depressive effect on the price of the common shares. In addition, as a result of such additional securities, the voting power of the existing shareholders in the Company will be diluted.

### **Key Executives**

The Company is dependent on the services of key executives, including the directors of Murchison and a small number of highly skilled and experienced executives and personnel. Due to the relatively small size of the Company, the loss of these persons or the Company's inability to attract and retain additional highly skilled employees may adversely affect its business and future operations.

### **Conflicts of Interest**

Certain directors and officers of the Company also serve as directors and/or officers of other companies involved in natural resource exploration and development and consequently there exists the possibility for such directors and officers to be in a position of conflict. Any decision made by any of such directors and officers involving Murchison should be made in accordance with their duties and obligations to deal fairly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of Murchison and its shareholders. In addition, each of the directors is required to declare and refrain from voting on any matter in which such directors may have a conflict of interest in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Canada Business Corporations Act and other applicable laws.

## FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This document contains forward-looking statements based on the Company's current expectations. Forward-looking information can often be identified by forward looking words such as "anticipate", "believe", "expect", "goal", "plan", "intend", "estimate" or similar words suggesting future outcomes, or other expectations, beliefs, plans, objectives, assumptions, intentions or statements about future events or performance.

These forward-looking statements are subject to risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those presented in this document. Accordingly, the Company undertakes no obligation to update forward-looking statements if circumstances or management's estimates or opinions should change, unless required by law. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward-looking information.