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GENERAL

This management's discussion and analysis ("MD&A") for Atico Mining Corporation (the "Company" or "Atico") is intended to help the reader understand the significant factors that have affected Atico and its subsidiaries performance and such factors that may affect its future performance. This MD&A, which has been prepared as of May 23, 2017, should be read in conjunction with the Company's consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2016 and the related notes contained therewith. The Company reports its financial position, financial performance and cash flows in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB"). All dollar amounts included in the following MD&A are in the United States ("US") dollars except where noted. These documents and other information relevant to the Company's activities are available for viewing on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

This MD&A refers to certain non-GAAP financial measures such as cash cost per tonne of processed ore and cash cost per pound of payable copper produced, used by the Company to manage and evaluate operating performance. These measures are widely reported in the mining industry but do not have a standardized meaning and may differ from methods used by other companies with similar descriptions. The Company believes that certain investors use these non-GAAP financial measures to evaluate the Company's performance. Accordingly, non-GAAP financial measures should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for measures of performance prepared in accordance with IFRS. To facilitate a better understanding of these measures as calculated by the Company, we have provided detailed descriptions and reconciliations as required.

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COMPANY OVERVIEW

The Company was incorporated under the laws of the Yukon Territory on April 15, 2010, continued pursuant to the laws of British Columbia effective October 4, 2011, and its fiscal year end is December 31. The Company is headquartered at Suite 501 - 543 Granville Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada and has regional offices in Colombia and Peru.

The Company is engaged in copper-gold mining and related activities including exploration, development, extraction, and processing in Colombia and the acquisition, exploration and development of copper and gold projects in Latin America. The Company completed its initial public offering ("IPO") in March 2012. In conjunction with the IPO, Atico began trading on the TSX Venture Exchange ("TSX-V") under the symbol "ATY".

On November 22, 2013, the Company completed the exercise of its mineral property purchase option, acquiring 90% of the shares of Minera El Roble S.A. ("MINER"), the owner of the El Roble mineral property and took control of the producing El Roble mine and 6,679 hectares of surrounding claims.

MINER's principal asset is the operating El Roble underground copper-gold-silver mine and processing plant, located in Choco, Colombia. With a historic nominal capacity of 400 tonnes per day, the mine has processed over the past twenty-two years, 1.5 million tonnes of ore at an average head grade of 2.6% copper and an estimated gold grade of 2.5 grams per tonne ("g/t"). Since obtaining control of the mine on November 22, 2013, the Company has upgraded the operation from the historic nominal capacity of 400 tonnes per day to the current nominal capacity of 800 tonnes per day.

FIRST QUARTER 2017 FINANCIAL AND OPERATING HIGHLIGHTS

- Net income for the three months ended March 31, 2017 ("Q1-2017") amounted to \$1.29 million, compared with income of \$1.97 million for the same period last year ("Q1-2016"). Net income for the quarter was negatively affected by an increase in direct mining and processing costs, unfavorable net realized and unrealized loss on derivative instruments, and a decrease in deferred income tax recovery, partially offset by an increase in revenue.
- Sales for the period increased 42% to \$17.2 million when compared with Q1-2016. The increase is due to additional concentrate shipped and provisionally invoiced with a higher realized copper price when compared to Q1-2016. Copper ("Cu") and gold ("Au") accounted for 97.3% and 2.7% of the total amount provisionally invoiced during the quarter. The average realized price per metal on provisional invoicing was \$2.63 (Q1-2016 - \$2.12) per pound of copper and \$1,234.18 (Q1-2016 - \$1,220.53) per ounce of gold.
- Income from operations was \$2.80 million (Q1-2016 - \$2.27 million) while cash flow from operations, before changes in working capital, was \$5.96 million (Q1-2016 - \$5.17 million). Cash used for capital expenditures amounted to \$2.10 million.
- Cash costs were \$114.76 per tonne of processed ore and \$1.41 per pound of payable copper produced, which was an increase of 38% and 63% over Q1-2016, respectively (refer to non-GAAP Financial Measures). The increase in the cash cost per pound of payable copper net of by products is mainly explained by a negative impact in the cost per processed tonne and a lower gold credit driven by comparatively less ounces produced.
- All-in sustaining cash cost per payable pound of copper produced was \$1.91 (Q1-2016 - \$1.34) (refer to non-GAAP Financial Measures).
- The Company produced 10,566 (Q1-2016 - 9,674) dry metric tonnes ("DMT") of concentrate with a metal content of 5.0 million (Q1-2016 - 4.3 million) pounds ("lbs") of copper and 2,550 (Q1-2016 - 2,566) ounces ("oz") of gold.
- Processed tonnes increased 17% to 62,885 compared to 53,715 in Q1-2016.
- At the year-end, 3,222 wet metric tonnes ("WMT") of non-invoiced concentrate remained at the Company's warehouses.

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RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

EI Roble mine review

The EI Roble mine is an underground copper, gold and silver mine and processing plant located in the Department of Choco in Colombia. Its commercial product is a copper concentrate with gold and silver by-product credits.

The mine has processed over the past twenty-two years, with an historic nominal capacity of 400 tonnes per day, a total of over 1.5 million tonnes of ore at an average head grade of 2.6% copper and an estimated gold grade of 2.5 g/t. The operation has completed an expansion to a nominal capacity of 800 tonnes per day. Copper and gold mineralization at the EI Roble property occurs in volcanogenic massive sulfide ("VMS") lenses.

The table below shows the main variables used by management to measure operating performance of the mine: throughput, grade, recovery, metal production and cost.

EI Roble operating performance

	Q1 2017	Q1 2016
Production (contained metals)⁽¹⁾		
Copper (000 lbs)	5,046	4,277
Gold (oz)	2,550	2,566
Silver (oz)	9,852	8,313
Mining		
Ore (tonnes)	63,468	53,752
Milling		
Milled (tonnes)	62,885	53,715
Tonnes per day	810	778
Copper grade (%)	3.89	3.81
Gold grade (g/t)	1.92	2.21
Silver grade (g/t)	9.12	7.87
Recoveries		
Copper (%)	93.5	94.4
Gold (%)	65.8	67.3
Silver (%)	53.9	61.4
Concentrate		
Cu concentrate produced (DMT)	10,566	9,674
Copper (%)	21.7	20.1
Gold (g/t)	7.5	8.3
Silver (g/t)	29.0	26.7
Payable copper produced (000 lbs)	4,790	4,048
Cash cost per pound of payable copper produced ⁽²⁾	1.41	0.86

⁽¹⁾ Subject to adjustments due to final settlement.

⁽²⁾ Net of by-product credits (refer to non-GAAP Financial Measures).

In Q1-2017, the Company produced 5.0 million lbs of copper, 2,550 oz of gold, and 9,852 oz of silver. When compared to Q1-2016, production increased 18% for copper while gold production remained at Q1-2016 levels. The increase in copper produced is entirely explained by 17% more processed material. In the case of gold, the increase in processed material was offset by a 13% decrease in the gold head grade and a 2.2% decrease in the metal recovery.

The average throughput rate in the quarter increased 4% to 810 tonnes per day from the average of 778 tonnes per day in Q1-2016. The number of worked days also increased in the same period by 12% to 78 days.

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Average copper head grade in Q1-2017 had no significant change over the same period last year and was above the year's guidance of 3.3% to 3.5%. In the case of gold, the average head grade decreased by 13% but remains within the intended operational range.

Copper recovery was maintained above 93% in Q1-2017 while gold recovery was 65.8%. The copper content in the concentrate has increased to above 21.7% while maintaining the target gold recovery. Metallurgical tests have been directed to study the possibility of further increasing the copper content in the concentrate while maintaining the current gold recovery, as an alternative to increase the value of the concentrate. The Company will continue running engineering tests during the first half of 2017 to further increase the value of the concentrate.

Cash costs were \$114.76 per tonne of processed ore and \$1.41 per pound of payable copper produced, which was an increase of 38% and 63% over Q1-2016, respectively (refer to non-GAAP Financial Measures). The increase in the cash cost per pound of payable copper net of by products is mainly explained by the increase in the cost per processed tonne, a decreased gold credit driven by a lower gold-to-copper production ratio and to a lesser extent an increase in treatment charges when compared to Q1-2016.

The increase in the cost per processed tonne is driven primarily by an increase of 107% in the quantity of cemented backfill used during the quarter, a 32% increase in the mill costs and to a lesser extent an 82% increase in hauling of material. For the remaining quarters of 2017, the Company anticipates a decrease in the cost per tonne of processed ore driven by a reduction in the quantity and unit cost of cubic meters backfilled to the mine. In addition, milling cost is expected to decrease as major consumable parts of the ball mills and crushing system were replaced during Q1-2017.

For Q1-2017, the all-in sustaining cash cost net of by credit products is \$1.91 (Q1-2016 - \$1.34) per pound of payable copper produced (refer to non-GAAP Financial Measures).

Cash used for capital expenditure activities during Q1-2017 were \$2.10 million. Major categories of expenditure included \$0.67 million in underground mine development, \$0.49 million in equipment and infrastructure related to the mine, \$0.21 million in the second phase of the tailings dam and \$0.15 million related to the mill, surface and energy infrastructure.

Mine production came from two sources in Q1-2017: Maximus-Goliath and Zeus. Zeus provided the preponderance of material for processing, and Maximus-Goliath mining continued to be related to recovering in-mine stockpiles and pillar recovery.

The drift-and-fill mining method continues in Zeus with ore being sourced throughout the quarter from primary stopes from eight sublevels from the 1757 to the 1851 level.

During Q1-2017, the primary stopes on the 1797 level and the secondary stopes on the 1851 sublevels had been completely mined.

The main ramp advanced 218 meters during Q1-2017 towards the eastern side of the mineralized bodies which continued confirming better ground conditions. The Company has planned to complete the ramp development to the lowest mineralized level during 2017.

In Q1-2017, the El Roble mine continued to show improvements in the two main safety metrics the Company uses. The frequency index decreased by 66% from 12.93 in Q1-2016 to 4.43 in Q1-2017, while the severity index decreased from 97.01 in Q1-2016 to 22.7 in Q1-2017. The frequency and severity index in the Colombian legislation represent the number of accidents and workdays lost respectively, for every 240,000 hours worked.

Since the Company took over El Roble mine in late 2013, the frequency and severity index have improved over four and nine times respectively, with no severe or life-threatening accidents in the process. During the past three years, the Company has launched several initiatives to enforce the importance of safety practices at the operation which have yielded good results. Examples of the initiatives undertaken by the Company include implementation of OHSAS 18001 "Occupational Health and Safety Management System - Requirements", a yearlong safety training program for supervisors, increasing the number of safety leaders and safety supervisors at the operation, enforcing 5-minute safety talks at the workplace, weekly safety meetings with all workers, counseling for workers with sub-standard work practices, and engaging an external safety consultant among others. The Company continues to be committed to

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support the initiatives launched in the past years to enforce the importance of safety practices at the operation and will assess supporting new initiatives as needed to continue the safety improvement trend.

Concentrate inventory

Amounts in dry metric tonnes	Q1 2017	Q1 2016
Opening inventory	7,318.6	4,094.0
Production	10,566.0	9,673.7
Sales	(15,016.2)	(11,327.8)
Adjustment	63.6	0.0
Closing inventory	2,932.0	2,439.9

Production is trucked routinely from the El Roble mine to the port of Buenaventura, where 7,500 WMT of concentrate can be stored at the Company's warehouse. Since the cost of shipping and freight is directly related to the size of the lot to be shipped, the Company prefers to sell lots closer to 5,000 WMT.

The Company recognizes revenue from provisional invoicing when the risks and rewards of ownership are transferred to the customer, which under the current off-take agreement is when the Company loads the concentrate onto the performing vessel at the port of Buenaventura, Colombia. As final settlement may occur several months after the provisional invoicing, changes in metal prices during the quotational period may have a material impact on the revenue ultimately recognized.

The number of shipments the Company can export in any given quarter depends on several variables some of which the Company does not control, hence there may be an inherent variability in tonnes shipped and revenue recognized from one quarter to the next.

Given the Company's revenue recognition policy and shipment schedule, the concentrate produced in any given quarter may not be immediately reflected in its revenue. The timing difference between concentrate produced and revenue recognized tends to decrease significantly when viewed on a yearly basis. In Q1-2017, the Company produced 10,566 DMT and sold 15,016 DMT of concentrate; the difference is concentrate inventory carried forward from the three months ended December 31, 2016 ("Q4-2016").

Exploration at El Roble

During Q1-2017, 410 meters of underground drilling were completed at the El Roble mine. Mechanical problems and difficulties related to providing services to the drill rigs limited meters drilled. The Company anticipates as of the three months ended June 30, 2017 ("Q2-2017") the underground program will return to the schedule of 3,500 meters drilled per quarter. The program includes drilling with two underground rigs to test the occurrence of massive sulphide bodies next to known mineralization and extending the deposit at depth and along strike.

At the San Lorenzo and Santa Anita target areas, the 2,500 meter of core drilling program was completed in Q1-2017.

At Santa Anita the recent drilling clearly demonstrated a thickening of the "black chert" unit over a strike length of approximately 600 meters indicative of a sub-basin favorable for the deposition and preservation of massive sulfides. The sub-basin appears to be bounded by faults which might have acted as feeders for mineralization. The black chert unit also contains 5-10% bedding-parallel stringers and blebs of pyrite-pyrrhotite suggesting a distal massive sulfide depositional environment. Hole ATSA-005, drilled on the northern margin of the sub-basin intersected two intervals of highly anomalous gold (3.9 meters at 2.25 g/t Au from 114.80 meters and 5.3 meters at 2.31 g/t Au from 138.55 meters) supporting the alteration and pathfinder element vectors.

The Company is highly encouraged by these results, which have outlined a depositional sub-basin with potential for massive sulfide preservation, elevated basemetal, pathfinder and alteration element geochemistry rising sharply at the contact of basalt basement and the overlying favorable host "black chert" unit. The multi-element geochemistry vectors are concentrated with the sub-basin and trend toward the northern margin of the basin.

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Further drilling will be directed to follow the geochemical vectors by drilling a fence of holes beneath the current holes and both extending and closing the interval between drill holes particularly at the northern end of the Santa Anita target area.

At the San Lorenzo target, drilling of four holes was also directed to test the basalt-“black chert” contact. All holes intersected the contact but basemetal, pathfinder, alteration geochemistry was much more subdued and there was very little variation in thickness of the “black chert”. In addition, a reddish “ash unit” occurs within the “black chert” suggesting oxidation conditions at the time of deposition which are generally not compatible with preservation of massive sulfide deposits. Consequently the San Lorenzo prospect has been given lower priority for future exploration.

Several other high priority exploration targets exist within the “El Roble property”, specifically Anomaly 28, about 1 kilometer NE of Santa Anita which shows elevated rock chip geochemistry on basalt-“black chert” contact and is on trend with geochemical vectors at Santa Anita. This geochemically anomalous portion of contact is also associated with a ground magnetic anomaly.

The massive pyrite-pyrrhotite outcrop, announced on November 22, 2016, between the La Dicha prospect and Anomaly 42 is approximately 4.5 kilometers NW of El Roble Mine, is another high priority target which has locally elevated, gold, copper and lead geochemistry. It will require mapping and trenching to fully define the prospect, since it is structurally offset from the main “El Roble property”.

The Company plans to drill test at least three targets in 2017 along with another drill program at Santa Anita starting in Q2-2017.

OUTLOOK

The Company is basing 2017 guidance on year ended December 31, 2016 financial and production results. Please refer to Cautionary Note on Forward Looking Statements at the end of this document.

The Company set the following objectives for 2017 at the El Roble mine:

- Process between 260,000 and 265,000 tonnes.
- Maintain copper recovery above 93% and 65% for gold.
- Maintain an average copper head grade between 3.3% and 3.5%
- Maintain an average gold head grade between 2.0 g/t and 2.2 g/t
- Maintain production between 37,000 and 39,000 dry tonnes of concentrate.
- Maintain production between 8,300 and 8,500 tonnes of copper.
- Maintain production between 9,700 and 10,000 ounces of gold.
- Increase the mill mechanical availability to 90% and reach 320 days worked.
- Continue increasing the safety and environmental standards.

The Company believes the Q1-2017 results are in line with the objectives set for 2017 at the El Roble mine.

SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY RESULTS

The following table provides selected financial information for the eight quarters up to March 31, 2017, and should be read in conjunction with the Company's consolidated financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015.

	Q1-2017	Q4-2016	Q3-2016	Q2-2016
Revenue	\$ 17,213,518	\$ 10,983,059	\$ 11,488,716	\$ 3,659,067
Income (loss) from operations	2,800,548	838,196	69,036	(1,619,135)
Net income (loss) for the period ⁽¹⁾	1,111,949	(447,985)	194,020	(1,290,274)
Earnings (loss) per share - basic and diluted	0.01	(0.00)	0.00	(0.01)
Weighted average shares outstanding - basic	98,030,087	97,689,926	97,591,571	97,591,571
Weighted average shares outstanding - diluted	98,303,731	97,689,926	97,591,571	97,591,571

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	Q1-2016	Q4-2015	Q3-2015	Q2-2015
Revenue	\$ 12,122,542	\$ 6,314,214	\$ 10,838,631	\$ 6,116,976
Income (loss) from operations	2,272,729	42,886	1,002,930	507,601
Net income (loss) for the period ⁽¹⁾	1,724,678	(1,146,966)	(509,049)	(496,828)
Earnings (loss) per share - basic and diluted	0.02	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)
Weighted average shares outstanding - basic	97,591,571	97,591,571	97,591,571	97,591,571
Weighted average shares outstanding - diluted	97,591,571	97,591,571	97,591,571	97,591,571

⁽¹⁾ Income (loss) attributable to equity holders of the Company.

⁽²⁾ There is a variability of the Company's quarterly revenues and incomes from operations due to timing difference between production and shipment schedules (see discussion in "Concentrate inventory").

FIRST QUARTER FINANCIAL RESULTS

First quarter net income was \$1,289,016 compared to \$1,966,760 in Q1-2016 and basic and diluted earnings per share was \$0.01 and \$0.02, respectively. Income from mining operations was \$4,531,248 (Q1-2016 - \$3,607,594), and the Company had an income from operations of \$2,800,548 (Q1-2016 - \$2,272,729). The Q1-2017 income from mining operations was affected by an increase in concentrate shipped and provisionally invoiced and a higher realized copper price as compared to Q1-2016, partially offset by an increase in direct mining and processing costs. Net realized loss on derivative instruments and increase in selling, general and administrative expenses were partially offset by foreign exchange gain in Q1-2017 over Q1-2016.

Sales for Q1-2017 were \$17,213,518 (Q1-2016 - \$12,122,542) from the shipping and provisional invoicing of 15,016.2 (Q1-2016 - 11,327.8) DMT of concentrate and adjustments on shipments made during prior periods. The Company's metal concentrates are provisionally priced at the time of sale based on the prevailing commodity market prices. Final prices are set in a period subsequent to the date of sale based on specified quotational period after delivery. Under the current sales agreement, final pricing for metals concentrates generally occurs four months after the month of sales. Sales for Q1-2017 increased over Q1-2016 due to increases in concentrate sold and realized copper price.

	March 31 2017	March 31 2016
Three months ended		
Sales and realized prices		
Provisional invoices	\$ 17,777,361	\$ 11,452,928
Adjustments ⁽¹⁾	(563,843)	669,614
Sales per financial statements	\$ 17,213,518	\$ 12,122,542
Copper		
Provisional sales (000's lbs)	7,109.2	4,783.6
Realized price (\$/lb) ⁽²⁾	2.63	2.12
Net realized price (\$/lb) ⁽³⁾	2.43	2.00
Gold		
Provisional sales (oz)	3,619.8	3,635.9
Realized price (\$/oz) ⁽²⁾	1,234.18	1,220.53
Net realized price (\$/oz) ⁽³⁾	131.43	521.92
Silver		
Provisional sales (oz)	14,072.9	10,996.6
Realized price (\$/oz) ⁽²⁾	17.28	15.27
Net realized price (\$/oz) ⁽³⁾	0.00	0.53

⁽¹⁾ Include adjustments for mark-to-market price, forward sale arrangements, and foreign exchange rates. The current and subsequent periods may include final settlement quantity and/or price adjustments from prior shipments.

⁽²⁾ Based on provisional sales before final price and assay adjustments.

⁽³⁾ Adjusted for payable metals deductions, treatment and refining charges, and transportation charges.

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Cost of sales for Q1-2017 was \$12,682,270 (Q1-2016 - \$8,514,948) consisting of the following components:

Three months ended	March 31 2017	March 31 2016
Direct mining and processing costs	\$ 8,355,139	\$ 4,559,832
Royalties	292,244	248,887
Depletion and amortization	4,034,887	3,706,229
	\$ 12,682,270	\$ 8,514,948

The increased cost of sales for the Q1-2017 over the comparative period is due to increases in the tonnes of concentrate shipped and provisionally invoiced and production cost per unit.

Selling, general and administrative ("SG&A") expenses were higher in Q1-2017 compared to Q1-2016; \$1,924,412 compared to \$1,270,708. Selling expenses accounted for 5% of sales, which included mostly the transportation, storage, and security costs of concentrate prior to provisional invoicing. The breakdown of the Company's SG&A expenses is as follows:

	Three months ended March 31, 2017			Three months ended March 31, 2016		
	Operations	Corporate	Total	Operations	Corporate	Total
Selling expenses	\$ 865,040	\$ -	\$ 865,040	\$ 626,632	\$ -	\$ 626,632
Amortization	32,021	4,048	36,069	57,317	534	57,851
Corporate administration	151,330	149,273	300,603	78,584	112,891	191,475
Professional fees	48,250	28,382	76,632	14,260	36,523	50,873
Salaries and benefits	154,520	141,741	296,261	113,883	218,207	332,090
Transfer agent and filing fees	-	17,896	17,896	-	11,877	11,877
	\$1,251,161	\$ 341,340	\$1,592,501	\$ 890,676	\$ 380,032	\$1,270,708

Other income and expenses: In Q1-2017, the Company recognized share-based payments of \$138,199 (Q1-2016 - \$64,157) for the 2,490,583 and 2,870,671 stock options granted in April 2016 and July 2014 and 971,429 restricted share units ("RSUs") granted in April 2016, where each has a vesting term over 36 months.

In Q1-2017, the Company recognized interest expense of \$159,004 (Q1-2016 - \$171,408) for various long-term credit facilities, accretion expense of \$42,501 (Q1-2016 - \$45,275) for its provisions, a net realized loss of \$216,457 (Q1-2016 - gain of \$148,131) on settlements of its derivative instruments, and a net negative adjustment of \$68,246 (Q1-2016 - positive \$486,178) to its derivative instruments outstanding at the reporting date.

In Q1-2017, the Company recognized current income tax expense of \$1,413,438 (Q1-2016 - \$1,312,207) and deferred income tax recovery of \$94,098 (Q1-2016 - \$482,678).

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

The Company generated cash flows from operations that have been used to fund capital expenditures for production increases, meet financial obligations and to increase working capital. Prior to January 1, 2014, the Company relied on private placement financings of equity securities, a secured loan facility, and a credit facility (refer to Contractual Obligations) to fund its operating and investing activities.

The Company's cash and cash equivalents as at March 31, 2017 totaled \$1,966,614 (December 31, 2016 - \$3,617,172) and its working capital was \$3,365,241 (December 31, 2016 - \$1,711,837). Working capital at any specific point in time is subject to many variables, including seasonality, inventory management, the timing of cash receipts and payments, credit facility and loan payment terms, and fluctuations in foreign exchange rates.

During the year ended December 31, 2016, the Company and Trafigura Pte Ltd. extended the loan repayment schedule to 2019, where each principal payment amount has been reduced and an accelerated payment component, dependent on metal prices, has been added. The Company's debt facility with Trafigura Pte Ltd. is subject to various

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qualitative and quantitative covenants, and the Company was in compliance with all such debt covenants as at March 31, 2017.

First quarter liquidity and capital resources

During Q1-2017, cash and cash equivalents decreased by \$1,650,558. The decrease was due to net cash used in investing and financing activities of \$2,321,149 and \$3,040,415, respectively, offset by net cash provided by operating activities of \$3,709,286. Exchange rate changes had a positive impact on cash and cash equivalents of \$1,720.

Operating activities

During Q1-2017, net cash provided by operating activities amounted to \$3,709,286, which included positive operating cash flow before changes in non-cash operating working capital items of \$5,956,901, offset by changes in non-cash working capital items of \$2,247,615. Non-cash working capital changes included the effects from an increase in receivables of \$4,960,363 offset by a decrease in inventories of \$2,124,696 and an increase in accounts payable and accrued liabilities of \$447,007 during the normal course of business.

Investing activities

Cash used by the Company in investing activities during Q1-2017 totaled \$2,321,149, which were primarily comprised of capital expenditures on underground mine development, acquisition of new equipment, and phase two of the new tailings impoundment facility.

Financing activities

During Q1-2017, the Company used net cash of \$3,040,415 in its financing activities. The Company repaid net of \$2,196,802 on its credit facilities and received \$190,482 on exercise of stock options. Additionally, the Company paid \$366,767 of principal and \$142,842 of interest towards its long-term loans payable.

Contractual obligations

As at March 31, 2017, the Company expects the following cash flows for its financial liabilities and other contractual commitments:

	Less than 1 year	1 - 2 years	3 - 4 years	Total
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 6,926,650	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,926,650
Other financial liabilities	601,096	-	-	601,096
Credit facilities	3,151,855	-	-	3,151,855
Taxes payable	3,488,515	-	-	3,488,515
Finance lease obligations	243,331	-	-	243,331
Share-based payment provision	93,764	148,460	-	242,224
Long-term loans payable	2,171,832	2,251,220	733,600	5,156,652
	\$ 16,677,043	\$ 2,399,680	\$ 733,600	\$ 19,810,323

Requirement of additional financing

Management believes that the Company's current operational requirements and capital projects can be funded from existing cash and cash equivalents and cash generated from operations. If future circumstances dictate an increased cash requirement and we elect not to delay, limit, or eliminate some of our plans, we may raise additional funds through debt financing, the issuance of hybrid debt-equity securities, or additional equity securities. The Company has relied entirely on equity financings and loans for all funds raised to date for its acquisitions, capital expansions, and operations. Capital markets may not be receptive to offerings of new equity from treasury or debt, whether by way of private placements or public offerings. The Company's growth and success may be dependent on external sources of financing which may not be available on acceptable terms.

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TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

The aggregate value of transactions and outstanding balances relating to key management personnel were as follows:

Three months ended March 31, 2017	Salary or fees	Share-based payments	Total
Management	\$ 145,250	\$ 86,573	\$ 231,823
Outside directors	23,569	35,958	59,527
Seabord Services Corp.	44,567	-	44,567
	\$ 213,386	\$ 122,531	\$ 335,917

Three months ended March 31, 2016	Salary or fees	Share-based payments	Total
Management	\$ 203,250	\$ 31,962	\$ 235,212
Outside directors	40,800	23,875	64,675
Seabord Services Corp.	43,259	-	43,259
	\$ 287,309	\$ 55,837	\$ 343,146

Included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities, as at March 31, 2017 was \$665,769 (December 31, 2016 - \$832,200) due to directors and management, related to remuneration and performance-based remuneration, which have been included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

Seabord Services Corp. ("Seabord") is a management services company controlled by a director. Seabord provides the Chief Financial Officer, Corporate Secretary, accounting staff, administration staff and office space to the Company pursuant to the service agreement. The Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Secretary are employees of Seabord and are not paid directly by the Company. In addition to the service agreement with Seabord, the Company entered into rental agreements with companies with common directors for office space for \$2,200 and \$800 per month, respectively.

DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS

The Company enters into derivative instruments from time to time in the normal course of business in order to manage its exposure to fluctuations in copper price, gold price, and the Colombian peso/US dollar exchange rate. The Company does not enter into or trade derivative instruments for speculative purposes.

The Company has not applied hedge accounting to these derivative transactions. Derivative instruments are marked-to-market at the end of each reporting period based on the terms of the arrangements and the expected settlement prices and/or rates. Any resulting mark-to-market adjustment would have been recognized in other financial assets or liabilities on the consolidated statement of financial position. During the three months ended March 31, 2017, the Company recognized a negative net fair value adjustment of \$68,246 (Q1-2016 - positive \$486,178) on its derivative instruments, and a net realized loss of \$216,457 (Q1-2016 - gain \$148,131) on the settlement of its derivative instruments.

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Commodity derivative arrangements

As at March 31, 2017, the Company had a series of zero-cost commodity derivative arrangements with Auramet International LLC. Each arrangement is net settled based on the difference between the market price and the contracted settlement price, where the Company receives proceeds if the contracted settlement price is above the market price. The details of the arrangements are as follows:

Settlement date	Quantity ⁽¹⁾	Settlement price
Copper		
May 3, 2017	300	\$ 5,045
June 2, 2017	300	\$ 5,045
July 5, 2017	300	\$ 5,045

⁽¹⁾ Copper quantity in metric tonnes ("MT") and gold quantity in ounces ("oz")

Commodity forward sale arrangements

During the year ended December 31, 2016, the Company had entered into zero-cost commodity forward sale arrangements with its customer, whereby both parties agreed to preset the prices on metals shipped and to be settled at the end of the settlement period. As at March 31, 2017, the Company did not have any outstanding arrangements for metals to be shipped and provisionally invoiced.

Currency forward arrangements

During the three months ended March 31, 2017, the Company had entered into zero-cost non-deliverable currency forward arrangements with Bancolombia between the US dollar and Colombian peso. Each arrangement was net settled based on the difference between the market exchange rate and the contracted settlement rate, where the Company received proceeds if the contracted settlement rate is above the market exchange rate to purchase Colombian peso. As at March 31, 2017, the Company did not have any outstanding currency forward arrangements.

FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Fair value

Financial instruments recorded at fair value on the statement 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 - Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;
- Level 2 - Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for assets or liabilities, either directly or indirectly; and
- Level 3 - Inputs for assets and liabilities that are not based on observable market data.

The fair value hierarchy requires the use of observable market inputs whenever such inputs exist. A financial instrument is classified to the lowest level of the hierarchy for which a significant input has been considered in measuring fair value. As at March 31, 2017, the Company's financial instruments measured at fair value are as follows:

Financial assets and liabilities	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Trade receivable from provisional sales	\$ -	\$ 5,586,308	\$ -	\$ 5,586,308
Other financial liabilities	\$ -	\$ 601,096	\$ -	\$ 601,096
Share-based payment provision	\$ 242,224	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 242,224

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The carrying value of cash and cash equivalents, receivables (excluding trade receivable from provisional sales of metals concentrate), accounts payable and accrued liabilities, advance on concentrate inventories, and bank credit facilities approximated their fair value because of the short-term nature of these instruments. The fair values of the Company's long-term loans payable and finance lease obligations are approximated by their carrying values as their interest rates are comparable to market interest rates.

Trade receivable from provisional sales of metals concentrate includes provisional pricing, and final price and assay adjustments. Derivative instruments are forward arrangements that were valued using pricing models, which require a variety of inputs, such as expected copper prices, gold prices, and foreign exchange rates. The trade receivable from sales of metals concentrate and derivative instruments are valued using observable market commodity prices and thereby classified within Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

The Company's activities expose it to financial risks of varying degrees of significance which could affect its ability to achieve its strategic objectives for growth and shareholder returns. The principal financial risks to which the Company is exposed are metal price risk, credit risk, currency risk, liquidity risk, and interest rate risk. The Board of Directors has overall responsibility for the establishment and oversight of the Company's risk management framework and reviews the Company's policies on an ongoing basis.

Metal price risk

The Company is exposed to metals price risk given that its revenues are derived from the sale of metals through its metals concentrate products, the prices for which have been historically volatile. Consequently, the economic viability of the Company's mineral property may be adversely affected by fluctuations in metals prices. For concentrate shipped and provisionally invoiced during the three months ended March 31, 2017, a 1% change in copper and gold prices would result in an increase/decrease of approximately \$294,000 and \$163,000 respectively in the Company's pre-tax income or loss on an annualized basis, respectively.

Interest rate risk

The Company is exposed to interest rate risk on its variable rate debt facilities. Variable interest rates are based on the US dollar London Inter-bank Offered Rates ("LIBOR") plus a fixed-margin. The Company does not enter into derivative contracts to manage this risk. As at March 31, 2017, a 10% change in LIBOR rates would result in an increase/decrease of approximately \$86,000 in the Company's pre-tax income or loss on an annualized basis based on the debt facilities used.

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of an unexpected loss if a customer or third party to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations. The Company's cash and cash equivalents are held through large Canadian, international and foreign national financial institutions. All of the Company's trade receivables from concentrate sales are held with a large international metals trading company. The Company mitigates this risk by transacting only with reputable financial institutions and requiring provisional payments of 90% of the value of the concentrate shipped to a single well known buyer. The carrying amount of financial assets recorded in the financial statements represents the Company's maximum exposure to credit risk. The Company believes it is not exposed to significant credit risk and overall, the Company's credit risk has not declined significantly from the prior year.

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Currency risk

The Company is exposed to the financial risk related to the fluctuation of foreign exchange rates. The Company primarily operates in Canada and Colombia and incurs expenditures in currencies other than the US dollars. Thereby, the Company is exposed to foreign exchange risk arising from currency exposure. The Company has not hedged its exposure to currency fluctuations. As at March 31, 2017, the Company is exposed to currency risk through the following monetary assets and liabilities:

	Canadian dollars	Peruvian soles	Euros	Colombian pesos (000's)
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 240,387	\$ 104,442	\$ -	\$ 386,474
Receivables	5,766	129,841	-	12,202,201
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(8,206)	(198,212)	-	(12,545,103)
Taxes payable	-	-	-	(10,046,116)
Finance lease obligations	-	-	(227,774)	-
Long-term loan payables	-	-	(385,881)	(1,646,423)
Net exposure	\$ 237,947	\$ 36,071	\$ (586,655)	\$ (11,648,967)
US dollar equivalent	\$ 178,528	\$ 11,212	\$ (626,723)	\$ (4,040,122)

Based on the above net exposure, as at March 31, 2017, and assuming that all other variables remain constant, a 1% depreciation or appreciation of the US dollar against the Canadian dollar, Peruvian nuevo sol, Euro, and Colombian peso would result in an increase/decrease of approximately \$45,000 in the Company's pre-tax income or loss.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The Company manages liquidity risk by continuing to monitor forecasted and actual cash flows. The Company has in place a planning and budgeting process to help determine the funds required to support the Company's normal operating requirements on an ongoing basis and its development plans. The Company strives to maintain sufficient liquidity to meet its short term business requirements, taking into account its anticipated cash flows from operations, its holdings of cash, and its committed liabilities (refer to Contractual Obligations for the expected payments due as at March 31, 2017).

CONTINGENCY

During the year ended December 31, 2015, the Company's operating subsidiary, Minera El Roble S.A. ("MINER"), received notice of claim from the mining authority in Colombia requesting payment of royalties related to past copper production. The mining authority is basing its claim on the current mining law, which is subsequent to the prevailing mining law under which MINER executed the contract regulating its royalty obligations. The current mining law in Colombia explicitly states that it does not affect contracts executed prior to this law entering into force. Therefore, the Company and its legal counsel's position is that MINER has complied rigorously with royalty payments due and called for under the current contractual obligations. The claim of approximately \$2,000,000 is at an administrative level and the Company will attempt to favorably resolve the claim at this level, and if necessary, will vigorously defend itself should legal action be required. As at March 31, 2017, no provisions have been recorded for any potential liability arising from this matter.

While the outcome of this matter is uncertain, based upon the information currently available, the Company does not believe that this matter in aggregate will have a material adverse effect on its consolidated financial position or results of operations. In the event that management's estimate of the future resolution of this matter changes, the Company will recognize the effects of the changes in its consolidated financial statements on the date such changes occur.

EVENTS AFTER REPORTING DATE

Subsequent to March 31, 2017, the Company:

- issued 293,000 common shares for exercise of stock options; and
- granted 841,119 stock options exercisable at C\$0.77 until April 17, 2022 and 147,362 RSUs to employees, directors, and officers of the Company, all of which will vest over 36 months.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGMENTS

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformance with IFRS requires management to make estimates, judgments and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates. Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimates are revised and in any future periods affected.

For full details on the critical accounting estimates and judgments affecting the Company, please refer to the Company's audited annual consolidated financial statements and notes and annual MD&A for the year ended December 31, 2016.

NEW ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

Accounting pronouncements not yet effective

The following standards and pronouncements have been issued by the IASB and have not yet been adopted by the Company. The Company is currently evaluating the impact the new and amended standards are expected to have on its consolidated financial statements.

IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers deals with revenue recognition and establishes principles for reporting useful information to users of financial statements about the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows arising from an entity's contracts with customers. Revenue is recognized when a customer obtains control of a good or service and thus has the ability to direct the use and obtain the benefits from the good or service. The standard is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2018 and earlier application is permitted.

IFRS 9 Financial Instruments ("IFRS 9") addresses the classification, measurement and recognition of financial assets and financial liabilities. IFRS 9 requires financial assets to be classified into two measurement categories: those measured at fair value and those measured at amortized cost. The determination is made at initial recognition. The classification depends on the entity's business model for managing its financial instruments and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the instrument. For financial liabilities, the standard retains most of the IAS 39 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement requirements. The main change is that, in cases where the fair value option is taken for financial liabilities, the part of a fair value change due to an entity's own credit risk is recorded in other comprehensive income rather than in net earnings, unless this creates an accounting mismatch. IFRS 9 is effective for periods beginning on or after January 1, 2018.

IFRS 16 Leases was issued in January 2016 (effective January 1, 2019) and provides a single lessee accounting model, requiring lessees to recognize assets and liabilities for all leases unless the lease term is 12 months or less or the underlying asset has a low value.

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OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS

As of the date of this MD&A, the Company does not have any off-balance sheet arrangements that have, or are reasonably likely to have, a current or future effect on the results of operations or financial condition of the Company, including, and without limitation, such considerations as liquidity and capital resources.

PROPOSED TRANSACTIONS

There are no proposed transactions of a material nature being considered by the Company at the current time.

RISK FACTORS

For further information regarding the Company's operational risks, please refer to the detailed disclosure concerning the material risks and uncertainties associated with the Company's business set out in its annual MD&A, dated April 11, 2017, which is available on SEDAR under the Company's filer profile.

SHARE POSITION AND OUTSTANDING WARRANTS AND OPTIONS

As at the date of this MD&A, the Company had 98,501,337 common shares issued and outstanding. There were also 7,459,607 options outstanding with expiry dates ranging from February 8, 2018 to April 17, 2022.

QUALIFIED PERSONS

Mr. Thomas Kelly (SME Registered Member 1696580), advisor to the Company, and Dr. Demetrius Pohl, Ph.D. AIPG Certified Geologist, are qualified persons under National Instrument 43-101 standards and are responsible for ensuring that the technical information contained in this MD&A is an accurate summary of the original reports and data provided to or developed by the Company.

NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES

Cash cost per pound of payable copper produced and cash cost per tonne of processed ore are key performance measures that management uses to monitor performance. In addition, cash costs are an industry standard method of comparing certain costs on a per unit basis; however, these do not have a standardized meaning and may differ from methods used by other companies with similar descriptions. Management believes that certain investors use these non-GAAP financial measures to evaluate the Company's performance. These performance measures have no meaning under IFRS and, therefore, amounts presented may not be comparable to similar data presented by other mining companies.

The Company believes that "all-in sustaining cash cost" and "all-in cash cost" better meet the needs of analysts, investors, and other stakeholders of the Company in understanding the cost associated with producing copper, the economics of copper mining, the Company's operating performance, and the Company's ability to generate free cash flow from current operations and on an overall company basis.

The Company, in conjunction with an initiative undertaken within the gold mining industry, has adopted an all-in sustaining cost-performance measure; however, this performance measure has no standardized meaning. The Company conformed its all-in sustaining definition to that set out in the guidance note released by the World Gold Council ("WGC", a non-regulatory market development organization for the gold industry whose members comprise global senior gold mining companies) on June 27, 2013, and that came into effect January 1, 2014.

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All-in sustaining cash cost and all-in cash cost are intended to provide additional information only and do not have standardized definitions under the IFRS and should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for measures of performance prepared in accordance with the IFRS. These measures are not necessarily indicative of operating profit or cash flow from operations as determined under the IFRS. Although the WGC has published a standardized definition, companies may calculate these measures differently.

All-in sustaining cost includes total production cash costs incurred at the Company's mining operations, which form the basis of the Company's by-product cash costs. Additionally, the Company includes general and administrative ("G&A") expenses, share-based payments, accretion of decommissioning and restoration provision ("ARO"), sustaining capital expenditures, and brownfields exploration expenditures.

The Company believes that this measure represents the total costs of producing copper from operations and provides the Company and stakeholders of the Company with additional information on the Company's operational performance and ability to generate cash flows. As the measure seeks to reflect the full cost of copper production from operations, new project capital is not included. Certain other cash expenditures, including tax payments, dividends, and financing costs, are also not included. The Company reports this measure on a payable copper pound produced basis, net of by-product credits.

EI Roble mine cash cost

The following table presents a reconciliation of cash cost per tonne of processed ore and cash costs per pound of payable copper produced to cost of sales in the condensed consolidated interim financial statements for the three months ended March 31, 2017:

Expressed in \$000's	Q1 2017	Q1 2016
Cash cost per tonne of processed ore		
Cost of sales ⁽¹⁾	\$ 12,682.3	\$ 8,514.9
Add / subtract		
Change in concentrate inventory	(3,367.1)	(1,433.3)
Depletion and amortization in concentrate inventory	1,363.7	712.1
Commercial and government royalties	(292.2)	(248.9)
Distribution costs	865.0	626.6
Depletion and amortization in cost of sales	(4,034.9)	(3,706.2)
Aggregate cash cost	7,216.8	4,465.1
Total processed ore (tonnes)	62,885	53,715
Cash cost per tonne of processed ore (\$/t)	\$ 114.76	\$ 83.13
Mining cost per tonne	\$ 53.38	\$ 35.73
Milling cost per tonne	19.27	14.63
Indirect cost per tonne	27.88	21.16
Distribution cost per tonne	14.23	11.61
Total production cost per tonne of processed ore (\$/t)	\$ 114.76	\$ 83.13

⁽¹⁾ Includes depletion, amortization, government royalties and mining taxes.

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Expressed in \$000's	Q1 2017	Q1 2016
Cash costs per pound of payable copper produced		
Aggregate cash cost (above)	\$ 7,216.8	\$ 4,465.1
Add / subtract		
By-product credits	(2,849.8)	(2,861.2)
Refining charges	1,897.5	1,497.8
Transportation charges	478.6	387.5
Cash cost applicable to payable copper produced	6,743.1	3,489.2
Add / subtract		
Commercial and government royalties	292.2	248.9
G&A expenses	727.5	644.1
Share-based payments	138.2	64.2
Accretion of ARO	36.1	35.2
Sustaining capital expenditures ⁽²⁾	1,213.2	943.1
All-in sustaining cash cost	9,150.3	5,424.6
Add / subtract		
Non-sustaining capital expenditures ⁽²⁾	431.2	641.9
Brownfields exploration expenditures ⁽²⁾	460.4	75.8
All-in cash cost	10,041.9	6,142.3
Total payable copper produced (000's lbs)	4,790.0	4,048.0
Per pound of payable copper produced (\$/lb)		
Cash cost, net of by-product credits	\$ 1.41	\$ 0.86
All-in sustaining cash cost	\$ 1.91	\$ 1.34
All-in cash cost	\$ 2.10	\$ 1.52

⁽²⁾ Amounts presented on a cash basis

Given the nature of the Company's metals concentrate management believes providing the cash cost on a co-product basis, presented in the following table, will enhance the reader's understanding of the Company's cash cost structure.

Expressed in \$000's	Q1 2017	Q1 2016
Aggregate cash production cost	\$ 7,216.8	\$ 4,465.1
Cash cost per pound of payable copper produced		
Cash cost attributable to copper production ⁽³⁾	\$ 7,021.9	\$ 3,723.9
Add / subtract		
By-product credit from silver	(0.0)	(0.0)
Refining charges	1,897.5	1,497.8
Transportation charges	465.7	323.2
Cash cost applicable to payable copper produced	9,385.1	5,544.9
Total payable copper produced (000's lbs)	4,790.0	4,048.0
Cash cost per pound of payable copper produced (\$/lb)	\$ 1.96	\$ 1.37
Cash cost per ounce of payable gold produced		
Cash cost attributable to gold production ⁽³⁾	\$ 194.9	\$ 741.2
Add / subtract		
Refining charges	21.6	21.6
Transportation charges	64.3	64.3
Cash cost applicable to payable gold produced	280.8	827.1
Total payable gold produced (oz)	2,294.9	2,333.1
Cash cost per ounce of payable gold produced (\$/oz)	\$ 122.36	\$ 354.51

⁽³⁾ If copper and gold for the El Roble mine was treated as co-products, the allocation of aggregate cash production cost between copper and gold production is based on provisional invoice(s) issued and revenue (net of treatment and refining charges) recognized in the respective reporting periods.

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CAUTIONARY STATEMENT ON FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain statements contained in this MD&A and any documents incorporated by reference into this MD&A constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and Section 21E of the United States Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and forward-looking information within the meaning of applicable Canadian securities legislation (collectively, "forward-looking statements"). Forward-looking statements express or involve discussions with respect to predictions, expectations, beliefs, plans, projections, objectives, assumptions or future events or performance (often, but not always, identified using words or phrases such as "expects", "is expected", "anticipates", "believes", "plans", "projects", "estimates", "assumes", "intends", "strategies", "targets", "goals", "forecasts", "objectives", "budgets", "schedules", "potential" or variations thereof or stating that certain actions, events or results "may", "could", "would", "might" or "will" be taken, occur or be achieved, or the negative of any of these terms and similar expressions) and are not statements of historical fact.

Forward-looking statements relate to, among other things:

- mineral "reserves" and "resources" as they involve the implied assessment, based on estimates and assumptions that the resources described exist in the quantities predicted or estimated and can be profitably produced in the future;
- timing of the completion of construction activities at the Company's properties and their completion on budget;
- production rates at the Company's properties;
- cash cost estimates;
- timing to achieve full production capacity at the Company's properties;
- timing for completion of infrastructure upgrades related to the Company's properties;
- timing for delivery of materials and equipment for the Company's properties;
- the sufficiency of the Company's cash position and its ability to raise equity capital or access debt facilities;
- the Company's planned processing, and estimated major investments for mine development, tailings dam expansion, mill expansion and brownfields exploration at the El Roble property in 2015;
- management's belief that the Company's current operational requirements and capital projects can be funded from existing cash and cash equivalents, cash generated from operations, and the available credit facility;
- management's belief that if the Company needs to access the capital markets for additional financial resources, the Company will be able to do so at prevailing market rates;
- the expected maturities of the Company's financial liabilities, finance leases and other contractual
- commitments; and
- management's expectation that none of the investigations, claims, and legal, labor and tax proceedings arising in the ordinary course of business will have a material effect on the results of operations or financial conditions of the Company.

Forward-looking statements are necessarily based upon a number of estimates and assumptions that, while considered reasonable by the Company as at the date of such statements, are inherently subject to significant business, economic, social, political and competitive uncertainties and contingencies and other factors that could cause actual results or events to differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements. The estimates and assumptions of the Company contained or incorporated by reference in this MD&A which may prove to be incorrect, include, but are not limited to, (1) that all required third party contractual, regulatory and governmental approvals will be obtained for the development, construction and production of its properties, (2) there being no significant disruptions affecting operations, whether due to labor disruptions, supply disruptions, power disruptions, damage to equipment or otherwise; (3) permitting, development, expansion and power supply proceeding on a basis consistent with the Company's current expectations; (4) currency exchange rates being approximately consistent with current levels; (5) certain price assumptions for copper, gold and silver; (6) prices for and availability of fuel oil, electricity, parts and equipment and other key supplies remaining consistent with current levels; (7) production forecasts meeting expectations; (8) the accuracy of the Company's current mineral resource estimates; (9) labor and materials costs increasing on a basis consistent with the Company's current expectations; and (10) assumptions made and judgments used in engineering and geological interpretation.

In addition, there are known and unknown risk factors which could cause the Company's actual results, performance or achievements to differ materially from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. Known risk factors include, risks associated with mineral exploration and project development; the need for additional financing; operational risks associated with mining and mineral processing;

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uncertainty relating to concentrate treatment charges and transportation costs; uncertainty relating to capital and operating costs, production schedules, and economic returns; uncertainties relating to general economic conditions; the Company's substantial reliance on the El Roble mine for revenues; risks related to the integration of businesses and assets acquired by the Company; risks associated with entering into commodity forward and option contracts for base metals production; potential conflicts of interest involving the Company's directors and officers; risks associated with potential legal proceedings; changes in national and local government legislation, taxation, controls, regulations and political or economic developments in Canada, Colombia or other countries in which the Company does or may carry on business; the possibility of cost overruns or unanticipated expenses; fluctuations in copper, gold and silver prices; title matters; uncertainties and risks related to carrying on business in foreign countries; environmental liability claims and insurance; reliance on key personnel; currency exchange rate fluctuations; competition; and other risks and uncertainties, including those described in the "Risks Factors" section in the MD&A for the financial year ended December 31, 2016 filed with the Canadian Securities Administrators and available at www.sedar.com.

Although the Company has attempted to identify important factors that could cause actual actions, events or results to differ materially from those described in forward-looking statements, there may be other factors that cause actions, events or results not to be as anticipated, estimated or intended. These forward-looking statements are made as of the date of this MD&A. There can be no assurance that forward looking statements will prove to be accurate, as actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such statements. Accordingly, readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. Except as required by law, the Company does not assume the obligation to revise or update these forward looking statements after the date of this document or to revise them to reflect the occurrence of future unanticipated events.

The Company has not based its production decisions and ongoing mine production on mineral reserve estimates, preliminary economic assessments or feasibility studies, and historically such projects have increased uncertainty and risk of failure. Mineral resources that are not mineral reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability.