

(an exploration stage company)

Management's Discussion & Analysis
For the Three Months Ended
May 31, 2024
and May 31, 2023





#### **INTRODUCTION**

This Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") for Waseco Resources Inc., an exploration stage company, ("Waseco" or the "Company") is dated July 29,2024 and reflects the results for the three months ended May 31, 2024 and should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements for years ended February 29, 2024 and February 28, 2023 (collectively, the "Financial Statements"). This MD&A and the Financial Statements, as well as press releases issued by the Company and other information, are available at the Company's website: <a href="https://www.wasecoresources.com">www.wasecoresources.com</a> and at SEDAR: <a href="https://www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a>.

This MD&A is required to contain prospective and forward-looking statements. The Company is not in the practice of making forecasts, financial or otherwise, as it believes its business of mineral exploration and development is not sufficiently foreseeable to permit such forecasts to be made with any accuracy. To the extent that it is obliged to include such prospective information herein, the Company claims the protection of safe harbor legislation and generally cautions readers that all forward-looking statements are subject to change, inherent risks and uncertainties of many kinds. All statements made herein are made in good faith and in their belief as to best information and expectation available, but no guarantee can be provided, nor should any be inferred from any forward-looking statement.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

During the three months ended May 31, 2024 and to the date of this report, the Company was focused on managing its limited cash resources while working to advance its business. Activities have included maintaining its public company disclosure obligations; monitoring exploration operations; reviewing prospective properties; and seeking funding. Significant activities included the following:

#### • Shareholder Loans and Director Advances

During the three months ended May 31, 2024, and in the month of June 2024, the CEO of the Company advanced the Company \$1,595 and \$41,587, respectively. The funds were used to pay management fees, audit fees and other operating expenses.

## • Battle Mountain Ridge Project, Nevada

In July 2020, Waseco entered into a five year Option Agreement with the Marigold Mining Inc. ("Marigold") regarding Waseco's Battle Mountain Ridge Project ("BMR"). Marigold was subsequently acquired by SSR Mining Inc. ("SSR"). SSR previously advised the Company that it had spent US\$547,690 in Qualifying Expenditures, satisfying the Phase 1 Work Requirement of \$500,000 in spending by July 1, 2023 as described in the Option Agreement (s.4.3.1).

SSR released the Technical Report Summary on the Marigold Complex, Nevada dated February 12, 2024 with an effective date of September 30, 2023 (the "Marigold Technical Report"). The Marigold Complex includes the Marigold mine and the Buffalo Valley and Trenton Canyon deposits. The BMR property is included in the Trenton Canyon deposit area for exploration purposes. The Marigold Technical Report includes recommendations for a two-year exploration drilling (2024 and 2025) program with a budget of US\$10,000,000 to advance the Buffalo Valley Deposit and exploration target areas.





The Company has not received information from SSR regarding how SSR might allocate its exploration budget over the next year.

## • Management Update

On May 17, 2024, director Gary O'Connor resigned to pursue other activities.

#### **OUTLOOK**

The business objectives of the Company continue to include the acquisition, exploration, development and production of mineral resources from properties in Canada and abroad. More particularly, the Company's primary business objective is the development of BMR in Nevada pursuant to the Option Agreement with SSR. Interests in other properties are being maintained, but the Company has insufficient funds to advance them.

The SSR BMR Report and the Marigold Technical Report are positive indications that SSR and Marigold may advance BMR in accordance with the Option Agreement.

SSR, pursuant to the Option Agreement, have until July 1, 2025 to complete the next earn-in milestone by drilling an additional 20,000 feet or incur an additional US\$942,310 in qualifying exploration expenditures (an aggregate of US\$1,500,000). The Company has not received information regarding SSR's detailed plans but expects SSR to continue its exploration activities.

The Company may review alternative sources of funding its corporate activities to complement the financial support provided by advances from the Company's CEO and the shareholder loans received to date. The Company requires additional funds to operate while its partners and optionee (SSR) advance their exploration pursuant to the agreements in place. Furthermore, the Company continues to evaluate other projects that might complement its existing properties and lead to additional funding opportunities.

## **DESCRIPTION OF THE BUSINESS AND PROJECTS**

The Company is a Tier 2 junior exploration company, listed on the TSX Venture Exchange ("WRI") and on the Frankfurt Exchange ("WSE"), and is engaged in the acquisition and exploration of mineral properties. The authorized capital is comprised of an unlimited number of no-par value common shares. The Company is a reporting issuer in the provinces of Ontario, Alberta, and British Columbia, with its registered office at Suite 1500, 2 Queen Street East, Toronto, Ontario, MSC 3G5.

The Company's exploration projects include its primary project, the Battle Mountain Ridge Project in Nevada, USA and interests in projects in the Quebec Labrador Trough and James Bay Lowlands and the data gathered from previous activities in Indonesia. A summary of each project is listed below, while additional information is included in "Exploration Activities" section further below.

<u>Battle Mountain Ridge, Nevada</u> – On July 1, 2020, the Company's wholly owned United States ("USA") subsidiary entered into a five year option agreement (the "Option Agreement") with Marigold, a wholly owned subsidiary of SSR, for 100% of the Company's BMR gold prospect in Nevada. This Option





Agreement addressed the Company's short-term working capital concerns. If the option is exercised the Company will receive sufficient funds to eliminate its working capital deficiency.

Under the terms of the Agreement, SSR has an exclusive option to acquire all the rights, title, and interest in Waseco's leased unpatented mining claims within the Option Agreement's five-year term. SSR also assumed Waseco's obligation to pay the annual royalty and quarterly lease payments.

Under the terms of the Option Agreement, SSR has the option, at its sole discretion, to complete minimum earn-in work requirements, which are as follows:

- No later than July 1, 2023, either complete 10,000 feet of drilling or incur US\$500,000 in qualifying exploration expenditures. This milestone was achieved when SSR reported spending US\$547,690 in exploration expenditures before July 1, 2023; and
- No later than July 1, 2025, either complete an additional 20,000 feet of drilling or incur an additional US\$942,310 in qualifying exploration expenditures.

If SSR does not complete the minimum earn-in work requirements, it has the option to pay Waseco an amount equal to the qualifying exploration expenditures for the applicable earn-in period less the qualifying exploration expenditures actually incurred by SSR for the applicable earn-in period. The purchase price is subject to a maximum option price of US\$6.0 million and a minimum option price of US\$1.0 million.

The Company retains a 1% NSR on all gold recovered beyond 300,000 ounces from the property. The Company has received expressions of interest to purchase the royalty from royalty companies but has elected not to pursue these at this time.

The Company considers this transaction to be transformational. Management continues to believe that the option will be exercised and that the Company could receive at least US\$1,000,000 at that time, which could address the present working capital deficit and fund the Company's future operations.

BMR is strategically located on one of the world's most prolific gold belts. It is immediately adjacent to a past producer and on strike with two producing gold mines. Several areas of gold mineralization have been found on the property. The Company's CEO and Technical Advisory Committee, with extensive mineral exploration experience, will be providing the guidance in the evaluation and development of prospective exploration properties going forward.

Quebec Labrador Trough - A large land position in the Quebec Labrador Trough ("Labrador Trough") that is subject to a joint venture with ORANO Canada Inc., which is a wholly owned subsidiary of ORANO Group S.A., the world's leading integrated nuclear company ("ORANO") (see <a href="https://www.orano.group/canada">www.orano.group/canada</a> for more information). The Company continues maintain its interests in the property claims, but its minimal cash resources limit the Company's activities. Activities in the year ended February 29, 2024 and in the prior fiscal year included maintaining land claims as needed, monitoring the uranium market and periodically assessing the appropriateness and nature and timing of future exploration. In April 2013 the Quebec government proposed to impose a moratorium on the exploration of uranium in the province. The development of uranium properties are subject to social acceptability.



- James Bay Lowlands The Company has 5% interest in a diamond exploration project in close proximity to the DeBeer's Victor mine, in the Attawapiskat region of the James Bay Lowlands of Northern Ontario. There has been no significant changes or advances in this year to date, nor in the year ended February 29, 2024.
- <u>Indonesia</u> Historically, the Company carried out extensive work exploring and developing an alluvial
  gold project in Indonesia. While the Company has abandoned its Indonesian property holdings, it
  retains a vast amount of technical information. The Company, over the last four years, has not had
  significant advances in finding a prospective buyer for this intellectual property.

The Company does not hold any interests in producing or commercial ore deposits and has no production revenue. There is no operating history upon which investors may rely. Commercial development of any kind will only occur if sufficient quantities of ore containing economic concentrations of uranium, gold or other mineral resources are discovered. If, in the future, a discovery is made, substantial financial resources would be required to establish ore reserves. Additional substantial financial resources would be required to develop mining and processing for any ore reserves that may be discovered. If the Company were to be unable to finance the establishment of ore reserves or the development of mining and processing facilities, it might be required to sell all or a portion of its interest in such property to one or more parties capable of financing such development. As a strategic consideration, the Company may find it more attractive to do so in any event, as it considers its primary business and expertise to be exploration, but it does not rule out the possibility of production in the appropriate circumstances.

The Company is subject to numerous risk factors that may affect its business prospects in the future. These include commodity prices, availability of capital, exploration risks, regulatory risks, environmental risks, competition, dependence on key personnel, potential risks relating to mineral titles and aboriginal land claims, currency risk and potential amendments to tax laws.

#### **REVIEW OF OPERATIONS**

The following paragraphs provide an analysis of the financial condition of the Company, results of operations, trends, events, uncertainties and industry and economic factors that affect the Company's performance.

## **Summary of Select Financial Information**

Selected financial information for the last eight quarters appear below:



	FY2025	FY2024	FY2024	FY2024	FY2024	FY2023	FY2023	FY2023
	Q1 May-24	Q4 Feb-24	Q3 Nov-23	Q2 Aug-23	Q1 May-23	Q4 Feb-23	Q3 Nov-22	Q2 Aug-22
Total Assets	3,368	7,413	5,881	5,021	17,509	2,661	5,826	5,203
Accounts Payables & Accruals	106,100	108,590	88,840	89,838	106,813	103,711	78,805	74,760
Advances Payable & Shareholder Loans	548,581	546,603	530,489	521,538	507,109	492,021	495,077	485,434
Working Capital (Deficit)	(629,780)	(612,894)	(592,678)	(585,963)	(576,406)	(593,071)	(568,056)	(540,348)
Accumulated deficit	(7,179,695)	(7,242,263)	(7,210,987)	(7,202,414)	(7,194,768)	(7,191,426)	(7,169,413)	(7,160,816)
Comprehensive Income (Loss)	(3,533)	(31,275)	(8,573)	(7,646)	(3,342)	(24,652)	(8,596)	(14,643)
Loss per share	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

The Company continues to manage its operations to minimize cash costs, while leveraging management's time and industry relationships to advance its business. The Company's CEO has continued to support the business by providing cash advances. In addition, on May 29, 2023, the Company received \$20,000 in shareholders' loans. The shareholder loan proceeds were used in June 2023 to pay for annual reporting and filing expenses and other operating costs.

The Company's operating expenses follow:

	May 31,	May 31,
Three Months Ended	2024	2023
Expenses		
General and administrative	\$ 135	\$ 234
Professional fees	2,200	2,000
Shareholder relations and regulatory fees	815	1,100
Interest expense	383	8
	3,533	3,342
Net Loss and Comprehensive Loss	3,533	\$ 3,342

The Company's quarterly losses for the three months ending May 31, 2024 and 2023 are attributed to the following:

General and administrative expenses primarily include bank charges and other minor expenses.

Professional fees related to quarterly accounting and financial reporting fees.

Shareholder and regulatory fees relate to transfer agent expenditures and news release charges.

Interest expense results from the 7.5% interest charge on \$20,000 in shareholder loans received in May 2023.



## **Disclosure of Outstanding Share Information**

Waseco is authorized to issue an unlimited number of common shares. The issued and outstanding share capital at July 29

, 2024 consists of 41,681,390 common shares.

On April 9, 2024, 2,400,000 options expired. The following is information regarding the outstanding options at July 29, 2024:

Options by Expiry Date	Number of Options	Exercise Price	Remaining Life in Years
August 18, 2024	400,000	\$0.05	0.12
Total options and weighted averages	400,000	\$0.05	0.12

#### **Exploration Activities**

## Battle Mountain Ridge

On July 13, 2020, the Company announced the Option Agreement to grant on option on the BMR project to the Marigold Mining Company, a subsidiary of SSR Mining Inc. The option covers the 29 claims on the Battle Mountain Gold Trend in Lander County, Nevada. SSR has advised that Marigold has completed a soil analysis program at BMR in 2021, and SSR intends to allocate a portion of SSR's estimated 2022 exploration expenditures of US\$18,000,000 to its Trenton Canyon area, which includes BMR. Specific spending on BMR exploration and drilling activities is expected to comply with the Option Agreement minimum earn-in work requirements of (i) at least 10,000 feet of drilling or U.S.\$500,000 spent by July 1, 2023; and (ii) an additional 20,000 feet of drilling or U.S.1,000,000 spent by July 1, 2025. Prior to July 1, 2023, the BMR drilling program cost of US\$547,690 exceeded the first earn-in work requirement milestone of US\$500,000. No additional expenditures have been reported as of the date of the MD&A.

## Quebec Labrador Trough Project

In April 2013 the Quebec government proposed to imposed a moratorium on the exploration of uranium in the province. More recently, there has been an industry wide resurgence of interest, and uranium exploration has resumed, subject to local acceptance. There were no exploration activities in the field carried out on the Quebec Labrador Trough Project in the period under review.

The Company paid approximately \$7,300 to renew 52 claims to the Province of Quebec in the year ended February 28, 2022. Fifty percent of the claims fees are funded by the exploration advances provided by the joint venture partner, ORANO. In addition, the Company and ORANO each invest a minimum of \$3,000 each per year to manage the property, and generally record the costs in the last three months of the fiscal year.

Management continues to be pleased with its working relationship with ORANO. It is the world's leader in the nuclear industry, as such it provides valuable technical expertise to the project. It has also developed an in-depth knowledge of the area, having explored Northern Quebec over the past 40 years. The joint venture currently holds claims covering approximately 3,000 hectares.





#### James Bay Lowlands

The Company holds a 5% interest in a 2,440-acre property, near Attawapiskat, in northern Ontario. The lead joint venture partner is KWG Resources Inc. ("KWG"). The Victor Mine, owned by De Beers, and the work on the MacFadyen diamondiferous dykes to the west of the property, have increased the visibility and significance of the camp. Discussions of a preliminary nature have taken place with certain other mining companies and First Nations' representatives, for the joint-exploration and development of the area. Sufficient assessment work has been filed to maintain the property in good standing.

The Company estimates KWG invested approximately \$39,000 in 2020 and \$21,000 in 2021 into the MacFayden Claims on the James Bay Lowlands project. The funds invested relate primarily to First Nation community negotiations and the evaluation and planning for future exploration activities.

No additional amounts have been invested during the periods under review, but it is anticipated that there may be further investment and takes on an added role during any new joint exploration and development program. Any additional investment and activity would be subject to the Company obtaining additional financing, which has been difficult to obtain in the past two years.

#### Indonesia

The Company retains a significant quantity of proprietary information with respect to its former holdings in Tewah Alluvial Gold project. Much of this information had been embodied in a Positive Bankable Feasibility Study (the "Intellectual Property"). The Company continues to monitor developments in the area and retains the desire to monetize the Intellectual Property it owns from exploration of its former holdings.

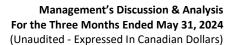
#### Other Statement of Financial Position Comparisons

On May 29, 2023, the Company borrowed \$20,000 pursuant to three shareholder loans, which included interest at 7.5% per annum and a maturity date of July 30, 2025. The funds were used in June 2023 to pay for the year end audit services, regulatory fees and past due invoices.

In June 2024, the Company's CEO advanced the Company \$41,857, which was used to pay amounts owing to vendors, including to pay for the year end audit services. The advance is non-interest bearing and with no fixed term of repayment.

The Company's desire to conduct exploration and development on its properties has traditionally been primarily based upon its ability to enter into attractive joint venture arrangements with third parties to undertake exploration and development expenditures on its behalf or by funding the programs directly.

It is also the Company's intention to pursue introducing a joint venture partner to achieve a return on its intellectual property bearing on the development of its former Indonesian project, which, in the context of current prices for gold and zircon, may become an important by-product in the project. Unfortunately, market conditions have not facilitated discussions with potential partners during the past 18 months.





#### **Dividends**

The Company has neither declared nor paid any dividends on its Common Shares nor has any intention to do so in the foreseeable future. The Company intends to retain its earnings, if any, to finance growth and expand its operations and does not anticipate paying any dividends on its Common Shares in any near future short of establishing profitable production which there is no assurance of ever taking place.

## **Off Balance Sheet Arrangements**

There are no off-balance sheet arrangements.

#### **Related Party Transactions**

The financial statements include transactions with directors and/or officers of the Company regarding share-based compensation, management fee payments for CFO services and reimbursements of out-of-pocket amounts paid by officers on behalf of the Company. The Company incurred \$2,200 for CFO services in the three months ended May 31, 2024 ( in the three months ended May 31, 2023 - \$2,000)

At May 31, 2024, amounts owing to the key management personnel include advances payable of \$522,048 (February 29, 2024 - \$520,453), accounts payable and accrued liabilities of \$19,986 (February 29, 202 - \$22,583).

These transactions are measured and recorded at their exchange amounts, being the amounts agreed to by the related parties and are not in excess of fair market values.

## **Liquidity Risk**

The Company's approach to managing liquidity risk is to ensure that it will have sufficient liquidity to meet liabilities as they become due. At May 31, 2024, the Company had a working capital deficiency of \$629,780 (deficiency at February 29, 2024 – \$626,630). To meet its longer-term working capital and property exploration expenditures, the Company will use its best efforts to secure further financing to ensure that those obligations were properly discharged. In May 2023, the Company received shareholder loans from three shareholders in the aggregate of \$20,000. In June 2024, the Company's CEO advanced the Company \$41.857.

There can be no assurance that Waseco will be successful in its efforts to arrange additional financing on terms satisfactory to the Company. In the meantime, the Chief Executive Officer, who is also a Director of the Company, has been supporting the Company's operations by extending shareholder advances to the Company with neither interest nor fixed repayment terms. If additional financing is raised by the issuance of shares from the treasury of the Company, control of Waseco may change and shareholders may suffer additional dilution.





#### **Additional Capital**

The continued exploration work by the Company may require substantial additional financing. There can be no assurance that additional capital or other types of financing would be available if needed or that, if available, the terms of such financings would be favorable to the Company. In addition, low commodity prices may affect the Company's ability to obtain financing as mineral property investment, which constitutes the primary activity of the Company, is linked to such prices.

## **Significant Accounting Policies**

The Company's significant accounting policies are included in Note 2 of the Financial Statements and in Note 3 of the Company's audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended February 29, 2024, and they have been applied consistently to all periods presented.

## **Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

Management is responsible for designing internal controls over financial reporting, or supervising their design, in order to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and preparation of consolidated financial statements for reporting purposes in accordance with IFRS.

There was no change in the Company's internal controls over financial reporting that occurred in the year ended February 29, 2024 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

The control framework has been designed by management with assistance from accounting consultants. Based on a review of its internal control procedures at the end of the period covered by this MD&A, the conclusion of management is that the internal control over financial reporting is appropriately designed and operating effectively as of February 29, 2024.

#### **Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

Disclosure controls and procedures are designed to provide reasonable assurance that all relevant information is gathered and reported to senior management, including the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer, on a timely basis so that appropriate decisions can be made regarding public disclosure.

As at the end of the period covered by this Management's Discussion and Analysis, management of the Company evaluated the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures as required by Canadian securities laws. Based on that evaluation, the President and Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer have concluded that the disclosure controls and procedures were effective to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed in the Company's annual Certification of Disclosure in Issuers' Annual and Interim Filings and other reports filed or submitted under Canadian securities laws is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified by those laws and that material information is accumulated and communicated to management of the Company, including the President and Chief Executive Officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.



## Timely Disclosure, Confidentially and Insider Trading Policy

Management has adopted the policy to ensure that Waseco and all persons to whom this Policy applies meet their obligations under the provisions of security laws and stock exchange rules by establishing a process for the timely disclosure of all Material Information.

- (i) This policy covers disclosures in documents filed with the securities regulators and written statements made in the Company's annual and quarterly reports, news releases, letters to shareholders, presentations by Directors, Officers, Employees or Contractors and information contained on the Company's website and other communications. It extends to oral statements made in meetings and telephone conversations with analysts and investors, interviews with the media as well as speeches, press conferences and conference calls and any other public disclosures on behalf of the Company, the content of which would reasonably be expected to affect value or price of any security of the Company.
- (ii) all persons to whom this Policy applies understand their obligations to preserve the confidentiality of Undisclosed Material Information (as defined herein)
- (iii) all appropriate parties who have Undisclosed Material Information are prohibited from Insider Trading (as defined herein) and Tipping (as defined herein) under applicable law, stock exchange rules and this policy; and
- (iv) communications to the investing public about the Company are timely, factual, accurate, complete and not misleading, and broadly disseminated in accordance with all applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

#### **Proposed Transactions**

Management is continuously examining potential acquisitions or options of additional properties as they are presented to the Company. No such proposed transactions are presently pending. If the Company makes any commitments because of such transactions, it would be announced by way of a prompt press release.

#### **TRENDS**

There are no unusual trends, commitments, events or uncertainties presently known or identifiable to management that would reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the Company's business, financial condition or results of operations beyond the junior mining sector's continuing challenge to raise funds in the capital markets. This adverse trend continued for an unusually extended period. Although prospects for funding may have improved, the pricing of new capital may be excessively dilutive. It is also difficult to achieve material share appreciation based upon exploration funding, activity, and the time to generate successful results. The nature of the Company's business is demanding of capital for property acquisition costs, exploration commitments and holding costs. The Company intends to utilize cash on hand to meet these obligations and will continue to raise funds, as necessary, to augment this cash position. In recent times, Mr. Williams, the Chief Executive Officer, has been supportive in the Company's



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operations by extending shareholder advances to the Company with nil interest, no fixed terms of repayment or other considerations.

#### **RISKS**

There are certain risk factors that could have material effects on the Company that are not quantifiable at present due to the nature of the Company's industry segment and other considerations.

## Exploration Development and Operating Risk

Mineral exploration involves many risks, which even a combination of experience, knowledge and careful evaluation may not be able to overcome. Operations in which the Company has a direct or indirect interest will be subject to all the hazards and risks normally incidental to exploration and development, any of which could result in work stoppages, damage to property, and possible environmental damage.

None of the properties in which the Company has an interest has a current known body of commercial ore as defined under NI 43-101. Development of the Company's mineral properties would follow only upon obtaining satisfactory exploration results.

Mineral exploration and development involve a high degree of risk and few properties that are explored are ultimately developed into producing mines. There is no assurance that the Company's mineral exploration and development activities will result in any discoveries of commercially viable bodies of ore. The long-term profitability of the Company's operations will be in part directly related to the cost and success of its exploration programs, which may be affected by a number of factors.

Substantial expenditures are required to establish reserves through drilling, to develop metallurgical processes to extract the metal from the resources and, in the case of new properties, to develop the mining and processing facilities and infrastructure at any site chosen for mining. Although substantial benefits may be derived from the discovery of a major mineralized deposit, no assurance can be given that minerals will be discovered in sufficient quantities to justify commercial operations or that the funds required for development could be obtained on a timely basis.

## **Business Risk**

The success of the operations and activities of the Company is dependent to a significant extent on the efforts and abilities of its management, outside contractors, experts, and other advisors. Investors must be willing to rely to a significant degree on management's discretion and judgment, as well as the expertise and competence of the outside contractors, experts, and other advisors. The Company does not have a formal program in place for succession of management and training of management. The loss of one or more of the key employees or contractors, if not replaced on a timely basis, could adversely affect the Company's operations and financial performance.

Under the terms of the Option Agreement, SSR has the option, at its sole discretion, to complete minimum earn-in work requirements at BMR. The advancement of exploration activities at BMR is dependent upon SSR to allocate funding and resources to BMR, which will be subject to exploration development and



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operating risks and business risks similar to those noted above that may impact SSR.

## **Commodity Prices**

The price of the Company's common shares, its financial results, and its exploration and development activities have been, or may in the future be, adversely affected by declines in the price of gold, uranium and/or other metals. Metal prices fluctuate widely and are affected by numerous factors beyond the Company's control such as the sale or purchase of commodities by various central banks and other financial institutions, expectations of inflation or deflation, currency exchange fluctuations, interest rates, global or regional consumption patterns, international supply and demand, speculative activities and increased production due to new mine developments, improved mining and production methods and international economic and political trends. The Company's revenues, if any, would be in large part derived from mining and sale of precious and base metals or interests related thereto. The effect of these factors on the price of precious and base metals, and therefore the economic viability of any of the Company's exploration projects, cannot accurately be predicted.

## **Market Volatility**

In recent years, the securities markets in the United States and Canada have experienced a high level of price and volume volatility, and the market prices of securities of many companies have experienced wide fluctuations in price which have not necessarily been related to the operating performance, underlying asset values or prospects of such companies. There can be no assurance that continual fluctuations in price will not occur.

#### Additional Capital

The exploration activities of the Company may require substantial additional financing. Failure to obtain sufficient financing may result in delay or indefinite postponement of exploration and development of any and all of the Company's properties. There can be no assurance that additional capital or other types of financing would be available if needed or that, if available, the terms of such financings would be favourable to the Company. In addition, low commodity prices may affect the Company's ability to obtain financing.

#### **Environmental and Permitting**

All phases of the Company's operations are subject to environmental regulation in the various jurisdictions in which it operates. These regulations, among other things, mandate the maintenance of air and water quality standards, land reclamation, transportation, storage and disposal of 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, would not adversely affect the Company's operations.

#### **Acquisition**

The Company uses its best judgment to acquire mining properties for exploration and development. In pursuit of such opportunities, the Company may fail to select appropriate properties or acquisition candidates or negotiate acceptable agreements, including arrangements to finance the acquisitions



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and their development, or integrate such opportunity and their personnel with the Company. The Company cannot assure that it can complete any acquisition that it pursues on favourable terms, or that any acquisition completed would ultimately benefit the Company.

## Competition

The mining industry is intensely competitive in all of its phases, and the Company competes with many companies possessing greater financial resources and technical facilities than it. Competition in the mining business could adversely affect the Company's ability to acquire suitable producing properties or prospective properties for mineral exploration in the future.

#### **Land Title**

The Company has not sought formal title opinions on its mineral property interests in Canada, the United States and in Indonesia. Any of the Company's properties may be subject to prior unregistered agreements or transfers or native land claims and title may be affected by undetected defects. The Company has no present knowledge of any material defect in the title to any of the properties in which the Company has or may acquire an interest.