



Aura Minerals Inc.

**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

**FOR THE THREE AND SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2016**

**Dated as of August 10, 2016**

*This management's discussion and analysis ("MD&A") should be read in conjunction with Aura Minerals Inc.'s (the "Company" or "Aura Minerals") unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements for the three and six months ended June 30, 2016 and related notes thereto (the "Financial Statements") which have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and Interpretations (collectively, "IFRS"). In addition, this MD&A should be read in conjunction with the 2015 Annual Information Form ("AIF") dated March 24, 2016, as well as other information relating to Aura Minerals as filed on the Company's profile on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com). Unless otherwise noted, references herein to "\$" are to thousands of United States dollars. References to "C\$" are to thousands of Canadian dollars. Tables are expressed in thousands of United States dollars, except where otherwise noted.*

*This MD&A has been prepared as at August 10, 2016 and provides information that management believes is relevant to assessing and understanding the financial condition of the Company and the results of operations and cash flows for the three and six months ended June 30, 2016.*

*The Audit Committee, consisting of three directors (two of whom are independent) of the Board of Directors of the Company, has reviewed this MD&A pursuant to its charter and the Board has approved the disclosure contained herein. A copy of this MD&A will be provided to any shareholder who requests it.*

*Statements herein are subject to the risks and uncertainties identified in the AIF and the Cautionary Note regarding Forward-Looking Information section of this MD&A.*

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## **1. BACKGROUND AND CORE BUSINESS**

Aura Minerals is a Canadian mid-tier gold-copper production company focused on the operation and development of gold and copper projects in the Americas. The Company is listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol ORA. The Company's controlled assets include:

- *The San Andres Gold Mine ("San Andres")* – a 100% interest in an open-pit heap leach gold mine located in the highlands of western Honduras, in the municipality of La Union, Department of Copan, approximately 150 kilometres southwest of the city of San Pedro Sula. The mine has been in production since 1983;
- *The Sao Francisco Gold Mine ("Sao Francisco")* – a 100% effective control over an open-pit heap leach gold mine located in the southwest of the state of Mato Grosso, Brazil, approximately 560 kilometres west of Cuiaba, the state capital. The mine has been in production since 2006;
- *The Ernesto/Pau-a-Pique Project ("EPP Project", "EPP")* – On June 23, 2016, the Company completed the acquisition of the EPP Project, located in the southwest of Mato Grosso state, near Pontes-e-Lacerda in Brazil. The EPP Project consists of the following gold deposits: the Lavrinha open pit, the Ernesto underground deposit, and the Pau-a-Pique underground mine and the near mine open pit prospect of Nosde, Japones and Pombihnas (See *Section 4, Acquisition of the EPP Project*);
- *The Aranzazu Copper Mine ("Aranzazu")* - In January 2015, the Company announced a suspension of operations at its wholly-owned Aranzazu open-pit and underground mine operation in the state of Zacatecas, Mexico. As of the date of this MD&A, Aranzazu is on full care-and maintenance and has entered into administration proceedings in Mexico (See *Section 8, Liquidity and Capital Resources, for additional information*); and
- *The Serrote da Laje Project ("Serrote")* – A wholly-owned, development-stage copper-gold-iron asset located in the central-southern part of the state of Alagoas, Brazil, approximately 15 kilometres northwest of the city of Arapiraca.

Aura Minerals is focused on responsible, sustainable growth and strives to operate to the highest environmental and safety standards and in a socially responsible manner at all of its operations.

## 2. SECOND QUARTER 2016 FINANCIAL AND OPERATING HIGHLIGHTS

- Loss of \$2,048 or \$0.01 per share for the three months ended (“three months ended” or “the second quarter of”) June 30, 2016 compared to loss of \$1,522 or \$0.01 per share for the second quarter of 2015;
- Effective cash operating (loss) income<sup>1</sup> of a loss of \$24 or \$1 per ounce (“oz”) of gold sold for the second quarter of 2016 compared to an income of \$2,873 or \$85 per oz of gold sold for the second quarter of 2015;
- Net sales revenue in the second quarter of 2016 decreased by 6% over the second quarter of 2015. Details are as follows:

	For the three months ended June 30, 2016	For the three months ended June 30, 2015	For the six months ended June 30, 2016	For the six months ended June 30, 2015
San Andres, ounces (“oz”)	18,722	20,503	36,159	43,451
Sao Francisco, oz	11,288	13,431	25,472	27,933
<b>Total ounces sold</b>	<b>30,010</b>	<b>33,934</b>	<b>61,631</b>	<b>71,384</b>
Realized average gold price per oz - gross	\$ 1,254	\$ 1,191	\$ 1,207	\$ 1,206
Realized average gold price per oz - net <sup>1</sup>	\$ 1,040	\$ 1,074	\$ 1,053	\$ 1,080
Gold sales revenues, net of local sales taxes	\$ 36,415	\$ 39,085	\$ 71,865	\$ 82,962
Copper concentrate sales, net	\$ -	\$ (453)	\$ -	\$ 3,875
<b>Total net sales</b>	<b>\$ 36,415</b>	<b>\$ 38,632</b>	<b>\$ 71,865</b>	<b>\$ 86,837</b>

- The realized average gold price per oz - gross and the realized average gold price per oz – net<sup>1</sup> for the three months ended June 30, 2016 and 2015 in the above table compare to the average market prices (London PM Fix) of \$1,260 per oz and \$1,192 per oz, respectively. There were no copper concentrate sales for the second quarter of 2015, only revaluations of unsettled shipments;
- Gold production for the second quarter of 2016 was 22% lower than in the second quarter of 2015. Gold production and cash costs<sup>1</sup> for the three and six months ended June 30, 2016 and 2015 were as follows:

	For the three months ended June 30, 2016		For the three months ended June 30, 2015	
	Oz Produced	Cash Costs <sup>1</sup>	Oz Produced	Cash Costs <sup>1</sup>
San Andres	14,875	\$ 820	19,914	\$ 849
Sao Francisco	11,225	1,045	13,702	1,019
<b>Total / Average</b>	<b>26,100</b>	<b>\$ 917</b>	<b>33,616</b>	<b>\$ 918</b>

  

	For the six months ended June 30, 2016		For the six months ended June 30, 2015	
	Oz Produced	Cash Costs <sup>1</sup>	Oz Produced	Cash Costs <sup>1</sup>
San Andres	35,055	\$ 845	43,274	\$ 808
Sao Francisco	25,103	895	28,290	1,188
<b>Total / Average</b>	<b>60,158</b>	<b>\$ 866</b>	<b>71,564</b>	<b>\$ 958</b>

<sup>1</sup>A cautionary note regarding non-GAAP measures is included in Section 16 of this MD&A.

- Cash costs for the Sao Francisco mine for the second quarter of 2016 included net realizable value inventory write-downs of \$4 per oz (2015: \$58 per oz). There were no inventory write-downs at San Andres for the second quarters of 2016 and 2015;
- Gross margin of \$8,077 for the second quarter of 2016, compared to a gross margin of \$2,336 for the second quarter of 2015; and
- On June 23, 2016, the Company completed the acquisition of the EPP Project. The Company has also published a NI 43-101 technical report on the EPP Project (See *Section 4, Acquisition of the EPP Project*).

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### 3. REVIEW OF MINING OPERATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

#### *San Andres, Honduras*

The table below sets out selected operating information for San Andres for the three and six months ended June 30, 2016 and 2015:

	Q2 2016	Q2 2015	YTD 2016	YTD 2015
Ore mined (tonnes)	<b>1,157,088</b>	1,248,543	<b>3,002,074</b>	2,830,037
Waste mined (tonnes)	<b>1,013,564</b>	686,814	<b>2,386,360</b>	2,005,344
Total mined (tonnes)	<b>2,170,652</b>	1,935,357	<b>5,388,434</b>	4,835,381
Waste to ore ratio	<b>0.88</b>	0.55	<b>0.79</b>	0.71
Ore plant feed (tonnes)	<b>1,067,937</b>	1,566,736	<b>2,932,494</b>	3,148,717
Grade (g/tonne)	<b>0.47</b>	0.48	<b>0.46</b>	0.47
Production (ounces)	<b>14,875</b>	19,914	<b>35,055</b>	43,274
Sales (ounces)	<b>18,722</b>	20,503	<b>36,159</b>	43,451
Average cash cost per ounce of gold produced <sup>1</sup>	\$ <b>820</b>	\$ 849	\$ <b>845</b>	\$ 808

Total combined ore and waste mined during the second quarter of 2016 was 12% higher than in the comparable quarter. During the second quarter of 2016, ore mined was 7% lower than the comparable quarter and waste mined was 48% higher. The waste to ore ratio was 60% higher when comparing the second quarters of 2016 and 2015. The increase in the ore and waste tonnes moved was primarily due to additional waste mined as anticipated in the mine plan.

Total plant feed during the second quarter of 2016 was 32% lower than the tonnes processed in the same quarter of 2015 due to the suspension of operations that occurred in April. The average ore plant feed grade for the second quarter of 2016 was 3% lower when compared to the second quarter of 2015. Gold recovery decreased to 53% during the second quarter of 2016 from the 79% level achieved in the second quarter of 2015, due to the slow-down in the leach cycle following April's suspension of operations.

Gold production at San Andres in the second quarter of 2016 decreased by 25% over the second quarter of 2015 primarily due to the lower tonnes processed and recovery as a result of April's suspension of operations.

Average cash cost per oz of gold produced<sup>1</sup> in the second quarter of 2016 decreased by 3% over the second quarter of 2015 as a result of the suspension of operations in April; no mining costs were incurred in April while leaching and gold production continued.

<sup>1</sup>A cautionary note regarding non-GAAP measures is included in Section 16 of this MD&A.

### **Sao Francisco, Brazil**

The table below sets out selected operating information for Sao Francisco for the three and six months ended June 30, 2016 and 2015:

	Q2 2016	Q2 2015	YTD 2016	YTD 2015
Ore mined (tonnes)	764,370	979,013	1,341,781	1,641,460
Waste mined (tonnes)	29,020	812,353	194,178	2,031,989
Total mined (tonnes)	793,390	1,791,366	1,535,959	3,673,449
Waste to ore ratio	0.04	0.83	0.14	1.24
Ore plant feed (tonnes)	887,000	917,786	1,839,984	1,998,637
Grade (g/tonne)	0.46	0.54	0.53	0.51
Production (ounces)	11,225	13,702	25,103	28,290
Sales (ounces)	11,288	13,431	25,472	27,933
Average cash cost per ounce of gold produced <sup>1</sup>	\$ 1,045	\$ 1,019	\$ 895	\$ 1,188

Total material moved during the second quarter of 2016 was 56% lower than during the second quarter of 2015. During the second quarter of 2016, ore mined, waste mined and waste to ore ratios were 22%, 96% and 95%, respectively, lower than the comparable period in 2015, due to the change in mine plan as Sao Francisco reaches the end of its mine life.

Total plant feed during the second quarter of 2016 was 3% lower than in the second quarter of 2015. The average ore plant feed grade for the second quarter of 2016 was 15% lower than in the second quarter of 2015. Gold production in the second quarter of 2016 was 18% lower than the second quarter of 2015 due to the decrease in tonnes mined and ore plant feed.

Average cash cost per oz of gold produced in the second quarter of 2016 was 3% higher than in the second quarter of 2015 due to the lower tonnes mined and grades.

Mining at Sao Francisco is expected to cease in August 2016, while processing will continue into the fourth quarter of 2016 and fines recovery is expected to be extended into 2017.

### **Development Projects**

As at the date of this MDA, the Company's Aranzazu mine and Serrote project remain on care-and-maintenance (See Section 8, *Liquidity and Capital Resources*, for further information). The Company is continuing to pursue options to maximize the value of these assets.

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#### **4. ACQUISITION OF THE EPP PROJECT**

On April 30, 2015, the Company announced that it entered into an Acquisition Agreement with Serra da Borda Mineração e Metalurgia S.A. ("SBMM") a company affiliated with Yamana Gold Inc. ("Yamana") to acquire, upon completion of certain conditions and the receipt of regulatory approvals in Brazil, certain specified assets and liabilities of the EPP Project. In order to facilitate the acquisition, during the regulatory approval period, Yamana made available a working capital facility to SBMM of up to approximately \$9,000 (the "Working Capital Facility") to be invested in the capital and restart requirements of EPP.

The acquisition was completed on June 23, 2016, following the receipt of the relevant regulatory approvals in Brazil including both antitrust and national defense regulatory requirements.

As consideration for the EPP Project, the Company issued 2,000,000 common shares, 3,500,000 warrants of the Company at an exercise price of C\$0.50 per warrant and a 2% net smelter return royalty on the first 1,000,000 gold ounces produced from the EPP Project, and thereafter, a 1% net smelter return royalty on gold ounces produced from the EPP Project.

The Working Capital Facility was assumed by the Company on the accounting acquisition date, which coincided with the receipt of the relevant regulatory approvals in Brazil, and is expected to be repaid either with the cash flows from EPP upon restart or payable in full within 36 months from the date of the Acquisition Agreement. Should EPP not enter into production or the Company not have sufficient funds to repay the Working Capital Facility on the due date, such amount outstanding will, at the option of Yamana, be converted into common shares of the Company. The Company also agreed to assume SBMM's accounts payable and accrued liabilities at the acquisition date as part of the consideration for EPP.

##### ***EPP Project highlights:***

The EPP Project consists of three deposits, two of which are underground and the third of which is open pit, and three additional areas which will be evaluated in 2017 and 2018. The three deposits are detailed below;

- The Ernesto underground deposit and the Lavrinha open pit are located approximately 60 kilometers ("km") south of the Company's Sao Francisco mine and 12 km south of the town of Pontes-e-Lacerda. These two deposits are within close proximity to the Project's processing plant;
- The Pau-a-Pique underground mine has been on care and maintenance since 2013 and is located approximately 40 km south of the Ernesto and Lavrinha deposits and 5 km from the processing plant;
- The three additional areas (Nosde, Japones and Pombinhas) are within 20 km of the processing plant.

The processing plant is centrally located to these deposits and additional areas and has a capacity of 3,000 tonnes per day through a conventional carbon-in-leach process. The facility includes crushing, milling, gold extraction/recovery and a tailings disposal facility with power supplied from the national grid. Significant infrastructure exists around the entire EPP Project including paved roadways between all of the deposits and the town of Pontes-e-Lacerda.

The Company's primary technical focus areas for the EPP Project restart will be grade control, choice of the proper selective mining methods, geotechnical optimization to reduce dilution, improve overall gold recovery and lower cash operating costs at this relatively high grade project.

### Mineral Resource Statement

The Company announced the results of NI 43-101 Mineral Resource estimates, which were performed in conjunction with ongoing Feasibility Studies for this Project. The Mineral Resources with an effective date of May 25, 2016 are reported as follows:

#### **Lavrinha Deposit: Lavrinha Mineral Resource\***

<b>Resource Category</b>	<b>Tonnes (t)</b>	<b>Au (g/t)</b>	<b>Contained Au Oz</b>
Measured	74,000	2.31	5,500
Indicated	1,226,000	2.25	88,700
<b>Measured + Indicated</b>	<b>1,300,000</b>	<b>2.25</b>	<b>94,200</b>
Inferred	283,000	2.51	22,800

Notes\*:

1. CIM Definitions were followed for Mineral Resources.
2. Mineral Resource estimates for the Lavrinha deposit were prepared under the supervision of Marcelo Batelochi, Ausimm (CP 205477).
3. 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.
4. The quantities and grades of reported Inferred Resources in this estimation is uncertain in nature and there has been insufficient exploration to define these Inferred Resources as Indicated or Measured Mineral Resource and it is uncertain if further exploration will result in upgrading them to the Indicated or Measured Mineral Resource category.
5. The mineral resource estimate is based on an optimized pit shell using US\$1,300/oz gold and at a cut-off grade of 0.50 g/t gold. Mining costs were considered at US\$2.44/t and US\$1.89/t for mineralized material and waste haulage, plant processing costs of US\$10.24/t and G&A of US\$3,800,000 per year as well as a process recovery of 93%.
6. A bulk density model based on rock type was used for volume to tonnes conversion with resources averaging 2.77 tonnes/m<sup>3</sup>.
7. Surface topography as of December 31, 2015.
8. Contained metal may not sum due to rounding.

#### **Ernesto Deposit: Ernesto Mineral Resource\*\***

<b>Resource Category</b>	<b>Tonnes (t)</b>	<b>Au (g/t)</b>	<b>Contained Oz</b>
Indicated	734,000	6.70	158,200
<b>Measured + Indicated</b>	<b>734,000</b>	<b>6.70</b>	<b>158,200</b>
Inferred	308,000	6.30	62,400

Notes\*\*:

1. CIM Definitions were followed for Mineral Resources.
2. The Qualified Person for this Mineral Resource Estimate is: Richard Routledge M.Sc.(Applied), P.Geo.
3. Mineral Resources are estimated from surface and underground diamond drilling and core sampling and underground chip sampling by conventional 3D block modelling based on wireframing at a 1.5 g/t Au cut-off grade and ordinary kriging grade interpolation.
4. For the purpose of resource estimation, assays were capped at 40 g/t Au.
5. The mineral resource estimate is based on a Cut-Off Grade of 1.5 g/t Au derived from a Au price: US\$1,275 /Oz, costs of US\$33/t for mining, US\$11/t for processing and US\$10/t for G&A, as well as a 93% process recovery.
6. A bulk density model based on rock type was used for volume to tonnes conversion with resources averaging 2.62 tonnes/m<sup>3</sup>.
7. Mineral Resources are estimated from the 380 m EL to the 96 m EL, or from approximately 50 m depth to 150 m depth from surface.
8. Mineral Resources are classified as Indicated and Inferred based on drill hole spacing, interpreted geologic continuity and quality of data.
9. 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.
10. The quantities and grades of reported Inferred Resources in this estimation is uncertain in nature and there has been insufficient exploration to define these Inferred Resources as Indicated or Measured Mineral Resource and it is uncertain if further exploration will result in upgrading them to the Indicated or Measured Mineral Resource category.

**Pau-a-Pique Deposit: Pau-a-Pique Mineral Resource <sup>+</sup>**

Resource Category	Tonnes (t)	Au (g/t)	Contained Oz
Indicated	519,000	4.05	67,600
<b>Measured + Indicated</b>	<b>519,000</b>	<b>4.05</b>	<b>67,600</b>
Inferred	117,000	4.45	16,700

Notes<sup>+</sup>:

1. CIM Definitions were followed for Mineral Resources.
2. The Qualified Person for this Mineral Resource Estimate is: Richard Routledge M.Sc.(Applied), P.Geo.
3. Mineral Resources are estimated from surface and underground diamond drilling and core sampling and underground chip sampling by conventional 3D block modelling based on wireframing at a 1.5 g/t Au cut-off grade and ordinary kriging grade interpolation.
4. For the purpose of resource estimation, assays were capped at 50 g/t Au and composites >25 g/t Au were restricted to 12.5 m area of influence.
5. The mineral resource estimate is based on a Cut-Off Grade of 1.5 g/t Au derived from a Au price: US\$1,275 /Oz, costs of US\$29/t for mining, US\$11/t for processing, US\$10/t for G&A and US\$7/t for mill feed surface transportation, as well as a 93% process recovery.
6. A bulk density model based on rock type was used for volume to tonnes conversion with resources averaging 2.77 tonnes/m<sup>3</sup>.
7. Mineral Resources are estimated from the 410 m EL to the 65 m EL, or from approximately 30 m depth to 500 m depth from surface.
8. Mineral Resources are classified as Indicated and Inferred based on drill hole spacing, interpreted geologic continuity and quality of data.
9. 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.
10. The quantities and grades of reported Inferred Resources in this estimation is uncertain in nature and there has been insufficient exploration to define these Inferred Resources as indicated or Measured Mineral Resource and it is uncertain if further exploration will result in upgrading them to the Indicated or Measured Mineral Resource category.

The combined Mineral Resource for the Project follows:

Measured & Indicated Resource	Tonnes (t)	Au (g/t)	Contained Oz
Lavrinha	1,300,000	2.25	94,200
Ernesto	734,000	6.70	158,200
Pau-a-Pique	519,000	4.05	67,600
<b>Total Measured &amp; Indicated</b>	<b>2,553,000</b>	<b>3.89</b>	<b>320,000</b>

Inferred Resource	Tonnes (t)	Au (g/t)	Contained Oz
Lavrinha	283,000	2.51	22,800
Ernesto	308,000	6.30	62,400
Pau-a-Pique	117,000	4.45	16,700
<b>Total Inferred</b>	<b>708,000</b>	<b>4.48</b>	<b>101,900</b>

Contained metal may not sum in the above tables due to rounding

The Company has filed a NI 43-101 Mineral Resource estimate on SEDAR and on the Company's website.

**Cautionary Statement regarding NI 43-101 Compliance**

Readers are encouraged to review the AIF and full text of the Continuous Disclosure Documents filed by the Company. These documents are available on SEDAR and supply further information on the Company's compliance with NI 43-101 requirements.

## 5. OUTLOOK AND STRATEGY

Aura Minerals' future profitability, operating cash flows and financial position will be closely related to the prevailing prices of gold. Key factors influencing the price of gold include, but are not limited to, the supply of and demand for gold, the relative strength of currencies (particularly the United States dollar) and macroeconomic factors such as current and future expectations for inflation and interest rates. Management believes that the short-to-medium term economic environment is likely to remain relatively supportive for commodity prices but with continued volatility. In order to decrease the risks associated with commodity prices and currency volatility, the Company will continue to evaluate available protection programs.

Other key factors influencing profitability and operating cash flows are production levels (impacted by grades, ore quantities, labour, plant and equipment availabilities, and process recoveries) and production and processing costs (impacted by production levels, prices and usage of key consumables, labour, inflation, and exchange rates).

Aura Minerals' production and cash cost per oz<sup>1</sup> guidance for the 2016 year has been updated as follows:

	For the six months ended June 30, 2016 - Actuals		For the six months ended December 31, 2016 - updated guidance		For the year ended December 31, 2016 - updated guidance	
	Oz Produced	Cash Costs <sup>1</sup>	Oz Produced	Cash Costs <sup>1</sup>	Oz Produced	Cash Costs <sup>1</sup>
San Andres	35,055	\$ 845	40,000 - 50,000	\$ 825 - 875	75,000 - 85,000	\$ 825 - 875
Sao Francisco	25,103	895	10,000 - 15,000	675 - 725	35,000 - 40,000	800 - 850
<b>Total / Average</b>	<b>60,158</b>	<b>\$ 866</b>	<b>50,000 - 65,000</b>	<b>\$ 750 - 850</b>	<b>110,000 - 125,000</b>	<b>\$ 825 - 875</b>

To the date of this MD&A, the indicators have been that the revised pro-rata production guidance will be achieved at each operating mine.

For the **second half** of 2016, updated guidance in other material areas of expenditure is provided as follows;

- Capital expenditure of \$11,000. Of this amount, \$6,700 relates to San Andres and principally includes the Phase VI heap leach expansion, cemetery relocation, community and other expenditures, \$4,000 relates to an acceleration of the restart of the Ernesto mine and the remaining \$300 capital expenditure is for fines recovery at Sao Francisco;
- Care-and-maintenance costs for Aranzazu (\$1,400) and Serrote (\$300);
- General and administration costs of \$3,200;
- Taxes and royalties payable to local authorities in Brazil and Honduras and to a third party for a 1.5% NSR on Sao Francisco and San Andres of \$4,300;
- Based on the June 30, 2016 gold price of \$1,321 / oz;
  - Realized cash losses on the 13,500 outstanding fixed price contracts and the 22,500 call option contracts of \$900 and \$200, respectively;
  - Gold loan repayments of 4,589 ounces amounting to \$6,100.

## 6. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

For the three months ended June 30, 2016, the Company recorded a loss of \$2,048 compared to a loss of \$1,522 for the three months ended June 30, 2015.

Details of revenues, cost of goods sold and gross margin (loss) are presented below:

<i>(In thousands of dollars)</i>	<b>For the three months ended June 30, 2016</b>	For the three months ended June 30, 2015
Revenues:		
San Andres	\$ 22,269	\$ 23,195
Sao Francisco	14,146	15,890
Aranzazu	-	(453)
	<b>\$ 36,415</b>	<b>\$ 38,632</b>
Cost of Production:		
San Andres	\$ 16,038	\$ 17,579
Sao Francisco	10,769	16,530
Aranzazu	-	349
	<b>\$ 26,807</b>	<b>\$ 34,458</b>
Depletion and Amortization:		
San Andres	\$ 1,515	\$ 1,707
Sao Francisco	16	131
	<b>\$ 1,531</b>	<b>\$ 1,838</b>
Gross Margin (Loss):		
San Andres	\$ 4,716	\$ 3,909
Sao Francisco	3,361	(771)
Aranzazu	-	(802)
	<b>\$ 8,077</b>	<b>\$ 2,336</b>

### *Revenues*

Gold sales revenues for the three months ended June 30, 2016 decreased by 6% compared to the three months ended June 30, 2015. The decrease in gold sales revenues is primarily attributable to a 12% decrease in gold sales volumes. The decrease in gold sales volumes is mainly due to the suspension of operations during April at San Andres and lower than expected production at Sao Francisco as a result of a lower grade than the mine plan.

There was no copper concentrate sold during the second quarter of 2016 and 2015, the loss of \$453 in the second quarter of 2015 is related to a revaluation of outstanding shipments.

### *Cost of Goods Sold*

For the three months ended June 30, 2016 and 2015, total cost of goods sold from San Andres was \$17,553 or \$938 per oz compared to \$19,286 or \$941 per oz, respectively. For the three months ended June 30, 2016 and 2015, cash operating costs were \$857 per oz and \$857 per oz, respectively, while non-cash depletion and amortization charges were \$81 per oz and \$84 per oz, respectively. There were no write-downs of production inventory to net realizable value for the three months ended June 30, 2016 and 2015.

At Sao Francisco, for the three months ended June 30, 2016 and 2015, total cost of goods sold was \$10,785 or \$955 per oz compared to \$16,661 or \$1,240 per oz, respectively. For the three months ended June 30, 2016 and 2015, cash operating costs were \$954 per oz and \$1,231 per oz, respectively, while non-cash depletion and amortization charges were \$1 per oz and \$9 per oz, respectively. The cash operating costs for the three months ended June 30, 2016 included write downs of \$47 or \$4 per oz to bring production inventory to net realizable value (2015: \$777 and \$58 per oz)

Aranzazu incurred \$417 of care-and-maintenance costs for the three months ended June 30, 2016. For the three months ended June 30, 2015, Aranzazu incurred \$169 of care-and maintenance costs.

*General and administrative costs*

For the three months ended June 30, 2016 and 2015, general and administrative costs include:

<i>(In thousands of dollars)</i>	<b>For the three months ended June 30, 2016</b>	For the three months ended June 30, 2015
Salaries, wages and benefits	\$ 721	\$ 1,337
Professional and consulting fees	279	323
Penalty on overdue taxes	591	-
Directors' fees	185	66
Share-based payment expense	152	47
Amortization	17	60
Other	596	556
	<b>\$ 2,541</b>	<b>\$ 2,389</b>

Salaries, wages and benefits decreased as a result of lower head count at the corporate office. The increase in directors' fees is attributable to the payment of deferred share units to two departing members of the board of directors. The penalty on overdue taxes of \$591 has been accrued in Honduras as a result of a tax assessment. The Company is challenging the assessment.

*Other losses*

For the three months ended June 30, 2016 and 2015, other losses include:

<i>(In thousands of dollars)</i>	<b>For the three months ended June 30, 2016</b>	For the three months ended June 30, 2015
Net (loss) gain on call option and fixed price contracts	\$ (1,104)	\$ 416
Change in fair value of gold loans	(1,551)	(569)
Gain on disposal of assets	-	151
Change in estimates of net smelter royalty payable	(123)	68
Foreign exchange loss	(1,116)	(592)
Other items	(36)	232
	<b>\$ (3,930)</b>	<b>\$ (294)</b>

For the second quarter of 2016, the loss is primarily related to a higher revaluation loss in the fair value of the third gold loan as a result of the overall increase in the gold price, a stronger Brazilian Real against the USD resulting in higher foreign exchange losses, and higher realized and unrealized losses on call options and fixed price contracts. For the three months ended June 30, 2016, the realized losses on the call options and fixed price contracts were \$2,498 and \$474, respectively while the unrealized gains on the call options and unrealized losses on the fixed price contracts were \$2,186 and \$318, respectively. The derivative losses are expected to be non-recurring.

*Finance costs and income taxes*

Total finance costs for the three months ended June 30, 2016 and 2015 were \$604 and \$1,650, respectively. The decrease in finance costs is mainly driven by lower accretion and interest expense (See *Section 8, Liquidity and Capital Resources*, for further information).

The income tax expense for the three months ended June 30, 2016 was \$1,125 consisting of \$1,155 of current income tax expense and \$30 of deferred tax recovery related to San Andres. The income tax recovery for the three months ended June 30, 2015 was \$797 consisting of \$1,259 in current income tax expense and \$2,056 in deferred tax recovery, related to San Andres.

*Other comprehensive (loss) income*

Other comprehensive (loss) income for the three months ended June 30, 2016 and 2015 were a loss of \$57 and an income of \$603 respectively, related to the translation of foreign subsidiaries from their functional currencies into the Company's presentation currency and the recognition of unrealized actuarial gains and losses on post-employment benefits.

**Comparing the six months ended June 30, 2016 to the six months ended June 30, 2015**

For the six months ended June 30, 2016, the Company recorded a loss of \$2,066 which compares to a loss of \$7,430 for the six months ended June 30, 2015.

Details of revenues, cost of goods sold and gross margin (loss) are presented below:

	<b>For the six months ended June 30, 2016</b>	For the six months ended June 30, 2015
Revenues:		
San Andres	\$ 41,213	\$ 49,416
Sao Francisco	30,652	33,546
Aranzazu	-	3,875
	<b>\$ 71,865</b>	<b>\$ 86,837</b>
Cost of Production:		
San Andres	\$ 30,788	\$ 36,378
Sao Francisco	21,825	36,611
Aranzazu	-	7,808
	<b>\$ 52,613</b>	<b>\$ 80,797</b>
Depletion and Amortization:		
San Andres	\$ 3,583	\$ 3,351
Sao Francisco	64	267
	<b>\$ 3,647</b>	<b>\$ 3,618</b>
Gross Margin (Loss):		
San Andres	\$ 6,842	\$ 9,687
Sao Francisco	8,763	(3,332)
Aranzazu	-	(3,933)
	<b>\$ 15,605</b>	<b>\$ 2,422</b>

*Revenues*

Revenues for the six months ended June 30, 2016 decreased by 17% compared to the six months ended June 30, 2015. The decrease in revenues resulted from a 13% decrease in gold sales and a 100% decrease in copper concentrate sales.

The decrease in gold sales is primarily attributable to a 14% decrease in gold sales volumes.

The decrease in copper concentrate net sales is due to the suspension of operation at the Aranzazu mine. Total copper sales revenue of \$3,875 for the six months ended June 30, 2015 at Aranzazu was related to the shipment of 4,270 DMT of copper concentrate. Total concentrate shipment revenues for the six months ended June 30, 2015 were \$908 per DMT.

### *Cost of Goods Sold*

For the six months ended June 30, 2016 and 2015 total cost of goods sold from San Andres was \$34,371 or \$951 per oz compared to \$39,729 or \$914 per oz, respectively. For the six months ended June 30, 2016 and 2015, cash operating costs were \$851 per oz and \$837 per oz, respectively, while non-cash depletion and amortization charges were \$100 per oz and \$77 per oz, respectively. There were no write-downs of production inventory to net realizable value for the six months ended June 30, 2016 and 2015.

At Sao Francisco, for the six months ended June 30, 2016 and 2015, total cost of goods sold was \$21,889 or \$859 per oz compared to \$36,878 or \$1,320 per oz, respectively. For the six months ended June 30, 2016 and 2015, cash operating costs were \$857 per oz and \$1,311 per oz, respectively, while non-cash depletion and amortization charges were \$2 per oz and \$9 per oz, respectively. The cash operating costs for the six months ended June 30, 2016 included a write-down of \$47 or \$2 per oz to bring production inventory to its net realizable value (2015: \$2,370 or \$85 per oz).

Total cost of goods sold from Aranzazu for the six months ended 2015 was \$7,808 or \$1,829 per DMT. For the six months ended June 30, 2015, cash operating costs were \$1,829 per DMT, while non-cash depletion and amortization charges were \$nil for the six months ended June 30, 2015.

### *General and administrative costs*

For the six months ended June 30, 2016 and 2015, general and administrative costs include:

<i>(In thousands of dollars)</i>	<b>For the six months ended June 30, 2016</b>	For the six months ended June 30, 2015
Salaries, wages and benefits	\$ 1,968	\$ 2,302
Professional and consulting fees	817	1,181
Penalty on overdue taxes	591	-
Directors' fees	228	140
Share-based payment expense	191	112
Amortization	63	125
Other	999	1,147
	<b>\$ 4,857</b>	<b>\$ 5,007</b>

Salaries, wages and benefits decreased as a result of lower head count at the corporate office. Professional and consulting fees decreased due to a discontinuation of spending on the NI 43-101 study for Aranzazu. The increase in directors' fees is attributable to the payment of deferred share units to two departing members of the board of directors. The penalty on overdue taxes of \$591 has been accrued in Honduras as a result of a tax assessment. The Company is challenging the assessment. Other expenses for the six months ended June 30, 2016 and 2015 decreased due to a non-recurring legal settlement from 2015 and lower insurance premiums.

### *Other (losses) gains*

For the six months ended June 30, 2016 and 2015, other (losses) gains include:

<i>(In thousands of dollars)</i>	<b>For the six months ended June 30, 2016</b>	For the six months ended June 30, 2015
Net (loss) gain on call option and fixed price contracts	\$ (5,818)	\$ 523
Change in fair value of gold loans	(2,519)	(1,538)
Gain on disposal of assets	1,533	130
Change in estimates of net smelter royalty payable	6	139
Foreign exchange gain	39	1,096
Other items	150	263
	<b>\$ (6,609)</b>	<b>\$ 614</b>

The other (losses) gains increased due to a higher revaluation loss in the fair value of the third gold loan as a result of the overall increase in gold price and higher realized and unrealized losses on call options and fixed price contracts. For the six months ended June 30, 2016, the realized losses on the call options and fixed price contracts were \$2,951 and \$1,753, respectively while the unrealized losses on the call options and fixed price contracts were \$199 and \$915, respectively. The derivative losses are expected to be non-recurring.

### *Finance costs and income taxes*

Total finance costs for the six months ended June 30, 2016 and 2015 were \$1,456 and \$2,500, respectively. The decrease is primarily attributable to lower accretion and interest expense.

The income tax expense for the six months ended June 30, 2016 was \$2,013 consisting of \$1,912 of current income tax expense and \$101 of deferred tax expense related to San Andres. The income tax expense for the six months ended June 30, 2015 was \$2,489 consisting of \$2,914 in current income tax expense, and \$425 of deferred tax recovery, related to San Andres.

### *Other comprehensive loss*

Other comprehensive loss for the six months ended June 30, 2016 and 2015 were \$492 and \$2,548, respectively, related to the translation of foreign subsidiaries from their functional currencies into the Company's presentation currency and the recognition of unrealized actuarial gains and losses on post-employment benefits.

## 7. SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY RESULTS

The following table sets forth selected unaudited interim consolidated financial information for the Company for each of the eight most recently completed quarters.

<i>Fiscal quarter ended</i>	<b>June 30, 2016</b>	March 31, 2016	December 31, 2015	September 30, 2015	June 30, 2015	March 31, 2015	December 31, 2014	September 30, 2014
Revenue	<b>\$36,415</b>	\$35,451	\$37,707	\$41,219	\$38,632	\$48,205	\$58,521	\$76,592
Working capital	<b>(\$4,169)</b>	(\$1,094)	(\$5,408)	(\$2,524)	(\$8,079)	(\$8,372)	(\$4,409)	\$11,030
Property, plant and equipment	<b>\$87,801</b>	\$75,031	\$78,428	\$85,767	\$90,911	\$89,128	\$91,548	\$226,918
Impairment charges <sup>1</sup>	<b>\$0</b>	\$0	(\$8,367)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$137,502)	\$0
(Loss) income for the period	<b>(\$2,048)</b>	(\$18)	(\$11,886)	\$4,837	(\$1,522)	(\$5,908)	(\$138,605)	\$776
(Loss) income per share - basic and diluted	<b>(\$0.01)</b>	(\$0.00)	(\$0.04)	\$0.02	(\$0.01)	(\$0.03)	(\$0.61)	\$0.01
Effective cash operating (loss) income <sup>2</sup>	<b>(\$23)</b>	\$4,785	\$7,203	\$5,493	\$2,873	\$714	(\$574)	\$8,812

(1) For the quarter ended December 31, 2015, the Company recorded impairment charge on the Serrote project. For the quarter ended December 31, 2014, the Company recorded an impairment charge on the Aranzazu mine.

(2) A cautionary note regarding non-GAAP measures is included in Section 16 of this MD&A.

Refer to *Section 8, Liquidity and Capital Resources*, for changes in cash and cash equivalents. For further additional information on period to period variations, see *Section 3, Review of Mining Operations and Development Projects* and *Section 6, Results of Operations*.

## 8. LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

The changes in cash and cash equivalents for the three and six months ended June 30, 2016 and 2015 are presented in the table below:

	<b>For the three months ended June 30, 2016</b>	For the three months ended June 30, 2015	<b>For the six months ended June 30, 2016</b>	For the six months ended June 30, 2015
Cash flow (used) generated by operating activities	\$ (56)	\$ 9,445	\$ 2,408	\$ 10,472
Cash flow used by investing activities	(1,012)	(3,644)	(1,203)	(7,712)
Cash flow used by financing activities	(1,469)	(2,259)	(446)	(5,983)
(Decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	\$ (2,537)	\$ 3,542	\$ 759	\$ (3,223)

Capital expenditures during the three months ended June 30, 2016 and 2015 were \$352 and \$3,406, respectively, for the development and infrastructure at San Andres.

On March 2, 2016, the Company obtained a \$12,325 gold loan (the "Gold Loan") from Auramet International LLC ("Auramet"). The proceeds of the Gold Loan were partially used for the repayment of the remaining balance of the high-interest bearing, Real-denominated Itau Bridge Loan to crystallize the exchange gains from a weaker Real in the first quarter of 2016 as well as for additional working capital requirements. The Gold Loan is to be repaid in 68 weekly instalments of 176.5 ounces of gold, with payments commencing on May 3, 2016. Similar to the previous gold loans, the Gold Loan may be repaid at any time with no early repayment penalties.

On June 9, 2015, the Company completed a non-brokered private placement of 57,009,346 common shares at a price of \$0.107 per share, representing a premium of approximately 15% to the five day volume weighted average price (VWAP) of the common shares as of May 27, 2015 (date the placement was announced). The Company received gross proceeds of \$4,940 (C\$6,100) from the private placement.

Cash flow used by financing activities for the three months ended June 30, 2016 include a \$2,238 repayment on the Gold Loan, a \$230 repayment on the short-term promissory note at San Andres, and a settlement of royalty

liabilities of \$484, offset by a decrease of \$1,548 in margin deposit related to the settlement of call options during the period.

The Company has experienced recurring operating losses and has an accumulated deficit of \$539,503 at June 30, 2016. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2016, the Company incurred a net loss of \$2,048 and \$2,066, respectively. Based on the Company's current cash flow forecasts, which reflect current commodity prices, the Company presently does not have sufficient funds or working capital for any further expansion activities without refinancing or obtaining additional financing. The Company's Aranzazu Mine filed for administrative proceedings in the first quarter of 2015. Management has been informed that the administrative process in Mexico is similar in structure to that pertaining to Canada.

These factors may lend significant doubt to the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. The Company's continued operation is dependent upon its ability to generate funding internally from its operations, refinance its current funding or raise additional funding to meet its obligations. Although management is confident that the Company will be able to generate funding internally from its operations, refinance its current funding or raise additional financing, there are no assurances that the Company will be successful.

## **9. CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS**

For the three and six months June 30, 2016 and as at the date of this MD&A, the Company has not entered into any contractual obligations that are outside of the ordinary course of business.

## **10. OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS**

The Company has no off-balance sheet arrangements as of June 30, 2016 other than certain royalty obligations in respect of Aranzazu, the Serrote Project and the EPP Project. Refer to *Section 4, The Acquisition of EPP Project*.

## **11. TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES**

On January 1, 2015, the Company entered into a consulting agreement to provide management services with Acumen Capital, LLC ("Acumen"), a US based company located in Texas, which is controlled by the Company's Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") to provide the services of CEO to the Company.

For the three and six months ended June 30, 2016, the Company paid consulting fees to Acumen of \$41 and \$221 (2015: \$124 and \$416). As at June 30, 2016, the Company owed \$337 (December 31, 2015: \$300) to Acumen.

As of May 1, 2016, the Company terminated the consulting agreement with Acumen and the Company's CEO became an employee of the Company.

## **12. CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

### **a) Accounting standards issued but not yet adopted**

Unless otherwise noted, the following revised standards and amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2016, with earlier application permitted. The Company reviewed the new and revised accounting pronouncements that have been issued but are not yet effective and determined that the following may have an impact on the Company:

IFRS 16, Leases

On January 13, 2016, the IASB published a new Standard, IFRS 16, Leases ("IFRS 16"). The new standard brings most leases onto the balance sheet for lessees under a single model, eliminating the distinction between operating and finance leases. Lessor accounting however remains largely unchanged and the distinction between operating

and finance leases is retained. IFRS 16 is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2019. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of IFRS 16 on its consolidated financial statements.

#### IFRS 15, Revenue from Contracts and Customers

IFRS 15, Revenue from Contracts and Customers (“IFRS 15”) was issued by the IASB on May 28, 2014, and will replace IAS 18, Revenue, IAS 11, Construction Contracts, and related interpretations on revenue. IFRS 15 sets out the requirements for recognizing revenues that apply to all contracts with customers, except for contracts that are within the scope of the Standards on leases, insurance contracts and financial instruments. IFRS 15 uses a control based approach to recognize revenue which is a change from the risk and reward approach under the current standard. Companies can elect to use either a full or modified retrospective approach when adopting this standard and it is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2018. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of IFRS 15 on its consolidated financial statements.

#### IFRS 9, Financial Instruments

The final version of IFRS 9, Financial Instruments (“IFRS 9”), was issued by the IASB in July 2014 and will replace IAS 39, Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement. IFRS 9 introduces a model for classification and measurement, a single, forward-looking “expected loss” impairment model and a substantially reformed approach to hedge accounting. The new single, principle based approach for determining the classification of financial assets is driven by cash flow characteristics and the business model in which an asset is held. The new model also results in a single impairment model being applied to all financial instruments, which will require more timely recognition of expected credit losses. It also includes changes in respect of own credit risk in measuring liabilities elected to be measured at fair value, so that gains caused by the deterioration of an entity’s own credit risk on such liabilities are no longer recognized in profit and loss. IFRS 9 is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2018, however it is available for early adoption. In addition, the own credit risk changes can be early adopted in isolation without otherwise changing the accounting for the financial instruments. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of IFRS 9 on its consolidated financial statements.

### **13. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES**

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements requires management to make estimates and judgements and to form assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent liabilities. Management’s estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors that management believes to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The Company has identified the following critical accounting policies under which significant judgements, estimates and assumptions are made and where actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions and conditions and may materially affect financial results or the Company’s consolidated statements of financial position reported in future periods.

#### **a) Determination of Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves**

The Company determines mineral resources and reserves under the principles incorporated in the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum standards for mineral reserves and resources, known as the CIM Standards. The information is regularly compiled by Qualified Persons and reported under NI 43-101. Mineral reserves and resources determined in this way are used in the calculation of depletion expense, assessment of

impairment charges and the carrying values of assets, and for forecasting the timing of the payment of mine closure and restoration costs.

There are numerous uncertainties inherent in estimating mineral resources and reserves, and assumptions that are valid at the time of estimation may change significantly when new information becomes available. Changes in the forecast prices of commodities, exchange rates, production costs or recovery rates may change the economic status of reserves and resources and may, ultimately, result in reserves and resources being restated.

#### **b) Impairment of assets**

In accordance with the Company's accounting policy, each asset or CGU is evaluated at each reporting date to determine whether there are any indications of impairment. If any such indication exists, a formal estimate of recoverable amount is performed and an impairment loss is recognized to the extent that the carrying amount exceeds the recoverable amount. The recoverable amount of an asset or cash generating unit ("CGU") is measured at the higher of fair value less cost of disposal ("FVLCD") or value in use ("VIU").

The determination of FVLCD and VIU requires management to make estimates and assumptions about expected production and sales volumes, metals prices, reserves, operating costs, mine closure and restoration costs, future capital expenditures and appropriate discount rates for future cash flows. The estimates and assumptions are subject to risk and uncertainty, and as such there is the possibility that changes in circumstances will alter these projections, which may impact the recoverable amount of the assets. In such circumstances, some or all of the carrying value of the assets may be further impaired or the impairment charge reduced with the impact recorded in the consolidated statements of loss.

#### *Serrote Impairment - 2015*

During the year ended December 31, 2015, the Company was unable to raise additional financing to maintain the ongoing development status or to fund the construction of the Serrote Project and made the decision to suspend the development of the Serrote Project and place it on care-and-maintenance with a minimal monthly spend for security, administration, site maintenance and the annual costs of permits and licenses. As a result, the 2016 budget has been significantly reduced, with a focus on preserving both the optionality and integrity of the Serrote Project. The Company will continue its activities to protect the asset and assess alternative methods to further develop the project in a more economic manner; however management's expectations of achieving a suitable return on further substantial investment on the Serrote Project in the current metal pricing environment remain diminished.

The foregoing developments were deemed to be indicators of impairment. The Company has conducted an impairment analysis whereby the carrying values of the property, plant and equipment, including mineral properties, of the Serrote Project were compared to their fair values using the FVLCD methodology which was determined to be greater than the VIU.

The FVLCD for the Serrote Project was determined by considering observable market values over the past two years for entities with comparable assets being expressed as US dollars per pound of proven and probable reserves and resources (level 3 of the fair value hierarchy) and determined the market values were within a range of \$0.02 to \$0.03 per pound of economic resource. The Company has used the lower range of the observable market values of \$0.02 per pound of economic resource as the cash flows for Serrote Project have significant uncertainty with respect to their financing, the timeline for the project and the estimated remaining construction costs in the current metal pricing environment. The observable market values have been adjusted, where appropriate, for country risk if the comparable asset was in a different country and any significant change in the copper metal

pricing environment since the valuation date of the comparable asset. An estimate for costs of disposal has been calculated based on the Company's own experience.

The Company's FVLCD analysis has concluded that the long-lived assets of the Serrote Project are impaired as at December 31, 2015 and, as a result, the Company recorded an impairment charge of \$8,367 on the property, plant and equipment, which has resulted in a reduction in the value of the mineral properties of \$3,689 and a reduction in the value of plant and equipment of \$4,678.

Sensitivity analyses to the assumptions which have the most significant impact on the impairment charge were also performed. Certain scenarios were reviewed where key inputs were changed: market values (+/-5%) and the economic resource base (+/-10%). An increase or decrease in market values by 5% would change the impairment charge by \$831. An increase or decrease of 10% in the economic resource base would change the impairment charge by \$1,662.

As at June 30, 2016, the impairment indicators did not change significantly. Therefore, no reversals of previously recorded impairments have been recorded.

#### *Aranzazu Impairment - 2014*

In December 2014, the Company completed an optimization study for the Aranzazu Mine with the goal of identifying an operating model that would improve the project economics and eliminate the risk by reducing both costs of production and capital expenditures and increasing production in order to generate a short-term return on our investment. The study was unable to identify an operating alternative that provided a short-term positive return on Aranzazu in the absence of available additional financing to maintain or expand the operation and therefore the Company made the decision to suspend the operation and place it on care-and-maintenance. As a result, the budget for the year ending December 31, 2015 was significantly reduced, with a focus on preserving both the optionality and integrity of Aranzazu. The Company will continue activities to protect the asset and assess alternative methods to develop the project in a more economic manner; however management's expectation of achieving a suitable return on investment in the current metal pricing environment remains diminished.

The foregoing developments were deemed to be indicators of impairment. The Company conducted an impairment analysis whereby the carrying values of the property, plant and equipment, including mineral properties, of the Aranzazu Mine were compared to the mine's recoverable amount using the VIU methodology, which was determined to be greater than the FVLCD. The estimated future cash flows utilized in the VIU cash flow models incorporated the Company's best estimates of future metals production based on new mine plans developed, consensus metal pricing, estimates of operating costs, capital expenditures and residual values and fluctuations in the exchange rates between the United States dollar and the Mexican peso. The Company utilized a mill recovery for copper of 84%, a copper price of \$2.82 per pound and a gold price of \$1,186 per ounce over the remaining ten (10) economic years of the Aranzazu life-of-mine and discounted these cash flows using a 15% discount rate, which was based on the Company's tax effected weighted average cost of capital, in order to obtain the estimated fair value of the Aranzazu Mine. The Company's estimate of future cash flows is subject to risks and uncertainties and therefore could change in the future if the underlying assumptions change. Such changes could be material.

The Company's analysis concluded that certain assets of the Aranzazu Mine were impaired as at December 31, 2014 and, as a result, the Company recorded an impairment charge of \$137,502 on the inventory, property, plant and equipment of the Aranzazu mine. This impairment charge resulted in a reduction in the value of parts and supplies inventory (\$8,181), mineral properties (\$90,210) and plant and equipment (\$39,111). The net impairment charge after a deferred income tax recovery of \$22,919 was \$114,583.

Sensitivity analyses to factors which have the most significant impact on the impairment test were also performed. Certain scenarios were reviewed where key inputs were changed: copper price (+/- 5%) and the discount rate (+/- 1%). An increase in the copper price by 5% would have resulted in a decrease in the impairment charge of \$4,414 while a decrease in the copper price by 5% would have resulted in an increase to the impairment charge by \$4,414. An increase or decrease of 1% in the discount rate utilized would have changed the impairment charge by \$906 and \$982, respectively, due to the timing of the estimated cash flows.

As at June 30, 2016, the consensus copper price and other impairment indicators did not change significantly. Therefore, no reversals of previously recorded impairments have been recorded.

**c) Valuation of work-in-process inventory**

Leach pad inventory is comprised of ore that has been extracted from the mine and placed on the heap leach pad for further processing. Costs are added to leach pad inventory based on current mining costs and are removed from leach pad inventory as gold ounces are recovered in the plant, based on the average cost per recoverable ounce on the heap leach pad. The quantity of recoverable gold in process is an engineering estimate which is based on the expected grade and recovery of gold from the ore placed on the leach pad. The nature of the leaching process inherently limits the ability to precisely monitor inventory levels. However, the estimate of recoverable gold placed on the leach pad is reconciled to actual gold production and the engineering estimates will be refined based on actual results over time. The ultimate recovery of gold from each heap leach pad will not be known until the leaching process is concluded.

Ore in stockpiles is comprised of ore extracted from the mine and available for further processing. Costs are added to ore in stockpiles at the current mining cost and are removed at the accumulated average cost per tonne.

**d) Deferral of stripping costs**

In determining whether stripping costs incurred during the production phase of a mining property relate to mineral reserves and mineral resources that will be mined in a future period and therefore should be capitalized, the Company determines whether it is probable that the future economic benefit associated with the stripping activity will flow to the Company.

**e) Provisions for mine closure and restoration**

The amounts recorded for mine closure and restoration obligations are based on estimates prepared by third party environmental specialists, if available, in the jurisdictions in which the Company operates or by environmental specialists within the Company. These estimates are based on remediation activities that are required by environmental laws, the expected timing of cash flows, and the pre-tax risk free interest rates on which the estimated cash flows have been discounted. These estimates also include an assumption on the rate at which the costs may inflate in future periods. Actual results could differ from these estimates. The estimates on which these fair values are calculated require extensive judgment about the nature, cost and timing of the work to be completed, and may change with future changes to costs, environmental laws and regulations and remediation practices.

**14. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

The Company's Board and its committees substantially follow the recommended corporate governance guidelines for public companies to ensure transparency and accountability to shareholders. As at August 10, 2016, the current Board is comprised of five individuals, four of whom are neither executive officers nor employees of the Company and are unrelated in that they are independent of management. The Audit Committee is currently comprised of three directors, two of whom are independent of management.

The Audit Committee fulfills its role of ensuring the integrity of the reported information through its review of the interim and audited annual consolidated financial statements prior to their submission to the Board for approval. The Audit Committee meets with management quarterly to review the consolidated financial statements including the MD&A and to discuss other financial, operating and internal control matters. The Company also retains external auditors to audit its annual consolidated financial statements.

## 15. DISCLOSURE CONTROLS AND INTERNAL CONTROLS OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

The Company's management is responsible for designing and maintaining adequate internal controls over financial reporting ("ICFR"), under the supervision of the CEO and CFO, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with IFRS. Management is also responsible for the design and effectiveness of disclosure controls and procedures ("DC&P"), under the supervision of the CEO and CFO, to provide reasonable assurance that material information related to the Company is made known to the Company's certifying officers. Based on a review of the ICFR and DC&P as of June 30, 2016 and ongoing review and monitoring of these procedures, and as there were no changes in ICFR or DC&P as of June 30, 2016 which have materially affected or are reasonably likely to materially affect ICFR or DC&P, management of the Company believes its internal controls and procedures are appropriately designed and effective in providing reasonable assurance that financial information is recorded, processed, summarized and reported in a timely manner, and that material information relating to the Company is made known to them.

## 16. NON-GAAP PERFORMANCE MEASURES

In this MD&A, the Company has included the average cash cost per oz of gold, average cash cost per pound of copper, effective cash operating (loss) income, and realized average gold price per oz - net which are non-GAAP performance measures. These non-GAAP measures do not have any standardized meaning within IFRS and therefore may not be comparable to similar measures presented by other companies. The Company believes that these measures provide investors with additional information which is useful in evaluating the Company's performance and should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for measures of performance prepared in accordance with IFRS.

Average cash cost per oz of gold or per pound of copper is presented as it represents an industry standard method of comparing certain costs on a per unit basis. Total cash cost of gold produced includes on-site mining, processing, administration costs, off-site refining and royalty charges, reduced by silver by-product credits, but excludes amortization, reclamation, and exploration costs, as well as capital expenditures. Total cash cost of gold produced is divided by oz produced to arrive at cash cost per oz. Similarly, total cash cost of copper produced includes the above costs, and is net of gold and silver by-products, but includes offsite treatment and refining charges. Total cash cost of copper produced is divided by pounds of copper produced to arrive at an average cash cost per pound.

The following table provides a reconciliation from the consolidated financial statements to average cash cost per oz of gold produced:

<i>(In thousands of dollars except for ounces of gold produced and average cash cost per ounce)</i>	<b>For the three months ended June 30, 2016</b>	For the three months ended June 30, 2015	<b>For the six months ended June 30, 2016</b>	For the six months ended June 30, 2015
Cost of goods sold	\$ 28,338	\$ 35,947	\$ 56,260	\$ 76,607
Less: Depletion and amortization	(1,531)	(1,838)	(3,647)	(3,618)
Inventory movements and adjustments	(2,873)	(3,246)	(542)	(4,421)
Total cash cost	\$ 23,934	\$ 30,863	\$ 52,071	\$ 68,568
Gold ounces produced	26,100	33,616	60,158	71,564
Average cash cost per ounce of gold produced	\$ 917	\$ 918	\$ 866	\$ 958

The following table provides a reconciliation from the consolidated financial statements to the average cash cost per pound of copper produced:

<i>(In thousands of dollars except for pounds of contained copper produced and average cash cost per pound of copper produced)</i>	<b>For the three months ended June 30, 2016</b>	For the three months ended June 30, 2015	<b>For the six months ended June 30, 2016</b>	For the six months ended June 30, 2015
Cost of goods sold	\$ -	\$ 355	\$ -	\$ 7,808
Less: Depletion and amortization	-	-	-	-
Inventory movements and adjustments	-	(355)	-	1,607
Cash production costs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,415
Less: Estimated by-product credits	-	-	-	(2,199)
Plus: Estimated selling costs	-	-	-	(2,501)
Total cash costs net of by-product credits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,715
Contained copper pounds produced	-	-	-	1,205,983
Average cash cost per pound of copper produced	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3.91

Effective cash operating (loss) income is the term the Company uses to describe the cash that is generated from its gold operations, net of corporate costs, local taxes and royalties and adjusted for realized losses from derivative instruments and gold loan repayments. It excludes depletion and amortization, inventory write-downs and impairment charges. Other non-cash items are deemed to be immaterial. Aranzazu's financial results have been excluded from the quarterly comparative numbers as the project is under care-and-maintenance. Capital expenditure, working capital movements and income taxes paid are also excluded from the calculation of effective cash operating (loss) income.

Realized average gold price per oz - net is the term the Company uses to describe the realized revenue per ounce of gold after determining the per oz impact of local taxes and royalties, realized losses from derivative instruments and gold loan repayments. It is calculated in the following tables.

The following tables reconcile the consolidated financial statements to the effective cash operating (loss) income for the each of the eight most recently completed quarters:

	Q2 2016		Q1 2016		Q4 2015		Q3 2015	
	Per oz sold	Per oz sold						
<b>Ounces sold</b>	<b>30,010</b>		<b>31,621</b>		<b>35,195</b>		<b>37,943</b>	
Revenue	\$ 37,626	\$ 1,254	\$ 36,743	\$ 1,162	\$ 38,987	\$ 1,108	\$ 42,785	\$ 1,128
Local taxes and royalties	(1,211)	(40)	(1,292)	(41)	(1,280)	(36)	(1,566)	(41)
<i>Net revenues before realized losses and gold loan repayments</i>	<i>36,415</i>	<i>1,213</i>	<i>35,451</i>	<i>1,121</i>	<i>37,707</i>	<i>1,071</i>	<i>41,219</i>	<i>1,086</i>
Realized (loss) gain from fixed price contracts	(474)	(16)	(1,279)	(40)	330	9	723	19
Realized loss from call options contracts	(2,498)	(83)	(453)	(14)	-	-	-	-
Gold loan repayments	(2,238)	(75)	-	-	(3,086)	(88)	(3,743)	(99)
<b>Net revenues after realized losses and gold loan repayments</b>	<b>\$ 31,205</b>	<b>\$ 1,040</b>	<b>\$ 33,719</b>	<b>\$ 1,066</b>	<b>\$ 34,951</b>	<b>993</b>	<b>\$ 38,199</b>	<b>\$ 1,007</b>
Direct mine and mill costs	(26,760)	(892)	(25,806)	(816)	(25,619)	(728)	(30,467)	(803)
Depletion and amortization	(1,531)	(51)	(2,116)	(67)	(1,662)	(47)	(1,253)	(33)
Inventory write-down	(47)	(2)	-	-	(3,457)	(98)	(4,190)	(110)
<b>Cost of goods sold</b>	<b>\$ (28,338)</b>	<b>\$ (945)</b>	<b>\$ (27,922)</b>	<b>\$ (883)</b>	<b>\$ (30,738)</b>	<b>\$ (873)</b>	<b>\$ (35,910)</b>	<b>\$ (946)</b>
<b>Effective gross margin</b>	<b>\$ 2,867</b>	<b>\$ 95</b>	<b>\$ 5,797</b>	<b>\$ 183</b>	<b>\$ 4,213</b>	<b>\$ 120</b>	<b>\$ 2,289</b>	<b>\$ 60</b>
General and administrative expenses	(2,541)	(85)	(2,316)	(73)	(1,740)	(49)	(1,675)	(44)
Care and maintenance	(1,817)	(61)	(718)	(23)	(290)	(8)	(332)	(9)
Exploration	(109)	(3)	(94)	(3)	(99)	(3)	(232)	(6)
Impairment charges	-	-	-	-	(8,367)	(238)	-	-
<b>Effective operating (loss) income</b>	<b>\$ (1,601)</b>	<b>\$ (53)</b>	<b>\$ 2,669</b>	<b>\$ 84</b>	<b>\$ (6,283)</b>	<b>\$ (179)</b>	<b>\$ 50</b>	<b>\$ 1</b>
<b>Add back:</b>								
Depletion and amortization	1,531	51	2,116	67	1,662	47	1,253	33
Inventory write-down	47	2	-	-	3,457	98	4,190	110
Impairment charges	-	-	-	-	8,367	238	-	-
<b>Effective cash operating (loss) income</b>	<b>\$ (23)</b>	<b>\$ (1)</b>	<b>\$ 4,785</b>	<b>\$ 151</b>	<b>\$ 7,203</b>	<b>\$ 205</b>	<b>\$ 5,493</b>	<b>\$ 145</b>

	Q2 2015		Q1 2015		Q4 2014		Q3 2014	
	Per oz sold	Per oz sold	Per oz sold	Per oz sold	Per oz sold	Per oz sold	Per oz sold	Per oz sold
<b>Ounces sold</b>	<b>33,934</b>		<b>37,450</b>		<b>42,503</b>		<b>52,408</b>	
Revenue	\$ 40,426	\$ 1,191	\$ 45,654	\$ 1,219	\$ 51,144	\$ 1,203	\$ 67,453	\$ 1,287
Local taxes and royalties	(1,794)	(53)	(1,777)	(47)	(1,724)	(41)	(2,000)	(38)
<i>Net revenues before realized losses and gold loan repayments</i>	<i>38,632</i>	<i>1,138</i>	<i>43,877</i>	<i>1,172</i>	<i>49,420</i>	<i>1,163</i>	<i>65,453</i>	<i>1,249</i>
Realized gain (loss) from fixed price contracts	711	21	(290)	(8)	278	7	1,439	27
Realized loss from call options contracts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gold loan repayments	(2,895)	(85)	(2,910)	(78)	(3,828)	(90)	(7,598)	(145)
<b>Net revenues after realized losses and gold loan repayments</b>	<b>\$ 36,447</b>	<b>\$ 1,074</b>	<b>\$ 40,677</b>	<b>\$ 1,086</b>	<b>\$ 45,870</b>	<b>\$ 1,079</b>	<b>\$ 59,294</b>	<b>\$ 1,131</b>
Direct mine and mill costs	(30,863)	(910)	(37,198)	(993)	(42,734)	(1,005)	(46,990)	(897)
Depletion and amortization	(1,838)	(54)	(1,780)	(48)	(3,881)	(91)	(2,438)	(46)
Inventory write-down	(3,246)	(96)	(1,682)	(45)	(1,334)	(31)	(2,370)	(45)
<b>Cost of goods sold</b>	<b>\$ (35,947)</b>	<b>\$ (1,059)</b>	<b>\$ (40,660)</b>	<b>\$ (1,086)</b>	<b>\$ (47,949)</b>	<b>\$ (1,128)</b>	<b>\$ (51,798)</b>	<b>\$ (988)</b>
<b>Effective gross margin (loss)</b>	<b>\$ 500</b>	<b>\$ 15</b>	<b>\$ 17</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ (2,079)</b>	<b>\$ (49)</b>	<b>\$ 7,496</b>	<b>\$ 143</b>
General and administrative expenses	(2,389)	(70)	(2,618)	(70)	(3,601)	(85)	(3,391)	(65)
Care and maintenance	(169)	(5)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Exploration	(153)	(5)	(147)	(4)	(109)	(3)	(101)	(2)
Impairment charges	-	-	-	-	(137,507)	(3,235)	-	-
<b>Effective operating (loss) income</b>	<b>\$ (2,211)</b>	<b>\$ (65)</b>	<b>\$ (2,748)</b>	<b>\$ (74)</b>	<b>\$ (143,296)</b>	<b>\$ (3,371)</b>	<b>\$ 4,004</b>	<b>\$ 76</b>
<b>Add back:</b>								
Depletion and amortization	1,838	54	1,780	48	3,881	91	2,438	46
Inventory write-down	3,246	96	1,682	45	1,334	31	2,370	45
Impairment charges	-	-	-	-	137,507	3,235	-	-
<b>Effective cash operating income (loss)</b>	<b>\$ 2,873</b>	<b>\$ 85</b>	<b>\$ 714</b>	<b>\$ 18</b>	<b>\$ (574)</b>	<b>\$ (14)</b>	<b>\$ 8,812</b>	<b>\$ 168</b>

The following table reconciles the consolidated financial statements to the effective cash operating income for the six months ended June 30, 2016 and 2015:

	For the six month ended June 30, 2016		For the six month ended June 30, 2015	
	Per oz sold		Per oz sold	
<b>Ounces sold</b>		<b>61,631</b>		<b>71,384</b>
Revenue	\$	74,369	\$	86,080
Local taxes and royalties		(2,503)		(3,571)
<i>Net revenues before realized losses and gold loan repayments</i>		<i>71,866</i>		<i>82,509</i>
Realized (loss) gain from fixed price contracts		(1,753)		421
Realized loss from call options contracts		(2,951)		-
Gold loan repayments		(2,238)		(5,806)
<b><i>Net revenues after realized losses and gold loan repayments</i></b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>64,924</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>77,124</b>
Direct mine and mill costs		(52,566)		(68,061)
Depletion and amortization		(3,647)		(3,618)
Inventory write-down		(47)		(4,928)
<b>Cost of goods sold</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(56,260)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(76,607)</b>
<b><i>Effective gross margin</i></b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>8,664</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>517</b>
General and administrative expenses		(4,857)		(5,007)
Care and maintenance		(2,535)		(169)
Exploration		(203)		(300)
Impairment charges		-		-
<b><i>Effective operating income (loss)</i></b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,069</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(4,959)</b>
<b>Add back:</b>				
Depletion and amortization		3,647		3,618
Inventory write-down		47		4,928
Impairment charges		-		-
<b><i>Effective cash operating income</i></b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,763</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,587</b>

## 17. RISK FACTORS

The operations of the Company contain significant risk due to the nature of mining, exploration and development activities. For details of these risks, please refer to the risk factors set forth in the Company's AIF which could materially affect the Company's future operating results and could cause actual events to differ materially from those described in forward-looking statements relating to the Company.

## 18. DISCLOSURE OF SHARE DATA

As at August 10, 2016, the Company had the following outstanding: 290,770,273 common shares, 13,840,289 stock options, 8,000,000 warrants and 486,989 restricted share units.

## 19. CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION

This MD&A, and the documents incorporated by reference, contain certain "forward-looking information" and "forward-looking statements", as defined in applicable securities laws (collectively, "forward-looking statements"). All statements other than statements of historical fact are forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements relate to future events or future performance and reflect the Company's current estimates, predictions, expectations or beliefs regarding future events and include, without limitation, statements with respect to: the economic viability of a project; strategic plans, including the Company's plans with respect to its San Andres Mine, Sao Francisco Mine, EPP project and Aranzazu and Serrote development projects; the amount of mineral reserves and mineral resources; the amount of future production over any period; the amount of waste tonnes mined; the amount of mining and haulage costs; cash costs; operating costs; strip ratios and mining rates; expected grades and ounces of metals and minerals; expected processing recoveries; expected time frames; prices of metals and minerals; mine life; and gold hedge programs. Often, but not always, forward-looking statements

may be identified by the use of words such as “expects”, “anticipates”, “plans”, “projects”, “estimates”, “assumes”, “intends”, “strategy”, “goals”, “objectives” or variations thereof or stating that certain actions, events or results “may”, “could”, “would”, “might” or “will” be taken, occur or be achieved, or the negative of any of these terms and similar expressions.

Forward-looking statements are necessarily based upon a number of estimates and assumptions that, while considered reasonable by the Company, are inherently subject to significant business, economic and competitive uncertainties and contingencies. Forward-looking statements in this MD&A are based upon, without limitation, the following estimates and assumptions: the presence of and continuity of metals at the Company’s projects at modeled grades; gold and copper price volatility; the capacities of various machinery and equipment; the availability of personnel, machinery and equipment at estimated prices; exchange rates; metals and minerals sales prices; appropriate discount rates; tax rates and royalty rates applicable to the mining operations; cash costs; anticipated mining losses and dilution; metals recovery rates, reasonable contingency requirements; our expected ability to develop adequate infrastructure and that the cost of doing so will be reasonable; our expected ability to develop our projects including financing such projects; and receipt of regulatory approvals on acceptable terms.

Known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors, many of which are beyond the Company’s ability to predict or control could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in the forward-looking statements. Specific reference is made to the Company’s most recent AIF for a discussion of some of the factors underlying forward-looking statements, which include, without limitation, gold and copper or certain other commodity price volatility, changes in debt and equity markets, the uncertainties involved in interpreting geological data, increases in costs, environmental compliance and changes in environmental legislation and regulation, interest rate and exchange rate fluctuations, general economic conditions, political stability and other risks involved in the mineral exploration and development industry. Readers are cautioned that the foregoing list of factors is not exhaustive of the factors that may affect the forward-looking statements.

All forward-looking statements herein are qualified by this cautionary statement. Accordingly, readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. The Company undertakes no obligation to update publicly or otherwise revise any forward-looking statements whether as a result of new information or future events or otherwise, except as may be required by law. If the Company does update one or more forward-looking statements, no inference should be drawn that it will make additional updates with respect to those or other forward-looking statements.