

# **Consolidated Financial Statements**

(expressed in thousands of United States dollars)

Years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007

#### SHAREHOLDER UPDATE

#### Review of Fiscal 2008 and Outlook for Fiscal 2009

Bradford Cooke, Chairman and CEO of Canarc Resource Corp., is pleased to provide the following review of Fiscal 2008 and the outlook for Fiscal 2009.

## 2008 Highlights

- Appointed new senior management and director, Mr. Garry Biles, P.Eng. becomes President and Chief Operating Officer and Mr. Bruce Bried, P.Eng. joins Canarc's Board of Directors.
- Completed a Plan of Arrangement to spin-out Canarc's Mexican gold projects to its wholly-owned subsidiary company, Caza Gold Corp. and helped raise initial financing for Caza.
- Closed a CA\$100,000 non-brokered private placement equity financing in December, for use as working capital and for evaluating prospective gold mine property acquisitions.
- Updated the preliminary economic assessment of New Polaris at US\$750 gold, resulting in improved economics of the project including a pre-tax Net Present Value ("NPV") of CA\$131.2 million and a pre-tax internal rate of return ("IRR") of 28.8% (see January 7, 2009 news release).

#### 2008 in Review

The year 2008 was dominated by the global financial crisis that negatively impacted all commodity and stock markets, and particularly junior mining shares such as Canarc. However, gold and to a lesser extent silver regain their precious nature in times of financial crisis so gold was by far the best performing investment sector, up 5.8% in 2008. The precious metals hit bottom in November and have already enjoyed a nice bounce, gold more than silver.

Resource stocks appear to have hit bottom in December due to tax loss selling and have enjoyed an initial 50-100% bounce back in January. Canarc's share price opened 2008 at CA\$0.38 per share, bottomed in December at CA\$0.04, but has bounced back to the CA\$0.09 range since the start of the year. Notwithstanding the difficult market conditions, Canarc management continued to seek opportunities for growth, not only by advancing our two gold projects as much as possible given the lack of funds, but also by evaluating several new acquisitions during the year.

New Polaris: Canarc President, Garry Biles, oversaw the updating and optimization of the preliminary assessment on New Polaris which was originally completed in 2007. As a result of this reassessment, the economics on the New Polaris gold mine project were substantially improved. The combination of better off-site treatment terms, a higher gold price and a lower Canadian dollar exchange rate all have a positive impact on the economics for the New Polaris gold mine project. At a US\$750 per oz gold price and a US\$/CA\$ exchange rate of 0.80, the project generates a pre-tax Net Present Value ("NPV") of CA\$131.2 million and a pre-tax Internal Rate of Return ("IRR") of 28.8%. This compares to the initial assessment which showed a pre-tax NPV of CA\$60.4 million and a pre-tax IRR of 14.9% at a US\$650 per oz gold price and a \$US\\$CA exchange rate of 0.90 when the preliminary study was first completed.

Benzdorp: Regarding the Benzdorp gold project in Suriname, applications were re-submitted to the Minister of Natural Resources to re-issue these exploration concessions. No further work was contemplated at Benzdorp until the new concession titles are issued to Benzdorp Gold NV, the local company owned by Canarc and its partner Grassalco, the state mining company for Suriname.

Caza: Canarc completed the spinout of its Mexican gold projects to subsidiary company, Caza Gold Corp., and the distribution of Caza Gold shares pro rata to Canarc shareholders. This allowed Caza to finance the exploration of its projects and look for more advanced gold projects in Mexico. Canarc retained approximately 2.4 million shares, or about 16.7% of Caza Gold Corp. as an investment.

Aztec: Canarc continues to hold approximately 11% of the shares of Aztec Metals Corp. Aztec postponed its public listing in 2008 due to unfavourable market conditions but it plans to seek a public listing in 2009.

#### **Outlook For 2009**

The outlook for gold and gold stocks for 2009 is quite positive as evidenced by the recent run in the gold price above US\$900. Some forecasters are calling for US\$1000-1500 gold or higher this year. Management is also bullish that gold will seek new highs this year due to the accelerating debasement of the US dollar and the attendant inflation that should arise from such monetary policies.

Canarc plans a two-pronged approach this year to create value for shareholders.

Firstly, Canarc's team will continue to consider strategic alternatives such as a joint venture or other means to advance the New Polaris high grade gold mine project to pre-production mine development and a full feasibility study.

Secondly, we will continue to pursue new opportunities for growth by evaluating attractive gold projects in the USA and Canada for acquisition where management's exploration and mining experience can add value. Management is of the belief that this market environment is very attractive for making strategic gold property acquisitions at this time while asset values are depressed.

We appreciate the support of our many shareholders, and we can all look forward to a more rewarding year of growth for the Company.

#### CANARC RESOURCE CORP.

Per:

/s/ Bradford J. Cooke

**Bradford J. Cooke** *Chairman and C.E.O.* 

March 20, 2009

## **CAUTIONARY DISCLAIMER – FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS**

Certain statements contained herein regarding the Company and its operations constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. All statements that are not historical facts, including without limitation statements regarding future estimates, plans, objectives, assumptions or expectations of future performance, are "forward-looking statements". We caution you that such "forward looking statements" involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results and future events to differ materially from those anticipated in such statements. Such risks and uncertainties include fluctuations in precious metal prices, unpredictable results of exploration activities, uncertainties inherent in the estimation of mineral reserves and resources, fluctuations in the costs of goods and services, problems associated with exploration and mining operations, changes in legal, social or political conditions in the jurisdictions where the Company operates, lack of appropriate funding and other risk factors, as discussed in the Company's filings with Canadian and American Securities regulatory agencies. The Company expressly disclaims any obligation to update any forward-looking statements.



#### **AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS**

We have audited the consolidated balance sheet of Canarc Resource Corp. as at December 31, 2008 and the consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive (loss) income, shareholders' equity and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In our opinion, these consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as at December 31, 2008 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

The consolidated financial statements as at December 31, 2007 and for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006 were audited by another firm of auditors who expressed an opinion without reservation on those statements in their report dated March 14, 2008.

"Smythe Ratcliffe LLP" (signed)

Chartered Accountants

Vancouver, Canada March 20, 2009

Consolidated Balance Sheets (expressed in thousands of United States dollars)

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306		635
55,349		55,289
		2,014
		(28)
(45,043)		(37,795)
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Direct	for	Direct	tor	
/s/	Bradford Cooke	/s/ 	William Price	
Appro	eved by the Directors:			
Refer	to the accompanying notes to the conso	olidated financial statem	ents.	
Com	minents and contingencies (1000 0)			

Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive (Loss) Income (expressed in thousands of United States dollars, except per share amounts)

	Years ended December 31,									
	2008		2007		2006					
Expenses:										
Amortization	\$ 2	\$	2	\$	3					
Corporate development	17		65		294					
Employee and director remuneration (Note 11)	350		618		429					
Foreign exchange loss (gain)	77		(198)		(14)					
General and administrative (Note 11)	348		592		337					
Shareholder relations	121		198		307					
Stock-based compensation (Note 9(b))	203		442		454					
Loss before the undernoted	(1,118)		(1,719)		(1,810)					
Equity loss from investment in affiliated company	-		-		(6)					
(Loss) gain on disposition of marketable securities	(32)		1,152		1,598					
Gain on disposition of long-term investment (Note 8)	228		-		-					
Gain from disposition of subsidiary (Notes 6(b) and (c)(i))	221		-		600					
Investment and other income	2		28		81					
Accretion of royalty receivable (Note 6(c)(i))	11		15		-					
Write-down of marketable securities	-		-		(30)					
Write-off of mineral properties (Note 6(c)(ii))	(6,275)		-		-					
(Loss) income before income tax	(6,963)		(524)		433					
Future income tax recovery (Note 9(a)(ii))	-		2,039		_					
Net (loss) income for the year	(6,963)		1,515		433					
Other comprehensive (loss) income:										
Unrealized (loss) gain on available-for-sale securities	(3)		289		-					
Realized gain on sale of available-for-sale securities	32		(1,152)		-					
Foreign exchange on unrealized gain	-		68		-					
Foreign exchange on realized gain	(1)		(70)		-					
Comprehensive (loss) income for the year	\$ (6,935)	\$	650	\$	433					
Basic and diluted (loss) earnings per share	\$ (0.10)	\$	0.02	\$	0.01					
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding	71,793,931		69,907,839		63,462,293					

Consolidated Statements of Shareholders' Equity (expressed in thousands of United States dollars)

				Years ended	Decemb	er 31,				
	200	08		20	007		2006			
	Shares	A	mount	Shares	Amount		Shares	,	Amount	
Common shares:										
Balance, beginning of year Issued:	71,734,505	\$	55,289	68,470,476	\$	55,629	58,545,115	\$	49,150	
Private placement (Note 9(a))	1,000,000		77	2,200,000		1,039	9,380,361		6,201	
Property acquisition (Notes 6(d)(iii) and (v))	-		-	45,000		24	-		-	
Exercise of options	-		-	830,000		530	545,000		278	
Exercise of share appreciation rights Provision for flow-through shares (Note 9(a)(ii))	-		-	189,029		106 (2,039)	-		-	
Write-off of mineral properties (Note 6(d)(iii))	(30,000)		(17)	-		(2,039)	-		-	
Balance, end of year	72,704,505		55,349	71,734,505		55,289	68,470,476		55,629	
Contributed surplus:										
Balance, beginning of year			2,014			1,855			1,502	
Exercise of options			´ -			(177)			(101)	
Fair value of stock options recognized			203			405			454	
Fair value of share appreciation rights			-			(69)			-	
Balance, end of year			2,217			2,014			1,855	
Accumulated other comprehensive income:										
Balance, beginning of year			(28)			-			-	
Adoption of new accounting policy						027				
for available-for-sale securities (Note 2(o)) Unrealized (loss) gain on available-for-sale securities			(3)			837 289			-	
Realized loss (gain) on sale of available-for-sale securities	ities		32			(1,152)				
Foreign exchange on unrealized gain on available-for-			-			68			_	
Foreign exchange on realized gain on available-for-sa			(1)			(70)			-	
Balance, end of year			-			(28)			-	
Deficit:										
Balance, beginning of year			(37,795)			(39,272)			(39,705)	
Adoption of new accounting policy for royalty received			-			(38)			-	
Disposition of subsidiaries pursuant to plan of arrange Dividends pursuant to plan of arrangement (Note 13)	ement (Note 13)		78			-			-	
Net (loss) income for the year			(363) (6,963)			1,515			433	
Balance, end of year			(45,043)			(37,795)			(39,272)	
Total Shareholders' Equity		s	12,523		\$	19,480		\$	18,212	

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (expressed in thousands of United States dollars)

	Yea	ars end	ed December	31,	
	2008		2007		2006
Cash provided from (used for):					
Operations:					
Net (loss) income for the year	\$ (6,963)	\$	1,515	\$	433
Items not involving cash:					
Amortization	2		2		3
Employee remuneration	58		-		-
Equity loss from investment in affiliated company	-		-		6
Loss (gain) on disposition of marketable securities	32		(1,152)		(1,598)
Gain on disposition of long-term investment	(228)		-		-
Gain on disposition of subsidiary (Notes 6(b) and (c)(i))	(221)		-		(600)
Future income tax recovery	-		(2,039)		-
Accretion of royalty receivable (Note 6(c)(i))	(11)		(15)		-
Stock-based compensation	203		442		454
Unrealized currency translation loss	22		(47)		(9)
Write-down of marketable securities	-		-		30
Write-off of mineral property (Note 6(c)(ii))	6,275		-		-
	(831)		(1,294)		(1,281)
Changes in non-cash working capital items:	,		( ) /		( ) )
Receivables and prepaids	180		(106)		(57)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	51		96		-
Cash used by operating activities	(600)		(1,304)		(1,338)
Financing:					
Issuance of common shares	77		1,392		6,378
Proceeds from notes payable	-		304		-
Cash from financing activities	77		1,696		6,378
Investing:					
Proceeds from disposal of marketable securities	12		1,690		2,452
Proceeds from royalties and debt settlement (Note 6(c)(i))	50		50		450
Proceeds from disposition of subsidiary (Note 6(b))	204		-		-
Acquisition of marketable securities	204		(13)		(498)
Mineral properties, net of recoveries	(79)		(3,696)		(5,666)
Cash of subsidiaries pursuant to plan of arrangement (Note 13)	(345)		(3,070)		(5,000)
Equipment	(343)		(3)		_
Long-term investments (Note 8)	203		(54)		_
Cash from (used by) investing activities	45		(2,026)		(3,262)
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(Decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(478)		(1,634)		1,778
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	633		2,267		489
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 155	\$	633	\$	2,267

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (expressed in thousands of United States dollars)

	Ye	ars endec	l December	31,	
2				-	2006
\$	363	\$	-	\$	-
	17		-		-
of:					
	-		69		-
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## 1. Nature and Continuance of Operations

Canarc Resource Corp. (the "Company"), a company incorporated under the laws of British Columbia, is in the mineral exploration business and has not yet determined whether its mineral properties contain reserves that are economically recoverable. The recoverability of amounts capitalized for mineral properties is dependent upon the existence of economically recoverable reserves in its mineral properties, the ability of the Company to arrange appropriate financing to complete the development of its properties, confirmation of the Company's interest in the underlying properties (Notes 6(e) and 6(f)), the receipt of necessary permitting and upon future profitable production or proceeds from the disposition thereof.

The Company has incurred significant operating losses and has an accumulated deficit of \$45,043,000 at December 31, 2008. Furthermore, the Company has working capital of \$194,000 as at December 31, 2008, which is not sufficient to achieve the Company's planned business objectives. These financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, which assumes the realization of assets and liquidation of liabilities in the normal course of business. The Company's ability to continue as a going concern is dependent on the continued financial support from its shareholders and other related parties, the ability of the Company to raise equity financing, and the attainment of profitable operations, external financings and further share issuances to meet the Company's liabilities as they become payable. These financial statements do not include any adjustments to the recoverability and classification of recorded asset amounts and classification of liabilities that might be necessary, should the Company be unable to continue as a going concern.

#### 2. Significant Accounting Policies

### (a) Basis of presentation:

These consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its integrated subsidiaries, all of which are wholly-owned except for:

- Aztec Metals Corp. ("Aztec"), in which the Company held a 13% interest as at December 31, 2008 (2007 17%) and such investment is accounted for using the cost method;
- Carib Industries Ltd., in which the Company previously held a 78.5% interest and was consolidated but was disposed of in fiscal 2008 (Note 6(b));
- Caza Gold Corp. ("Caza"), in which the Company previously held a 100% interest and was consolidated but was divested to a 11% interest as at December 31, 2008 pursuant to a plan of arrangement (Note 13) and such investment was accounted for using the cost method;
- Minera Canarc de Mexico SA de CV, in which the Company previously held a 100% interest and was consolidated but was transferred to Caza in fiscal 2008 pursuant to a plan of arrangement (Note 13); and
- its 40% owned investee, Benzdorp Gold N.V., which is proportionately consolidated.

All significant intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated.

## (b) Cash and cash equivalents:

Cash and cash equivalents include cash and short-term liquid investments having terms to maturity when acquired of three months or less. Short-term investments having terms to maturity when acquired of greater than three months and less than one year are included in marketable securities or other investments as appropriate.

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# 2. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

#### (c) Marketable securities:

Marketable securities include investments in shares of companies and other investments capable of reasonably prompt liquidation. Refer to Note 2(o) for change in accounting policy effective January 1, 2007.

#### (d) Mineral properties:

All costs related to investments in mineral properties are capitalized on a property-by-property basis. Such costs include mineral property acquisition costs and exploration and development expenditures, net of any recoveries. The costs related to a property from which there is production, together with the costs of mining equipment, will be amortized using the unit-of-production method. When there is little prospect of further work on a property being carried out by the Company or its partners or when a property is abandoned or when the capitalized costs are not considered to be economically recoverable, the related property costs are written down to the amount recoverable.

From time to time, the Company may acquire or dispose of a mineral property interest pursuant to the terms of an option agreement. As the options are exercisable entirely at the discretion of the optionee, the amounts payable or receivable are not recorded. Option payments are recorded as property costs or recoveries when the payments are made or received. Proceeds received on the sale or option of the Company's property interest is recorded as a reduction of the mineral property cost. The Company recognizes in income those costs that are recovered on mineral property interests when amounts received or receivable are in excess of the carrying amount.

The amounts shown for mineral properties represent costs incurred to date, less recoveries and write-downs, and are not intended to reflect present or future values.

# (e) Equipment:

Equipment is recorded at cost and, for equipment subject to amortization, the Company uses the declining balance method at rates varying from 10% to 30% annually. Amortization on equipment used directly on exploration projects is included in mineral properties.

#### (f) Long-term investment:

Investment in shares of an affiliated company in which the Company's ownership is greater than 20% but no more than 50% is, where significant influence is present, accounted for by the equity method. Investment in shares in which the Company's ownership is less than 20%, where significant influence does not exist, is accounted for in accordance with the Company's policy for financial instruments as defined in Note 2(o)(i).

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#### 2. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

#### (g) Stock-based compensation plan:

The Company has a stock option plan which is described in Note 9(b). The Company records all stock-based payments using the fair value method. For directors and employees, the fair value of the options is measured at the date of grant. For non-employees, the fair value of the options is measured on the earlier of the date at which the counterparty performance is completed or the date the performance commitment is reached or the date at which the equity instruments are granted if they are fully vested and non-forfeitable. Under the fair value method, stock-based payments are measured at the fair value of the consideration received or the fair value of the equity instruments issued or liabilities incurred, whichever is more reliably measurable, and are charged to operations over the vesting period. The offset is credited to contributed surplus. Consideration received on the exercise of stock options is recorded as share capital and the related amount in contributed surplus is transferred to share capital.

The Company has a share appreciation rights plan, which provides option holders the right to receive the number of common shares, valued at the quoted market price at the time of exercise of the stock options, that represent the share appreciation since granting the options. The fair value of the underlying stock option, which is cancelled on the exercise of the share appreciation rights, is transferred from the related contributed surplus to share capital. The difference between the quoted market price, on the date the share appreciation right is exercised, of the shares issued and the fair value of the stock option is recorded as share capital and charged to operations.

### (h) Asset retirement obligations:

Any statutory, contractual or other legal obligations related to the retirement of tangible long-lived assets when such obligations are incurred, are recognized if a reasonable estimate of fair value can be made. These obligations are measured initially at fair value and the resulting costs capitalized to the carrying value of the related asset. In subsequent periods, the liability is adjusted for any changes in the amount or timing and for the discounting of the underlying future cash flows. The capitalized asset retirement cost is amortized to operations over the life of the asset. The Company assessed its mineral properties, and based upon such assessments, there were no known material asset retirement obligations as at December 31, 2008 or 2007.

## (i) Earnings (loss) per share:

Basic earnings (loss) per share is computed by dividing the earnings available to common shareholders by the weighted average number of shares outstanding during the year. For all years presented, earnings available to common shareholders equals the reported earnings. The Company uses the treasury stock method for calculating diluted earnings (loss) per share. Under the treasury stock method, the weighted average number of common shares outstanding used for the calculation of diluted earnings per share assumes that the proceeds to be received on the exercise of dilutive share options and warrants are used to repurchase common shares at the average market price during the year. In the Company's case, diluted loss per share presented is the same as basic loss per share as the effect of outstanding options and warrants in the loss per share calculation would be anti-dilutive.

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#### 2. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

#### (j) Foreign currency translation:

The Company uses the United States dollar as its functional and reporting currency, and accounts denominated in currencies other than the United States dollar have been translated as follows:

- Revenue and expense items at the rate of exchange in effect on the transaction date;
- Non-monetary assets and liabilities at historical exchange rates, unless such items are carried at market, in which case they are translated at the exchange rate in effect on the balance sheet date; and
- Monetary assets and liabilities at the exchange rate at the balance sheet date.

Exchange gains and losses are recorded in the consolidated statement of operations in the year in which they occur.

#### (k) Flow-through shares:

A provision at the date of the actual renunciation is recognized by a reduction in the amount included in share capital relating to the flow-through shares for the future income taxes related to the deductions foregone by the Company.

## (l) Use of estimates:

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting year. Significant areas requiring the use of management estimates relate to collectibility of receivables, balances of accrued liabilities, impairment of mineral properties, determination of reclamation obligations, valuation allowances for future income tax assets, and assumptions used in determining the fair value of non-cash stock-based compensation. While management believes that these estimates are reasonable, actual results could differ from those estimates and could impact future results of operations and cash flows.

## (m) Variable interest entities:

Consolidation principles apply to entities that meet the definition of a variable interest entity ("VIE"). An enterprise holding other than a voting interest in a VIE could, subject to certain conditions, be required to consolidate the VIE if it is considered its primary beneficiary whereby it would absorb the majority of the VIE's expected losses, receive the majority of its expected residual returns, or both. The Company does not have any VIE's.

# (n) Income taxes:

The Company follows the asset and liability method for accounting for income taxes. Under this method, future tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases, and losses carried forward. Future tax assets and liabilities are measured using substantively enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The effect on future tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in income in the period that includes the substantive enactment date. Future tax assets are recognized to the extent they are considered more likely than not to be realized. The valuation of future income tax assets is adjusted, if necessary, by the use of a valuation allowance to reflect the estimated realizable amount.

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## 2. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

#### (o) Changes in accounting policies:

Effective January 1, 2007, the Company adopted the following new accounting standards issued by the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants ("CICA") relating to financial instruments. The new standards have been adopted on a prospective basis with no restatement of prior year financial statements.

(i) CICA Handbook Section 3855 – Financial Instruments – Recognition and Measurement

The standard addresses the classification, recognition and measurement of financial instruments in the financial statements. This standard requires all financial instruments within its scope, including derivatives, to be included in the Company's balance sheet and measured either at fair value on initial recognition or, in certain circumstances when fair value may not be considered most relevant, at cost or amortized cost. Changes in fair value are recognized in the statements of operations.

All financial assets and liabilities are recognized when the entity becomes a party to the contract creating the item. As such, any outstanding financial assets and liabilities at the effective date of adoption are recognized and measured in accordance with the new requirements as if these requirements had always been in effect. Any changes to the fair values of assets and liabilities prior to the adoption date are recognized by adjusting accumulated other comprehensive income. Transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of financial instruments that are classified as other than held-for-trading, which are expensed as incurred, are included in the initial carrying value of such instruments and amortized using the effective interest method.

All financial instruments are classified into one of the following five categories: held-for-trading, held-to-maturity, loans and receivables, available-for-sale financial assets, or other financial liabilities. Initial and subsequent measurement and recognition of changes in the value of financial instruments depends on their initial classification:

- Held-to-maturity investments, loans and receivables, and other financial liabilities are initially measured at fair value and subsequently measured at amortized cost. Amortization of premiums or discounts and losses due to impairment are included in current year net earnings;
- Available-for-sale financial assets are measured at fair value based on quoted market prices. Investment in equity instruments classified as available-for-sale that does not have a quoted market price in an active market is measured at cost. Revaluation gains and losses are included in other comprehensive income until the asset is removed from the balance sheet either by disposition or permanent impairment at which time the realized gain or loss is transferred to net earnings;
- Held-for-trading financial instruments are measured at fair value. All gains and losses are included in net earnings in the year in which they arise; and
- All derivative financial instruments are classified as held-for-trading financial
  instruments and are measured at fair value, even when they are part of a hedging
  relationship. All gains and losses are included in net earnings in the year in which they
  arise.

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## 2. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

- (o) Changes in accounting policies: (continued)
  - (i) CICA Handbook Section 3855 Financial Instruments Recognition and Measurement (continued)

In accordance with the new standard, the Company has classified its marketable securities as available-for-sale securities. Such securities are measured at fair market value in the consolidated financial statements with realized gains or losses recorded in net earnings and unrealized gains or losses recorded in other comprehensive income. This change in accounting policy resulted in an increase of \$837,000 in the carrying value of its marketable securities on initial adoption on January 1, 2007.

The Company's royalty receivable from disposition of subsidiary (Note 6(c)(i)) is classified as loans and receivables. It is measured at amortized cost and is amortized to interest income using the effective interest rate method. This change in accounting policy resulted in a decrease of \$38,000 in the carrying value of its royalty receivable from disposition of subsidiary on initial adoption on January 1, 2007.

Its investments in shares of Aztec and Caza are classified as available-for-sale but such shares do not have a quoted market price in an active market and are therefore measured at cost.

The Company has classified its cash and cash equivalents as held-for-trading, receivables as loans and receivables, and accounts payable and accrued liabilities and notes payable as other financial liabilities.

(ii) CICA Handbook Section 3865 - Hedging

This new standard specifies the circumstances under which hedge accounting is permissible and how hedge accounting may be performed. The Company does not have any hedges.

(iii) CICA Handbook Section 1530 - Comprehensive Income

Comprehensive income is the change in shareholders' equity during a year from transactions and other events from non-owner sources. This standard requires certain gains and losses that would otherwise be recorded as part of net earnings to be presented in other "comprehensive income" until it is considered appropriate to recognize into net earnings. This standard requires the presentation of comprehensive income, and its components in a separate financial statement that is displayed with the same prominence as the other financial statements.

Accordingly, the Company now includes the account "accumulated other comprehensive income" in the shareholders' equity section of the consolidated balance sheet and "other comprehensive income" in the consolidated statement of operations.

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#### 2. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

- (o) Changes in accounting policies: (continued)
  - (iv) Capital disclosures:

In February 2007, the CICA issued Handbook Section 1535, "Capital Disclosures", which requires the disclosure of both qualitative and quantitative information that provides users of financial statements with information to evaluate the entity's objectives, policies and procedures for managing capital. The new section is effective for the Company on January 1, 2008. Note 3 provides further details.

#### (v) Financial instruments:

In February 2007, the CICA issued two new standards, Section 3862, "Financial Instruments Disclosures", and Section 3863, "Financial Instruments Presentation". These sections replace the existing Section 3861, "Financial Instruments Disclosure and Presentation". Section 3862 provides users with information to evaluate the significance of the financial instruments of the entity's financial position and performance, nature and extent of risks arising from financial instruments, and how the entity manages those risks. Section 3863 deals with the classification of financial instruments, related interests, dividends, losses and gains, and the circumstances in which financial assets and financial liabilities are offset. The new sections are effective for the Company on January 1, 2008. Note 4 provides further details.

### (vi) Going concern:

In June 2007, the CICA amended Handbook Section 1400, "General Standards of Financial Statement Presentation", which requires management to make an assessment of the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. When financial statements are not prepared on a going concern basis, that fact shall be disclosed together with the basis on which the financial statements are prepared and the reason why the company is not considered a going concern. The new section is effective for the Company on January 1, 2008. The Company's accounting policies were already in accordance with the requirements of the amended section and there was no effect on the Company's financial statement disclosure, or on its consolidated financial position or its consolidated results of operations.

## (p) New Accounting Pronouncements:

# (i) Goodwill and intangible assets:

In February 2008, the CICA issued Handbook Section 3064, "Goodwill and Intangible Assets", replacing Section 3062, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets", and Section 3450, "Research and Development Costs". This section establishes standards for the recognition, measurement, presentation, and disclosure of goodwill subsequent to its initial recognition and of intangible assets by profit-oriented enterprises. Standards concerning goodwill are unchanged from the standards included in the previous Section 3062. The new section is effective for the Company on January 1, 2009. The Company has no goodwill or intangible assets as of December 31, 2008.

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#### 2. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

- (p) New Accounting Pronouncements: (continued)
  - (ii) International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"):

In 2006, the Canadian Accounting Standards Board ("AcSB") published a new strategic plan that will significantly affect financial reporting requirements for Canadian companies. The AcSB strategic plan outlines the convergence of Canadian generally accepted accounting principles with IFRS over an expected five-year transitional period. In February 2008 the AcSB announced that 2011 is the changeover date for publicly-listed companies to use IFRS, replacing Canada's own generally accepted accounting principles. The date is for interim and annual financial statements relating to fiscal years beginning on or after January 1, 2011. The transition date of January 1, 2011 will require the restatement for comparative purposes of amounts reported by the Company for the year ended December 31, 2010. While the Company has begun assessing the adoption of IFRS for 2011, the financial reporting impact of the transition to IFRS cannot be reasonably estimated at this time.

# 3. Management of Capital

The Company is an exploration stage company and this involves a high degree of risk. The Company has not determined whether its properties contain economically recoverable reserves of ore and currently has not earned any revenues from its mineral property interests and, therefore, does not generate cash flows from operations. The Company's primary source of funds comes from the issuance of capital stock. The Company does not use other sources of financing that require fixed payments of interest and principal due to lack of cash flow from current operations and is not subject to any externally imposed capital requirements.

The Company defines its capital as capital stock. Capital requirements are driven by the Company's exploration activities on its mineral property interests. To effectively manage the Company's capital requirements, the Company has a planning and budgeting process in place to ensure that adequate funds are available to meet its strategic goals. The Company monitors actual expenses to budget on all exploration projects and overhead to manage costs, commitments and exploration activities.

The Company has in the past invested its capital in liquid investments to obtain adequate returns. The investment decision is based on cash management to ensure working capital is available to meet the Company's short-term obligations while maximizing liquidity and returns of unused capital.

Although the Company has been successful at raising funds in the past through the issuance of capital stock, it is uncertain whether it will continue this financing due to the current difficult conditions. The Company believes that it has sufficient funds and additional receivables to fund its working capital at year end but would continue to rely on equity financings to continue exploration work on its mineral property interests and to meet its administrative overhead costs for the coming year.

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## 4. Management of Financial Risk

The Company is exposed in varying degrees to a variety of financial instrument related risks, including credit risk, liquidity risk, and market risk which includes commodity price risk, foreign exchange risk and interest rate risk. The types of risk exposure and the way in which such exposure is managed are provided as follows:

The fair values of the Company's cash and cash equivalents, receivables, accounts payable and accrued liabilities, and notes payable approximate their carrying values due to the short terms to maturity.

## (a) Credit risk:

Credit risk is the risk of potential loss to the Company if the counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations.

The Company's credit risk is primarily attributable to its liquid financial assets including cash and cash equivalents. The Company limits exposure to credit risk on liquid financial assets through maintaining its cash and cash equivalents with high-credit quality Canadian financial institutions. Any receivables from government usually bear no risk. The Company does not have financial assets that are invested in asset-backed commercial paper. The royalty receivable is due from an unrelated company, and the Company has not taken any steps to mitigate the credit risk associated with this receivable (Note 6(c)(i)).

## (b) Liquidity risk:

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they become due.

The Company ensures that there is sufficient capital in order to meet short-term business requirements, after taking into account the Company's holdings of cash and cash equivalents, if any, and its ability to raise equity financings. The Company believes that these sources may be sufficient to cover the likely short-term cash requirements and commitments, if any.

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities are due within the current operating year.

## (c) Market risk:

The significant market risk exposures to which the Company is exposed are commodity price risk, foreign exchange risk, and interest rate risk.

# (i) Commodity price risk:

The value of the Company's mineral properties is dependent on the price of gold and the outlook for this precious mineral. The Company does not have any hedging or other commodity-based risks respecting its operations.

Market prices for this precious metal historically have fluctuated widely and are affected by numerous factors outside of the Company's control, including, but not limited to, levels of worldwide production, short-term changes in supply and demand, industrial and retail demand, central bank lending, and forward sales by producers and speculators. The Company has elected not to actively manage its commodity price risk.

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#### 4. Management of Financial Risk (continued)

#### (c) Market risk: (continued)

#### (ii) Foreign exchange risk:

The Company's mineral properties and operations are in Canada and Suriname, and would subject it to foreign currency fluctuations including currency transaction risk and currency translation risk. A certain portion of its operating expenses are incurred in Canadian dollars and Surinamese dollars, and fluctuations in U.S. dollars would impact the earnings (losses) of the Company and the values of its assets and shareholders' equity as its financial statements are stated in U.S. dollars. The Canadian dollar fluctuates and floats with the U.S. dollar. The Suriname dollar is tied to a U.S. dollar-dominated currency basket and has only changed nominally from 2.768 to 2.730 since 2004 and has remained unchanged at 2.730 in 2008.

At December 31, 2008, the Company is exposed to currency risk for its U.S. dollar equivalent of financial assets and liabilities denominated in currencies other than U.S. dollars as follows:

	Held in Canadian (stated in U.S.	
Cash Receivables and property	\$	155 292
Receivables and prepaids Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		(263)
Net financial assets	\$	184

Based upon the above net exposure as at December 31, 2008 and assuming all other variables remain constant, a 10% depreciation or appreciation of the U.S. dollar relative to the Canadian dollar could result in a decrease/increase of \$18,400 in the Company's net earnings.

The Company has not entered into any agreements or purchased any instruments to hedge possible currency risks at this time.

# (iii) Interest rate risk:

In respect of financial assets, the Company's policy is to invest cash at floating rates of interest in cash equivalents, in order to maintain liquidity, while achieving a satisfactory return. Fluctuations in interest rates impact on the value of cash equivalents. Interest rate risk is not significant to the Company as it has no cash equivalents at year-end.

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## 5. Marketable Securities

	200	2007		
Investment in shares of companies, at cost	\$	-	\$	44
Unrealized foreign exchange losses		-		(2)
Unrealized loss in market values		-		(26)
	\$	-	\$	16

In the second quarter of fiscal 2008, the Company disposed of all its remaining shares in marketable securities. The quoted market value of shares of companies was \$16,000 at December 31, 2007.

# 6. Mineral Properties

			2	800		2007						
	Acq	Acquisition Exploration/							Exploration/			
		osts	Development		Total		Costs		Development		Total	
British Columbia:												
New Polaris (Note 6(a)(i))	\$	3,605	\$	8,466	\$	12,071	\$	3,605	\$	8,582	\$	12,187
Suriname:												
Benzdorp (Note 6(c)(ii))		-		-		-		301		5,795		6,096
Mexico:												
Los Arrastres (Note 6(d)(ii))		-		-		-		125		95		220
Providencia (Note 6(d)(iii))		-		-		-		17		8		25
Santiago (Note 6(d)(iv))		-		-		-		60		34		94
Santiago Fraction (Note 6(d)(v))		-		-		-		7		-		7
	\$	3,605	\$	8,466	\$	12,071	\$	4,115	\$	14,514	\$	18,629

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## 6. Mineral Properties (continued)

#### (a) British Columbia:

#### (i) New Polaris:

The New Polaris property, which is located in the Atlin Mining Division, British Columbia, is 100% owned by the Company subject to a 15% net profit interest which may be reduced to a 10% net profit interest within one year of commercial production by issuing 150,000 common shares to Rembrandt Gold Mines Ltd. Acquisition costs at December 31, 2008 include a reclamation bond for CAD\$250,000.

#### (ii) Eskay Creek:

The Company continues to own a one-third carried interest in the Eskay Creek property, Skeena Mining Division, British Columbia, pursuant to a joint venture with Barrick Gold Corporation ("Barrick"). The property is subject to a 2% net smelter return in favour of a related company. In 2005, the Company elected to write-off the associated property costs.

#### (b) Bellavista, Costa Rica:

The Company held a net profit interest in the Bellavista property, which was located near San Jose, Costa Rica. A property agreement giving Central Sun Mining Inc. (formerly, Glencairn Gold Corporation) ("Central Sun") the right to earn a 100% working interest in the property called for pre-production payments which ended in fiscal 2005. The Company had a net profit interest in Bellavista in which the Company was entitled to 5.67% of the net profits during the first payback period, as defined, then increasing to 10.40% during the second payback period and then to 20.24% of net profits thereafter, once commercial production commenced. Thirty-five percent of this net profit interest will reduce the net profit interest to be received from Central Sun until \$317,741 in advance royalty payments were repaid.

In July 2008 as amended in December 2008, the Company entered into a purchase and sale agreement for the sale of all its 78.5% interest in the subsidiary which holds the net profit interest in the Bellavista property, for CAD\$215,000 which was received during fiscal 2008.

## (c) Suriname:

# (i) Sara Kreek:

As at December 31, 2005, the Company held 80% of the shares of Sara Kreek Resource, the company that holds the Sara Kreek concession. On April 15, 2006, the Company entered into a Settlement and Termination Agreement with Suriname Wylap Development N.V. ("Wylap Development") to transfer its interest in Sara Kreek Resource to Wylap Development. The Company received a cash payment of \$400,000 in 2006 and shall receive the greater of \$50,000 per year, payable semi-annually, or 1.5% royalty on annual gross production from the Sara Kreek property until December 31, 2011, in settlement of all claims, loans and advances owed to the Company.

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## 6. Mineral Properties (continued)

#### (c) Suriname: (continued)

#### (i) Sara Kreek: (continued)

The royalty receivable has been determined using the effective interest rate method. The expected future cash flows have been discounted using the effective interest rate to determine the present value as at December 31, 2008.

Present value of expected cash flows from royalties as at January 1, 2007	\$	212
Add: Accretion for the year		15
Less: Royalty received during the year		(50)
Present value of expected cash flows from royalties as at December 31, 2007	<u> </u>	177
Add: Accretion for the year		11
Less: Royalty received during the year		(50)
Present value of expected cash flows from royalties as at December 31, 2008		138
Less: Current portion of royalty receivable as at December 31, 2008		(50)
Long-term portion of royalty receivable as at December 31, 2008	\$	88

#### (ii) Benzdorp:

In April 1996, the Company entered into an option agreement with Grasshopper Aluminum Company N.V. ("Grassalco") to earn up to an 80% interest in the Benzdorp property by making cumulative cash payments of \$750,000 and property expenditures totalling \$5 million over a four-year period. In August 2002, the Company and Grassalco amended the option agreement. Cash payments prior to commercial production were reduced to \$300,000 with the balance of \$450,000 to be paid on or before 30 days after the commencement of commercial production, and exploration expenditures of \$5 million were to be incurred by April 2005. In April 2005, a further amendment to the option agreement was made that extended the date by which the property expenditures had to be completed, to December 6, 2005, subject to a payment of \$40,000 which was made by the Company in April 2005. By December 6, 2005, the Company incurred property expenditures in excess of \$5 million.

Pursuant to the amended option agreement, the Company will owe Grassalco an additional \$250,000 payable on or before 30 days after the commencement of commercial production if a feasibility study has not been completed by October 6, 2005. For the years 2006 to 2008, the Company will owe an additional \$250,000 payable on or before 30 days after the commencement of commercial production. However, if a feasibility study has not been completed by October 6, 2008, then the annual additional cash payments of \$250,000 will increase at that time to \$500,000 payable on or before 30 days after the commencement of commercial production. These additional cash payments will be treated as advance payments against Grassalco's shareholder ownership interest and will be deductible from Grassalco's net profit share or net smelter profit from exploiting the deposits. As at December 31, 2008, the Company did not complete a feasibility study.

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## 6. Mineral Properties (continued)

- (c) Suriname: (continued)
  - (ii) Benzdorp: (continued)

In June 2007, Benzdorp Gold NV, the joint venture company held by the Company and Grassalco, had applied for an extension to the concessions at Benzdorp prior to their expiry in July 2007. Benzdorp Gold NV was finally advised in August 2008 that an extension would not be granted but an application for new concessions would be considered so Benzdorp Gold NV applied for one new exploration concession in September 2008. The Company had ceased all exploration work on the concessions in August 2007, and had elected to write-off its investment in the Benzdorp property at December 31, 2008.

## (d) Mexico:

(i) Los Angeles:

In April 2008, the Company entered into an option agreement to acquire a 100% interest in the La Escondida/Los Angeles properties by making US\$1 million in cash payments over a four-year period and issuing \$50,000 in shares of the Company over a twelve-month period. The vendors retained a 3% net smelter return ("NSR"). The Company made an initial payment of US\$15,000 upon the signing of the option agreement. Pursuant to the Plan of Arrangement which closed in June 2008, the property was transferred to Caza (Note 13).

### (ii) Los Arrastres:

In February 2007, the Company entered into an option agreement to acquire a 100% interest in the Los Arrastres gold/silver property by making \$2.5 million in cash payments and spending \$2 million on exploration over a three-year period. The vendor retained a 2% NSR and the Company had the right to reduce the NSR to 1% by paying \$1 million at any time. An initial payment of \$50,000 was made upon the signing of the option agreement and a further payment of \$75,000 was made in August 2007. A cash payment of \$25,000 was made in February 2008. Pursuant to the Plan of Arrangement which closed in June 2008, the property was transferred to Caza (Note 13).

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#### **6. Mineral Properties** (continued)

#### (d) Mexico: (continued)

#### (iii) Providencia and San Felix:

In March 2007, the Company entered into a preliminary option agreement to acquire a 100% interest in the Providencia and San Felix gold/silver properties by issuing 30,000 common shares to the vendors on signing a formal agreement within 30 days and making \$2 million in cash payments over a 2 ½ year period, including \$30,000 on signing. The Company issued 30,000 shares at a deemed value of CAD\$0.63 per share in 2007. The vendors retained a 2 ½ % NSR, and the Company had the right to reduce the royalty to 1 ½ % at any time by paying \$750,000 and issuing an option to the vendors to purchase 250,000 common shares of the Company at the five-day closing share price average on the Toronto Stock Exchange prior to the royalty reduction. In April 2008, the Company terminated its efforts to enter into a formal agreement, and the Company wrote-off related exploration expenditures in the first quarter of 2008, and the 30,000 shares, which were originally issued, were returned to treasury and cancelled.

#### (iv) Santiago:

In May 2007, the Company entered into an option agreement to acquire a 100% interest in the Santiago gold property by making \$2 million in cash payments over a five-year period and spending \$200,000 on exploration over a two-year period. The vendor retained a 2% NSR. An initial payment of \$30,000 was made upon the signing of the option agreement and a further payment of \$30,000 was made in November 2007. A cash payment of \$60,000 was made in May 2008. Pursuant to the Plan of Arrangement which closed in June 2008, the property was transferred to Caza (Note 13).

## (v) Santiago Fraction:

In September 2007, the Company entered into an option and joint venture agreement to acquire up to a 75% interest in the Santiago Fraction property by issuing 15,000 common shares, paying \$25,000 in cash after one year, and spending up to \$1 million in exploration over a five-year period. The Company issued 15,000 common shares at a deemed value of CAD\$0.45 per share in 2007. Pursuant to the Plan of Arrangement which closed in June 2008, the property was transferred to Caza (Note 13).

# (e) Expenditure options:

As at December 31, 2008, to maintain the Company's interest and to fully exercise the options under various property agreements covering its properties, the Company must make payments to the optionors as follows:

	Shares
New Polaris (Note 6(a)(i)):	
Net profit interest reduction or buydown	150,000
	150,000

These amounts may be reduced in the future as the Company determines which properties to continue to explore and which to abandon.

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## 6. Mineral Properties (continued)

#### (f) Mineral properties contingencies:

The Company has diligently investigated rights of ownership of all of its mineral properties/concessions and, to the best of its knowledge, all agreements relating to such ownership rights are in good standing. However, all properties/concessions may be subject to prior claims, agreements or transfers, and rights of ownership may be affected by undetected defects.

#### (g) Realization:

The Company's investment in and expenditures on its mineral property interests comprise a significant portion of the Company's assets. Realization of the Company's investment in these assets is dependent on establishing legal ownership of the properties, on the attainment of successful commercial production or from the proceeds of their disposal. The recoverability of the amounts shown for mineral property interests is dependent upon the existence of economically recoverable reserves, the ability of the Company to obtain necessary financing to complete the development of the properties, and upon future profitable production or proceeds from the disposition thereof.

## (h) Environmental:

Environmental legislation is becoming increasingly stringent and costs and expenses of regulatory compliance are increasing. The impact of new and future environmental legislation of the Company's operation may cause additional expenses and restrictions.

If the restrictions adversely affect the scope of exploration and development on the mineral properties, the potential for production on the property may be diminished or negated.

The Company is subject to the laws and regulations relating to environmental matters in all jurisdictions in which it operates, including provisions relating to property reclamation, discharge of hazardous materials and other matters. The Company may also be held liable should environmental problems be discovered that were caused by former owners and operators of its properties and properties in which it has previously had an interest. The Company conducts its mineral exploration activities in compliance with applicable environmental protection legislation. The Company is not aware of any existing environmental problems related to any of its current or former properties that may result in material liability to the Company.

## 7. Equipment

			20	08			_	2007						
			Accumulated Amortization		Net B Val		•	Co	ost		nulated ization	Net B Val		
Equipment	\$	140	s	137	\$	2	•	\$	143	S	135	¢.	Q	
Equipment	Ъ	140	Э	137	Þ	3		Ъ	143	Þ	133	Э	0	

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# 8. Long-Term Investments

In May 2007, the Company exercised its warrants for 500,000 common shares of Aztec at an exercise price of CAD\$0.12. As at December 31, 2008, the Company had an interest of 13% (2007 - 17%) in Aztec.

In 2008, the Company disposed of 815,000 shares of Aztec for proceeds of \$228,000 which reduced the Company's interest in Aztec to 13%.

As at December 31, 2008, the Company held 2,396,050 Caza shares (2007 - 100 Caza shares) representing approximately 11% interest (2007 - 100%) in Caza. The Company closed the Plan of Arrangement (Note 13) with Caza in June 2008.

# 9. Share Capital

(a) Authorized and issued:

The authorized share capital of the Company is comprised of unlimited common shares without par value.

Common shares issued for consideration other than cash are recorded at the quoted market value of the shares as of the agreement date, except in the case of common shares issued on exercise of stock options and share appreciation rights under the Company's stock option plan, which include the fair value of related options or rights previously allocated to contributed surplus.

- (i) In December 2008, the Company closed a non-brokered private placement for 1,000,000 units at CAD\$0.10 per unit for gross proceeds of CAD\$100,000. Each unit was comprised of one common share and one-half of a share purchase warrant; each whole share purchase warrant is exercisable to acquire one common share at an exercise price of CAD\$0.15 until June 1, 2010.
  - In May 2008, the Company wrote-off the Providencia property and 30,000 shares which were previously issued on acquisition were returned to treasury and cancelled. Note 6(d)(iii) provides further details.
- (ii) In March 2007, the Company renounced CAD\$7 million in exploration expenditures from the proceeds of the flow-through private placements in 2006, resulting in a future income tax liability of approximately \$2 million.

In July 2007, the Company closed a non-brokered private placement for 2,200,000 units at CAD\$0.52 per unit for gross proceeds of CAD\$1,144,000. Each unit was comprised of one common share and one-half of a share purchase warrant; each whole share purchase warrant was exercisable to acquire one common share at an exercise price of CAD\$0.65 until July 24, 2008. Finders' fees of CAD\$37,440 were paid in cash.

The Company issued 45,000 common shares for property acquisitions (Notes 6(d)(iii) and (v)).

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#### 9. Share Capital (continued)

- (a) Authorized and issued: (continued)
  - (iii) In March 2006, the Company closed brokered and non-brokered private placements. The brokered private placement with Dundee Securities Corporation (the "Agent") was for 3,850,000 flow-through common shares at CAD\$0.82 per share for gross proceeds of CAD\$3,157,000. Agent's fees of CAD\$189,420 were comprised of CAD\$123,123 in cash and CAD\$66,297 in non-flow-through common shares, totalling 80,850 shares, with a deemed price of CAD\$0.82 per share. The Agent also received a compensation warrant exercisable for 231,000 non-flow-through common shares at an exercise price of CAD\$0.82 and with an expiry date of March 17, 2007 and a fair value of CAD\$43,890 which have been recorded in share capital on a net basis.

The non-brokered private placement was for 449,511 flow-through common shares at CAD\$0.82 per share for gross proceeds of CAD\$368,599. Finders' fees totalling CAD\$20,316 were paid.

In October 2006, the Company closed two non-brokered private placements. The flow-through private placement was for 4,300,000 units at CAD\$0.82 per unit for gross proceeds of CAD\$3,526,000. Each unit was comprised of one flow-through common share and one-half of a share purchase warrant; each whole share purchase warrant was exercisable to acquire one non-flow through common share at an exercise price of CAD\$1.25 until October 18, 2007. Finders' fees comprised of CAD\$208,196 in cash and 247,800 warrants were issued; each warrant was exercisable to acquire one non-flow through common share at CAD\$0.82 until October 18, 2007 and a fair value of CAD\$44,604 which have been recorded in share capital on a net basis.

The non-flow through private placement was for 700,000 non-flow through units at CAD\$0.75 per unit for gross proceeds of CAD\$525,000. Each unit was comprised of one non-flow through common share and one-half of a share purchase warrant; each whole share purchase warrant was exercisable to acquire one common share at an exercise price of CAD\$0.95 until October 18, 2007. A finder's fee of CAD\$5,850 was paid.

# (b) Stock option plan:

The Company has a stock option plan that allows it to grant options to its employees, directors and consultants to acquire up to 18,374,095 common shares, of which options for 8,079,000 common shares are outstanding as at December 31, 2008. The exercise price of each option cannot be lower than the last recorded sale of a board lot on the Toronto Stock Exchange during the trading day immediately preceding the date of granting or, if there was no such date, the high/low average price for the common shares on the Toronto Stock Exchange based on the last five trading days before the date of the grant. Options have a maximum term of ten years and terminate 30 days following the termination of the optionee's employment, except in the case of death, in which case they terminate one year after the event. Vesting of options is made at the discretion of the Board at the time the options are granted. At the discretion of the Board, certain option grants provide the holder the right to receive the number of common shares, valued at the quoted market price at the time of exercise of the stock options, that represent the share appreciation since granting the options.

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# 9. Share Capital (continued)

(b) Stock option plan: (continued)

The continuity of stock options for the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006 is as follows:

	2008		2007		2006	
		Weighted		Weighted		Weighted
		average		average		average
		exercise		exercise		exercise
	Number	price	Number	price	Number	price
	of Shares	(CAD\$)	of Shares	(CAD\$)	of Shares	(CAD\$)
Outstanding, beginning of year	7,074,000	\$0.54	7,929,000	\$0.54	6,984,000	\$0.50
Granted	1,800,000	\$0.29	2,190,000	\$0.54	1,490,000	\$0.69
Exercised	-	-	(830,000)	\$0.44	(545,000)	\$0.37
Converted to stock appreciation						
rights on exercise	-	-	(410,000)	\$0.37	-	-
Forfeited	(75,000)	\$0.53	(760,000)	\$0.58	-	-
Expired	(720,000)	\$0.55	(1,045,000)	\$0.71		-
Outstanding, end of year	8,079,000	\$0.48	7,074,000	\$0.54	7,929,000	\$0.54
Exercise price range (CAD\$)	\$0.25 - \$1.00		\$0.25 - \$1.00		\$0.17 - \$1.00	

The following table summarizes information about stock options exercisable and outstanding at December 31, 2008:

		Options Outstanding		Options E	Exercisable
		Weighted	Weighted		Weighted
		Average	Average		Average
Price	Number	Remaining	Exercise	Number	Exercise
Intervals	Outstanding at	Contractual Life	Prices	Exercisable at	Prices
(CAD\$)	Dec 31, 2008	(Number of Years)	(CAD\$)	Dec 31, 2008	(CAD\$)
\$0.25 - \$0.49	4,679,000	3.3	\$0.33	3,620,000	\$0.34
\$0.50 - \$0.74	2,920,000	2.8	\$0.64	2,670,000	\$0.65
\$1.00	480,000	0.1	\$1.00	480,000	\$1.00
	8,079,000	2.9	\$0.48	6,770,000	\$0.51

At December 31, 2008, 8,079,000 options are outstanding of which 6,770,000 options are exercisable and expire at various dates from February 17, 2009 to May 15, 2014, with a weighted average remaining life of 2.9 years.

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# 9. Share Capital (continued)

# (b) Stock option plan: (continued)

During the year ended December 31, 2008, the Company recognized stock-based compensation of \$203,000 (2007 - \$405,115 and 2006 - \$454,177) based on the fair value of options granted that were earned by the provision of services during the year, and recognized share appreciation rights of \$Nil (2007 - \$37,181 and 2006 - \$Nil). Stock-based compensation is segregated between directors and employees as follows:

	2	2008	2	2007	2	2006
Directors Employees	\$	79 124	\$	40 365	\$	212 242
	\$	203	\$	405	\$	454

For the options granted in June 2007, options for 500,000 common shares with an exercise price of CAD\$0.54 and an expiry date of June 15, 2012 have vesting provisions in which options for 250,000 common shares vested on June 15, 2008 and the balance of 250,000 vest on June 15, 2009.

Options for 1.8 million shares, which were granted in May 2008, are subject to a vesting provision in which 20% of the options vest immediately and 20% vest every six months.

Option pricing models require the input of highly subjective assumptions including the expected price volatility. Changes in the subjective input assumptions can materially affect the fair value estimate, and therefore the existing models do not necessarily provide a reliable single measure of the fair value of the Company's stock options.

The fair value of stock options granted and the assumptions used to calculate compensation expense are estimated using the Black-Scholes Option Pricing Model as follows:

	2008	2007	2006
Fair value of options vested during the year	\$0.21	\$0.18	\$0.30
Risk-free interest rate	2.59%	3.31%	3.32%
Expected dividend yield	0%	0%	0%
Expected stock price volatility	57%	54%	66%
Expected option life in years	4	4	4

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# 9. Share Capital (continued)

## (c) Warrants:

At December 31, 2008, the Company had outstanding warrants as follows:

Exercise Prices (CAD\$)	Expiry Dates	Oustanding at December 31, 2007	Issued	Exercised	Expired	Oustanding at December 31, 2008
\$0.65	July 24, 2008	1,100,000	_	-	(1,100,000)	-
\$0.15	June 1, 2010	-	500,000	-	-	500,000
		1,100,000	500,000	-	(1,100,000)	500,000

At December 31, 2007, the Company had outstanding warrants as follows:

Exercise Prices		Oustanding at				Oustanding at
(CAD\$)	Expiry Dates	December 31, 2006	Issued	Exercised	Expired	December 31, 2007
¢0.92	Manual: 17, 2007	221,000			(221,000)	
\$0.82	March 17, 2007	231,000	-	-	(231,000)	-
\$1.25	October 18, 2007	2,150,000	-	-	(2,150,000)	-
\$0.82	October 18, 2007	247,800	-	-	(247,800)	-
\$0.95	October 18, 2007	350,000	-	-	(350,000)	-
\$0.65	July 24, 2008	-	1,100,000	-	-	1,100,000
		2,978,800	1,100,000	-	(2,978,800)	1,100,000

At December 31, 2006, the Company had outstanding warrants as follows:

Prices (CAD\$)	Expiry Dates	Oustanding at December 31, 2005	Issued	Exercised	Expired	Oustanding at December 31, 2006
\$0.82	March 17, 2007	-	231,000	-	-	231,00
\$1.25	October 18, 2007	-	2,150,000	-	-	2,150,00
\$0.82	October 18, 2007	-	247,800	-	-	247,80
\$0.95	October 18, 2007	-	350,000	-	-	350,00
		-	2,978,800	-	-	2,978,80

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# 9. Share Capital (continued)

#### (d) Shares reserved for issuance:

	Number of Shares
Outstanding, December 31, 2008	72,704,505
Property agreements (Note 6(e))	150,000
Stock options (Note 9(b))	8,079,000
Warrants (Note 9(c))	500,000
Fully diluted, December 31, 2008	81,433,505

#### (e) Shareholder rights plan:

On May 31, 2005, the shareholders of the Company approved a shareholder rights plan (the "Plan") that became effective on April 30, 2005. The Plan is intended to ensure that any entity seeking to acquire control of the Company makes an offer that represents fair value to all shareholders and provides the board of directors with sufficient time to assess and evaluate the offer, to permit competing bids to emerge, and, as appropriate, to explore and develop alternatives to maximize value for shareholders. Under the Plan, each shareholder at the time of the Plan's adoption was issued one Right for each common share of the Company held. Each Right entitles the registered holder thereof, except for certain "Acquiring Persons" (as defined in the Plan), to purchase from treasury one common share at a 50% discount to the prevailing market price, subject to certain adjustments intended to prevent dilution. The Rights are exercisable after the occurrence of specified events set out in the Plan generally related to when a person, together with affiliated or associated persons, acquires, or makes a take-over bid to acquire, beneficial ownership of 20% or more of the outstanding common shares of the Company. The Rights expire on April 30, 2015.

#### 10. Notes Payable

In December 2007, the Company's previous wholly-owned subsidiary, Caza, received proceeds of CAD\$300,000 in demand loans of which CAD\$180,000 were from directors and officers of the Company. The loans were repayable on demand and had an interest rate of 9% per annum. In June 2008, the Company closed a Plan of Arrangement with Caza in which Caza is no longer a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company (Note 13).

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# 11. Related Party Transactions

General and administrative costs during 2008 include:

- CAD\$Nil (2007 CAD\$Nil and 2006 CAD\$38,000) of consulting fees charged by a company controlled by a former director of the Company;
- CAD\$52,561 (2007 CAD\$120,987 and 2006 CAD\$99,208) of salaries paid to a director;
- CAD\$36,659 (2007 CAD\$35,604 and 2006 CAD\$40,000) to directors in their capacity as directors of the Company. As at December 31, 2008, the Company accrued CAD\$28,659 (2007 CAD\$Nil) in directors fees;
- CAD\$67,217 (2007 CAD\$106,316 and 2006 CAD\$159,594) in legal fees to a law firm in which a senior officer of the Company is a partner. As at December 31, 2008, the Company owed CAD\$32,859 (2007 CAD\$1,183) to the law firm;
- CAD\$272,572 (2007 CAD\$32,005 and 2006 CAD\$55,580) in office rent and salary allocations recovered from companies sharing certain common directors. As at December 31, 2008, the Company was owed CAD\$22,778 (2007 \$4,407) from such companies; and
- CAD\$119,976 (2007 CAD\$35,273 and 2006 \$Nil) in office rent and salary allocations paid to a company sharing certain common directors. As at December 31, 2008, the Company owed CAD\$1,435 (2007 \$Nil) to the company.

Details of transactions with Aztec and Caza are provided in Note 8, and notes payables for Caza are provided in Note 10 and the Plan of Arrangement in Note 13.

The above transactions were incurred in the normal course of business and are recorded at the exchange amount, being the amount agreed upon by the related parties.

## 12. Segment Disclosures

The Company has one operating segment, being mineral exploration, and substantially all assets of the Company are located in Canada except for certain mineral properties as disclosed in Note 6.

# 13. Plan of Arrangement

On June 25, 2008, the Company proceeded to close the Plan of Arrangement (the "Arrangement") with Caza whereby approximately 83% of the Company's interest in Caza was distributed to the shareholders of the Company. Under the Arrangement, the Company transferred all its interest in its wholly-owned Mexican subsidiary which holds all the rights to the Mexican gold exploration properties (Note 6(d)) to Caza in return for 14,346,527 shares of Caza, of which the Company distributed 11,950,577 Caza shares by way of a dividend in kind to the Company's shareholders on the basis of one share of Caza for every six shares of the Company held by shareholders as of the dividend record date. As at December 31, 2008, the Company holds 2,396,050 Caza shares representing approximately 11% interest in Caza. The property interests which were transferred from the Company to Caza include La Angeles, Los Arrastres, Santiago and Santiago Fraction properties.

The Company believes the Arrangement and spin-off is not material to the Company, therefore, disclosure on discontinued operations is not being presented.

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# 13. Plan of Arrangement (continued)

The Arrangement was accounted for by the Company at the time of the transaction by showing an investment in Caza of \$436,501 representing the value of the 14,346,527 common shares received. The distribution of 11,950,577 Caza common shares to the Company's shareholders was accounted for as a reduction to the investment in Caza in the amount of \$363,298 with a corresponding increase in deficit.

## 14. Income Taxes

The reconciliation of the income tax provision computed at statutory rates to the reported income tax provision is as follows:

	2	800	2	2007	2	2006
Canadian statutory tax rates		31.50%		34.12%		36.12%
Expected recovery	\$	(2,194)	\$	(179)	\$	(292)
Permanent differences		64		(58)		26
Benefit of tax attributes and other items		225		845		406
Write-off of mineral properties		1,977		-		-
Change in valuation allowance		(72)		(2,647)		(140)
Income tax recovery	\$	-	\$	(2,039)	\$	-

The significant components of the Company's future income tax assets as at December 31, 2008 and 2007 are as follows:

	2	2008		007
Future income tax assets:				
Resource properties	\$	(653)	\$	(599)
Equipment		259		305
Share issue costs		55		113
Non-capital losses		1,128		1,051
Capital losses		21		29
Total future income tax assets		810		899
Valuation allowance		(810)		(899)
Future income tax assets, net	\$	-	\$	-

At December 31, 2008, the Company has non-capital losses for Canadian tax purposes of approximately \$4.3 million which expire on various dates to 2028, and Canadian capital losses of approximately \$157,000 which are without expiry.

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## **CAUTION – FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS**

Certain statements contained herein regarding the Company and its operations constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. All statements that are not historical facts, including without limitation statements regarding future estimates, plans, objectives, assumptions or expectations of future performance, are "forward-looking statements". We caution you that such "forward looking statements" involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results and future events to differ materially from those anticipated in such statements. Such risks and uncertainties include fluctuations in precious metal prices, unpredictable results of exploration activities, uncertainties inherent in the estimation of mineral reserves and resources, fluctuations in the costs of goods and services, problems associated with exploration and mining operations, changes in legal, social or political conditions in the jurisdictions where the Company operates, lack of appropriate funding and other risk factors, as discussed in the Company's filings with Canadian and American Securities regulatory agencies. The Company expressly disclaims any obligation to update any forward-looking statements.

## 1.0 Preliminary Information

The following Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") of Canarc Resource Corp. (the "Company") should be read in conjunction with the accompanying audited consolidated financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, all of which are available at the SEDAR website at www.sedar.com.

All financial information in this MD&A is prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles ("CAD GAAP"), and all dollar amounts are expressed in United States dollars unless otherwise indicated.

All information contained in the MD&A is as of March 23, 2009 unless otherwise indicated.

## 1.1 Background

The Company was incorporated under the laws of British Columbia, and was engaged in the acquisition, exploration, development and exploitation of precious metal properties in Canada, Costa Rica, Mexico and Suriname. The Company currently owns direct interests in the precious metal property, known as the New Polaris property in British Columbia, Canada.

The Company owns a 100% interest in the New Polaris property, located in the Atlin Mining Division, British Columbia, which is subject to a 15% net profit interest and may be reduced to a 10% net profit interest within one year of commercial production by issuing 150,000 common shares to Rembrandt Gold Mines Ltd.

The Company held a 5.7% to 20.2% net profit interest in the Bellavista property, located near Miramar, Costa Rica. Central Sun Mining Inc. (formerly, Glencairn Gold Corporation) ("Central Sun") owns a 100% working interest in the property, which was an open pit, heap leach, gold mine and which achieved commercial production in December 2005. In July 2007, Central Sun suspended mining operations due to ground movement and heavy rainfall causing surface erosion and deep seated ground creep in some areas of the mine site. The Company had a net profit interest in Bellavista which entitled the Company to 5.67% of the net profits during the first payback period, increasing to 10.40% during the second payback period and then to 20.24% of net profits thereafter. Thirty-five percent of this net profit interest will reduce the net profit interest to be received from Central Sun until \$317,741 in advance royalty payments were repaid. In July 2008, the Company entered into a purchase and sale agreement for the sale of all its 78.5% interest in the subsidiary which holds the net profit interest in the Bellavista property, for CAD\$215,000 which closed in December 2008.

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Previously, the Company held 80% of the shares of Sara Kreek Resource Corporation N.V. ("Sara Kreek Resource"), the company that holds the Sara Kreek concession in the Republic of Suriname. On April 15, 2006, the Company entered into a Settlement and Termination Agreement with Suriname Wylap Development N.V. ("Wylap Development") to transfer the Company's interest in Sara Kreek Resource. In settlement for all claims, loans and advances owed to the Company, the Company received a cash payment of \$400,000 in 2006, and will receive the greater of \$50,000 per year, payable semi-annually, or a 1.5% royalty on annual gross production from the Sara Kreek property until December 31, 2011.

In April 1996, the Company entered into an option agreement with Grasshopper Aluminum Company N.V. ("Grassalco") to earn up to an 80% interest in the Benzdorp property located in the Republic of Suriname by making cumulative cash payments of \$750,000 and property expenditures totalling \$5,000,000 over a four-year period. In August 2002, the Company amended its option agreement. Cash payments prior to commercial production were reduced to \$300,000 and the period to incur exploration expenditures totalling \$5,000,000 was extended to April 2005 which was then extended to December 2005 pursuant to amendments in April 2005, subject to a payment of \$40,000 which was paid in April 2005. Also, the Company will owe Grassalco an additional \$250,000 payable on or before 30 days after the commencement of commercial production if a feasibility study has not been completed by October 6, 2005. Each year thereafter, the Company will owe an additional \$250,000 payable on or before 30 days after the commencement of commercial production. However, if a feasibility study has not been completed by October 6, 2008, then the annual additional cash payments of \$250,000 will increase at that time to \$500,000. These additional cash payments shall be treated as advance payments against Grassalco's shareholder ownership interest and shall be deductible from Grassalco's net profit share or net smelter profit from exploiting the deposits. The Company has not completed a feasibility study. In fiscal 2004, the Company had earned a 40% interest in the Benzdorp property, and the Company can exercise its right to increase its interest to 80%. In February 2004, the Company and Grassalco incorporated a company in Suriname and transferred the Benzdorp concessions to it, on behalf of the Company (40%) and Grassalco (60%). The exploration concessions for the Benzdorp property expired in July 2007, and Benzdorp Gold NV, the joint venture company held by the Company and Grassalco, had applied to the Minister of Natural Resources of Suriname for a three year extension to the Company's exploration concessions at Benzdorp. An extension was available at the discretion of the Suriname Minister of Natural Resources but such extension had not been provided to the Company. In fiscal 2008, the Company wrote-off the Benzdorp property.

In February 2007, the Company entered into an option agreement to acquire a 100% interest in the Los Arrastres gold/silver property by making \$2.5 million in cash payments and spending \$2 million on exploration over a 3 year period. The vendor will retain a 2% net smelter return royalty ("NSR") and the Company had the right to reduce the NSR to 1% by paying \$1 million at any time. An initial payment of \$50,000 was made upon the signing of the option agreement and a further payment of \$75,000 was made in August 2007. A cash payment of \$25,000 was made in February 2008. Pursuant to the Plan of Arrangement which closed in June 2008, the property was transferred to Caza Gold Corp. ("Caza").

In March 2007, the Company entered into a preliminary option agreement to acquire a 100% interest in the Providencia gold/silver properties by issuing 30,000 common shares to the vendors on signing a formal agreement within 30 days and making \$2 million in cash payments over a  $2\frac{1}{2}$  year period, including \$30,000 on signing. The vendors will retain a  $2\frac{1}{2}$ % NSR, and the Company had the right to reduce the royalty to  $1\frac{1}{2}$ % at any time by paying \$750,000 and issuing an option to the vendors to purchase 250,000 common shares of the Company at the five day closing share price average on the Toronto Stock Exchange prior to the royalty reduction. In April 2008, the Company terminated its efforts to enter into a formal agreement, and the Company wrote-off related exploration expenditures in the first quarter of 2008, and the 30,000 shares which were originally issued were returned to treasury and cancelled.

In May 2007, the Company entered into an option agreement to acquire a 100% interest in the Santiago gold property by making \$2 million in cash payments over a 5 year period and spending \$200,000 on exploration over a 2 year period. The vendor will retain a 2% NSR. An initial payment of \$30,000 was made upon the signing of the option agreement and a further payment of \$30,000 was made in November 2007. In May 2008, the Company made a cash payment of \$60,000. Pursuant to the Plan of Arrangement which closed in June 2008, the property was transferred to Caza.

In September 2007, the Company entered into an option and joint venture agreement to acquire up to a 75% interest in the Santiago Fraction property by issuing 15,000 common shares, paying \$25,000 in cash after 1 year, and spending up to \$1

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million in exploration over a 5-year period. In 2007, the Company issued 15,000 common shares at a deemed value of CAD\$0.45 per share. Pursuant to the Plan of Arrangement which closed in June 2008, the property was transferred to Caza.

In April 2008, the Company entered into an option agreement to acquire a 100% interest in the La Escondida/Los Angeles properties by making US\$1 million in cash payments over a 4 year period and issuing \$50,000 in shares of the Company over a 12 month period. The vendors retained a 3% NSR. The Company made an initial payment of US\$15,000 upon the signing of the option agreement. Pursuant to the Plan of Arrangement which closed in June 2008, the property was transferred to Caza.

## 1.2 Overall Performance

As the Company is focused on its exploration activities, there is no production, sales or inventory in the conventional sense. The recoverability of costs capitalized to mineral properties and the Company's future financial success will be dependent upon the extent to which it can discover mineralization and determine the economic viability of developing such properties. Such development may take years to complete and the amount of resulting income, if any, is difficult to determine with any certainty at this time. Many of the key factors are outside of the Company's control. The sales value of any mineralization discovered and developed by the Company is largely dependent upon factors beyond the Company's control such as the market prices of the metals produced. As the carrying value and amortization of mineral properties and capital assets are, in part, related to the Company's mineral reserves and resources, if any, the estimation of such reserves and resources is significant to the Company's position and results of operations.

Gold prices continued to show strength as the cumulative annual average increased from \$603 in fiscal 2006 to \$695 in fiscal 2007 and \$872 in fiscal 2008, closing at \$949 on March 23, 2009. Gold prices achieved new highs in each of the past several years. In May 2006, prices reached a high of \$725, and \$841 in November 2007 before reaching a high of \$1,011 in March 2008.

## New Polaris property

From the flow-through equity financings in 2006, the Company continued with its work program in 2007 which included mine dewatering, bulk sampling, metallurgical testing, environmental studies and related work necessary for a preliminary assessment.

In 2007, the Company retained Moose Mountain Technical Services and Giroux Consultants Limited to update resource estimates for the New Polaris gold project. Their technical report entitled "Resource Potential, New Polaris Project" (the "New Polaris Report") was authored by R.J. Morris, MSc, PGeo, and G.H. Giroux, MASc, PEng, respectively, who are independent Qualified Person as defined by NI 43-101, dated March 14, 2007, and was prepared in compliance with NI 43-101, to the best of the Company's knowledge. The New Polaris Report is available at <a href="https://www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a>.

Based upon the New Polaris Report, measured and indicated undiluted resources range from 570,000 to 457,000 oz of gold contained in 1,670,000 to 1,009,000 tonnes (1,840,861 to 1,112,233 tons) of mineralized vein material grading 10.6 to 14.1 grams per tonne (0.31 to 0.41 oz per ton) using a range of cutoff grades from 2 to 8 gpt (0.06 to 0.23 opt). Greater than 95% of the measured and indicated resources are located within the C vein system where infill drilling programs were conducted over the past three years.

Inferred undiluted resources range from 697,000 to 571,000 oz of gold contained in 2,060,000 to 1,340,000 tonnes (2,270,763 to 1,477,098 tons) of mineralized vein material grading 10.5 to 13.3 grams per tonne (0.31 to 0.39 oz per ton) using a range of cutoff grades from 2 to 8 gpt (0.06 to 0.23 opt). Approximately 75% of the inferred resources are also located within the C vein system, with the remainder attributable to the Y19 and Y20 veins.

#### MEASURED UNDILUTED RESOURCE

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Cutoff	Grade	Mineralize	d Tonnage	Average	e Grade	<b>Contained Gold</b>
(g/tonne)	(oz/ton)*	(tonnes)	(tons)	(g/tonne)	(oz/ton)	Au (oz)
2	0.058	390,000	429,902	9.48	0.277	119,000
4	0.117	330,000	363,763	10.62	0.310	113,000
6	0.175	271,000	298,727	11.89	0.347	104,000
8	0.233	203,000	223,769	13.54	0.395	88,000

# INDICATED UNDILUTED RESOURCE

Cutoff	Grade	Mineralize	d Tonnage	Average	Grade	<b>Contained Gold</b>
(g/tonne)	(oz/ton)*	(tonnes)	(tons)	(g/tonne)	(oz/ton)	Au (oz)
2	0.058	1,280,000	1,410,960	10.97	0.320	451,000
4	0.117	1,180,000	1,300,728	11.65	0.340	442,000
6	0.175	1,017,000	1,121,052	12.71	0.371	416,000
8	0.233	806,000	888,464	14.22	0.415	368,000

# MEASURED PLUS INDICATED UNDILUTED RESOURCE

Cutoff	Grade	Mineralized Tonnage		Average	Grade	<b>Contained Gold</b>			
(g/tonne)	(oz/ton)*	(tonnes)	(tons)	(g/tonne)	(oz/ton)	<u>Au (oz)</u>			
2	0.058	1,670,000	1,840,861	10.62	0.310	570,000			
4	0.117	1,510,000	1,664,491	11.42	0.333	555,000			
6	0.175	1,288,000	1,419,778	12.54	0.366	519,000			
8	0.233	1,009,000	1,112,233	14.08	0.411	457,000			

# INFERRED UNDILUTED RESOURCE

Cutoff	Grade	Mineralized	Tonnage	Average	Grade	<b>Contained Gold</b>
(g/tonne)	(oz/ton)*	(oz/ton)* (tonnes)		(g/tonne)	(oz/ton)	Au (oz)
2	0.058	2,060,000	2,270,763	10.5	0.307	697,000
4	0.117	1,925,000	2,121,951	11.0	0.322	683,000
6	0.175	1,628,000	1,794,564	12.2	0.354	636,000
8	0.233	1,340,000	1,477,098	13.3	0.387	571,000

<sup>\*</sup> ton equals short dry ton

The resource estimate uses ordinary kriging of 192 recent drill holes and 1,432 gold assay intervals constrained within 4 main vein segments as modelled in three dimensions by the Company's geologists. The total New Polaris database consists of 1,056 diamond drill holes with a total of 31,514 sample intervals. For this study, the classification for each resource block was a function of the semivariogram range. In general, blocks estimated using ½ of the semivariogram range were classed as measured, blocks estimated using ½ the semivariogram range were classed as indicated and all other blocks estimated using the full semivariogram range were classed as inferred. A review of gold grade distribution outlined 6 overlapping lognormal gold populations within the resource database. On this basis, a total of 10 gold assays were capped at 63 g/t.

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In the third quarter of 2007, the Company completed a preliminary assessment of building an 80,000 oz per year gold mine at the New Polaris property. At a US\$650 per oz gold price, the project generated an after-tax net present value (NPV) with an 8% discount rate of CAD\$8.3 million and after-tax internal rate of return (IRR) of 11.1%. Moose Mountain Technical Services ("Moose Mountain") was commissioned as independent consultants to work with the Company's personnel in developing the conceptual mine plan and mining capital and operating costs; Jasman Yee and Associates Inc. for the metallurgical testwork, process design, mill capital and operating costs; and Beacon Hill Consultants (1988) Ltd. for the financial analysis. All three consultants contributed to the preliminary assessment for an 80,000 oz per year, high grade, underground gold mine at New Polaris. Their report entitled "New Polaris Project – Preliminary Assessment" dated October 4, 2007 ("Preliminary Assessment Report") was prepared in compliance with NI 43-101, to the best of the Company's knowledge. The Preliminary Assessment Report is available at <a href="https://www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a>. J.H. (Jim) Gray, P.Eng. of Moose Mountain is the Qualified Person for the Preliminary Assessment Report.

In 2008, the Company continued with its efforts to refine and assess the process alternatives and economic parameters used in the preliminary assessment. In early January 2009, the Company completed a revised preliminary assessment from recent optimization efforts which improved the project's economics. The combination of new off-site treatment terms, an increased gold price and a decreased Canadian dollar exchange rate have a positive impact on the economics for the New Polaris gold project. At a US\$750 per oz gold price and a US\$/CAD\$ exchange rate of 0.80, the project generates a pre-tax NPV of CAD\$131.2 million and a pre-tax IRR of 28.8%. This compares to a pre-tax NPV of CAD\$60.4 million and a pre-tax IRR of 14.9% at a US\$650 per oz gold price and a US\$/CAD\$ exchange rate of 0.90 when the preliminary assessment study was completed in 2007.

The base case model is summarized below:

Scheduled Resources	806,000 tonnes measured and indicated grading 13.2 gpt Au (after dilution) and
	944,000 tonnes inferred grading 11.9 gpt Au (after dilution) and a 9 gpt cutoff
Production Rate	600 tonnes per day
Grade	12.5 grams per tonne (diluted 20%)
Recoveries	91% gold into concentrate
Output	80,000 oz gold per year
Mine life	8 years

## The comparative financial parameters are:

	Revised Financial Parameters (January 2009)	<b>Initial Financial Parameters</b> (October 2007)
Gold Price	US\$750 per oz	US\$650 per oz
Exchange Rate	US\$0.80 = CAD\$1.00	US\$0.90 = CAD\$1.00
Capital Cost	CAD\$90.5 million	CAD\$90.5 million
Cash Cost	US\$329 per oz (excluding off-sites)	US\$327 per oz (excluding offsites)
	<u>Pre-Tax</u>	<u>Pre-Tax</u>
Net Present Value (NPV) (0%)	CA\$131.2 million	CAD\$60.4 million
NPV (5%)	CA\$87.5 million	CAD\$32.6 million
NPV (8%)	CA\$67.8 million	CAD\$20.3 million
NPV (10%)	CA\$56.8 million	CAD\$13.4 million
	<u>Pre-Tax</u>	<u>Pre-Tax</u>
Internal Rate of Return	28.8%	14.9%
Payback Period	3.8 years	3.8 years

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The preliminary assessment was based on resources, not reserves, and a portion of the modeled resources to be mined are in the inferred resource category. Resources are considered too speculative geologically to have economic considerations applied to them so the project does not yet have proven economic viability. The Preliminary Assessment Report, completed by Moose Mountain Technical Services, was filed on SEDAR in October 2007.

Cash costs include site-related costs prior to the shipping and sale of concentrates. Offsite costs for concentrate transportation and processing were treated as deductions against sales. The NPVs are life of mine net cash flows shown at various discount rates. The IRR assumes 100% equity financing.

The revised economic model has been reviewed by Moose Mountain Technical Services which completed the preliminary assessment for New Polaris Gold Mine in 2007. The independent Qualified Person for the update is Jim Gray, P. Eng.

# Benzdorp property

In June 2007, Benzdorp Gold NV, the joint venture company held by the Company and Grassalco, had applied for an extension to the concessions at Benzdorp prior to their expiry in July 2007. Benzdorp Gold NV was finally advised in August 2008 that an extension would not be granted but an application for new concessions would be considered so Benzdorp Gold NV applied for one new exploration concession in September 2008. The Company had ceased all exploration work on the concessions in August 2007, and had elected to write-off its investment in the Benzdorp property at December 31, 2008.

## Bellavista property

The Company held a 5.7% to 20.2% net profit interest in the Bellavista property located in Costa Rica, which is an open pit, heap leach, gold mine. Central Sun, owner and operator of the Bellavista mine in Costa Rica, declared commercial production in December 2005. In July 2007, Central Sun suspended mining operations due to ground movement and heavy rainfall causing surface erosion and deep seated ground creep in some areas of the mine site.

In fiscal 2008, the Company entered into a purchase and sale agreement for the sale of all its 78.5% interest in the subsidiary which holds the net profit interest in the Bellavista property for CAD\$215,000.

## Sara Kreek property

In April 2006, the Company agreed to transfer all its interest in Sara Kreek Resource to Wylap Development in exchange for a cash payment of \$400,000 and the greater of \$50,000 per year or 1.5% royalty on annual gross production until December 31, 2011 in settlement of any claims, loans and advances owed to the Company. In fiscal 2008, \$50,000 was received.

#### Plan of Arrangement

On June 25, 2008, the Company proceeded to close the Plan of Arrangement (the "Arrangement") with Caza whereby approximately 83% of the Company's interest in Caza was distributed to the shareholders of the Company. Under the Arrangement, the Company transferred all its interest in its wholly-owned Mexican subsidiary which holds all the rights to the Mexican gold exploration properties to Caza in return for 14,346,527 shares of Caza, of which the Company distributed 11,950,577 Caza shares by way of a dividend in kind to the Company's shareholders on the basis of one share of Caza for every six shares of the Company held by shareholders as of the dividend record date. The Company continues to hold 2,396,050 Caza shares representing approximately a 11% interest in Caza as at December 31, 2008. The property rights which were transferred from the Company to Caza include Los Angeles, Los Arrastres, Santiago and Santiago Fraction properties.

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#### Other Matters

In June 2008, Mr. Garry Biles replaced Mr. Bruce Bried as President and Chief Operating Officer, and Mr. Bruce Bried was nominated to the Board of Directors.

The Shareholders Update included in the Company's audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2008 provides further review of the Company's overall performance for fiscal 2008 and an outlook for fiscal 2009.

# 1.3 Selected Annual Information

All financial information is prepared in accordance with CAD GAAP, and all dollar amounts are expressed in United States dollars unless otherwise indicated.

		Years Ended December 31,								
(in \$000s except per share amounts)	2008			2007	2006					
Total revenues	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-				
(Loss) income before discontinued operations and extraordinary items:										
(i) Total	\$	(6,963)	\$	1,515	\$	433				
(ii) Basic per share	\$	(0.10)	\$	0.02	\$	0.01				
(iii) Fully diluted per share	\$	(0.10)	\$	0.02	\$	0.01				
Net income (loss):										
(i) Total	\$	(6,963)	\$	1,515	\$	433				
(ii) Basic per share	\$	(0.10)	\$	0.02	\$	0.01				
(iii) Fully diluted per share	\$	(0.10)	\$	0.02	\$	0.01				
Total assets	\$	12,829	\$	20,115	\$	18,447				
Total long-term liabilities	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-				
Dividends per share (1)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	_				

<sup>(1)</sup> The Company has not paid any cash dividends. In 2008, the Company distributed shares of Caza as a dividend-in-kind pursuant to the Plan of Arrangement. Items 1.2 and 1.4 provide further details.

## 1.4 Results of Operations

## Fourth Quarter of Fiscal 2008 – Year ended December 31, 2008 compared with December 31, 2007

The Company incurred a net loss of \$6.96 million for the year ended December 31, 2008 in contrast to a net income of \$1.5 million for fiscal 2007. The net loss for fiscal 2008 was primarily attributable to the write-off of the Benzdorp property of approximately \$6.3 million whereas the net income in 2007 was mainly due to the future income tax recovery for the renunciation of exploration expenditures from flow-through equity financings in 2006. The future income tax recovery of approximately \$2 million is a provision for the recognition at the date of actual renunciation being March 8, 2007, by a reduction in the amount included in share capital for the flow through shares for the future income taxes related to the

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deductions foregone by the Company. In 2006, the Company raised flow-through equity financing from three private placements for approximately CAD\$7.05 million which were renounced in March 2007.

The Company has no sources of operating revenues.

In 2007, the Company adopted new accounting standards issued by the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants ("CICA") for the recognition and measurement of financial instruments which were applied prospectively with no restatement of prior period financial statements. These new standards consist of CICA Handbook Section 3855-Financial Instruments-Recognition and Measurement, Section 3865-Hedging and Section 1530-Comprehensive Income. The new accounting standards require financial assets designated as held-for-trading and available-for-sale be measured at fair value on initial adoption, while financial assets designated as held-to-maturity and loans and receivables are measured at amortized cost. Changes in the fair values of marketable securities which the Company classifies as available-for-sale financial instruments are recognized in other comprehensive income. Due to the adoption of the new standards, the Company's marketable securities and accumulated other comprehensive income increased by \$837,000 on initial adoption. Also, on adoption of the new standards, the Company designated the royalty receivable as loans and receivables. The Company recognized \$11,000 from the accretion of royalty receivable in fiscal 2008 and \$15,000 in fiscal 2007.

The Company did not acquire nor dispose of any marketable securities in the first quarters of 2008 and 2007. In the second quarter of fiscal 2008, the Company disposed of all its remaining marketable securities and realized a loss of \$32,000 and proceeds of \$12,000, whereas in 2007 gains of \$1.15 million and proceeds of \$1.7 million were realized from the disposition of marketable securities. Such gains contributed to the net earnings in fiscal 2007. Proceeds from the disposition of marketable securities supplemented the financing needs for operating activities and working capital.

In January 2008, the Company disposed of shares of Aztec Metals Corp. ("Aztec"), resulting in a realized gain of \$179,000. Proceeds of \$203,000 from the disposition of shares of Aztec supplemented the financing needs for operating activities and working capital during fiscal 2008.

During the last two quarters of fiscal 2008, the Company received proceeds of CAD\$215,000 from the disposition of its subsidiary which holds the net profit interest in the Bellavista property.

Overall operating expenses for the year ended December 31, 2008 were much lower than for fiscal 2007. Higher operating expenses in 2007 reflected the commensurate heightened operating activities in 2007 as management focused greater efforts on the planning, detailing and implementation of the de-watering program and the preliminary assessment for the New Polaris property and the exploration program for the Benzdorp property, which included hiring additional personnel in 2007. Operating activities subsided in 2008 as the Company focused on assessing and then refining the economic model in the preliminary assessment for the New Polaris property and continued with its efforts for the extension of its exploration concessions for the Benzdorp property. General administrative expenses were higher in the first quarter of 2008 due to legal fees related to the plan of arrangement with Caza which closed in June 2008 and to regulatory fees for the annual and special general meeting held in April 2008. Similarly, employee remuneration was lower as personnel focused on part time efforts to the Company's reduced activities. Stock based compensation in 2008 was attributable to the granting of stock options in May 2008 of which 20% vested immediately and 20% vest every six months and to the vesting of stock options which were granted in June 2007 of which 250,000 options vested on June 15, 2008 and 250,000 on June 15, 2009. The vesting provisions reduced the impact of stock based compensation for the Company in the period but would impact future periods as the options become vested.

Expenses for corporate development reflect active due diligence and property evaluations for acquisitions and to identify properties of merit for possible acquisitions. Corporate development was higher in 2007 and culminated in the acquisitions of the Mexican properties which were then transferred to Caza pursuant to the plan of arrangement.

In April 2008, the Company terminated its efforts to enter into a formal agreement for the Providencia property, and the Company wrote-off related exploration expenditures in the first quarter of 2008, and the 30,000 shares which were originally issued were returned to treasury and cancelled.

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On June 25, 2008, the Company proceeded to close the plan of arrangement with Caza whereby approximately 83% of the Company's interest in Caza was distributed to the shareholders of the Company. The Company transferred all its interest in its wholly-owned Mexican subsidiary which holds all the rights to the Mexican gold exploration properties to Caza in return for 14,346,527 shares of Caza, of which the Company distributed 11,950,577 Caza shares by way of a dividend in kind to the Company's shareholders on the basis of one share of Caza for every six shares of the Company held by shareholders as of the dividend record date. The property rights which were transferred from the Company to Caza include Los Arrastres, Santiago and Santiago Fraction properties. The plan of arrangement reduced operating expenses, as the Company excluded the operating expenses of Caza and its Mexican subsidiary which holds the exploration rights to the Mexican gold properties.

The exploration concessions for the Benzdorp property expired in July 2007 and an application was submitted for a three year extension which had not been provided. In the first quarter of fiscal 2009, the Company decided not to pursue any further exploration efforts on the Benzdorp property and, accordingly, wrote off the Benzdorp property at December 31, 2008.

As at December 31, 2008, the Company has mineral properties which are comprised of the following:

		December 31, 2008						
(in \$000s)	Acquisition Costs	Exploration/ Development	Total					
British Columbia: New Polaris	\$ 3,605	5 \$ 8,466	\$ 12,071					
	\$ 3,605	\$ 8,466	\$ 12,071					

Net recoveries of \$116,000 were realized for the New Polaris project as the Company rented its camp and facilities and equipment to a company which has an advanced neighbouring exploration project.

As for the Benzdorp property, expenditures of \$179,000 were incurred during fiscal 2008 and was written off in the year.

At December 31, 2008, to maintain its interest and to fully exercise the options under various property agreements covering the property located in British Columbia (Canada), the Company must incur exploration expenditures on the properties and/or make payments in the form of cash and/or shares to the optionors as follows:

	Shares
New Polaris:  Net profit interest buyout	150,00
	150,000

These amounts may be reduced in the future as the Company determines which properties to continue to explore and which to abandon.

# 1.5 Summary of Quarterly Results

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The following table provides selected financial information of the Company for each of the last eight quarters ended at the most recently completed quarter, December 31, 2008:

(in \$000s except					200	08						20	07			
per share amounts)		Dec 31	,	Sept 30		June 30	]	Mar 31		Dec 31	٤	Sept 30	J	une 30	l	Mar 31
Total revenues	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
(Loss) income before discontinued discontinued operations and extraordinary items:																
(i) Total	\$	(6,551)	\$	2	\$	(207)	\$	(207)	\$	(182)	\$	(72)	\$	254	\$	1,515
(ii) Basic per share	\$	(0.10)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	0.02
(iii) Fully diluted	\$	(0.10)	<b>e</b>		\$	_	\$		\$		\$		\$	_	\$	0.02
per share	Ф	(0.10)	Ф	-	Ф	-	Ф	-	Ф	-	Ф	-	Ф	-	Ф	0.02
Net (loss) income:																
(i) Total	\$	(6,551)	\$	2	\$	(207)	\$	(207)	\$	(182)	\$	(72)	\$	254	\$	1,515
<ul><li>(ii) Basic per share</li><li>(iii) Fully diluted</li></ul>	\$	(0.10)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	0.02
per share	\$	(0.10)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	0.02
Total assets	\$	12,829	\$	19,444	\$	19,424	\$	19,808	\$	20,115	\$	19,988	\$	19,168	\$	19,395
Total long-term liabilities	\$	,	\$		\$	-	\$	-	\$		\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Dividends per share	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-

Gains of \$179,000 from the disposition of shares of Aztec were realized in the first quarter of 2008 and proceeds of CAD\$215,000 from the disposition of its subsidiary which holds the net profit interest in the Bellavista property in the latter half of fiscal 2008. Realized gains from disposition of marketable securities and the renunciation of exploration expenditures in March 2007 contributed to a net income for fiscal 2007. The Company has no sources of operating revenues.

# 1.6 Liquidity and Capital Resources

The Company is in the development stage and has not yet determined whether its mineral properties contain reserves that are economically recoverable. The recoverability of amounts capitalized for mineral properties is entirely dependent upon the existence of economically recoverable reserves, the ability of the Company to obtain the necessary financing to complete the development and upon future profitable production. The Company knows of no trends, demands, commitments, events or uncertainties that may result in the Company's liquidity either materially increasing or decreasing at the present time or in the foreseeable future. Material increases or decreases in the Company's liquidity are substantially determined by the success or failure of the Company's exploration programs and overall market conditions for smaller mineral exploration companies. Since its incorporation in 1987, the Company has endeavored to secure mineral properties that in due course could be brought into production to provide the Company with cash flow which would be used to undertake work programs on other projects. To that end, the Company has expended its funds on mineral properties that it believes have the potential to achieve cash flow within a reasonable time frame. As a result, the Company has incurred losses during each of its fiscal years since incorporation. This result is typical of smaller exploration companies and will continue unless positive cash flow is achieved.

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The following table contains selected financial information of the Company's liquidity:

			Dece	mber 31,		
(in \$000s)	2	2008		2007		2006
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	155	\$	633	\$	2,267
Working capital	\$	194	\$	590	\$	2,709

Ongoing operating expenses continue to reduce the Company's cash resources and working capital.

In the first quarter of 2008, the Company did dispose of shares of Aztec, which generated cash proceeds of \$203,000 to help satisfy the operating and working capital needs of the Company. Nominal proceeds of \$12,000 were from the sale of remaining marketable securities in the second quarter of 2008. In the latter half of 2008, proceeds of CAD\$215,000 were received from the disposition of the subsidiary which holds the net profit interest in the Bellavista property.

In December 2007, Caza, a wholly-owned subsidiary at that time, received proceeds of CAD\$300,000 in demand loans of which CAD\$180,000 were from directors and officers of the Company. The loans were repayable on demand and bore an interest rate of 9% per annum. In June 2008, the Company closed a Plan of Arrangement with Caza in which Caza was no longer a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company.

In December 2008, the Company closed a non-brokered private placement for 1,000,000 units at CAD\$0.10 per unit for gross proceeds of CAD\$100,000. Each unit was comprised of one common share and one-half of a share purchase warrant; each whole share purchase warrant is exercisable to acquire one common share at an exercise price of CAD\$0.15 until June 1, 2010.

The Company has entered into a number of option agreements for mineral properties that involve payments in the form of cash and/or shares of the Company as well as minimum exploration expenditure requirements. Under Item 1.4, further details of contractual obligations are provided as at December 31, 2008. The Company will continue to rely upon equity financing as its principal source of financing its projects.

# 1.7 <u>Capital Resources</u>

Item 1.6 provides further details.

# 1.8 Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

On May 31, 2005, the shareholders of the Company approved a shareholder rights plan (the "Plan"), that became effective on April 30, 2005. The Plan is intended to ensure that any entity seeking to acquire control of the Company makes an offer that represents fair value to all shareholders and provides the board of directors with sufficient time to assess and evaluate the offer, to permit competing bids to emerge, and, as appropriate, to explore and develop alternatives to maximize value for shareholders. Under the Plan, each shareholder at the time of the Plan's adoption was issued one Right for each common share of the Company held. Each Right entitles the registered holder thereof, except for certain "Acquiring Persons" (as defined in the Plan), to purchase from treasury one common share at a 50% discount to the prevailing market price, subject to certain adjustments intended to prevent dilution. The Rights are exercisable after the occurrence of specified events set out in the Plan generally related to when a person, together with affiliated or associated persons, acquires, or makes a take-over bid

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to acquire, beneficial ownership of 20% or more of the outstanding common shares of the Company. The Rights expire on April 30, 2015.

At the discretion of the Board, certain option grants provide the option holder the right to receive the number of common shares, valued at the quoted market price at the time of exercise of the stock options, that represent the share appreciation since granting the options.

# 1.9 Transactions with Related Parties

General and administrative costs during the year ended December 31, 2008 include:

- CAD\$52.561 of salaries paid to a director:
- CAD\$36,659 to directors in their capacity as Directors of the Company;
- CAD\$67,217 in legal fees to a law firm in which a senior officer of the Company is a partner;
- CAD\$272,572 in office rent and salary allocations recovered from companies sharing certain common directors; and
- CAD\$119,976 in office rent and salary allocations paid to a company sharing certain common directors.

Details of transactions with Aztec and Caza and the plan of arrangement with Caza are provided in Items 1.2, 1.4, 1.5 and 1.6

## 1.10 Fourth Quarter

Items 1.4, 1.5 and 1.6 provide further details for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2008.

## 1.11 **Proposed Transactions**

There are no proposed material asset or business acquisitions or dispositions, other than those in the ordinary course of business and other than those already disclosed in this MD&A, before the board of directors for consideration, and other than those already disclosed in its regulatory and public filings.

# 1.12 <u>Critical Accounting Estimates</u>

The preparation of financial statements requires the Company to make estimates that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Significant areas requiring the use of estimates relate to collectability of receivables, mineral properties, balances of accrued liabilities, determination of reclamation obligations, fair values of financial instruments, valuation allowances for future income tax assets, and assumptions used in determining the fair value of non-cash stock-based compensation. While management believes that these estimates are reasonable, actual results could differ from those estimates and could impact future results of operations and cash flows.

Acquisition costs of mineral properties and exploration and development expenditures incurred thereto are capitalized and deferred. The costs related to a property from which there is production will be amortized using the unit-of-production method. Capitalized costs are written down to their estimated recoverable amount if the property is subsequently determined to be uneconomic. The amounts shown for mineral properties represent costs incurred to date, less recoveries and write-downs, and do not reflect present or future values.

## 1.13 Changes in Accounting Policies Including Initial Adoption

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New accounting pronouncements which came into effect for fiscal 2008 as issued by the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants ("CICA") are as follows:

## (i) Capital disclosures:

In February 2007, the CICA issued Handbook Section 1535, "Capital Disclosures", which requires the disclosure of both qualitative and quantitative information that provides users of financial statements with information to evaluate the entity's objectives, policies and procedures for managing capital. The new section is effective for the Company on January 1, 2008.

## (ii) Financial instruments:

In February 2007, the CICA issued two new standards, Section 3862 "Financial Instruments Disclosures" and Section 3863 "Financial Instruments Presentation". These sections replace the existing Section 3861, "Financial Instruments Disclosure and Presentation". Section 3862 provides users with information to evaluate the significance of the financial instruments of the entity's financial position and performances, nature and extent of risks arising from financial instruments, and how the entity manages those risks. Section 3863 deals with the classification of financial instruments, related interests, dividends, losses and gains, and the circumstances in which financial assets and financial liabilities are offset. The new section is effective for the Company on January 1, 2008.

# (iii) Going concern:

In June 2007, the CICA amended Handbook Section 1400, "General Standards of Financial Statement Presentation", which requires management to make an assessment of the Company's ability to continue as a going-concern. When financial statements are not prepared on a going-concern basis, that fact shall be disclosed together with the basis on which the financial statements are prepared and the reason why the Company is not considered a going-concern. The new section is effective for the Company on January 1, 2008. The Company's accounting policies were already in accordance with the requirements of the amended section and there was no effect on the Company's financial statement disclosure, or on its consolidated financial position or its consolidated results of operations.

## (iv) Goodwill and intangible assets:

In February 2008, the CICA issued Handbook Section 3064 "Goodwill and intangible assets", replacing Section 3062, "Goodwill and other intangible assets" and Section 3450, "Research and development costs". This section establishes standards for the recognition, measurement, presentation, and disclosure of goodwill subsequent to its initial recognition and of intangible assets by profit-oriented enterprises. Standards concerning goodwill are unchanged from the standards included in the previous Section 3062. The new section is effective for the Company on January 1, 2009. The Company has no goodwill or intangible assets as of December 31, 2008.

# (v) International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"):

In 2006, the Canadian Accounting Standards Board ("AcSB") published a new strategic plan that will significantly affect financial reporting requirements for Canadian companies. The AcSB strategic plan outlines the convergence of Canadian generally accepted accounting principles with IFRS over an expected five-year transitional period. In February 2008 the AcSB announced that 2011 is the changeover date for publicly-listed companies to use IFRS, replacing Canada's own generally accepted accounting principles. The date is for interim and annual financial statements relating to fiscal years beginning on or after January 1, 2011. The transition date of January 1, 2011 will require the restatement for comparative purposes of amounts reported by the Company for the year ended December 31, 2010. While the Company has begun assessing the adoption of IFRS for 2011, the financial reporting impact of the transition to IFRS cannot be reasonably estimated at this time.

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# 1.14 Financial Instruments and Other Instruments

The Company classifies its financial instruments as follows:

- cash and cash equivalents as held-for-trading,
- marketable securities and long term investments as available-for-sale,
- receivables as loans and receivables,
- royalties receivable as loans and receivables, and
- accounts payable and accrued liabilities as other liabilities.

The closing market prices on the stock exchanges are used as the basis for the determination of the fair values of the shareholdings held as marketable securities as at the reporting date.

# 1.15 Other MD&A Requirements

## 1.15.1 Other MD&A Requirements

Additional information relating to the Company are as follows:

- (a) may be found on SEDAR at <u>www.sedar.com</u>;
- (b) may be found in the Company's annual information form; and
- (c) is also provided in the Company's audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2008.

# 1.15.2 Outstanding Share Data

The Company's authorized share capital consists of unlimited common shares without par value.

Changes in the Company's share capital for the year ended December 31, 2008 are as follows:

	Number of Shares	A	Amount
		(iı	n \$000s)
Balance at December 31, 2007	71,734,505	\$	55,289
Issued:			
Private placement	1,000,000		77
Write-off of mineral properties	(30,000)		(17)
Balance at December 31, 2008	72,704,505	\$	55,349

At March 23, 2009, there were 72,704,505 common shares issued and outstanding.

At December 31, 2008, the Company had outstanding stock options to purchase an aggregate 8,079,000 common shares as follows:

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	December 31, 2008		
	Weigh avera exerc Number pric		
	of Shares (CAD		
Outstanding, beginning of year	7,074,000 \$0.5		
Granted	1,800,000 \$0.29		
Forfeited	(75,000) \$0.55		
Expired	(720,000) \$0.5		
Outstanding, end of year	8,079,000 \$0.4		
Exercise price range (CAD\$)	\$0.25 - \$1.00		

Of the options granted in June 2007, options for 500,000 common shares with an exercise price of CAD\$0.54 and an expiry date of June 15, 2012 have vesting provisions in which options for 250,000 common shares vested on June 15, 2008 and the balance of 250,000 vest on June 15, 2009.

Options for 1.8 million shares which were granted in May 2008 are subject to a vesting provision in which 20% of the options vest immediately and 20% vest every six months.

At March 23, 2009, stock options for 7,599,000 common shares remain outstanding.

At December 31, 2008, the Company had outstanding warrants as follows:

Exercise Prices (CAD\$)	Expiry Dates	Oustanding at December 31, 2007	Issued	Exercised	Expired	Oustanding at December 31, 2008
\$0.65	July 24, 2008	1,100,000	-	-	(1,100,000)	-
\$0.15	June 1, 2010	-	500,000	-	-	500,000
		1,100,000	500,000	-	(1,100,000)	500,000

At March 23, 2009, warrants for 500,000 common shares remain outstanding.

# 1.16 Outlook

Although it currently has sufficient capital to fund its working capital, the Company will continue to depend upon equity financings to continue exploration work on its mineral property interests and to meet its administrative overhead costs for the remainder of the 2009 fiscal year. There are no assurances that capital requirements will be met by this means of financing as inherent risks are attached therein including commodity prices, financial market conditions, and general economic factors. The Company does not expect to realize any operating revenues from its properties in the foreseeable future.

## 1.17 Risk Factors

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The following is a brief discussion of those distinctive or special characteristics of the Company's operations and industry that may have a material impact on, or constitute risk factors in respect of, the Company's future financial performance.

# **Exploration and Development Risks**

There is no assurance given by the Company that its exploration and development programs and properties will result in the discovery, development or production of a commercially viable ore body.

The business of exploration for minerals and mining involves a high degree of risk. Few properties that are explored are ultimately developed into producing mines. There is no assurance that the Company's mineral exploration and development activities will result in any discoveries of bodies of commercial ore. The economics of developing gold and other mineral properties are affected by many factors including capital and operating costs, variations of the grades and tonnages of ore mined, fluctuating mineral market prices, costs of mining and processing equipment and such other factors as government regulations, including regulations relating to royalties, allowable production, importing and exporting of minerals and environmental protection. Substantial expenditures are required to establish reserves through drilling and other work, to develop metallurgical processes to extract metal from ore, and to develop the mining and processing facilities and infrastructure at any site chosen for mining. No assurance can be given that funds required for development can be obtained on a timely basis. The marketability of any minerals acquired or discovered may be affected by numerous factors which are beyond the Company's control and which cannot be accurately foreseen or predicted, such as market fluctuations, the global marketing conditions for precious and base metals, the proximity and capacity of milling and smelting facilities, mineral markets and processing equipment, and such other factors as government regulations, including regulations relating to royalties, allowable production, importing and exporting minerals and environmental protection. In order to commence exploitation of certain properties presently held under exploration concessions, it is necessary for the Company to apply for exploitation concessions. There can be no guarantee that such concessions will be granted.

# Financing Risks

There is no assurance given by the Company that it will be able to secure the financing necessary to explore, develop and produce its mineral properties.

The Company does not presently have sufficient financial resources or operating cash-flow to undertake by itself all of its planned exploration and development programs. The development of the Company's properties may therefore depend on the Company's joint venture partners and on the Company's ability to obtain additional required financing. There is no assurance the Company will be successful in obtaining the required financing, the lack of which could result in the loss or substantial dilution of its interests (as existing or as proposed to be acquired) in its properties as disclosed herein. The Company's ability to continue as a going concern is dependent on the ability of the Company to raise equity capital financings, the attainment of profitable operations, external financings, and further share issuance to satisfy working capital and operating needs.

## **Estimates of Mineral Deposits**

There is no assurance given by the Company that any estimates of mineral deposits herein will not change.

Although all figures with respect to the size and grade of mineralized deposits, or, in some instances have been prepared, reviewed or verified by independent mining experts, these amounts are historic estimates only and are not compliant with NI 43-101, except for the Company's New Polaris project which was the subject of a NI 43-101 report dated March 14, 2007, and no assurance can be given that any identified mineralized deposit will ever qualify as a commercially viable mineable ore body that can be legally and economically exploited. Estimates regarding mineralized deposits can also be affected by many factors such as permitting regulations and requirements, weather, environmental factors, unforeseen technical difficulties, unusual or unexpected geological formations and work interruptions. In addition, the grades and tonnages of ore ultimately mined may differ from that indicated by drilling results and other work. There can be no assurance that gold recovered in small-scale laboratory tests will be duplicated in large-scale tests under on-site conditions. Material changes in mineralized tonnages, grades, dilution and stripping ratios or recovery rates may affect the economic viability of projects. The existence

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of mineralized deposits should not be interpreted as assurances of the future delineation of ore reserves or the profitability of future operations. The refractory nature of gold mineralization at New Polaris may adversely affect the economic recovery of gold from mining operations.

#### **Mineral Prices**

There is no assurance given by the Company that mineral prices will not change.

The mining industry is competitive and mineral prices fluctuate so that there is no assurance, even if commercial quantities of a mineral resource are discovered, that a profitable market will exist for the sale of same. Factors beyond the control of the Company may affect the marketability of any substances discovered. The prices of precious and base metals fluctuate on a daily basis, have experienced volatile and significant price movements over short periods of time, and are affected by numerous factors beyond the control of the Company, including international economic and political trends, expectations of inflation, currency exchange fluctuations (specifically, the U.S. dollar relative to other currencies), interest rates, central bank transactions, world supply for precious and base metals, international investments, monetary systems, and global or regional consumption patterns (such as the development of gold coin programs), speculative activities and increased production due to improved mining and production methods. The supply of and demand for gold are affected by various factors, including political events, economic conditions and production costs in major gold producing regions, and governmental policies with respect to gold holdings by a nation or its citizens. The exact effect of these factors cannot be accurately predicted, and the combination of these factors may result in the Company not receiving adequate returns on invested capital or the investments retaining their respective values. There is no assurance that the prices of gold and other precious and base metals will be such that the Company's properties can be mined at a profit.

#### Title Matters

There is no assurance given by the Company that it owns legal title to certain of its mineral properties.

The acquisition of title to mineral properties is a very detailed and time-consuming process. Title to any of the Company's mining concessions may come under dispute. While the Company has diligently investigated title considerations to its mineral properties, in certain circumstances, the Company has only relied upon representations of property partners and government agencies. There is no guarantee of title to any of the Company's properties. The properties may be subject to prior unregistered agreements or transfers, and title may be affected by unidentified and undetected defects. In British Columbia and elsewhere, native land claims or claims of aboriginal title may be asserted over areas in which the Company's properties are located.

# Conflicts of Interest

There is no assurance given by the Company that its directors and officers will not have conflicts of interest from time to time.

The Company's directors and officers may serve as directors or officers of other public resource companies or have significant shareholdings in other public resource companies and, to the extent that such other companies may participate in ventures in which the Company may participate, the directors of the Company may have a conflict of interest in negotiating and concluding terms respecting the extent of such participation. The interests of these companies may differ from time to time. In the event that such a conflict of interest arises at a meeting of the Company's directors, a director who has such a conflict will abstain from voting for or against any resolution involving any such conflict. From time to time several companies may participate in the acquisition, exploration and development of natural resource properties thereby allowing for their participation in larger programs, permitting involvement in a greater number of programs and reducing financial exposure in respect of any one program. It may also occur that a particular company will assign all or a portion of its interest in a particular program to another of these companies due to the financial position of the company making the assignment. In accordance with the laws of the Province of British Columbia, Canada, the directors of the Company are required to act honestly, in good faith and in the best interests of the Company. In determining whether or not the Company will participate in any particular exploration or mining project at any given time, the directors will primarily consider the upside potential for

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the project to be accretive to shareholders, the degree of risk to which the Company may be exposed and its financial position at that time.

#### **Uninsured Risks**

There is no assurance given by the Company that it is adequately insured against all risks.

The Company may become subject to liability for cave-ins, pollution or other hazards against which it cannot insure or against which it has elected not to insure because of high premium costs or other reasons. The payment of such liabilities would reduce the funds available for exploration and mining activities.

# Environmental and Other Regulatory Requirements

There is no assurance given by the Company that it has met all environmental or regulatory requirements.

The current or future operations of the Company, including exploration and development activities and commencement of production on its properties, require permits from various foreign, federal, state and local governmental authorities and such operations are and will be governed by laws and regulations governing prospecting, development, mining, production, exports, taxes, labour standards, occupational health, waste disposal, toxic substances, land use, environmental protection, mine safety and other matters. Companies engaged in the development and operation of mines and related facilities generally experience increased costs, and delays in production and other schedules as a result of the need to comply with applicable laws, regulations and permits. There can be no assurance that approvals and permits required in order for the Company to commence production on its various properties will be obtained. Additional permits and studies, which may include environmental impact studies conducted before permits can be obtained, are necessary prior to operation of the other properties in which the Company has interests and there can be no assurance that the Company will be able to obtain or maintain all necessary permits that may be required to commence construction, development or operation of mining facilities at these properties on terms which enable operations to be conducted at economically justifiable costs.

Failure to comply with applicable laws, regulations, and permitting requirements may result in enforcement actions including orders issued by regulatory or judicial authorities causing operations to cease or be curtailed, and may include corrective measures requiring capital expenditures, installation of additional equipment or remedial actions. Parties engaged in mining operations may be required to compensate those suffering loss or damage by reason of the mining activities and may have civil or criminal fines or penalties imposed for violations of applicable laws or regulations. New laws or regulations or amendments to current laws, regulations and permits governing operations and activities of mining companies, or more stringent implementation of current laws, regulations or permits, could have a material adverse impact on the Company and cause increases in capital expenditures or production costs or reduction in levels of production at producing properties or require abandonment or delays in development of new mining properties.

# Reclamation

There is a risk that monies allotted for land reclamation may not be sufficient to cover all risks, due to changes in the nature of the waste rock or tailings and/or revisions to government regulations. Therefore additional funds, or reclamation bonds or other forms of financial assurance may be required over the tenure of the project to cover potential risks. These additional costs may have material adverse impact on the financial condition and results of the Company.

# Foreign Countries and Regulatory Requirements

Certain of the Company's properties have been located in countries outside of Canada, and mineral exploration and mining activities may be affected in varying degrees by political stability and government regulations relating to the mining industry. Any changes in regulations or shifts in political attitudes may vary from country to country and are beyond the control of the Company and may adversely affect its business. Such changes have, in the past, included nationalization of foreign owned businesses and properties. Operations may be affected in varying degrees by government regulations with respect to restrictions on production, price controls, export controls, income and other taxes and duties, expropriation of property,

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environmental legislation and mine safety. These uncertainties may make it more difficult for the Company and its joint venture partners to obtain any required production financing for its mineral properties.

## Currency Fluctuation and Foreign Exchange Controls

The Company maintains a portion of its funds in U.S. dollar denominated accounts. Certain of the Company's property and related contracts may be denominated in U.S. dollars. The Company's operations in countries other than Canada are normally carried out in the currency of that country and make the Company subject to foreign currency fluctuations and such fluctuations may materially affect the Company's financial position and results. In addition future contracts may not be denominated in U.S. dollars and may expose the Company to foreign currency fluctuations and such fluctuations may materially affect the Company's financial position and results. In addition, the Company is or may become subject to foreign exchange restrictions which may severely limit or restrict its ability to repatriate capital or profits from its properties outside of Canada to Canada. Such restrictions have existed in the past in countries in which the Company holds property interests and future impositions of such restrictions could have a materially adverse effect on the Company's future profitability or ability to pay dividends.

## Third Party Reliance

The Company's rights to acquire interests in certain mineral properties have been granted by third parties who themselves hold only an option to acquire such properties. As a result, the Company may have no direct contractual relationship with the underlying property holder.

## Volatility of Shares Could Cause Investor Loss

The market price of a publicly traded stock, especially a junior issuer like the Company, is affected by many variables in addition to those directly related to exploration successes or failures. Such factors include the general condition of the market for junior resource stocks, the strength of the economy generally, the availability and attractiveness of alternative investments, and the breadth of the public market for the stock. The effect of these and other factors on the market price of the common shares on the TSX and NASD-OTC suggests that the Company's shares will continue to be volatile. Therefore, investors could suffer significant losses if the Company's shares are depressed or illiquid when an investor seeks liquidity and needs to sell the Company's shares.

# Possible Dilution to Current Shareholders based on Outstanding Options and Warrants

At December 31, 2008, the Company had 72,704,505 common shares and 8,079,000 share purchase options and 500,000 share purchase warrants outstanding. The resale of outstanding shares from the exercise of dilutive securities could have a depressing effect on the market for the Company's shares. At December 31, 2008, dilutive securities represented approximately 12% of the Company's issued shares. None of these dilutive securities are exercisable at prices below the December 31, 2008 closing market price of CAD\$0.06 for the Company's shares and, accordingly, will not result in dilution to existing shareholders if exercised.

# 1.18 Controls and Procedures

## Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Based upon the evaluation of the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures regarding the Company's audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2008 and this MD&A, the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that the disclosure controls and procedures were effective to ensure that material information relating to the Company was made known to others within the company particularly during the period in which this report and accounts were being prepared, and such controls and procedures were effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports that it files or submits under regulatory rules and securities laws is recorded, processed, summarized and reported, within the time periods specified. Management of the

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Company recognizes that any controls and procedures can only provide reasonable assurance, and not absolute assurance, of achieving the desired control objectives, and management necessarily was required to apply its judgement in evaluating the cost-benefit relationship of possible controls and procedures.

## Internal Controls over Financial Reporting

The CEO and CFO of the Company are responsible for designing internal controls over financial reporting ("ICOFR") or causing them to be designed under their supervision to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles. We have assessed the design of ICOFR and identified certain weaknesses.

In common with many other smaller companies, the Company has insufficient resources to appropriately review increasingly complex areas of accounting within the accounting function such as those in relation to financial instruments and future income tax.

The Company shall engage the services of an external accounting firm to assist in applying complex areas of accounting as needed. In December 2007, the Company has hired a consultant to design and implement internal controls over financial reporting.

Notwithstanding this weakness, management concluded that the audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2008 fairly present the Company's financial position and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

#### Changes in Internal Controls over Financial Reporting

Except as disclosed above, there were no significant changes in the Company's internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect these controls subsequent to the date the Chief Executive Officer completed his evaluation.