



**OPTIMUM VENTURES LTD.**

Management Discussion & Analysis ("MD&A")

For the six months ended December 31, 2021

### **CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

This MD&A includes certain forward-looking statements or information. All statements other than statements of historical fact included in this MD&A including statements relating to the potential mineralization or geological merits of the Company's mineral properties and the future plans, objectives or expectations of the Company are forward-looking statements that involve various risks and uncertainties. Such forward-looking statements include among other things, statements regarding future commodity pricing, estimation of mineral reserves and resources, timing and amounts of estimated exploration expenditures and capital expenditures, costs and timing of the exploration and development of new deposits, success of exploration activities, permitting time lines, future currency exchange rates, requirements for additional capital, government regulation of mining operations, environmental risks, anticipated reclamation expenses, timing and possible outcome of pending litigation, timing and expected completion of property acquisitions or dispositions, and title disputes. They may also include statements with respect to the Company's mineral discoveries, plans, out-look and business strategy.

Forward-looking statements are predictions based upon current expectations and involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties. There can be no assurance that such statements will prove to be accurate and actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such statements.

Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from the Company's plans or expectations include risks relating to the actual results of exploration programs, fluctuating commodity prices, the possibility of equipment breakdowns and delays, the availability of necessary exploration equipment including drill rigs, exploration cost overruns, general economic or business conditions, regulatory changes, and the timeliness of government or regulatory approvals to conduct planned exploration work. Additional factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from the Company's plans or expectations include political events, the effects of pandemics, fluctuations in mineralization grade, geological, technical, mining or processing problems, future profitability on production, the ability to raise sufficient capital to fund exploration or production, litigation, legislative, environmental and other judicial, regulatory, political and competitive developments, inability to obtain permits, general volatility in the equity and debt markets, accidents and labor disputes and the availability of qualified personnel.

Although the Company has attempted to identify all of the factors that may affect our forward-looking statements or information, this list of the factors is not exhaustive. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date the statements were made, and readers are advised to consider such forward-looking statements in light of the risks and uncertainties detailed throughout this MD&A. The Company disclaims any intention or obligation to update or revise forward-looking information, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except where required by applicable securities laws.

## **DATE AND INTRODUCTION**

Optimum Ventures Ltd. (the “Company”) was incorporated on November 23, 2017 under the laws of the Province of British Columbia, Canada. The Company incorporated a State of Alaska subsidiary, Hyder Ventures Ltd. on February 8, 2019. The Company’s principal business activity is the acquisition, exploration and evaluation of mineral properties located in Province of British Columbia, Canada and in the State of Alaska, USA.

The Company’s head office is located at Suite 1507 – 1030 West Georgia Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6E 2Y3.

The Company’s common shares trade on the TSX Venture Exchange under the symbol “OPV”.

This discussion and analysis of financial position, results of operations and cash flows of Optimum Ventures Ltd. for the six months ended December 31, 2021 includes information up to and including February 11, 2022 and should be read in conjunction with the Company’s unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements for the six months ended December 31, 2021 and the Company’s audited consolidated financial statements for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020. All dollar figures are in Canadian dollars unless otherwise stated.

The reader is encouraged to review the Company’s statutory filings on [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) and to review other information about the Company on its website at [www.optimumventures.ca](http://www.optimumventures.ca).

## **MINERAL PROPERTIES**

### ***Premier South Property***

The Premier South Property is comprised of eight patented mineral claims known as the Riverside claims and four federally located mineral claims known as the Mineral Basin claims, all situated in Hyder Mining District in the State of Alaska, USA. The Premier South Property is immediately south of Ascot Resources Premier Gold Project.

During the year ended June 30, 2020, the Company acquired 23 additional mineral claims in the State of Alaska to expand the area around the Premier South Property. The Company made a cash payment of \$18,000 for the additional claims.

In total, the Premier South Property covers 315 hectares.

**MINERAL PROPERTIES** – (cont'd)

***Premier South Property*** – (cont'd)

*Riverside Option*

By an option assignment agreement dated December 8, 2017, the Company has the right to acquire a 100% interest in the Riverside claims which consist of 8 patented mineral claims located in the Hyder Mining District, in the State of Alaska, USA. Consideration to acquire the 100% interest is as follows:

*Cash Payments:*

- i) US\$10,000 on execution of the agreement (paid);
- ii) a further US\$20,000 on or before September 22, 2018 (paid);
- iii) a further US\$30,000 on or before September 22, 2019 (paid);
- iv) a further US\$40,000 on or before September 22, 2020 (paid); and
- v) a further US\$50,000 on or before September 22, 2021 (paid).

*Cumulative Exploration Expenditures:*

- i) US\$10,000 on or before September 22, 2018 (incurred);
- ii) a further US\$30,000 on or before September 22, 2019 (incurred);
- iii) a further US\$40,000 on or before September 22, 2020 (incurred); and
- iv) a further US\$50,000 on or before September 22, 2021 (incurred).

Any exploration expenditures in excess of the minimum annual exploration expenditures will be carried over to the following year's commitment.

At any time after September 22, 2018 but before September 22, 2022, the Company may purchase the Riverside claims outright for US\$500,000 provided that all the cash payments and exploration expenditures set out above have been made to the latest anniversary date.

The Riverside claims are subject to a 2% net smelter returns royalty. The Company has the right, at any time, to purchase one-half of the royalty for US\$500,000.

**MINERAL PROPERTIES** – (cont'd)

***Premier South Property*** – (cont'd)

*Mineral Basin Option*

By an option assignment agreement dated December 8, 2017, the Company has the right to acquire up to a 100% interest in the Mineral Basin claims which consist of 4 federally located mineral claims located in the Hyder Mining District, in the State of Alaska, USA. Consideration to acquire an initial 51% the interest is as follows:

*Cash Payments:*

- i) US\$10,000 on execution of the agreement (paid);
- ii) a further US\$20,000 on or before September 25, 2018 (paid);
- iii) a further US\$20,000 on or before September 25, 2019 (paid);
- iv) a further US\$20,000 on or before September 25, 2020 (paid);
- v) a further US\$20,000 on or before September 25, 2021 (paid); and
- vi) a further US\$200,000 on or before September 25, 2022.

*Cumulative Exploration Expenditures:*

- i) US\$30,000 on or before September 25, 2018 (incurred);
- ii) a further US\$50,000 on or before September 25, 2019 (incurred);
- iii) a further US\$70,000 on or before September 25, 2020 (incurred);
- iv) a further US\$100,000 on or before September 25, 2021 (incurred); and
- v) a further US\$200,000 on or before September 25, 2022

Any exploration expenditures in excess of the minimum annual exploration expenditures will be carried over to the following year's commitment.

Upon earning a 51% interest in the Mineral Basin claims, the Company has the right to purchase the remaining 49% interest for US\$500,000 at any time on or before September 25, 2023.

The Mineral Basin claims are subject to a 2% net smelter returns royalty. The Company has the right, at any time, to purchase one-half of the royalty for US\$500,000.

**MINERAL PROPERTIES** – (cont'd)

***Premier South Property*** – (cont'd)

The Premier South Property is located in the USA which delayed the drilling program outlined in the Company's initial public offering prospectus due to COVID-19 cross border travel restrictions. During the three months ended September 30, 2021 and during the year ended June 30, 2021, the Company primarily used US labour contractors to upgrade the access road to the Premier South Property and to complete surface field work. The Canada/US cross border travel restrictions were lifted on November 8, 2021.

On May 11, 2021, Optimum released results from a limited surface exploration program conducted late in the 2020 field season on the Riverside claims. Program highlights included:

- Up to 1,290 grams per tonne gold in grab samples from historic trenches on the Jarvis vein.
- Up to 4.89 grams per tonne gold in grab samples from historic trenches on the Lindeborg vein.
- Up to 2.6 grams per tonne gold in soil sampling on grid No. 1.
- Up to 4.95 grams per tonne gold in soil sampling on grid No. 2.
- Up to 39.1 grams per tonne gold in soil sampling on grid No. 3.

Mineralization on the claims is associated with northwest-trending shear zones within granodiorites. The veins generally consist of a one-to-1.5-metre-wide zone of quartz with massive galena, sphalerite, pyrite and minor chalcopyrite stringers as well as local coarse visible gold. Sulphides occupy the central 0.4 to 0.5 metres of the quartz veins and locally form 50% of the rock. Fine grained pyrite is present in the wall areas of the vein forming an envelope that is 0.5 metre wide on either side of the structures. Gold and silver values are associated with the base-metal-bearing portions of the veins identified to date.

Due to the Canada/US border closure discussed above, exploration on the Premier South Property was limited to soil sampling in three separate grids and grab sampling of mineralization in historic trenches and adits. The program was conducted by local prospectors and samplers, supervised by the Company's qualified person. A total of 597 soil samples were collected every 25 metres along lines spaced 25 metres apart. The largest grid over the south end of the property measured 500 metres by 450 metres. The other grids located over the north end of the property measured out triangularly in shape due to steepness of the topography. Soil sampling was successful in outlining areas for further work. Sampling indicated up to 2.6 grams per tonne gold in soil sampling on grid No. 1, up to 4.95 grams per tonne gold in soil sampling on grid No. 2 and up to 39.1 grams per tonne gold in soil sampling on grid No. 3. A total of 32 grab samples were taken off the wall of trenches and short adits on the Jarvis and Lindeborg veins. A photo of the Jarvis vein as well as several photos of the coarse gold present in the vein are shown on the Company's website. Rock sampling was also conducted on quartz veins near the border and variably mineralized Lindeborg which yielded values ranging from 20 parts per billion gold to 29.1 grams per tonne gold as well as 0.2 to 538 grams per tonne silver. Sampling on the Jarvis was located from muck and broken material at the end of a short adit.

**MINERAL PROPERTIES** – (cont'd)

**Premier South Property** – (cont'd)

Significant results from the 2020 Jarvis sampling are shown in the table below:

Sample #	Sample Type	Au g/t	Ag g/t	Pb %	Zn %
RV 20-1	Grab	958	432	5.86	12.4
RV 20-2	Grab	554	384	7.67	17.4
RV 20-3	Grab	349	307	6.64	20.5
RV 20-4	Grab	374	341	7.45	16.1
RV 20-5	Grab	68.7	719	21.8	34.6
RV 20-6	Grab	469	765	24.1	34.1
RV 20-7	Grab	588	717	13.7	29
RV 20-8	Grab	163	558	20	25.5
RV 20-9	Grab	344	733	27	25
RV 20-10	Grab	638	702	19.3	34.2
RV 20-11	Grab	1290	698	12.2	23.9
RV 20-12	Grab	408	467	10.5	20.3
RV 20-14	Grab	7.55	437	20.9	9.04

Grab samples are solely designed to show the presence or absence of any mineralization and to characterize the metal tenor in this mineralization. Grab samples are by definition selective and not intended to provide nor should be construed as a representative indication of grade or mineralization on the property, and the grab samples analyzed from the property reflect a broad range in grade.

The samples represent the only sampling carried out to date. Further work will expand on the strike of the high-grade zones as well as locate previously reported ones. The Company has received drill permits and has posted a bond for reclamation. Access roads were constructed in 2020. Assay analysis was performed by Activation Laboratories in Kamloops, BC. The samples were analyzed by ICP methods, and overlimits for gold, silver, copper, lead and zinc values were obtained by fire assay for gold and silver. Due to the low number of samples, no standards or blanks were inserted by the Company; however, the laboratory inserted internal quality assurance/quality control standards.

***Edward Kruchkowski, P.Geo., a Qualified Person as defined by NI-43-01 regulations and a director of the Company, has reviewed this MD&A and approved the technical disclosures concerning the Premier South Property.***

**MINERAL PROPERTIES** – (cont'd)

***Harry Property***

On September 13, 2021, the Company entered into an option agreement with Teuton Resources Corp. (“Teuton”) to acquire an 80% interest in the Harry and Outland Silver Bar Properties (the “Harry Property”). The Harry Property is located north of Stewart, British Columbia in the Skeena Mining Division. It consists of three contiguous mineral claims that cover a gross area of approximately 1,333 hectares.

The Harry Property lies in a prospective corridor running north-northwest from the Premier, Silver Coin, Big Missouri and Dilworth gold deposits presently being developed by Ascot Resources Ltd. Lying to the west and north of the Harry Property are the extensive holdings of Scottie Resources Corp. which include the formerly producing Scottie Gold mine. The Harry Property is also immediately adjacent to the extensive holdings of Pretium Resources Inc. on the northeast boundary.

Consideration to acquire the 80% interest in the Harry Property is as follows:

*Cumulative Exploration Expenditures:*

- \$500,000 on or before September 13, 2022 (“the Year 1 expenditures”);
- a further \$1,000,000 on or before September 13, 2023 (“the Year 2 expenditures”);
- a further \$1,500,000 on or before September 13, 2024 (“the Year 3 expenditures”);
- a further \$2,000,000 on or before September 13, 2025 (“the Year 4 expenditures”);
- a further \$4,000,000 on or before September 13, 2026 (“the Year 5 expenditures”).

All exploration expenditures are on a “make or pay” basis, meaning the Company shall either make the required expenditures, or pay the Optionor in cash for any shortfall within 30 days of the period during which the expenditures were required.

*Cash Payments:*

- \$50,000 on TSX Venture Exchange approval of the agreement (paid);
- a further \$75,000 on or before the earlier of September 13, 2022 and the date that is 30 days after the date that the Year 1 expenditures are incurred;
- a further \$100,000 on or before the earlier of September 13, 2023 and the date that is 30 days after the date that the Year 2 expenditures are incurred;
- a further \$150,000 on or before the earlier of September 13, 2024 and the date that is 30 days after the date that the Year 3 expenditures are incurred;
- a further \$400,000 on or before the earlier of September 13, 2025 and the date that is 30 days after the date that the Year 4 expenditures are incurred;
- a further \$725,000 on or before the earlier of September 13, 2026 and the date that is 30 days after the date that the Year 5 expenditures are incurred.

**MINERAL PROPERTIES** – (cont'd)

***Harry Property*** – (cont'd)

*Share Issuances:*

- 200,000 common shares on TSX Venture Exchange approval of the agreement (issued at a fair value of \$91,000);
- a further 300,000 common shares on or before the earlier of September 13, 2022 and the date that is 30 days after the date that the Year 1 expenditures are incurred;
- a further 300,000 common shares on or before the earlier of September 13, 2023 and the date that is 30 days after the date that the Year 2 expenditures are incurred;
- a further 700,000 common shares on or before the earlier of September 13, 2024 and the date that is 30 days after the date that the Year 3 expenditures are incurred;
- a further 1,000,000 common shares on or before the earlier of September 13, 2025 and the date that is 30 days after the date that the Year 4 expenditures are incurred;
- a further 1,500,000 common shares on or before the earlier of September 13, 2026 and the date that is 30 days after the date that the Year 5 expenditures are incurred.

Upon exercise of the option by the Company, the parties will enter into a joint venture agreement for the operation of the Harry Property with the Company being the operator. The Company will grant the Optionor a 2% net smelter return royalty.

Concurrent with the entry into the option agreement with Teuton for the Harry Property, the Company entered into a quitclaim agreement with Jayden Resources Inc. ("Jayden"), pursuant to which Jayden agreed to terminate its option agreement with Teuton in consideration for \$27,000 (paid) and the issuance of 750,000 common shares of the Company (issued at a fair value of \$341,250).

In connection with both of the above agreements, the Company entered into a finders' fee agreement under which the Company paid a finder's fee of 229,706 common shares at a fair value of \$104,516.

As per the December 1, 2020 National Instrument 43-101 Technical Report on the Harry Property filed by Jayden (available on Jayden's profile on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com)), the majority of the Harry Property including the Outlander claim lies along the NW portion of a geological corridor prospective for gold-silver mineralization that is up to 3 kilometres wide. It is at least 15 kilometres long extending from south of the Premier mine, possibly in the US, north to the Scottie Gold mine and beyond. The Harry Property is situated near infrastructure including a year-round road, a powerline and an ice-free port in Stewart. In addition, a mill is currently being constructed by Ascot Resources Ltd. at the site of the historical Premier mine.

In 2020, a new zone of mineralization called the Milestone was discovered on the Harry Property averaging 7.86 ounces per ton gold (269.5 grams per tonne) across a two-metre width. The full width of this new zone has not been defined due to overburden cover (see Jayden's news release dated February 10, 2021 available on their profile on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com)).

**MINERAL PROPERTIES** – (cont'd)

***Harry Property*** – (cont'd)

*Technical Report on the Harry Property*

The Company filed a technical report on the Harry Property in compliance with National Instrument 43-101 Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects ("NI 43-101") prepared by the Company's independent geologist and qualified person under NI 43-101, Alojzy Walus, M. Sc., P. Geo with an effective date of October 15, 2021 (the "Technical Report"). A copy of the Technical Report is available on the Company's profile on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

The 43-101 Technical Report states:

*"The bulk of the Harry property lies within a 3 km wide and at least 15 km long prospective corridor which hosts a number of gold-silver deposits as well as numerous prospects. Deposits within this corridor include Premier, Big Missouri, Silver Coin, Martha Ellen and Mt Dilworth.*

*The property is located within Jurassic volcanic rocks bounded by the Summit Lake stock to the north and Texas Creek batholith to the south which are part of the Texas Creek Plutonic suite in the Stewart Area. This suite of intrusive rocks is associated with mineralization at the historic Premier mine located 15 km south of the property and the KSM copper-gold porphyries and Brucejack Lake gold deposits. The Premier mine produced 2,000,000 ounces (oz) of gold and 49,000,000 ounces of silver. The KSM and Brucejack Lake deposits contain 6.4 million ounces of gold in the proven and probable categories.*

*One of the showings called Milestone is a 2.0 m wide quartz breccia vein which contains pyrite, minor galena and locally dendrites of native gold. A grab sample from the vein ran 1,553 g/t gold. A chip sample taken across the vein returned 269.5 g/t gold over 2.0 metres (Teuton Resources press release, December 9, 2020). The second showing called S-1 represents a 10 metres wide vein swarm comprised of numerous parallel quartz veins which contain up to 10% of combined pyrite, galena and sphalerite. Four grab samples collected from this showing returned up to 1.34 g/t gold and 32 g/t silver. In addition to these two mineral occurrences, the area also contains numerous quartz+/-carbonate veins with some of them mineralized with pyrite, galena, sphalerite, chalcopyrite and tetrahedrite. Only a few of these veins were sampled as smooth rock surfaces made it impossible to sample them.*

*During the 2020 exploration program the author identified a large intrusive body of Premier Porphyry in the area of Milestone and S-1 showings which is in contact with a large prominent quartz-sericite- pyrite alteration zone at least 400 metres in size. The presence of Premier Porphyry is very encouraging since this rock was the source of mineralization in the historic Premier Mine.*

*The Harry property has excellent potential for the discovery of high-grade gold-silver mineralization as well as large-scale low-grade gold-silver zones similar to those located within the mineralized corridor described above."*

**MINERAL PROPERTIES** – (cont'd)

***Harry Property*** – (cont'd)

2021 Exploration Program

Optimum released partial assay results, including multiple high-grade gold and silver assays, from a limited surface exploration program conducted on the Harry Property during the fall of 2021.

The 2021 exploration program identified:

- Six separate quartz-sulphide structures in a small northeast area of the Harry Property;
- The Swann zone several hundred metres east of the Milestone showing;
- Fine visible gold in semi-massive to massive sulphide in the Swann zone (assays pending);
- Premier porphyry intrusive in contact with mineralized zones (similar to the host rock of the Premier gold deposit).

The Harry Property hosts several 500-metre-wide zones of intense alteration that trend northwest along the claim length. Within this intense alteration, sericite along with abundant pyrite is prevalent. Quartz veins, quartz breccias and semi-massive sulphides occur within these alteration zones. To date, less than 10% of the Harry Property has been prospected.

The 2021 exploration program consisted of surface sampling any newly located structures in the area of the recently identified Milestone showing. A total of 50 samples were collected, with assay results received for the first 38 samples. Values ranged from 0.01 gram per tonne to 23.30 grams per tonne gold and 0.02 gram per tonne to 3,379 grams per tonne silver. This sampling work was successful in identifying several new structures.

Highlights of sampling indicate:

- 23 grams per tonne gold and 2,995 grams per tonne silver in grab sample A21-2A;
- 11 grams per tonne gold and 3,739 grams per tonne silver in grab sample A21-3;
- 3 grams per tonne gold and 328 grams per tonne silver in float sample A21-22;
- 5.5 grams per tonne gold and 270 grams per tonne silver in a 0.4-metre chip sample (A21-5A).

The work completed in late 2021, while only on a small area of the full package, indicates that sulphide zones occur within quartz-bearing structures trending both east-west (south dip). Where these structures are crosscut by northwest-trending structures (dipping east), semi-massive to massive sulphides occur. Within these sulphides, sphalerite, galena, tetrahedrite, chalcopyrite and pyrite are present. Fine visible gold is occasionally present within the massive mineralization.

The Company expects the balance of the results from the 2021 exploration program in the coming weeks. Laboratories have experienced delays due to large volume as well as labour shortages.

**MINERAL PROPERTIES** – (cont'd)

**Harry Property** – (cont'd)

2022 Phase 1 Exploration Program

The Technical Report outlined a recommended Phase 1 exploration program on the Harry Property consisting of rock sampling, geological mapping, geophysical surveys, drilling and core cutting at an estimated cost of \$500,000. The Phase 1 exploration program is intended to generate drill targets for future drilling programs. The Company intends to complete the recommended Phase 1 work program beginning in the second quarter of 2022.

**Acquisition, exploration and evaluation costs incurred on the Company's mineral properties to December 31, 2021 and June 30, 2021 are as follows:**

	Premier South	Harry	Total
As at June 30, 2020	\$ 442,162	\$ -	\$ 442,162
Property acquisition costs - cash	79,170	-	79,170
Deferred exploration costs - assays	23,486	-	23,486
Deferred exploration costs - claim maintenance fees	9,434	-	9,434
Deferred exploration costs - equipment rental	19,474	-	19,474
Deferred exploration costs - geological	3,550	-	3,550
Deferred exploration costs - labour	24,192	-	24,192
Deferred exploration costs - travel and field	65	-	65
	159,371	-	159,371
As at June 30, 2021	601,533	-	601,533
Property acquisition costs - cash	90,475	77,000	167,475
Property acquisition costs – shares	-	536,766	536,766
Deferred exploration costs - claim maintenance fees	4,892	-	4,892
Deferred exploration costs - equipment rental	106,795	46,780	153,575
Deferred exploration costs – geological	10,630	28,350	38,980
Deferred exploration costs – labour	106,873	-	106,873
Deferred exploration costs - road construction	12,500	12,500	25,000
Deferred exploration costs - travel and field	92,671	45,760	138,431
Deferred exploration costs – BCMETC	-	(26,678)	(26,678)
	424,836	720,478	1,145,314
As at December 31, 2021	\$ 1,026,369	\$ 720,478	\$ 1,746,847

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**SELECTED ANNUAL INFORMATION**

The following table sets out selected financial information of the Company for the years ended June 30, 2021, 2020 and 2019:

	June 30, 2021 \$	June 30, 2020 \$	June 30, 2019 \$
Revenues	Nil	Nil	Nil
Net and comprehensive loss	(107,518)	(484,000)	(90,649)
Basic and diluted loss per share	(0.005)	(0.024)	(0.006)
Total assets	3,787,380	854,799	612,719
Non-current financial liabilities	Nil	Nil	Nil
Dividends	Nil	Nil	Nil

**DISCUSSION OF OPERATIONS**

The Company recorded a net loss and comprehensive loss of \$220,738 for the six months ended December 31, 2021 compared to \$50,892 for the six months ended December 31, 2020.

The Company incurred consulting fees of \$23,667 for the six months ended December 31, 2021 compared to \$Nil for the six months ended December 31, 2020. During the 2021 period, the Company paid consulting fees of \$20,000 for the design and construction of a new website.

The Company incurred filing fees of \$28,643 for the six months ended December 31, 2021 compared to \$5,343 for the six months ended December 31, 2020. During the 2021 period, filing fees of \$13,202 were paid to the TSX Venture Exchange with respect to the review of the filing documents related to the option of the Harry Property.

The Company incurred legal fees of \$59,054 for the six months ended December 31, 2021 compared to \$5,101 for the six months ended December 31, 2020. During the 2021 period, legal fees increased due to the option of the Harry Property and to the completion of a flow-through private placement.

The Company incurred management fees of \$67,500 for the six months ended December 31, 2021 compared to \$15,000 for the six months ended December 31, 2020. The Company's newly appointed Chief Executive Officer charged management fees at a rate of \$10,000 per month beginning in July 2021.

The Company incurred office rent of \$27,179 for the six months ended December 31, 2021 compared to \$4,000 for the six months ended December 31, 2020.

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**SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY RESULTS**

The figures for the quarters ended June 30, 2021 and 2020 are derived from the Company's audited consolidated financial statements. All other quarterly figures are derived from the Company's unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements.

	December 31, 2021 \$	September 30, 2021 \$	June 30, 2021 \$	March 31, 2021 \$
Net loss and comprehensive loss	(135,713)	(85,025)	(36,931)	(19,695)
Basic loss per share	(0.01)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)
Diluted loss per share	(0.01)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)

	December 31, 2020 \$	September 30, 2020 \$	June 30, 2020 \$	March 31, 2020 \$
Net loss and comprehensive loss	(24,116)	(26,776)	(47,944)	(99,465)
Basic loss per share	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.01)	(0.00)
Diluted loss per share	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.01)	(0.00)

## **LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES**

At December 31, 2021, the Company has not advanced its mineral properties to commercial production and has not generated revenue from operations. The Company does not expect to generate revenues in the foreseeable future and expects to continue to incur costs to further explore its mineral properties.

The Company's mineral property interests were acquired by way of option agreements which carry ongoing cash and exploration expenditure obligations as disclosed earlier in this MD&A.

At December 31, 2021, the Company had working capital of \$4,296,994. The Company has financed its administrative overheads, mineral property acquisitions and exploration programs to date through the issuance of common shares. However, there is no assurance it will be able to do so in the future.

### ***Financing Activities***

#### ***Six Months ended December 31, 2021:***

On December 13, 2021, the Company issued 4,640,000 common shares pursuant to a flow-through private placement at \$0.50 per share for gross proceeds of \$2,320,000. The Company recorded a flow-through premium liability of \$301,600. Filing fees of \$11,600 were paid with respect to this private placement.

At December 31, 2021, the Company had not incurred any flow-through exploration expenditures. The Company is required to incur \$2,320,000 of flow-through exploration expenditures by December 31, 2022 to meet its commitment.

On December 7, 2021, the Company issued 425,500 common shares at \$0.15 per share for proceeds of \$63,825 pursuant to the exercise of agent's options.

#### ***Year ended June 30, 2021:***

On June 25, 2021, the Company issued 11,538,191 units at \$0.26 per unit for gross proceeds of \$2,999,930. Each unit consisted of one common share and one-half of one share purchase warrant. Each full share purchase warrant entitled the holder to purchase an additional common share at \$0.35 until June 25, 2023. Legal fees of \$14,716 and filing fees of \$17,219 were paid with respect to this private placement.

**TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN RELATED PARTIES**

At February 11, 2022, the Board of Directors of the Company are Andrew Bowering, Edward Kruchkowski, Randolph Kasum and Tyler Ross. The officers of the Company are Tyler Ross, CEO and Edward Kruchkowski, CFO.

The Company incurred the following charges by directors of the Company and by companies with directors in common with the Company during the six months ended December 31, 2021 and 2020:

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Deferred exploration costs – equipment rental	\$ 132,112	\$ 18,645
Deferred exploration costs – geological	16,000	-
Deferred exploration costs – road construction	25,000	-
Management fees	67,500	15,000
Rent	<u>4,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>
	<u>\$ 244,612</u>	<u>\$ 39,645</u>

Key management personnel consist of the directors and officers of the Company. During the six months ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, the Company incurred the following key management compensation charges:

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Deferred exploration costs – equipment rental	\$ 132,112	\$ 18,645
Deferred exploration costs – geological	16,000	-
Deferred exploration costs – road construction	25,000	-
Rent	<u>67,500</u>	<u>15,000</u>
	<u>\$ 240,612</u>	<u>\$ 33,645</u>

At December 31, 2021, accounts payable and accrued liabilities include \$82,432 (June 30, 2021: \$Nil) due to companies with directors in common with the Company for exploration and evaluation costs.

At December 31, 2021, due to related parties includes \$34,125 (June 30, 2021: \$63,000) due to companies with directors in common with the Company for management fees and office rent.

**OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS**

The Company has no off-balance sheet arrangements to report.

## **CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES**

The Company makes estimates and assumptions about the future that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities. Estimates and judgments are continually evaluated based on historical experience and other factors including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual experience may differ from these estimates and assumptions. The effect of a change in an accounting estimate is recognized prospectively by including it in comprehensive loss in the period of the change, if the change affects that period only; or in the period of the change and future periods, if the change affects both. Information about critical judgments in applying accounting policies that have the most significant risk of causing material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities recognized in the consolidated financial statements are discussed below:

### *Exploration and Evaluation Expenditures*

The application of the Company's accounting policy for exploration and evaluation expenditure requires judgment in determining whether it is likely that future economic benefits will flow to the Company, which may be based on assumptions about future events or circumstances. Estimates and assumptions made may change if new information becomes available. If, after expenditures are capitalized, information becomes available suggesting that the recovery of the expenditures is unlikely, the amount capitalized is written off in the profit or loss in the period the new information becomes available.

### *Rehabilitation Provisions*

Rehabilitation provisions were determined to be \$Nil based on management estimates. Assumptions were made which management believes are a reasonable basis upon which to estimate the future liability. Estimates are reviewed annually and are based on current regulatory requirements. Significant changes in estimates of contamination, restoration standards and techniques will result in changes to provisions from period to period.

### *Share-Based Payments*

The Company uses the Black Scholes Option Pricing Model for valuation of share-based payments. Option pricing models require the input of subjective assumptions including expected price volatility, 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.

### *Valuation of Deferred Tax Assets*

The Company makes a determination of whether it is likely that future taxable profits will be available to utilize against any deferred tax assets.

### *Going Concern*

The Company uses judgement in its assessment of the Company's ability to continue as a going concern and whether there are events or conditions that may give rise to significant uncertainty.

**CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES INCLUDING INITIAL ADOPTION**

The Company's significant accounting policies are disclosed in Note 3 to its unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements for the six months ended December 31, 2021.

There were no changes in the Company's significant accounting policies during the six months ended December 31, 2021 that had a material effect on the Company's condensed interim consolidated financial statements.

**PROPOSED TRANSACTIONS**

The Company has no proposed transactions to report.

## **FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS**

The fair values of the Company's financial assets and liabilities approximate their carrying amounts.

Financial instruments measured at fair value are classified into one of three levels in the fair value hierarchy according to the relative reliability of the inputs used to estimate the fair values. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are:

- Level 1 – Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;
- Level 2 – Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability either directly or indirectly; and
- Level 3 – Inputs that are not based on observable market data.

The Company's financial instruments consist of cash, accounts payable and due to related parties. Cash is classified as FVTPL and accounts payable and due to related parties are classified as financial liabilities at amortized cost.

The Company's financial instruments are exposed to certain financial risks. The risk exposures and the impact on the Company's financial instruments are summarized below.

### *Credit Risk*

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation. The Company's cash is exposed to credit risk. The Company reduces its credit risk on cash by placing these instruments with institutions of high credit worthiness.

### *Interest Rate Risk*

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The Company's cash is exposed to interest rate risk.

### *Liquidity Risk*

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities. The Company's accounts payable and amounts due to related parties are all current and due within 90 days of the balance sheet date.

### *Currency Risk*

The Company's functional currency is the Canadian dollar. The exploration of the Company's mineral properties is partially conducted in United States dollars, which may impact operating results and cash flows by changes in the Canadian dollar vis-à-vis the United States dollar. The Company does not engage in any hedging activities to reduce its foreign currency risk.

## **RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES**

In addition to the risks and uncertainties outlined earlier in this management discussion, the Company is also subject to other risks and uncertainties including the following:

### *COVID-19*

In March 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic. This contagious disease outbreak and the related adverse public health developments have adversely affected workforces, economies and financial markets, leading to a global economic downturn. Management has implemented safeguards and protocols recommended by the relevant health authorities to protect its workers and continues to monitor the situation.

### *General Risk Associated with the Mining Industry*

The business of mineral deposit exploration and extraction involves a high degree of risk. Few properties that are explored ultimately become producing mines. At present, none of the Company's properties has a known commercial ore deposit. The main operating risks include: securing adequate funding to maintain and advance exploration properties; ensuring ownership of and access to mineral properties by confirmation that claims and leases are in good standing and obtaining permits for drilling and other exploration activities. The market prices for gold and other metals can be volatile and there is no assurance that a profitable market will exist for a production decision to be made or for the ultimate sale of the metals even if commercial quantities of precious and other metals are discovered.

Exploration and development activities involve risks which careful evaluation and experience may not, in some cases eliminate. The commercial viability of a mineral deposit depends on many factors not all of which are within the control of management. Some of the factors that affect the financial viability of a given mineral deposit include its size, grade and proximity to infrastructure, government regulation, taxes, royalties, land tenure, land use, environmental protection and reclamation and closure obligations. Management may attempt to mitigate its exploration risk by employing a strategy of joint ventures with other companies which balances risk while at the same time allows properties to be advanced.

### *Dependence on Key Personnel*

Loss of certain members of the executive team or key operational leaders of the company could have a disruptive effect on the implementation of the Company's business strategy and the efficient running of day-to-day operations until their replacement is found. Recruiting personnel is time consuming and expensive and competition for professionals is intense. The Company may be unable to retain its key employees or attract, assimilate, retain or train other necessary qualified employees, which may restrict its growth potential.

**RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES** – (cont'd)

*Option Agreements*

The Company is currently earning some of its interests in its mineral properties through option agreements and acquisition of title to the property is only completed when the option conditions have been met. These conditions generally include making property payments and incurring exploration expenditures on the properties and can include the completion of pre-feasibility studies. If the Company does not satisfactorily complete its option conditions in the time frame laid out in the option agreement, the Company's title to the mineral property will not vest and the Company will have to write-down the previously capitalized costs related to that property.

*Permits and Licences*

The operations of the Company will require licences and permits from various governmental authorities, which have been applied for and/or will be applied for at the proper time. There can, however, be no assurance that the Company will be able to obtain all necessary licences and permits required to carry out exploration, development and mining operations of its projects.

*Environmental Regulation*

The operations of the Company are subject to environmental regulations promulgated by government agencies from time to time. Environmental legislation provides for restrictions and prohibitions on spills, releases or emissions or various substances produced in association with certain mining industry operations, such as seepage from tailings disposal areas, which would result in environmental pollution. A breach of such legislation may result in the imposition of fines and penalties. In addition, certain types of operations require the submission and approval of environmental impact assessments. Environmental legislation is evolving in a manner which means stricter standards, and enforcement, fines and penalties for non-compliance are becoming more stringent. Environmental assessments of proposed projects carry a heightened degree of responsibility for companies and their directors, officers and employees. The cost of compliance with changes in governmental regulations has the potential to reduce the profitability of future operations. The Company may become subject to liability for pollutions or hazards against which it cannot insure or again which it may elect not to insure where premium costs are disproportionate to the Company's perception of the relevant risks. The payment of such insurance premiums and of such liabilities would reduce the funds available for exploration and production activities.

**OUTSTANDING SHARE DATA**

*Number of Issued and Outstanding Common Shares:*

At February 11, 2022 39,688,397

*Stock Options:*

At February 11, 2022, there were 3,600,000 stock options outstanding entitling the holders thereof the right to purchase one common share for each option held as follows:

Number of Options	Exercise Price	Expiry Date
2,500,000	\$0.50	January 25, 2027
1,100,000	\$0.15	December 20, 2029
<u>3,600,000</u>		

*Share Purchase Warrants:*

At February 11, 2022, there were 5,769,095 share purchase warrants outstanding entitling the holders thereof the right to purchase one common share for each warrant held at \$0.35 until June 25, 2023.