

## FORM 51-102F1 MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR FREEGOLD VENTURES LIMITED

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This discussion contains certain forward-looking information and is expressly qualified by the cautionary statement at the end of this <u>Management's Discussion and Analysis</u> ("MD&A").

# INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS

The 2024 and 2023 information set forth in this document should be read in conjunction with the condensed unaudited interim financial statements and related notes, prepared in accordance with IFRS, for the nine-month periods ended September 30, 2024 and 2023.

# **PRESENTATION CURRENCY**

The condensed consolidated interim financial statements are presented in United States Dollars ("U.S. Dollars"), unless otherwise specified. The functional currency of Freegold is Canadian Dollars. However, the functional currency of the Company's foreign subsidiaries is the U.S. Dollar. Accordingly, the condensed consolidated interim financial statements are presented in U.S. Dollars. Unless otherwise noted, all currency amounts presented in this MD&A are stated in U.S. Dollars.

# BUSINESS OF FREEGOLD

Freegold is an exploration stage company engaged in the acquisition, exploration and evaluation of mineral properties of merit with the aim of developing them to a stage where they can be exploited at a profit or to arrange joint ventures whereby other companies provide funding for development and exploitation. The Company was incorporated in 1985 and is listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol "FVL" and on the OTCQX Best Market, the top tier of the OTC Markets in the U.S. under the symbol "FGOVF". As of November 7, 2024, the Company had 466,673,770 shares outstanding. The Company has its registered corporate office in Vancouver, Canada.

## **REVIEW OF EXPLORATION PROJECTS**

The Company continues to focus its exploration activities in Alaska on its Golden Summit and Shorty Creek Projects.

## GOLDEN SUMMIT

The Golden Summit Project (the "Project") is a road-accessible gold exploration project near Fairbanks, Alaska. The Project consists of several long-term leases ("Keystone Claims", "Newsboy Claims", "Green Claims", and "Alaska Mental Health Trust Property") and claims and lands owned by Freegold. The Project is subject to various fixed and sliding net smelter return royalties ("NSRs") ranging from 1% to 5%, depending on the price of gold. The Project is also subject to various payments and annual work commitments.

Freegold has been exploring the Project intermittently since 1992. Exploration activities have included ground and airborne geophysics, rock, soil and trench sampling and drilling (reverse circulation, rotary air blast and core). The Project is host to several high-grade historical gold mines as well as significant historical placer gold production. It is estimated that some 6.75 million ounces of placer gold have been recovered from the streams that drain the Golden Summit Project area.

The Property is comprised of 53 patented claims, 107 unpatented federal claims, and 241 State of Alaska claims. Leases owned by the State of Alaska Mental Health Trust comprise 1,373 ha, bringing the total acreage to 15,098.6 ha. The Property is situated in Township 2N and 3N, Ranges 1E, 2E, and 3E of the Fairbanks Meridian, centered at approximately 479250 E, 7215464 N (UTM Zone 6 NAD 27 Alaska).

On February 22, 2024, the Company announced that it exercised its right to purchase the state and federal mining claims that have previously been subject to a 20-year lease on what is known as the Tolovana Gold Property in Alaska by making a payment of US\$655,260. A third party leased the Tolovana Gold Property and later assigned it to Freegold, which assumed all the Seller's obligations under the lease, including annual lease payments. The property was subject to a sliding scale NSR under the lease. The Tolovana exercise eliminates the NSR under the lease and further solidifies Freegold's land position.

On October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024 the Company filed the technical report on the Project entitled NI 43-101 Technical Report Golden Summit Project Updated Mineral Resource Estimate, Fairbanks North Star Borough, Alaska USA and dated October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024 (with an effective date of September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, which was prepared by Tetra Tech, Canada and is available under the Company's profile on SEDAR+ (www.sedarplus.ca).

## **Current Status**

The Company completed the 2023 drill program at the Golden Summit Project between March and November 2023; approximately 26,000 metres were drilled in 44 holes. The program had several objectives:

- Delineation of the Cleary-Dolphin mineralization up dip to the north;
- Step-out drilling west of the Cleary-Dolphin mineralization to test the potential for higher grade gold mineralization closer to surface; and
- Reconnaissance drilling of the Saddle Zone located 4 km to the east of the Dolphin-Cleary resource.

Results from drilling in the western zone completed in 2023 continued to reinforce the concept of the potential of additional higher-grade mineralization to the west of the current resource. The

Saddle Zone drilling completed in 2023 demonstrates the potential for additional mineralization on the Golden Summit Project. Saddle Zone mineralization occurs primarily as discrete veins and lacks the large envelope of disseminated and replacement mineralization as seen at the Dolphin-Cleary Zone.

Drilling completed at and west of the Cleary-Dolphin zone in 2023 was incorporated into an updated mineral resource estimate.

The 2024 exploration program was expanded to complete an additional 10,000 metres of diamond drilling. To date, 34 holes (21,551 metres) have been completed and 3 more holes are in progress. Emphasis is being placed on the potential to the west of the Dolphin-Cleary resource in an area west of Willow Creek to test a large-scale gold-in-soil anomaly and infill drilling on the current resource. The Company updated its mineral resource estimate in September 2024 to include the results of the 2023 drilling as well as the first two holes from the 2024 program. Four large diameter (PQ) metallurgical holes were completed and samples from these holes are currently undergoing test work at BaseMet's facility in Kamloops, BC. Baseline archaeological and cultural resource work is ongoing.

The following table describes the Company's current significant business objective as well as the steps required to take the project to the next stage.

Business Objective	Significant event to achieve	Expected period for	Cost related to
	business objective	event to occur	each event
Test for expansion of the resource at the Golden Summit Project.	Additional drilling to test for potentially higher-grade mineralization to the west of the current resource.	Expected to be completed within twelve months.	\$[8,650,000] <sup>1</sup>

Note:

1. Management's estimate of exploration costs, which depend on a variety of factors including results of drilling.

On June 12, 2024, the Company reported encouraging metallurgical results, based on results from eight composite samples. An average gold recovery of 77% was obtained using conventional processing techniques (gravity and CIL (Carbon-in-leach) and 72% gold recovery using a flowsheet of gravity-flotation-CIL on reground concentrate along with a high mass desulfurized tailings stream.

Further optimization studies are now underway.

On July 22, 2024, initial drill results were reported from the 2024 program. The program is focused on the area west of Willow Creek as well as drilling several large diameter PQ holes for further metallurgical work. The results included 4.63 g/t Au over 65.9 meters from hole GS2401 west of Willow Creek.

On September 10, 2024 the Company reported results from an updated mineral resource estimate (MRE). The revised estimate incorporated data from the 2023 drilling program and the initial two holes of the 2024 program, representing a significant milestone in our exploration and development activities (see table below).

CutOff Au g/t <sup>1</sup>	Classification	Au g/t	Tonnes <sup>2</sup>	Ounces <sup>2</sup>	
OXIDE			·		
0.15	Indicated	0.49	59,414,000	937,000	
0.15	Inferred	d 0.45 3,252,000		47,000	
PRIMARY			·		
0.5	Indicated	1.08	346,304,000	12,050,000	
0.5	Inferred	1.04	308,311,000	10,306,000	
UNDER PIT			·		
0.75	Indicated	1.29	2,867,000	119,000	
0.75	Inferred	1.34 22,900,000		986,000	

<sup>1</sup>Mineral Resources for the primary resources are reported at a cut-off grade of 0.50 g/t gold and constrained within an open pit shell using a gold price of US\$1,973/ounce, US\$2.50/t mining cost, US\$14/t processing cost, US\$2.00/t G+A, 72% gold recovery, and a 45° pit slope. <sup>2</sup>Tonnes and ounces rounded to the nearest thousand.

On October 8, 2024 the Company reported additional results of 8 holes from the 2024 drilling program. The drilling has been systematically testing the expansion of the western zone, with some holes drilled to the north to delineate mineralization boundaries on the west side (GS2404, GS2409, GS2410) and others (GS2406, GS2407 and GS2408) to follow the historically highergrade veins on the west side of Willow Creek. These holes intersected multiple higher-grade intercepts over significant widths. As drilling progresses to the west, a change in the orientation of the mineralization has been observed, which seems to align with the orientation of the mineralization at the historic Newsboy Mine, where the mineralization dips to the north. Furthermore, the more western holes have revealed larger veins, consistent with historical reports indicating the presence of substantial veins with mineralization dipping northward and to greater depths. It's worth noting that the mineralization in the central Dolphin-Cleary Zone dips to the south. As a result, most of the drilling has been oriented to the north. With the observation of a change in the orientation of the mineralization in the drill core, further studies are being conducted to more accurately delineate the area where the shift in mineralization orientation occurs on the western side. As such, the remaining holes in the 2024 program will focus on drilling vertical holes to further define the mineralisation's orientation. Drilling remains ongoing Highlights include:

# GS2406 & GS2407: - higher grade closer to surface

- 115.2m grading 1.36 g/t Au from 45.8m, including 476 g/t Au over 0.6m (cut to 90 g/t Au) -GS2406
- 28.9m grading 2.29 g/t Au from 119.5m, including 57 g/t Au over 0.9m GS2407

## GS2407 & GS208 – higher grade at depth

- 87.5m grading 1.59 g/t Au from 522.4m GS2407
- 42m grading 3.06 g/t Au from 528m GS2408

Drilling is ongoing with the aim of identifying a smaller, higher-grade starter pit within the deposit. This effort is part of the project's progression towards pre-feasibility, which seeks to reduce both operating and initial capital costs. The updated MRE has shown an increase in overall resource grade at various cut-offs with additional drilling in the 2023 and 2024 exploration programs.

As the project advances, trade-off studies will be conducted to optimize overall economics by balancing improved recovery rates with capital and operating costs.

For full drill results the reader is referred to the Company's news releases available at www.freegoldventures.com and under the Company's profile on SEDAR+ (<u>www.sedarplus.ca</u>).

## SHORTY CREEK

By agreement dated July 17, 2014, the Company entered into a renewable lease agreement with an initial term expiring December 31, 2024, subsequently extended to June 30, 2025. This is to acquire certain mineral claims comprising the Shorty Creek Project. The Shorty Creek Project is 120 kilometres northwest of Fairbanks, Alaska and 4 kilometres south of the all-weather paved Elliott Highway within the Livengood-Tolovana Mining District. The Company issued 750,000 common shares as consideration. The vendor will retain a 2% net smelter returns royalty and be responsible for the annual State of Alaska rents for the first five years after which, the Company will assume responsibility. In 2014, additional claims were staked in the area of interest and the Company will be responsible for these annual State of Alaska rents. Additional claims were also staked during the 2016 exploration program.

The technical disclosure contained in the MD&A has been reviewed and approved by Alvin Jackson, P.Geo., Vice President Exploration and Development for the Company, who is a "Qualified Person" as defined under National Instrument 43-101.

## **RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

## Nine-month period ended September 30, 2024

On January 1, 2019, the Company adopted all of the requirements of IFRS 16 – Leases. It provides a single lessee accounting model, requiring lessees to recognize assets and liabilities for all leases unless the lease term is 12 months or less or the underlying asset has a low value. On September 30, 2021, the Company renewed its office lease for another 5 years. As of September 30, 2024, the "right-of-use" asset was \$74,496 with a corresponding current lease liability of \$28,586 and non-current lease liability of \$46,591.

The Company's net comprehensive loss for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2024 was \$1,237,726 compared to a net comprehensive loss of \$3,239,029 for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2023. A \$150,835 (September 30, 2023 - \$152,397) foreign currency translation adjustment was recognized due to fluctuating foreign exchange rates between the US and Canadian dollar.

General and administrative expenses decreased from \$3,261,052 in 2023 to \$1,192,792 in 2024 with the changes mainly attributable to:

- An increase of \$91,204 in consulting fees from \$20,577 in 2023 to \$111,781 in 2024 mainly to facilitate the raising of additional capital;
- A decrease of \$41,015 in professional fees from \$99,005 in 2023 to \$57,990 in 2024.
  Fees were higher in the prior year due to increased audit and legal fees associated with regulatory filing requirements;
- An increase of \$7,027 in promotion and shareholder relations from \$162,170 in 2023 to \$169,197 in 2024 as a result of attendance at trade shows and increasing investor awareness;
- A decrease of \$2,213,506 in share-based payments was recorded on the granting of stock options which is a non-cash item from \$2,354,689 in 2023 to \$141,183 in 2024;
- An increase of \$38,642 in travel costs from \$42,787 in 2023 to \$81,429 in 2024 as a result of costs associated with attendance at trade shows, increasing investor awareness and facilitating the March 2024 financing; and
- An increase of \$35,207 in wages from \$322,881 in 2023 to \$358,088 in 2024 due to bonuses for the raising of capital.

All other general and administrative costs were relatively similar to those incurred in the previous year.

Other items changed from a gain of \$174,420 in 2023 to a gain of \$105,901 in 2024 with the changes mainly attributable to:

• A decrease of \$61,621 in interest income from \$183,761 in 2023 to \$122,140 in 2024 due to reduced amounts of cash on deposit.

Acquisition costs			Property		Property		Total
Balance, December 31, 2023		\$	7,176,460	\$	198,546	\$	7,375,006
Additions		Ŷ	725,895	Ŷ	-	÷	725,895
Balance, September 30, 2024	-	\$	7,902,355	\$	198,546	\$	8,100,901
Exploration and evaluation costs							
Balance, December 31, 2023	_	\$	74,290,678	\$	5,991,982	\$	80,282,660
Assaying			525,407		-		525,407
Camp costs			766,728		-		766,728
Drilling			4,379,934		-		4,379,934
Engineering and consulting			39,375		-		39,375
Environmental studies			43,510		-		43,510
Geological and field expenses			291,711		26,599		318,310
Land maintenance and tenure			29,115		-		29,115
Legal			57,272		-		57,272
Metallurgical studies			77,037		-		77,037
Mineral resource update			38,818		-		38,818
Personnel			643,675		-		643,675
Travel			23,219		-		23,219
Total incurred during the period ended	-						
September 30, 2024		\$	6,915,801	\$	26,599	\$	6,942,400
Balance, September 30, 2024	-	\$	81,206,479	\$	6,018,581	\$	87,225,060
	Total	\$	89,108,834	\$	6,217,127	\$	95,325,961

During the nine-month period ended September 30, 2024, the Company incurred the below acquisition and exploration and evaluation property expenditures:

#### Three-month period ended September 30, 2024

The Company's net comprehensive loss for the three-month period ended September 30, 2024 was \$263,803 compared to a net comprehensive loss of \$424,230 for the three-month period ended September 30, 2023. A \$9,357 (September 30, 2023 - \$242,874) foreign currency translation adjustment was recognized due to fluctuating foreign exchange rates between the US and Canadian dollar.

General and administrative expenses increased from \$258,130 in 2023 to \$282,004 in 2024 with the changes mainly attributable to:

• An increase of \$21,679 in travel costs, from \$2,362 in 2023 to \$24,041 in 2024 as a result of costs associated with attendance at trade shows and increasing investor awareness.

All other general and administrative costs were relatively similar to those incurred in the previous year.

Other items changed from a gain of \$76,774 in 2023 to a gain of \$27,558 in 2024 with the changes mainly attributable to a decrease of \$35,571 in interest income from \$79,896 in 2023 to \$44,325 in 2024 due to reduced amounts of cash on deposit.

During the three-month period ended September 30, 2024, the Company incurred the below acquisition and exploration and evaluation property expenditures:

		Golden Summit Property	Shorty Creek Property	Total
Acquisition costs				
Balance, June 30, 2024 Additions		\$ 7,902,355	\$ 198,546 -	\$ 8,100,901 -
Balance, September 30, 2024		\$ 7,902,355	\$ 198,546	\$ 8,100,901
Exploration and evaluation costs				
Balance, June 30, 2024		\$ 77,494,038	\$ 6,010,089	\$ 83,504,127
Assaying		335,252	-	335,252
Camp costs		412,633	-	412,633
Drilling		2,399,489	-	2,399,489
Engineering and consulting		5,572	-	5,572
Environmental studies		18,762	-	18,762
Geological and field expenses		108,313	8,492	116,805
Land maintenance and tenure		29,115	-	29,115
Legal		10,695	-	10,695
Metallurgical studies		24,555	-	24,555
Mineral resource update		30,869	-	30,869
Personnel		325,415	-	325,415
Travel		11,771	-	11,771
Total incurred during the period ended				
September 30, 2024		\$ 3,712,441	\$ 8,492	\$ 3,720,933
Balance, September 30, 2024		\$ 81,206,479	\$ 6,018,581	\$ 87,225,060
	Total	\$ 89,108,834	\$ 6,217,127	\$ 95,325,961

## SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY RESULTS

The following selected financial information is derived from the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements of the Company prepared in accordance with IFRS:

	Sept. 30 2024	June 30 2024	Mar. 31 2024	Dec. 31 2023	Sept. 30 2023	June 30 2023	Mar. 31 2023	Dec. 31 2022	
Total revenues Net (loss) income – before	\$- (254,446)	\$- (517,162)	\$- (315,283)	\$- (10,488)	\$- (181,356)	\$- (2,611,693)	\$- (293,583)	\$- (35,214)	
tax Net (loss) income per	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.01)	(0.00)	(0.00)	
share Total assets	101,503,764	96,859,003	97,072,471	90,361,099	91,215,219	91,643,710	88,702,376	77,400,293	

# Quarters Ended (unaudited)

The Company's exploration expenses generally tend to be lower during winter as much of the field exploration is carried out during summer. In particular, the Shorty Creek drill season is limited largely from May to September, although drilling is possible year-round at Golden Summit.

#### Liquidity and capital resources

As at September 30, 2024, the Company's working capital, defined as current assets less current liabilities, was \$4,954,147 compared to \$1,988,751 as at December 31, 2023. The Company has current liabilities of \$772,824 of which \$742,016 relates to trade payables, \$2,222 relates to accrued liabilities and \$28,586 relates to the current portion of the office lease liability.

The Company had cash and cash equivalents of \$5,574,687 as at September 30, 2024, compared to \$2,019,583 as at December 31, 2023. The increase in cash of \$3,555,104 for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2024 was mainly attributable to net proceeds of share capital issued of \$11,705,476 offset by \$7,104,448 in mineral exploration and acquisition costs. This compares to an increase in cash of \$4,896,394 for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2023 that was mainly attributable to net proceeds of share capital issued of \$14,228,871 offset by mineral exploration and acquisition costs of \$8,628,593.

The Company has no operating revenues and therefore must utilize its funds from financing transactions to maintain its capacity to meet ongoing operating activities.

On March 26, 2024, the Company closed a brokered private placement (the "Private Placement") of 25,000,000 units (each, a "Unit") at a price of Cdn\$0.40 per Unit for aggregate gross proceeds of Cdn\$10,000,000. Each Unit is comprised of one common share of the Company and one-half of one common share purchase warrant (each whole warrant, a "Warrant"). Each Warrant will be exercisable to acquire one common share of the Company (a "Warrant Share") for 24 months from the closing date of the Private Placement at an exercise price of Cdn\$0.52 per Warrant Share.

The Company received net proceeds of Cdn\$ 9,332,160 after deducting the agent's commission and costs. The agent was also granted 1,426,250 broker warrants entitling the agent to acquire one common share of the Company (a "Broker Warrant Share") for 24 months from the closing date of the Private Placement at an exercise price of Cdn\$0.43 per Broker Warrant Share.

During the nine-month period ended September 30, 2024, the Company received \$4,911,404 from the exercise of 12,896,350 warrants.

As of September 30, 2024, based on current projections, the Company's working capital of \$4,954,147, is sufficient to meet its planned business objectives for the next 12 months.

Subsequent to September 30, 2024, 6,268,399 warrants at Cdn\$0.52 were exercised for proceeds of Cdn\$3,259,567 and 750,000 warrants at Cdn\$0.47 were exercised for proceeds of Cdn\$352,500.

## **Trends and Economic Conditions**

Management regularly monitors economic financial market conditions and estimates their impact on the Company's operations and incorporates these estimates in both short-term operating and longer-term strategic decisions. To date, the Company has been able to raise sufficient capital to fund exploration programs on both properties. The global economy is currently characterized by increased volatility and uncertainty.

Apart from these factors and the risk factors noted under the headings "Risk Factors" and "Contractual Commitments", management is not aware of any other trends, commitments, events or uncertainties that would have a material effect on the Company's business, financial condition or results of operations.

## Significant Accounting Judgments, Estimates and Assumptions

The most significant accounts that require estimates and judgements as the basis for determining the stated amounts include the recoverability of exploration and evaluation assets, determination of functional currency, valuation of share-based compensation and recognition of deferred tax amounts.

Critical judgments exercised in applying accounting policies that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognized in the condensed consolidated interim financial statements are as follows:

# Economic recoverability and probability of future economic benefits of exploration and evaluation assets

Management has determined that exploration, evaluation, and related costs incurred which were capitalized may have future economic benefits and may be economically recoverable. Management uses several criteria in its assessments of economic recoverability and probability of future economic benefits including, geologic and other technical information, a history of conversion of mineral deposits with similar characteristics to its own properties to proven and probable mineral reserves, the quality and capacity of existing infrastructure facilities, evaluation of permitting and environmental issues and local support for the project.

#### Determination of functional currency

The Company determines the functional currency through an analysis of several indicators such as expenses and cash flow, financing activities, retention of operating cash flows, and frequency of transactions within the reporting entity.

#### Going concern of operations

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, which assumes that the Company will be able to realize its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of business for the foreseeable future. The assessment of the Company's ability to source future operations and continue as a going concern involves judgement. Estimates and assumptions are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. If the going concern assumption is not appropriate for the financial statements, then adjustments would be necessary in the carrying value of assets and liabilities, the reported revenue and expenses and the statement of financial position classifications used (Note 1).

Information about assumptions and estimation uncertainties that have a significant risk of resulting in material adjustments are as follows:

#### Valuation of share-based compensation

The Company uses the Black-Scholes option pricing model for valuation of share-based compensation. Option pricing models require the input of subjective assumptions including expected price volatility, risk-free interest rate, and forfeiture rate. Changes in the input assumptions can materially affect the fair value estimate and the Company's earnings and equity reserves.

#### Income taxes

In assessing the probability of realizing income tax assets, management makes estimates related to expectation of future taxable income, applicable tax opportunities, expected timing of reversals of existing temporary differences and the likelihood that tax positions taken will be sustained upon examination by applicable tax authorities. In making its assessments, management gives additional weight to positive and negative evidence that can be objectively verified.

Determination of whether a set of assets acquired and liabilities assumed constitute a business may require the Company to make certain judgments, taking into account all facts and circumstances. A business is presumed to be an integrated set of activities and assets capable of being conducted and managed for the purpose of providing a return in the form of dividends, lower costs or economic benefits. The transaction with Alaska Mining & Development Co., Inc. was determined to constitute an acquisition of assets.

A detailed summary of all of the Company's significant accounting policies is included in Note 2 to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023.

## **Going Concern Assumption**

The recoverability of amounts shown for exploration and evaluation properties and related exploration and development expenditures is dependent upon the economic viability of recoverable reserves, the ability of the Company to obtain the necessary permits and financing to complete the development, and future profitable production or proceeds from the disposition thereof.

Currently, the Company has interest income, but is dependent on equity financings to fund the majority of its activities. The Company has positive working capital as at September 30, 2024 and the Company endeavors to manage the cash position prudently through ongoing monitoring of current and future cash and working capital balances relative to planned activities. The proceeds from the 2024 Private Placement will be sufficient to fund the Company's planned activities for the next twelve months.

#### Interests in Mining Properties and Exploration and Development Expenditures

In accordance with the Company's accounting policies, acquisition costs and exploration expenditures relating to exploration and evaluation properties are capitalized until the properties are brought into commercial production or sold. Amortization will commence when a property is put into commercial production. As the Company does not currently have any properties in commercial production, no amortization has been recorded.

Mineral reserve and mineral resource estimates are not precise and depend on statistical inferences drawn from drilling and other data, which may prove to be unreliable. Future production could differ from mineral reserve estimates for the following reasons:

- o Metal grades could be different from those predicted by drilling, sampling and similar tests;
- The grade of mineral reserves may vary from time to time and there can be no assurance that any particular level of recovery can be achieved from the mineral reserves; and
- Declines in the market prices of contained minerals may render the mining of some or all of the Company's mineral reserves uneconomic.

Any of these factors may result in impairment of the carrying amount of interests in mining properties or exploration and development expenditures.

#### Share-Based Payments, Warrants and Compensation Options

Directors, officers, employees and contractors are granted options to purchase common shares under the Company's Stock Option Plan. This plan and its terms and outstanding balance are disclosed in Note 8(c) to the condensed consolidated interim financial statements for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2024.

The Company recognizes an expense for option awards using the fair value method of accounting. The Company also records the fair value of warrants granted through private offerings or in lieu of fees and compensation options granted using a fair-value estimate. Management estimates the fair value of stock options, warrants granted through private offerings or in lieu of fees, and compensation options using the Black-Scholes Option Pricing Model. The Black-Scholes Option Pricing Model, used by the Company to calculate fair values, as well as other accepted option valuation models, was developed to estimate fair value of freely tradable, fully transferable options and warrants, which may significantly differ from the Company's stock option awards or warrant grants. These models also require four highly subjective assumptions, including future stock price volatility and expected time until exercise, which greatly affect the calculated values. Accordingly, management believes that these models do not necessarily provide a reliable single measure of the fair value of the Company's stock option awards. The valuation models are used to provide a reasonable estimate of fair value given the variables used.

## **Restoration and Environmental Obligations**

Legal or constructive obligations associated with site restoration on the retirement of assets are recognized when they are incurred and when a reasonable estimate of the value of the obligation can be made. While, the Company has not commenced operations on its mining properties and the principal projects are in the exploration stage, certain exploration activities have occurred that have given rise to a constructive obligation related to the reclamation of the site for the Project. As such, the Company has recognized an environmental rehabilitation provision for the Project. Due to the uncertainty around the settlement date and measurement of potential asset retirement obligations for the Company's projects, management considers the assumptions used to calculate the present value of such liabilities at each reporting period and updates the value recognized as required.

## **Contractual Commitments**

The following table discloses the Company's contractual obligations as of September 30, 2024, including anticipated mineral property payments and work commitments. Under the terms of the Company's mineral property purchase agreements, mineral leases and the terms of the unpatented mineral claims held by it, the Company is required to make certain scheduled acquisition payments, incur certain levels of expenditures, make lease or advance royalty payments, make payments to government authorities and incur assessment work expenditures as summarized in the table below in order to maintain and preserve the Company's interest in the related mineral properties. If the Company is unable or unwilling to make any such payments or incur any such expenditures, it is likely that the Company would lose or forfeit its rights to acquire or hold the related mineral properties. The following table assumes that the Company retains the rights to all of its current mineral properties but does not exercise any lease purchase or royalty buyout options.

The Company is committed to paying cash under exploration and evaluation property option agreements as outlined in the table below, but has the ability to reduce or terminate the option agreements upon appropriate notice.

- · ·	 2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	* 2029 and beyond	Total
Golden Summit payments	\$ 395,000	500,225	502,955	510,120	519,210	521,940	\$ 2,949,450
Shorty Creek payments	\$ 116,000	116,000	116,000	116,000	116,000	116,000	\$ 696,000
Total payments	\$ 511,000	616,225	618,955	626,120	635,210	637,940	\$ 3,645,450

## \*Annual amounts

For more detailed information on the Company's statutory property payments, see the Company's Annual Information Form for the year ended December 31, 2023 and Note 4 to the Company's audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023.

## **Off-balance sheet arrangements**

The Company has no off-balance sheet arrangements.

# **Credit Risk**

Credit risk is the risk of an unexpected loss if a customer or counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations and arises primarily from the Company's cash and cash equivalents and amounts receivable. The Company manages its credit risk relating to cash and cash equivalents by dealing only with highly-rated Canadian financial institutions. As at September 30, 2024, amounts receivable of \$25,707 (December 31, 2023 - \$32,152) was comprised of goods and services tax receivable of \$25,436 (December 31, 2023 - \$31,091) and other receivables of \$271 (December 31, 2023 - \$1,061). As a result, credit risk is considered insignificant.

# Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The Company manages liquidity risk by continuously monitoring actual and projected cash flows and matching the maturity profile of financial assets and liabilities. As at September 30, 2024, the Company had cash of \$5,574,687 to settle current liabilities of \$772,824.

# **Currency Risk**

Foreign currency exchange risk is the risk that future cash flows, net income and comprehensive income will fluctuate as a result of changes in foreign exchange rates. As the Company's operations are conducted internationally, operations and capital activity may be transacted in currencies other than the functional currency of the entity party to the transaction.

The Company's objective in managing its foreign currency risk is to minimize its net exposures to foreign currency cash flows by obtaining most of its estimated annual U.S. cash requirements and holding the remaining currency in Canadian dollars. The Company monitors and forecasts the values of net foreign currency cash flow and consolidated statement of financial position exposures and from time to time could authorize the use of derivative financial instruments such as forward foreign exchange contracts to economically hedge a portion of foreign currency fluctuations.

The following table provides an indication of the Company's foreign currency exposures during the periods ended September 30, 2024 and December 31, 2023:

	September 30, 2024 (Cdn\$)	December 31, 2023 (Cdn\$)
Cash and cash equivalents	5,154,443	1,656,702
Trade payables and accrued liabilities	84,832	70,200

The Company has not entered into any derivative instruments to offset the impact of foreign currency fluctuations.

# Interest Rate Risk

The Company is not subject to interest rate risk.

## Commodity Price Risk

The Company is in the exploration stage and is not subject to commodity price risk.

# SUBSEQUENT EVENT

Subsequent to September 30, 2024, 6,268,399 warrants at Cdn\$0.52 were exercised for proceeds of Cdn\$3,259,567 and 750,000 warrants at Cdn\$0.47 were exercised for proceeds of Cdn\$352,500.

## OUTSTANDING SHARE DATA

The Company is authorized to issue unlimited common shares without par value. As at November 7, 2024, there were 466,673,770 outstanding common shares compared to 421,659,021 outstanding shares at December 31, 2023.

	Number	Price per Share (Cdn\$)	Expiry Date
	11,531,251	0.52	March 30, 2025
	538,700	0.47	March 30, 2025
	9,062,000	0.52	March 26, 2026
	1,426,250	0.43	March 26, 2026
Total	22,558,201		

As at November 7, 2024 there were 22,558,201 warrants outstanding.

Directors, officers, employees and contractors are granted options to purchase common shares under the Company's Stock Option Plan. This plan and its terms and outstanding balance are disclosed in Note 8(c) to the condensed consolidated interim financial statements for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2024.

As at November 7, 2024 there were 10,565,000 stock options outstanding as disclosed in the below table:

	Number Outstanding November 7, 2024	Number Exercisable November 7, 2024	xercise rice per Share Cdn\$	Expiry Date
	4,135,000	4,135,000	\$ 0.70	August 31, 2026
	5,880,000	5,880,000	\$ 0.65	May 2, 2028
	50,000	50,000	\$ 0.55	June 9, 2028
	500,000	500,000	\$ 0.485	April 19, 2029
Total	10,565,000	10,565,000	\$ 0.66	

## **RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

The Company considers the President and Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Vice-President of Exploration and Development, Corporate Secretary, directors and any companies controlled by these parties to be key management personnel.

	September 30, 2024	September 30, 2023
Kristina Walcott - President and CEO *	\$ 156,421	\$ 139,302
Alvin Jackson - VP Exploration and Development	156,421	139,302
Gordon Steblin - CFO	53,500	47,511
Taryn Downing - Corporate Secretary	11,031	16,716
Total	\$ 377,373	\$ 342,831

A summary of compensation paid to key management personnel is as follows:

These amounts were incurred in the ordinary course of business.

## DISCLOSURE CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

The Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") and Chief Financial Officer ("CFO"), together with other members of management, evaluated the design and operating effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures as at the financial period ended September 30, 2024. Based on that evaluation, the CEO and the CFO concluded that the design and operation of these disclosure controls and procedures were effective as at September 30, 2024 to provide reasonable assurance that material information relating to the Company, including its consolidated subsidiaries, would be made known to them by others within those entities and that information required to be disclosed by the Company in its annual and interim filings and other reports submitted under securities legislation was recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the periods specified in securities legislation.

# INTERNAL CONTROLS OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

The CEO and CFO, together with other members of management, evaluated the design and operating effectiveness of the Company's internal controls over financial reporting as at the financial period ended September 30, 2024. Based on that evaluation, the CEO and CFO concluded that the design and operation of internal controls over financial reporting were effective as at September 30, 2024 to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of consolidated financial statements for external purposes in accordance with IFRS. In designing and implementing such controls, it should be recognized that any system of the internal control over financial reporting, no matter how well designed and operated, has inherent limitations. Therefore, even those systems determined to be effective can provide only reasonable assurance with respect to consolidated financial statement preparation and may not prevent or detect all misstatements due to error or fraud.

## CHANGES IN INTERNAL CONTROLS OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

There have been no changes in the Company's internal controls over financial reporting during the nine-month period ended September 30, 2024 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal controls over financial reporting.

## **RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES**

The Company believes that the following items represent significant areas for consideration.

## Cash Flows and Additional Funding Requirements

The Company has limited financial resources, no sources of operating cash flows and no assurances that sufficient funding will be available to continue to carry on its business and develop its mineral properties.

## Industry

The Company is engaged in the exploration of mineral properties, an inherently risky business. There is no assurance that funds spent on the exploration and development of a mineral deposit will result in the discovery of an economic ore body. Most exploration projects do not result in the discovery of commercially mineable ore deposits.

## **Commodity Prices**

The success of the Company's operations will be dependent in part upon the market price of mineral commodities. Mineral prices fluctuate widely and are affected by numerous factors beyond the control of the Company. The prices of mineral commodities have fluctuated widely in recent years. Current and future price declines could cause commercial production to be impracticable.

## Competition

The mining industry is intensely competitive in all of its phases, and the Company competes with many companies possessing greater financial resources and technical facilities than itself with respect to the discovery and acquisition of interests in mineral properties, the recruitment and retention of qualified employees and other persons to carry out its mineral exploration activities. Competition in the mining industry could adversely affect the Company's prospects for mineral exploration in the future.

## **Foreign Political Risk**

The Company's material property interests are currently located in the United States. A significant portion of the Company's interests are exposed to various degrees of political, economic and other risks and uncertainties. The Company's operations and investments may be affected by local political and economic developments, including expropriation, nationalization, invalidation of government orders, permits or agreements pertaining to property rights, political unrest, labour disputes, limitations on repatriation of earnings, limitations on mineral exports, limitations on foreign ownership, inability to obtain or delays in obtaining necessary mining permits, opposition to mining from local, environmental or other non-governmental organizations, government participation, royalties, duties, rates of exchange, high rates of inflation, price controls, exchange controls, currency fluctuations, taxation and changes in laws, regulations or policies as well as by laws and policies of Canada affecting foreign trade, investment and taxation.

## **Government Laws, Regulation & Permitting**

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

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

## **Title to Properties**

Acquisition of rights to the exploration and evaluation properties is a very detailed and timeconsuming process. Title to, and the area of, exploration and evaluation properties may be disputed. Although the Company has made reasonable efforts to investigate the title to all of the properties for which it holds mineral leases or licenses or in respect of which it has a right to earn an interest, the Company cannot give an assurance that title to such properties will not be challenged or impugned.

The Company has the right to earn an interest in certain of its properties. To earn its interest in each property, the Company is required to make certain cash payments and incur certain exploration expenditures. If the Company fails to make these payments and incur such expenditures, the Company may lose its right to such properties and forfeit any funds expended to such time.

## **Estimates of Mineral Resources**

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

## Key Management

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

## Volatility of Share Price

Market prices for shares of early-stage companies are often volatile. Factors such as announcements of mineral discoveries, financial results, and other factors could have a significant effect on the price of the Company's shares.

## Foreign Currency Risk

A substantial portion of the Company's expenses and payables are now, and are expected to continue to be incurred in United States currency. The Company's business will be subject to risks typical of an international business including, but not limited to, differing tax structures, regulations and restrictions and general foreign exchange rate volatility. Fluctuations in the exchange rate between the Canadian dollar and United States dollar may have a material effect on the Company's business, financial condition and results of operations and could result in downward price pressure for the Company's products in or losses from currency exchange rate fluctuations. The Company does not actively hedge against foreign currency fluctuations.

## **Conflict of Interest**

Some of the Company's directors and officers are directors and officers of other natural resource or mining-related companies. These associations may give rise from time to time to conflicts of interest which will be subject to the procedures and remedies under the *Business Corporation Act* (*British Columbia*). As a result of any such conflict, the Company may miss the opportunity to participate in certain transactions.

## OUTLOOK

On March 26, 2024, the Company raised aggregate gross proceeds of Cdn\$10,000,000 pursuant to a brokered private placement of 25,000,000 Units at a price of Cdn\$0.40 per Unit.

During the nine-month period ended September 30, 2024, the Company received \$4,911,404 from the exercise of 12,896,350 warrants.

Subsequent to September 30, 2024, 6,268,399 warrants at Cdn\$0.52 were exercised for proceeds of Cdn\$3,259,567 and 750,000 warrants at Cdn\$0.47 were exercised for proceeds of Cdn\$352,500. See above under the heading "*Liquidity and capital resources*" for further details.

The 2024 Golden Summit Exploration Program will consist of the following work:

- Diamond drilling of the shallow, western strike extent and infill drilling of the Cleary-Dolphin zone to further refine the resource;
- Metallurgical studies on drill samples from the Cleary-Dolphin mineralization to determine gold recoveries and processing in order to develop the optimum processing flowsheet in advance of economic studies;
- Environmental baseline studies; and
- Cultural baseline study.

## Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Information

This discussion contains certain forward-looking information. This forward-looking information includes, or may be based upon, estimates, forecasts, and statements as to management's expectations with respect to, among other things, the size and quality of the Company's mineral resources, the timing of the planned resource update for the Golden Summit project, progress in the development of mineral properties and the amount and quality of metal products recoverable from the Company's mineral resources. Forward-looking information is based on the opinions and

estimates of management at the date the information is given. It is subject to a variety of risks and uncertainties and other factors that could cause actual events or results to differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking information. These factors include the inherent risks involved in the exploration and development of mineral properties, uncertain ties with respect to the timing of the planned resource update, the uncertainties involved in interpreting drilling results and other geological data, fluctuating metal prices, the possibility of unanticipated costs and expenses, uncertainties relating to the availability and costs of financing needed in the future and uncertainties related to metal recoveries. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward-looking information because it is possible that predictions, forecasts, projections and other forms of forward-looking information will not be achieved by the Company. These forward-looking statements are made as of the date hereof, and the Company assumes no responsibility to update them or revise them to reflect new events or circumstances except as required by law.