



# **EL NINO**

## **VENTURES INC.**

An international base metals exploration company

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### **MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR AND QUARTER ENDED 31 JANUARY 2013**

*22 May 2013*

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*The following management discussion and analysis (“MD&A”) should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements and accompanying notes (“Financial Statements”) of El Niño Ventures Inc. (the “Company”) for the year ended 31 January 2013. Results have been prepared using accounting policies in compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (“IASB”). All monetary amounts are reported in Canadian dollars unless otherwise indicated.*

*For further information on the Company reference should be made to the Company’s public filings which are available on SEDAR. Further information is also available on the Company’s website at [www.elninoventures.com](http://www.elninoventures.com).*

*This MD&A contains forward-looking information. See “Forward-Looking Information” and “Risks and Uncertainties” for a discussion of the risks, uncertainties and assumptions relating to such information.*

## **1. Overview of the Company**

El Niño Ventures Inc. (the “Company”, “ELN”) was incorporated on 19 February 1988 under the laws of the Province of British Columbia, Canada. The Company is an exploration stage company engaged in the acquisition, exploration and development of mineral properties in the Democratic Republic of Congo (“DRC”) and Canada. The Company has its registered corporate office based in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

As at 31 January 2013, the Company had 76,091,669 common shares outstanding after the stock consolidation on 21 October 2011, with a total market capitalization of approximately \$5.8 million. The Company shares trade on the TSX Venture Exchange (“ELN”), OTCQX (“ELNOF”) and the Frankfurt Stock Exchange (“E7Q”).

The Company is focusing its efforts on developing and growing its asset base. On 4 May 2010, the Company with its partner, Xstrata Zinc Canada Corporation – Xstrata Zinc Canada (“Xstrata Zinc”), optioned its extensive claims in the Bathurst Mining Camp, New Brunswick, to Votorantim Metals Canada Inc. (“VM Canada”) and can earn up to 70% of the claims by spending \$20 million on exploration. In the DRC, the Company’s discovery on the Kasala Project (formerly Infinity Project) gives the Company a highly prospective project going forward. The Company is continuing to pursue acquisitions globally.

### **1.1 - Overview of Company’s Projects**

#### **A) Bathurst Option JV Base Metals Project (the “BOJV Project”) (Previously Bathurst Mining Camp Project);**

The BOJV Project is a 50/50 Joint Venture with ELN and Xstrata Zinc. The Tri-Party Agreement allows for VM Canada to earn up to 50% of the project by incurring exploration expenditures of \$10 million over a period of five years. VM Canada may further increase its interest to 70% by spending an additional \$10 million over two years.

The BOJV Project consists of an initial 4,712 claims in the Tri-Party Agreement with Xstrata Zinc & VM Canada. In January 2009, VM Canada entered into a binding MOU with Xstrata Zinc and the Company to pursue an Option-Joint Venture Agreement, whereby VM Canada may earn up to a 70% interest in those properties by making exploration expenditures of \$20,000,000 over a period of seven years. Following a six-month period of due diligence, the companies entered negotiations to reach a final Option-Joint Venture Agreement which was concluded in July 2010. Meanwhile, VM Canada commenced exploration in August 2009 with a program of airborne and surface geophysical surveys, geochemistry, geological mapping, compilation of historical data and research into advanced exploration technologies suitable for application in the BOJV. In the early part of 2010, VM Canada made application to the Government of New

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Brunswick (“GNB”) for financial assistance to apply new exploration methods. An Advanced Exploration Agreement (“AE Agreement”) between the GNB and VM Canada was executed in late September, 2010 regarding the implementation of a program that would match VM Canada’s exploration expenditures with GNB contributions. These expenditures are to be no less than \$1,000,000 and no more than \$2,500,000 per year for three years, for a maximum, total, GNB contribution of up to \$7,500,000. GNB expenditures together with VM Canada’s expenditures would therefore result in exploration expenditures of up to \$15,000,000 over the life of the AE Agreement. The effective date of this agreement is 1 April 2010.

In February 2011, VM Canada commenced the \$5,000,000 exploration program consisting of airborne and ground geophysics and drilling.

A Fugro Airborne Survey was completed over two large areas in the BOJV in May 2011. This was the first ever commercial survey using the ‘Falcon’ Gravity Gradiometer in a helicopter platform.

On 24 April 2012, the Company provided the results of a \$859,000 exploration program in H2-2011, consisting of airborne and surface geophysical surveys, geological mapping, compilation of historical data and research into advanced exploration technologies suitable for application in the BOJV. This program was fully funded by VM Canada. Table 1 below illustrates the exploration activities performed from July to 31 December 2011.

**Table 1- Exploration Activities Performed from July to 31 December 2011**

Diamond Drilling	16 Drill holes	5,011 metres (m)
Ground Geophysics	2 Grids	46.5 kilometres (km)
Borehole Geophysics	2 Drill holes	450 m
Geological Mapping	2 Claims	12 Days
Airborne Gravity Gradiometry	2 survey blocks 7,727 km Completed in May 2011	Results received from contractor

**2012-2013 Exploration update for BOJV project:**

On 23 October 2012 the Company announced the results of exploration work on the BOJV which included 6145 m of diamond drilling, in 21 drill holes, ground gravity surveys, anomaly identification and target generation for drill testing (Table 2).

This phase of exploration drilling campaign focused on geophysical and geochemical targets in the Brunswick Belt. No significant base metal mineralization was intersected.

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**Table-2 Summary of Exploration Activities Performed during the period Q2 and Q3, 2012**

<b>Diamond Drilling</b>	21 Holes	6145 m
<b>Ground Geophysics</b>	42 km	
<b>Borehole Geophysics</b>	5 holes for 2083 m surveyed	
<b>Surface Sampling (Soil Sampling)</b>	253	

In September 2012, VM Canada contracted DIAGNOS Inc. of Brossard, Quebec to complete a target generation study utilizing their proprietary software. Exploration data from the 2012 exploration program has been combined with that from previous exploration programs and delivered to DIAGNOS Inc. for generation of new targets for prioritization for drill testing. DIAGNOS Inc. researchers will utilize a unique computer system, CARDS (Computer Aided Resources Detection System), to identify areas with a high statistical probability of containing mineral deposits.

CARDS uses MCubiX-KE (Knowledge Extraction), a data mining engine that utilizes pattern recognition algorithms to learn the signatures of positive and negative data points and create a model that can be employed to make predictions on the location of new deposits. CARDS utilize these powerful algorithms to analyze digitally compiled historical exploration data and identify areas with a high potential for the discovery of mineral deposits.

To date, 19,880 training points (drilling and rock sample data sets) from throughout the BOJV have been manually numerated. The geophysical data sets, including magnetic surveys and electro-magnetic surveys, have been compiled. DIAGNOS Inc. will commence mineralization modelling in the near future.

“This new and advanced innovative technology will enable us to identify unexplored targets in the highly prolific BOJV,” commented Rodney Thomas, General Manager of VM Canada.

It is planned to drill-test airborne gravity gradiometer targets in 2013. Ground geophysical surveys will be performed if necessary to refine some gravity targets.

Approximately \$6,025,000 has been spent on the BOJV project with the objective to identify targets (projects) within the area of interest with high probability of containing

mineralization. To date the government of New Brunswick has granted this project \$1,600,000 to utilize new exploration technology.

The BOJV project, due to the Area of Interest clause, will continue to generate new projects for ELN at no initial cost and has provided ELN the option to participate in the Murray Brook Project and any new acquisitions in the area of interest.

## **B) Murray Brook Project**

VM Canada entered into an Option and Joint Venture Agreement (the "OJV Agreement") with privately held companies, Murray Brook Minerals Inc. and Murray Brook Resources Inc. (collectively, "MBM"), which provided for VM Canada to earn 50% of the Murray Brook project consisting of the Murray Brook Mining Lease No. 252 and the Camel Back Claims Block No. 4925 (the "Properties").

Under the OJV Agreement, VM Canada can earn a 50% interest in the Properties by funding \$2,250,000 in exploration expenditures and making payments totalling \$300,000 over a three-year period that commenced 1 November 2010. VM Canada can earn an additional 20% interest in the Properties by funding an additional \$2,250,000 in exploration expenditures over an additional two-year period. ELN has elected to enter into a participation agreement whereby it can earn 50% of VM Canada's interest by paying 50% of the costs incurred by VM Canada under the OJV Agreement.

On May 11, 2012 the Company and VM Canada earned the 50% interest from MBM. ELN and VM Canada completed the funding for earning the additional 20% interest and have given valid notice to MBM that they have earned in for the additional 20% and each now has a 35% interest in the Properties.

Subsequently, VM Canada entered into a share purchase agreement to acquire the 30% interest held by Murray Brook Minerals Inc. ("MB Minerals"). VM Canada has offered and ELN has accepted the option to participate in earning 50% of the 30% remaining interest held by MB Minerals, which would then result in a 50/50 joint venture between ELN and VM Canada on the Murray Brook project. ELN is currently pursuing an amended joint venture with VM Canada that better reflects the resulting 50/50 joint venture rather than the previous tri-party arrangement

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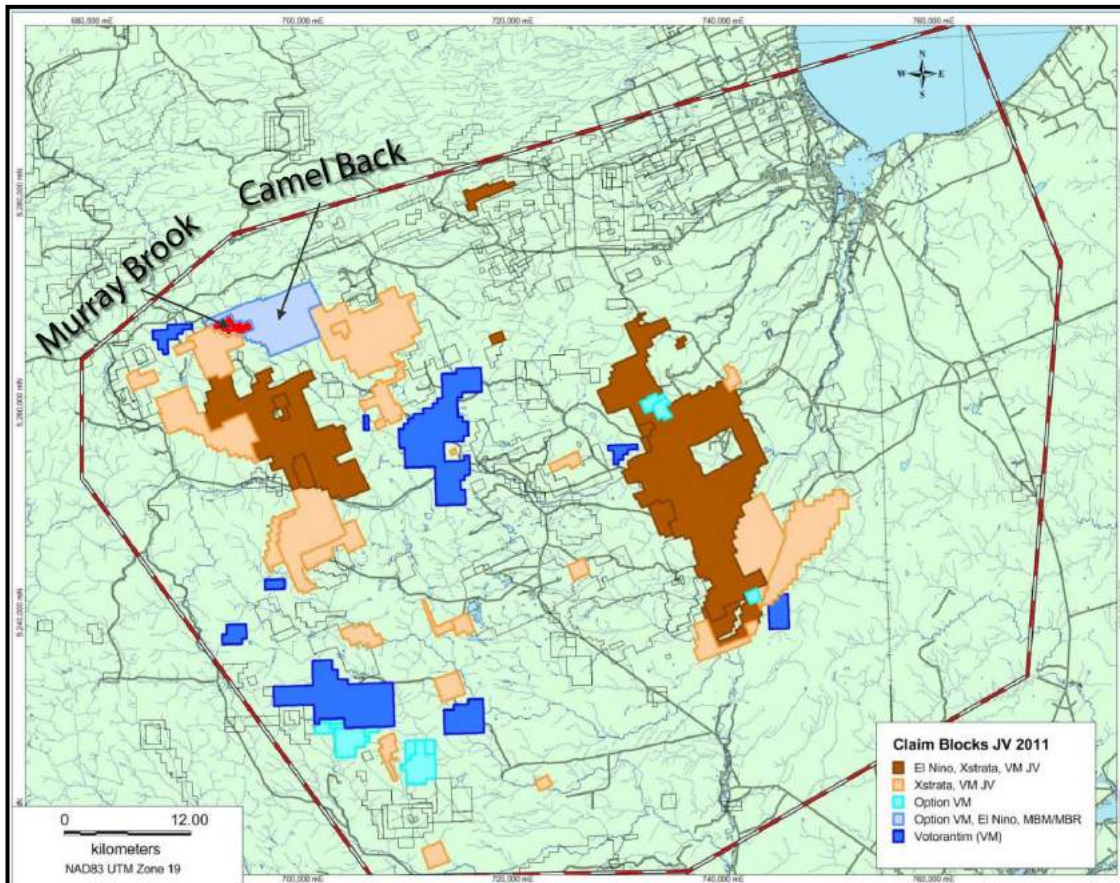
The Murray Brook deposit is a polymetallic, volcanic hosted massive-sulfide deposit and is the fifth largest deposit in the Bathurst Mining Camp (BMC) with open pit mining potential. The property is located approximately 60 km west of Bathurst, New Brunswick, in Restigouche County, within the BMC. An existing gravel road accesses the property

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from a paved highway. The electricity grid is nearby, as are communities with goods, services and skilled labour. The gossan zone was removed during the open-pit mining operations carried out by Novagold Resources Inc. during the early 1990s. The hanging wall is moderately chloritic and is locally intensely deformed. The footwall consists of fine grained, felsic tuff and tuffaceous sediments with moderate to strong chlorite and sericite alteration. Sulfides are mainly fine grained, massive, vaguely laminated pyrite with disseminated and banded sphalerite, chalcopyrite and galena. Removal of the gossan also removed any evidence of previous drilling within the shallow pit area. Consequently, VM Canada's due diligence process to acquire the Murray Brook deposit required the confirmation of several historically reported drill results in addition to compilation of previous work. Significant drill results from the due diligence, drill twin-hole program included massive-sulfide intersections that were similar in width, position and positively confirmed the grades for copper ("Cu"), lead ("Pb"), zinc ("Zn"), gold ("Au") and silver ("Ag") reported from the three previously drilled holes.

In January 2011, the Company provided notice to VM Canada to enter into a Participation Agreement on the Murray Brook property. (See press release dated 20 January 2011).



**Figure 1-Land tenure map showing the location of the Murray Brook Project in the BMC**

In 2011, the Company and VM Canada spent \$2.1 million on exploration. The entire 2011 program consisted of 60 vertical drill holes, totalling 10,327.5 m. The 2011 drill program was designed to start on the south, near-surface, portion of the deposit where thick, massive sulfide intercepts of high-grade zinc were recorded in historic drilling. The drill program then moved to the north, to systematically test deeper portions of the massive sulfide body. The 2011 drill program was successful in defining the deposit in areas of low drill-density, confirming higher grade intercepts in historic drilling, and delineating the margins of the massive sulfide body. **Tables 3 and 4** show significant drill results from 2011 and 2012 drilling program respectively.

Murray Brook’s 2012 exploration program is budgeted for \$3.0 Million and consists of a multi-phase drill program and a National Instrument 43-101, *Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects* (“NI 43-101”) compliant resource estimate with preliminary tonnage and grade calculations. This study was completed and announced on 28 February 2012.



**Table 3- Significant drill results from 2011 drilling program**

Hole ID	From m	To m	Interval m	Cu %	Pb %	Zn %	Au_ppm	Ag_ppm
MB-2011-15	29.00	35.30	6.30	0.16	1.21	3.84	0.11	8.38
MB-2011-17	24.10	126.65	102.55	0.65	0.47	1.84	0.20	23.65
MB-2011-18	47.00	107.00	60.00	1.01	0.04	0.19	0.20	11.95
MB-2011-19	23.00	77.00	54.00	0.40	0.43	1.14	0.86	22.29
MB-2011-20	15.00	125.00	110.00	0.32	0.71	2.41	0.25	27.34
MB-2011-21	19.65	31.60	11.95	0.90	0.04	0.15	0.16	10.72
MB-2011-22	17.60	95.20	77.60	0.29	0.81	2.42	0.44	32.96
MB-2011-23	31.50	107.00	75.50	0.38	0.68	2.16	0.30	24.69
MB-2011-24	38.00	55.90	17.90	0.08	0.43	0.68	0.03	8.56
MB-2011-26	29.00	142.70	113.70	0.31	0.26	1.19	0.26	18.94
MB-2011-27	38.00	69.50	31.50	0.51	0.20	0.85	0.31	14.03
MB-2011-28	38.00	42.50	4.50	0.34	0.20	0.63	0.04	7.82
MB-2011-29	21.00	57.30	36.30	0.19	0.92	1.90	0.80	33.39
MB-2011-30	44.00	103.00	59.00	0.14	1.55	4.58	0.51	68.15
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MB-2011-31	53.00	193.30	140.30	0.32	1.03	3.73	0.27	43.24
MB-2011-33	59.00	215.10	156.10	0.23	0.85	2.64	0.41	29.94
MB-2011-34	129.60	212.00	82.40	0.13	1.19	5.05	0.30	44.04
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MB-2011-37	88.00	234.40	146.40	0.16	1.33	3.83	0.45	49.20
MB-2011-39	118.90	222.00	103.10	0.11	1.81	5.45	0.51	65.70
MB-2011-48	60.50	161.00	100.50	0.16	1.71	4.65	0.36	56.50
MB-2011-49	35.00	181.00	146.00	0.59	1.40	3.85	0.63	56.10
MB-2011-52	159.50	231.70	72.20	0.26	2.33	5.61	0.71	77.70
MB-2011-54	156.20	201.00	44.80	0.17	1.55	4.26	0.70	60.70
MB-2011-57	143.30	231.00	87.70	0.14	2.77	7.23	0.61	103.30
MB-2011-63	168.40	240.00	71.60	0.18	1.89	4.98	0.91	79.90

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**Table 4- Significant drill results from 2012 drilling program**

Hole ID	From m	To m	Interval m	Cu %	Pb %	Zn %	Au ppm	Ag ppm
MB-2012-66	32.00	48.50	16.50	0.37	1.50	3.03	1.412	65.2
MB-2012-66	51.00	62.00	11.00	0.17	1.69	3.40	1.216	65.4
MB-2012-67	15.00	41.00	26.00	0.32	1.41	3.35	1.071	62.0
MB-2012-67	77.65	83.00	5.35	0.11	1.26	2.92	0.604	61.8
MB-2012-68	207.22	216.00	8.78	0.06	<b>2.24</b>	<b>7.29</b>	<b>0.163</b>	<b>62.5</b>
MB-2012-68	220.00	236.00	16.00	0.10	<b>2.34</b>	6.83	0.643	85.3
MB-2012-70	141.75	150.40	8.65	0.16	<b>3.67</b>	<b>6.43</b>	<b>0.598</b>	<b>85.5</b>
MB-2012-70	181.00	184.00	3.00	0.22	<b>2.82</b>	<b>6.60</b>	<b>0.310</b>	<b>69.4</b>
MB-2012-70	191.00	195.75	4.75	0.05	0.86	3.08	0.222	24.2
MB-2012-70	201.00	211.00	10.00	0.09	1.59	4.07	0.610	54.7
MB-2012-70	211.00	235.00	24.00	0.40	<b>4.55</b>	<b>11.58</b>	<b>1.533</b>	<b>147.8</b>
MB-2012-71	56.00	61.25	5.25	<b>1.18</b>	1.29	2.59	0.790	50.3
MB-2012-71	65.30	76.00	10.70	0.41	1.57	2.80	0.966	56.1
MB-2012-72	82.00	93.00	11.00	0.43	1.24	2.59	0.923	51.2
MB-2012-74	55.00	62.00	7.00	0.96	1.42	2.52	0.816	58.0
MB-2012-76	34.00	38.00	4.00	<b>1.91</b>	1.19	2.89	0.490	25.1
MB-2012-76	60.00	62.00	2.00	0.11	<b>3.00</b>	<b>7.54</b>	<b>1.391</b>	<b>68.9</b>
MB-2012-76	72.70	75.30	2.60	0.24	1.21	2.78	1.010	51.9
MB-2012-102	68.0	118.2	50.2	0.83	1.05	4.15	0.324	42.5
<b>Including</b>	83.0	104.0	21.0	<b>1.07</b>	<b>1.56</b>	<b>6.12</b>	<b>0.269</b>	<b>60.8</b>
MB-2012-102	122.5	174.0	51.5	0.09	0.89	3.39	0.199	34.7
MB-2012-106	94.0	104.5	10.5	0.33	<b>1.57</b>	3.86	1.302	74.2
MB-2012-106	129.0	149.5	20.5	0.32	<b>1.23</b>	2.99	1.108	54.5
MB-2012-107	54.8	112.0	57.2	0.15	<b>1.82</b>	5.89	0.323	79.9
<b>Including</b>	62.0	93.0	31.0	0.18	<b>2.58</b>	<b>9.23</b>	<b>0.336</b>	<b>108.7</b>
MB-2012-110	108.0	233.0	125.0	0.26	<b>1.27</b>	4.56	0.604	47.1
<b>Including</b>	108.0	145.0	37.0	0.14	<b>1.64</b>	<b>7.92</b>	<b>0.241</b>	<b>61.88</b>
MB-2012-114	56.0	135.5	79.5	0.53	0.98	3.45	0.324	46.5
<b>Including</b>	98.0	126.0	28.0	0.18	<b>2.48</b>	<b>7.59</b>	0.557	102.2
<b>And</b>	153.6	169.0	15.5	0.10	<b>1.63</b>	<b>4.12</b>	0.525	51.9
<b>Including</b>	153.6	163.0	9.4	0.12	<b>2.30</b>	<b>5.41</b>	<b>0.750</b>	<b>71.0</b>
MB-2012-117	100.4	185.0	84.6	0.15	<b>1.82</b>	<b>4.62</b>	0.521	69.8
<b>Including</b>	170.0	183.0	13.0	0.29	<b>4.11</b>	<b>10.34</b>	1.396	126.0
MB-2012-121	24.0	113.1	89.1	0.43	<b>1.12</b>	2.42	1.141	55.5
<b>Including</b>	42.0	58.0	16.0	0.33	<b>1.19</b>	<b>3.13</b>	<b>2.213</b>	<b>66.0</b>

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## Murray Brook 2012 Mineral Resource Estimate

The resource estimate, which includes explanatory footnotes, is tabulated in Table 5 below. The resource estimate is based on various assumptions regarding mining methods, processing and metal recoveries, payable metal net smelter return royalty (“NSR”) credits and metal prices. This estimate makes no provision for capital costs to mine the deposit, nor mill the material mined, as resources are not reserves and the reader should not presume economic viability.

**Table 5- Murray Brook Mineral Resource Estimate Summary**

Category	NSR Cut-Off \$/t	Tonnes	Cu%	Pb%	Zn%	Au gpt	Ag gpt
Measured	\$20	1,620,873	0.27	1.19	3.53	0.5	44.1
Indicated	\$20	17,063,441	0.43	0.93	2.52	0.51	38.8
M + I	\$20	18,684,314	0.42	0.95	2.61	0.5	39.3
Inferred	\$20	3,020,893	0.62	0.75	1.83	0.75	35

*Mineral resources which are not mineral reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability.*

*The estimate of mineral resources may be materially affected by environmental, permitting, legal, title, taxation, socio-political, marketing, or other relevant issues.*

*(1) The quantity and grade of reported Inferred resources in this estimation are uncertain in nature and there has been insufficient exploration to define these Inferred resources as an Indicated or Measured mineral resource and it is uncertain if further exploration will result in upgrading them to an Indicated or Measured mineral resource category.*

*(2) The mineral resources in this news release were estimated using the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum (CIM), CIM Standards on Mineral Resources and Reserves, Definitions and Guidelines prepared by the CIM Standard Committee on Reserve Definitions and adopted by CIM Council*

*(3) The Dec 31, 2011 two year trailing average US metal prices used in this estimate were \$3.71/lb Cu, \$1.03/lb Pb, \$0.98/lb Zn, \$1,397/oz Au, \$27.63/oz Ag. The C\$/US\$ Exchange rate was 0.99.*

*(4) Overall payable metal in the NSR calculation were 81% Cu, 72% Pb, 64% Zn, 71% Au and 56% Ag.*

*(5) Mineral resources were determined within a Whittle pit shell with 45 degree slopes utilizing mining costs of C\$2.50/tonne for mineralized material and waste rock, and C\$1.75/tonne for overburden.*

*(6) Costs used to determine the C\$20/tonne NSR resource cut-off value were processing at C\$15/tonne and G&A C\$5/tonne.*

*(7) The Murray Brook Mineral Resource Estimate was undertaken by Eugene Puritch, P.Eng. of P&E Mining Consultants Inc.*

As of 31 January 2013, earn-in expenditures and property payments (by both ELN and VM Canada) totaled \$3,900,000 and \$300,000 respectively, of which ELN contributed 50% as its share of the costs to earn its initial 25% interest. All expenditures which exceed the initial earn-in amount of \$2,250,000 will be counted towards the \$2,250,000 required to earn the additional 20%. Upon earning in for 70%, the parties will enter into a formal Joint Venture agreement consisting of the following; ELN-35%/VM Canada-35%/MBM-30%.

## Murray Brook 2013 Phase 1 Metallurgy Testwork

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In January 2013, the Company announced the results from Phase 1 metallurgical testwork commissioned by its partner, VM Canada, on samples from the Murray Brook polymetallic deposit. The purpose of the testwork was to investigate flotation options for sequential recovery of copper, lead and zinc concentrates from Murray Brook feed. The metallurgical testwork was completed at RPC Science & Engineering Laboratories ("RPC") in Fredericton, New Brunswick, under the direction of metallurgists Ross Gilders and Leo Cheung. Further information on RPC may be found at the laboratories' website at <http://www.rpc.ca>

Testwork was completed on bulk drill core samples from the Eastern Zone and from the Western Zone of the Murray Brook deposit. The test program consisted of sample preparation and compositing, characterization, and batch flotation tests followed by locked cycle tests on a composite sample. The composite sample head grade for the testwork is similar to the grade of the current high confidence Measured resources for Murray Brook. Locked cycle tests by RPC successfully produced individual copper, lead and zinc concentrates with the following recoveries and grades (Table 6):

- Recoveries of 51.4% Cu, 1.7% Zn, 4.5% Pb and 12.5 % Ag in a **copper concentrate** grading 17.5% Cu, 6.0% Zn, 6.2% Pb, and 591 grams per tonne ("g/t") Ag;
- Recoveries of 36.6% Pb, 7.2% Cu, 1.4% Zn, and 17.5% Ag in a **lead concentrate** grading 50.3% Pb, 2.4% Cu, 5.3% Zn, and 833 g/t Ag; and
- Recoveries of 88.8% Zn, 15.8% Cu, 8.3% Pb and 25.3% Ag in a **zinc concentrate** grading 53.8% Zn, 0.5% Cu, 1.1% Pb, 95 g/t Ag.

A copy of the report is available for viewing on the Company's website. Additional metallurgical work has been commissioned by VM Canada and RPC, which involves completing expanded and extended locked cycle tests to optimize copper, lead and precious metal recoveries in support of a planned Preliminary Economic Assessment in 2013.

**Table 6-Assay and Recovery Results of Locked Cycle Tests for Murray Brook**

Description	Sample/Circuit	Assays					Recovery%				
		Cu%	Pb%	Zn%	Ag (g/t)	Au (g/t)	Cu	Pb	Zn	Ag	Au
Feed Grade	blend of 3 holes	0.27	1.15	3.42	45	0.590					
<b>Cu Concentrate</b>	final	<b>17.45</b>	6.16	6.04	591	1.051	<b>51.4</b>	4.5	1.7	12.5	2
<b>Pb Concentrate</b>	final	2.40	<b>50.30</b>	5.27	833	0.923	7.2	<b>36.6</b>	1.4	17.5	1.8
<b>Zn Concentrate</b>	final	0.48	1.08	<b>53.78</b>	95	0.360	15.8	8.3	<b>88.8</b>	25.3	5.5

Additional metallurgical testwork is planned to be carried out by RPC in early 2013.

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## **2013 Exploration Programs:**

A \$6,000,000 to \$8,000,000 budget has been proposed for the 2013 exploration and development programs.

The program includes:

- Amended Resource Estimation – Q1 2013
- Refinements to Phase 1 Metallurgy Study – Q1 2013
- Preliminary Economic Assessment Study – H1 2013
- Phase 2 Metallurgy Study (pilot plant) – H2 2013
- Geotechnical drilling/environmental assessment/detailed delineation drilling at Murray Brook
- Property scale exploration: geophysical surveys and drilling

*\* timing provisional, subject to outcomes and market conditions*

Management plans to meet with VM Canada after receiving results of the Preliminary Economic Assessment studies and finalize 2013 exploration and development plans and budget.

### **C) Kasala Project**

Pursuant to an agreement dated 19 May 2007 (the "Mineral Property Option Agreement"), the Company exercised its option to acquire a 70% interest in certain mineral research permits (the "Kasala Mineral Research Permits") covering 352 square kms of prospective exploration areas in the Copperbelt, located between Lubumbashi and Likasi in the DRC from GCP Group Ltd. ("GCP") a private British Virgin Islands company (the "Mineral Property Option Agreement"). Total consideration to be paid consists of cash payments of US\$550,000 (US\$450,000 paid) and the issuance of 280,000 shares to which 240,000 shares were issued. The remaining US\$100,000 and 40,000 shares that are payable and issuable, respectively, on 18 May 2010 are being withheld with regards to the Company's petition to set-off the US\$100,000 and 100,000 shares against the \$1,445,064 being claimed by the Company. The Supreme Court decision referred the Company's claims to arbitration in order to settle the disputes. (See "*Section 2 – Litigation*").

Following notice that the claims commenced by Mr. Kavvadias, a former manager of the Company's joint venture company, Infinity Resources Sprl ("Infinity") and his company, GCP, in the DRC were dismissed by the Tribunal of Commerce of Lubumbashi. The Company initially filed claims in the Supreme Court of British Columbia which in turn determined that the petitions are to be decided through arbitration. Both parties agreed to an arbitrator and after numerous delays on the part of Mr. Kavvadias the hearing to determine whether or not the arbitrator has the jurisdiction to arbitrate all of the Company's claims was held on 22 and 23 August 2012 with a successful decision fully in the Company's favour, rendered by the arbitrator. After further delays by Mr. Kavvadias, the Company asked the arbitrator to set a hearing date as soon as possible, without any

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further delays, to argue the Company's petition. A hearing will now be held from 2 to 8 July 2013 at which time management feels confident that it will be successful in its claims against Mr. Kavvadias and his company, GCP.

The Company has also been successful in receiving favourable results in its claims launched in the DRC. All four judgments were decided in the Company's favour. Mr. Kavvadias is appealing each by manipulating the lack of rule of law in the DRC, in an effort to delay a final decision by the courts to dismiss those appeals. To date two appeals have been rendered in favor of ELN, with the final two still to be determined.

Despite the obvious and well-known problems inherent with the legal system in the DRC, the Company will continue to do its utmost to ultimately secure its assets and be in a position to resume its business affairs in order to advance its highly prospective Kasala Cu project.

Due to the uncertainty and timing of the outcome of the current Notices of Dispute, all of the exploration programs in the DRC were put on hold and/or a care and maintenance program. Upon successfully achieving the above issues, the Company will proceed with establishing a budget and undertaking further exploration drill programs to advance the Kasala project. The Company has, as well, received interest from a number of companies with whom Management has initiated discussions and meetings with regard to potential joint venture opportunities.

The Company previously completed two surface exploration programs, one early in 2009 consisting of an induced polarization ("IP") ground geophysical survey to trace possible extensions of the mineralized zone that runs for over 2.5 km to the southeast and ground surveys consisting of geochemical and geophysical programs later in the year after receiving approval of our environmental applications. These programs identified new anomalies that are very prospective and will be the focus of our targeting for future drill programs.

### 2013 Projection

As at 16 December 2011, there were no new drill holes and no new geochemistry in place. Work on the Kasala project for 2012 year-to-date entailed compilation and thorough analysis of all earlier geochemistry and airborne geophysics (radiometric and magnetic) with geology, stratigraphy, topography, hydrology, satellite and existing, publicly available maps and data to refine the exploration target area and identify new drill targets.

### Kasala historical exploration/drilling

The Company has been unable to conduct any exploration programs during 2010 to 2013. Prior drilling to-date totals 15,764 m, consisting of 4,665 m of diamond drilling and 11,099 m of reverse circulation drilling ("RC"). In 2008, drilling was focused on two areas within the Kasala Main Zone. The first area was tested with several drill holes on a cobalt ("Co")

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anomaly with visual inspection indicating mineralization. A decision to follow up with further drilling will be made at a later date. The second area drilled in 2008 was on the northern permit #5214 (the Kasala project) to determine the extension of the discovery hole. There were 56 RC drill holes and 20 diamond drill holes for a total of 76 holes drilled with final assay results confirming Cu mineralization in the Kasala area of over one km with a minimum strike length of approximately 800 m and a width of approximately 250 m. Intersections in some drill holes indicate thicknesses of as much as 91 m. Some significant assay results are: 3.5% Cu over 10 m, 2.82% Cu over 29 m which includes a 5 m intersection of 4.11% Cu and 0.50% Co.

#### **D) Phoenix Project**

Due to capital restraints, the Company proposed an amendment to the existing Acquisition of an Interest Agreement with Phoenix Mining Corporation Sprl (“PMC”) to earn a 70% interest in mineral research permit #9316. The amendment would allow for the Company to continue to fund the project but to also conduct an initial exploration program to assist in a preliminary assessment that would determine the merits of the property for future investment. PMC rejected the proposal and as a result, the Company gave notice of termination in accordance to the terms and conditions of the agreement. This resulted in a spurious court action against the Company, by PMC.

Subsequently, the Company received notice that the claims commenced by PMC in the DRC were dismissed by the Tribunal of Commerce of Lubumbashi. The Company successfully argued that the jurisdiction for hearing the claims is in British Columbia and not the DRC. As well, the orders for garnishment of the shares held by the Company in the share capital of Infinity have been removed and remain registered in the Company’s name. The appeal by PMC was subsequently dismissed.

#### **E) Harmony Project**

The Company entered into a Letter of Intent (“LOI”) with MIMCO AG (“MIM”) to acquire a 70% interest in a mineral research permit #2461 (the “Harmony Project”) in the Copper belt, covering 50 square km located east of Anvil Mining Limited’s Kinsevere Project. Through a check of the permit of registry, the Company became aware that the permits had not been properly maintained/transferred or renewed. In January 2011, the Company terminated the LOI related to the Harmony mineral research permits.

#### **F) Bancroft Properties**

The Company has earned a 100% interest in the Bancroft properties which comprise the Halo Project and the Silver Crater Project and include certain claims east of the town of Bancroft, Ontario, Canada.

The Company allowed the Bancroft Properties to lapse in order to focus on its primary project.

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## **G) Ireland Zinc Project**

In fiscal year 2009, 2,840 m of diamond drilling was performed. No significant mineralization was intersected and as a result the Company has decided to relinquish the licenses.

### **Going Concern**

As at 31 January 2013, the Company had cash and cash equivalents of \$591,030, working capital of \$10,938 and a deficit of \$23,712,577. The funds on hand at 31 January 2013 are not sufficient to meet our planned corporate, administrative and proposed exploration activities for the next twelve months. The Company performed a minimal amount of exploration activities due to financial market conditions and the current litigation in the DRC. The Company feels that once its ongoing efforts to stabilize and implement the restructuring of its corporate affairs in the DRC are complete, the Company will be in a better position to raise sufficient funds to meet its financial requirements.

The Company's ability to continue operations and exploration activities is dependent on Management's ability to provide financing and although current management has demonstrated it has done so in the past, there is no assurance it will be able to do so in the future. Because of this uncertainty, there is substantial doubt about the ability of the Company to continue as a going concern.

## **2. Litigation**

On 21 December 2009, the Company was served with a notice of claim, submitted in the DRC by Mr. Georges Kavvadias, a principal of GCP and who acted as manager (the "Country Manager") of the Company's DRC joint venture company, Infinity (70% ELN/30% GCP). An underlying agreement provides GCP to retain 10% and 20% is held by Fonaco Sprl, a company controlled by Mr. Hassan Sabra, the original owner of the Kasala permits.

In May 2010, the Company received notice that the claims commenced in the DRC were dismissed by the Tribunal of Commerce of Lubumbashi. The Company successfully argued that the jurisdiction for hearing the claim was in British Columbia and not the DRC. Appeals were filed which have subsequently been dismissed. The Company continues to take the position that all past, present and potential future actions of its previous Country Manager, Mr. Kavvadias, are both spurious and without merit.

The Company served Mr. Kavvadias and GCP a Notice of Dispute and petitioned the Supreme Court of British Columbia in response to two alleged defaults of the Mineral Property Option Agreement. The Company has stated in its Notice of Dispute and is prepared to prove that:

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- The amounts claimed are not due and owing and that Mr. Kavvadias and GCP, despite repeated requests are unable to provide an accounting of the funds entrusted with him for the advancement of exploration works in the DRC.
- GCP is in breach of the Representations and Warranty contained in the Mineral Property Option Agreement.
- A claim of US\$1,445,064, for the right to set-off, against any sums which may be due and owing to Mr. Kavvadias and GCP, as well as unspecified damages for breach of the agreements by Mr. Kavvadias and GCP and for further damages for fraud and fraudulent misrepresentation by Mr. Kavvadias and GCP.

In addition to the above, the Company is claiming that Mr. Kavvadias breached the Mineral Property Option Agreement in addition to the breach of warranty, by purloining funds provided to him, by denying the Company access to financial information and the Company's leased premises, equipment and property in the DRC and refusing to follow the budgetary decisions of the Company.

The decision by the Supreme Court of British Columbia was to have the claims and dispute decided through arbitration. After numerous delays by Mr. Kavvadias, the initial arbitration hearing to determine jurisdictional issues was held on 22 and 23 August 2012, at which time the arbitrator's decision was made in favour of ELN and included costs.

Mr. Kavvadias then further delayed arbitration by engaging new counsel. The arbitrator wishing no further delays has now set the date for hearing all of the Company's claims from 2 to 8 July 2013. At which time, management is confident that it will be successful in its efforts to bring Mr. Kavvadias and his company GCP Group to accountability.

In addition, the Company was made aware of an attempt by Mr. Kavvadias to fraudulently transfer the Kasala permits from Infinity to a company controlled by Mr. Kavvadias. The Company has taken all available steps to prevent this blatant attempt to deprive the Company of its rightful ownership in the Kasala properties and has invoked a *Force Majeure* clause to further protect the Company's interests.

Two judgments were petitioned by the Company in the DRC; (1) to remove Mr. Kavvadias as manager and declare him incompetent; (2) that he fraudulently used a power of attorney and issued minutes fraudulently appointing him manager. Both decisions have been rendered in the Company's favor by courts. Mr. Kavvadias was found guilty and fined by the court and required to pay all court costs. Appeals have been submitted for both with one being dismissed and a date to hear the other has not been set at this time. Manipulation of the appeal process in the DRC by Mr. Kavvadias has resulted in numerous rescheduling of the hearing dates and as a result a final date to try and dismiss the appeal is still pending.

### 3. Selected Quarterly Financial Information

The following selected financial information is derived from the unaudited interim consolidated financial statements of the Company. The figures have been prepared in accordance with IFRS.

	For the Quarters Ended (unaudited)							
	31 Jan 2013	31 Oct 2012	31 Jul 2012	30 April 2012	31 Jan 2012	31 Oct 2011	31 Jul 2011	30 April 2011
Total revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Net loss	(404,237)	(356,521)	(351,859)	(594,188)	(595,765)	(350,773)	(604,667)	(355,357)
Net loss per share	(0.03)	(0.03)	(0.01)	(0.03)	(0.02)	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)
Total assets	8,899,826	8,851,151	8,212,524	8,254,735	7,187,137	7,576,193	7,761,281	8,239,019

### Results of Operations

#### For the year ended 31 January 2013

The year ended 31 January 2013, resulted in a loss from operations of \$1,706,805 which compares with a loss of \$1,906,562 for the same period in 2012. The decrease of \$199,757 was mainly attributable to the net effect of the following:

- Decrease of \$20,686 in accounting and audit fees. Cost of \$25,690 for the year ended 31 January 2013 compared to \$46,376 for the same period in 2012.
- Decrease of \$53,500 in management fees. Cost of \$84,000 for the year ended 31 January 2013 compared to \$137,500 for the same period in 2012.
- Decrease of \$329,952 in share-based payments. Cost of \$31,267 for the year ended 31 January 2013 compared to \$361,219 for the same period in 2012.
- Decrease of \$58,816 in office and miscellaneous expenses. Cost of \$33,981 for the year ended 31 January 2013 compared to \$92,797 for the same period in 2012.
- Decrease of \$36,985 in transfer agent and regulatory fees. Cost of \$43,029 for the year ended 31 January 2013 compared to \$80,014 for the same period in 2012.
- Increase of \$170,378 in consulting fees. Cost of \$508,168 for the year ended 31 January 2013 compared to \$337,790 for the same period in 2012.
- Increase of \$2,785 in legal fees. Cost of \$61,658 for the year ended 31 January 2013 compared to \$58,873 for the same period in 2012.

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- Increase of \$31,116 in rent expense due to new office space. Cost of \$51,568 for the year ended 31 January 2013 compared to \$20,452 for the same period in 2012.

The Company also recorded a provision for additional legal fees of \$200,000 related to ongoing legal disputes with Mr. Kavvadias and GCP.

#### **4. Cash flow, Liquidity and Capital Resources**

During the year ended 31 January 2013, the Company's working capital, defined as current assets less current liabilities, was \$10,938 compared with the working capital of \$269,829 as at 31 January 2012. The Company has a total 76,091,669 common shares issued and outstanding as at 31 January 2013.

Cash outflows from operating activities for the year ended 31 January 2013 were \$831,108 (2012: \$1,245,071) and consist of corporate costs adjusted by non-cash write-down of exploration and evaluation properties.

Cash outflows from investing activities for the year ended 31 January 2013 were \$1,733,734 (2012: \$1,533,056) which were primarily related to exploration and evaluation expenditures and purchase of property, plant and equipment.

Cash flows from financing activities for the year ended 31 January 2013 resulted in cash inflows of \$2,968,812 net (2012: \$2,240,514 net). The Company raised \$1,731,352 from issuing non flow-through common shares and \$1,434,500 from issuing flow-through common shares of which \$105,400 was received during the previous year. The Company paid \$91,640 in cash related to private placement finder's fees.

#### **5. Contractual Obligations**

The Company has no remaining contractual obligations under any of its property option agreements.

#### **6. Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

The Company has no off-balance sheet arrangements.

#### **7. Related Party Transactions**

The related party transactions during the year ended 31 January 2013, which occurred in the normal course of operations and were measured at the exchange amount (the amount of consideration established and agreed to by the related parties), were as follows:

- a. During the year ended 31 January 2013, the Company paid \$427,897, \$246,116 and \$Nil (2012: \$87,029, 125,613 and \$25,469) for consulting, shared office costs and

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exploration and evaluation recoveries, respectively to Pacific North West Capital Corp. (“PFN”), a company with common directors and officers.

- b. During the year ended 31 January 2013, the Company paid \$96,308 (2012: \$147,080) for management fees, respectively, to a company controlled by the Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and director.
- c. During the year ended 31 January 2013, the Company paid \$78,308 (2012: \$185,098) for consulting fees and benefits, to a company controlled by the Chief Operating Officer (formerly the Chief Financial Officer) and director.
- d. During the year ended 31 January 2013, the Company paid \$13,845 (2012: \$7,840) to certain directors.
- e. During the year ended 31 January 2013, the Company expensed \$14,957 (2012: \$145,389) in share-based payments related to stock options previously granted to the key management personnel.

## **8. Critical Accounting Estimates and Risks & Uncertainties**

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with IFRS requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the Financial Statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Areas requiring significant management estimates include the valuation, impairment and useful life of property and equipment, and deferred taxes. These estimates are reviewed periodically (at least annually), and, as adjustments become necessary, they are reported in earnings in the period in which they become known.

### *Basis of presentation and consolidation*

For the year ended 31 January 2013, the Company accounted for its investments in Infinity using the cost method rather than on a consolidated basis as the Company did not exercise control or significant influence over its investments in Infinity during the year ended 31 January 2013. As a result, the Company’s financial statements at 31 January 2013 and for the year then ended do not include the assets and liabilities and results of operations of Infinity.

### *Foreign Political Risk*

The Company’s material properties are currently located in the DRC and, as such, are exposed to various degrees of political, economic and other risks and uncertainties. The Company’s operations and investments may be affected by local political and economic developments, including expropriation, nationalization, invalidation of government orders,

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permits or agreements pertaining to property rights, political unrest, labour disputes, limitations on repatriation of earnings, limitations on mineral exports, limitations on foreign ownership, inability to obtain or delays in obtaining necessary mining permits, opposition to mining from local, environmental or other non-governmental organizations, government participation, royalties, duties, rates of exchange, high rates of inflation, price controls, exchange controls, currency fluctuations, taxation and changes in laws, regulations or policies as well as by laws and policies of Canada affecting foreign trade, investment and taxation.

### *Government Laws, Regulation & Permitting*

Mining and exploration activities of the Company are subject to both domestic and foreign laws and regulations governing prospecting, development, production, taxes, labour standards, occupational health, mine safety, waste disposal, toxic substances, the environment and other matters. Although the Company believes that all exploration activities are currently carried out in accordance with all applicable rules and regulations, no assurance can be given that new rules and regulations will not be enacted or that existing rules and regulations will not be applied in a manner which could limit or curtail production or development. Amendments to current laws and regulations governing the operations and activities of the Company or more stringent implementation thereof could have a substantial adverse impact on the Company.

The operations of the Company will require licenses and permits from various governmental authorities to carry out exploration and development at its projects. There can be no assurance that the Company will be able to obtain the necessary licenses and permits on acceptable terms, in a timely manner or at all. Any failure to comply with permits and applicable laws and regulations, even if inadvertent, could result in the interruption or closure of operations or material fines, penalties or other liabilities.

### *Estimates of Mineral Resources*

The mineral resource estimates contained in this MD&A are estimates only and no assurance can be given that any particular level of recovery of minerals will in fact be realized or that an identified resource will ever qualify as a commercially mineable (or viable) deposit which can be legally or commercially exploited. In addition, the grade of mineralization ultimately mined may differ from that indicated by drilling results and such differences could be material.

If the Company's exploration programs are successful, additional funds will be required in order to complete the development of its properties. There is no assurance that the Company will be successful in raising sufficient funds to meet its obligation or to complete all of the currently proposed exploration programs. If the Company does not raise the necessary capital to meet its obligations under current contractual obligations, the Company may have to forfeit its interest in properties or prospects earned or assumed under such contracts.

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### *Key Management and Competition*

The success of the Company will be largely dependent upon the performance of its key officers, consultants and employees. Locating mineral deposits depends on a number of factors, not the least of which is the technical skill of the exploration personnel involved. The success of the Company is largely dependent on the performance of its key individuals. Failure to retain key individuals or to attract or retain additional key individuals with necessary skills could have a materially adverse impact upon the Company's success.

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 itself with respect to the discovery and acquisition of interests in mineral properties, the recruitment and retention of qualified employees and other persons to carry out its mineral exploration activities. Competition in the mining industry could adversely affect the Company's prospects for mineral exploration in the future.

### *Title to Properties*

Acquisition of rights to the mineral properties is a very detailed and time-consuming process. Title to, and the area of, mineral properties may be disputed. Although the Company has investigated the title to all of the properties for which it holds concessions or other mineral leases or licenses or in respect of which it has a right to earn an interest, the Company cannot give an assurance that title to such properties will not be challenged or impugned.

### *Commodity Prices*

The profitability of the Company's operations will be dependent upon the market price of mineral commodities. Mineral prices fluctuate widely and are affected by numerous factors beyond the control of the Company. The prices of mineral commodities have fluctuated widely in recent years. Current and future price declines could cause commercial production to be impracticable. The Company's revenues and earnings also could be affected by the prices of other commodities such as fuel and other consumable items, although to a lesser extent than by the price of copper or gold.

## **9. Change in Accounting Policy**

The Company changed its accounting policy related to the exploration and evaluation properties. Exploration and evaluation expenditures, including the costs of acquiring licenses, costs associated with exploration and evaluation assets acquired in a business combination, are now capitalized. Costs incurred before the Company has obtained the legal rights to explore an area are recognized in profit or loss. The Company previously expensed its exploration and evaluation expenditures as incurred.

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Option payments received are treated as a reduction of the carrying value of the related exploration and evaluation properties and deferred costs until the receipts are in excess of costs incurred, at which time they are credited to income. Option payments are at the discretion of the optionee, and accordingly, are recorded on a cash basis.

Exploration and evaluation assets are assessed for impairment if (i) sufficient data exists to determine technical feasibility and commercial viability, and (ii) facts and circumstances suggest that the carrying amount exceeds the recoverable amount.

Once the technical feasibility and commercial viability of the extraction of the mineral resources in an area of interest are demonstrable, exploration and evaluation assets attributable to that area of interest are first tested for impairment and reclassified to mining property and development assets within property, plant and equipment. See Note 3 to the financial statements for additional information.

## 10. Financial Instruments

The Company classifies all financial instruments as either available-for-sale, financial assets or liabilities at fair value through profit or loss (“FVTPL”), loans and receivables or other financial liabilities. Loans and receivables and other financial liabilities are measured at amortized cost. Available-for-sale instruments are measured at fair value with unrealized gains and losses recognized in accumulated other comprehensive income. These amounts will be reclassified from shareholders’ equity to net income when the investment is sold or when the investment is impaired and the impairment is considered less than temporary. Instruments classified as FVTPL are measured at fair value with unrealized gains and losses recognized on the statement of loss and deficit.

The Company has designated its cash as FVTPL, which is measured at fair value. Amounts receivable receivables are classified as loans and receivables, which are measured at amortized cost. Trade payables are classified as other financial liabilities which are measured at amortized cost.

### Credit Risk

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to credit risk consist of cash and cash equivalents. The Company deposits cash and cash equivalents with high credit quality financial institutions as determined by rating agencies and amounts receivable are mostly due from the Government of Canada. As a result, the Company is not subject to a significant credit risk.

### Currency Risk

For the year ended 31 January 2013, a small portion of the Company’s operation was in the DRC. As a result, a portion of the Company’s receivables and payables were denominated in the US dollar and were therefore subject to fluctuation in exchange rates. However, the Company considers its currency risk to be insignificant.

### Liquidity Risk

The Company is reliant upon equity issuances as its sole source of cash. The Company manages liquidity risk by maintaining an adequate level of cash and cash equivalents to meet its ongoing obligations. The Company continuously reviews its actual expenditures and forecast cash flows and matches the maturity dates of its cash and cash equivalents to capital and operating needs. The Company has been successful in raising equity financing in the past; however, there is no assurance that it will be able to do so in the future. For the year ended 31 January 2013, the Company had a working capital of \$10,938 compared with the working capital of \$269,829 as at 31 January 2012.



## Other Risks

Unless otherwise noted, it is management's opinion that the Company is not exposed to significant interest rate risk and commodity price risk arising from financial instruments.

### **11. Subsequent Events**

On 26 February 2013, the Company announced a non-brokered flow-through and non flow-through private placement of up to a combined 33,333,333 units for gross proceeds up to \$2,000,000. Each non flow-through unit ("NFT Unit") at a price of \$0.06 per NFT Unit will consist of one common share and one-half of one non-transferable share purchase warrant ("Warrant"). Each Warrant will entitle the holder to purchase one common share of the Company at a price of \$0.12 per share for 18 months from closing. Each flow-through unit ("FT Unit") will consist of one common share and one-half of one non flow-through, non-transferable share purchase warrant at a price of \$0.065 per FT Unit. Each Warrant will entitle the holder thereof to purchase one additional non flow-through common share of the Company at \$0.13 for a period of 18 months from closing. The proceeds from the private placement received from the sale of the flow-through units will be used for the further development and exploration of the Murray Brook Polymetallic project and exploration of adjacent Camel Back property, both located in the in Bathurst mining camp, New Brunswick. The proceeds from the sale of NFT Units will be used as working and general working capital. The private placement and any finder's fees payable are subject to regulatory approval. Any securities issued pursuant to the offering shall be subject to a four month and a day hold period commencing on the closing date.

On 24 April 2013, the private placement announced on 26 February 2013 expired and the Company was not able to complete on the financing.

On May 2, 2013, the Company announced that the additional metallurgical testwork has been completed on the Murray Brook deposit and the results will be reported in a planned Preliminary Economic Assessment to be completed in H1 2013. The additional testwork focused on optimizing copper and lead recoveries, in part through processing of larger samples in bigger equipment. An expanded metallurgical test program involving pilot plant design work is planned to follow completion Preliminary Economic Assessment.

### **12. Controls and Procedures**

The Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") and Chief Financial Officer ("CFO") are responsible for designing internal controls over financial reporting in order to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of the Company's financial statements for external purposes in accordance with IFRS. The design of the Company's internal control over financial reporting was assessed as of the date of this MD&A.

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Based on this assessment, it was determined that certain weaknesses existed in internal controls over financial reporting. As indicative of many small companies, the lack of segregation of duties and effective risk assessment were identified as areas where weaknesses existed. The existence of these weaknesses is to be compensated for by senior management monitoring, which exists. The officers will continue to monitor very closely all financial activities of the Company and increase the level of supervision in key areas. It is important to note that this issue would also require the Company to hire additional staff in order to provide greater segregation of duties. Since the increased costs of such hiring could threaten the Company's financial viability, management has chosen to disclose the potential risk in its filings and proceed with increased staffing only when the budgets and work load will enable the action. The Company has attempted to mitigate these weaknesses, through a combination of extensive and detailed review by the CFO of the financial reports, the integrity and reputation of senior accounting personnel, and candid discussion of those risks with the audit committee.

### **13. Qualified Person Statement**

“Section 1 and Project Over View of Section 3” together with the “Subsequent Events” section of this report have been reviewed and approved for technical content by Ali Hassanalizadeh, M.Sc. P.Geo, Vice President Exploration for ELN and a Qualified Person under the provisions of NI 43-101.

### **14. Forward Looking Information**

Forward-looking information is included in this MD&A, which involves known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause actual results, performance or achievements or industry results, to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking information. Forward-looking information is identified by the use of terms and phrases such as “anticipate”, “believe”, “could”, “estimate”, “expect”, “intend”, “may”, “plan”, “predict”, “project”, “will”, “would”, and similar terms and phrases, including references to assumptions. Such information may involve but are not limited to comments with respect to strategies, expectations, planned operations or future actions.

Forward-looking information reflects current expectations of management regarding future events and operating performance as of the date of this MD&A. Such information involves significant risks and uncertainties, should not be read as guarantees of future performance or results, and will not necessarily be accurate indications of whether or not such results will be achieved. A number of factors could cause actual results to differ materially from the results discussed in the forward-looking information, including, but not limited to, the following factors (as discussed under “Risks and Uncertainties”): industry; commodity prices; competition; foreign political risk; government laws; regulation and permitting; title to properties; estimates of mineral resources; cash flows and additional funding requirements; key management; possible dilution to present and prospective shareholders; material risk of dilution presented by large number of outstanding share purchase options

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and warrants; trading volume; volatility of share price; foreign currency risk; and, conflict of interest.

Although the forward-looking information contained in this MD&A is based upon what the Company's management believes to be reasonable assumptions, the Company cannot assure investors that actual results will be consistent with such information. Forward-looking information reflects management's current beliefs and is based on information currently available to the Company. Such information reflects current assumptions regarding future events and operating performance including, without limitation, a strong global demand for mineral commodities, continued funding and continued strength in the industry in which the Company operates, and speaks only as of the date of this discussion. The forward-looking information is made as of the date of this MD&A.

## **15. Outlook**

The Company's main focus at this time is the continued participation in the advancement of the massive sulphide Murray Brook project in New Brunswick. The Company elected to participate with VM Canada and MBM by funding 50% of VM Canada's costs to acquire 50% of the project with an option to acquire the other 50%. The Murray Brook project continues to be very prospective with very good drill results and the Company expects to continue to participate and fund the project throughout the coming year.

The Company is also focused on the exploration and development of its projects in the DRC's copper belt where it has identified a highly prospective Cu/Co discovery through 17,500 m of drilling to date on its Kasala property. Due to the spurious and fraudulent activities of its former country manager Georges Kavvadias and his unsuccessful attempt to illegally transfer the Kasala exploration permits and until such time as the two default notices are settled through the current British Columbia arbitration process, the Company is delaying the start of the planned exploration program and has put the Kasala project in a care and maintenance status. In anticipation of resuming its exploration activities, the Company is continuing to develop both the programs and budget to advance the Kasala project.

Depending on the outcome of the current disputes identified previously in this document, it is the intent of the Company to continue to advance the Kasala project through a series of enhanced soil geochemical sampling, ground geophysics and drill programs in order to define an initial resource calculation. Management recognizes that it will have to demonstrate strong control over its affairs in the DRC before it will be able to attract not only experienced and qualified technical, administrative personnel to implement the Company's overall business strategy but potential joint venture partners as well.

Although current management has demonstrated its ability to raise funds in the past, with the current financial market conditions and global economic uncertainty, there can be no assurance it will be able to do so in the future. Although the Company has been successful in all of its Court actions, as with all disputes, there is no guarantee that the results from the

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appeals will be favorable towards the Company or that there will be further spurious acts. Because of these uncertainties, there is substantial doubt about the ability of the Company to continue as going concern. These financial results and discussion do not include the adjustments that would be necessary should the Company be unable to continue as a going concern. Such adjustments could be material.

## **16. Additional Information**

Additional information relating to the Company is available on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) or on the Company's website at [www.elninoventures.com](http://www.elninoventures.com).

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**TRADING SYMBOLS**

TSX Venture Exchange: ELN

OTCQX: ELNOF

Frankfurt Stock Exchange: E7Q



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### To the Shareholders of El Niño Ventures Inc.

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of El Niño Ventures Inc., which comprise the statements of financial position as at 31 January 2013, 31 January 2012 and 1 February 2011, and the statements of loss and comprehensive loss, cash flows and changes in equity for the years ended 31 January 2013 and 31 January 2012, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

#### *Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements*

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### *Auditor's Responsibility*

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

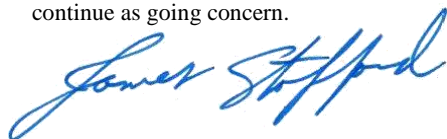
We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### *Opinion*

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of El Niño Ventures Inc. as at 31 January 2013, 31 January 2012 and 1 February 2011, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years ended 31 January 2013 and 31 January 2012 in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

#### *Emphasis of Matter*

Without qualifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 in the financial statements, which describes matters and conditions that indicate the existence of a material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt about the ability of El Niño Ventures Inc. to continue as going concern.



**Chartered Accountants**  
Vancouver, Canada  
22 May 2013

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	Notes	As at 31 January 2013	As at 31 January 2012	As at 1 February 2011
		\$	\$	\$
<b>ASSETS</b>			(Note 3)	(Note 3)
<b>Current assets</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents		591,030	187,060	724,673
Amounts receivable	6	24,566	29,394	37,226
Marketable securities		1	1	1
Prepaid expenses	5	41,983	124,668	12,631
		657,580	341,123	774,531
<b>Exploration and evaluation properties</b>	7	8,167,107	6,837,164	5,695,231
<b>Property, plant and equipment</b>	8	75,138	8,849	18,238
<b>Investments</b>	9	1	1	1
<b>Total assets</b>		8,899,826	7,187,137	6,488,001
<b>EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>				
<b>Current liabilities</b>				
Trade payables and accrued liabilities	10	643,944	71,294	22,329
Flow-through tax liabilities	10	2,698	-	-
<b>Total liabilities</b>		646,642	71,294	22,329
<b>Equity</b>				
Common shares	11	24,891,582	22,727,285	21,405,683
Shares to be issued	11	-	105,400	-
Reserves		7,074,179	6,288,930	5,159,199
Deficit		(23,712,577)	(22,005,772)	(20,099,210)
<b>Total equity</b>		8,253,184	7,115,843	6,465,672
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>		8,899,826	7,187,137	6,488,001

**APPROVED BY THE BOARD:**

“Harry Barr”  
Director

“John Oness”  
Director

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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**Statements of Loss and Comprehensive Loss**  
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	Notes	Year ended 31 January	
		2013	2012
		\$	\$
			(Note 3)
<b>Administration expenses</b>			
Accounting and audit		25,690	46,376
Bank charges and interest		1,574	2,229
Consulting fees	18	508,168	337,790
Corporate development		2,500	-
Depreciation	8	19,386	10,677
Information technology		23,527	-
Insurance, licenses and fees		32,179	36,789
Investor and shareholder relations		345,427	347,200
Legal		61,658	58,873
Management fees	18	84,000	137,500
Office and miscellaneous		33,981	92,797
Rent		51,568	20,452
Share-based payments	12	31,267	361,219
Telephone and utilities		9,846	8,193
Transfer agent and regulatory fees		43,029	80,014
Travel, lodging and food		74,218	32,587
<b>Net loss before other items</b>		<b>(1,348,018)</b>	<b>(1,572,696)</b>
<b>Other items</b>			
Foreign exchange gain (loss)		5,582	(471)
Finance income	13	153,747	56,440
Provision for legal and other costs	20	(200,000)	-
Write-down of exploration and evaluation properties	7	(318,116)	(389,835)
<b>Net loss and comprehensive loss for the year</b>		<b>(1,706,805)</b>	<b>(1,906,562)</b>
<b>Loss per share – basic and diluted</b>	15	<b>(0.03)</b>	<b>(0.04)</b>

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**Statements of Cash Flows**  
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	Notes	Year ended 31 January	
		2013	2012
		\$	\$
			(Note 3)
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Loss for the year		(1,706,805)	(1,906,562)
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation	8	19,386	10,677
Share-based payments	12	31,267	361,219
Flow-through share premium income	13	(153,235)	(45,000)
Write-down of exploration and evaluation properties	7	318,116	389,835
Changes in operating working capital			
Decrease in amounts receivable		4,828	7,832
Decrease (increase) in prepaid expenses		82,685	(112,037)
Increase in trade payables and accrued liabilities		572,650	48,965
<b>Cash used in operating activities</b>		<b>(831,108)</b>	<b>(1,245,071)</b>
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Exploration and evaluation expenditures	7	(1,648,059)	(1,531,768)
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	8	(85,675)	(1,288)
<b>Cash used in investing activities</b>		<b>(1,733,734)</b>	<b>(1,533,056)</b>
<b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Proceeds from issuance of common shares	11	3,060,452	2,166,017
Share subscriptions received in advance	11	-	105,400
Share issue costs	11	(91,640)	(30,903)
<b>Cash from financing activities</b>		<b>2,968,812</b>	<b>2,240,514</b>
<b>Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>403,970</b>	<b>(537,613)</b>
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year		187,060	724,673
<b>Cash and cash equivalents, end of year</b>		<b>591,030</b>	<b>187,060</b>

**Supplemental cash flow information** (Note 19)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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**Statements of Changes in Equity**  
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	<b>Number of shares</b>	<b>Common shares</b>	<b>Shares to be issued</b>	<b>Stock option reserve</b>	<b>Warrant reserve</b>	<b>Deficit</b>	<b>Total</b>
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balances, 1 February 2011 (Note 3)	36,215,558	21,405,683	-	1,365,484	3,793,715	(20,099,210)	6,465,672
Shares issued for							
Cash	11,303,769	2,128,160	-	-	-	-	2,128,160
Exercise of warrants	114,286	50,731	-	-	(12,874)	-	37,857
Share subscriptions received in advance	-	-	105,400	-	-	-	105,400
Share-based payments	-	-	-	361,219	-	-	361,219
Share issue costs	-	(30,903)	-	-	-	-	(30,903)
Fair value allocated to warrants	-	(781,386)	-	-	781,386	-	-
Flow-through share liability	-	(45,000)	-	-	-	-	(45,000)
Net loss for the year	-	-	-	-	-	(1,906,562)	(1,906,562)
<b>Balances, 31 January 2012 (Note 3)</b>	<b>47,633,613</b>	<b>22,727,285</b>	<b>105,400</b>	<b>1,726,703</b>	<b>4,562,227</b>	<b>(22,005,772)</b>	<b>7,115,843</b>
Shares issued for							
Cash	28,458,056	3,165,852	(105,400)	-	-	-	3,060,452
Share-based payments	-	-	-	31,267	-	-	31,267
Share issue costs	-	(123,684)	-	-	32,044	-	(91,640)
Flow-through share liability	-	(155,933)	-	-	-	-	(155,933)
Fair value allocated to warrants	-	(721,938)	-	-	721,938	-	-
Net loss for the year	-	-	-	-	-	(1,706,805)	(1,706,805)
<b>Balances, 31 January 2013</b>	<b>76,091,669</b>	<b>24,891,582</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,757,970</b>	<b>5,316,209</b>	<b>(23,712,577)</b>	<b>8,253,184</b>

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### **1. CORPORATE INFORMATION**

El Niño Ventures Inc. (the “Company”) was incorporated on 19 February 1988 under the laws of the Province of British Columbia, Canada. The Company is an exploration stage company engaged in the acquisition, exploration and development of mineral properties in the Democratic Republic of Congo (“DRC”) and Canada with the aim of developing them to a stage where they can be exploited at a profit or to arrange joint ventures whereby other companies provide funding for development and exploration.

The business of mining and exploring for minerals involves a high degree of risk and there can be no assurance that the Company will obtain the necessary financing to complete the exploration and development of mineral property interests, or that the current or future exploration and development programs of the Company will result in profitable mining operations.

The Company’s principal address and records office is located at 650-555 West 12th Avenue, Vancouver, BC V5Z 3X7.

On 21 October 2011, the Company consolidated its share capital on a one (1) new common share without par value for every two and one-half (2.5) existing common shares without par value basis. All common shares and per share amounts have been restated to give retroactive effect to the share consolidation (Note 11).

These financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, which contemplates the realization of assets and settlement of liabilities in the normal course of business.

Several adverse conditions cast significant doubt upon the validity of this assumption. Consistent with other entities in the exploration stage, the Company has incurred operating losses since inception, has no source of revenue, is unable to self-finance operations, and has significant cash requirements to meet its overhead and continue its exploration activities. The Company’s ability to continue as a going concern is dependent upon management’s ability to secure additional financing. While management has been successful in obtaining funding in the past, there can be no assurance that it will be able to do so in the future.

If the going concern assumption were not appropriate for these financial statements then adjustments would be necessary to the carrying value of assets and liabilities, the reported expenses and the balance sheet classifications used, and such adjustments would be material.

## **2. BASIS OF PREPARATION**

### **2.1 Basis of presentation**

The Company's financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis except for certain financial instruments which are measured at fair value, as explained in Note 17 and are presented in Canadian dollars except where otherwise indicated.

For the years ended 31 January 2013 and 2012, the Company accounted for its investments in Infinity Resources SPRL ("Infinity") as available-for-sale financial assets rather than on a consolidation basis as the Company did not exercise control or significant influence over its investments in Infinity during the years ended 31 January 2013 and 2012 (Notes 7, 9 and 20).

### **2.2 Statement of compliance**

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with and using accounting policies in full compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") and International Accounting Standards ("IAS") issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB") and interpretations of the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee ("IFRIC"), effective for the Company's reporting for the year ended 31 January 2013.

### **2.3 New and revised standards and interpretations not yet adopted**

At the date of authorization of these financial statements, the IASB and IFRIC has issued the following new and revised standards, amendments and interpretations which are not yet effective during the year ended 31 January 2013.

- IFRS 9 '*Financial Instruments: Classification and Measurement*' is a new financial instruments standard effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015 that replaces IAS 39 and IFRIC 9 for classification and measurement of financial assets and financial liabilities.
- IFRS 10 '*Consolidated Financial Statements*' is a new standard effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2013 that replaces consolidation requirements in IAS 27 (as amended in 2008) and SIC-12.
- IFRS 12 '*Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities*' is a new standard effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2013 that replaces disclosure requirements in IAS 27 (as amended in 2008), IAS 28 (as revised in 2003) and IAS 31.
- IFRS 13 '*Fair Value Measurement*' is a new standard effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2013 that replaces fair value measurement guidance in other IFRSs.

### **2.3 New and revised standards and interpretations not yet adopted, continued**

- IAS 27 (Amendment) ‘*Separate Financial Statements*’ is effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2013 that prescribes the accounting and disclosure requirements for investments in subsidiaries, joint ventures and associates when an entity prepares separate financial statements.
- IAS 32 (Amendment) ‘*Offsetting Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities*’ is effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2014 that clarifies the application of offsetting requirements.
- IAS 1 (Amendment) ‘*Presentation of Financial Statements*’ is effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2013 that clarifies the requirements for comparative information.

The Company has not early adopted these standards, amendments and interpretations and anticipates that the application of these standards, amendments and interpretations will not have a material impact on the financial position and financial performance of the Company.

## **3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

### **3.1 Change in accounting policy**

The Company changed its accounting policy related to the exploration and evaluation properties. Exploration and evaluation expenditures, including the costs of acquiring licenses, costs associated with exploration and evaluation assets acquired in a business combination, are now capitalized. Costs incurred before the Company has obtained the legal rights to explore an area are recognized in profit or loss. The Company previously expensed its exploration and evaluation expenditures as incurred.

Option payments received are treated as a reduction of the carrying value of the related exploration and evaluation properties and deferred costs until the receipts are in excess of costs incurred, at which time they are credited to income. Option payments are at the discretion of the optionee, and accordingly, are recorded on a cash basis.

Exploration and evaluation assets are assessed for impairment if (i) sufficient data exists to determine technical feasibility and commercial viability, and (ii) facts and circumstances suggest that the carrying amount exceeds the recoverable amount.

Once the technical feasibility and commercial viability of the extraction of the mineral resources in an area of interest are demonstrable, exploration and evaluation assets attributable to that area of interest are first tested for impairment and reclassified to mining property and development assets within property, plant and equipment.

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**3.1 Change in accounting policy, continued**

The effects of the change in accounting policy related to the Company's exploration and evaluation properties are as follows:

Reconciliation of Statement of Financial Position as at 31 January 2012:

	As previously reported	Effect of the change in accounting policy	As restated
	\$	\$	\$
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	187,060	-	187,060
Amounts receivable	29,394	-	29,394
Marketable securities	1	-	1
Prepaid expenses	124,668	-	124,668
	341,123	-	341,123
<b>Exploration and evaluation properties</b>	-	6,837,164	6,837,164
<b>Property, plant and equipment</b>	8,849	-	8,849
<b>Investments</b>	1	-	1
<b>Total assets</b>	349,973	6,837,164	7,187,137
<b>EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Trade payables and accrued liabilities	71,294	-	71,294
<b>Total liabilities</b>	71,294	-	71,294
<b>Equity</b>			
Common shares	22,727,285	-	22,727,285
Shares to be issued	105,400	-	105,400
Reserves	6,288,930	-	6,288,930
Deficit	(28,842,936)	6,837,164	(22,005,772)
<b>Total equity</b>	278,679	6,837,164	7,115,843
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>	349,973	6,837,164	7,187,137

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**3.1 Change in accounting policy, continued**

Reconciliation of Statement of Financial Position as at 1 February 2011:

	As previously reported	Effect of the change in accounting policy	As restated
	\$	\$	\$
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	724,673	-	724,673
Amounts receivable	37,226	-	37,226
Marketable securities	1	-	1
Prepaid expenses	12,631	-	12,631
	774,531	-	774,531
<b>Exploration and evaluation properties</b>	-	5,695,231	5,695,231
<b>Property, plant and equipment</b>	18,238	-	18,238
<b>Investments</b>	1	-	1
<b>Total assets</b>	792,770	5,695,231	6,488,001
<b>EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Trade payables and accrued liabilities	22,329	-	22,329
<b>Total liabilities</b>	22,329	-	22,329
<b>Equity</b>			
Common shares	21,405,683	-	21,405,683
Reserves	5,159,199	-	5,159,199
Deficit	(25,794,441)	5,695,231	(20,099,210)
<b>Total equity</b>	770,441	5,695,231	6,465,672
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>	792,770	5,695,231	6,488,001

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**3.1 Change in accounting policy, continued**

Reconciliation of Statement of Loss and Comprehensive Loss for the year ended 31 January 2012:

	As previously reported	Effect of the change in accounting policy	As restated
	\$	\$	\$
<b>Net exploration expenditures</b>	1,531,768	(1,531,768)	-
<b>General and administrative expenses</b>			
Accounting and audit	46,376	-	46,376
Bank charges and interest	2,229	-	2,229
Consulting fees	337,790	-	337,790
Depreciation	10,677	-	10,677
Insurance, licenses and fees	36,789	-	36,789
Investor and shareholder relations	347,200	-	347,200
Legal	58,873	-	58,873
Management fees	137,500	-	137,500
Office and miscellaneous	92,797	-	92,797
Rent	20,452	-	20,452
Share-based payments	361,219	-	361,219
Telephone and utilities	8,193	-	8,193
Transfer agent and regulatory fees	80,014	-	80,014
Travel, lodging and food	32,587	-	32,587
<b>Loss before other items</b>	(3,104,464)	1,531,768	(1,572,696)
<b>Other items</b>			
Foreign exchange loss	(471)	-	(471)
Finance income	56,440	-	56,440
Write-down of exploration and evaluation properties	-	(389,835)	(389,835)
<b>Net loss and comprehensive loss for the year</b>	(3,048,495)	1,141,933	(1,906,562)
<b>Loss per share – basic and diluted</b>	(0.07)	0.03	(0.04)



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**3.1 Change in accounting policy, continued**

Reconciliation of Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 31 January 2012:

	As previously reported	Effect of the change in accounting policy	As restated
	\$	\$	\$
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Loss before tax	(3,048,495)	1,141,933	(1,906,562)
Adjustment for:			
Depreciation	10,677	-	10,677
Share-based payments	361,219	-	361,219
Flow-through share premium income	(45,000)	-	(45,000)
Write-down of exploration and evaluation properties	-	389,835	389,835
Changes in operating working capital			
Decrease in amounts receivable	7,832	-	7,832
Increase in prepaid expenses	(112,037)	-	(112,037)
Increase in trade payables and accrued liabilities	48,965	-	48,965
<b>Cash used in operating activities</b>	<b>(2,776,839)</b>	<b>1,531,768</b>	<b>(1,245,071)</b>
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Exploration and evaluation expenditures	-	(1,531,768)	(1,531,768)
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(1,288)	-	(1,288)
<b>Cash used in investing activities</b>	<b>(1,288)</b>	<b>(1,531,768)</b>	<b>(1,533,056)</b>
<b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Proceeds from issuance of common shares	2,271,417	-	2,271,417
Share issue costs	(30,903)	-	(30,903)
<b>Cash flow used in financing activities</b>	<b>2,240,514</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,240,514</b>
<b>Decrease in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>(537,613)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(537,613)</b>
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	724,673	-	724,673
<b>Cash and cash equivalents, end of year</b>	<b>187,060</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>187,060</b>

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### **3.2 Significant accounting judgments, estimates and assumptions**

The preparation of the Company's financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities at the date of the financial statements and reported amounts of income and expenses during the reporting period. Estimates and assumptions are continuously evaluated and are based on management's experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. However, actual outcomes can differ from these estimates.

Areas requiring a significant degree of estimation and judgment relate to the fair value measurements for financial instruments and share-based payments, the valuation of exploration and evaluation properties, the recognition and valuation of provisions for decommissioning liabilities, the recoverability and measurement of deferred tax assets and liabilities and ability to continue as a going concern. Actual results may differ from those estimates and judgments.

### **3.3 Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at banks and on hand, and short term money market instruments with an original maturity of three months or less, which are readily convertible into a known amount of cash.

### **3.4 Foreign currencies**

The Company's presentation currency and the functional currency of all of its operations is the Canadian dollar as this is the principal currency of the economic environment in which they operate.

Foreign currency transactions are translated into functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the date of the transaction. Foreign currency monetary items are translated at the period-end exchange rate. Non-monetary items measured at historical cost continue to be carried at the exchange rate at the date of the transaction. Non-monetary items measured at fair value are reported at the exchange rate at the date when fair values were determined.

Exchange differences arising on the translation of monetary items or on settlement of monetary items are recognized in profit or loss in the period in which they arise, except where deferred in equity as a qualifying cash flow or net investment hedge.

Exchange differences arising on the translation of non-monetary items are recognized in other comprehensive income in the statement of comprehensive income to the extent that gains and losses arising on those non-monetary items are also recognized in other comprehensive income. Where the non-monetary gain or loss is recognized in profit or loss, the exchange component is also recognized in profit or loss.

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### **3.5 Property, plant and equipment**

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

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of property, plant and equipment, less their estimated residual value, using the straight-line method over the following expected useful lives:

- Computer equipment 3 years
- Furniture and fixtures 5 years
- Software 1 year
- Leasehold improvements 10 years

### **3.6 Exploration and evaluation properties**

Exploration and evaluation expenditures, including the costs of acquiring licenses, costs associated with exploration and evaluation assets acquired in a business combination, are capitalized. Costs incurred before the Company has obtained the legal rights to explore an area are recognized in profit or loss.

Option payments received are treated as a reduction of the carrying value of the related exploration and evaluation properties and deferred costs until the receipts are in excess of costs incurred, at which time they are credited to income. Option payments are at the discretion of the optionee, and accordingly, are recorded on a cash basis.

Exploration and evaluation assets are assessed for impairment if (i) sufficient data exists to determine technical feasibility and commercial viability, and (ii) facts and circumstances suggest that the carrying amount exceeds the recoverable amount.

Once the technical feasibility and commercial viability of the extraction of the mineral resources in an area of interest are demonstrable, exploration and evaluation assets attributable to that area of interest are first tested for impairment and reclassified to mining property and development assets within property, plant and equipment.

### **3.7 Share-based payments**

Share-based payments to employees are measured at the fair value of the instruments issued and recognized over the vesting periods. Share-based payments to non-employees are measured at the fair value of goods or services received or the fair value of the equity instruments issued, if it is determined the fair value of the goods or services cannot be reliably measured, and are recorded at the date the goods or services are received. The corresponding amount is recorded to the stock option reserve. The fair value of options is determined using the Black-Scholes Option Pricing Model which incorporates all market vesting conditions. The number of shares and options expected to vest is reviewed and adjusted at the end of each reporting period such that the amount recognized for services received as consideration for the equity instruments granted shall be based on the number of equity instruments that will eventually vest.

### **3.8 Taxation**

Deferred tax is provided, using the liability method, on all temporary differences at the statement of financial position date between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts for financial reporting purposes.

Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognized for all taxable temporary differences. Deferred tax assets are generally recognized for all deductible temporary differences to the extent that it is probable that taxable profits will be available against which those deductible temporary differences can be utilized. Such deferred tax assets and liabilities are not recognized if the temporary difference arises from goodwill or from the initial recognition (other than in a business combination) of other assets and liabilities in a transaction that affects neither the taxable profit nor the accounting profit.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at each reporting date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profit will be available to allow all or part of the deferred income tax asset to be utilized.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply to the year when the asset is realized or the liability is settled, based on the tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date.

### **3.9 Financial assets**

Financial assets are classified as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (“FVTPL”), held-to-maturity, loans and receivables, available-for-sale financial assets, or as derivatives designated as hedging instruments in an effective hedge, as appropriate. The Company determines the classification of its financial assets at initial recognition. Financial assets are recognized initially at fair value. The subsequent measurement of financial assets depends on their classification as follows:

### **3.9 Financial assets, continued**

#### *Financial assets at FVTPL*

Financial assets are classified as held for trading and are included in this category if acquired principally for the purpose of selling in the short term or if so designated by management.

Derivatives, other than those designated as effective hedging instruments, are also categorized as held for trading. These assets are carried at fair value with gains or losses recognized in profit or loss. Transaction costs associated with financial assets at FVTPL are expensed as incurred. Cash and cash equivalents are included in this category of financial assets.

#### *Held-to-maturity and loans and receivables*

Held-to-maturity and loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. Such assets are carried at amortized cost using the effective interest method if the time value of money is significant. Gains and losses are recognized in profit or loss when the financial asset classified in this category are derecognized or impaired, as well as through the amortization process. Transaction costs are included in the initial carrying amount of the asset. Amounts receivables are classified as loans and receivables.

#### *Available-for-sale*

Available-for-sale financial assets are those non-derivative financial assets that are not classified as loans and receivables. After initial recognition, available-for-sale financial assets are measured at fair value, with gains or losses recognized within other comprehensive income. Accumulated changes in fair value are recorded as a separate component of equity until the investment is derecognized or impaired. Transaction costs are included in the initial carrying amount of the asset. Available-for-sale assets include investments in equities of other entities.

The fair value is determined by reference to bid prices at the close of business on the reporting date. Where there is no active market, fair value is determined using valuation techniques. Where fair value cannot be reliably measured, assets are carried at cost.

#### *Derivatives designated as hedging instruments in an effective hedge*

The Company does not hold or have any exposure to derivative instruments.

### **3.10 Financial liabilities**

Financial liabilities are classified as financial liabilities at FVTPL, derivatives designated as hedging instruments in an effective hedge, or as financial liabilities measured at amortized cost, as appropriate. The Company determines the classification of its financial liabilities at initial recognition. The measurement of financial liabilities depends on their classification, as follows:

**3.10 Financial liabilities, continued**

*Financial liabilities at FVTPL*

Financial liabilities at FVTPL has two subcategories, including financial liabilities held for trading and those designated by management on initial recognition. Transaction costs on financial liabilities at FVTPL are expensed as incurred. These liabilities are carried at fair value with gains or losses recognized in profit or loss.

*Financial liabilities measured at amortized cost*

All other financial liabilities are initially recognized at fair value, net of transaction costs. After initial recognition, other financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method. Amortized cost is calculated by taking into account any issue costs, and any discount or premium on settlement. Gains and losses arising on the repurchase, settlement or cancellation of liabilities are recognized respectively in interest, other revenues and finance costs. Trade payables are included in this category of financial liabilities.

*Derivatives designated as hedging instruments in an effective hedge*

The Company does not hold or have any exposure to derivative instruments.

**3.11 Impairment of financial assets**

Financial assets, other than financial assets at FVTPL, are assessed for indicators of impairment at each period end.

*Assets carried at amortized cost*

If there is objective evidence that an impairment loss on assets carried at amortized cost have been incurred, the amount of the loss is measured as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows discounted at the financial asset's original effective interest rate. The carrying amount of the asset is reduced, with the amount of the loss recognized in profit or loss.

If, in a subsequent period, the amount of the impairment loss decreases and the decrease can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment was recognized, the previously recognized impairment loss is reversed to the extent that the carrying value of the asset does not exceed what the amortized cost would have been had the impairment not been recognized. Any subsequent reversal of an impairment loss is recognized in profit or loss.

*Available-for-sale*

If an available-for-sale financial asset is impaired, the cumulative loss previously recognized in equity is transferred to profit or loss.

### **3.12 Impairment of non-financial assets**

The carrying amount of the Company's assets is reviewed for an indication of impairment at the end of each reporting period. If an indication of impairment exists, the Company makes an estimate of the asset's recoverable amount. Individual assets are grouped for impairment assessment purposes at the lowest level at which there are identifiable cash flows that are largely independent of the cash flows of other groups of assets. Recoverable amount of an asset group is the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and its value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are adjusted for the risks specific to the asset group and are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money.

Where the carrying amount of an asset group exceeds its recoverable amount, the asset group is considered impaired and is written down to its recoverable amount. Impairment losses are recognized in profit or loss.

An assessment is made at each reporting date as to whether there is any indication that previously recognized impairment losses may no longer exist or may have decreased. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount is estimated. A previously recognized impairment loss is reversed only if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the asset's recoverable amount. An impairment loss is reversed only to the extent that the asset's carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation, if no impairment loss had been recognized.

### **3.13 Flow-through shares**

Any premium received by the Company on the issuance of flow-through shares is initially recorded as a liability and included in trade payables and accrued liabilities. Upon renouncement by the Company of the tax benefits associated with the related expenditures, a deferred tax liability is recognized and the flow-through liability will be reversed. To the extent that suitable deferred tax assets are available, the Company will reduce the deferred tax liability and record a deferred tax recovery.

### **3.14 Related party transactions**

Parties are considered to be related if one party has the ability, directly or indirectly, to control the other party or exercise significant influence over the other party in making financial and operating decisions. Parties are also considered to be related if they are subject to common control, related parties may be individuals or corporate entities. A transaction is considered to be a related party transaction when there is a transfer of resources or obligations between related parties.

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**4. SEGMENTED INFORMATION**

For the year ended 31 January 2013, the Company operated in two geographical areas, being Canada and the DRC. The following is an analysis of net loss, current assets and non-current assets by geographical area:

	Canada	DRC	Total
	\$	\$	\$
<b>Net loss</b>			
For the year ended 31 January 2013	<b>1,471,258</b>	<b>235,547</b>	<b>1,706,805</b>
For the year ended 31 January 2012	1,516,727	389,835	1,906,562
<b>Current assets</b>			
As at 31 January 2013	<b>657,580</b>	-	<b>657,580</b>
As at 31 January 2012	341,123	-	341,123
As at 1 February 2011	774,531	-	774,531
<b>Exploration and evaluation properties</b>			
As at 31 January 2013	<b>8,167,107</b>	-	<b>8,167,107</b>
As at 31 January 2012	6,837,164	-	6,837,164
As at 1 February 2011	5,695,231	-	5,695,231
<b>Property, plant and equipment</b>			
As at 31 January 2013	<b>75,138</b>	-	<b>75,138</b>
As at 31 January 2012	8,849	-	8,849
As at 1 February 2011	18,238	-	18,238
<b>Investments</b>			
As at 31 January 2013	<b>1</b>	-	<b>1</b>
As at 31 January 2012	1	-	1
As at 1 February 2011	1	-	1



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**5. PREPAID EXPENSES**

The Company's prepaid expenses are as follows:

	As at 31 January 2013	As at 31 January 2012	As at 1 February 2011
	\$	\$	\$
Insurance	19,843	9,402	7,301
Prepaid administration expenses	22,140	115,266	5,330
<b>Total prepaid expenses</b>	<b>41,983</b>	124,668	12,631

**6. AMOUNTS RECEIVABLE**

The Company's amounts receivable arise from two main sources: Goods and Services Tax / Harmonized Sales Tax ("GST/HST") receivable due from the government taxation authorities and advances. These are as follows:

	As at 31 January 2013	As at 31 January 2012	As at 1 February 2011
	\$	\$	\$
GST/HST receivable	24,566	29,144	17,091
Other receivables	-	250	20,135
<b>Total amounts receivable</b>	<b>24,566</b>	29,394	37,226

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**7. EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION PROPERTIES**

The Company's exploration and evaluation properties expenditures for the year ended 31 January 2013 were as follows:

	Murray Brook Project	Bathurst Zinc Project	Bancroft	Kasala	Total
<b>ACQUISITION COSTS</b>	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance, 31 January 2012	150,000	169,631	-	-	319,631
Additions	-	-	-	-	-
Payments received	-	-	-	-	-
Impairment	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Balance, 31 January 2013</b>	<b>150,000</b>	<b>169,631</b>	-	-	<b>319,631</b>
<b>EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION COSTS</b>					
Balance, 31 January 2012	989,658	5,445,306	82,569	-	6,517,533
Claims/Staking	2,830	-	-	-	2,830
Drilling	971,894	-	-	-	971,894
Assaying	28,089	-	-	-	28,089
Engineering and consulting	206,807	-	-	235,547	442,354
Geological and field expenses	141,688	-	-	-	141,688
Geophysics and environment	(3,093)	-	-	-	(3,093)
Metallurgical studies	64,297	-	-	-	64,297
Impairment	-	-	(82,569)	(235,547)	(318,116)
<b>Balance, 31 January 2013</b>	<b>2,402,170</b>	<b>5,445,306</b>	-	-	<b>7,847,476</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,552,170</b>	<b>5,614,937</b>	-	-	<b>8,167,107</b>

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**7. EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION PROPERTIES, continued**

The Company's exploration and evaluation properties expenditures for the year ended 31 January 2012 were as follows:

	Murray Brook Project	Bathurst Zinc Project	Bancroft	Kasala	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>ACQUISITION COSTS</b>					
Balance, 1 February 2011	-	169,631	-	-	169,631
Additions	150,000	-	-	-	150,000
Payments received	-	-	-	-	-
Impairment	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Balance, 31 January 2012</b>	<b>150,000</b>	<b>169,631</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>319,631</b>
<b>EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION COSTS</b>					
Balance, 1 February 2011	-	5,443,031	82,569	-	5,525,600
Assaying	30,448	-	-	-	30,448
Drilling	746,326	-	-	-	746,326
Engineering and consulting	160,469	-	-	302,866	463,335
Geological and field expenses	43,653	2,275	-	86,969	132,897
Geophysics and environment	7,687	-	-	-	7,687
Property fees	1,075	-	-	-	1,075
Impairment	-	-	-	(389,835)	(389,835)
<b>Balance, 31 January 2012</b>	<b>989,658</b>	<b>5,445,306</b>	<b>82,569</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,517,533</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,139,658</b>	<b>5,614,937</b>	<b>82,569</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,837,164</b>

## **7.1 DRC Projects**

### **Kasala Project**

Pursuant to an agreement dated 19 May 2007, the Company exercised its option to acquire a 70% interest in certain mineral research permits (the “Kasala Mineral Research Permits”) covering 352 square kilometres of prospective exploration areas in the Copper belt, located between Lubumbashi and Likasi in the DRC from GCP Group Ltd. (“GCP”), a private British Virgin Islands company (the “Mineral Property Option Agreement”). Total consideration to be paid consists of cash payments of US\$550,000 (US\$450,000 paid) and the issuance of 280,000 shares of which 240,000 shares were issued. The remaining US\$100,000 and 40,000 shares that are payable and issuable, respectively, on 18 May 2010, are being withheld with regards to the Company’s petition to set-off the US\$100,000 and 40,000 shares against the \$1,445,064 being claimed by the Company as well as orders for arbitration to settle the disputes (Notes 2, 9 and 20).

During the year ended 31 January 2013, the Company recorded a provision for write-down of \$235,547 (2012: \$389,835) related to the Kasala Project.

In February 2008, the Kasala Mineral Research Permits were transferred by GCP into Infinity in contemplation of the Company fulfilling all of the terms of the Mineral Property Option Agreement.

The Company’s rights under the Mineral Property Option Agreement are subject to a 1.5% net smelter return royalty (“NSR”) and the Company has the right to purchase an additional 20% interest in the Kasala Mineral Research Permits, the terms of which shall be negotiated between the parties. Under the Mineral Property Option Agreement, the Company is the operator of any work programs and is responsible for funding all authorized and approved exploration, development, feasibility, capital and other costs (the “Exploration Expenditures”) relating to the exploration and development of the property until such time as the property reaches commercial production. Upon reaching commercial production, the Company will be entitled to reimbursement for all Exploration Expenditures incurred from the profits of such commercial production.

### **Phoenix Project**

On 14 November 2008, the Company signed an agreement with Phoenix Mining Corporation (“PMC”) whereby the Company had the option to earn a 70% share interest in a mineral research permit in the DRC Copper belt.

Pursuant to the terms of the comprehensive agreement and transfer of title, the Company has the option to pay US\$200,000 (paid) and then issue 120,000 shares over a three year period, in equal annual instalments on 14 November 2009, 14 November 2010, and 14 November 2011; as well as to pay US\$250,000 on 16 December 2009; US\$300,000 on 16 December 2010; US\$350,000 on 16 December 2011; and US\$1,100,000 on 16 December 2012 in order to maintain its interest in the Project.

During the year ended 31 January 2010, the Company notified PMC, as per the agreement, that the Company would not be exercising its option on the property (Note 20).

**7.2 Bathurst Option JV Base Metals Project (Previously known as Bathurst Mining Camp Project, TriParty Agreement)**

The Bathurst Option JV Base Metals Project (the “BOJV”) is a 50/50 joint venture with Xstrata Zinc Canada Inc. (“Xstrata”). The Tri-Party Agreement allows for Votorantim Metals Canada Inc. (“VM Canada”) to earn up to 50% of the project by incurring exploration expenditures of \$10 million over a period of 5 years. VM Canada may further increase its interest to 70% by spending an additional \$10 million over 2 years.

The BOJV project consists of an initial 4,712 claims in the Tri-Party Agreement with Xstrata and VM Canada. In January 2009, VM Canada entered into a binding MOU with Xstrata and the Company to pursue an Option-Joint Venture Agreement, whereby VM Canada may earn up to a 70% interest in those properties by making exploration expenditures of \$20,000,000 over a period of seven years. Following a six-month period of due diligence, the companies entered negotiations to reach a final Option-Joint Venture Agreement which was concluded in July 2010.

**7.3 Murray Brook Project**

VM Canada entered into a Option and Joint Venture Agreement with privately-held Murray Brook Minerals Inc. and Murray Brook Resources Inc. (collectively, “MBM”) which provided for VM Canada to earn 50% of the Murray Brook Project by funding \$2,250,000 in exploration expenditures and making payments totalling \$300,000 over a three-year period that commenced 1 November 2010. VM Canada can earn an additional 20% interest in the properties by funding an additional \$2,250,000 in exploration expenditures over an additional two year period. The Company has elected to enter into a participation agreement wherein it can earn 50% of VM Canada's interest by paying 50% of the costs incurred by VM Canada in the Option and Joint Venture Agreement.

On 10 May 2012, the Company and VM Canada gave formal notice to MBM of a 50% earned interest in the Murray Brook, polymetallic project, Bathurst, New Brunswick. MBM was also provided with a valid notice that the Company and VM Canada are exercising their option to acquire and become owner of an additional 20% (for a total of 70%) beneficial interest in the Murray Brook mining claims. On 6 September 2012, the Company and VM Canada gave formal notice to MBM that it had earned the additional 20% resulting in both the Company and VM Canada currently hold 35% each.

In the fall of 2012, VM Canada entered into a Share Purchase Option Agreement to acquire the 30% interest held by Murray Brook Minerals Inc. (“MB Minerals”). The Company can participate for 50% of MB Mineral's 30% interest which will result in a 50/50 joint venture with VM Canada on the Murray Brook Project.

**7.4 Bancroft Properties, Bancroft, Ontario, Canada**

The Company has earned a 100% interest in the Bancroft properties which comprise the Halo Project and the Silver Crater Project and include certain claims east of the town of Bancroft, Ontario, Canada.

The Company allowed the Bancroft properties to lapse and, as a result, recorded a provision for write-down of \$82,569 during the year ended 31 January 2013 (2012: \$Nil).

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**8. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT**

A summary of changes in the Company's property, plant and equipment for the years ended 31 January 2013 and 2012 is as follows:

	Leasehold improvements	Computer equipment	Furniture and fixtures	Software	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>COST</b>					
As at 1 February 2011	-	15,466	50,019	8,325	73,810
Additions	-	1,288	-	-	1,288
As at 31 January 2012	-	16,754	50,019	8,325	75,098
Additions	76,870	4,592	2,755	1,458	85,675
<b>As at 31 January 2013</b>	<b>76,870</b>	<b>21,346</b>	<b>52,774</b>	<b>9,783</b>	<b>160,773</b>
<b>DEPRECIATION AND IMPAIRMENT</b>					
As at 1 February 2011	-	14,793	32,454	8,325	55,572
Depreciation	-	673	10,004	-	10,677
As at 31 January 2012	-	15,466	42,458	8,325	66,249
Depreciation	7,687	2,175	8,066	1,458	19,386
<b>As at 31 January 2013</b>	<b>7,687</b>	<b>17,641</b>	<b>50,524</b>	<b>9,783</b>	<b>85,635</b>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>					
As at 1 February 2011	-	673	17,565	-	18,238
As at 31 January 2012	-	1,288	7,561	-	8,849
<b>As at 31 January 2013</b>	<b>69,183</b>	<b>3,705</b>	<b>2,250</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>75,138</b>

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## 9. INVESTMENTS

For the years ended 31 January 2013 and 2012, the Company accounted for its investments in Infinity as available-for-sale financial assets in accordance with IAS 39 'Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement' since the Company did not exercise control or significant influence over its investments in Infinity during the years ended 31 January 2013 and 2012 (Notes 2, 7 and 20).

## 10. TRADE PAYABLES AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES

The Company's trade payables and accrued liabilities are principally comprised of amounts outstanding for trade purchases relating to exploration and evaluation activities and amounts payable for financing activities. The usual credit period taken for trade purchases is between 30 to 90 days. These are broken down as follows:

	A at 31 January 2013	As at 31 January 2012	As at 1 February 2011
	\$	\$	\$
Trade payables	428,944	47,294	-
Accrued liabilities	215,000	24,000	22,329
<b>Total</b>	<b>643,944</b>	<b>71,294</b>	<b>22,329</b>

Included in trade payables and accrued liabilities are amounts due to related parties which are disclosed in Note 18.

During the year ended 31 January 2013, gross proceeds of \$503,000 were raised in a 3,353,334 flow-through unit non-brokered private placement at a price of \$0.15 per unit, consisting of one common flow-through share and a one-half non flow-through share purchase warrant. This issuance of flow-through shares resulted in a flow-through share liability of \$49,283 at the date of issue (Note 11).

During the year ended 31 January 2013, gross proceeds of \$931,500 were raised in a 9,315,000 flow-through unit non-brokered private placement at a price of \$0.10 per unit, consisting of one common flow-through share and a one-half non flow-through share purchase warrant. This issuance of flow-through shares resulted in a flow-through share liability of \$106,650 at the date of issue (Note 11).

During the year ended 31 January 2013, the Company incurred approximately \$1,400,000 in qualifying Canadian exploration expenditures resulting in a flow-through share income, with a corresponding decrease in the flow-through share liability of \$153,235, on the basis that the Company has the intention of renouncing these qualifying Canadian exploration expenditures to the respective investors (Note 13).

**10. TRADE PAYABLES AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES, continued**

During the year ended 31 January 2012, gross proceeds of \$450,000 were raised in a 1,800,000 flow-through unit non-brokered private placement at a price of \$0.25 per unit, consisting of one common flow-through share and a one-half non flow-through share purchase warrant. This issuance of flow-through shares resulted in a flow-through share liability of \$45,000 at the date of issue with \$Nil remaining at 31 January 2012 (Note 11).

**11. SHARE CAPITAL**

**11.1 Authorized share capital**

The Company has authorized an unlimited number of common and preferred shares with no par value. At 31 January 2013, the Company had 76,091,669 common shares outstanding (31 January 2012: 47,633,613, 1 February 2011: 36,215,558) and no preferred shares outstanding (31 January 2012: Nil, 1 February 2011: Nil).

**11.2 Shares issuances**

During the years ended 31 January 2013 and 2012, the Company issued common shares as follows:

On 28 March 2011, gross proceeds of \$1,538,860 were raised in an 8,793,484 non flow-through unit non-brokered private placement at a price of \$0.175 per unit, consisting of one common share and a one-half common share purchase warrant. Each whole warrant entitles the holder to purchase one additional common share until 28 September 2012 at a price of \$0.25 per share. The Company paid \$27,598 in finder's fees.

On 28 March 2011, gross proceeds of \$450,000 were raised in a 1,800,000 flow-through unit non-brokered private placement at a price of \$0.25 per unit, consisting of one common flow-through share and a one-half non flow-through share purchase warrant. Each whole warrant entitles the holder to purchase one additional non flow-through common share until 28 March 2012 at a price of \$0.50 per share. The Company paid \$2,500 in finder's fees. This issuance of flow-through shares resulted in a flow-through share liability of \$45,000 at the date of issue (Note 10).

On 8 April 2011, gross proceeds of \$89,300 were raised in a 510,285 non flow-through unit non-brokered private placement at a price of \$0.175 per unit, consisting of one common share and a one-half common share purchase warrant. Each whole warrant entitles the holder to purchase one additional common share until 8 October 2012 at a price of \$0.25 per share. The Company paid \$805 in finder's fees.

On 8 April 2011, gross proceeds of \$50,000 were raised in a 200,000 flow-through unit non-brokered private placement at a price of \$0.25 per unit, consisting of one common flow-through share and a one-half non flow-through share purchase warrant. Each whole warrant entitles the holder to purchase one additional non flow-through common share until 8 April 2012 at a price of \$0.50 per share.



## **11.2 Shares issuances, continued**

On 6 May 2011, a total of 40,000 common shares were issued upon exercise of share purchase warrants at \$0.25 per share for total proceeds of \$10,000.

On 10 May 2011, a total of 74,286 common shares were issued upon exercise of share purchase warrants at \$0.375 per share for total proceeds of \$27,857.

On 21 October 2011, the Company consolidated its share capital on a one (1) new common share without par value for every two and one-half (2.5) existing common shares without par value basis. All common shares and per share amounts have been restated to give retroactive effect to the share consolidation (Note 1).

On 16 February 2012, gross proceeds of \$361,450 were raised in a 2,780,385 non flow-through unit non-brokered private placement at a price of \$0.13 per unit, consisting of one common share and one-half common share purchase warrant. Each whole warrant entitles the holder to purchase one common share of the Company at a price of \$0.23 per share for a period of 18 months from closing subject to an accelerated expiry, such expiry being accelerated to 30 days in the event the Company's shares have closed at or above a price of \$0.40 per share for 10 consecutive trading days on the TSX Venture Exchange. The Company paid \$18,823 and issued 114,450 warrants in finder's fees.

On 16 February 2012, gross proceeds of \$81,000 were raised in a 540,000 flow-through unit non-brokered private placement at a price of \$0.15 per unit, consisting of one common flow-through share and a one-half of one non-transferable, non flow-through, share purchase warrant. Each whole warrant entitles the holder to purchase one non flow-through common share of the Company at a price of \$0.25 per share for a period of 18 months from closing subject to an accelerated expiry, such expiry being accelerated to 30 days in the event the Company's shares have closed at or above a price of \$0.40 per share for 10 consecutive trading days on the TSX Venture Exchange. The Company paid \$1,050 and issued 7,000 warrants in finder's fees. This issuance of flow-through shares resulted in a flow-through share liability of \$5,400 at the date of issue (Note 10).

On 30 March 2012, gross proceeds of \$577,940 were raised in a 4,445,692 non flow-through unit non-brokered private placement at a price of \$0.13 per unit, consisting of one common share and one-half of one non-transferable share purchase warrant. Each whole warrant entitles the holder to purchase one common share of the Company at a price of \$0.23 per share for a period of 18 months from closing subject to an accelerated expiry, such expiry being accelerated to 30 days in the event the Company's shares have closed at or above a price of \$0.40 per share for 10 consecutive trading days on the TSX Venture Exchange. The Company paid \$17,115 and issued 109,550 warrants in finder's fees.

**11.2 Shares issuances, continued**

On 30 March 2012, gross proceeds of \$343,250 were raised in a 2,288,333 flow-through unit non-brokered private placement at a price of \$0.15 per unit, consisting of one common flow-through share and one-half of one non-transferable, non flow-through, share purchase warrant. Each whole warrant entitles the holder to purchase one non flow-through common share of the Company at a price of \$0.25 per share for a period of 18 months from closing subject to an accelerated expiry, such expiry being accelerated to 30 days in the event the Company's shares have closed at or above a price of \$0.40 per share for 10 consecutive trading days on the TSX Venture Exchange. The Company paid \$12,232 and issued 81,550 warrants in finder's fees. This issuance of flow-through shares resulted in a flow-through share liability of \$22,883 at the date of issue (Note 10).

On 17 April 2012, gross proceeds of \$69,010 were raised in a 530,846 non flow-through unit non-brokered private placement at a price of \$0.13 per unit, consisting of one common share and one-half of one non-transferable share purchase warrant. Each whole warrant entitles the holder to purchase one common share of the Company at a price of \$0.23 per share for a period of 18 months from closing subject to an accelerated expiry, such expiry being accelerated to 30 days in the event the Company's shares have closed at or above a price of \$0.40 per share for 10 consecutive trading days on the TSX Venture Exchange. The Company paid \$701 and issued 5,390 warrants in finder's fees.

On 17 April 2012, gross proceeds of \$78,750 were raised in a 525,000 flow-through unit non-brokered private placement at a price of \$0.15 per unit, consisting of one common flow-through share and one-half of one non-transferable, non flow-through, share purchase warrant. Each whole warrant entitles the holder to purchase one non flow-through common share of the Company at a price of \$0.25 per share for a period of 18 months from closing subject to an accelerated expiry, such expiry being accelerated to 30 days in the event the Company's shares have closed at or above a price of \$0.40 per share for 10 consecutive trading days on the TSX Venture Exchange. The Company paid \$7,002 and issued 36,750 warrants in finder's fees. This issuance of flow-through shares resulted in a flow-through share liability of \$21,000 at the date of issue (Note 10).

On 2 October 2012, gross proceeds of \$464,952 were raised in a 5,166,133 non flow-through unit non-brokered private placement at a price of \$0.09 per unit, consisting of one common share and one-half of one non-transferable share purchase warrant. Each whole warrant entitles the holder to purchase one common share of the Company at a price of \$0.15 per share for a period of 18 months from closing subject to an accelerated expiry, such expiry being accelerated to 30 days in the event the Company's shares have closed at or above a price of \$0.25 per share for 10 consecutive trading days on the TSX Venture Exchange. The Company paid \$748 in finder's fees.

## **11.2 Shares issuances, continued**

On 2 October 2012, gross proceeds of \$886,500 were raised in an 8,865,000 flow-through unit non-brokered private placement at a price of \$0.10 per unit, consisting of one common flow-through share and one-half of one non-transferable, non flow-through, share purchase warrant. Each whole warrant entitles the holder to purchase one non flow-through common share of the Company at a price of \$0.16 per share for a period of 18 months from closing subject to an accelerated expiry, such expiry being accelerated to 30 days in the event the Company's shares have closed at or above a price of \$0.26 per share for 10 consecutive trading days on the TSX Venture Exchange. The Company paid \$23,660 and issued 166,600 warrants in finder's fees. This issuance of flow-through shares resulted in a flow-through share liability of \$88,650 at the date of issue (Note 10).

On 31 December 2012, gross proceeds of \$258,000 were raised in a 2,866,667 non flow-through unit non-brokered private placement at a price of \$0.09 per unit, consisting of one common share and one-half of one non-transferable share purchase warrant. Each whole warrant entitles the holder to purchase one common share of the Company at a price of \$0.15 per share for a period of 18 months from closing subject to an accelerated expiry, such expiry being accelerated to 30 days in the event the Company's shares have closed at or above a price of \$0.25 per share for 10 consecutive trading days on the TSX Venture Exchange.

On 31 December 2012, gross proceeds of \$45,000 were raised in a 450,000 flow-through unit non-brokered private placement at a price of \$0.10 per unit, consisting of one common flow-through share and one-half of one non-transferable, non flow-through, share purchase warrant. Each whole warrant entitles the holder to purchase one non flow-through common share of the Company at a price of \$0.16 per share for a period of 18 months from closing subject to an accelerated expiry, such expiry being accelerated to 30 days in the event the Company's shares have closed at or above a price of \$0.26 per share for 10 consecutive trading days on the TSX Venture Exchange. The Company paid \$3,150 and issued 31,500 warrants in finder's fees. This issuance of flow-through shares resulted in a flow-through share liability of \$18,000 at the date of issue (Note 10).

## **11.3 Shares to be issued**

During the year ended 31 January 2012, the Company received \$105,400 in share subscriptions for which the shares were issued during the year ended 31 January 2013.

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**11.4 Share purchase warrants**

The following is a summary of the changes in the Company's share purchase warrants for the years ended 31 January 2013 and 2012:

Year ended 31 January	2013		2012	
	Number of warrants	Weighted average Exercise price	Number of warrants	Weighted average Exercise price
Outstanding, beginning of year	12,065,882	\$0.27	19,371,828	\$0.33
Granted	14,781,819	\$0.19	5,651,882	\$0.29
Exercised	-	-	(114,286)	\$0.33
Forfeited	(5,651,882)	\$0.29	(12,843,542)	\$0.32
<b>Outstanding, end of year</b>	<b>21,195,819</b>	<b>\$0.21</b>	12,065,882	\$0.27

The following table summarizes information regarding share purchase warrants outstanding as at 31 January 2013.

Date issued	Number of warrants	Exercise price	Expiry date
5 October 2010	6,414,000	\$0.25	5 October 2013
16 February 2012	277,000	\$0.25	16 August 2013
16 February 2012	1,504,642	\$0.23	16 August 2013
30 March 2012	1,225,717	\$0.25	30 September 2013
30 March 2012	2,332,396	\$0.23	30 September 2013
17 April 2012	299,250	\$0.25	17 October 2013
17 April 2012	270,813	\$0.23	17 October 2013
2 October 2012	4,599,100	\$0.16	2 April 2014
2 October 2012	2,583,067	\$0.15	2 April 2014
31 December 2012	256,500	\$0.16	30 June 2014
31 December 2012	1,433,334	\$0.15	30 June 2014
<b>Balance, 31 January 2013</b>	<b>21,195,819</b>		

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**11.4 Stock options**

The Company has adopted a stock option plan (the “Plan”) whereby, the Company may grant stock options up to a maximum of 20% of the number of issued shares of the Company. The exercise price of any options granted under the Plan will be determined by the Board of Directors (the “Board”), at its sole discretion, but shall not be less than the last closing price of the Company’s common shares on the day before the date on which the Board grants such options, less the maximum discount permitted under the policies of the TSX Venture Exchange.

The following is a summary of the changes in the Company’s stock options for the years ended 31 January 2013 and 2012:

Year ended 31 January	2013		2012	
	Number of options	Weighted average exercise price	Number of options	Weighted average exercise price
Outstanding, beginning of year	2,044,000	\$0.43	1,414,000	\$0.45
Granted	-	-	1,444,000	\$0.43
Exercised	-	-	-	-
Forfeited	(610,000)	\$0.48	(814,000)	\$0.47
<b>Outstanding, end of year</b>	<b>1,434,000</b>	<b>\$0.40</b>	2,044,000	\$0.43

The weighted average fair value of the options granted as at 31 January 2013 was estimated at \$Nil (2012: \$0.27) per option at the grant date using the Black-Scholes Option Pricing Model. The weighted average assumptions used for the calculation were:

Year ended 31 January	2013	2012
Risk free interest rate	-	2.12%
Expected life	-	5 years
Expected volatility	-	153.11%
Expected dividend per share	-	-

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**11.4 Stock options, continued**

The following table summarizes information regarding stock options outstanding and exercisable as at 31 January 2013:

<b>Exercise price</b>	<b>Number of options outstanding</b>	<b>Weighted-average remaining contractual life (years)</b>	<b>Weighted average exercise price</b>
<b>Options outstanding</b>			
\$0.20 - \$0.39	576,000	2.40	\$0.38
\$0.40 - \$0.59	858,000	3.31	\$0.43
<b>Total options outstanding</b>	<b>1,434,000</b>	<b>2.94</b>	<b>\$0.40</b>
<b>Options exercisable</b>			
\$0.20 - \$0.39	576,000	2.40	\$0.38
\$0.40 - \$0.59	858,000	3.31	\$0.43
<b>Total options exercisable</b>	<b>1,434,000</b>	<b>2.94</b>	<b>\$0.40</b>

**12. SHARE-BASED PAYMENTS**

Share-based payments for the following options granted by the Company will be amortized over the vesting period, of which \$31,267 was recognized in the year ended 31 January 2013 (2012: \$361,219):

<b>Grant date</b>	<b>Fair value</b>	<b>Amount vested in 2013</b>	<b>Amount vested in 2012</b>
	\$	\$	\$
25 June 2010	108,005	-	23,885
24 May 2011	390,746	<b>31,267</b>	337,334
<b>Total</b>	<b>498,751</b>	<b>31,267</b>	<b>361,219</b>

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**13. FINANCE INCOME**

The finance income for the Company is broken down as follows:

<b>Year ended 31 January</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
	\$	\$
Interest income	512	11,440
Flow-through share premium income (Note 10)	153,235	45,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>153,747</b>	<b>56,440</b>

**14. TAXES**

**14.1 Provision for income taxes**

Applying the Company's Canadian federal and provincial statutory income tax rates of 25.00% (2012: 26.38%):

<b>Year ended 31 January</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
	\$	\$ (Note 3)
Loss before tax	1,706,805	1,906,562
Expected tax recovery	426,701	502,856
Non-deductible items	(4,810)	(193,783)
Change in prior year provision to actual	(342,875)	(131,875)
Change in tax rates	-	(9,238)
Change in valuation allowance	(79,016)	(167,960)
<b>Tax recovery for the year</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

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**14.2 Deferred tax balances**

The tax effects of temporary differences that give rise to deferred tax assets and liabilities are as follows:

	<b>As at 31 January 2013</b>	As at 31 January 2012	As at 1 February 2011
	\$	\$ (Note 3)	\$ (Note 3)
Tax loss carry-forwards	<b>2,085,217</b>	1,701,014	1,368,559
Exploration and evaluation properties	<b>(1,102,984)</b>	(780,751)	(655,752)
Share issue costs	<b>28,899</b>	17,374	59,539
Other	<b>100,914</b>	95,393	92,724
	<b>1,112,046</b>	1,033,030	865,070
Valuation allowance	<b>(1,112,046)</b>	(1,033,030)	(865,070)
<b>Deferred tax assets</b>	<b>-</b>	-	-

**14.3 Expiry dates**

The Company's recognized and unrecognized deferred tax assets related to unused tax losses have the following expiry dates:

<b>As at 31 January</b>	<b>2013</b>
	\$
<b>Non-capital losses</b>	
2015	<b>84,502</b>
2026	<b>88,428</b>
2027	<b>961,396</b>
2028	<b>538,135</b>
2029	<b>914,962</b>
2030	<b>1,306,522</b>
2031	<b>1,484,856</b>
2032	<b>1,329,820</b>
2033	<b>1,536,812</b>
<b>Total non-capital losses</b>	<b>8,245,433</b>
<b>Total net capital losses, no expiry</b>	<b>190,874</b>
<b>Total resource-related deduction, no expiry</b>	<b>3,755,170</b>



**15. LOSS PER SHARE**

The calculation of basic and diluted loss per share is based on the following data:

<b>Year ended 31 January</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
Net loss for the year	\$ (1,706,805)	\$ (1,906,562)
Weighted average number of shares – basic and diluted	62,459,080	45,878,653
<b>Loss per share, basic and diluted</b>	<b>\$ (0.03)</b>	<b>\$ (0.04)</b>

The basic loss per share is computed by dividing the net loss by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the year. The diluted loss per share reflects the potential dilution of common share equivalents, such as outstanding stock options and share purchase warrants, in the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the year, if dilutive. All of the stock options and share purchase warrants were anti-dilutive for the years ended 31 January 2013 and 2012.

**16. CAPITAL RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Company's objectives are to safeguard the Company's ability to continue as a going concern in order to support the Company's normal operating requirements, continue the exploration of its mineral properties.

The Company is dependent on external financing to fund its activities. In order to carry out the planned exploration and pay for general administration costs, the Company may issue new shares, issue new debt, acquire or dispose of assets or adjust the amount of cash and cash equivalents. The Company will continue to assess new properties and seek to acquire an interest in additional properties if it feels there is sufficient geologic or economic potential and if it has adequate financial resources to do so.

The Company is not subject to any externally imposed capital requirements. There were no significant changes in the Company's approach or the Company's objectives and policies for managing its capital.

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**17. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

**17.1 Categories of financial instruments**

	As at 31 January 2013	As at 31 January 2012	As at 1 February 2011
<b>FINANCIAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>FVTPL, at fair value</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	<b>591,030</b>	187,060	724,673
<b>Loans and receivables, at amortized cost</b>			
Amounts receivable	-	250	20,135
<b>Available-for-sale, at fair value</b>			
Marketable securities	<b>1</b>	1	1
Investments	<b>1</b>	1	1
<b>Total financial assets</b>	<b>591,032</b>	187,312	744,810
<b>FINANCIAL LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Other liabilities, at amortized cost</b>			
Trade payables	<b>428,944</b>	47,294	-
<b>Total financial liabilities</b>	<b>428,944</b>	47,294	-

**17.2 Fair value**

The fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities at amortized cost is determined in accordance with generally accepted pricing models based on discounted cash flow analysis or using prices from observable current market transactions. The Company considers that the carrying amount of all its financial assets and financial liabilities recognized at amortized cost in the financial statements approximates their fair value due to the demand nature or short term maturity of these instruments.

The following table provides an analysis of the Company's financial instruments that are measured subsequent to initial recognition at fair value, grouped into Level 1 to 3 based on the degree to which the inputs used to determine the fair value are observable.

**17.2 Fair value, continued**

- Level 1 fair value measurements are those derived from quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2 fair value measurements are those derived from inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1, that are observable either directly or indirectly.
- Level 3 fair value measurements are those derived from valuation techniques that include inputs that are not based on observable market data.

<b>As at 31 January 2013</b>	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>	<b>Total</b>
	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Financial assets at fair value</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	591,030	-	-	591,030
Marketable securities	1	-	-	1
Investments	-	-	1	1
<b>Total financial assets at fair value</b>	<b>591,031</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>591,032</b>

There were no transfers between Level 1, 2 and 3 during the year ended 31 January 2013.

**17.3 Management of financial risks**

The financial risk arising from the Company's operations are credit risk, liquidity risk, interest rate risk, currency risk and commodity price risk. These risks arise from the normal course of operations and all transactions undertaken are to support the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. The risks associated with these financial instruments and the policies on how to mitigate these risks are set out below. Management manages and monitors these exposures to ensure appropriate measures are implemented on a timely and effective manner.

**Credit risk**

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to credit risk consist of cash and cash equivalents. The Company deposits cash and cash equivalents with high credit quality financial institutions as determined by rating agencies. As a result, the Company is not subject to a significant credit risk.

**17.3 Management of financial risks, continued**

**Liquidity risk**

The Company is reliant upon equity issuances as its sole source of cash. The Company manages liquidity risk by maintaining an adequate level of cash and cash equivalents to meet its ongoing obligations. The Company continuously reviews its actual expenditures and forecast cash flows and matches the maturity dates of its cash and cash equivalents to capital and operating needs. The Company has been successful in raising equity financing in the past; however, there is no assurance that it will be able to do so in the future. As at 31 January 2013, the Company had a working capital of \$10,938 (31 January 2012: \$269,829, 1 February 2011: \$752,202).

**Currency risk**

For the year ended 31 January 2013, a portion of the Company's operation was in the DRC (Note 4). As a result, a portion of the Company's receivables and payables were denominated in the US dollar and were therefore subject to fluctuation in exchange rates. However, the Company considers its currency risk to be insignificant.

**Other market risks**

The Company is not subject to any other market risks, including interest rate risk and commodity price risk.

**18. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

For the year ended 31 January 2013, the Company had transactions with Pacific North West Capital Corp. ("PFN"), a company with management and directors in common with the Company. PFN provides office and consulting services to the Company.

**18.1 Related party expenses**

The Company's related party expenses paid and/or accrued to PFN are as follows:

<b>Year ended 31 January</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
	\$	\$
Consulting fees	<b>427,897</b>	87,029
Shared office costs	<b>246,116</b>	125,613
Exploration and evaluation expenditures (recoveries)	-	(25,469)
<b>Total related party expenses</b>	<b>674,013</b>	187,173

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**18.2 Due from/to related parties**

The assets and liabilities of the Company include the following amounts due to related parties:

	<b>As at 31 January 2013</b>	As at 31 January 2012	As at 1 February 2011
	\$	\$	\$
Key management personnel	-	250	-
<b>Total amount due from related parties</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>-</b>
Key management personnel	<b>82,880</b>	10,293	-
PFN	<b>224,927</b>	3,327	-
<b>Total amount due to related parties</b>	<b>307,807</b>	<b>13,620</b>	<b>-</b>

The amounts due to/from related parties are non-interest bearing, unsecured and due on demand.

**18.3 Key management personnel compensation**

The remuneration of directors and other members of key management were as follows:

<b>Year ended 31 January</b>	<b>2013</b>	2012
	\$	\$
Short-term benefits – management and consulting fees	<b>251,947</b>	358,844
Share-based payments	<b>14,957</b>	145,389
<b>Total key management personnel compensation</b>	<b>266,904</b>	504,233

**19. SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION**

**19.1 Cash payments for interest and taxes**

The Company made the following cash payments for interest and income taxes:

<b>Year ended 31 January</b>	<b>2013</b>	2012
	\$	\$
Interest paid	-	-
Income taxes paid	-	-
<b>Total cash payments</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

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**20. CONTINGENCIES**

The Company is in dispute with its former Country Manager, GCP and PMC (collectively, the “Plaintiffs”) related to the Kasala Mineral Research Permits, the Phoenix Project and the Company’s interest in Infinity (Notes 2, 7 and 9). The Company continues to take the position that the actions of the Plaintiffs are both spurious and without merit. The Company served a Notice of Dispute and petitioned the Supreme Court of British Columbia in response to two alleged defaults. The Company is claiming US\$1,445,064, for the right to set-off, as against any sums which may be due and owing to the Plaintiffs, as well as unspecified damages for breach of the agreements and for further damages for fraud and fraudulent misrepresentation by the Plaintiffs. In January 2011, the decision of the Supreme Court was to defer all decisions to arbitration.

During the year ended 31 January 2013, the Company recorded a provision for legal and other costs of \$200,000 related to the ongoing legal disputes (2012: \$Nil).

**21. COMMITMENT**

As at 31 January 2013, the Company had the following commitment:

	< 1 year	2-3 years	> 3 years	<b>Total</b>
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Office rent	50,980	106,585	377,806	<b>535,371</b>

**22. EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD**

No reportable events occurred from the date of the year ended 31 January 2013 to the date the annual financial statements were available to be issued on 22 May 2013.

**23. APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31 January 2013 were approved and authorized by the Board of Directors on 22 May 2013.

**FORM 52-109FV1**  
**CERTIFICATION OF ANNUAL FILINGS**  
**VENTURE ISSUER BASIC CERTIFICATE**

I, Harry Barr, Chief Executive Officer of El Nino Ventures Inc., certify the following:

1. **Review:** I have reviewed the AIF, if any, annual financial statements and annual MD&A, including, for greater certainty, all documents and information that are incorporated by reference in the AIF (together, the “annual filings”) of **El Nino Ventures Inc.** (the “issuer”) for the financial year ended January 31, 2013.
2. **No misrepresentations:** Based on my knowledge, having exercised reasonable diligence, the annual filings do not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated or that is necessary to make a statement not misleading in light of the circumstances under which it was made, for the period covered by the annual filings.
3. **Fair presentation:** Based on my knowledge, having exercised reasonable diligence, the annual financial statements together with the other financial information included in the annual filings fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, financial performance and cash flows of the issuer, as of the date of and for the periods presented in the annual filings.

Date: May 30, 2013

“Harry Barr”

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**Harry Barr, Chief Executive Officer**

**NOTE TO READER**

In contrast to the certificate required for non-venture issuers under National Instrument 52-109 *Certification of Disclosure in Issuers’ Annual and Interim Filings* (NI 52-109), this Venture Issuer Basic Certificate does not include representations relating to the establishment and maintenance of disclosure controls and procedures (DC&P) and internal control over financial reporting (ICFR), as defined in NI 52-109. In particular, the certifying officers filing this certificate are not making any representations relating to the establishment and maintenance of

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**FORM 52-109FV1**  
**CERTIFICATION OF ANNUAL FILINGS**  
**VENTURE ISSUER BASIC CERTIFICATE**

I, Robert Guanzon, Chief Financial Officer of El Nino Ventures Inc., certify the following:

1. **Review:** I have reviewed the AIF, if any, annual financial statements and annual MD&A, including, for greater certainty, all documents and information that are incorporated by reference in the AIF (together, the “annual filings”) of **El Nino Ventures Inc.** (the “issuer”) for the financial year ended January 31, 2013.
2. **No misrepresentations:** Based on my knowledge, having exercised reasonable diligence, the annual filings do not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated or that is necessary to make a statement not misleading in light of the circumstances under which it was made, for the period covered by the annual filings.
3. **Fair presentation:** Based on my knowledge, having exercised reasonable diligence, the annual financial statements together with the other financial information included in the annual filings fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, financial performance and cash flows of the issuer, as of the date of and for the periods presented in the annual filings.

Date: May 30, 2013

“Robert Guanzon”

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**Robert Guanzon, Chief Financial Officer**

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