

## VAL D'OR MINING CORPORATION

# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2022 AND 2021

**DATED:** May 26, 2022

#### SCOPE OF THIS MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS AND NOTICE TO INVESTORS

This management's discussion and analysis of financial position and results of operations ("MD&A"), is prepared as of May 26, 2022, and complements the unaudited condensed interim financial statements of Val-d'Or Mining Corporation ("Val-d'Or Mining" or the "Company"), for the three months ended March 31, 2022 and 2021.

The condensed interim financial statements and related notes have been prepared in accordance with IAS 34, "Interim Financial Reporting". They do not contain all the information required to be disclosed in annual financial statements. Certain information and notes usually provided in the annual financial statements have been omitted or condensed when not deemed essential to the understanding of the interim financial information of the Company. Therefore, this MD&A should be read in conjunction with the information contained in the annual audited financial statements of the Company and the notes thereto for the year ended December 31, 2021. All financial information has been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") and all amounts are in Canadian dollars unless otherwise indicated.

The unaudited condensed interim financial statements and the MD&A have been reviewed by the audit committee and approved by the Company's Board of Directors on May 26, 2022. These documents and more information about the Company are available on SEDAR at <a href="https://www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a>.

Mr. Glenn J. Mullan P. Geo., the President and Chief Executive Officer of Val-d'Or Mining, and Mr. Michael P. Rosatelli M.Sc., P.Geo., the Vice-President Exploration of Val-d'Or Mining are the Qualified Persons (as that term is defined in National Instrument 43-101 - Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects) who approved the technical disclosure included in this MD&A.

#### FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain statements made in this MD&A are forward-looking statements or information. The Company is hereby providing cautionary statements identifying important factors that could cause the Company's actual results to differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements. Any statements that express, or involve discussions as to, expectations, beliefs, plans, objectives, assumptions or future events or performance (often, but not always, through the use of words or phrases such as "may", "is expected to", "anticipates", "estimates", "intends", "plans", "projection", "could", "vision", "goals", "objective" and "outlook") are not historical facts and may be forward-looking and may involve estimates, assumptions and uncertainties which could cause actual results or outcomes to differ materially from those expressed in the forward-looking statements. In making these forward-looking statements, the Company has assumed that the current market will continue and grow and that the risks listed below will not adversely impact the business of the Company. By their nature, forward-looking statements involve numerous assumptions, inherent risks and uncertainties, both general and specific, which contribute to the possibility that the predicted outcomes may not occur or may be delayed. The risks, uncertainties and other factors, many of which are beyond the control of the Company that could influence actual results are summarized below under the heading "Risks and Uncertainties".

Further, unless otherwise noted, any forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date of this MD&A, and, except as required by applicable law, the Company does not undertake any obligation to update any forward-looking statement to reflect events or circumstances after the date on which such

statement is made or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events. New factors emerge from time to time, and it is not possible for management to predict all such factors and to assess in advance the impact of each such factor on the business of the Company, or the extent to which any factor or combination of factors may cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statement.

#### **ABOUT VAL-D'OR MINING CORPORATION**

The Company, incorporated on February 18, 2010 under the Business Corporations Act of British Columbia, is involved in the process of exploring, evaluating and promoting its mineral properties and other projects.

The head office of the Company is located at 152 Chemin de la Mine École, Val d'Or, Québec, J9P 7B6. The Company's registered and records office is located at #530 - 355 Burrard Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6C 2G8. The Company also has exploration offices located at 2864 Chemin Sullivan, Val-d'Or, Québec, J9P 0B9.

The Company's shares trade on the TSX Venture Exchange ("TSX-V") under its trading symbol "VZZ".

As at March 31, 2022, Gold Royalty Corp. ("GROY") is the Company's largest shareholder, holding indirectly through its subsidiary Golden Valley Mines and Royalties Ltd. ("Golden Valley") 36.68% of the issued and outstanding shares (December 31, 2021 – 36.75%).

#### **CORPORATE DEVELOPMENTS**

On March 18, 2022, the Company announced the closing of a non-brokered private placement financing. The Company issued 8,727,954 Units at a per Unit price of \$0.16 for gross proceeds of \$1,396,473. Each Unit consisted of one common share in the capital of the Company and one-half of one non-transferable share purchase warrant, each whole warrant entitling to the purchase of one common share at a per share price of \$0.20 until March 18, 2024. GROY participated in this financing through its subsidiary Golden Valley, subscribing for 3,277,606 Units for a total of \$524,417 to maintain its percentage ownership.

#### **BUSINESS OVERVIEW**

Val-d'Or Mining is a natural resource issuer involved in the process of acquiring and exploring its diverse mineral property assets, most of which are situated in the Abitibi Greenstone Belt of NE Ontario and NW Québec. To complement its current property interests, the Company regularly evaluates new opportunities for staking and/or acquisitions. Outside of its principal regional focus in the Abitibi Greenstone Belt, the Company holds several other properties in Northern Québec (Nunavik) covering different geological environments and commodities.

The Company has expertise in the identification and generation of new projects, and in early-stage exploration. The mineral commodities of interest are diverse, and range from precious and base metals (gold, copper-zinc-silver, nickel-copper-PGE) to industrial and energy minerals. After the initial value creation in the 100%-owned, or majority-owned properties, the Company seeks option/joint venture

partners with the technical expertise and financial capacity to conduct more advanced exploration projects.

## ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE FACTORS

Val-d'Or Mining strives to ensure that exploration activities on its properties in Ontario and Québec support environmental sustainability and that it makes efforts to contribute to the socio-economic advancement of communities where its properties are located. Val-d'Or Mining also makes every effort to ensure that it meets all required standards of corporate governance, following industry best practices and satisfying legal and regulatory requirements.

#### PROPERTY PORTFOLIO

As of March 31, 2022, Val-d'Or Mining's assets included 100% ownership interests in a total of 39 actively operated properties covering an area of 27,383 hectares. Divided by its principal areas of interest, the property ownership was as follows:

Ontario	11 properties	10,319 hectares
Québec	27 properties	10,216 hectares
Québec North	1 property	6,848 hectares

As part of its business model, the Company seeks partners to further advance the exploration on some of the more advanced properties. As of March 31, 2022, Val-d'Or Mining has interests in three partner financed joint venture properties covering an area of 3,605 hectares. Divided by its principal areas of interest, the property ownership was as follows:

Ontario	2 properties	3,391 hectares
Québec	1 property	214 hectares

In addition to the actively operated property holdings, the Company has NSR's in three groups of properties, which are operated by different companies, covering an area of 20,775 hectares. Divided by its principal areas of interest, the property ownership was as follows:

Ontario	2 groups of properties	5,628 hectares
Québec	1 group of properties	15,147 hectares

#### MANAGEMENT OF PROPERTY PORTFOLIO

As part of its ordinary business activities, the Company stakes new claims to enhance existing properties or to pursue new geological ideas and/or drops claims that are no longer considered to be material based on results or changing commodity prices over time.

## <u>Internally-financed Exploration Programs</u>

During the first quarter of 2022, the Company finalized some of the 2021 programs, which included the preparation of reports and maps. The analysis of this data led in some cases to the preparation of follow-

up programs for which the Company prepared the work plan and budgets for the 2022 exploration season. The work on several of those programs is scheduled to commence during the second quarter of 2022. Further details will be reported at that time.

## Joint Ventures with Eldorado Gold Corporation

On December 2, 2021, the Company announced that it has entered into two separate option agreements (the "Option Agreements") with Eldorado Gold (Québec) Inc. ("Eldorado"), a wholly owned subsidiary of Eldorado Gold Corporation.

The first Option Agreement (the "Perestroika Ouest Option") is for the Perestroika Ouest property (the "Perestroika Ouest Property"), which is located in the province of Québec. The operator for this property is Eldorado. Further details about exploration programs will be reported when they become available.

The second Option Agreement (the "Blue Mountain and Victoria Creek Option") is for the Blue Mountain property and the Victoria Creek property (the "Blue Mountain and Victoria Creek Properties"), located in the province of Ontario. Val-d'Or Mining is the operator for those properties. Val-d'Or Mining has prepared initial exploration programs, which will commence in the second quarter of 2022. Further details will be reported at that time.

#### Exploration on the Ducros Group of Properties

Val-d'Or Mining holds a 1.5% NSR in the Ducros Group of Properties which is operated by Québec Nickel Corp. ("QNI"). QNI has budgeted more than \$5 million for the 2022 exploration program, including up to 20,000 meters of drilling intended for the Company's Ducros Nickel-Copper PGE Prospects (see QNI news release dated February 22, 2022). The drilling started on January 18, 2022, as announced by QNI on January 13, 2022. Progress reports about the drilling were released on March 15, 2022, which were followed by first results on May 16, 2022. In addition, QNI completed a 1,717-line kilometre VTEM airborne geophysical survey (see QNI news releases dated February 1, 2022 and April 27, 2022).

#### **PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS**

#### Sale of Riviere Lois Prospect

On October 7, 2021, the Company announced that it has entered into an agreement with Snowy Owl Gold Corporation ("SNOW") for the sale of the Riviere Lois Prospect. In consideration for a 100% interest in the Riviere Lois Prospect (the "Property"), and upon receipt of Exchange approval, SNOW will issue 3,200,000 common shares to the Company (of which Golden Valley Mines & Royalties ("Golden Valley") will receive 640,000 common shares in accordance with the terms of an amended and restated option agreement between the Company and Golden Valley dated November 28, 2019). The Company will be granted a royalty of 2.5% of the net smelter returns from the Property, whereby 1% of the net smelter return may be purchased by SNOW for \$500,000. To date, the terms for the closing of this transaction have not yet been met.

## DETAILS ABOUT OTHER CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS REGARDING CERTAIN MINERAL PROPERTIES

The Company acquires and disposes of its properties as part of its ordinary business. In the case of property acquisitions from third parties, there may be contractual obligations. A description of significant contracts and certain specific obligations follows:

#### Amended Mining Option Agreement and Exercise of Option with Golden Valley

On April 18, 2017, the Company signed an Option Agreement with Golden Valley to acquire a 100% interest in a group of properties located in the Abitibi Greenstone Belt consisting of 61 grassroots properties. This Agreement was subsequently amended on November 28, 2019, and the Company exercised its option on December 5, 2019.

According to the Agreement, as amended, Golden Valley is eligible to receive 20% of the proceeds of all third-party transactions pertaining to the properties that Val-d'Or Mining enters into and announces on or before December 31, 2022. Further, the properties are subject to a royalty in favour of Golden Valley Mines equal to 1.25% of the net smelter returns, whereby Val-d'Or Mining has a partial buyback right. The partial buyback right pertains to each individual property, whereby 1% may be bought for \$500,000 on a property-by-property basis with a maximum total consideration of \$5,000,000 at which point in time the NSR royalty on all the properties would be reduced by 1.0%.

#### Historic Contracts

To enhance its ability to enter into new partnerships and joint ventures with other arms-length partners on some of our properties, the Company renegotiated during 2019 and 2020 several historic contracts to simplify the respective ownership and royalty structures. For all those historic agreements, the respective contractual obligations have been removed at that time.

#### **UPDATE ON COVID-19**

The Company continues to actively monitor the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, including the impact on economic activity and financial reporting. The duration and full financial effect of the COVID-19 pandemic is unknown at this time, as are the measures taken by governments, companies and others to attempt to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

Any estimate of the length and severity of these developments is therefore subject to significant uncertainty, and accordingly estimates of the extent to which the COVID-19 may materially and adversely affect the Company's operations, financial results and condition in future periods are also subject to significant uncertainty.

In the current environment, the assumptions and judgements made by the Company are subject to greater variability than normal, which could in the future significantly affect judgments, estimates and assumptions made by management as they relate to potential impact of the COVID-19 and could lead to a material adjustment to the carrying value of the assets or liabilities affected. The impact of current uncertainty on judgments, estimates and assumptions extends, but is not limited to, the Company's valuation of its long-term assets, including the assessment for impairment and impairment reversal. Actual results may differ materially from these estimates.

#### SELECTED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

#### FINANCIAL CONDITION REVIEW

	As at March 31, 2022	As at December 31, 2021
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 	\$ 809,203
Investments	1,831,523	1,849,065
Other current assets	101,856	122,068
Exploration and evaluation assets	519,773	519,773
Other long-term assets	486	974
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 4,448,202	\$ 3,301,083
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 52,207	\$ 114,198
Flow-through premium liability	92,127	92,127
Long-term debt	60,000	60,000
Other liabilities	345	708
Total Liabilities	\$ 204,679	\$ 267,033
Total Equity	\$ 4,243,523	\$ 3,034,050
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$ 4,448,202	\$ 3,301,083

#### ASSETS

#### Cash and cash equivalents

The Company ended the first quarter of 2022 with cash and cash equivalents of \$1,994,564 compared to \$809,203 as at December 31, 2021. The improvement in the Company's cash position relates to gross proceeds of \$1,396,473 received from the issuance of 8,727,954 Units at a per Unit price of \$0.16 under a non-brokered private placement completed on March 18, 2022.

Refer to *Cash Flow Review* section below for further discussion on the Company's cash position and changes thereof for the three months ended March 31, 2022 and 2021.

#### *Investments*

Investments of \$1,831,523 (December 31, 2021 - \$1,849,065) consist of a short-term portion of \$631,523 (December 31, 2021 - \$649,065) and a long-term portion of \$1,200,000 (December 31, 2021 - \$1,200,000). The current portion of investments is comprised of marketable securities representing shares of a publicly traded mining exploration company that are recorded at fair value using quoted market prices. The long-term portion of investments is comprised of common shares of private mining exploration companies that do not have a quoted market price in an active market. The Company assessed the fair value on these shares based on techniques and assumptions that emphasize both

qualitative and quantitative information. The decrease in the short-term portion of investments as at March 31, 2022 relates to an unrealized loss of \$17,542 recognized on the change in fair value of investments.

#### Other current assets

Other current assets mainly relate to sales taxes recoverable of \$82,997 (December 31, 2021 - \$66,001), deposits of \$15,044 (December 31, 2021 - \$18,380) held with Ministère de l'Énergie et des Ressources Naturelles for claims staking and management on corporate owned properties, and prepaid insurance of \$3,815 (December 31, 2021 - \$7,630).

## LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Total liabilities of \$204,679 as at March 31, 2022 (compared to \$267,033 as at December 31, 2021) consist of trade payables of \$36,858 (December 31, 2021 - \$98,925), accrued liabilities of \$7,264 (December 31, 2021 - \$6,426), loan of \$60,000 (December 31, 2021 - \$60,000) relating to the Canada Emergency Business Account interest-free loan to cover operating costs, which repayment on or before December 31, 2023 will result in a loan forgiveness of \$20,000, due to related parties of \$8,085 (December 31, 2021 - \$8,847), lease liabilities of \$345 (December 31, 2021 - \$708) and a flow-through premium liability of \$92,127 (December 31, 2021 - \$92,127) as discussed below.

## Flow-through premium liability

On December 21, 2021, the Company completed a non-brokered private placement offering (the "Offering") for gross proceeds of \$400,000 from the issuance of 1,111,112 National Flow-Through Common Shares and 1,111,112 Québec Flow-Through Common Shares (together, the "FT Shares") at a per FT Share price of \$0.18. The flow-through shares were issued at a premium of \$0.05 per share to the current market price of the Company's shares at the day of issue. The premium of \$92,127 was recognized as a liability with a subsequent pro-rata reduction of the liability, recognized as flow-through premium income, as the required expenditures were incurred. For the three months ended March 31, 2022, no flow-through share premium from this Offering was reallocated to other income.

#### Total Equity

Total equity as at March 31, 2022 was \$4,243,523 compared to \$3,034,050 as at December 31, 2021, an increase of \$1,209,473, mainly from gross proceeds of \$1,396,473 received from the issuance of 8,727,954 common shares under a non-brokered private placement, gross proceeds of \$34,733 received from the exercise of 347,333 share purchase warrants at an exercise price of \$0.10 per share, offset by the net loss of \$189,450 for the three months ended March 31, 2022.

#### DISCUSSION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

This table presents selected information for the three months ended March 31, 2022 and 2021:

		For the three months ended March 31,			
	2022 2021				
Operating expenses	\$	171,264	\$	255,205	
Other expenses (income)		18,186		(45,645)	
Net loss and comprehensive loss	\$	189,450	\$	209,560	
Basic and diluted loss per common share	\$	0.003	\$	0.003	

Operating expenses for the three months ended March 31, 2022 decreased compared to the same period in 2021 due to the share-based compensation of \$170,835 in 2021 from the granting to the Company's directors, officers, employees and consultants of incentive stock options entitling the purchase of an aggregate 1,615,233 common shares at an exercise price of \$0.13 per share. No incentive stock options were granted in 2022.

Evaluation and exploration expenses were higher in 2022 compared to 2021 due to claims staking and renewal fees. Professional fees were also higher due to fees paid for tax consulting services and timing of audit services. Furthermore, General and Administrative expenses, which consist of office, investor relations and marketing and travelling expenses, increased to \$23,269 for 2022 from \$6,184 for 2021 resulting from higher investor relations and marketing events from the Company attending or hosting events to generate new business opportunities, create ways to enhance shareholder value and/or corporate development in Canada and internationally.

Other expenses of \$18,186 for the three months ended March 31, 2022 mainly included an unrealized loss on short-term investments of \$17,542 while Other income of \$45,645 for the three months ended March 31, 2021 included an unrealized gain on short-term investments of \$40,000.

#### **CASH FLOW REVIEW**

	For the three months			
	ended March 31,			
	2022 2021			
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	\$ 809,203	\$ 639,255		
Cash flows used by operating activities	(213,562)	(103,892)		
Cash flows used by investing activities	-	(299)		
Cash flows from financing activities	1,398,923	31,538		
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	1,185,361	(72,653)		
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 1,994,564	\$ 566,602		

Cashflows from operating activities for the three months ended March 31, 2022 resulted in cash outflows of \$213,562 compared with cash outflows of \$103,892 for the same period in 2021. Higher

cash outflows from operating activities in 2022 mainly relate to higher exploration and evaluation expenses, professional fees and investor relations and marketing fees as discussed above.

Cashflows from investing activities for the three months ended March 31, 2022 and 2021 mainly relate to additions to exploration and evaluation assets. No significant expenditures for exploration and evaluation activities were capitalized for the three months ended March 31, 2022 and 2021.

Cashflows from financing activities of \$1,398,923 for the three months ended March 31, 2022 mainly relate to gross proceeds of \$1,396,473 from the recently completed non-brokered private placement as discussed above and proceeds of \$34,733 from the exercise of 347,333 share purchase warrants, net of share issue expenses of \$32,283. Cashflows from financing activities of \$31,538 for the three months ended March 31, 2021 relate to proceeds of \$11,538 from the exercise of 177,500 incentive stock options and proceeds of \$20,000 from the Company applying for and receiving the additional expansion loan of \$20,000 Canada Emergency Business Account.

## **SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY RESULTS**

The following selected financial information is for the 8 most recently completed quarters as derived from the Company's respective financial statements and notes thereto. The following information should be read in conjunction with the referenced financial statements, and the notes to those statements.

	Mar	Dec	Sept	June	Mar	Dec	Sept	Jun
	2022	2021	2021	2021	2021	2020	2020	2020
Revenues	\$ - \$	50,426 \$	- \$	- \$	- \$	- \$	- \$	-
Operating expenses	171,264	84,245	106,411	166,058	255,205	735,056	100,415	1,012,299
Other exepnses (income)	18,186	291,877	(452,786)	(375,858)	(45,645)	(641,262)	(72,216)	(55,772)
Net income (loss) before income tax	(189,450)	(325,696)	346,375	209,800	(209,560)	(93,794)	(28,199)	(956,527)
Deferred tax expense (recovery)	-	(56,289)	56,289	-	-	-	-	-
Net income (loss) and								
comprehensive income (loss)	\$ (189,450) \$	(269,407) \$	290,086 \$	209,800 \$	(209,560) \$	(93,794) \$	(28,199) \$	(956,527)
Basic and diluted earnings (loss) per								
common share	\$ (0.003) \$	(0.004) \$	0.004 \$	0.003 \$	(0.003) \$	(0.002) \$	(0.000) \$	(0.020)

## LIQUIDITY, CAPITAL RESOURCES AND SOURCES OF FINANCING

Management routinely plans future activities including forecasting cash flows. Based on the Company's current development plan and operating commitments, the Company will have to raise additional financing.

Please refer to the Risk and Uncertainties section for more information.

#### **OFF BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS**

The Company has no off-balance sheet arrangements as at December 31, 2021 or as at the date of this MD&A.

## **CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES**

The critical judgements and estimates are disclosed in note 5 of the audited financial statements.

# Information on Outstanding Securities

The following table sets out the number of common shares, warrants and options outstanding as of the date hereof:

Common shares outstanding:	81,385,459
Stock options exercisable:	6,011,846
Average exercise price of:	\$ 0.12
Warrants outstanding:	5,845,038
Average exercise price of:	\$ 0.20

Stock options outstanding:						
Expiry date	Exer	cise price	Number of stock options outstanding			
February 5, 2023	\$	0.105	2,025,000			
October 24, 2023	\$	0.110	210,000			
June 17, 2024	\$	0.075	497,263			
June 26, 2025	\$	0.150	1,111,350			
February 22, 2026	\$	0.130	1,440,233			
June 18, 2026	\$	0.110	550,000			
November 10, 2026	\$	0.110	178,000			
			6,011,846			

Warrants outstanding:			
Expiry date	Exer	cise price	Number of warrants outstanding
July 3, 2022	\$	0.240	90,416
May 6, 2023	\$	0.190	1,168,423
December 21, 2023	\$	0.180	222,222
March 18, 2024	\$	0.200	4,363,977
			5,845,038

#### RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

#### *a) Transactions with a shareholder*

Effective July 1, 2020, the Company entered into a Cost Sharing Arrangement (the "Sharing Arrangement") with Golden Valley, pursuant to which Golden Valley will provide certain management and financial services such as office space and administrative support relating to the exploration offices located at 2864 Chemin Sullivan, Val-d'Or, Québec, J9P 0B9., in consideration of \$8,919 per year (the "reimbursement"), payable on a monthly basis. The Sharing Arrangement provides for the reimbursement to be reviewed on an annual basis.

For the three months ended March 31, 2022, the Company reimbursed Golden Valley the amount of \$1,814 (for the three months ended March 31, 2021 - \$1,814) relating to this arrangement.

For efficiency reasons, where the Company and Golden Valley are dealing with the same suppliers one may pay for both and be reimbursed by the other. As at March 31, 2022, the Company had net payable of \$2,086 (December 31, 2021 - receivable of \$1,780) due from Golden Valley.

## b) Transactions with key management

Key management personnel of the Company is comprised of the members of the Board of Directors, as well as the President, the Chief Operating Officer ("COO"), the Chief Financial Officer ("CFO") and the Vice-President Exploration ("VP Exploration").

- For the three months ended March 31, 2022, the Company incurred consulting fees of \$10,500 (2021 \$3,000) with the CEO which was recorded under exploration and evaluation expenses in the statements of net loss and comprehensive loss. As at March 31, 2022, no amount (December 31, 2021 \$1,150, recorded in accounts payable and accrued liabilities) was due to the CEO.
- For the three months ended March 31, 2022, the Company incurred consulting fees of \$24,000 (2021 \$24,000) with the COO of which \$18,000 (2021 \$18,000) was recorded under exploration and evaluation expenses and \$6,000 (2021- \$6,000) was recorded under consulting fees in the statements of net loss and comprehensive loss. As at March 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021, no amount was due to the COO.
- For the three months ended March 31, 2022, the Company incurred consulting fees of \$3,348 (2021 \$3,348) with the VP Exploration which were recorded under exploration and evaluation expenses in the statements of net loss and comprehensive loss. As at March 31, 2022, no amount (December 31, 2021- \$7,698, recorded in accounts payable and accrued liabilities) was due to the VP Exploration.
- For the three months ended March 31, 2022, the Company incurred consulting fees of \$6,000 (2021 \$nil) with the Chief Financial Officer which were recorded under Professional fees in the statements of net loss and comprehensive loss. As at March 31, 2022, the Company had indebtedness of \$6,000 (December 31, 2021 \$nil) to the Company's Chief Financial Officer, which was included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

• For the three months ended March 31, 2022, no incentive stock options were granted to key management personnel. For the three months ended March 31, 2021, the Company granted incentive stock options to key management personnel to purchase an aggregate 1,261,233 common shares of the Company. The Company recorded a stock-based compensation of \$133,394 relating to this grant.

## c) Transactions with related parties

For the three months ended March 31, 2022, the Company incurred fees of \$4,500 (2021 -\$nil) with an individual, the spouse of the COO, as part of a consulting agreement for accounting services. These fees were recorded under professional fees in the statements of net loss and comprehensive loss.

For efficiency reasons, where the Company and related parties are dealing with the same suppliers one may pay for both and be reimbursed by the other. As at March 31, 2022, the Company had a net payable balance of \$8,086 (December 31, 2021 – net payable of \$6,963) of which \$2,086 (December 31, 2021 – \$1,780) was due to Golden Valley, \$nil (December 31, 2021 –\$105) due from companies related by common management, \$nil (December 31, 2021 –\$1,150) was due to a company controlled by the President, of \$6,000 (December 31, 2021 –\$nil) was due to the Company's Chief Financial Officer and of \$nil (December 31, 2021 –\$7,698) was due to a company controlled by the VP Exploration.

#### **COMMITMENTS**

- The Company entered into a consulting agreement with the CEO for an annual payment of \$42,000. This consulting agreement contains change of control provisions. If a change of control would occur, the total amount payable in respect of severance, would amount to \$200,000 if the consulting agreement is terminated by the Company, and \$100,000 if the consulting agreement is terminated by the CEO within six months from the date of change of control.
- The Company entered into a consulting agreement with the COO for an annual payment of \$96,000. This consulting agreement contains change of control provisions. If a change of control would occur, the total amount payable in respect of severance, would amount to \$200,000 if the consulting agreement is terminated by the Company, and \$100,000 if the consulting agreement is terminated by the COO within six months from the date of change of control.
- The Company entered into a consulting agreement with the VP Exploration for an annual payment of \$13,390. This consulting agreement contains change of control provisions. If a change of control would occur, the total amount payable in respect of severance, would amount to \$200,000 if the consulting agreement is terminated by the Company, and \$100,000 if the consulting agreement is terminated by the VP Exploration within six months from the date of change of control.
- The Company entered into a consulting agreement with the Chief Financial Officer for an annual payment of \$24,000. This consulting agreement contains change of control provisions. If a change of control would occur, the total amount payable in respect of severance, would amount to \$24,000 if the consulting agreement is terminated by the Company within twelve months from the date of change of control.

- As at March 31, 2022, the Company has still to incur exploration expenditures by December 31, 2022 in the amount of \$400,000 from its flow-through funds.
- The Company has entered into a long-term agreement for the lease of an equipment expiring on July 25, 2022, which minimum lease payments for 2022 totals \$1,384.

#### CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES INCLUDING INITIAL ADOPTION

The changes in accounting policies including those that have not been adopted are explained in note 4 of the audited financial statements as at December 31, 2021.

#### RISKS RELATED TO FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Please refer to Note 22 of the audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2021, for a full description of these risks.

#### RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

An investment in the common shares of the Company involves a high degree of risk and must be considered highly speculative due to the financial and operational risks inherent to the nature of the Company's business and the present stage of exploration and development of its mineral resource properties. These risks may affect the Company's eventual profitability and level of operating cash flow. Prospective buyers of the common shares of the Company should consider the following risk factors:

#### COVID-19

At this time, the extent of the impact the COVID-19 pandemic may have on the Company is unknown as this will depend on future developments that are highly uncertain and that cannot be predicted with confidence. These uncertainties arise from the inability to predict the ultimate geographic spread of the disease, and the duration of the outbreak, including the duration of travel restrictions, business closures or disruptions, and quarantine/isolation measures that are currently, or may be put, in place. Adverse effects of coronavirus developments on consumer confidence, market stability and public health creates uncertainties on macroeconomic conditions and may also result in closures, cancellations of, or reductions in operations or production on properties where the Company holds interests.

## Climate Change

The Company has its own properties and properties under option agreements in various regions and jurisdictions where environmental laws are evolving and are not consistent. A number of governments or governmental bodies have introduced or are contemplating regulatory changes in response to the potential impact of climate change, such as regulation relating to emission levels. If the current regulatory trend continues, this may result in increased costs directly or indirectly affecting the Company. In addition, the physical effect of climate change, such as extreme weather conditions, natural disasters, resource shortages, changing sea levels and changing temperatures, could have an adverse financial impact on operations located in the regions where these conditions occur, directly or indirectly impacting the business of the Company.

## Investment of Speculative Nature

Investing in the Company, at this early stage of its development, is of a highly speculative nature.

## Nature of Mineral Exploration and Mining

There is no known mineral resource on the Company's properties. Mineral exploration and development involve a high degree of risk, requires substantial expenditures and few properties that are explored are ultimately developed into producing mines.

## Exploration and Development Risks

Resource exploration and development is a speculative business, involving considerable financial and technical risks, including the failure to discover mineral deposits, market fluctuations and government regulations, which are beyond the control of the Company.

## Additional Financing

Future exploration and development activities will require additional equity and debt financing. Failure to obtain such additional financing could result in delay or indefinite postponement of exploration and development of the property interests of the Company.

#### Stress in the Global Economy and Financial Condition

The adverse effects on the capital markets generally make the raising of capital by equity or debt financing much more difficult and the Company is dependent upon the capital markets to raise financing. Adverse effects of coronavirus developments (COVID-19) on consumer confidence, market stability and public health creates uncertainties on macroeconomic conditions and may also result in closures, cancellations of, or reductions in operations or production on properties where the Company holds royalty interests or investments.

#### Permits and Licenses

There can be no assurances that the Company will be able to obtain all necessary licenses and permits required to carry out exploration, development and mining operations for its proposed projects.

## Competition

The mineral exploration and mining business is competitive in all of its phases. There is no assurance that the Company will be able to compete successfully with the competition in acquiring suitable properties or prospects for mineral exploration.

## *No Assurance of Title to Property*

The Company's claims may be subject to prior unregistered agreements or transfers or third party and native land claims and title may be affected by undetected defects.

## Dependence on Key Individuals

The Company is dependent on a relatively small number of key personnel, the loss of any one of whom could have an adverse effect on the Company.

# Political Regulatory Risks

Any changes in government policy may result in changes to laws affecting the Company's ability to undertake exploration and development activities in respect of present and future properties.

#### Conflicts of Interest

The directors and officers of the Company are also directors and officers of other companies, some of which are in the same business as the Company. This situation may result in conflicting legal obligations which may expose the Company to liability to others and impair its ability to achieve its business objectives.

#### *Insurance*

The Company will remain at risk and will be potentially subject to liability for hazards associated with mineral exploration which it cannot insure against or which it has elected not to insure against because of premium costs or other reasons.

## *Influence of Third-Party Stakeholders*

Claims by third parties on the lands in which the Company holds interests, or the exploration equipment and road or other means of access which the Company intend to utilize in carrying out work programs or general exploration mandates, even if not meritorious, may create delays resulting in significant financial loss and loss of opportunity for the Company.

## Fluctuation in Market Value of Shares

The market price of a publicly-traded stock is affected by many variables not directly related to the corporate performance of the entity. The future effect of these and other factors on the market price of Company's shares on the Exchange cannot be predicted.