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# Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Year Ended April 30, 2017 Dated: August 24, 2017

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# A. Introduction

The following Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") of the consolidated operating results and financial condition of Southern Silver Exploration Corp. (the "Company") is for the year ended April 30, 2017 and is dated August 24, 2017. This MD&A was prepared to conform to National Instrument ("NI") 51-102F1 and was approved by the Board of Directors prior to its release.

This analysis should be read in conjunction with the Company's audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended April 30, 2017, and the accompanying notes, which have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS").

The Company's shares trade on the TSX Venture Exchange ("SSV"), the Frankfurt Stock Exchange ("SEG1"), the Santiago Stock Exchange, Venture ("SSVCL") and the OTCQB Marketplace ("SSVFF").

The Company's functional and reporting currency is the Canadian dollar and all dollar amounts included herein are in Canadian dollars, unless otherwise indicated.

Additional information relating to the Company, including detailed drill results previously disclosed in news releases, is available on the Company's website at <u>www.southernsilverexploration.com</u> and on SEDAR at <u>www.sedar.com</u>.

## B. Qualified Person

Robert W. J. Macdonald, P. Geo., is the qualified person as defined by National Instrument 43-101 responsible for the technical information included in this MD&A and the supervision of work done in association with the exploration and development programs. Mr. Macdonald graduated with a B.Sc. degree from Memorial University of Newfoundland and a M.Sc. from the University of British Columbia. His work has focused on vein and intrusive-related gold systems and massive sulfide deposits.

## C. Foreign Exchange Information and Conversion Tables

Canadian Dollars per		r <sup>(1)</sup> ear	Conversion Table <sup>(2)</sup>					
	ended April 30, 2017 20				Metric			
Rate at end of period	1.3650	1.2548	1 acre	=	0.404686	hectares		
Average rate for period	1.3177	1.3152	1 foot	=	0.304800	meters		
			1 mile	=	1.609344	kilometres		
			1 ton	=	0.907185	tonnes		
			1 Ounce (troy)/ton	=	34.285700	g/t		

For ease of reference, the following information is provided:

(1) <u>www.bankofcanada.ca</u> (2) <u>www.onlineconversion.com</u>

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	Precious metal units and conversion factors <sup>(2)</sup>									
ppb	- Part per billion	1	ppb	=	0.0010	ppm	=	0.000030	oz/t	
ppm	- Part per million	100	ppb	=	0.1000	ppm	=	0.002920	oz/t	
oz	- Ounce (troy)	10,000	ppb	=	10.0000	ppm	=	0.291670	oz/t	
oz/t	- Ounce per ton (avdp.)	1	ppm	=	1.0000	ug/g	=	1.000000	g/t	
g	- Gram									
g/t	- gram per metric ton	1	oz/t	=	34.2857	ppm				
mg	- milligram	1	Carat	=	41.6660	mg/g				
kg	- kilogram	1	ton (avdp.)	=	907.1848	kg				
ug	- microgram	1	oz (troy)	=	31.1035	g				

# C. Foreign Exchange Information and Conversion Tables, continued

## **D.** Summary of Mineral Properties

The Company's principal business activities include the acquisition, exploration, and development of natural resource properties for enhancement of value and disposition pursuant to sales agreements or development by way of third party option and/or joint venture agreements.

The Company is continuing to advance its core asset - Cerro Las Minitas - a silver-lead-zinc property located in Durango State, Mexico. The property is a large land position and lies within the prolific Faja de Plata (Belt of Silver) of north central Mexico. On May 14, 2015, the Company granted Electrum Global Holdings L.P. ("Electrum") the right to earn an indirect 60% interest in the property by funding exploration and development expenditures of US \$5,000,000 over a maximum 48 month period. During November 2016, Electrum accelerated and completed this funding and earned an indirect 60% interest in the property.

The Company also continues to advance Oro - a gold-silver-copper-lead-zinc property located in New Mexico, USA. The property features a classic porphyry zonation within the highly prospective Laramide Porphyry belt of the southern USA.

## Cerro Las Minitas - Durango, Mexico

The property is located about 70 kilometres to the northeast of the city of Durango in Durango State, Mexico, and is accessed easily by road. The property comprises 20 concessions totaling approximately 23,240 hectares in one of the most significant silver producing regions in the world.

Since acquisition in 2010 the Company has completed 105 drill holes totaling over 46,000 metres. Drilling has identified three high-grade silver-polymetallic deposits, the Blind Zone and El Sol zones, several new discoveries including the North Skarn and South Skarn targets and extensions to the historic deposits at Mina Santo Nino and Mina La Bocona. Mineralization occurs as massive-sulphide pipes, veins and replacements in sub-vertical structures that demonstrate good continuity between drill holes. Mineralization is open on-strike and at depth in a similar geological environment to that of major Mexican Carbonate Replacement Deposits (CRDs) such as Santa Eulalia (45Mt of 310g/t Ag, 7.1% Zn and 8.2% Pb) and Skarn deposits such as San Martin (60Mt of 118g/t Ag, 0.9% Pb and 3.9% Zn).

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## D. Summary of Mineral Properties, continued

# Cerro Las Minitas - Durango, Mexico, continued

On March 21, 2016, the Company released an initial NI 43-101 resource for the property of 10.8Mozs Ag, 189Mlbs Pb and 207Mlbs Zn (36.5Mozs AgEq) Indicated and 17.5Mozs Ag, 237Mlbs Pb and 626Mlbs Zn (77.3Mozs AgEq) Inferred.

Indicated													
Zone	Tonnes (Kt)	<b>Ag</b> (g/t)	Au (g/t)	<b>Pb</b> (%)	<b>Zn</b> (%)	<b>Cu</b> (%)	AgEq (g/t)	<b>Ag</b> (ozs*1000)	<b>Au</b> (ozs*1000)	Pb (Mlbs)	Zn (Mlbs)	Cu (Mlbs)	<b>AgEq (Oz)</b> (000's)
Blind Zone	2,641	99	0.07	2.4	2.1	0.10	303	8,442	5.7	139.4	123.3	5.6	25,720
El Sol Zone	1,083	69	0.02	2.1	3.5	0.09	311	2,392	0.6	49.8	83.6	2.0	10,812
Total	3,724	90	0.05	2.3	2.5	0.09	305	10,834	6.3	189.2	206.9	8	36,532
Inferred							-	1	<u> </u>				1
Zone	Tonnes (Kt)	<b>Ag</b> (g/t)	Au (g/t)	<b>Pb</b> (%)	<b>Zn</b> (%)	Cu (%)	AgEq (g/t)	<b>Ag</b> (ozs*1000)	<b>Au</b> (ozs*1000)	Pb (Mlbs)	Zn (Mlbs)	Cu (Mlbs)	AgEq (Oz) (000's)
Blind Zone	2,863	91	0.28	1.6	3.9	0.21	364	8,370	25.9	98.0	249.0	13.1	33,498
El Sol Zone	2,909	71	0.09	1.9	4.1	0.11	339	6,594	8.6	121.8	264.4	7.2	31,719
Santo Nino Zone	839	95	0.03	0.9	6.1	0.47	446	2,568	0.8	17.5	113.0	8.6	12,036
Total	6,611	82	0.17	1.6	4.3	0.20	363	17,533	35.4	237.3	626.4	29.0	77,252

Notes:

1. The current Resource Estimate was prepared by Garth Kirkham, P.Geo., of Kirkham Geosystems Ltd.

2. CIM definitions were followed for classification of Mineral Resources

3. Mineral resources were constrained using mainly geological constraints and approximate 10g/t AgEq grade shells

4. Mineral Resources were estimated using a long-term prices of prices of \$15/oz. silver, \$1,100/oz. gold, \$2.75/lb Cu, \$0.90/lb lead and \$0.90/lb zinc and metal recoveries of 82% silver, 86% lead and 80% zinc. All prices are stated in \$USD.

In November 2016, the Company commenced a US\$2,000,000, 2016-17 exploration program on the property financed by funding from Electrum. By August 2017, the Company had completed over 12,500 metres of drilling in 16 core holes. A final drill hole is in progress and is expected to be completed in late August or early September.

Highlights from this most recent 2016-17 drilling program include:

- a 15.1m down hole interval (14.8m est. True Thickness) averaging 39.4g/t Ag, 0.1% Pb and 10.2% Zn (410.7g/t AgEq; 11.6% ZnEq) in drill hole 16CLM-091, including a higher grade 4.8m interval (4.7m est. TT) averaging 38.7g/t Ag, 0.12% Cu, 0.1% Pb and 23.2% Zn (877g/t AgEq; 24.8% ZnEq)
- a 7.3m down hole interval (6.5m est. true thickness) averaging 737g/t Ag, 8.6% Pb and 21.8% Zn (1814.3g/t AgEq; 51.2% ZnEq) in drill hole 17CLM-095, including a higher grade 3.4m interval (3.0m est. TT) averaging 981g/t Ag, 11.7% Pb and 26.4% Zn (2327.9g/t AgEq; 65.7% ZnEq);

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# D. Summary of Mineral Properties, continued

# Cerro Las Minitas - Durango, Mexico, continued

- a 14.5m down hole interval (8.7m est. True Thickness) averaging 288g/t Ag, 2.0% Cu, 0.8% Pb and 1.2% Zn (575g/t AgEq; 16.2% ZnEq) in drill hole 17CLM-098 including a higher grade 4.1m interval (2.5m est. TT) averaging 686g/t Ag, 3.7% Cu, 1.0% Pb and 1.7% Zn (1171g/t AgEq; 33.1% ZnEq); and
- a 17.6m down hole interval (12.5m est. True Thickness) averaging 154g/t Ag, 2.0g/t Au, 3.2% Pb and 3.9% Zn (558g/t AgEq; 15.7% ZnEq) in drill hole 17CLM-101, including a higher grade 4.2m interval (3.0m est. TT) averaging 329g/t Ag, 4.6g/t Au, 7.4% Pb and 7.3% Zn (1175g/t AgEq; 33.2% ZnEq);

The 2016-17 drill program was successful in identifying a continuous zone of new mineralization beneath the Blind and El Sol deposits. The mineralization is localized along the leading edge of the skarn which surrounds the central monzonite stock. Mineralization along this "Skarn Front" can now be traced, discontinuously, for up to 800 metres down dip and for over 650 metres along strike and remains open both to depth and laterally.

The 2016-17 drill program was also successful in establishing potential extensions to the known zones of mineralization in two areas which now provide new targets for systematic resource expansion in future drill programs including:

- an 800 metre strike-length of exploration potential along the North Skarn target area; and
- a 500 metre strike-length of exploration of both the Blind Zone deposit and the Skarn Front zone, as identified in drill hole 17CLM-101, which remain open for extension to the southeast.

The Company also reported that surface sampling on the newly staked Biznagas and Los Lenchos claims has been encouraging and has returned multiple float samples with strongly anomalous values of gold (0.25 to 1.28g/t Au), silver (11.6 to 57.2g/t Ag), arsenic (132 to 1155ppm), antimony (383 to 777ppm Sb) and mercury (6.1 to 45.9ppm Hg). Anomalous samples occur in three main clusters containing elevated silver values along a 7 kilometre NW-SE transect through the two claims as well as several other smaller target areas that require additional follow-up exploration.

Highlights of the sampling include:

- a four square kilometre area of anomalous Ag-As-Au-Pb-Zn centered in the middle of the Biznagas claim; and
- a four kilometre-long, multi-element Ag-Au-As-Hg anomaly in the southern part of the claims

Sampling has been conducted throughout the two claims over the last several months. Collected samples are of mostly quartz and rhyolite float that are likely part of the Tertiary volcanic stratigraphy. Locally quartz veins contain fine black bands and limonite after fine grained sulphides. Over 750 samples have been collected as part of this initial evaluation; results from 415 samples have been received. Additional assays are pending.

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# D. Summary of Mineral Properties, continued

# Cerro Las Minitas - Durango, Mexico, continued

Encouraging results of preliminary metallurgical testing were also reported from the Blind - El Sol Zone. Testing was done on a composite of ten samples taken from the high-grade dump at the La Lupita shaft. The head analyses of the composite returned 225g/t Ag, 0.06g/t Au, 0.11% Cu, 6.6%Pb and 5.4% Zn. Both lead and zinc concentrates were produced via batch flotation as follows:

- Approximately 82% of the silver, 86% of the lead and 12% of the zinc was recovered into the lead rougher concentrate assaying 2000ppm Ag, 61.5% Pb and 7.2% Zn. The concentrate was later upgraded to 2300ppm Ag and 71.1% Pb, and
- Subsequent zinc flotation recovered 79% of the zinc into a rougher concentrate at a grade of 39.5% Zn. Two-stage cleaning of the concentrate increased the grade to 49.7% Zn.

These preliminary results are significant in that two separate, high-grade concentrates were produced from mined material from the Blind Zone. Additional test-work is recommended utilizing different reagents in order to further upgrade the final concentrates. Samples charges of the composite have been retained

# Minas de Ameca - Jalisco, Mexico

The Minas de Ameca project, located about 80 kilometres west of Guadalajara, comprises the El Magistral and San Luis claims. The Company's efforts continue to option the claims to a third party.

## Oro - New Mexico, USA

The Oro property comprises a contiguous block of Federal, State and private land in the historic Eureka mining district in Grant County, New Mexico and is located approximately 80 kilometres southwest of the Silver City porphyry copper district.

The claims surround a highly prospective zone of quartz-sericite-pyrite alteration footprint, interpreted to overlie an unexposed porphyry centre. Classic porphyry system zonation is indicated by surface gold and copper mineralization associated with Laramide-age intrusions in this core area, flanked by lead-zinc skarn mineralization and distal sediment-hosted gold occurrences. In addition to bulk-tonnage porphyry copper-molybdenum-gold potential, the property also includes the sediment-hosted gold mineralization Stock Pond target located 3 kilometres to the northeast of the porphyry system.

Exploration on the Stock Pond target started in September 2016 with a short trenching program over some key target areas, followed by a 1,223 metre, 9 hole reverse circulation drill program within and around the previously outlined 500 metre x 500 metre gold-in-soil anomaly.

Drilling intersected widespread alteration and a thick zone of strongly anomalous gold mineralization in a sediment-hosted oxide-gold system located on the edge of the drill pattern, which remains open laterally to the east, north and south under thin gravel cover. Highlights from the drilling include a 9.1 metre interval averaging 0.75g/t Au, contained within a 41.2 metre interval averaging 0.42g/t Au from hole SP16-004.

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#### D. Summary of Mineral Properties, continued

#### Oro - New Mexico, USA, continued

Gold in drill hole SP16-004 is associated with up to 4.5g/t Ag and anomalous values of pathfinder elements including As, Sb, Se and Hg and forms part of a widespread alteration system with similarities to many highly productive gold systems. Elevated gold values were also returned from drill holes SP16-007 (12.2 metres averaging 0.23g/t Au) and SP16-008 (4.6 metres averaging 0.30g/t Au).

The results from this initial program were successful in identifying the edge of a potentially large auriferous mineralizing system and, in particular, showing open vectors to the east of the Phase I drilling which will now be the focus for further surface exploration, geophysical studies and an 8 to 10 hole, wide-spaced follow-up drill program.

The Company also completed a 300 line-kilometre airborne Z-TEM survey over the entire property at 200 metre line spacing as part of a larger evaluation of the property to identify new targets for drill testing Cu-Mo porphyry potential. Preliminary results show several potential target areas. Further 3D processing and interpretation of the data is pending.

The Z-TEM survey also covered the Stock Pond gold target where the Company is planning a followup program to its 2016 drill program which was successful in identifying the edge of a potentially large auriferous mineralizing system. Permit amendments have been filed for a program to test a 500 metre x 800 metre area to the east of the earlier drilling and is expected to commence in early Fall 2017.

## **Acquisition Costs**

	Cerro Las Minitas \$	Minas de Ameca \$	Oro \$	Total \$
Balance as at April 30, 2015	2,055,487	-	-	2,055,487
Additions, net	145,423	-	21,477	166,900
Impairments	-	-	(21,477)	(21,477)
Balance as at April 30, 2016	2,200,910	-	-	2,200,910
Additions, net	132,860	-	59,753	192,613
Adjustment on deconsolidation	(2,333,770)	-	-	(2,333,770)
Balance as at April 30, 2017	-	-	59,753	59,753

Mineral property acquisition costs as at April 30, 2017 were as follows:

The Company retains an indirect 40% interest in Cerro Las Minitas and is able to exert significant influence over operations. However, effective from November 2, 2016, the Company was required to deconsolidate certain assets and liabilities as a result of the Electrum earn-in. The interest is now accounted for as an investment in an associate using the equity method.

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#### D. Summary of Mineral Properties, continued

#### **Exploration and Evaluation Expenditures**

Exploration and evaluation expenditures for the years ended April 30, 2017 and 2016 were as follows:

	Cerro Las	Minitas	Ore	)	Tot	al
	\$ 2017	\$ 2016	\$ 2017	\$ 2016	\$ 2017	\$ 2016
Assays and geochemistry	57,003	128,799	49,352	1,406	106,355	130,205
Camp, utilities and supplies	3,984	97,411	2,397	5,075	6,381	102,486
Drilling	266,448	1,313,318	105,448	-	371,896	1,313,318
Equipment and field supplies	31,391	38,397	-	-	31,391	38,397
Geological and geophysics	42,934	105,299	110,494	16,644	153,428	121,943
Land fees	44,694	49,681	-	-	44,694	49,681
Project supervision	170,222	485,198	12,785	6,883	183,007	492,081
Project support	1,783	5,044	-	-	1,783	5,044
Taxes	60,868	276,017	-	-	60,868	276,017
Travel	1,733	20,391	-	-	1,733	20,391
	681,060	2,519,555	280,476	30,008	961,536	2,549,563
General exploration - other					7,656	3,038
				-	969,192	2,552,601

## E. Results of Operations

During the year ended April 30, 2017 the Company recognized a net loss and comprehensive loss of \$2,621,493 (2016 - \$3,411,416).

As per its mandate to acquire, explore, and develop mineral resource properties, the Company continued drill and surface geochemistry programs on the Cerro Las Minitas property and commenced a trenching and reverse-circulation drill program on the Oro property (*D* - *Summary of Mineral Properties*).

Investor relations costs increased due to the engagement of investor relations consultants and increased activity associated with on-going financing and promotional initiatives. Additional consulting, professional fees, regulatory fees and transfer agent costs were incurred with respect to obtaining a listing on the OTCQB Marketplace.

Non-cash share-based payments vary as stock options are granted and vest.

Foreign exchange gains and losses fluctuate based on the US and Canadian dollar exchange rate and the extent of transactions and balances denominated in US dollars.

During the previous period, the Company continued to assess its planned course of action with respect to the Oro property, determined this to be an indicator of impairment and, as a result, recorded an impairment provision against all capitalized costs.

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#### E. Results of Operations, continued

Effective November 2, 2016, the Company deconsolidated two previously fully-controlled subsidiaries as a result of the Electrum earn-in, which resulted in a gain upon deconsolidation of \$333,794. Subsequently, the Company's share of costs associated with exploration and other activities in Mexico at Cerro Las Minitas are accounted for within Share of Loss in Equity Accounted Investment.

A summary of variances is as follows:

	2017	2016	Variance
	\$	\$	\$
Administration	60,000	60,000	-
Consulting	178,241	172,608	5,633
Exploration and evaluation	969,192	2,552,601	(1,583,409)
Investor relations	408,368	147,058	261,310
Office and general	37,817	34,384	3,433
Professional fees	169,206	179,618	(10,412)
Regulatory fees and taxes	44,398	28,793	15,605
Share-based payments	409,926	195,532	214,394
Shareholders' communications	16,403	8,948	7,455
Transfer agent	38,732	10,445	28,287
Travel and promotion	1,187	15,898	(14,711)
Foreign exchange loss (gain)	(35,069)	(15,946)	(19,123)
Mineral property impairment	-	21,477	(21,477)
Gain on loss of control of subsidiary	(333,794)	-	(333,794)
Share of loss in equity accounted investment	666,886	-	666,886

## F. Summary of Quarterly Results

The following financial data was derived from the Company's consolidated financial statements for the eight previous quarters:

	-	or 30, 017 \$		Jan 31, 2017 \$		Oct 31, 2016 \$		Jul 31, 2016 \$	1	Apr 30, 2016 \$		Jan 31, 2016 \$	(	Oct 31, 2015 \$	Jul 31, 2015 \$
Net loss - equity holders Net loss - non-controlling interest	6	-		222,165		526,037 55,394	1	,052,348 168,858		543,634 100,001		696,396 243,126	1	.,166,173 121,283	503,322 37,481
Basic and diluted loss per share - equity holders Basic and diluted loss per share - non-controlling interest	\$ \$	0.01 -	\$ \$	0.00	\$ \$	0.01 0.00		0.01 0.00		0.01 0.00	\$ \$	0.01 0.00	\$ \$	0.02 0.00	0.01 0.00

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#### F. Summary of Quarterly Results, continued

The Company earned no revenue due to the nature of current operations.

Quarterly fluctuations mainly relate to recognition of share-based payments which occur as stock options are granted and vest, foreign exchange gains and losses which vary with market rates, mineral property exploration expenses which occur as projects are identified or impairments which occur when indicators arise and share of losses in equity accounted investment. A significant gain upon deconsolidation of certain assets and liabilities was recognized in the three months ended January 31, 2017.

#### G. Fourth Quarter

During the fourth quarter, a total of 181,000 stock options were exercised for gross proceeds of \$17,480 and a total of 2,892,000 share purchase warrants were exercised for gross proceeds of \$355,400. Proceeds are being utilized towards general working capital and on-going exploration costs.

#### H. Summary of Annual Information

During the previous three fiscal years presented below, the Company earned no revenue and main operating costs have remained materially constant, subject to additional contracts for services entered into as required and costs incurred for financing or other ad-hoc projects as undertaken. The Company continues to invested in its mineral properties as resources have permitted and impairment charges are recognized as relevant indicators arise.

During the year ended April 30, 2017, the Company deconsolidated two previously fully-controlled subsidiaries but retained a 40% interest and the ability to exert significant influence.

To date, the Company has not paid dividends and does not have any long-term financial liabilities.

	2017 \$	2016 \$	2015 \$
Net loss - equity holders	(2,407,241)	(2,909,525)	(1,369,772)
Net loss - non-controlling interest	(224,252)	(501,891)	_
Basic and diluted loss per share - equity holders	(0.03)	(0.05)	(0.06)
Basic and diluted loss per share - non-controlling interest	(0.00)	(0.01)	-
Current assets	2,490,535	1,810,948	111,144
Other non-current assets	4,075,005	38,231	41,073
Mineral properties	59,753	2,200,910	2,055,487
Total assets	6,625,293	4,050,089	2,207,704
Total non-current financial liabilities	-	_	_
Cash dividends per common share	-	-	-

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# I. Related Party Transactions

Except as disclosed elsewhere, the Company entered into the following related party transactions:

- (a) Pursuant to a service agreement between the Company and a private company controlled by a director and officer of the Company, the Company was charged as follows:
  - \$60,000 (2016 \$60,000) for office space and general administration services;
  - \$34,700 (2016 \$26,250) for professional services;
  - \$27,921 (2016 \$31,788) for consulting services;
  - \$94,078 (2016 \$42,883) for investor relations services;
  - \$61,318 (2016 \$155,005) for geological services;
  - \$60,667 (2016 \$nil) for geological services (charged to investment in associate); and
  - \$7,043 (2016 \$1,383) for the mark-up on out-of-pocket expenses.

Amounts payable as at April 30, 2017 were \$35,731 (2016 - \$3,992).

- (b) Fees in the amount of \$112,320 (2016 \$112,320) were charged by a director and officer of the Company for consulting services. Amounts payable as at April 30, 2017 were \$9,828 (2016 -\$9,828).
- (c) Fees in the amount of \$52,766 (2016 \$25,047) were charged by a law firm controlled by a director and officer of the Company and included in professional fees, share issue costs, mineral property expenditures or charged to investment in associate. Amounts payable as at April 30, 2017 were \$28,590 (2016 \$nil).
- (d) Fees in the amount of \$30,000 (2016 \$28,500) were charged by an officer of the Company for consulting services. Amounts payable as at April 30, 2017 were \$2,625 (2016 \$2,500).

These transactions were in the normal course of operations and were measured at the fair value of the services rendered. Amounts due to related parties are unsecured, non-interest-bearing, and have no formal terms of repayment.

The key management personnel of the Company are the directors and officers of the Company. The Company has no long-term employee or post-employment benefits. Compensation awarded to key management, included in (b) and (d) above, was as follows:

	2017	2016
Short-term benefits	\$ 142,320	\$ 140,820
Share-based payments	283,221	133,643
Total	\$ 425,541	\$ 274,463

One executive officer is also entitled to termination benefits in the event of a change of control equal to one hundred percent of the compensation that would have been paid during the unexpired term of their agreement. The remaining balance payable under the agreement termination clause as at April 30, 2017 was \$243,360.

# J. Financial Condition, Liquidity and Capital Resources

As at April 30, 2017 the Company had working capital of \$2,137,928 (2016 - \$1,283,490).

However, the Company does not yet generate any revenue from operations and, for the foreseeable future, the Company will need to rely upon earn-in agreements and / or issue share capital to finance future exploration and administrative activities. Although the Company has been successful in its financing initiatives, there can be no assurance that the Company will be able to obtain adequate future financing. Failure to obtain such additional financing could result in delay or indefinite postponement of further exploration and development of its projects with a possible loss of some properties and reduction or termination of operations.

On May 18, 2017, the Company announced a brokered private placement to issue up to 12,500,000 units at a price of \$0.40 per unit for gross proceeds of \$5,000,000. On June 13, 2017, the Company closed the first tranche of this private placement and issued 6,372,500 units for gross proceeds of \$2,549,000.

Net proceeds from this private placement are intended to be used to contribute to the Company's proportionate share of the costs associated with continuing exploration at Cerro Las Minitas and for additional working capital.

## K. Outstanding Equity and Convertible Securities

#### i) Issued and Outstanding Shares

As at August 24, 2017, the Company had 93,546,948 common shares issued and outstanding.

#### ii) Share Purchase Warrants

Share purchase warrants outstanding as at August 24, 2017 were as follows:

Exercise	Expiry	Balance		Balance
Price	Date	April 30, 2017	Issued	August 24, 2017
\$0.08	March 4, 2020	1,259,295	-	1,259,295
\$0.08	March 5, 2020	15,884,593	-	15,884,593
\$0.08	March 11, 2020	1,810,000	-	1,810,000
\$0.15	June 26, 2020	9,000,000	-	9,000,000
\$0.08	March 4, 2021	6,000,000	-	6,000,000
\$0.08	April 8, 2021	2,300,000	-	2,300,000
\$0.15	May 19, 2021	9,062,500	-	9,062,500
\$0.55	June 13, 2020	-	6,372,500	6,372,500
		45,316,388	6,372,500	51,688,888
Weighted aver	age exercise price	\$0.11	\$0.55	\$0.31
Weighted aver	age remaining life in years	3.34		3.00

# K. Outstanding Equity and Convertible Securities, continued

#### iii) Stock Options

Stock options outstanding and exercisable as at August 24, 2017 were as follows:

Exercise	Expiry	Balance		Balance
Price	Date	April 30, 2017	Expired	August 24, 2017
\$1.00	June 5, 2017	35,000	35,000	-
\$1.00	March 14, 2018	150,000	-	150,000
\$0.08	March 14, 2018	79,200	-	79,200
\$0.50	March 24, 2019	50,000	-	50,000
\$0.08	March 26, 2020	2,518,000	-	2,518,000
\$0.08	July 29, 2020	750,000	-	750,000
\$0.08	September 28, 2020	190,000	-	190,000
\$0.11	April 22, 2021	1,188,500	-	1,188,500
\$0.30	June 3, 2021	1,625,000	-	1,625,000
Options outstanding		6,585,700	35,000	6,550,700
Options exe	rcisable	6,566,950	-	6,550,700
Weighted av	verage exercise price, outstanding	\$0.17	\$1.00	\$0.16
Weighted average exercise price, exercisable		\$0.17	\$1.00	\$0.16
Weighted average remaining life in years, outstanding		3.35		3.05
Weighted average remaining life in years, exercisable		3.34		3.05

## L. Financial Instruments

The Company's financial instruments include cash, reclamation bond, accounts payable and accrued liabilities and amounts due to related parties. The Company has classified its financial instruments into the following categories:

Financial Instrument	Category	Carrying Value
Cash	FVTPL	Fair Value
Reclamation Bond	Loans and Receivables	Amortized Cost
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	Other Financial Liabilities	Amortized Cost
Due to Related Parties	Other Financial Liabilities	Amortized Cost

The carrying values of accounts payable and accrued liabilities and due to related parties approximate their fair values due to the short period to maturity. The reclamation bond is non-interest-bearing, has no maturity date and carrying value approximates fair value.

These financial instruments have no material risk exposure. Risk is managed with respect to cash by risk management policies that require significant cash deposits or short-term investments be invested with Canadian chartered banks rated BBB or better, or commercial paper issuers R1/A2/P2 or higher. In addition, all investments must be less than one year in duration.

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#### M. Events After the Reporting Period and Outlook

There are no other material events subsequent to the date of this document. The Company is continuing to explore its properties and activities over the ensuing year will focus on this. The Company expects to continue its strategy of collaborating with experienced mining companies to acquire and develop other properties and to advance them to production.

#### N. Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

The Company does not have any off-balance sheet arrangements and does not contemplate entering into any such arrangements in the foreseeable future.

#### **O.** Disclosure Controls and Procedures

The Board of Directors, through its Audit Committee, is responsible for ensuring that management fulfills its responsibilities for financial reporting and internal control.

The Audit Committee is composed of three directors, two of whom are independent, who meet at least quarterly with management, and at least annually with the external auditors, to review accounting, internal control, financial reporting and audit matters.

There have been no significant changes to the Company's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the period that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

The Audit Committee has established procedures for complaints received regarding accounting, internal controls or auditing matters, and for a confidential, anonymous submission procedure for employees who have concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters. The Whistleblower policy is in accordance with National Instrument 52-110 Audit Committees, National Policy 58-201 Corporate Governance Guidelines and National Instrument 58-101 Disclosure of Corporate Governance Practices.

Being a venture issuer, the Company is exempted from the certification on Disclosure Controls and Procedures and Internal Control Over Financial Reporting. The Company is required to file Form 52-109FV1 for annual reporting and Form 52-109FV2 for interim reporting.

#### P. Risks and Uncertainties

The principal business of the Company is the acquisition, exploration and development of mineral properties. Given the nature of the mining business, the limited extent of the Company's assets and the present stage of development, the following risk factors, among others, should be considered:

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The Company does not hold any known mineral reserves of any kind and does not generate any revenues from production. The Company's success will depend largely upon its ability to locate commercially productive mineral reserves. Mineral exploration is highly speculative in nature, involves many risks and frequently is non-productive.

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# P. Risks and Uncertainties, continued

There is no assurance that exploration efforts will be successful. Success in establishing reserves is a result of a number of factors, including the quality of management, the level of geological and technical expertise, and the quality of property available for exploration.

Once mineralization is discovered, it may take several years in the initial phases of drilling until production is possible, during which time the economic feasibility of production may change. Substantial expenditures are required to establish proven and probable reserves through drilling and bulk sampling, to determine the optimal metallurgical process to extract the metals from the ore and, in the case of new properties, to construct mining and processing facilities.

Because of these uncertainties, no assurance can be given that our exploration programs will result in the establishment or expansion of resources or reserves.

# No Operating History and Availability of Financial Resources

The Company does not have an operating history and has no operating revenues and is unlikely to generate any significant amount in the foreseeable future. Therefore, it may not have sufficient financial resources to undertake, by itself, all of its planned exploration and administrative activities.

Historically, the Company has relied mainly upon the issuance of share capital to finance its activities. In the future, the Company will be required to rely on earn-in agreements and / or issue share capital to finance future exploration and administrative activities, which may result in dilution to existing shareholders.

Furthermore, the amount of additional funds required may not be available under favorable terms, if at all. Failure to obtain additional funding on a timely basis could result in delay or indefinite postponement of further exploration and development and could cause the Company to forfeit its interests in some or all of its properties or to reduce or discontinue its operations.

## Price Volatility and Lack of Active Market

Securities markets in Canada and elsewhere continue to experience a high level of price and volume volatility, and the market prices of securities of many public companies have experienced significant fluctuations in price which have not necessarily been related to the operating performance, underlying asset values or prospects of such companies. It may be anticipated that any quoted market for the Company's securities will be subject to such market trends and that the value of such securities may be affected accordingly. If an active market does not develop, the liquidity of the investment may be limited and the market price of such securities may decline below the subscription price.

## Dependence on Key Personnel

The Company is dependent on a relatively small number of key directors, officers and senior personnel. Loss of any one of those persons could have an adverse effect on the Company. The Company does not currently maintain "key-man" insurance in respect of any of its management.

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## P. Risks and Uncertainties, continued

#### Government Regulations and Environmental Risks and Hazards

The Company conduct is subject to various federal, provincial, state laws, rules and regulations, including environmental legislation. Environmental legislation is becoming increasingly stringent and costs and expenses of regulatory compliance are increasing. The impact of new and future environmental legislation on the Company's operations may cause additional expenses and restrictions. If the restrictions adversely affect the scope of exploration and development on the resource property interests, the potential for production on the property may be diminished or negated.

The Company has adopted environmental practices designed to ensure that it continues to comply with environmental regulations currently applicable to it. All of the Company's activities are in compliance in all material respects with applicable environmental legislation. Environmental hazards may exist on the Company's properties, which may have been caused by previous or existing owners or operators of the properties.

The Company is not aware of any existing environmental hazards related to any of its current property interests that may result in material liability to the Company.

#### Competition

The resource industry is intensively competitive in all of its phases, and the Company competes with many other companies possessing much greater financial and technical resources. Competition is particularly intense with respect to the acquisition of desirable undeveloped properties. The principal competitive factors in the acquisition of prospective properties include the staff and data necessary to identify and investigate such properties, and the financial resources necessary to acquire and develop the projects. Competition could adversely affect the Company's ability to acquire suitable prospects for exploration.

## Title to Property

Although the Company has exercised the usual due diligence with respect to title to properties in which it has a material interest, there is no guarantee that title to the properties will not be challenged or impugned. The Company's mineral property interests may be subject to prior unregistered agreements or transfers, aboriginal land claims or government expropriation and title may be affected by undetected defects.

#### Licenses and Permits

The operations of the Company require licenses and permits from various government authorities. The Company believes that it holds all necessary licenses and permits under applicable laws and regulations for work in progress and believes it is presently complying in all material respects with the terms of such licenses and permits. However, such licenses and permits are subject to change in various circumstances. There can be no guarantee that the Company will be able to obtain or maintain all necessary licenses and permits that may be required to explore and develop its properties, commence construction or operation of mining facilities or to maintain continued operations that economically justify the cost.

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## Q. Changes in Accounting Policies Including Initial Adoption

#### Future Accounting Standards Changes

IFRS 9: *Financial Instruments* will eventually form a complete replacement for IAS 39: *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement*. All financial assets are classified as measured at amortized cost or at fair value based on the Company's business model for managing financial assets and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial assets. Financial liabilities are classified as subsequently measured at amortized cost except for financial liabilities classified at fair value through profit and loss, financial guarantees and certain other exceptions.

In response to delays to the completion of the remaining phases of the project, on December 16, 2011, the IASB issued amendments to IFRS 9 which deferred the mandatory effective date from January 1, 2013 to annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2018. The amendments also provided relief from the requirement to restate comparative consolidated financial statements for the effects of applying IFRS 9. The Company is currently assessing these effects.

#### **R.** Proposed Transactions

Other than normal course review of monthly submittals, there are no other new acquisitions or proposed transactions contemplated as at the date of this report.

## S. Forward-Looking Statements

Some of the statements contained in this MD&A may be deemed "forward-looking statements." These include estimates and statements that describe the Company's future plans, objectives or goals, and expectations of a stated condition or occurrence. Forward-looking statements may be identified by the use of words such as "believes", "anticipates", "expects", "estimates", "may", "could", "would", "will", or "plan".

Since forward-looking statements are based on assumptions and address future events and conditions, by their very nature they involve inherent risks and uncertainties.

Actual results relating to, among other things, results of exploration, reclamation, capital costs, and the Company's financial condition and prospects, could differ materially from those currently anticipated in such statements for many reasons such as but not limited to; changes in general economic conditions and conditions in the financial markets; changes in demand and prices for the minerals the Company expects to produce; litigation, legislative, environmental and other judicial, regulatory, political and competitive developments; technological and operational difficulties encountered in connection with the Company's activities; changing foreign exchange rates and other matters discussed in this MD&A.

Readers should not place undue reliance on the Company's forward-looking statements. Further information regarding these and other factors, which may cause results to differ materially from those projected in forward-looking statements, are included in the filings by the Company with securities regulatory authorities. The Company does not assume any obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statement that may be made from time to time by the Company or on its behalf, except in accordance with applicable securities laws, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.