



**THREE AND SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2015  
MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

---

**TABLE OF CONTENTS**

|  |    |
|--|----|
| <b>DATE</b>  | 2  |
| <b>DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS</b>                             | 2  |
| <b>OVERVIEW OF PERFORMANCE</b>                             | 3  |
| <b>SUBSEQUENT EVENTS</b>                                   | 6  |
| <b>PORTFOLIO OF MINERAL PROPERTIES</b>                     | 6  |
| <b>PROMONTORIO SILVER PROJECT – RESOURCE ESTIMATE</b>      | 6  |
| <b>GENERATIVE EXPLORATION PROJECTS</b>                     | 8  |
| <b>RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES</b>                             | 9  |
| <b>SELECTED ANNUAL INFORMATION</b>                         | 12 |
| <b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>                                | 13 |
| <b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>                                | 13 |
| <b>RESULTS OF OPERATIONS</b>                               | 14 |
| <b>LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES</b>                     | 14 |
| <b>OUTLOOK</b>   | 15 |
| <b>FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT</b> | 15 |
| <b>OFF BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS</b>                      | 16 |
| <b>TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES</b>                   | 17 |
| <b>FUTURE ACCOUNTING STANDARDS</b>                         | 17 |
| <b>OTHER MD&amp;A REQUIREMENTS</b>                         | 18 |
| <b>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</b>                              | 19 |



## THREE AND SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2015 MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

---

### DATE

This Management Discussion & Analysis (“MD&A”) of Kootenay Silver Inc. (the “Company” or “Kootenay”) was prepared by management as at August 31, 2015, and was reviewed and approved by the Audit Committee appointed by the Board of Directors of Kootenay. The following discussion of performance, financial condition and future prospects should be read in conjunction with the consolidated interim financial statements for the three and six months ended June 30, 2015, as well as the annual audited consolidated financial statements and the MD&A for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, and notes thereto (the “Financial Statements”), which have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”), as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (“IASB”). The information provided herein supplements but does not form part of the financial statements. This discussion covers the three and six months ended June 30, 2015, and the subsequent period up to the date of issue of this MD&A. Additional information relating to the Company is available at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

The Company has prepared this MD&A following the requirements of National Instrument 51-102 (“NI-51-102”). These statements are filed with the relevant regulatory authorities in Canada. All currency amounts are expressed in Canadian dollars unless otherwise noted.

Unless otherwise indicated the geological disclosure contained within this MD&A has been reviewed and verified by Kootenay's CEO, James McDonald, P.Geo (a qualified person for the purpose of National Instrument 43-101 (“NI 43-101”), Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects). Mr. McDonald is also a director of Kootenay.

### Forward-Looking Information

This report contains forward-looking statements or forward-looking information within the meaning of the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, and applicable Canadian securities laws. Forward-looking statements are frequently, but not always, identified by words such as “expects,” “anticipates,” “believes,” “intends,” “estimated,” “potential,” “possible” and similar expressions, or statements that events, conditions or results “will,” “may,” “could” or “should” occur or be achieved. Forward-looking statements are statements concerning the Company’s current beliefs, plans and expectations about the future and are inherently uncertain, and actual achievements of the Company or other future events or conditions may differ materially from those reflected in the forward-looking statements due to a variety of risks, uncertainties and other factors, including, without limitation, the risks that: (i) any of the assumptions in the resource estimates turn out to be incorrect, incomplete, or flawed in any respect; (ii) the methodologies and models used to prepare the resource estimates either underestimate or overestimate the resources due to hidden or unknown conditions, (iii) operations are disrupted or suspended due to acts of god, internal conflicts in the country of Mexico, unforeseen government actions or other events; (iv) the Company experiences the loss of key personnel; (v) the Company’s mine operations are adversely affected by other political or military, or terrorist activities; (vi) the Company becomes involved in any material disputes with any of its key business partners, lenders, suppliers or customers; or (vii) the Company is subjected to any hostile takeover or other unsolicited attempts to acquire control of the Company. Other factors that could cause the actual results to differ include market prices, exploration success, continued availability of capital and financing, inability to obtain required regulatory approvals and general market conditions. These statements are based on a number of assumptions, including assumptions regarding general market conditions, the timing and receipt of regulatory approvals, the ability of the Company and other relevant parties to satisfy regulatory requirements, the availability of financing for proposed transactions and programs on reasonable terms and the ability of third-party service providers to deliver services in a timely manner. Other risks are more fully described under the heading “RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES” below. The Company’s forward-looking statements are based on the beliefs, expectations and opinions of management on the date the statements are made and the Company assumes no obligation to update such forward-looking statements in the future, except as required by law. For the reasons set forth above, investors should not place undue reliance on the Company’s forward-looking statements.

### DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS

The Company is an exploration stage mining company involved in the exploration of mineral properties in Mexico and Canada. The Company’s main business objective is identifying mineralized deposits economically worthy of subsequent development, mining or sale. The Company is a Tier One listed issuer on the TSX Venture Exchange (“TSX-V”) and its common shares trade under the symbol ‘KTN’. The core management and technical team are proven professionals, with extensive international experience in all aspects of mineral exploration, operations and venture capital markets.

## OVERVIEW OF PERFORMANCE

### PROMONTORIO SILVER PROJECT

The Company's advanced project is the Promontorio Silver Project ("Promontorio") located in Sonora, Mexico, which encompasses the former Promontorio Silver Mine. On May 14, 2013, the Company announced an updated resource estimate prepared by SRK Consulting (U.S.) Inc. of Lakewood, Colorado ("SRK") incorporating the gold content contained into the mineral resources of Promontorio, due to new metallurgical data and information which supported the possible recovery of gold. This updated resource estimate does not incorporate any drilling completed since the previous resource estimate announced August 21, 2012, which was based on 65,092 metres of drilling.

The open pit mineral resources for Promontorio are comprised of an estimated 44,504,000 tonnes classified as Measured and Indicated Mineral Resources grading an average of 64.32 grams per tonne ("gpt") silver equivalent ("AgEq") containing an estimated 92,035,000 AgEq ounces, with an additional 14,564,000 tonnes classified as Inferred Mineral Resources grading an average of 51.95 gpt AgEq containing an estimated 24,326,000 AgEq ounces (see Resource Estimate – for specific grades of metals included). This resource is stated above a 20.00 gpt AgEq cut-off grade and is contained within an optimized Whittle pit shell (using Whittle™ software). Underground mineral resources are approximately 215,000 tonnes classified as Measured and Indicated Mineral Resources grading an average of 56.96 gpt AgEq, with an additional 1,265,000 tonnes classified as Inferred Mineral Resources grading an average of 61.17 gpt AgEq. This resource is stated above a 45.00 gpt AgEq cut-off grade to reflect the higher mining costs expected to be associated with underground production. An updated NI 43-101 technical report on Promontorio titled "NI 43-101 Technical Report on Resources, Promontorio, Mexico" prepared by SRK Consulting (U.S.), Inc. with an effective date of March 31, 2013 was filed on SEDAR on June 7, 2013.

The Company acquired Promontorio in 2006, and initial drilling commenced in 2007. Step-out drilling on geophysical, geological and prospecting targets at Promontorio at this time totals 315 holes for a sum of approximately 91,300 metres. Drill results reported on Promontorio can be found on the Company's website.

From the Phase V drill and resource expansion program, a total of 89 drill holes for approximately 23,200 metres has been completed on Promontorio, with an approximate cost of \$4,600,000. The Phase V program focused on systematically expanding the known silver resource, beginning with the unconfined portions of the higher-grade resource located in the Pit and NE zones, as defined by previous drilling. Multiple core holes have been drilled to offset significant intercepts located along strike and between the two primary resource zones the Pit and Northeast zones.

The Phase V drill program on Promontorio, focused on the following components:

- Drilling focused on expanding the known resource to the SW and NE and definition of high-grade zones;
- Initial drill testing of breccia targets that sit outside of known silver resource;
- Continuing baseline studies to further advance the permitting process;
- Continuing metallurgical testing to further define metal recoveries; and
- Monitoring wells for hydrologic measurements needed for pit design and process water assessment.

The Company does not have plans to drill immediately on the Promontorio, however when economic conditions permit, the focus of further drilling will be along the intervening area between the Pit and Northeast Zones, the Central Breccia Zone, with particular attention on the high grade areas to test for continuity and tonnage potential.

The Company has evaluated 2,900 line kilometres of airborne geophysics identifying similar EM signatures to those over the Main Pit and Northeast zones some of which are associated with mineralization on surface. In addition ground work has identified separate mineralized zones of which may be drilled at some future time.

### THE LA NEGRA DISCOVERY

The La Negra discovery is a hydrothermal-diatreme breccia exposed over a 100 to 150 x 500 metre area and is contained within the Promontorio claim block, approximately 6.5 km north of the current Promontorio resource. The Company has drilled a total of 6,213 metres over 41 core drill holes and successfully confirmed wide spread silver mineralization both from surface and 250 to 300 vertical metres from surface. Based on the results of Phase I and II, the Company announced subsequent to June 30, 2015, it has engaged Hans Smit, P.Geol to conduct a NI 43-101 resource estimate on the La Negra, which will include a metallurgical study.

#### *Drilling Programs*

An initial Phase I drilling program commenced in August 2014 and was completed during November 2014 with a cost of approximately US\$500,000. A total of 25 drill holes were completed, with a total of 3,173 metres drilled. The results reported the presence of significant grades of widespread silver mineralization extending from surface to depth, confirming a substantial new silver discovery and confirming earlier trenching results.

**Phase I - Result highlights include:**

**LN 01-14** *Containing from surface;*

- 110 gpt Ag over 41 metres including
- 223 gpt Ag over 13 metres

**LN 02-14** *Containing from surface;*

- 141 gpt Ag over 50 metres including
- 213 gpt Ag over 28 metres and
- 323 gpt Ag over 15 metres

**LN 03-14** *Bottomed in mineralized breccia in a vertical hole from surface;*

- 83 gpt Ag over 144 metres including
- 98 gpt Ag over 103 metres and
- 196 gpt Ag over 25 metres

**LN 04-14** *Containing from surface;*

- 93 gpt Ag over 92 metres including;
- 149 gpt Ag over 20 metres from surface and
- 146 gpt Ag over 31 metres from 43 metre depth

**LN 05-14** *Containing from surface;*

- 91 gpt Ag over 119 metres including
- 182 gpt Ag over 40 metres
- 368 gpt Ag over 14 metres

**LN 06-14** *Containing from surface and bottomed in mineralized breccia;*

- 93 gpt Ag over 98 metres including
- 168 gpt Ag over 21 metres including
- 214 gpt Ag over 14 metres

**LN 07-14** *Containing from surface;*

- 132 gpt Ag over 59 metres including
- 150 gpt Ag over 43 metres and
- 185 gpt Ag over 17 metres

**LN 08-14** *13 metres from surface;*

- 92 gpt Ag over 49 metres including
- 251 gpt Ag over 34 metres

**LN 10-14** *5 metres from surface;*

- 87 gpt Ag over 35 metres including
- 136 gpt Ag over 21 metres

**LN 13-14** *Containing from surface;*

- 61 gpt Ag over 140 metres including
- 79 gpt Ag over 47 metres
- 355 gpt Ag over 8 metres

**LN 14-14** *Containing from surface;*

- 179 gpt Ag over 33 metres including
- 412 gpt Ag over 11 metres

**LN 21-14** *Containing from surface and bottomed in mineralized breccia;*

- 156 gpt Ag over 200 metres including
- 1337 gpt Ag over 6 metres (highest interval to date)
- 442 gpt Ag over the bottom 50 metres including
- 492 gpt Ag over 17 metres (bottoming)

**LN 22-14** *Containing from surface;*

- 265 gpt Ag over 34 metres including
- 467 gpt Ag over 18 metres

**LN 23-14** *Containing from surface;*

- 250 gpt Ag over 30 metres including
- 459 gpt Ag over 13 metres

**LN 24-14** *Containing from surface on section with LN 22 and 23-14;*

- 93 gpt Ag over 76 metres including
- 398 gpt Ag over 12 metres

Drilling in the Phase I program was conducted in widely spaced fences along 400 of 500 metres of La Negra's length to provide information on the sub-surface grade, continuity and geometry of the mineralized Breccia system. Current holes were broadly spaced as single holes or fences of holes from the same platforms in 115 to 75 metre spacing's along strike. Extensive zones of breccia and stockwork were encountered along the strike length and dips seem to vary from steep northerly dips to moderate southerly dips.

During the six months ended June 30, 2015, the Company completed its Phase II drill program on La Negra and reported the final three holes on May 20, 2015. The program commenced during late February 2015, and completed a total of 16 drill holes, with a total of 3,040 metres drilled. Results from Phase II drilling show excellent continuity of silver mineralization reaffirming potential for a low cost open pit silver deposit. The depth potential is also demonstrated during the Phase II program with silver intercepts 250 to 300 meters vertically from surface, extending silver mineralization 100 to 150 meters deeper than previous drilling, expanding the size potential and extending the mineralized breccia to the northeast.

To view the drill plan outlining the location of the La Negra drilling visit: [La Negra Drill Plan Map](#) and to view complete results from Phase I and II drilling visit: [La Negra Drilling Results](#).

## Phase II - Result highlights include:

### LN 27-15

- 96 gpt Ag over 52 meters including:
- 183 gpt Ag over 25 meters
- 357 gpt Ag over 8 meters with
- 963 gpt Ag over 2 meters
- 322 gpt Ag over 5 meters

### LN 28-15

- 110 gpt Ag over 84 meters including:
- 300 gpt Ag over 8 meters and
- 179 gpt Ag over 18 meters

### LN 30-15

- 120 gpt Ag over 60 meters from surface including:
- 185 gpt Ag over 26 meters and
- 539 gpt Ag over 7 meters

### LN 31-15

- 76 gpt Ag over 138 meters starting from surface includes three separate higher grade intervals;
- 160 gpt Ag over 12 meters
- 146 gpt Ag over 37 meters with 1 meter of 3040 gpt Ag and
- 115 gpt Ag over 23 meters

### LN-32-15

- 68.39 gpt Ag over 146 meters from surface including:
- 139.60 gpt Ag over 56 meters with
- 217.32 gpt Ag over 28 meters and
- 462.11 gpt Ag over 9 meters

### LN-33-15

- 63.12 gpt Ag over 138 meters from surface including:
- 152.62 gpt Ag over 27 meters with
- 453.00 gpt Ag over 5 meters

### LN-34-15

- 149.27 gpt Ag over 11 meters including:
- 205.50 gpt Ag over 7 meters

### LN-38-15

- 113.15 gpt Ag over 67 meters including:
- 306.73 gpt Ag over 15 meters with
- 850.60 gpt Ag over 5 meters and
- 1772.50 gpt Ag over 2 meters

Drill results from the Phase II program are being interpreted and compiled and collated in to a 3D geologic model showing the geologic controls and assay results. Upon completion of the resource calculation including metallurgical work, this compilation will be used to design the next drill phase. Further details and time schedules will be announced in a future news release

## Previous Surface Trenching & Sampling Program

Prior to the commencement of drilling, an extensive trenching and surface sampling program was conducted on La Negra and from bedrock exposure shows silver mineralization is remarkably consistent throughout the breccia's exposed breadth and length. The average of all samples taken on surface is 65 gpt silver from 50 three-metre chip samples in trenches, 19 two-metre square chip panels and 31 grab samples. (See news releases from May 28 and June 5, 2014 for more details). Previous airborne geophysics was effective in mapping the southern contact of the breccia and indicates the breccia could exceed the aerial extent of the visible bedrock exposure.

## Highlights from Hand Trenching and Chip Sampling Program:

- 98.9 gpt Ag over 21 metres in Trench 1
- 59.1 gpt Ag over 21 metres in Trench 5
- 42.1 gpt Ag over 27 metres in Trench 2
- 39.2 gpt Ag over 30 metres in Trench 3
- 33.5 gpt Ag over 30 metres in Trench 6
- 16.1 gpt Ag over 21 metres in Trench 4

Prior to the trenching program, a total of 77 chip samples were collected: 56 returned values greater than 10 gpt silver of which 35 returned greater than 20 gpt silver. Nineteen chip samples (random chips taken within a 2 x 2 metre area) averaged 107 gpt silver with a single high of 512 gpt and 15 greater than 20 gpt. All 50 samples averaged 77 gpt Ag. Gold values are low within the breccias but highly anomalous in small veins peripheral to the breccias with values from background to 8.2, 4.3, 3.2 and 2.0 gpt gold obtained from grab samples.

## CAMERON –VANIA TREND

The Cameron-Vania trend is a newly recognized belt of gold-copper-silver mineralization that comprises the previously announced, Vania, Gringo and Vinetera zones, and the new Cameron zone. Recognition of the trend led to the discovery of the Cameron gold-copper-silver prospect, a 1000 x 300 to 500 metre zone of widespread gold and copper mineralization associated with hematite, magnetite, sericite and tourmaline alterations. To date, a total of 144 predominately grab samples have been collected from the Cameron area. Rock sampling program results and geological maps of the Cameron-Vania trend can be viewed here: [Cameron-Vania Prospect](#).

## SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

On August 26, 2015, the Company announced that it had closed its July 16, 2015 announced non-brokered private placement and raised total gross proceeds of \$1,315,950 by issuing a total of 4,386,500 units at a purchase price of \$0.30 per unit. Each unit consists of one common share of the Company and one transferable share purchase warrant. Each whole warrant entitles the holder to acquire one common share at an exercise price of \$0.55. The private placement was completed in two tranches, with the first tranche of 3,586,500 units closed August 11, 2015 and the final tranche closed August 26, 2015, with the applicable warrants expiring on August 10, 2017 and August 26, 2017, respectively. The Company paid cash finder's fees to arm's length parties totaling \$10,710 and issued 96,000 finders units (the "Finders Units"). The Finders Units consist of one common share and one non-transferable common share purchase warrant, expiring August 10, 2017. All securities issued in connection with the private placement, including Finders Units, are subject to a four month hold period, which expires on December 11, 2015 and December 26, 2015 respectively.

The net proceeds from the private placement will be used to finance additional work on the Company's Promontorio property, which includes the La Negra Discovery, its other properties and for general working capital.

See additional disclosure under 'The La Negra Discovery'.

## PORTFOLIO OF MINERAL PROPERTIES

The Company has aggressively pursued the advancement of its Promontorio Project as well as establishing Generative Exploration Teams in Northwest Mexico and British Columbia, Canada. The Company continues to seek joint venture partners to option its generative exploration projects, who by spending exploration dollars and issuing share and/or cash payments to the Company, obtain a right to an earn-in interest, or explored by the Company directly. The Company currently has three exploration properties namely the Fox and Two Times Fred located in the Nechako region of British Columbia and the San Diego property located in northern Sonora State, Mexico, which are optioned out to third parties.

## PROMONTORIO SILVER PROJECT – RESOURCE ESTIMATE

On May 14, 2013, the Company announced the results of an updated resource estimate prepared by SRK incorporating the gold ("Au") content contained into the mineral resources of the Promontorio Silver Project, due to new metallurgical data and information which supports the potential recovery of gold (see February 28, 2013 news release). The updated Measured and Indicated Resource contains an estimated 44,504,000 tonnes containing an estimated 92,035,000 oz. AgEq grading 64.32 gpt AgEq with another 24,326,000 oz. AgEq grading 51.95 gpt AgEq categorized as Inferred, as summarized the table below:

**Resource Statement for the Promontorio Deposit, Sonora State, Mexico: Effective Date March 31, 2013\***

| Pit-Constrained | 20 gpt AgEq Cut-Off | Tonnes (000's) | Avg AgEq (gpt) | Avg Ag (gpt) | Avg Au (gpt) | Avg Pb (%)  | Avg Zn (%)  | AgEq Oz (000's) | Ag Oz (000's) | Au Oz (000's) | Pb lbs (000's) | Zn lbs (000's) |
|-----------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
|                 | Measured            |                | 10,289         | 74.79        | 32.69        | 0.40        | 0.46        | 0.55            | 24,741        | 10,814        | 134            | 105,328        |
| Indicated       |                     | 34,215         | 61.18          | 26.30        | 0.34         | 0.38        | 0.45        | 67,294          | 28,926        | 373           | 287,579        | 335,904        |
| <b>M+I</b>      |                     | <b>44,504</b>  | <b>64.32</b>   | <b>27.77</b> | <b>0.35</b>  | <b>0.40</b> | <b>0.47</b> | <b>92,035</b>   | <b>39,740</b> | <b>506</b>    | <b>392,907</b> | <b>459,619</b> |
| Inferred        |                     | 14,564         | 51.95          | 24.95        | 0.28         | 0.28        | 0.31        | 24,326          | 11,683        | 132           | 89,430         | 98,462         |

| Underground Potential | 45 gpt AgEq Cut-Off | Tonnes (000's) | Avg AgEq (gpt) | Avg Ag (gpt) | Avg Au (gpt) | Avg Pb (%)  | Avg Zn (%)  | AgEq Oz (000's) | Ag Oz (000's) | Au Oz (000's) | Pb lbs (000's) | Zn lbs (000's) |
|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
|                       | Measured            |                | 3              | 62.27        | 25.12        | 0.32        | 0.37        | 0.63            | 6             | 2             | 0              | 23             |
| Indicated             |                     | 212            | 56.88          | 22.86        | 0.28         | 0.40        | 0.55        | 387             | 156           | 2             | 1,889          | 2,551          |
| <b>M+I</b>            |                     | <b>215</b>     | <b>56.96</b>   | <b>22.89</b> | <b>0.28</b>  | <b>0.40</b> | <b>0.55</b> | <b>393</b>      | <b>158</b>    | <b>2</b>      | <b>1,913</b>   | <b>2,591</b>   |
| Inferred              |                     | 1,265          | 61.17          | 26.57        | 0.37         | 0.36        | 0.38        | 2,488           | 1,081         | 15            | 10,049         | 10,667         |

Notes: \* **Mineral Resources are not Mineral Reserves and do not have demonstrated economic viability. There is no certainty that all or any part of the Mineral Resources estimated will be converted into Mineral Reserves.**

<sup>1</sup> Open pit resources stated as contained within a potentially economically minable pit shell;

<sup>2</sup> Pit optimization is based on assumed silver ("Ag"), gold, lead ("Pb"), and zinc ("Zn") prices of \$31/oz., \$1650/oz., \$0.96/lb, and \$0.89/lb respectively, mill recoveries of 74%, 70%, 81% and 88% respectively, a 1.5% NSR, estimated mining costs of \$1.20/t, and estimated processing and G&A cost of \$12.00/t; and an estimated POX cost of \$2/tonne (\$30/tonne of pyrite concentrate);

<sup>3</sup> Break-even cut-off grades used were 20 gpt AgEq for open pit mill material and 45 gpt AgEq for underground material;

<sup>4</sup> Silver equivalency is based on unit values calculated from the above metal prices, and assumes 100% recovery of all metals; and

<sup>5</sup> Mineral resource tonnage and contained metal have been rounded to reflect the accuracy of the estimate, and numbers may not add due to rounding.

The following material changes incorporated into the updated resource estimation contributed to the significant increase in the mineral resource:

- Additional metallurgical test work has allowed for the inclusion of gold in the mineral resources, which has a significant impact on the AgEq grades and relative ounces.
- The estimated Measured and Indicated gold resources contained within the mineralized diatreme system total 508,000 ounces with an additional 155,000 ounces Inferred.

This mineral resource estimate has been completed by Matthew Hastings MSc, P.Geo and reviewed by Frank Daviess, MAusIMM, RM-SME, Associate Principal Resource Geologist with SRK. A site visit was conducted by Allan Moran, of SRK, R.G., C.P.G, who has reviewed pertinent geological information in sufficient detail to support the data incorporated in the mineral resource estimate. Mr. Daviess is an Independent Qualified Person as defined under NI 43-101 and is responsible for the mineral resource estimate presented in this release. Eric Olin, of SRK, MSc, MBA, RM-SME reviewed the metallurgical information contained in this release.

Drilling data includes a total of 45,118 samples from 65,092 metres of drilling. Of the 45,118 samples in the database, 22,658 lie within the wireframes and were used in the resource estimation. Wireframes are three-dimensional closed solids constructed in Vulcan™ and based on a combination of logged geology and assay information. These wireframes limit the estimation.

Three-dimensional wireframes were constructed for the modeled domains using Leapfrog 3D™ modeling software as well as Vulcan™. SRK modeled both the Pit and NE zones independently, and corrected inconsistencies with the Leapfrog solids using Vulcan.

The average sample length for all samples is 1.44 metres. Samples were composited to 3 m lengths within the breccia, stockwork, and PC zones. For the estimation, SRK used Ordinary Kriging in the densely-drilled areas and Inverse Distance Weighting for the areas with more widely-spaced drilling. SRK applied appropriate block model validation techniques for a resource estimation at this stage of project development.

Pit optimization was conducted using Whittle™ software and evaluating the block model which was constructed in Vulcan™. The purpose of the pit-optimization exercise is to satisfy the conditions of “reasonable prospects for economic extraction” as defined in the CIM Guidelines using pit shells based on a very simple “break-even” cash flow model. These pits are not representative of detailed mine plans or even the “best” pit design for the Project. A cut-off for the mineral resource of 20 gpt and 45 gpt AgEq for open pit and underground potential was used respectively.

Measured, Indicated and Inferred Mineral Resources are categorized as Measured being where at least 3 drill holes occur within a 25 metres ellipsoid, Indicated being where at least 3 drill holes occur within a 50 metres ellipsoid and Inferred being where at least 2 drill holes occur within a 75 metres ellipsoid. Blocks estimated using Inverse Distance Weighting in the widely-spaced drilling intermediate to the two primary zones are categorized as Inferred. Mineral Resources are not Mineral Reserves and do not have demonstrated economic viability. There is no certainty that all or any part of the Mineral Resources estimated will be converted into Mineral Reserves.

G&T Metallurgical Services Ltd, Kamloops, BC, Canada completed preliminary metallurgical programs on drill core composites from the Promontorio property for Kootenay in 2009, 2012 and 2013. Several significant factors were noticed in SRK’s review of the metallurgical process work conducted to date. The metallurgical program investigated a standard polymetallic sequential flotation flow sheet that includes:

- Crushing;
- Grinding;
- Lead Flotation;
- Zinc Flotation; and
- Pyrite/Arsenopyrite Flotation

Pressure oxidation (POX) of the pyrite/arsenopyrite concentrate is required to extract the contained gold by cyanidation. SRK estimates metal recoveries shown in the table below are based on the average results from the preliminary metallurgical test programs conducted in 2009, 2012 and 2013. Overall gold recovery is estimated at 70% and is based on 65% gold recovery into the pyrite flotation concentrate followed by 94% cyanidation gold extraction from the pyrite concentrate after pressure oxidation, plus an average 9% gold recovery into the lead flotation concentrate.

**Metallurgical Recovery Assumptions**

| <b>Metal</b> | <b>Product</b>     | <b>Recovery (%)</b> |
|--------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Silver       | Lead Concentrate   | 74                  |
| Lead         | Lead Concentrate   | 81                  |
| Zinc         | Zinc Concentrate   | 88                  |
| Gold         | Pyrite Concentrate | 65                  |
| Gold         | Lead Concentrate   | 9                   |
| Gold         | Overall *          | 70                  |

\* Includes 94% cyanidation extraction from pyrite concentrate + gold contained in lead concentrate

The current NI 43-101 compliant Technical Report was filed on June 7, 2013 and can be reviewed on SEDAR ([www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com)).

## **GENERATIVE EXPLORATION PROJECTS**

The Company continues to seek active option partners within its generative model, which minimizes financial exposure by granting external exploration companies a right to earn an interest in properties, subject to exploration expenditures and share payments made by them. Generative properties are continuously prioritized and dropped based on ongoing exploration work.

### **San Diego**

On May 14, 2015, the Company announced that it has entered into an option agreement through its wholly owned Mexican subsidiary, Minera J.M. ("MJM") with Oro de Altar ("ODA") a wholly owned Mexican subsidiary of AuRico Gold Inc. (TSX: AUQ.T) ("AuRico"). The option allows ODA to earn up to 100% interest in the San Diego property located in northern Sonora State, Mexico.

The terms of the agreement allow ODA to earn a 65% interest by spending an aggregate total US\$3 million in exploration expenditures by April 8, 2018, and to pay an aggregate total of US\$480,000 to MJM by December 10, 2017, which will be used by MJM to fulfill commitments related to underlying property payments. ODA will also be responsible for annual Mexican assessment work and mining concession taxes during the term of the agreement.

Upon earning the initial 65% interest, ODA will have the right to acquire a 100% interest by paying the Company US\$8.00 per gold or gold equivalent ounce of resource based on the preparation of a NI 43-101 compliant resource statement, which must be completed no later than 90 days after April 8, 2018. On acquisition by ODA of 100% interest, MJM will receive a 2.5% net smelter royalty. If ODA does not acquire the remaining 35%, a one-time cash payment to MJM of US\$250,000 becomes payable and a joint venture will be formed to further develop the project.

### **Silver Fox, Spikes Vacation, Walter the Water Buffalo and Two Times Fred**

On June 30, 2015, the Company announced that it has exercised its option to acquire 100% interest in four mineral properties under Grubstake Option Agreements. The four properties, namely Silver Fox, Spikes Vacation, Walter the Water Buffalo and Two Times Fred, are located in the South Eastern and Nechako Regions of British Columbia. Under the Kennedy Group agreement, the Company must issue for Silver Fox, Spikes Vacation and Walter the Water Buffalo, a total of 100,000 common shares over three years with 25,000 issuable for each on receipt of TSX-V approval. The Kennedy group retains an underlying 2% net smelter royalty, which can be purchased by the Company in all or in part for \$500,000 per each one-half percent (0.5%). Under the Critchlow Contracting Ltd. agreement, the Company must issue an aggregate total of 130,000 common shares over five years, with 15,000 issuable on receipt of TSX-V approval and make staged cash payment totaling an aggregate \$80,000 over four years, with \$5,000 having been paid on election. The Company has the right to terminate these grubstake option agreements at any time. Subsequent to June 30, 2015, the Company received TSX-V approval and issued 115,000 common shares with a fair value of \$46,000 related to the agreements.

On January 27, 2015, Theia Resources Ltd. announced results from its 2014 trenching program on the Two Times Fred and the Fox properties. To review the news release from Theia Resources Ltd. visit: [Exploration Update on the Fox and Two Times Fred Properties.](#)

### **Two Times Fred**

A machine trenching program conducted during 2014 confirmed the discovery of a new low sulphidation vein system in Central B.C. Numerous veins have been found in low lying glacial covered terrain over a 2.5 by 1.75 kilometer area. Individual veins can be traced along strike in excess of 500 meters with widths ranging from less than one meter to over 40 meters. At least 12 individual veins trending variously north-south to northeast have been discovered. Some of the veins were blind to surface and exposed by trenching into clay altered zones. The veins are steep dipping overall. Petrographic work and macroscopic textures indicate the system is exposed in its upper levels above the level of the high grade 'bonanza' zone common in low sulphidation epithermal vein systems. Given the very anomalous nature of all the veins exposed at such a high level in the system means the potential for high grades remains preserved at depth.

Follow up exploration will consist of a preliminary drill program testing the principle quartz veins with broadly spaced sections testing to depth for evidence of increasing grades for the existence of a low sulphidation high grade zone at depth. The next phase of work will entail additional trenching and drilling of the principal veins to test for high grades at depth.

### **Fox**

A total of 12 trenches were hand cleared and channel sampled in 2014. The discovery zone trench was opened up for a strike length of 16 meters and 17 channel samples over an average width of 0.9 meters reported an average assay grade of 6.5 gpt Au and 1194 gpt Ag. The zone remains open along strike. A total of 6 different zones of mineralization over an area of 400 by 100 meters were trenched and sampled with zones up to 5 meters of length.

Follow up exploration will consist of a broad based soil geochemical program followed by mechanized trenching. A test program of soil sampling shows mineralization is reflected in low level gold anomalous soil. An overall thin veneer of glacial drift and soils in the order of less than one meter makes soil sampling and trenching an effective exploration tool.



## EARN-IN OPTION AGREEMENT

The Company currently has three properties that are subject to earn-in option agreements, summarized below:

| Property                   | Company                             | Interest of partner       |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| San Diego, Sonora, Mexico  | AuRico Gold Inc. via its subsidiary | up to 100% earn-in option |
| Fox, BC, Canada            | Theia Resources Ltd.                | 60% earn-in option        |
| Two Times Fred, BC, Canada | Theia Resources Ltd.                | 60% earn-in option        |

## RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Company is in the business of acquiring, exploring mineral properties. It is exposed to a number of risks and uncertainties that are common to other mineral exploration companies in the same business. The industry is capital intensive at all stages and is subject to variations in commodity prices, market sentiment, exchange rates for currency, inflation and other risks. The Company currently has no source of revenue other than project management fees, and interest on cash balances. The Company will rely mainly on equity financing to fund exploration activities on its mineral properties.

The risks and uncertainties described in this section are not inclusive of all the risks and uncertainties to which the Company may be subject.

### Early Stage – Need for Additional Funds

The Company has no history of profitable operations and its present business is at an early stage. As such, the Company is subject to many risks common to other companies in the same business, including under-capitalization, cash shortages, and limitations with respect to personnel, financial and other resources and the lack of revenues. There is no assurance that the Company will be successful in achieving a return on shareholders' investment and the likelihood of success must be considered in light of its early stage of operations.

The Company anticipates future expenditures will require additional infusions of capital; there can be no assurance that such financing will be available or, if available, will be on reasonable terms. If financing is obtained by issuing common shares from treasury, control of the Resulting Issuer may change and investors may suffer additional dilution. Furthermore, if financing is not available, lease expiry dates, work commitments, rental payments and option payments, if any may not be satisfied and could result in a loss of the shareholders entire investment.

### Exploration and Development

Mineral exploration and development is a speculative business, characterized by a number of significant risks including, among other things, unprofitable efforts resulting not only from the failure to discover mineral deposits, but also from finding mineral deposits that, though present, are of insufficient size and/or grade to return a profit from production.

All of the mineral claims to which the Company has a right to acquire an interest are in the exploration stages only, and are without a known body of commercial ore. Upon discovery of a mineralized occurrence, several stages of exploration and assessment are required before its economic viability can be determined. Development of the subject mineral properties would follow only if favorable results are determined at each stage of assessment. Few precious and base metal deposits are ultimately developed into producing mines.

### Estimates of mineral resources may not be realized

The mineral resource estimates contained in the Company's Technical Reports are only estimates and no assurance can be given that an identified resource will ever qualify as a commercially mineable (or viable) deposit, which can be legally and economically exploited. In addition, the grade of mineralization ultimately mined may differ from the one indicated by the drilling results and the difference may be material. Material changes in resources, grades and other factors, may affect the economic viability of projects.

### Earn-In agreements

The Company continues to enter into separate option agreements with publicly listed companies where the opportunity exists on the Company's exploration properties other than Promontorio. The terms of such option agreements vary but primarily optioning companies are granted an option to earn up to a 60% ownership interest in an exploration property by issuing shares to the Company and incurring exploration expenditures. These are not firm payments or expenditure commitments and are subject to these companies obtaining sufficient financing to fulfill their earn-in requirements. The agreements are also subject to termination if such payment and expenditure commitments are not fulfilled. On fulfillment of these commitments, the ownership arrangement and future development of the property will be subject to a joint venture agreement whereby the Company will be required to finance its proportionate share of exploration expenditures based on the ownership ratio of each of the parties. There is no certainty that any of these companies will complete the required expenditures on the properties to earn-in on the properties or that they will be able to obtain the necessary financing to complete the expenditure requirements in which case the costs of carrying and developing the properties will be the responsibility of the Company.

### **Operating Hazards and Risks**

Mining operations involve many risks, which even a combination of experience, knowledge and careful evaluation may not be able to overcome. In the course of exploration, development and production of mineral properties, certain risks, and in particular unexpected or unusual geological operating conditions, including rock bursts, cave-ins, fires, flooding and earthquakes, may occur. Operations in which the Company has a direct or indirect interest will be subject to all the hazards and risks normally incidental to exploration, development and production of mineral deposits, any of which could result in damage to or destruction of mines and other producing facilities, damage to life and property, environmental damage and possible legal liability for any or all damage.

Although the Company maintains liability insurance in an amount that it considers adequate, the nature of these risks is such that liabilities could exceed policy limits, in which event the Company could incur significant costs that could have a materially adverse effect upon its financial conditions.

### **Political Risk**

The Company's advanced project and certain other property interests are located in Mexico, and are subject to that jurisdiction's laws and regulations. Obtaining financing, finding or hiring qualified people or obtaining all necessary services for the Company's operations in Mexico may be difficult. Mexico's status as a country may make it more difficult for the Company to attract investors or to obtain any required financing for its exploration projects. The Company believes the present attitude of Mexico to foreign investment and mining to be favourable but investors should assess the political risks of investing in a foreign country. Variations from the current regulatory, economic and political climate could have an adverse effect on the affairs of the Company.

### **Supplies, Infrastructure, Weather and Inflation**

The Company's property interests are often located in remote, undeveloped areas and the availability of infrastructures such as surfaces access, skilled labour, fuel and power at an economic cost cannot be assured. These are integral requirements for exploration, production and development facilities on mineral properties. Power may need to be generated on site.

Due to the partial remoteness of its exploration projects, the Company is forced to rely on the accessibility of secondary roads resulting in potentially unavoidable delays in planned programs and/or cost overruns. The rainy season in Mexico during the months of June through September can sometimes flood the main access road causing temporary delays.

### **Metal Prices**

The mining industry, in general, is intensely competitive and there is no assurance that a profitable market will exist for the sale of metals produced even if commercial quantities of precious and/or base metals are discovered. Factors beyond the control of the Company and may affect the marketability of metals discovered. Pricing is affected by numerous factors beyond the Company's control, such as international economic and political trends, global or regional consumption and demand patterns, increased production and smelter availability. There is no assurance that the price of metals recovered from any mineral deposit will be such that they can be mined at a profit.

### **Title Risks**

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

### **Environmental Regulations, Permits and Licenses**

The Company's operations are subject to various laws and regulations governing the protection of the environment, exploration, development, production, taxes, labour standards, occupational health, waste disposal, safety and other matters. Environmental legislation in British Columbia, Canada and Mexico provides restrictions and prohibition on spills, releases or emissions of various substances produced in association with certain mining industry operations, such as seepage from tailings disposal areas, which would result in environmental pollution. A breach of such legislation may result in imposition of fines, penalties and work stoppage. In addition, certain types of operations require the submission and approval of environmental impact statements. Environmental legislation is evolving in a direction of stricter standards and enforcement, and higher fines and penalties for non-compliance. Environmental assessments of proposed projects carry a heightened degree of responsibility for companies and directors, officers and employees. The cost of compliance with changes in governmental regulations has the potential to reduce the profitability of operations. The Company intends to fully comply with all environmental regulations.

The current operations of the Company require permits from various government authorities and such operations are governed by laws and regulations governing prospecting, development, mining, production, exports, taxes, labour standards, occupational health, waste disposal, toxic substances, land use, environmental, mine safety and other matters.

The Company believes that it is in compliance with all material laws and regulations, which currently apply to its activities. There can be no assurance, however, that all permits which the Company may require for its operations and exploration activities will be obtainable on reasonable terms or on a timely basis or that such laws and regulations would not have an adverse effect on any mining project which the Company might undertake.

### **Competition and Agreements with Other Parties**

The mining industry is intensely competitive in all its phases, and the Company competes with other companies that have greater financial resources and technical capacity. Competition could adversely affect the Company's ability to acquire suitable properties or prospects in the future.

The Company may, in the future, be unable to meet its share of costs incurred under such agreements to which it is a party and it may have its interest in the properties subject to such agreements reduced as a result. Also, if other parties to such agreements do not meet their share of such costs, the Company may not be able to finance the expenditures required to complete recommended programs.

### **Economic Conditions**

Unfavorable economic conditions may negatively impact the Company's financial viability. Unfavorable economic conditions could also increase the Company's financing costs, decrease net income or increase net loss, limit access to capital markets and negatively impact any of the availability of credit facilities to the Company.

### **Dependence on Management**

The Company is very dependent upon the personal efforts and commitment of its existing management. To the extent that management's services would be unavailable for any reason, a disruption to the operations of the Company could result, and other persons would be required to manage and operate the Company.

### **Conflicts of Interest**

The Company's directors and officers may serve as directors or officers, or may be associated with, other reporting companies, or have significant shareholdings in other public companies. To the extent that such other companies may participate in business or asset acquisitions, dispositions, or ventures in which the Company may participate, the directors and officers of the Company may have a conflict of interest in negotiating and concluding terms respecting the transaction. If a conflict of interest arises, the Company will follow the provisions of the Business Corporations Act (BC) ("Corporations Act") dealing with conflict of interest. These provisions state that where a director has such a conflict, that director must, at a meeting of the Company's directors, disclose his or her interest and refrain from voting on the matter unless otherwise permitted by the Corporations Act. In accordance with the laws of the Province of British Columbia, the directors and officers of the Company are required to act honestly, in good faith, and in the best interest of the Company.

### **Insurance coverage**

The mining industry is subject to significant risks that could result in damage to, or destruction of, mineral properties or producing facilities, personal injury or death, environmental damage, delays in mining, monetary losses and possible legal liability.

The Company's policies of insurance may not provide sufficient coverage for losses related to these or other risks. The Company's insurance does not cover all risks that may result in loss or damages and may not be adequate to reimburse the Company for all losses sustained. In particular, the Company does not have coverage for certain environmental losses or certain types of earthquake damage. The occurrence of losses or damage not covered by insurance could have a material and adverse effect on the Company's cash flows, results of operation and financial condition.

### **Shareholder dilution**

The Company's constating documents permit the issuance of an unlimited number of common shares and a limited number of preferred shares issuable in series on such terms as the Directors determine without the approval of shareholders, who have no preemptive rights in connection with such issuances. In addition, the Company is required to issue common shares upon the conversion of its outstanding share purchase warrants and options in accordance with their terms. Accordingly, holders of common shares may suffer dilution.

### **Uninsurable risks**

In the course of exploration, development and production of mineral properties, certain risks and, in particular, unexpected or unusual geological operating conditions including cave-ins, fires, flooding and earthquakes may occur. It is not always possible to fully insure against such risks and the Company may decide not to take out insurance against such risks as a result of high premiums or other reasons. Should such liabilities arise, they could reduce or eliminate any future profitability and result in increasing costs and a decline in the value of the securities of the Company.

### **Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

Management is responsible for the preparation and integrity of the Financial Statements and maintains appropriate information systems, procedures and controls to ensure that information used internally and disclosed externally is complete and reliable.

Management is also responsible for the design of the Company's internal controls over financial reporting in order to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of Financial Statements for external purposes in accordance with IFRS.

Readers are cautioned that the Company is not required to certify the design and evaluation of its disclosure controls and procedures and internal controls over financial reporting and has not completed such an evaluation. The inherent limitations on the ability of the Company's certifying officers to design and implement on a cost-effective basis disclosure controls and procedures and internal controls over financial reporting for the Company may result in additional risks to the quality, reliability, transparency and timeliness of interim and annual filings and other reports provided under securities legislation.

## SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY RESULTS

The following table sets forth selected quarterly financial information prepared in accordance with IFRS for each of the Company's last eight quarters:

|                              | Q2<br>2015 <sup>(2)</sup> | Q1<br>2015 <sup>(3)</sup> | Q4<br>2014 <sup>(4)</sup> | Q3<br>2014 <sup>(5)</sup> | Q2<br>2014 <sup>(6)</sup> | Q1<br>2014  | Q4<br>2013  | Q3<br>2013  |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Total Revenue <sup>(1)</sup> | 4,143                     | 12,445                    | 7,287                     | 7,536                     | 6,038                     | 7,476       | (18,617)    | 24,003      |
| Net Income (Loss)            | (610,187)                 | (756,935)                 | (4,310,742)               | 162,992                   | (700,243)                 | (1,041,612) | (1,865,364) | (1,292,537) |
| Income (Loss) Per Share      | (0.008)                   | (0.010)                   | (0.063)                   | 0.002                     | (0.011)                   | (0.017)     | (0.031)     | (0.021)     |

<sup>(1)</sup> Revenue is derived from administration fees and interest income.

<sup>(2)</sup> The variation in net loss for the three months ended June 30, 2015 to the three months ended March 31, 2015 related to decreased office and general costs of \$36,803, decreased regulatory and filing fees of \$25,480, decreased mineral property investigation costs of \$17,343 and decreased professional fees of \$11,534. The Company also recorded decreased non-cash share based payment expenses of \$91,220 as compared to the prior period.

<sup>(3)</sup> The variation in net loss for the three months ended March 31, 2015 to the three months ended December 31, 2014 was attributed to decreased professional fees of \$45,481; an unrealized foreign exchange gain of \$43,045, and significantly decreased mineral property investigation and impairment costs of \$3,150,701 as compared to the fourth quarter of 2014, ended December 31, 2014.

<sup>(4)</sup> The variation in net loss for the three months ended December 31, 2014 to the prior quarter ended September 30, 2014, was primarily due to the impairment of mineral properties totaling \$3,215,783, as well as an unrealized foreign exchange loss of \$507,980 on the translation of its subsidiaries' monetary assets.

<sup>(5)</sup> The net income recorded for the three months ended September 30, 2014 was mainly related to an unrealized foreign exchange gain of \$602,652 due to the translation of the Company's monetary assets in its Mexican subsidiary.

<sup>(6)</sup> The variation in net loss for the three months ended June 30, 2014 to the three months ended March 31, 2014 reflected the Company's focus on cost-effectiveness that resulted in decreased mineral property investigation costs of \$93,909, decreased office and general costs of \$72,293 and decreased professional fees of \$49,408 as compared to three month period ended March 31, 2014. The Company also recorded decreased non-cash share based payment expense of \$126,341 as compared to the prior period.

## SELECTED ANNUAL INFORMATION

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with IFRS for fiscal years 2014, 2013, and 2012, and are expressed in Canadian dollars.

### As at December 31:

|  | 2014       | 2013       | 2012       |
|--|------------|------------|------------|
|  | \$         | \$         | \$         |
| Total Assets                             | 35,349,095 | 38,425,005 | 35,997,915 |
| Current Liabilities                      | 416,852    | 536,435    | 352,975    |
| Other Liabilities                        | -          | -          | -          |
| Shareholders' Equity                     | 34,932,243 | 37,888,570 | 35,644,940 |
| Total shareholders' Equity & Liabilities | 35,349,095 | 38,425,005 | 35,997,915 |

### As at December 31:

|  | 2014       | 2013       | 2012       |
|--|------------|------------|------------|
|  | \$         | \$         | \$         |
| Total Revenue <sup>(1)</sup>                         | 28,337     | 96,071     | 38,980     |
| Net Loss <sup>(2)(3)</sup>                           | 5,889,605  | 4,838,647  | 2,581,399  |
| Basic and diluted loss per share                     | \$(0.089)  | \$(0.080)  | \$(0.053)  |
| Weighted average number of common shares outstanding | 66,064,625 | 60,805,535 | 49,385,203 |

<sup>(1)</sup> Revenue is derived from administration fees and interest income

<sup>(2)</sup> Net Loss for 2014 included \$3,215,783 in impairment to the carrying value of mineral properties (2013 - \$944,199; 2012 - \$658,229)

<sup>(3)</sup> Net Loss for 2014 included non-cash share based payments expense of \$557,762 (2013 - \$1,436,764; 2012 - \$684,489)

## FINANCING ACTIVITIES

Subsequent to June 30, 2015, the Company closed its July 16, 2015 announced non-brokered private placement and raised total gross proceeds of \$1,315,950 by issuing a total of 4,386,500 units at a purchase price of \$0.30 per unit (see Subsequent Events section).

During the six months ended June 30, 2015, the Company closed the final tranche of its December 10, 2014 announced non-brokered private placement and raised gross aggregate total proceeds of \$1,577,875 by issuing an aggregate total of 4,508,214 units at a purchase price of \$0.35 per unit. Each unit consisted of one common share and one transferable share purchase warrant. Each whole warrant entitles the holder to acquire one common share at an exercise price of \$0.60. The private placement was completed in two tranches, with the first tranche of 2,120,000 units closed December 23, 2014 and the final tranche closed February 2, 2015, with the applicable warrants expiring on December 23, 2016 and February 2, 2017, respectively. The Company paid total share issuance costs of \$23,887 and cash finder's fees of \$50,415.

On August 18, 2014, the Company completed a non-brokered private placement of 7,246,833 units at a price of \$0.30 per unit consisting of one common share and one transferable share purchase warrant, for aggregate gross proceeds of \$2,174,050. The private placement was completed in two tranches, with the closing of the initial tranche on July 18, 2014 for gross proceeds of \$1,633,050 and a total of 5,443,500 common shares and warrants being issued and the final tranche of 1,803,333 common shares and warrants, for gross proceeds of \$541,000 closing on August 18, 2014. Each warrant entitles the holder to acquire one common share at an exercise price of \$0.55 for a period of 24 months from the closing date of the private placement. Total cash finder's fees of \$86,490 were paid in connection with the private placement.

The net proceeds from the private placements will be used to finance additional work on Kootenay's Promontorio property, which includes the new La Negra Discovery, its other properties and for general working capital.

The junior exploration industry continues to see a tightening in investment dollars as a result of the pressure on precious and base metal prices, which is adding pressure to junior explorers to ensure that dollars are effectively invested into their resource projects. The Company continues to focus on advancing its Promontorio project and the La Negra Discovery amongst other projects in a cost effective manner, securing maximum value from dollars spent.

## INVESTING ACTIVITIES

During the six months ended June 30, 2015, the Company incurred \$1,508,175 (2014 - \$783,525) in mineral property acquisition and deferred exploration costs. Significant areas of expenditures were:

| Description   | Six months ended<br>June 30, 2015 | Six months ended<br>June 30, 2014 |
|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Acquisition costs incurred                                    | \$85,526                          | \$35,000                          |
| Assaying and lab  | \$130,307                         | \$26,833                          |
| Camp costs  | \$135,858                         | \$80,392                          |
| Drafting  | \$64,394                          | \$126,539                         |
| Drilling  | \$465,127                         | \$5,269                           |
| Geological mapping  | \$24,163                          | \$65,059                          |
| Geophysics  | -                                 | \$9,610                           |
| Maintenance   | \$250,582                         | \$168,994                         |
| Miscellaneous   | \$4,305                           | \$13,412                          |
| Prospecting   | \$320,290                         | \$134,313                         |
| Rock sampling   | \$36,000                          | \$36,000                          |
| Metallurgical testing   | \$9,639                           | -                                 |
| Recovery of costs   | (\$80,658)                        | (\$212,707)                       |
|   | \$1,445,533                       | \$488,714                         |
| Non-cash transactions:  |                                   |                                   |
| Foreign currency translation related to foreign operations    | \$118,297                         | \$171,671                         |
| Impairment  | (\$17,343)                        | -                                 |
| Net change in working capital related to investing activities | (\$38,312)                        | \$123,140                         |
|   | \$1,508,175                       | \$783,525                         |

Capitalized mineral property expenditure as at June 30, 2015 totaled \$34,880,520 (2014 - \$34,069,139). The Company has expended \$33,804,323 net of recoveries and abandonment (2014 - \$32,432,209) on its Mexican properties of which \$32,528,780 (2014 - \$28,963,927) is related directly to exploration activities on the Company's Promontorio property. Included in the comparable recovery of costs for the six months ended June 30, 2014, is a mining exploration tax credit ("METC") of \$212,707.

## RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

### Three month period ended June 30, 2015

The Company recorded a net loss of \$610,187 or \$0.008 per share (2014 – \$700,243 or \$0.011) based on a greater weighted average number of shares outstanding.

Corporate general and administrative expenditure totaled \$614,385 (2014 – \$613,897), which included a reduced recognition of non-cash share based payment expense of \$110,348 (2014 – \$147,051). Office and general costs totaling \$278,736 (2014 – \$234,821) includes the Company's offices and staff in Vancouver and exploration offices in Hermosillo, Mexico and Kimberley, British Columbia. Also included in office and general is the Company's promotional, travel and investor relations expenses, which increased versus the prior comparable period and totaled \$137,029 (2014 – \$64,566) due to additional marketing activities and associated travel. Management fees were \$89,750 (2014 – \$89,750). Professional fees increased over the prior comparable period totaling \$95,733 (2014 – \$81,250), which includes comparable directors' fees and consultant work.

The Company recorded a foreign exchange gain of \$10,986 (2014 – loss of \$84,553). The Company maintains foreign currency in both Mexican peso and US dollar accounts and incurs certain operating expenditures in each of those currencies, which coupled with consolidating its Mexican subsidiary gives rise to exchange risk.

The Company recorded finance income of \$4,143 (2014 - \$6,038). For the three month period ended June 30, 2015, the Company expensed property investigation and impairment costs totaling \$10,931 (2014 – \$7,831).

### Six month period ended June 30, 2015

The Company recorded a net loss of \$1,367,122 or \$0.018 per share (2014 – \$1,741,855 or \$0.028) based on a greater weighted average number of shares outstanding.

Corporate general and administrative expenditure totaled \$1,391,299 (2014 – \$1,472,452), which included a reduced recognition of non-cash share based payment expense of \$311,916 (2014 – \$420,443). Office and general costs totaling \$592,275 (2014 – \$541,935) includes the Company's offices and staff in Vancouver and exploration offices in Hermosillo, Mexico and Kimberley, British Columbia. Also included in office and general is the Company's promotional, travel and investor relations expenses, which increased versus the prior comparable period and totaled \$258,352 (2014 – \$165,473) due to additional marketing activities and associated travel. Management fees were \$179,500 (2014 – \$179,500). Professional fees decreased over the prior comparable period totaling \$203,000 (2014 – \$211,908), which includes comparable directors' fees and reduced consultant work.

The Company recorded a foreign exchange gain of \$54,031 (2014 – loss of \$173,346). The Company maintains foreign currency in both Mexican peso and US dollar accounts and incurs certain operating expenditures in each of those currencies, which coupled with consolidating its Mexican subsidiary gives rise to exchange risk.

The Company recorded finance income of \$16,588 (2014 - \$13,514). For the six month period ended June 30, 2015, the Company expensed property investigation and impairment costs totaling \$46,442 (2014 – \$109,571).

## LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

As of June 30, 2015, the Company had working capital of \$1,252,441 (2014 - \$2,513,218), with cash and cash equivalents totaling \$721,727 (2014 - \$1,092,916).

During the six months ended June 30, 2015, the Company raised gross proceeds by way of closing the final tranche of its December 10, 2014 announced non-brokered private placement of \$835,785, by issuing 2,388,214 units at a purchase price of \$0.35 per unit. Subsequent to June 30, 2015, the Company closed its July 16, 2015 announced non-brokered private placement and raised total gross proceeds of \$1,315,950 by issuing a total of 4,386,500 units at a purchase price of \$0.30 per unit (see Financing Activities and Subsequent Events section).

During the year ended December 31, 2014, the Company raised gross proceeds by way of closing two non-brokered private placements of \$2,174,050 and \$742,000, by issuing a total of 7,246,833 units at a purchase price of \$0.30 per unit and 2,120,000 units at a purchase price of \$0.35 per unit, respectively (see Financing Activities).

Our current cash position will enable us to continue minimal budgeted exploration efforts in Mexico and Canada, as well as to generate new properties and forming options or joint venture agreements to managing risk, in which partner companies explore and develop such projects in return for the right to earn an interest in them. Funding will be needed to advance the Promontorio project into the next phase of exploration. The Company plans to obtain financing in the future primarily through further equity issuance, as well as through joint venturing and/or optioning out the Company's properties to qualified mineral exploration companies. There can be no assurance that the Company will succeed in obtaining financing, now or in the future. Failure to raise additional financing on a timely basis could cause the Company to suspend its operation and eventually to forfeit or sell its interest in its mineral properties.

The Company's access to additional capital may not be available on terms acceptable to us or at all. As we expect our reliance on equity financings to continue into the future, these current market conditions could make it difficult or impossible for us to raise necessary funds to meet our capital requirements. If we are unable to obtain financing through equity investments, we will seek multiple solutions including, but not limited to, joint ventures, credit facilities or debenture issuances. We are also attuned to the effect of capital markets on many of our joint venture partners who may not be able to meet their obligations under their option or joint venture agreements.

All cash is held with Canadian Schedule I banks either in deposit accounts or guaranteed investment certificates, and the Company has no joint ventures with any parties that potentially create derivative or hedge risk.

## **OUTLOOK**

The Company continues to plan for future exploration to advance Promontorio; however the current focus has been the advancement of the La Negra discovery with Phase II drilling completed in May 2015 at a cost of \$750,000. Interpretation of Phase I and II results are being collated in to a 3D geologic model that will be used for the NI 43-101 resource calculation and to design the next phase of drilling.

A number of possibilities exist for the next stage of work at Promontorio including the La Negra discovery. The focus is currently the completion of the resource calculation and metallurgical work on La Negra based on the results from Phase I and II drilling.

The work plan will consider what work will be most beneficial for the project and Company as balanced against work results, the cash balance and market conditions affecting future funding. Further details and time schedules will be announced in an upcoming future news release once the compilation is complete. The Company is focused on ensuring capital resources are spent in the most efficient manner especially related to the advancement of Promontorio. The Company also continues to generate new mineral discoveries and seek partners to finance the advancement of these projects.

## **FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Company's financial instruments include cash, accounts receivable, exploration deposits and advances, marketable securities, accounts payable and accrued liabilities. The carrying values of these financial instruments approximate their fair values due to their relatively short periods to maturity.

The Company's risk management policies are established to identify and analyze the risks faced by the Company, to set appropriate risk limits and controls, and to monitor risks and adherence to market conditions and the Company's activities. The Company has exposure to credit risk, liquidity risk and market risk as a result of its use of financial instruments.

This note presents information about the Company's exposure to each of the above risks and the Company's objectives, policies and processes for measuring and managing these risks. Further quantitative disclosures are included throughout these financial statements. The Board of Directors has overall responsibility for the establishment and oversight of the Company's risk management framework. The Board has implemented and monitors compliance with risk management policies.

### **(a) Credit risk:**

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the Company if a customer or counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations. The Company's accounts receivable relates to receivables from exploration partners who are earning a right to the Company's property via earn-in option agreements, Goods and Services Tax input tax credits and IVA credits (Mexican Value added Tax refunds) from the Mexican Government. Accordingly, accounts receivable in the form of tax credits from Canada and Mexico are regarded with minimal risk and receivables from exploration partners are regarded with moderate risk by the Company.

### **(b) Liquidity risk:**

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will incur difficulties meeting its financial obligations as they are due. The Company's approach to managing liquidity is to ensure, as far as possible, that it will have sufficient liquidity to meet its liabilities when due, under both normal and stressed conditions without incurring unacceptable losses or risking harm to the Company's reputation.

The Company prepares annual expenditure budgets, which are regularly monitored and updated as considered necessary. To facilitate its expenditure program, the Company raises funds through private equity placements. The Company anticipates it will have adequate liquidity to fund its financial liabilities through future equity contributions.

As at June 30, 2015, the Company's financial liabilities were comprised of accounts payable and accrued liabilities, which have a maturity of less than one year.

(c) Market risk:

Market risk consists of currency risk, commodity price risk and interest rate risk. The objective of market risk management is to manage and control market risk exposures within acceptable limits while maximizing returns.

(i) Currency risk:

Foreign currency exchange rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows will fluctuate as a result of changes in foreign exchange rates. Although the Company is considered to be in the exploration stage and has not yet developed commercial mineral interests, the underlying market prices in Canada for minerals are impacted by changes in the exchange rate between the Canadian, the United States dollar and the Mexican Peso. The Company's transactions are denominated in Canadian dollars, United States dollars and the Mexican Peso, the Company has not entered into any arrangements to hedge currency risk but does maintain cash balances within each currency with a predominate balance held in Canadian Dollars. Canadian dollars are exchanged when needed to meet foreign denominated liabilities.

The balances denominated in foreign currency are as follows:

|  | <b>June 30,<br/>2015</b> | June 30,<br>2014 |
|--|--------------------------|------------------|
|  | <b>US\$</b>              | US\$             |
| Cash   | <b>98,023</b>            | 16,533           |
| Trade accounts payable and accrued liabilities | <b>18,789</b>            | -                |
|  | <b>Mexican Peso</b>      | Mexican Peso     |
| Cash   | <b>935,542</b>           | 633,722          |
| Receivables and advances                       | <b>4,639,229</b>         | 7,503,083        |
| Trade accounts payable and accrued liabilities | <b>192,679</b>           | 517,586          |

The Company has completed a sensitivity analysis to estimate the impact of the change in the foreign exchange rates on net loss for the period. The result of the sensitivity analysis shows a change in +/- 10% in the Mexican Peso exchange rate could have an impact of approximately +/- \$27,000 on the Company's net loss. This result arises primarily because the Company has Mexican Peso denominated cash accounts, accounts receivable and short term liabilities. The actual results of a change in foreign exchange rates would depend on the foreign currency denominated assets and liabilities at the time and could cause the impact on the Company's results to differ from above.

(ii) Commodity price risk:

Commodity price risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows will fluctuate as a result of changes in commodity prices. Commodity prices for minerals are impacted by world economic events that dictate the levels of supply and demand as well as the relationship between the Canadian and United States dollar, as outlined above. The Company is exposed to the price volatilities for precious and base metals that could significantly impact its future operating cash flow. As part of its routine activities, management is closely monitoring the trend of international metal prices.

(iii) Interest rate risk:

Interest rate risk is the risk that future cash flows will fluctuate as a result of changes in market interest rates. The risk that the Company will realize a loss as a result of a decline in the fair value of cash and cash equivalents is limited because of their short-term investment nature. A variable rate of interest is earned on cash and cash equivalents, changes in market interest rates at the period-end would not have a material impact on the Company's financial statements.

## **OFF BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS**

The Company had no off Balance Sheet Arrangements.



## TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

During the six months ended June 30, 2015, officers of the Company earned management and consulting fees totaling \$251,500 (2014 - \$251,500) of which \$72,000 (2014 - \$72,000) has been allocated to deferred mineral property costs. These amounts were incurred in the ordinary course of business.

During 2008, the Company entered into a consulting agreement with Makwa Exploration Ltd. for the services of James McDonald to act as the Company's President and CEO, and with Manly Capital Corp. for the services of Kenneth Berry to act as the Company's Chairman. The consulting agreement provides for a base monthly fee of \$15,000 payable to each party. The consulting agreement is effective as of January 1, 2008 and expired on December 31, 2009; on expiration, the agreement extends in increments of 24 months, until terminated.

Effective September 1, 2008, the Company entered into an administrative and geological services agreement with Touchstone Capital Corp. a private company indirectly related to two directors, Messrs. McDonald and Berry. Touchstone provides services to the Company including assisting in professional analysis, geological personnel, planning of exploration programs, promotional materials; providing access to secretarial services and providing such other additional instructions and directions as the Company may require. For the six months ended June 30, 2015, the Company incurred \$60,000 (2014 - \$60,000) under the administrative services contract.

In addition to the above:

- a) Included in marketable securities as at June 30, 2015 is \$154,000 (2014 - \$218,000) market value of shares received from companies with directors in common.
- b) Included in exploration recovery of costs as at June 30, 2015 is \$1,181,621 (2014 - \$1,141,026) received from joint venture partners who have a common director and a common officer.
- c) Included in accounts receivable as at June 30, 2015 is \$67,028 (2014 - \$138,920) from companies who have common directors or officers.
- d) Included in accounts payable as at June 30, 2015 is \$179,343 (2014 - \$27,020) to companies who have common directors or officers.
- e) For the six months ended June 30, 2015, the Company incurred \$33,000 (2014 - \$30,000) for compensation to directors. As at June 30, 2015, \$33,000 (2014 - \$30,000) is held in accounts payable.
- f) For the six months ended June 30, 2015, the Company incurred \$nil (2014 - \$40,000) for consulting service fees charged by a director.
- g) For the six months ended June 30, 2015, the Company incurred \$166,001 (2014 - \$204,722) for share based payment expenses to related parties.

## FUTURE ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

### Future accounting standards issued but not yet adopted

The following amendments to existing standards were issued by the IASB and are effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2015. Pronouncements that are not applicable or do not have a significant impact to the Company have been excluded from below:

The IASB intends to replace IAS 39, Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement in its entirety with IFRS 9, *Financial Instruments* ("IFRS 9") and to reduce the complexity in the classification and measurement of financial instruments. The completed version of IFRS 9 includes classification and measurement, impairment and hedge accounting requirements and is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2018. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of IFRS 9 on its consolidated financial statements.

### Critical Accounting Estimates

Please refer to Note 3 of the Company's Audited Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2014, for additional information under "Significant Accounting Policies".

Significant areas requiring the use of management estimates include the collectability of amounts receivable, balances of accrued liabilities, the fair value of financial instruments, the rates for depreciation of property and equipment, the recoverability of mineral property interests, determination of estimates of deferred tax assets and liabilities, and the determination of variables used in the calculations of share based payments. 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.

## OTHER MD&A REQUIREMENTS

### Additional Disclosure for Venture Companies without Significant Revenues

The following table sets forth a breakdown of material components of the office and general costs of the Company for the periods indicated.

|                       | Six Months<br>Ended<br>June<br>30,<br>2015 | Year<br>Ended<br>December<br>31,<br>2014 | Year<br>Ended<br>December<br>31,<br>2013 |
|-----------------------|--|--|--|
|                       | \$   | \$                                       | \$                                       |
| Office                | 281,733                                    | 584,006                                  | 694,476                                  |
| Telephone and postage | 16,973                                     | 38,723                                   | 36,611                                   |
| Travel and promotion  | 258,352                                    | 333,543                                  | 380,685                                  |

### Disclosure of Outstanding Share Data

The following table states the diluted share capital of the Issuer as at August 31, 2015:

|   | Number Shares<br>Outstanding (Diluted) |
|---|--|
| <b>Outstanding as at December 31, 2013</b>                                | <b>62,808,850</b>                      |
| Issuance of share capital for acquisition mineral property interests      | 55,000                                 |
| Private placements  | 9,366,833                              |
| <b>Outstanding as at December 31, 2014</b>                                | <b>72,230,683</b>                      |
| Private placements  | 6,870,714 <sup>(1)</sup>               |
| Issuance of share capital for acquisition mineral property interests      | 285,000                                |
| <b>Outstanding as at August 31, 2015</b>                                  | <b>79,386,397</b>                      |
| Shares reserved for issuance pursuant share purchase warrants outstanding | 20,167,547 <sup>(2)(3)</sup>           |
| Shares reserved for issuance pursuant share purchase options outstanding  | 7,627,000 <sup>(4)</sup>               |
| <b>DILUTED TOTAL</b>  | <b>107,180,944</b>                     |

#### Notes

- <sup>(1)</sup> As at August 31, 2015, 3,682,500 outstanding common shares issued pursuant to the Private Placement closed August 11, 2015, are subject to a four-month period hold ending December 11, 2015 and 800,000 outstanding common shares issued pursuant to the Private Placement closed August 26, 2015, are subject to a four-month hold period ending December 26, 2015 (see Subsequent Events section).
- <sup>(2)</sup> As at August 31, 2015, the Company had outstanding share purchase warrants, enabling holders to acquire common shares as follows:

| Number of Shares         | Exercise Price | Expiry Date       |
|--------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| 3,430,000                | 1.30           | October 25, 2015  |
| 500,000                  | 1.30           | October 30, 2015  |
| 5,443,500                | 0.55           | July 18, 2016     |
| 1,803,333                | 0.55           | August 18, 2016   |
| 2,120,000                | 0.60           | December 23, 2016 |
| 2,388,214                | 0.60           | February 2, 2017  |
| 3,682,500 <sup>(3)</sup> | 0.55           | August 10, 2017   |
| 800,000 <sup>(3)</sup>   | 0.55           | August 26, 2017   |
| <b>20,167,547</b>        |                |                   |

- <sup>(3)</sup> As at August 31, 2015, 3,682,500 outstanding share purchase warrants issued pursuant to the Private Placement closed August 11, 2015, are subject to a four-month period hold ending December 11, 2015 and 800,000 outstanding share purchase warrants issued pursuant to the Private Placement closed August 26, 2015, are subject to a four-month period hold

ending December 26, 2015. Included in the 3,682,500 outstanding share purchase warrants are 96,000 broker warrants (see Subsequent Events section).

- (4) As at August 31, 2015, the Company had outstanding share purchase options, enabling holders to acquire common shares as follows:

| Number of Shares | Exercise Price | Expiry Date        |
|------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| 120,000          | 0.77           | November 14, 2015  |
| 750,000          | 1.00           | March 23, 2016     |
| 200,000          | 1.20           | December 11, 2016  |
| 2,120,000        | 1.05           | November 26, 2017  |
| 1,952,000        | 0.66           | September 18, 2018 |
| 2,485,000        | 0.35           | February 23, 2020  |
| 7,627,000        |                |                    |

### Commitments

The Company has entered, jointly with other tenants, into an office lease, which commenced January 1, 2013 and expires December 31, 2015 at \$3,169 per month. Additionally, the Company has entered, into an additional office lease, which commenced August 1, 2013 and expires July 31, 2018 at \$2,976 per month. During the year ended December 31, 2014, the additional office lease was subleased to a third party until December 31, 2015 thereby reducing the Company's commitment to \$339 per month from \$2,976 per month.

Mineral property payments and project related commitments have been outlined under the property headings found in the 'Portfolio of Mineral Properties' section of this MD&A and the consolidated interim financial statements for the six months ended June 30, 2015.

### Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures and internal control over financial reporting for the Company. Based on an evaluation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures as of the end period covered by this MD&A, management believes such controls and procedures are effective in providing reasonable assurance that material items requiring disclosure are identified and reported in a timely manner.

### Cautionary note regarding preparation of Mineral Reserves and Resources

This MD&A uses the terms "reserves" and "resources" and derivations thereof. These terms have the meanings set forth in Canadian National Instrument 43-101 - Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects (NI 43-101) and the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum's Classification System (CIM Standards). NI 43-101 and CIM Standards differ significantly from the requirements of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC). Under SEC Industry Guide 7, mineralization may not be classified as a "reserve" unless the determination has been made that is part of a mineral deposit, which could be economically and legally extracted or produced at the time of the reserve determination". In addition, the term "resource", which does not equate to the term "reserve", is not recognized by the SEC and the SEC's disclosure standards normally do not permit the inclusion of information concerning resources in documents filed with the SEC, unless such information is required to be disclosed by the law of the Company's jurisdiction of incorporation or of a jurisdiction in which its securities are traded. Accordingly, information concerning descriptions of mineralization and resources contained in this Management's Discussion and Analysis may not be comparable to information made public by US domestic companies subject to the reporting and disclosure requirements of the SEC.

### Approval

The Audit Committee as authorized by the Board of Directors of the Company has approved the disclosure contained in this MD&A.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information relating to the Company can be found on the Company's website at [www.kootenaysilver.com](http://www.kootenaysilver.com) and on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com)