



**Silver Elephant Mining Corp.  
(the “Company” or “Silver Elephant”)**

**Annual Information Form  
Year Ended March 31, 2026**

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## 1. PRELIMINARY NOTES

### 1.1 Incorporation of Documents by Reference

Except as otherwise disclosed herein, all financial information in this annual information form (the “AIF”) has been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”) as prescribed by the International Accounting Standards Board.

The information provided in the AIF is supplemented by disclosure contained in the technical report listed below. The detailed disclosure in the technical report listed below is incorporated by reference into this AIF.

Type of Document	Report Date / Effective Date	Date Filed / Posted
NI 43-101 Technical Report: “ <i>Mineral Resource Estimate Technical Report for the Pulacayo Paca Project, Potosí Department, Antonio Quijarro Province, Bolivia</i> ”, prepared by Matthew Harrington, P. Geo, Michael Cullen, P. Geo, and Osvaldo Arcé, P. Geo. (the “ <b>Pulacayo Technical Report</b> ”)	An amended report date of November 17, 2020, and an effective date of October, 2020	November 17, 2020

More information regarding the Company’s Pulacayo Paca Project (as defined herein) can be found under Section 4.4 of this AIF.

References to the “Company” or “Silver Elephant” are to Silver Elephant Mining Corp. and, where applicable and as the context requires, include its subsidiaries.

### 1.2 Date of Information

All information in this AIF is as of March 31, 2026, unless otherwise indicated.

### 1.3 Forward-Looking Statements

This AIF contains “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of applicable Canadian securities legislation. Any statements that express or involve discussions with respect to predictions, expectations, beliefs, plans, projections, forecasts, objectives, assumptions or future events or performance are not statements of historical fact and may be forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking statements concern, without limitation: the Company’s anticipated results and developments in the Company’s operations in future periods; the Company’s areas of focus; planned exploration and development of the Company’s properties, plans related to its business and other matters that may occur in the future. These statements relate to analyses and other information that are based on expectations of future performance, including mineral resource exploration.

Statements concerning reserves and mineral resource estimates may also be deemed to constitute forward-looking statements to the extent that they involve estimates of the mineralization that will be encountered if the property is developed and, in the case of mineral reserves, such statements reflect the conclusion based on certain assumptions that the mineral deposit can be economically exploited.

Forward-looking statements are subject to a variety of known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which could cause actual events or results to differ from those expressed or implied by the forward- looking statements, including, without limitation, the following and those disclosed in this AIF under “*Description of the Business – Risk Factors*”:

- the Company’s planned and future exploration and/or development of its mineral projects;
- uninsurable risks related to among other things, natural disasters and political and social instability in the jurisdictions in which the Company operates;
- the use of proceeds for each of the private placements set out herein;
- the Company’s future business plans;
- the Company’s future financial and operating performance;
- the future price of metals and minerals;
- expectations regarding any environmental issues that may affect planned or future exploration and development programs and the potential impact of complying with existing and proposed environmental laws and regulations;
- the ability to obtain or maintain any required permits, licenses or other necessary approvals for the exploration or development of the Company’s projects;
- government regulation of mineral exploration, development and mining operations in Mongolia, Bolivia and other relevant jurisdictions;

- the Company's reliance on key personnel;
- the volatility of financial markets;
- the timing and amount of estimated future operating and exploration expenditures;
- the costs and timing of the development of new deposits;
- the continuation of the Company as a going concern;
- the impacts of changes in the legal and regulatory environment in which the Company operates;
- the timing and possible outcome of any pending litigation and regulatory matters; and
- other information concerning possible or assumed future results of the Company's operations.

Forward-looking statements are made based upon certain assumptions and other important factors that, while considered reasonable by the Company, are inherently subject to significant business, economic, competitive, political and social uncertainties and contingencies. The Company has made assumptions based on many of these factors which include, without limitation:

- the Company is an exploration stage company;
- the cost, timing, availability and amount of estimated future capital, operating exploration, acquisition, development and reclamation activities;
- the Company's expectations of sufficient liquidity and capital resources to meet its ongoing obligations and future contractual commitments;
- the volatility of the market price of the common shares;
- judgment of management when exercising discretion in the use of proceeds from offerings of securities;
- potential dilution with the issuance of additional common shares;
- uncertainty with respect to mineral exploration, sampling and the reliability of mineral resource estimates and inferred mineral resources;
- the Company has not received any material revenue or net profit to date;
- exploration, development and production risks;
- actual capital costs, operating costs, production and economic returns may differ significantly from those the Company has anticipated;
- foreign operations and political conditions risks and uncertainties;
- amendments to local laws;
- the ability to obtain, maintain or renew underlying licenses and permits;
- title to mineral properties; environmental risks;
- competitive conditions in the mineral exploration and mining business;
- availability of adequate infrastructure;
- the ability of the Company to retain its key personnel;
- limits of insurance coverage and uninsurable risk;
- reliance on third party contractors;
- the availability of additional financing on reasonable terms or at all;
- foreign exchange risk;
- impact of anti-corruption legislation;
- recent global financial conditions;
- conflicts of interest;
- cyber security risks including as a result of human error;
- the outcome of any dispute resolution process, litigation and regulatory proceedings, including the Company's ongoing dispute with Andean and the Company's appeal of the Corporación Minera de Bolivia ("**COMIBOL**") decision to cancel the Mining Production Contract ("**MPC**");
- the obligations which the Company must satisfy in order to maintain its interests in its properties;
- the influence of third-party stakeholders;
- the Company's relationships with the communities in which it operates;
- the speculative nature of mineral exploration, development and operations in general, including the risk of diminishing quantities or grades of mineralization;
- changes to legislation that could increase the costs or taxation of our operations, affect our ability to operate, affect our ability to repatriate funds or otherwise hinder our ability to continue operations as presently expected; and
- other risks and the factors discussed under the heading "*Risk Factors*" in this AIF.

This list is not exhaustive of the factors that may affect the Company's forward-looking statements. Should one or more of these risks and uncertainties materialize, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results may vary materially from those described in the forward-looking statements. The Company's forward-looking statements are based on assumptions, beliefs,

expectations and opinions of management as of the date of this AIF. The Company will update forward-looking statements and information if and when, and to the extent, required by applicable securities laws. Readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements and information contained herein are expressly qualified by this cautionary statement.

#### 1.4 Currency and Exchange Rates

Unless otherwise indicated, all references to “\$” are to Canadian dollars, all references to “US\$” are to United States of America dollars, and all references to “MNT” are to the Mongolian Tugrik.

Percentages and some amounts in this AIF have been rounded for ease of presentation. Any discrepancies between totals and the sums of the amounts listed are due to rounding.

The high, low, average and closing rates for the United States dollar in terms of Canadian dollars for each of the financial periods of the Company ended March 31, 2026, March 31, 2025, and March 31, 2024, as quoted by the Bank of Canada, were as follows:

	Year ended March 31, 2026	Year ended March 31, 2025	Year ended March 31, 2024
High	1.4348	1.4603	1.3875
Low	1.3515	1.3460	1.3128
Average	1.3820	1.3919	1.3487
Closing	1.3939	1.4376	1.3550

On March 31, 2026, the closing exchange rate for the United States dollar in terms of Canadian dollars, as quoted by the Bank of Canada, was US\$1.00 = \$1.3939 (\$1.00 = US\$0.7174). On June 26, 2026, the daily average exchange rate for the United States dollar in terms of Canadian dollars, as quoted by the Bank of Canada, was US\$1.00 = \$1.4186 (\$1.00 = US\$0.7049).

#### 1.5 Classification of Mineral Reserves and Resources

In this AIF, the definitions of proven and probable mineral reserves, and measured, indicated and inferred mineral resources are those used by the Canadian provincial securities regulatory authorities and conform to the definitions utilized by the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum (the “CIM”), as the CIM Definition Standards on Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves adopted by the CIM Council, as amended.

#### 1.6 Cautionary Note to U.S. Investors concerning Estimates of Measured, Indicated and Inferred Mineral Resources

This AIF has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the securities laws in effect in Canada, which differ from the requirements of United States securities laws. On October 31, 2018, the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) adopted Subpart 1300 of SEC Regulation S-K (“S-K 1300”), introducing changes to the existing mining disclosure framework (e.g., Industry Guide 7) to better align it with international industry and regulatory practice. S-K 1300 became effective as of February 25, 2019 and following a transition period the Company is required to comply with S-K 1300 as of its annual report for its first fiscal year beginning on or after January 1, 2021.

Under S-K 1300, the definitions of “Proven Mineral Reserves” and “Probable Mineral Reserves” have been amended to be substantially similar to the corresponding Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum standards (the “CIM Definitions Standards”) and the SEC has added definitions to recognize “Measured Mineral Resources”, “Indicated Mineral Resources” and “Inferred Mineral Resources” which are also substantially similar to the corresponding CIM Definition Standards; however, there are differences in the definitions under S-K 1300 and the CIM Definition Standards.

The Company reports in this AIF the mineral resources of the projects it has an interest in according to Canadian standards. Canadian reporting requirements for disclosure of mineral properties are governed by National Instrument 43-101 - *Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects* (“NI 43-101”). NI 43-101 is a rule developed by the Canadian Securities Administrators that establishes standards for all public disclosure an issuer makes of scientific and technical information concerning mineral projects. These standards differ from the requirements of the SEC that are applicable to domestic United States reporting companies under S-K 1300. As a “foreign private issuer” (as defined in Rule 3b-4 of the Exchange Act) that is not currently eligible for the multijurisdictional disclosure system adopted by the SEC and Canadian regulators, the Company is subject to the requirements of S-K 1300 for certain filings made with the SEC. Any mineral reserves and mineral resources reported by the Company in accordance with NI 43-101 and the CIM Definition Standards may

not qualify as such under or differ from those prepared in accordance with S-K 1300. Accordingly, information included or incorporated by reference in this AIF concerning descriptions of mineralization and estimates of mineral reserves and resources under Canadian standards may not be comparable to similar information made public by United States companies subject to the reporting and disclosure requirements of S-K 1300.

## **2. CORPORATE STRUCTURE**

### **2.1 Name, Address and Incorporation**

The Company is an exploration stage company with projects in Bolivia and Mongolia and is governed under the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia) (the “**BCBCA**”). The Company’s registered and head business office is located at Suite 1008 - 409 Granville Street Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, V6C 1T2.

The Company, in its current form, is primarily the product of an April 16, 2010 business combination between Red Hill Energy Inc. and Prophecy Resource Corp. and a plan of arrangement transaction effective January 14, 2022 (the “**Plan of Arrangement**”).

Red Hill Energy Inc. was incorporated on November 6, 1978, under the *Corporations Act* (British Columbia) under the name “Banbury Gold Mines Ltd.” Banbury changed its name to “Enerwaste Minerals Corp.” on July 3, 1992 and to “Universal Gun-Loc Industries Ltd.” on December 17, 1993. On April 24, 2002, Universal Gun-Loc changed its name to “UGL Enterprises Ltd.” and then to “Red Hill Energy Inc.” on May 29, 2006.

On April 16, 2010, Red Hill Energy Inc. changed its name to “Prophecy Resource Corp.” in conjunction with the merger of Red Hill Energy Inc. and Prophecy Resource Corp.

On June 13, 2011, Prophecy Resource Corp. changed its name to “Prophecy Coal Corp.” in connection with its amalgamation with Northern Platinum Ltd. and Prophecy Holdings Inc. and an asset spin-off to capitalize the Company’s then-controlled affiliate, Wellgreen Platinum Ltd.

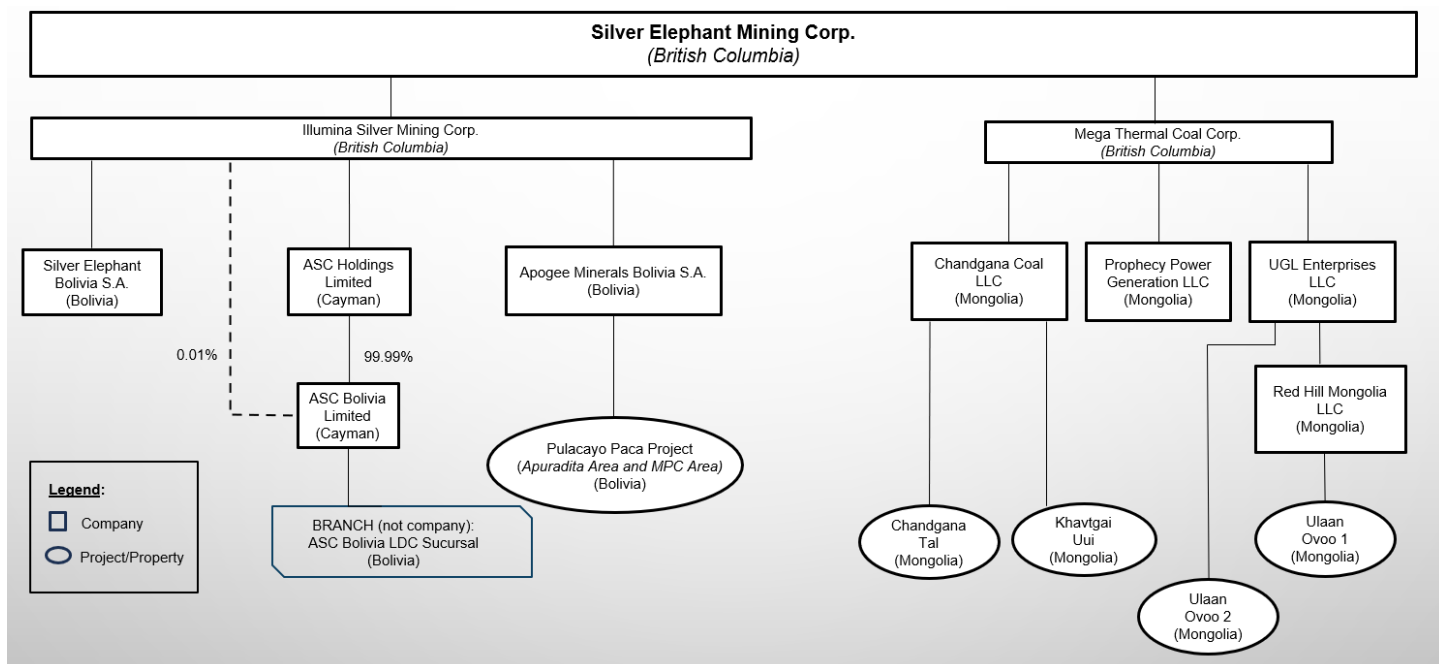
On January 5, 2015, Prophecy Coal Corp. changed its name to “Prophecy Development Corp.” in connection with an acquisition of assets located in Bolivia and to better reflect its various interests in its mining and energy projects at the time in the United States, Canada, Bolivia and Mongolia.

On March 16, 2020, Prophecy Development Corp. changed its name to “Silver Elephant Mining Corp.”

On January 14, 2022, the Company completed the spin out of three of its wholly owned subsidiaries, involving CleanTech Vanadium Mining Corp. (formerly, Flying Nickel Mining Corp.) (“**CleanTech**”), Nevada Vanadium Mining Corp. (“**Nevada Vanadium**”) and Oracle Commodity Holding Corp. (“**Oracle**”) pursuant to an amended and restated arrangement agreement dated November 8, 2021 (the “**Arrangement Agreement**”). In connection with the Plan of Arrangement, the Company also completed a share consolidation of its common shares on the basis of every ten (10) common shares being consolidated into one (1) common share (the “**Consolidation**”).

### **2.2 Subsidiaries**

As of March 31, 2026, the intercorporate relationships of the Company are illustrated by the following diagram (all ownership interests are 100% unless specified otherwise):



As of March 31, 2026 and as of the date of this AIF, the Company held an interest, whether direct or indirect, in the following mining and energy properties and projects through the Company and the following subsidiaries.

Subsidiary	Mining Properties and Projects
Red Hill Mongolia LLC	Holds a 100% interest in the Ulaan Ovoo 1 Property located in Selenge Province, Mongolia. The Ulaan Ovoo 1 Property includes 2 mining licenses.
UGL Enterprises LLC	Holds a 100% interest in the Ulaan Ovoo 2 Property located in Selenge Province, Mongolia. The Ulaan Ovoo 2 Property includes 1 mining license.
Chandgana Coal LLC	Holds a 100% interest in the Chandgana Tal coal property and Khavtgai Uul Property located in Khentii province, Mongolia. We refer to the Chandgana Tal coal property and the Khavtgai Uul Property collectively as the “Chandgana Project.”
Prophecy Power Generation LLC	This company does not hold any interest, whether direct or indirect, in any property.
ASC Bolivia LDC Sucursal	Bolivian office of ASC Bolivia Limited (“ASC”), a company incorporated under the laws of the Cayman Islands that holds a 100% exclusive right to develop and mine at the Apuradita Area of the Pulacayo Paca Project against certain royalty payments.
Apogee Minerals Bolivia S.A.	Signatory to the MPC (as defined herein). Rights include “Temeridad” and “Real De Monte” concessions at the Pulacayo Paca Project.

### 3. GENERAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE BUSINESS

The Company is a Canadian exploration stage company, and its primary focus has been to acquire and explore metal properties in Mongolia and Bolivia. The following is a summary of the Company’s development over the three most recently completed financial years.

#### 3.1 Three Year History

##### Financial Year Ended March 31, 2024

On July 6, 2023, the Company was cease traded for failing to file its annual financial statements and management discussion and analysis for the 15 months ended March 31, 2023. The Company filed its annual financial statements and management discussion and analysis for the 15 months ended March 31, 2023, on August 3, 2023, and as a result, the cease trade order was rescinded on August 4, 2023.

On August 9, 2023, the Company announced the closing of the sale of the Company's Titan vanadium-iron-titanium project in Ontario to Cachee Gold Mines Corp. and Cachee's subsidiary Osprey Advanced Materials Corp.

On September 11, 2023, the Company entered into a sales and purchase agreement (the "SPA") with Andean Precious Metals Corp. ("APM") and its subsidiary (together "APM Group"), for the sale of up to 800,000 tonnes of silver-bearing oxide materials from the Company's Paca property, which, together with the Pulacayo property, comprises the Pulacayo Paca Project. In addition, the Company entered into a master services agreement (the "MSA") with APM Group to provide expertise in mining operations, community relations, logistics and access to technical and geological information, in exchange for APM Group agreeing to pay the Company an aggregate of \$6,772,500 (US\$5,000,000).

On September 18, 2023, the Company announced that it had successfully renewed the Detailed Environmental Impact Assessment license required to restart Ulaan Ovoo coal operations.

On November 7, 2023, the Company announced that it had commenced mining Paca silver oxide materials and trucking the products to Andean.

On January 22, 2024, the Company announced that it had filed a Form 15 with the SEC with the intention of voluntarily deregistering its common shares with the SEC as a cost saving measure. The deregistration was completed in April 2024.

On January 30, 2024, the parties amended the MSA to extend the date for completion of certain permitting and other contractual milestones in respect of the Pulacayo Paca Project pursuant to which the APM Group paid a non-refundable extension fee of \$201,573 (US\$150,000) to the Company.

On March 28, 2024, the Company announced that it had acquired 3,500,000 Units of Oracle by way of a private placement at an acquisition cost of \$175,000. Each Unit consisted of one common share of Oracle and one share purchase warrant entitling the Company to purchase one additional common share of Oracle at a price of \$0.06 per share for a period of three years.

#### **Financial Year Ended March 31, 2025**

During the year ended March 31, 2025, the Company closed private placements raising aggregate gross proceeds of \$2,504,946. Further details of these financings are set out under the heading "Prior Sales" in this AIF.

On July 26, 2024, the Company announced that the quotation of the Company's common shares was upgraded to the OTCQB in the United States effective July 25, 2024.

On December 31, 2024, the Company reported that the Company received a notice of cancellation (the "Notice of Cancellation") of its Pulacayo MPC from COMIBOL, a state-owned mining company. The Company maintains that it has operated in full compliance under the MPC and received proper authorizations for its activities in the MPC Area. The Company remains committed to the development path for the Pulacayo Paca Project and has filed certain applications and appeals in Bolivia to reverse the Notice of Cancellation. The Notice of Cancellation does not affect the Apuradita mining claim which is registered under the Company's Bolivian subsidiary with the Bolivian Jurisdictional Administrative Mining Authority (the "Apuradita Area").

On December 31, 2024, the Company announced the termination of the MSA and SPA (the "MSA and SPA Termination") as a result of APM Group's failure to pay US\$1,000,000 owing under the MSA.

On February 27, 2025, the Company initiated arbitration proceedings against APM for its failure to pay US\$1,000,000.

#### **Financial Year Ended March 31, 2026**

During the year ended March 31, 2026, the Company closed private placements raising aggregate gross proceeds of approximately \$2,822,550. Further details of these financings are set out under the heading "Prior Sales" in this AIF.

On April 8, 2025, the Company and CleanTech entered into an Option Assignment Agreement pursuant to which the Company assigned its rights in and to the Triunfo Project to CleanTech in consideration for the payment of \$155,000. The Option Assignment Agreement was completed on August 6, 2025.

On July 24, 2025, the Company entered into a toll-milling agreement and commenced shipping silver-bearing materials from the Apuradita Area for processing, with toll milling operations commencing in October 2025.

On August 14, 2025, Oracle was deconsolidated from the Company's consolidated financial statements following the loss of de facto control resulting from the sale of shares of Oracle.

On January 23, 2026, the Mongolian Tax Tribunal issued a decision dismissing and cancelling the Ulaan Ovoo Tax Assessment. The Tribunal's decision is final.

On January 26, 2026, the Company received a favourable arbitration award against APM, pursuant to which the arbitrator ordered APM to pay the Company US\$1,000,000, together with pre-judgment interest, less a set-off of US\$274,554 in respect of a security deposit previously advanced by APM.

In May 2026, Apogee was served as an interested third party in COMIBOL's constitutional protection action challenging a resolution issued by the Potosí Departmental Prosecutor. The prosecutor's resolution had rejected the reopening of an investigation relating to allegations of illegal mining activities in the Pulacayo area. COMIBOL sought constitutional review of that decision, arguing that the resolution should be set aside and the matter reconsidered. Following a hearing on May 20, 2026, the Constitutional Guarantees Tribunal did not rule on the merits of the underlying allegations but ordered the Departmental Prosecutor to issue a new resolution reassessing the evidence and providing additional reasoning. The matter remains under review and the Company continues to monitor developments and respond as required.

On June 11, 2026, the Company entered into an asset purchase agreement (the "**APA**") with CleanTech Vanadium Mining Corp. ("**CleanTech**") to acquire the Robinson-Lasher Project located in Kentucky, USA. Subject to the terms of the APA, the Company will acquire the Robinson-Lasher Project through the issuance of 6,300,000 common shares to CleanTech and aggregate cash consideration of US\$1,255,000 payable in instalments through September 1, 2029.

The Company will also be required to incur a minimum of US\$2,000,000 in exploration expenditures at the Robinson-Lasher Project and complete an independent technical report by September 1, 2029. Title to the Robinson-Lasher Project will be transferred upon satisfaction of the applicable transaction and option agreement requirements.

Completion of the transaction remains subject to customary closing conditions, including receipt of any required regulatory, stock exchange and shareholder approvals.

On June 17, 2026, the Company, together with its subsidiaries Apogee Minerals Bolivia S.A. and ASC Bolivia LDC Sucursal Bolivia, filed a Notice of Civil Claim in the Supreme Court of British Columbia against APM and three named individuals. The claim alleges that the defendants acted in concert to induce COMIBOL to terminate the Mining Production Contract for their commercial benefit, resulting in the termination of the MPC on December 16, 2024. The claim seeks general and special damages, punitive damages, interest, and costs.

### **3.2 Significant Acquisitions**

No significant acquisitions for which disclosure is required under Part 8 of National Instrument 51-102 were completed by the Company during its most recently completed financial year.

## **4. DESCRIPTION OF THE BUSINESS**

### **4.1 General**

#### **Business of the Company**

The Company is a mineral exploration stage company focused on the development of its Pulacayo Paca silver-lead-zinc project located in southwestern Bolivia. The Pulacayo Paca Project is 3,560 hectares of contiguous areas (the "**Pulacayo Paca Project Area**") located on the historical Pulacayo mine 18 kilometers east of the town of Uyuni in the Department of Potosí, in southwestern Bolivia. The Pulacayo Paca Project is located 460 kilometers southeast of the national capital of La Paz and 150 kilometers southwest of the City of Potosí, the Department capital. Since October 2023, the Company has developed infrastructure to support open pit operations and has undertaken mining and processing activities, including oxide production, toll milling and concentrate sales from the Apuradita area of the project.

In December 2024, the Company received a notice of cancellation of its MPC relating to a portion of the Pulacayo Paca Project citing illegal mining. The Company disputes the validity of the cancellation and is pursuing appeals and other remedies in Bolivia seeking reinstatement of its rights. Separately, on January 26, 2026, the Company obtained a favorable arbitration award against APM arising

from related commercial disputes. As of January 26, 2026, the cancellation does not affect the Apuradita area, which is held under a separate administrative mining concession.

The Company also holds interests in the Ulaan Ovoo coal project and Chandgana coal projects located in Mongolia, although these are not material to the Company's business. The Company is also evaluating strategic acquisitions to expand its portfolio of projects.

## **Production**

### *Oxide Production*

The Company mined and shipped silver oxide from the Pulacayo Paca Project to the APM Group.

Since the operations began in October 2023, the Company has mined and shipped to the APM Group a total of 273,815 wet tonnes of silver-bearing oxide materials. Of this total, 206,793 wet tonnes were extracted from the Real del Monte concession (owned by COMIBOL), and the remaining 67,022 wet tonnes were sourced from the Apuradita concession (owned by ASC). The shipped material had an average grade of 191 g/t silver, representing 1,681,440 oz of contained silver based on reported government tax records.

In December 2024, the Company paused oxide production due to the permitting uncertainties resulting from the Notice of Cancellation and the MSA and SPA Termination.

### *Sulphide Production*

On July 8, 2024, the Company announced its intention to begin mining of sulphide materials at the Pulacayo Paca Project (the "**Sulphide Tunnel Project**"). The Company continues construction on the access tunnel to the sulphide zone in the Apuradita Area with the intent to extract approximately 10,000 tonnes of mineralized material. The objective of the Sulphide Tunnel Project is to generate cashflow, refine the metallurgy and verify the resource model. The Sulphide Tunnel Project is not impacted by the Notice of Cancellation or the MSA and SPA Termination.

## **Specialized Skill and Knowledge**

Most aspects of the Company's business require specialized skills and knowledge. Such skills and knowledge include the areas of geology, exploration, development, technology, financing and accounting. The Company retains executive officers and employees with extensive experience in geology, exploration and mine development in Bolivia and other parts of North and South America. Furthermore, the Company's executive officers, directors and employees have significant experience in mining, processing technologies, international finance, mergers and acquisitions and accounting. They provide a strong foundation of advanced skills and knowledge and specialized mineral exploration experience, complemented by their demonstrated ability to succeed in the management and administration of a mining company.

## **Competitive Conditions**

The Company competes with other mining companies and smaller natural resource companies in the acquisition, exploration, development and financing of new properties and projects in Bolivia and Mongolia. Many of these companies are more experienced, larger and have greater financial resources for, among other things, financing and the recruitment and retention of qualified personnel. See "*Risk Factors – Competitive Conditions*".

## **Environmental Protection**

The Company's exploration activities are subject to, and any future development and production operations will be subject to, environmental laws and regulations in the jurisdictions in which its operations are carried out. See "*Risk Factors – Environmental, Health and Safety Regulations*".

## **Employees**

As of March 31, 2026, the Company had 5 full-time employees in Canada, 9 full-time employees in Mongolia and 12 full-time employees in Bolivia.

## **Foreign Operations**

As the Company's producing mines, development projects and mineral exploration interests are principally located in Bolivia and Mongolia, the Company's business is dependent on foreign operations. As developing economies, operating in Bolivia and Mongolia has certain risks. See *"Risk Factors – Foreign Operations"*.

## **Intangibles, Cycles and Changes to Contracts**

The Company's business is not materially affected by intangibles such as licenses, patents and trademarks, nor is it significantly affected by seasonal changes. Other than as disclosed in this AIF, the Company is not aware of any aspect of its business which may be affected in the current financial year by renegotiation or termination of contracts.

## **Community, Environmental and Corporate Safety Policies**

The Company has implemented policies relating to the environment, community engagement, human resources, health and safety, and sustainability, including its Environmental Policy, Human Resources Policy, Safety Policy, and Community Policy, in which it accepts its corporate responsibility to practice environmental stewardship, community engagement and development, and to provide a safe, healthy, respectful and inclusive workplace for its employees. These policies are available on the Company's website. The Company's directors, officers, and senior management are responsible for ensuring compliance with these policies across the organization.

The Company views its social license to operate as integral to the development of the Pulacayo Paca Project. The Company's Community Policy reflects its commitment to maintaining the best possible relationships with the communities in which it operates, recognizing that the Company cannot function unless it is accepted by those communities and that it must act responsibly toward its neighbours and those impacted by its activities. The Company is committed to making positive contributions to the communities in which it operates, including encouraging local employment in its operations and making financial contributions to an appropriate extent, so that the community is enriched by the Company's presence.

To that end, the Company actively engages with local communities surrounding the Pulacayo Paca Project through regular town hall meetings designed to keep community members informed of the Company's activities and plans, funding of local infrastructure projects, and the provision of employment opportunities to community members. The Company's community engagement activities are informed by its recognition that it operates as a guest in the communities in which it is present, and that it has an obligation to leave a legacy of goodwill in those places where it conducts business.

In October 2023, the Company's Bolivian subsidiaries entered into a Cooperation Agreement with several local communities pursuant to which the Company committed to ongoing active community engagement and the communities provided the Company with authorization to conduct mining activities within the Pulacayo Paca Project Area.

The Company's relationships with governmental entities are also an important component of its social license. The Company is committed to dealing in an honest and forthright manner with all governmental entities with which it has relationships and to cooperating with such entities in recognition of its civic duties, while exercising and protecting its legal rights. The Company complies with relevant industry standards, legislation and regulations in the countries where it carries on business.

## **4.2 Risk Factors**

Investment in securities of the Company should be considered a speculative investment due to the high-risk nature of the Company's business and the present stage of the Company's development. The following risk factors, as well as risks currently unknown to the Company, could materially adversely affect the future business, operations and financial condition of the Company and could cause them to differ materially from the Company's current business, property or financial results, each of which could cause investors to lose part or all of their investment in the Company's securities.

The following factors are those which are the most applicable to the Company. The discussion which follows is not inclusive of all potential risks. Risk management is an ongoing exercise upon which the Company spends a substantial amount of time. While it is not possible to eliminate all of the risks inherent to the mining business, the Company strives to manage these risks, to the greatest extent possible, to ensure that its assets are protected.

### ***Term and Extension of Concession Contracts***

Non-compliance with concession contracts may lead to their early termination by the relevant mining authorities or other governmental entities. A company whose concession contracts were subject to termination could be prevented from being issued new concessions or from keeping the concessions that it already held. The Company is not aware of any cause for termination or any investigation or procedure aimed at the termination of any of its concession contracts.

In December 2024, the Company received the Notice of Cancellation of the MPC from COMIBOL citing alleged illegal mining. The Company maintains that it has operated in full compliance under the MPC and received proper authorizations for its activities in the MPC Area. The Company remains committed to the development path for the Pulacayo Paca Project and has filed certain applications and appeals in Bolivia to reverse the Notice of Cancellation. The Notice of Cancellation affects the MPC Area only and does not affect the Apuradita Area. The Company's current active mining operations are conducted in the Apuradita Area and are not directly impaired by the Notice of Cancellation.

Although executed, the MPC was never approved by the Plurinational Legislative Assembly nor registered before the National Mining Gazette of the Administrative Mining Authority, both of which are required to formally ratify the MPC.

If the Company is unable to have the MPC reinstated, the MPC is not ratified or if COMIBOL does not issue temporary permits authorizing mining and development of the MPC Area, there is a risk that the Company will lose its rights to develop the areas covered by the MPC which could have a material adverse effect on the Company's operations. The MPC Area covers approximately 2,803 hectares and contains the substantial majority of the Pulacayo Paca Project's mineral resource base. Loss of rights under the MPC, if not remedied, would materially impair the Company's ability to advance the Pulacayo Paca Project at scale, could impair the Company's ability to finance future project development, and could result in the impairment or write-down of a significant portion of the Company's mineral property assets. There can be no assurance that the Company's appeals or applications will be successful, that the MPC will be ratified, or that interim permits will be granted on acceptable terms or at all.

### ***Going Concern Risk***

The Company's financial statements have been prepared using accounting principles applicable to a going concern which assumes an entity will continue in operation for the foreseeable future and will be able to realize its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of business. The Company's future operations are dependent upon the identification and successful completion of equity or debt financing and the achievement of profitable operations. There can be no assurances that the Company will be successful in completing equity or debt financing or in achieving its growth plans. The financial statements of the Company do not give effect to any adjustments relating to the carrying values and classification of assets and liabilities that would be necessary should it be unable to continue as a going concern.

### ***Operations at Pulacayo Paca***

There are no proven or probable mineral reserves declared at the Pulacayo Paca Project. The Company is currently conducting active mining operations at the Apuradita Area, including open-pit oxide extraction and underground sulphide extraction through the Sulphide Tunnel Project, with silver-bearing materials being delivered to a toll-milling facility for production of silver-lead-zinc concentrates for sale to an international buyer. The Company's production decision for the Pulacayo Paca Project was based on internal production models rather than a pre-feasibility or feasibility study demonstrating the economic and technical viability of mineral reserves. While historical feasibility studies were completed for the property by prior operators in 2012 and 2013, those historical studies focused primarily on specific underground configurations and are not being relied upon for, nor do they demonstrate the economic viability of, the Company's current open-pit oxide or Sulphide Tunnel production models.

As a result, there is a higher degree of uncertainty and a greater risk of technical and economic failure associated with this production decision than would be the case had a current feasibility study been completed. The internal model on which the production decision was based includes inferred mineral resources that are considered too speculative geologically to have the economic considerations applied to them that would enable them to be classified as mineral reserves. Certain analyses and studies that are typically completed as part of a contemporary pre-feasibility or feasibility study have not been newly undertaken for current operations, including detailed evaluations of modern mining and recovery methods, metallurgical performance under current toll-milling arrangements, operating and capital costs, market conditions, and updated environmental and community considerations.

There can be no assurance that the Company will be able to operate profitably, that production will be sustained, or that continued mining at Pulacayo Paca will demonstrate adequate additional mineralization which can be mined economically.

### ***Liquidity and Additional Financing***

The Company's ability to continue its business operations is dependent on management's ability to secure additional financing. The Company's only source of liquidity is its cash and cash equivalent balances. Liquidity requirements are managed based upon forecasted cash flows to ensure that there is sufficient working capital to meet the Company's obligations.

The advancement, exploration, and development of the Company's properties, including continuing exploration and development projects, and, if warranted, construction of mining facilities and the commencement of mining operations, will require substantial additional financing. As a result, the Company may be required to seek additional sources of equity financing in the near future. While the Company has been successful in raising such financing in the past, its ability to raise additional equity financing may be affected by numerous factors beyond its control including, but not limited to, adverse market conditions, commodity price changes, and economic downturns. There can be no assurance that the Company will be successful in obtaining any additional financing required to continue its business operations and/or to maintain its property interests, or that such financing will be sufficient to meet the Company's objectives or obtained on terms favourable to the Company. Failure to obtain sufficient financing as and when required may result in the delay or indefinite postponement of exploration and/or development on any or all of the Company's properties, or even a loss of property interest, which would have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, financial condition, and results of operations.

### ***No Earnings and History of Losses***

The Company has not received any material revenue or net profit to date. Exploration and development of mineral properties require large amounts of capital and usually result in accounting losses for many years before profitability is achieved, if ever. The Company has incurred losses and negative operating cash flow during the Company's most recently completed financial year and for the current financial year to date. Even if the Company is to undertake future development activity on any of its properties, there is no certainty that the Company will produce revenue, operate profitably or provide a return on investment in the future. The exploration of the Company's properties depends on its ability to obtain additional required financing. There is no assurance that the Company will be successful in obtaining the required financing, which could cause the Company to postpone its exploration plans or result in the loss or substantial dilution of its interest in the Company's properties.

The Company is in the exploration stage and will likely operate at a loss until its business becomes established. The Company will require additional financing in order to fund future operations. The Company's ability to secure any required financing in order to commence and sustain its operations will depend in part upon prevailing capital market conditions as well as its business success. There can be no assurance that the Company will be successful in its efforts to secure any additional financing on terms satisfactory to its management. If additional financing is raised by issuing common shares, control may change, and shareholders may suffer additional dilution. If adequate funds are not available or they are unavailable on acceptable terms, the Company may be required to scale back its business plan or cease operating.

The exploration for and development of minerals involve significant risks, which even a combination of careful evaluation, experience and knowledge may not eliminate. Few properties which are explored are ultimately developed into producing mines. There can be no guarantee that the estimates of quantities and qualities of minerals disclosed will be economically recoverable. With all mining operations there is uncertainty and, therefore, risk associated with operating parameters and costs resulting from the scaling up of extraction methods tested in pilot conditions. Mineral exploration is speculative in nature and there can be no assurance that any minerals discovered will result in an increase in our resource base.

The Company's operations are subject to all of the hazards and risks normally encountered in the exploration, development and production of minerals. These include unusual and unexpected geological formations, rock falls, seismic activity, flooding and other conditions involved in the extraction of material, any of which could result in damage to, or destruction of, mines and other producing facilities, damage to life or property, environmental damage and possible legal liability. Although precautions to minimize risk will be taken, operations are subject to hazards that may result in environmental pollution and consequent liability that could have a material adverse impact on our business, operations and financial performance.

Substantial expenditures are required to establish ore reserves through drilling, to develop metallurgical processes to extract the metal from the ore and, in the case of new properties, to develop the mining and processing facilities and infrastructure at any site chosen for mining. Although substantial benefits may be derived from the discovery of a major mineralized deposit, no assurance can be given that minerals will be discovered in sufficient quantities to justify commercial operations or that funds required for development can be obtained on a timely basis. The economics of developing vanadium, silver, coal and other mineral properties is affected by many factors including the cost of operations, variations in the grade of ore mined, fluctuations in metal markets, costs of processing

equipment and other factors such as government regulations, including regulations relating to royalties, allowable production, importing and exporting of minerals and environmental protection. The remoteness and restrictions on access of properties in which we have an interest will have an adverse effect on profitability as a result of higher infrastructure costs. There are also physical risks to the exploration personnel working in the terrain in which our properties are located, often in poor climate conditions.

The Company's long-term commercial success depends on its ability to find, acquire, develop and commercially produce vanadium, silver, coal and other minerals. No assurance can be given that the Company will be able to locate satisfactory properties for acquisition or participation. Moreover, if such acquisitions or participations are identified, the Company may determine that current markets, terms of acquisition and participation or pricing conditions make such acquisitions or participation uneconomic.

### ***Foreign Operations***

The Company's current exploration properties are located in Bolivia and Mongolia. In these countries, the Company's operations may be exposed to various levels of political, economic, and other risks and uncertainties. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, political and bureaucratic corruption and uncertainty, terrorism, hostage taking, military repression, fluctuations in currency exchange rates, high rates of inflation, labor unrest, civil unrest, expropriation and nationalization, renegotiation or nullification of existing concessions, licenses, permits and contracts, illegal mining, changes in taxation policies, restrictions on foreign exchange and repatriation, changing political conditions, currency controls, and governmental regulations that favor or require the awarding of contracts to local contractors or require foreign contractors to employ citizens of, or purchase supplies from, a particular jurisdiction.

Future political and economic conditions may result in a government adopting different policies with respect to foreign development and ownership of mineral resources. Any changes in policy may result in changes in laws affecting ownership of assets, foreign investment, taxation, rates of exchange, resource sales, environmental protection, labour relations or practices, price controls, repatriation of income, and return of capital which may affect both our ability to undertake exploration and development activities in respect of future properties in the manner currently contemplated, as well as our ability to continue to explore, develop, and operate those properties to which we have rights relating to exploration, development, and operations.

Any changes in regulations or shifts in political attitudes in Bolivia and Mongolia are beyond the Company's control and may adversely affect the Company's business, financial condition and prospects.

In addition, while legislation has been enacted to protect private property against expropriation and nationalization, due to the lack of experience in enforcing these provisions and political factors, these protections may not be enforced in the event of an attempted expropriation or nationalization. Whether legitimate or not, expropriation or nationalization of any of our assets, or portions thereof, potentially without adequate or any compensation, could materially and adversely affect our business and results of operations. Further, there can be no assurance that neighboring countries' political and economic policies in relation to Mongolia will not have adverse economic effects on our business, including our ability to transport and sell our product and access construction labor, supplies and materials.

### ***Governmental Regulation***

The mineral exploration and development activities of the Company are subject to various laws governing prospecting, development, production, taxes, labour standards and occupational health, mine safety, toxic substances, land use, water use, land claims of local people, and other matters in local areas of operation. Although the Company's exploration and development activities are currently carried out in accordance with all applicable rules and regulations, no assurance can be given that new rules and regulations will not be enacted or that existing rules and regulations will not be applied in a manner, which could limit or curtail exploration, development, or production. Amendments to current laws and regulations governing the Company's operations, or more stringent implementation thereof, could have an adverse impact on the Company's business and financial condition.

Failure to comply with applicable laws, regulations, and permitting requirements may result in enforcement actions, including orders issued by regulatory or judicial authorities that could cause operations to cease or be curtailed. Other enforcement actions may include corrective measures requiring capital expenditures, the 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 such mining activities and may have civil or criminal fines or penalties imposed upon them for violations of applicable laws or regulations.

In the past, the Government of Bolivia has nationalized the assets of certain companies in various industries. Nationalization or other expropriation of our assets, without adequate compensation, could have a material adverse effect on our business and/or result in the total loss of our investment in Bolivia.

In addition, the Company's activities are subject to government approvals, various laws governing prospecting, development, land resumptions, production taxes, labor standards and occupational health, mine safety, toxic substances and other matters, including issues affecting local native populations. Although the Company believes that its activities are currently carried out in accordance with all applicable rules and regulations, no assurance can be given that new rules and regulations will not be enacted or that existing rules and regulations will not be applied in a manner which could limit or curtail production or development. Further, the mining licenses and permits issued in respect of our projects may be subject to conditions which, if not satisfied, may lead to the revocation of such licenses. In the event of revocation, the value of our investments in such projects may decline.

In the jurisdictions around the world, mineral tenures may be associated with the requirement to pay maintenance fees. The maintenance fees may be substantial with a large number of claims and the fees are adjusted periodically. Diligent periodic assessment of the resource and development value of claims by the claimant is required.

### ***Permitting***

The operations of the Company require licenses and permits from various governmental authorities. The Company will use its best efforts to obtain all necessary licenses and permits to carry on the activities which it intends to conduct, and it intends to comply in all material respects with the terms of such licenses and permits. However, there can be no guarantee that the Company will be able to obtain and maintain, at all times, all necessary licenses and permits required to undertake its proposed exploration and development, or to place its properties into commercial production and to operate mining facilities thereon. In the event of commercial production, the cost of compliance with changes in governmental regulations has the potential to reduce the imposition of fines or penalties as well as criminal charges against the Company for violations of applicable laws or regulations.

### ***Reliability of Mineral Resources Estimates***

Mineral resources are estimates only, and no assurance can be given that the anticipated tonnages and grades will be achieved or that the indicated level of recovery will be realized. Mineral resource estimates may be materially affected by environmental, permitting, legal, title, taxation, socio-political, marketing and other relevant issues. There are numerous uncertainties inherent in estimating mineral resources, including many factors beyond the Company's control. Such estimation is a subjective process, and the accuracy of any mineral resource estimate is a function of the quantity and quality of available data, the nature of the mineralized body, and the assumptions made and judgments used in engineering and geological interpretation. These estimates may require adjustments or downward revisions based upon further exploration or development work or actual production experience.

Fluctuations in gold or silver prices, results of drilling, metallurgical testing and production, the evaluation of mine plans after the date of any estimate, permitting requirements or unforeseen technical or operational difficulties, may require revision of mineral resource estimates. Should reductions in mineral resources occur, the Company may be required to take a material write-down of its investment in mining properties, reduce the carrying value of one or more of its assets or delay or discontinue production or the development of new projects, resulting in increased net losses and reduced cash flow. Mineral resources should not be interpreted as assurances of mine life or the profitability of current or future operations. Any material reductions in estimates of mineral resources could have a material adverse effect on the Company's results of operations and financial condition.

Mineral resources are not mineral reserves and have a greater degree of uncertainty as to their existence and feasibility. There is no assurance that mineral resources will be upgraded to proven or probable mineral reserves.

### ***Litigation and Regulatory Proceedings***

The Company may be subject to civil claims (including class action claims) based on allegations of negligence, breach of statutory duty, public nuisance or private nuisance or otherwise in connection with the Company's operations, or investigations relating thereto. While the Company is presently unable to quantify any potential liability under any of the above heads of damage, such liability may be material and may materially adversely affect the Company's ability to continue operations.

The Company is currently a plaintiff in litigation in the Supreme Court of British Columbia against Andean Precious Metals Corp. and certain named individuals, alleging tortious interference with the Company's Mining Production Contract with COMIBOL in respect of the Pulacayo-Paca Project. While the Company is pursuing this claim, there can be no assurance that it will be successful, that any

damages awarded will be collectable, or that the costs and management time associated with the litigation will not have an adverse effect on the Company's business and operations. In addition, the defendants may assert counterclaims or other defences that could result in additional costs or liabilities to the Company. The outcome, timing and costs of litigation are inherently uncertain.

The Company is also subject to ongoing administrative and judicial proceedings in Bolivia arising from COMIBOL's purported cancellation of the Mining Production Contract for the Pulacayo-Paca Project in December 2024. There can be no assurance that the Company's appeals or applications to reinstate the Mining Production Contract will be successful, or that the Company will be able to recover its investment in or realize the expected value of the Pulacayo-Paca Project.

In addition, the Company may be subject to actions or related investigations by governmental or regulatory authorities in connection with its business activities, including, but not limited to, current and historic activities at the Company's properties in Bolivia and Mongolia. Such actions may include prosecution for breach of relevant legislation or failure to comply with the terms of the Company's licenses and permits and may result in liability for pollution, other fines or penalties, revocations of consents, permits, approvals or licenses or similar actions, which could be material and may impact the results of the Company's operations.

The Company's current insurance coverage may not be adequate to cover any or all the potential losses, liabilities and damages that could result from the civil and/or regulatory actions referred to above.

### ***Surface Rights***

The Company does not own all of the surface rights at its properties and there is no assurance that surface rights owned by the government or third parties will be granted, nor that they will be on reasonable terms if granted. Failure to acquire surface rights may impact the Company's ability to access its properties, as well as its ability to commence and/or complete construction or production, any of which would have a material adverse effect on the profitability of the Company's future operations.

### ***Acquiring Title***

The acquisition of title to mineral properties is a very detailed and time-consuming process. The Company may not be the registered holder of some or all of the claims and concessions comprising the Pulacayo Project or any of the mineral projects of the Company. These claims or concessions may currently be registered in the names of other individuals or entities, which may make it difficult for the Company to enforce its rights with respect to such claims or concessions. There can be no assurance that proposed or pending transfers will be affected as contemplated. Failure to acquire title to any of the claims or concessions at one or more of the Company's projects may have a material adverse impact on the financial condition and results of operation of the Company.

### ***Title to Assets***

Although the Company has or will receive title opinions for any 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 has not conducted surveys of the claims in which it holds direct or indirect interests and, therefore, the precise area and location of such claims may be in doubt. The Company's claims may be subject to prior unregistered agreements or transfers or native land claims and title may be affected by unidentified or unknown defects.

The Company has conducted as thorough an investigation as possible on the title of properties that it has acquired or will be acquiring to be certain that there are no other claims or agreements that could affect its title to the concessions or claims. If title to the Company's properties is disputed, it may result in the Company paying substantial costs to settle the dispute or clear title and could result in the loss of the property, which events may affect the economic viability of the Company.

### ***Title Matters***

Once acquired, title to, and the area of, mineral properties may be disputed. There is no guarantee that title to one or more claims or concessions at the Company's projects will not be challenged or impugned. There may be challenges to any of the Company's titles which, if successful, could result in the loss or reduction of the Company's interest in such titles. The Company's properties may be subject to prior unregistered liens, agreements, transfers or claims, and title may be affected by, among other things, undetected defects. In addition, the Company may be unable to operate its properties as permitted or to enforce its rights with respect to its properties. The failure to comply with all applicable laws and regulations, including a failure to pay taxes or to carry out and file assessment work, can lead to the unilateral termination of concessions by mining authorities or other governmental entities.

## ***Exploration and Development***

The Company is engaged in active mining operations at the Apuradita Area of the Pulacayo Paca Project and is in the development stage with respect to the broader Pulacayo Paca Project. The future development stage with respect to the Pulacayo Paca Project at scale will require the construction and operation of mines, processing plants and related infrastructure. As a result, the Company is subject to all of the risks associated with establishing new mining operations and business enterprises, including:

- the timing and cost of the construction of mining and processing facilities;
- the availability and costs of skilled labor and mining equipment;
- the availability and cost of appropriate smelting and/or refining arrangements;
- the need to obtain necessary environmental and other governmental approvals and permits and the timing of those approvals; and
- the availability of funds to finance construction and development activities.

The costs, timing and complexities of mine construction and development are increased by the remote location of the Company's mining properties. It is common in new mining operations to experience unexpected problems and delays during development, construction and mine start-up. In addition, delays in the commencement of mineral production often occur. Accordingly, there are no assurances that the Company's activities will successfully establish mining operations, result in profitable operations or that vanadium, silver, coal or other metals will be produced at any of the Company's properties.

All of the properties in which the Company holds an interest are considered to be in the exploration stage only and do not contain a known body of commercial minerals. The figures for the Company's resources are estimates based on interpretation and assumptions and may yield less mineral production under actual operating conditions than is currently estimated. Unless otherwise indicated, mineralization figures presented in this AIF and in our other filings with securities regulatory authorities, news releases and other public statements that may be made from time to time are based upon estimates made by the Company's personnel and independent geologists. These estimates may be imprecise because they are based upon geological and engineering interpretation and statistical inferences drawn from drilling and sample analysis, stated operating conditions, and mineral processing tests, which may prove to be unreliable. There can be no assurance that:

- these estimates will be accurate;
- resource or other mineralization figures will be accurate; or
- the resource or mineralization could be mined or processed profitably.

Because the Company has not commenced commercial production at any of its properties and has not defined or delineated any proven or probable reserves on any of its properties, the mineralization estimates for its properties may require adjustments including possible downward revisions based upon further exploration or development work, actual production experience, or current costs and sales prices. In addition, the quality of coal or grade of ore ultimately mined, if any, may differ from that indicated by drilling and beneficiation testing results. There can be no assurance that the type and amount of minerals recovered in laboratory analyses and small-scale beneficiation tests will be duplicated in large-scale tests under on-site conditions or in production scale.

The resource estimates contained in this AIF have been estimated based on assumed future prices, cut-off grades and operating costs that may prove to be inaccurate. Extended declines in market prices of metals and minerals which may be available on our projects may render portions of our mineralization uneconomic and result in reduced reported mineralization. Any material reductions in estimates of mineralization, or of our ability to extract this mineralization, could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations or financial condition.

Actual capital costs, operating costs, production and economic returns may differ significantly from those anticipated by the Company, and the Company cannot provide any assurance that any future development activities will result in profitable mining operations. The capital costs required to take the Company's projects into production may be significantly higher than anticipated. None of the Company's mineral properties has a sufficient operating history upon which the Company can base estimates of future operating costs. Any potential decisions about the possible development of these and other mineral properties would ultimately be based upon feasibility studies which may or may not be undertaken. Feasibility studies derive estimates of cash operating costs based upon, among other things:

- anticipated tonnage, grades and metallurgical characteristics of the ore or quality of the vanadium,
- silver, coal or other minerals to be mined and/or processed;
- anticipated recovery rates of metals from the ore;

- cash operating costs of comparable facilities and equipment; and
- anticipated climatic conditions.

Cash operating costs, production and economic returns, and other estimates contained in studies or estimates prepared by or for the Company may differ significantly from those anticipated by the Company's current studies and estimates, and there can be no assurance that our actual operating costs will not be higher than currently anticipated.

### ***Nature of Mineral Exploration and Mining***

The Company's future is dependent on its exploration and development programs. The exploration and development of mineral deposits involves significant financial risks over a prolonged period of time, which may not be eliminated even through a combination of careful evaluation, experience and knowledge. Few properties that are explored are ultimately developed into economically viable operating mines. Major expenditures on the Company's exploration properties may be required to construct mining and processing facilities at a site, and it is possible that even preliminary due diligence will show adverse results, leading to the abandonment of projects. It is impossible to ensure that preliminary or full feasibility studies on the Company's projects, or the current or proposed exploration programs on any of the properties in which the Company has exploration rights, will result in any profitable commercial mining operations. The Company cannot give any assurance that its current and future exploration activities will result in a discovery of mineral deposits containing mineral reserves.

### ***Community Relations***

The Company's relationships with the communities in which it operates are critical to ensure the future success of its existing operations and the construction and development of its projects.

While the Company is committed to operating in a socially responsible manner and working towards entering into agreements in satisfaction of such requirements, there is no guarantee that its efforts will be successful, in which case interventions by third parties could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, financial position and operations.

### ***Volatility of Commodity Prices***

The development of the Company's properties is dependent on the future prices of minerals and metals. As well, the Company's profitability will be significantly affected by changes in the market prices of minerals and metals in connection with the production of coal at the Company's Ulaan Ovoo project in Mongolia and the production of silver at the Pulacayo Paca Project, as well as any other projects, should any of the Company's other properties eventually enter commercial production.

Minerals and metals prices are subject to volatile price movements, which can be material and occur over short periods of time and which are affected by numerous factors, all of which are beyond the Company's control. Such factors include, but are not limited to, interest and exchange rates, government regulation, inflation or deflation, fluctuations in the value of the U.S. dollar, MNT and other foreign currencies, global and regional supply and demand, speculative trading, the costs of and levels of minerals and metals production, and political and economic conditions. Such external economic factors are in turn influenced by changes in international investment patterns, monetary systems, the strength of and confidence in the U.S. dollar (the currency in which the prices of minerals and metals are generally quoted), and political developments.

The effect of these factors on the prices of minerals and metals, and therefore the economic viability of any of the Company's projects, cannot be accurately determined. The prices of commodities have historically fluctuated widely, and future price declines could cause the development of (and any future commercial production from) the Company's properties to be impracticable or uneconomical. As such, the Company may determine that it is not economically feasible to commence or continue commercial production at some or all of its properties, which could have a material adverse impact on the Company's financial performance and results of operations. In such circumstances, the Company may also curtail or suspend some or all of its exploration activities.

Estimates of mineral resources and any potential determination as to whether a mineral deposit will be commercially viable can also be affected by such factors as: the particular attributes of the deposit, such as its size and grade; unusual or unexpected geological formations and metallurgy; proximity to infrastructure; financing costs; precious metal prices, which are highly volatile; and governmental regulations, including those relating to prices, taxes, royalties, infrastructure, land use, importing and exporting of metal concentrates, exchange controls and environmental protection. The effect of these factors cannot be accurately predicted, but the combination of any or all of these factors may result in the Company not receiving an adequate return on its invested capital or suffering material adverse effects to its business and financial condition. Exploration and development projects also face significant

operational risks including but not limited to an inability to obtain access rights to properties, accidents, equipment breakdowns, labour disputes (including work stoppages and strikes), and other unanticipated interruptions.

### ***Foreign Currency Risk***

The Company is exposed to foreign currency risk to the extent that monetary assets and liabilities held by the Company are not denominated in Canadian dollars. The Company has foreign exploration and development projects in Mongolia and Bolivia and undertakes transactions in various foreign currencies. The Company is therefore exposed to foreign currency risk arising from transactions denominated in a foreign currency and the translation of financial instruments denominated in U.S. dollars, Mongolian Tugrik, and Bolivian boliviano into its reporting currency, the Canadian dollar.

### ***Competitive Conditions***

Significant competition exists in the mineral exploration and mining business. As a result of this competition, some of which is with large, well-established mining companies with substantial capabilities and significant financial and technical resources, the Company may be unable to either compete for or acquire rights to exploit additional attractive mining properties on terms it considers acceptable. Accordingly, there can be no assurance that the Company will be able to acquire any interest in additional projects that would yield resources, reserves or results for commercial mining operations and failure to do so could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, financial condition or results of operations.

### ***Dependence on Key Personnel***

The Company's future growth and its ability to develop depend, to a significant extent, on its ability to attract and retain highly qualified personnel. The Company relies on a limited number of key employees, consultants, and members of senior management, and there is no assurance that the Company will be able to retain such personnel. The loss of one or more key employees, consultants or members of senior management, if such persons are not replaced, could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, financial condition, and prospects.

To operate successfully and manage its potential future growth, the Company must attract and retain highly qualified engineering, managerial and financial personnel. The Company faces intense competition for qualified personnel in these areas, and there can be no certainty that the Company will be able to attract and retain qualified personnel. If the Company is unable to hire and retain additional qualified personnel in the future to develop its properties, its business, financial condition, and operating results could be adversely affected.

### ***Environmental, Health and Safety Regulations***

Mining is an extractive industry that impacts the environment. The Company's goal is to constantly evaluate ways to minimize that impact. The Company has strived to meet or exceed environmental standards at the Pulacayo Project and Ulaan Ovoo project, and the Company expects to continue this approach through effective engagement with affected stakeholders, including local communities, government and regulatory agencies.

The Company currently conducts active operations in Bolivia and Mongolia, which have established environmental standards and regulations that the Company will strive to exceed. Management is responsible for the Company's environmental performance and reports material environmental matters to the board of directors as appropriate. In common with other natural resources and mineral processing companies, the Company's operations generate hazardous and non-hazardous waste, effluent and emissions into the atmosphere, water and soil in compliance with local and international regulations and standards. There are numerous environmental laws in Canada, Mongolia and Bolivia that apply to the Company's operations, exploration, development projects and land holdings. These laws address such matters as protection of the natural environment, air and water quality, emissions standards and disposal of waste.

The Company recognizes environmental management as a corporate priority and places a strong emphasis on preserving the environment for future generations, while also providing for safe, responsible and profitable operations by developing natural resources for the benefit of its employees, shareholders and communities. The Company intends to maintain the standards of excellence for environmental performance it has set at its mining properties into the future and has adopted various measures in order to do so.

Cognizant of its responsibility to the environment, the Company will strive to conform with all applicable environmental laws and regulations and to promote the respect of the environment in its activities. Employees are expected to maintain compliance with the letter and spirit of all laws governing the jurisdictions in which they perform their duties. Specifically, employees are expected to support the Company's efforts to develop, implement and maintain procedures and programs designed to protect and preserve the environment.

### ***Infrastructure***

Mining, processing, development, and exploration activities depend, to one degree or another, on adequate infrastructure. Reliable roads, bridges, power sources, and water supplies, as well as the location of population centres and pools of labour, are important determinants, which affect capital and operating costs. Unusual or infrequent weather phenomena, sabotage, government or other interference in the maintenance or provision of such infrastructure could impact the Company's ability to explore its properties, thereby adversely affecting its business and financial condition.

### ***Uninsurable Risks***

Mining operations generally involve a high degree of risk. Exploration, development, and production operations on mineral properties involve numerous risks, including but not limited to unexpected or unusual geological operating conditions, seismic activity, rock bursts, cave-ins, fires, floods, landslides, earthquakes, and other environmental occurrences, risks relating to the shipment of precious metal concentrates or ore bars, and political and social instability, any of which could result in damage to, or destruction of, the mine and other producing facilities, damage to life or property, environmental damage and possible legal liability. Although the Company believes that appropriate precautions to mitigate these risks are being taken, operations are subject to hazards such as equipment failure or failure of structures, which may result in environmental pollution and consequent liability. It is not always possible to obtain insurance against all such risks and the Company may decide not to insure against certain risks because of high premiums or other reasons. Should such liabilities arise, they could reduce or eliminate the Company's future profitability and result in increased costs and a decline in the value of the common shares. The Company does not maintain insurance against title, political or environmental risks.

While the Company may obtain insurance against certain risks in such amounts as it considers adequate, the nature of these risks is such that liabilities could exceed policy limits or be excluded from coverage. The potential costs that could be associated with any liabilities not covered by insurance or in excess of insurance coverage may cause substantial delays and require significant capital outlays, thereby adversely affecting the Company's business and financial condition.

### ***Global Financial Conditions***

Current global financial conditions have been subject to increased volatility, and access to public financing, particularly for junior resource companies, has been negatively impacted. These factors may impact the ability of the Company to obtain equity or debt financing in the future and, if obtained, such financing may not be on terms favourable to the Company. If increased levels of volatility and market turmoil continue, the Company's operations could be adversely impacted and the value and price of the common shares could be adversely affected.

### ***Commodity and Equity Price Risk***

Commodity price risk is defined as the potential adverse impact on earnings and economic value due to commodity price movements and volatilities. Commodity prices fluctuate on a daily basis and are affected by numerous factors beyond the Company's control. The supply and demand for these commodities, the level of interest rates, the rate of inflation, investment decisions by large holders of commodities including governmental reserves and stability of exchange rates can all cause significant fluctuations in prices. Such external economic factors are in turn influenced by changes in international investment patterns and monetary systems and political developments.

The Company is also exposed to price risk with regard to equity prices. Equity price risk is defined as the potential adverse impact on the Company's earnings due to movements in individual equity prices or general movements in the level of the stock market.

The Company closely monitors commodity prices, individual equity movements and the stock market to determine the appropriate course of action to be taken by the Company. Fluctuations in value may be significant.

### ***Interest Rate Risk***

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates. The Company's cash primarily includes highly liquid investments that earn interest at market rates. Due to the short-term nature of these financial instruments, fluctuations in market rates do not have significant impact on the fair values of the financial instruments as of March 31, 2026. The Company manages interest rate risk by maintaining an investment policy that focuses primarily on preservation of capital and liquidity.

### ***Credit Risk***

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will fail to discharge an obligation and cause the other party to incur a financial loss. The Company is exposed to credit risk primarily associated with cash and receivables. The carrying amount of these assets included on the statements of financial position represents the maximum credit exposure.

### ***Acquisition Strategy***

As part of the Company's business strategy, it has sought and will continue to seek new exploration, mining and development opportunities in the mining industry with a focus on silver and gold. In pursuit of such opportunities, it may fail to select appropriate acquisition candidates, negotiate appropriate acquisition terms, conduct sufficient due diligence to determine all related liabilities or to negotiate favourable financing terms. The Company cannot assure that it can complete any acquisition or business arrangement that it pursues, or is pursuing, on favourable terms, or that any acquisitions or business arrangements completed will ultimately benefit its business.

Any future acquisitions would be accompanied by risks, such as a significant decline in the relevant metal price after the Company commits to complete an acquisition on certain terms; the quality of the mineral deposit acquired proving to be lower than expected; the difficulty of assimilating the operations and personnel of any acquired companies; the potential disruption of its ongoing business; the inability of management to realize anticipated synergies and maximize its financial and strategic position; the failure to maintain uniform standards, controls, procedures and policies; and the potential for unknown or unanticipated liabilities associated with acquired assets and businesses, including tax, environmental or other liabilities. The attention required from the Company's management team may detract from the Company's day-to-day operations. There can be no assurance that any business or assets acquired in the future will prove to be profitable, that the Company will be able to integrate the acquired businesses or assets successfully or that the Company will identify all potential liabilities during the course of due diligence. Any of these factors could have a material adverse effect on its business, expansion, results of operations and financial condition.

Future acquisitions by the Company may be completed through the issuance of equity, in which case the interests of shareholders in the net assets of the Company may be diluted.

### ***Option and Joint Venture Agreements***

The Company has entered and may continue to enter into option agreements and/or joint ventures as a means of gaining property interests and raising funds. Any failure of any partner to meet its obligations to the Company or other third parties, or any disputes with respect to third parties' respective rights and obligations, could have a negative impact on the Company. Pursuant to the terms of certain of the Company's existing option agreements, the Company is required to comply with exploration and community relations obligations, among others, any of which may adversely affect the Company's business, financial results, and condition.

Under the terms of such option agreements, the Company may be required to comply with applicable laws, which may require the payment of maintenance fees and corresponding royalties in the event of exploitation/production. The costs of complying with option agreements are difficult to predict with any degree of certainty; however, were the Company forced to suspend operations on any of its concessions or pay any material fees, royalties or taxes, it could result in a material adverse effect to the Company's business, financial results and condition.

The Company may be unable to exert direct influence over strategic decisions made in respect of properties that are subject to the terms of these agreements, and the result may be a materially adverse impact on the strategic value of the underlying concessions.

### ***Potential Conflicts of Interest***

The Company engages in extensive related party transactions, which may result in conflicts of interest involving the Company's management.

The Company has engaged and continues to engage in extensive related party transactions involving certain of the Company's management. Such related party transactions could cause the Company to become materially dependent on the related parties in the ongoing conduct of its business, and related parties may be motivated by personal interests to pursue courses of action that are not necessarily in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders. Related party transactions often present conflicts of interest which could result in disadvantages to the Company, and may impair investor confidence, all of which could materially and adversely affect the Company.

The directors and officers of the Company may serve as directors and/or officers of other public and private companies and may devote a portion of their time to manage other business interests. This may result in certain conflicts of interest.

To the extent that such other companies may participate in ventures in which the Company is also participating, such directors and officers of the Company may have a conflict of interest. The laws of British Columbia, Canada, require the directors and officers to act honestly, in good faith, and in the best interests of the Company and its shareholders. However, in conflict of interest situations, directors and officers of the Company may owe the same duty to another company and will need to balance the competing obligations and liabilities of their actions.

There is no assurance that the needs of the Company will receive priority in all cases. From time to time, several companies may participate together in the acquisition, exploration and development of natural resource properties, thereby allowing these companies to: (i) participate in larger properties and programs; (ii) acquire an interest in a greater number of properties and programs; and (iii) reduce their financial exposure to any one property or program. A particular company may assign, at its cost, all or a portion of its interests in a particular program to another affiliated company due to the financial position of the company making the assignment.

In determining whether or not the Company will participate in a particular program and the interest therein to be acquired by it, it is expected that the directors and officers of the Company will primarily consider the degree of risk to which the Company may be exposed and its financial position at that time. If a conflict of interest arises, any director in a conflict is required to disclose his or her interest and abstain from voting on such matter. Such conflicts of the Company's directors and officers may result in a material and adverse effect on the Company's profitability, results of operation and financial condition. As a result of these conflicts of interest, the Company may miss the opportunity to participate in certain transactions, which may have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial position.

### ***Taxation in Multiple Jurisdictions***

In the normal course of business, the Company is subject to assessment by taxation authorities in various jurisdictions. Income tax provisions and income tax filing positions require estimates and interpretations of income tax rules and regulations of the various jurisdictions in which the Company operates and judgments as to their interpretation and application to the Company's specific situation. The Company's business and operations and the business and operations of its subsidiaries are complex, and the Company has, historically, undertaken a number of significant financings, acquisitions and other material transactions. The computation of income taxes payable as a result of these transactions involves many complex factors as well as the Company's interpretation of, and compliance with, relevant tax legislation and regulations. While the Company's management believes that the provision for income tax is appropriate and in accordance with IFRS and applicable legislation and regulations, tax filing positions are subject to review and adjustment by taxation authorities, which may challenge the Company's interpretation of the applicable tax legislation and regulations. Any review or adjustment may have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition.

The introduction of new tax laws, tax reforms, regulations or rules, or changes to, or differing interpretation of, or application of, existing tax laws, regulations or rules in Canada, the USA, Bolivia or Mongolia or any other countries in which the Company's subsidiaries may be located, or to which shipments of products are made, could result in an increase in the Company's taxes payable, or other governmental charges, interest and penalties, duties or impositions. No assurance can be given that new tax laws, tax reforms, regulations or rules will not be enacted or that existing tax laws, regulations or rules will not be changed, interpreted or applied in a manner which could result in the Company's profits being subject to additional taxation, interest and penalties, or which could otherwise have a material adverse effect on the Company.

On September 11, 2024, the Company received a tax assessment from Mongolia's General Department of Taxation in the amount of approximately MNT 63.8 billion (approximately \$26.2 million at the time of assessment) in connection with an internal transfer of certain Ulaan Ovoo mining licenses between wholly owned subsidiaries of the Company completed on January 5, 2022 (the "**Ulaan**

**Ovoo Tax Assessment**”). The assessment included amounts relating to corporate income tax, value-added tax, penalties and interest. Prior to completing the internal transfer, the Company sought clarification from Mongolia’s Large Taxpayer’s Office and received confirmation in October 2021 that the transfer would not be subject to corporate income tax on the basis that the ultimate beneficial ownership of the subsidiaries remained unchanged.

The Company disputed the Ulaan Ovoo Tax Assessment and, following a hearing held in January 2026, the Mongolian Tax Tribunal issued a decision in favor of the Company’s subsidiary, dismissing and cancelling the Ulaan Ovoo Tax Assessment. On February 6, 2026, the Company received the official written decision and resolution of the Tribunal. While the Company believes the matter has been favorably resolved, there can be no assurance that further governmental review, appeals, reassessments or similar disputes will not arise in Mongolia or other jurisdictions in the future. Any future adverse tax determination, reassessment or enforcement action could have a material adverse effect on the Company’s business, financial condition and operations.

### ***Employee Recruitment and Retention***

Recruiting and retaining qualified personnel is critical to the Company’s success. The Company is dependent on the services of key executives including the Company’s Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer and other highly skilled and experienced executives and personnel focused on managing the Company’s interests. The number of persons skilled in acquisition, exploration, development and operation of mining properties are limited and competition for such persons is intense. As the Company’s business activity grows, the Company will require additional key financial, administrative and mining personnel as well as additional operations staff. There can be no assurance that the Company will be successful in attracting, training and retaining qualified personnel. If the Company is not able to attract, hire and retain qualified personnel, the efficiency of the Company’s operations could be impaired, which could have an adverse impact on the Company’s future cash flows, earnings, financial performance and financial condition. The lack of availability of qualified personnel may also cause the Company to experience increases in recruitment and training costs and decreases in operating efficiency, productivity and profit margins.

### ***Mergers and Amalgamations***

The ability to realize the benefits of any merger or amalgamation completed by the Company will depend in part on successfully consolidating functions and integrating operations, procedures and personnel in a timely and efficient manner. This integration will require the dedication of substantial management effort, time and resources which may divert management’s focus and resources from other strategic opportunities of the Company following completion of any such arrangement, and from operational matters during such a process.

### ***Internal Control Over Financial Reporting***

The Company’s management, including the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer, believes that any disclosure controls and procedures or internal controls over financial reporting, no matter how well conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control system are met. Further, the design of a control system must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints, and the benefits of controls must be considered relative to their costs. Because of the inherent limitations in all control systems, they cannot provide absolute assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, within the Company have been prevented or detected. These inherent limitations include the realities that judgements in decision-making can be faulty, and that breakdowns can occur because of simple errors or mistakes. Additionally, controls can be circumvented by the individual acts of some persons, by collusion of two or more people, or by unauthorized override of the control. The design of any system of controls also is based in part upon certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events, and there can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions. Accordingly, because of the inherent limitations in a cost-effective control system, misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected.

Future acquisitions of companies may also provide the Company with challenges in implementing the required processes, procedures and controls in its acquired operations. Acquired companies may not have disclosure controls and procedures or internal control over financial reporting that are as thorough or effective as those required by securities laws currently applicable to the Company.

No evaluation can provide complete assurance that the internal control over financial reporting will detect or uncover all failures of persons within the Company to disclose material information required to be reported. The effectiveness of the Company’s controls and procedures could also be limited by simple errors or faulty judgments. In addition, as the Company expands, the challenges involved in implementing appropriate internal control over financial reporting will increase and will require that it continue to improve the internal control over financial reporting.

## **Financial Instruments**

From time to time, the Company may use certain financial instruments to manage the risks associated with changes in silver prices, interest rates and foreign currency exchange rates. The use of financial instruments involves certain inherent risks including, among other things: (i) credit risk, the risk of default on amounts owing to the Company by the counterparties with which the Company has entered into such transactions; (ii) market liquidity risk, the risk that the Company has entered into a position that cannot be closed out quickly, either by liquidating such financial instrument or by establishing an offsetting position; and (iii) unrealized mark-to-market risk, the risk that, in respect of certain financial instruments, an adverse change in market prices for commodities, currencies or interest rates will result in the Company incurring an unrealized mark- to-market loss in respect of such derivative products. Volatility of external factors beyond the Company's control may result in substantial and permanent losses. Furthermore, to adequately reduce these risks to acceptable levels, available investment alternatives may result in limited or no return on these assets and any derivative which may be acquired in an attempt to mitigate these risks may be ineffective.

All financial assets are initially recorded at fair value and designated upon inception into one of the following four categories: held-to-maturity, marketable securities, loans and receivables or at fair value through profit and loss ("FVTPL"). FVTPL comprises derivatives and financial assets acquired principally for the purpose of selling or repurchasing in the near term. They are carried at fair value with changes in fair value recognized in profit or loss. The Company's cash is classified as FVTPL.

Marketable securities are measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognized in other comprehensive income. Where a decline in the fair value of marketable securities constitutes objective evidence of impairment, the amount of the loss is removed from accumulated other comprehensive income and recognized in profit or loss. The Company's investments are classified as marketable securities. Marketable securities consist of investments in common shares of public companies and therefore have no fixed maturity date or coupon rate. The fair value of the listed marketable securities has been determined directly by reference to published price quotations in an active market.

All financial assets except those measured at fair value through profit or loss are subject to review for impairment at least at each reporting date. Financial assets are impaired when there is objective evidence of impairment as a result of one or more events that have occurred after initial recognition of the asset and that event has an impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset or the group of financial assets.

Transaction costs associated with FVTPL financial assets are expensed as incurred, while transaction costs associated with all other financial assets are included in the initial carrying amount of the asset.

The Company assesses at each reporting date whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset or a group of financial assets is impaired. An evaluation is made as to whether a decline in fair value is significant or prolonged based on an analysis of indicators such as market price of the investment and significant adverse changes in the technological, market, economic or legal environment in which the investee operates.

If a financial asset is impaired, an amount equal to the difference between its carrying value and its current fair value is transferred from Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) and recognized in the consolidated statement of operations. Reversals of impairment charges in respect of equity instruments classified as available-for-sale are not recognized in the consolidated statement of operations.

The Company considers that the carrying amount of all its financial assets and financial liabilities measured at amortized cost approximates their fair value due to their short-term nature. Restricted cash equivalents approximate fair value due to the nature of the instrument. The Company does not offset financial assets with financial liabilities.

### **4.3 Asset-Backed Securities Outstanding**

The Company has not issued any asset-backed securities.

### **4.4 Mineral Projects**

#### **Pulacayo Project, Antonio Quijarro Province, Bolivia**

On November 17, 2020, the Company filed an amended technical report titled "Mineral Resource Estimate Technical Report for the Pulacayo Paca Project, Potosí Department, Antonio Quijarro Province, Bolivia" dated November 12, 2020, with an effective date of

October 13, 2020 (the “**Pulacayo Technical Report**”), in respect of the Company’s Pulacayo Paca Project.

Unless otherwise indicated, the information that follows relating to the Pulacayo Paca Project is based on, derived substantially from, and in some instances is a direct extract from, the Pulacayo Technical Report. Technical information disclosed since the effective date of the Pulacayo Technical Report has been updated under the supervision of the QPs noted in the section “Interests of Experts” in this AIF. The information below is based on assumptions, qualifications and procedures that are set out only in the Pulacayo Technical Report and reference should be made to the full text of the Pulacayo Technical Report which the Company has filed under its SEDAR+ profile at [www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca).

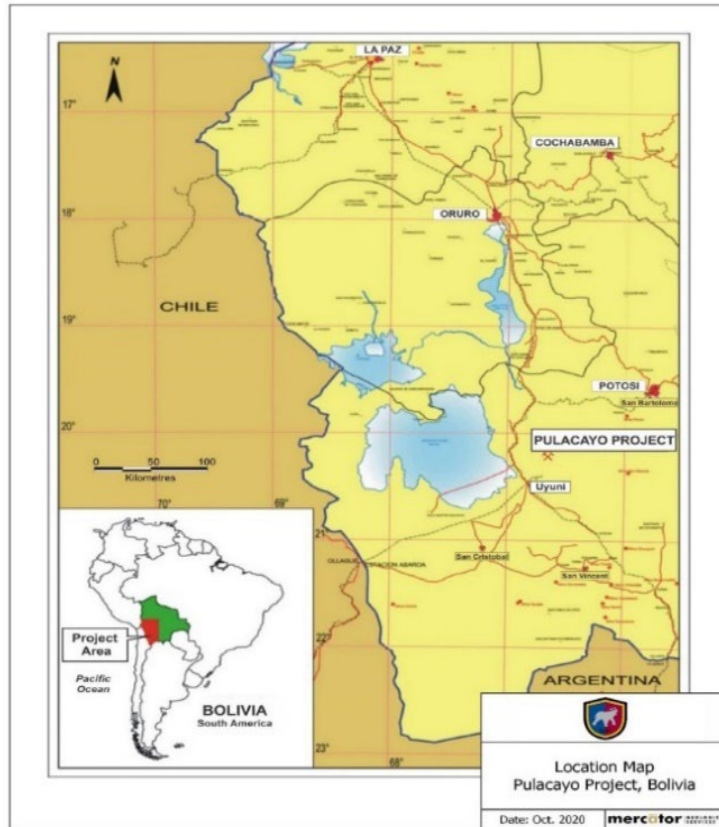
### **Project Description, Location and Access**

Currently, the Company considers only the Pulacayo Project to be material. The discussion below includes the Pulacayo and Paca silver-lead-zinc deposits and related concessions located in Bolivia (the “**Pulacayo Paca Project**”).

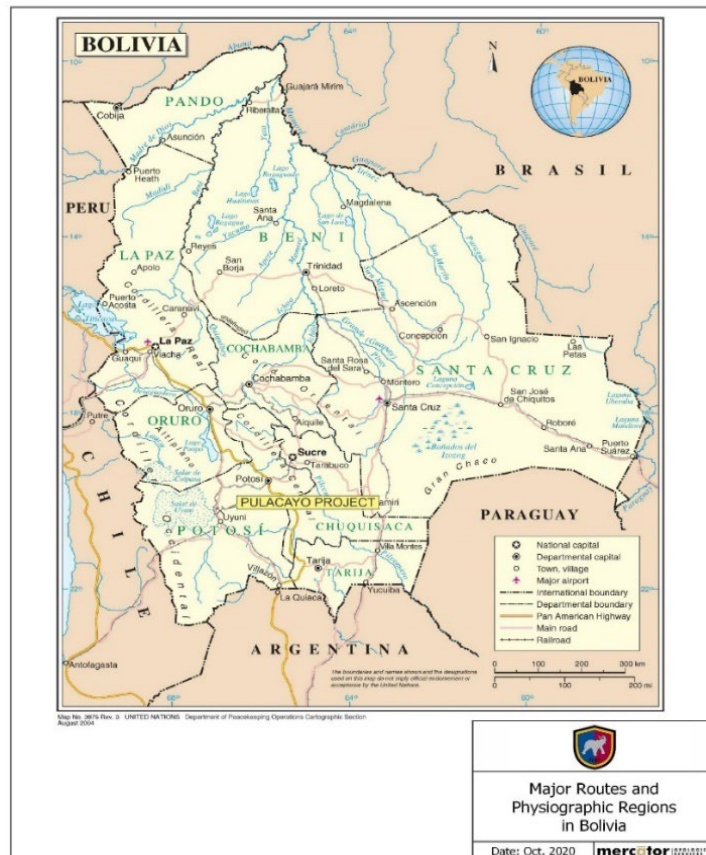
The Pulacayo Paca Project mining rights are recognized by two legally independent contractual arrangements, one covering all mining areas of the Pulacayo Paca Project, except Apuradita, under the MPC between the Company and COMIBOL, a Bolivian state mining company, and the original holder of the rights, executed on October 3, 2019. The MPC grants the Company the 100% exclusive right to develop and mine at the Pulacayo and Paca concessions for up to 30 years against certain royalty payments. In connection with Apuradita, its rights are covered by a second contractual arrangement, with the Bolivian Jurisdictional Mining Authority, acting for the State, which is in the process of formalization. Until such time as the contract is formalized, all mining rights, as recognized in the Bolivian Mining Law 535, can be exercised by the holder of the ex-concession.

In December 2024, the Company received a Notice of Cancellation of the MPC from COMIBOL citing alleged illegal mining. The Company maintains that it has operated in full compliance under the MPC and received proper authorizations for its activities in the MPC Area. The Company has filed certain applications and appeals in Bolivia to reverse the Notice of Cancellation. Although executed, the MPC was never approved by the Plurinational Legislative Assembly nor registered before the National Mining Gazette of the Administrative Mining Authority, both of which are required to formally ratify the MPC. The Notice of Cancellation does not affect the Apuradita Area. The Company’s current active mining operations are conducted in the Apuradita Area and are not directly impaired by the Notice of Cancellation. However, the MPC Area covers approximately 2,803 of the 3,560 total hectares of the Pulacayo Paca Project and contains the substantial majority of the Project’s mineral resource base. If the Company is unable to have the MPC reinstated or ratified, or if COMIBOL does not issue temporary permits authorizing mining and development of the MPC Area, the Company’s ability to develop the Pulacayo Paca Project at scale would be materially impaired. See “*Risk Factors — Term and Extension of Concession Contracts*”.

The Pulacayo Paca Project comprises seven mining areas covering an area of approximately 3,560 hectares of contiguous areas centered on the historical Pulacayo mine and town site. The Pulacayo Paca Project is located 18 km east of the town of Uyuni in the Department of Potosí, in southwestern Bolivia. It is located 460 km south-southeast of the national capital of La Paz and 150 km southwest of the City of Potosí.



The Pulacayo Paca Project is accessed from La Paz by means of a paved road. It can also be accessed by the road between Oruro and Potosí and from Potosí to Uyuni by a good quality paved road. Rail service from Uyuni connects to Oruro, Argentina (via Villazon) and Chile (via Estación Abaroa). The town of Uyuni is also served by regular domestic flights.



The Pulacayo Paca Project area is located immediately southwest of the Cosuño Caldera and local topographic relief is gentle to moderate, with elevations ranging between 4,000 m and 4,500 m above sea level. The Paca and Pulacayo volcanic domes are volcanic structures that exist as prominent topographic highs in this area. The area has a semi-arid climate, with annual rainfall of approximately 100 mm and a mean summer temperature of 12° C between October and March. During winter, minimum temperatures reach the -20 to -25° C range and summer maximums in the 18 to 20° C range occur in June and July. The yearly mean temperature is 5.5° C. Vegetation is sparse to non-existent and consists of only local low bushes.

The country has an abundance of hydroelectric power and transmission lines which parallel the road system serving most major settlements. Transmission lines from the hydroelectric plants of Landara, Punutuma, and Yura pass within a few kilometers of Pulacayo. Telephone service and internet access are available in most areas and cellular telephone service is widespread. An adequate supply of potable water for the town is supplied by pipeline from a dam and reservoir (Yana Pollera) facility located 28 km from Pulacayo. Coeur d’Alene Mines Corporation (San Bartolome), Pan American Silver Ltd. (San Vicente), Glencore International plc (Sinchi Wayra) and Sumitomo Corporation (San Cristóbal) are significant international companies with producing mines in this region in recent years. Basic exploration services are available in Bolivia and include several small diamond core drilling contractors, the ALS Group, which operates an analytical services sample preparation facility in Oruro, the SGS Group, which has analytical services and preparation facilities in La Paz, and several locally owned assay facilities. In general, an adequate supply of junior to intermediate level geologists, metallurgists, mining engineers and chemists is currently considered to be present in the country.

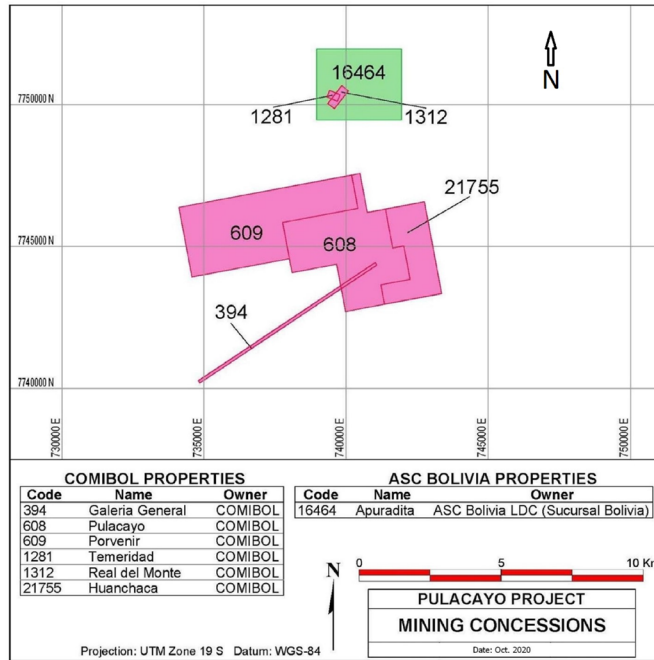
The MPC executed on October 2, 2019 between Apogee Minerals Bolivia S.A. (a subsidiary of the Company) (“Apogee”) and COMIBOL has a term of 15 years, renewable for a further 15 years (30 years total). COMIBOL is entitled to receive 7% of gross sales value. The Pulacayo Paca Project is also subject to a royalty of the greater of 2% NSR or US\$3 per tonne payable to Oracle.

The current holdings that comprise the Pulacayo Paca Project cover 3,560 ha of surface area and are listed in the table below. All titles, associated agreements and permits are in good standing.

#### PULACAYO PACA PROJECT EXPLORATION HOLDINGS

	<b>Titleholder</b>	<b>Size (ha)</b>	<b>Patent Payments</b>	<b>Registration Number</b>	<b>Location</b>
Pulacayo	COMIBOL	1,031	Payment is not required*	512-01015	Pulacayo
Porvenir	COMIBOL	1,199	Payment is not required*	512-01165	Pulacayo
Huanchaca	COMIBOL	470	Payment is not required*	512-03903	Pulacayo
Galería General	COMIBOL	76	Payment is not required*	512-01160	Pulacayo
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>2,776</b>			
Temeridad	COMIBOL	10	Payment is not required*	512-00992	Paca
Real del Monte	COMIBOL	24	Payment is not required*	512-00994	Paca
Apuradita	ASC Bolivia LDC	750	2017	512-03652	Paca
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>784</b>			
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>3,560</b>			

\* *Special Transitory Authorization – formerly mining concession*



## History

The Pulacayo area has a very long history of exploration and mining, which dominated by the Pulacayo deposit itself, where most work has been concentrated on mineralized systems that comprise the TVS and related systems. In contrast, the history of Paca deposit exploration forms a relatively small part of the long-term exploration and mining history of the area. Exploration and related studies carried out since 2001 by Apogee and related firms form the bulk of modern era work completed in the Pulacayo Paca Project Area and include over 91,900 m of core drilling, completion of a feasibility study in 2012 and several mineral resource estimates prepared in accordance with NI 43-101.

Mining of silver deposits at the Pulacayo Paca Project Area began in the Spanish Colonial Period (c.1545) but early production details do not exist. Total estimated historical production from the Pulacayo mine is 678 million ounces of silver, 200,000 tonnes of zinc and 200,000 tonnes of lead. Operations under COMIBOL ceased in 1959 due to exhaustion of reserves and rising costs. The Cooperativa Minera Pulacayo has conducted small-scale mining of narrow, high-grade silver mineralization in upper levels of the old mining workings since 1962.

In 1927, Mauricio Hochschild bought the property and re-started mine development work in the district until 1952 when the Bolivian government nationalized the mines and administration of the Pulacayo deposit and management was assumed by COMIBOL. Operations continued under COMIBOL until closure in 1959 due to exhaustion of reserves and rising costs. The total production from the Pulacayo mine is estimated by the National Geological and Mineral Service of Bolivia to be 678 million ounces of silver, 200,000 tonnes of zinc and 200,000 tonnes of lead (National Geological and Mineral Service of Bolivia Bulletin No. 30, 2002, after Mignon 1989).

In 1956, COMIBOL established the Esmeralda adit that was driven south into the Paca deposit to assess breccia hosted high grade mineralization localized along the andesite-host sequence contact. Workings were established for exploration purposes only and commercial production was not undertaken by COMIBOL. In 2001, ASC initiated an exploration program in the district, signed agreements with the Pulacayo Mining Cooperative and COMIBOL and completed programs of regional and detailed geological mapping, topographic surveying and sampling of historical workings. In part, these work programs included the Paca deposit, where 3,130 m of core drilling and 896 m of reverse circulation (RC) drilling were completed, and a mineral resource estimate was prepared. ASC also completed core drilling campaigns at Pulacayo.

In 2005 Apogee signed a joint venture agreement with ASC and subsequently commenced exploration in the region in early 2006. Extensive exploration, economic evaluation, metallurgical studies, mine and mill permitting environmental studies and underground test mining programs were subsequently carried out by Apogee between 2006 and 2015 when the Pulacayo Paca Project was purchased by the Company's precursor, Prophecy Development Corp. (Prophecy). Work was carried out on both the Pulacayo and Paca deposits during this period, with emphasis placed on Pulacayo. Combined results of the ASC and Apogee diamond drilling programs carried out between 2002 and 2012 contributed to the several mineral resource estimates prepared in accordance with NI

43-101 and the CIM Standards in place at the time, and also supported a 2013 Feasibility Study focused on underground mining. Since 2001, ASC and Apogee completed 88,596 m of drilling from surface and underground on the Pulacayo Paca Project, with Apogee programs accounting for 79,129 m of this total.

## **Geological Setting, Mineralization and Deposit Types**

### ***Geology***

The Pulacayo Paca Project that includes both the Pulacayo and Paca deposits is located on the western flank of a regional anticline that affects sedimentary and igneous rocks of Silurian, Tertiary and Quaternary ages on the western side of the Cordillera Oriental, near the Cordillera-Altiplano boundary. The Uyuni-Khenayani Fault is a reverse fault that crosses the project area and is believed to have controlled localization of volcanic center complexes at Cuzco, Cosuño, Pulacayo and San Cristóbal and related mineralized areas at Pulacayo, Cosuño, El Asiento, Carguaycollu and San Cristóbal. This fault brings Tertiary sediments in contact with Paleozoic formations at surface and is located about 4 km west of Pulacayo. The Pulacayo Paca Project mineralized zones at Pulacayo, Pacamayo and Paca all occur on the west flank of a north-south striking anticline and local topographic highs define Lower Miocene dacitic-andesitic domes and stocks associated with caldera resurgence that intrude the folded section. A younger Miocene-Pliocene phase of volcanism is also superimposed on the anticlinal trend and is marked by pyroclastic deposits and flows of andesitic and rhyolitic composition. Ignimbrites associated with the Cosuño Caldera are the youngest volcanic deposits in the area. A dacitic to andesitic dome complex at the Pulacayo Property intruded the folded sedimentary section and forms the main topographic highs that occur on the property.

### ***Mineralization***

Mineralization comprising the current Pulacayo deposit mineral resource estimate is defined by the extent of modern-era diamond core drilling along the TVS in the vicinity of historic underground workings. The workings extend over a strike length of approximately 2.7 km and to a vertical depth from surface of about 1 km. Modern drilling coverage is present for approximately 1.5 km of the known deposit strike length and extends to a vertical depth of approximately 550 m below surface.

The extent of mineralization comprising the current Paca deposit mineral resource estimate is defined by the extent of modern era diamond core drilling along a strike length of approximately 750 m and north-south extent of approximately 700 m. Limited underground exploratory workings accessible from the Esmeralda adit are present along approximately 100 m of the deposit's strike length in its central area.

Mineralization of economic interest at the Pulacayo deposit occurs within the Tertiary age Pulacayo volcanic dome complex that consists of older sedimentary rocks of the Silurian Quenhua Formation plus intruding andesitic volcanic rocks of the Rotchild and Megacrystal units. Mineralization hosted by volcanic rocks can occur over tens of meters in thickness and typically consists of discrete veins plus stockworks of narrow veins and veinlets that occur within argillic alteration host rock envelopes. At deeper levels, high grade veins that are typically less than a few meters in width are hosted by sedimentary lithologies. Veins are commonly banded in texture and can contain semi-massive to massive sulphides. Primary minerals of economic importance at Pulacayo are tetrahedrite, galena and sphalerite, with additional silver sulfosalts and native silver also contributing to deposit silver grades. Mineralization is controlled by an east-west oriented normal fault system that links two northeast trending, steeply dipping, regional strike slip faults.

Mineralization of economic interest at the Paca deposit occurs in association with the same Tertiary age volcanic dome complex that produced the Pulacayo deposit and takes the form of thin veinlets, fracture fillings and disseminations hosted by altered volcanoclastic sedimentary lithologies and altered intermediate to felsic igneous lithologies. These occur in direct association with mineralized igneous or hydrothermal breccia zones. The intensity of argillic alteration is greatest in areas of highest concentrations of metallic mineral phases such as sphalerite, galena, argentite and tetrahedrite. Stratabound disseminated mineralization and breccia hosted mineralization predominate within the deposit, but discrete mineralized veins are also present locally. The deposit occurs at the contact between an andesitic intrusive complex and volcanoclastic sedimentary host lithologies. Bedded and cross-cutting breccia deposits that are important hosts to higher-grade mineralization commonly show close spatial association with the contact zone of the andesitic intrusion.

### ***Deposit Type***

The Pulacayo and Paca deposits are interpreted to be low to transitional sulphidation epithermal deposits that contain both precious and base metal mineralization.

## **Exploration**

The Company has completed various geological mapping and surface sampling programs over several areas of mineralization on the Pulacayo Paca Project starting in 2015 and continuing over the years into 2021. Recent exploration activities completed by the Company include a geological mapping and chip sample program completed in February 2020 for the Paca area and a San Leon Tunnel geological mapping and chip sample program completed in February-March of 2020. The Company also carried out a 3,277.4 m core drilling program in late 2019 and early 2020. A 545-meter drilling program at the Paca deposit was completed in October, 2020. A 940-meter drilling program was commenced at the eastern side of the Pulacayo deposit in an area known as "Pero" in December 2020, and completed in January 2021.

## **Drilling**

An induced polarization (IP) geophysical survey was carried out by Apogee between November and December 2007. A total of 29-line km of IP surveying was completed on the Pulacayo Paca Project including seven lines at Pulacayo oriented north-south perpendicular to the east-west strike of the TVS and five similarly oriented survey lines at Paca. Following the acquisition of the Pulacayo Paca Project, Apogee initiated a diamond core exploration drill program that consisted of 19 holes. During 2007-2008 Apogee focused on the Paca deposit and completed 68 drill holes in two programs. Subsequent drilling occurred during June 2009, between November 2010 and December 2011, and between August 2011 and June 2012. Overall core recovery reported by Apogee exceeds 90% in most cases. Particular attention was paid to the planning and documentation of drill holes. Planning is based on the logging and interpretation of geological cross sections generated by Apogee staff geologists. Drill hole coordinates are established from digital maps and surface drill hole collars are located on the ground by field geologists using a hand-held GPS receiver. The completed drill hole is later surveyed by company surveyors. Drill hole azimuth and inclination are established using a compass and clinometer. Collar coordinates for underground drilling are established by company surveyors and hole azimuth and inclination are set by transit. Downhole deviation is determined for both surface and underground holes at approximately 50 m intervals using downhole survey tools.

Work during 2015 included mapping, sampling, assays and metallurgical tests under Phase 2 of the exploration plan, planning for Phase 2 (geophysics, drilling and assays), and preparation and submittal of the permit application for Phase 2. The exploration centered on assessing the historical tailings piles and potential mineralized areas suggested by historical exploration. On February 2, 2015, the Company announced the assay results received January 22, 2015 from ALS Minerals Ltda., for samples obtained during the reconnaissance sampling program of tailings piles materials. The tailings piles are the remaining materials from processing ore, extracted from the Pulacayo mining district between approximately 1850 and 1950. The ore was processed by a mill on site which has since been dismantled.

A total of 12 tailings piles were identified at the start of the mapping and sampling program and a total of 299 samples from the 12 tailings piles were obtained. Samples were obtained at random locations on the top surface of those piles from small holes excavated with an excavator and systematically at 2-meter spacings in the walls (slopes) of the piles from hand dug or excavated trenches, all at depths of 1.2 to 1.5 meters. The samples were then preserved, stored, secured, and transported following industry standard methods. The assay program was performed by ALS Minerals Ltda. of Lima, Perú and included standard Quality Assurance and Quality Control (QA/QC) samples to enforce the validity of the results. The results indicate silver grades up to 1200 g/t, gold grades up to 7 g/t and indium grades up to 154.5 g/t. On September 10, 2015, the Company reported results from preliminary metallurgical test work conducted on samples collected from various tailings piles at the Pulacayo Paca Project showing up to 64.39% silver recovery.

## ***Summary of Modern Era Drilling***

The Company initiated a 7-hole surface diamond drill program at the Paca deposit in September of 2019 and completed the program in October of 2019. Seven holes were completed for a total of 860 m. The Company also initiated surface drilling at the Pulacayo deposit in December of 2019 and concluded in February of 2020. A total of 3,277.4 meters of drilling was completed in 18 drillholes. Results of the 2019-2020 program were included in the current mineral resource estimation program and contribute to 91,873 m of drilling combined for both deposits, the balance of which was completed by ASC and Apogee during the 2002 to 2012 period. Through 2021, 1,972 m of drilling was completed at Pulacayo testing numerous induced polarization anomalies identified on the property. In 2022, a total of 8 holes were drilled at Paca, totaling 1,717 meters.

## **Sampling, Analysis and Data Verification**

The core is initially examined by core technicians and all measurements are confirmed. Core is aligned and repositioned in the core box where possible and individual depth marks are recorded at 1 m intervals on the core box walls. Core technicians photograph all core, measure core recovery between core depth blocks, complete magnetic susceptibility readings and specific gravity measurements, and record the information on hard copy data record sheets. This information is initially entered into Excel digital

spreadsheets and then incorporated into the project digital database. Drill site geologists then complete a written quick log of rock types along with a graphical strip log that illustrates the rock types. They subsequently complete a detailed written description of rock types, alteration styles and intensities, structural features, and mineralization features. The drill hole logs are drawn on paper cross sections when logging is completed and lithologies are graphically correlated from drill hole to drill hole. Mineralized intervals are marked for sampling by the logging geologist using colored grease pencils and the depths of the intervals and associated sample numbers are recorded on a hardcopy sample record sheet. All paper copy information for each hole, including quick logs, detailed logs, graphical logs, sample record sheets and assay certificates are secured together in a drill hole file folder to provide a complete archival record for each drill hole. Subsequent to logging and processing, down hole litho-coded intervals, sample intervals and drill hole collar and survey information are entered into digital spreadsheets and then incorporated into the project digital database. The sample intervals marked by the logging geologist are cut in half by the core technicians using a diamond saw. Friable core is cut in half with a knife. Each half core sample is assigned a unique sample tag and number and placed in a correspondingly numbered 6 mil plastic sample bag. A duplicate tag showing the same number is secured to the core box at the indicated sample interval. All sample intervals and corresponding numbers are recorded on a hardcopy sample data sheet and are subsequently entered into a digital spreadsheet for later incorporation in the project database. The secured 6 mil plastic sample bags are grouped in batches of 6 to 10 samples and secured in a larger plastic mesh bag in preparation for shipment to the laboratory.

Drill site procedures pertinent to the ASC drilling were confirmed by Apogee staff familiar with the ASC program to be generally similar to those employed by Apogee with respect to core logging and sampling. All ASC drill core samples were processed at the Oruro, Bolivia laboratory of ALS Chemex (formerly Bondar-Clegg), with those from the first phase of drilling being analyzed at ALS Chemex facilities in Vancouver, BC, Canada. In both instances, standard core preparation methods were used prior to elemental analysis.

### ***Security of Samples***

Apogee staff was responsible for transport of core boxes by pick-up truck from drill sites to the company's locked and secure core storage and logging facility located in the town of Pulacayo. The secured 6 mil plastic sample bags are grouped in batches of 6 to 10 samples and secured in a larger plastic mesh bag in preparation for shipment to the ALS Chemex preparation laboratory located in Oruro, Bolivia. All bagged samples remained in a locked storage facility until shipment to the laboratory. Samples are transported from the core storage area to the ALS Chemex facility by either Apogee personnel or a reputable commercial carrier. Sample shipment forms are used to list all samples in each shipment and laboratory personnel crosscheck samples received against this list and report any irregularities by fax or email to Apogee. Apogee did not encounter any substantial issues with respect to sample processing, delivery or security for the Pulacayo drilling programs. The transport and security of samples pertinent to the ASC drilling were confirmed by the then Apogee staff familiar with the ASC program to be generally similar to those employed by the following drilling programs. The security of Paca exploration samples followed the same procedures.

### ***Sample Preparation, Analysis and Quality Assurance/Quality Control***

All drill core samples from the ASC 2002 and 2003 drilling programs were processed at the Oruro, Bolivia laboratory of ALS Chemex, with those from the first phase of drilling being analyzed at ALS Chemex facilities in Vancouver, BC, Canada. In both instances, standard core preparation methods were used prior to elemental analysis. During the 2006 to 2012 Apogee drilling programs Apogee staff carried out immersion method specific gravity determinations but did not carry out any form of direct sample preparation or analytical work on project samples. Analytical work was completed by ALS Minerals Ltda. at its analytical facility in Lima, Peru after completion of sample preparation procedures at the ALS facility located in Oruro, Bolivia. ALS was at the time and remains an internationally accredited laboratory with National Association of Testing Authorities certification and also complies with standards of International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 9001:2000 and ISO 17025:1999. The laboratory utilizes industry standard analytical methodology and utilizes rigorous internal QA/QC procedures for self-testing. Samples from the ASC drilling programs carried out in 2002 and 2003 were also prepared and analyzed by ALS. However, after preparation at the facility in Oruro, Bolivia under the same protocols as for Apogee, analytical work was carried out at the company's laboratory in Vancouver, BC, Canada. This facility was fully accredited at the time and analytical protocols were the same as those described above for Apogee.

Apogee developed an internal QA/QC program that includes blind insertion of reference standards, blanks and duplicates in each analytical shipment that was used for the 2006 to 2012 drilling programs. A blank is inserted at the beginning of each sample batch, standards are inserted at random intervals throughout each batch of 50 samples and duplicates are analyzed at the end of each batch. All data gathered for QA/QC purposes is captured, sorted and retained in the QA/QC database. The QA/QC samples include commercial reference standards, an in-house standard, and commercial prepared blank materials. Coarse field blanks were also prepared by Apogee. Analysis of duplicate samples of quarter core is accommodated through their blind inclusion in the sample stream and analysis of duplicate prepared pulp splits are also requested for each batch. Apogee's protocol also includes a check sampling program based on analysis of sample splits at a second accredited laboratory. Bulk density measurements (specific gravity) were systematically

collected by Apogee staff using standard water immersion methods and unsealed core samples. Characteristics of lithology and alteration were also recorded as part of the density program and all information was assembled in digital spreadsheets.

QA/QC procedures pertinent to the ASC 2002-2003 drilling programs were not documented. However, the first drilling program carried out by Apogee in 2006 was intended to confirm earlier ASC analytical data. Full QA/QC protocols instituted by Apogee were applied to this program and results of the Apogee re-drill program correlate well with those of ASC suggesting that acceptable standards were being met by ASC. Though preparation, analysis, and QA/QC procedures were not documented for the early ASC drilling on Paca, the results of the 2006 re-drill program and check sampling by Mercator during 2015 were comparable and suggest acceptable procedures were followed for the Paca deposit samples. Sampling from later drilling at Paca followed Apogee's QA/QC procedures described above. Bulk density measurements were also obtained.

The authors of the Pulacayo Technical Report visited the Pulacayo Paca Project site on three occasions to support preparation of previous mineral resource estimates and one other visit was conducted in September of 2020 in support of the current mineral resource estimates and associated technical reporting. Results of data verification activities carried out by the authors of the Pulacayo Technical Report and site visits show that Pulacayo Paca Project datasets are of industry standard quality and suitable to support mineral resource estimation programs.

### **Data Verification**

Core sample records, lithologic logs, laboratory reports and associated drill hole information for all drill programs completed by Apogee and ASC were digitally compiled by Apogee staff. Information pertaining to the exploration history in the property area was also compiled by Apogee and was reviewed to assess consistency and validity of Apogee results. The digital drill hole records compiled by Apogee were checked in detail against the parameters (collar data, downhole survey values, hole depths, lithocodes) of the original hard copy source documents to assess consistency and accuracy. This was followed by review and validation of approximately 10% of the compiled core sample dataset against original source documents. Review of logging and sample records showed consistently good agreement between original records and digital database values. The drilling and sampling database records were further assessed through digital error identification methods available through the Gemcom-Surpac Version 6.2.1® software for such errors as sample record duplications, end of hole errors, survey and collar file inconsistencies and some potential lithocode file errors. The digital review and import of the manually checked datasets through Surpac provided a validated Microsoft Access® database that is considered to be acceptable for resource estimation.

Apogee hosted two site visits by experts for review of procedures and verification of conditions and work programs. The first during August 2011 included review of drilling program components, core check sampling, verification of drill hole locations, and discussion with Apogee staff and consultants. The experts determined that, to the extent reviewed during the visit, evidence of work programs carried out to date on the property is consistent with descriptions reported by the company and that procedures employed by Apogee staff are consistent with current industry standards and of good quality. The second site visit occurred during April 2012 and included additional review of on-going drilling and resource estimation program work pertaining to oxide zone mineralization. The experts determined their drill hole coordinates compared well with Apogee's coordinates and reasonable correlation exists between the original sample analyses and the check sample analyses.

The data verification performed for the Paca deposit was similar to that for the Pulacayo deposit described previously. Micon International Limited of Toronto, Canada, considered the field standard used by Apogee in its QA/QC program to be unacceptable and suggested use of a commercial standard or an in-house standard supported by industry best practices.

### **Mineral Processing and Metallurgical Testing**

To date, four metallurgical test programs were completed by outside experts. These programs include: Resource Development Inc., Denver, USA in 2003, UTO (Universidad Técnica de Oruro), Oruro, La Paz, Bolivia in 2009, ED&ED Ingeniería y Servicios S.A.C. (which we refer to as "ED&ED"), Lima, Peru in 2011, and UTO and Maelgwyn Mineral Services Laboratory in South Africa during 2012. A fifth program was managed by Apogee, in which bulk samples from trial mining were sent to local concentrators.

During 2003, Resource Development Inc. tested 120 kg of core sample from two drill holes. Silver minerals were found not to be amenable to leaching by NaCN or gravity concentration. The lead concentrate assaying 62.2% Pb, 4.46% Zn and 10,891 g/t Ag, recovered 3.1% weight, 88.8% of lead, 3.9% of zinc and 63.4% of silver. The zinc concentrate assayed 61.5% Zn, 0.9% Pb and 3,303 g/t Ag, recovered 5% weight, 87.6% of zinc, 2.1% of lead and 31.3% of silver. The tailings were very difficult to settle due to high proportions of clay in the ore, which will impact the process flow sheet and overall plant design. The lead and zinc third cleaner concentrates were analyzed for impurities, and it was found that penalties may be incurred on the concentrates for several impurities.

UTO conducted a metallurgical test program during 2009 on three samples representing high, medium, and low grades, comprising comminution tests, open circuit tests (OCTs), and locked cycle tests (LCTs). Samples were categorized as medium to hard comminution. Slimes were produced during test work affecting flotation performance, settling of tailings, and flotation pulp rheology. LCT results indicated silver recoveries of 56%, 34% and 30% to the lead concentrate for the high, medium and low-grade samples respectively, with silver grades of 6,620 g/t, 6,220 g/t and 6,220 g/t. These results constitute the design basis for the flotation flowsheet.

During 2011, the laboratory facility of ED&ED, performed a series of flotation tests and contracted mineralogical analyses on a high grade and low-grade sample. The lab flotation concentrates (open circuit tests) were assayed to determine the deleterious elements in the concentrate and for use in the NSR calculations and included mineralogical analyses. The results showed that the lead concentrate assayed 47.2% Pb and 6,273 g/t Ag with 1.3% Cu, 1.45% As and 1.23% Sb. The zinc concentrate assayed 53.8% Zn with negligible copper, arsenic or antimony. Concentrations of deleterious elements appear below typical smelter penalty thresholds, with arsenic appearing as the principal penalty element.

During 2012, UTO conducted further metallurgical test work including a series of open circuit differential flotation tests (with a de-sliming step), a single locked cycle flotation test (with de-sliming step), and PORCO flow sheet testing. The PORCO flowsheet is basically a bulk flotation followed by lead and zinc flotation, this processing route should be carried out at high pH (12.2) intended to depress pyrite at the outset. However, the Pulacayo ore did not respond well mainly because of lead and silver selectivity issues and high consumption of acid (H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) to drop the pH to a level suitable for lead flotation after the bulk stage.

Maelgwyn Mineral Services Africa carried out laboratory flotation optimization test work on ore samples from the Pulacayo Paca Project during 2012. Flotation tests included 65 open circuit tests and four locked cycle tests. The locked cycle tests yielded Pb concentrates at 55-69% Pb at recoveries of 88-93%, Zn concentrates of 37-56% Zn at recoveries of 79-90%, and silver recoveries of 68-94%. These results formed the basis for the metal recovery assumptions of 89.2% Ag, 91.9% Pb and 82.9% Zn applied in the sulphide zone mineral resource estimate.

The test mining between November 2011 and May 2013 produced 12,550 tonnes of ore that were used in a toll milling program to evaluate ore processing. The ore was hauled by truck to four concentrators – Tatasi, Fedecomín, La Estrella, and Zabaleta. The Zabaleta concentrator attained the best recoveries for which the results are presented in the table below.

**PULACAYO DEPOSIT ZABALETA TOLL MILLING RESULTS**

Material	Concentrate Grade			Recoveries		
	Pb (%)	Zn (%)	Ag (g/t)	Pb (%)	Zn (%)	Ag (%)
Lead Concentrate	47.95	12.85	6,295	64.62	16.26	72.13
Zinc Concentrate	8.47	39.45	941	9.97	43.57	8.41
Tailings	0.58	0.97	49	25.41	40.16	18.45
<b>Total Ag recovery: 81.55%</b>						

Only one series of metallurgical tests were performed on samples from the Paca deposit. The tests were completed on three samples composited from drill cores and included feed characterization, leaching, flotation and gravity tests, in-place bulk density determination, and mineralogy. Study of the three composite samples found the silver grade varied from 44.5 g/t Ag to 228.6 g/t Ag, lead minerals 0.56% Pb to 0.8% Pb, and zinc minerals 0.05% Zn to 0.41% Zn). The other sulfide minerals identified were sulphosalts and chalcocite. Coarse native silver was detected in one of the samples. The silver minerals were amenable to cyanide leaching for most of the composite samples (i.e. 28% to 82% Ag extraction) however, extraction of silver was size dependent and improved with fineness-of-size. Due to the presence of coarse native silver, the silver leaching was not completed in 120 hours, hence, the data was extrapolated to 240 hours leach time to project anticipated silver recovery and indicated that over 90% of silver could potentially be recovered at fine particle size for two of the three composites. Assay of the final pregnant solution from selected tests found measurable quantities of gold, hence, it is reasonable to conclude that gold is present in those samples. Some of the copper minerals present in the samples are also readily soluble in cyanide. Differential lead/zinc flotation process recovered over 90% of silver in the combined lead and zinc concentrate for the composite assaying 228.6 g/t Ag. The flotation process shows promise of recovering silver. However, the flotation process did not recover acceptable silver values from the other composites. The gravity concentration process did not concentrate silver in the gravity concentrate, hence, it cannot be used alone as a process for recovering silver minerals. The average density was  $\pm 2.2$  gm/cc for the samples tested, but the in-place bulk densities were extremely variable for one composite (i.e., 1.79 and 2.58 gm/cc). In summary, the preliminary results were encouraging to warrant additional drilling and metallurgical testing.

**Mineral Resource Estimates and Reserves**

The current Pulacayo Paca Project mineral resource estimates for the Pulacayo and Paca deposits have been extracted or summarized from the 2020 Pulacayo Technical Report.

The mineral resource estimate for the Pulacayo Paca Project consists of separate contributing mineral resource estimates for the Pulacayo and Paca deposits and was prepared and reviewed by report authors and Qualified Persons M. Harrington, P.Geol. and M. Cullen, M.Sc. P.Geol., both of Mercator. Mr. Harrington is responsible for the Pulacayo Paca Project mineral resource estimates both with an effective date of October 13, 2020. A tabulation of the mineral resources for the Pulacayo Paca Project is presented in the table below.

Report author M. Harrington concludes that the mineral resource estimates for the Pulacayo Paca Project (Pulacayo and Paca deposits) have reasonable prospects for economic extraction based on the following technical and economic factors:

- Pit Constrained mineral resources were defined for each deposit within optimized pit shells developed using Geovia Whittle software;
- Sulphide zone pit optimization parameters included mining at US\$2.00 per tonne, combined processing and general and administration (G&A) costs at US\$12.50 per tonne processed, and haulage costs at US\$0.50 per tonne processed for Pulacayo and US\$2.00 per tonne for Paca;
- Oxide zone pit optimization parameters included mining at US\$2.00 per tonne, combined processing and G&A at US\$23.50 per tonne processed, and haulage at US\$0.50 per tonne processed for Pulacayo and US\$2.00 per tonne for Paca;
- Metal prices used for the sulphide zone mineral resources are US\$17/oz Ag, US\$0.95/lb Pb, and US\$1.16/lb Zn. Silver price used for oxide zone mineral resources is US\$17/oz AG;

- Metal recoveries of 89.2% Ag, 91.9% Pb, and 82.9% Zn for sulphide zone mineral resources and 80% Ag recovery for the oxide zone mineral resources were used;
- Pit Constrained sulphide mineral resources are reported at a cut-off grade value of 30 g/t silver equivalent (AgEq - refer to metal equivalent calculation in Section 11.1.2) within optimized pit shells;
- Pit Constrained oxide mineral resources are reported at a cut-off grade value of 50 g/t silver (Ag) within optimized pits shells;
- Pit Constrained cut-off grades are based on total operating costs and reflect reasonable prospects for economic extraction using conventional open-pit mining methods; and
- Out of Pit mineral resources are reported external to the optimized pit shells at a cut-off grade of 100 g/t AgEq. Out of Pit mineral resources are considered to have reasonable prospects for economic extraction using conventional underground mining methods such as long-hole stoping techniques based on a mining cost of US\$35 per tonne and processing and G&A cost of \$20.00 per tonne processed.

## **Pulacayo Deposit**

### ***Mineral Resource Estimate***

Block grade, block density and block volume parameters for the Pulacayo deposit were estimated using methods described in preceding sections of this report. Subsequent application of mineral resource category parameters resulted in the Pulacayo deposit mineral resource estimate presented below in table below. Results are presented in accordance with NI-43-101 and the CIM. Mineral resources are calculated in situ.

#### **PULACAYO DEPOSIT MINERAL RESOURCE ESTIMATE**

<b>Pit Constrained Mineral Resources</b>							
<b>Cut -off</b>	<b>Zone</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Rounded Tonnes</b>	<b>Ag g/t</b>	<b>Pb %</b>	<b>Zn %</b>	<b>*Ag Eq. g/t</b>
50 Ag g/t	Oxide	Indicated	1,090,000	125			
		Inferred	25,000	60			
30 *Ag Eq. g/t	Sulfide	Indicated	24,600,000	76	0.70	1.63	156
		Inferred	745,000	82	0.61	1.79	164
<b>Out of Pit Mineral Resources</b>							
100 *Ag Eq. g/t	Sulfide	Indicated	660,000	268	0.44	1.35	307
		Inferred	900,000	179	0.42	2.14	257
<b>Combined Pit Constrained and Out of Pit Mineral Resources</b>							
50 Ag g/t	Oxide	Indicated	1,090,000	125			
		Inferred	25,000	60			
30/100 *Ag Eq. g/t	Sulfide	Indicated	25,260,000	81	0.69	1.62	160
		Inferred	1,645,000	135	0.51	1.98	215

#### **\*\*Notes:**

1. Mineral resources were prepared in accordance with NI 43-101, the CIM Definition Standards (2014) and CIM MRMR Best Practice Guidelines (2019).
2. \*Ag Eq. = Silver Equivalent (Recovered) = (Ag g/t\*89.2%)+((Pb%\*(US\$0.95/lb. Pb/14.583 Troy oz./lb./US\$17 per Troy oz. Ag)\*(10,000\*91.9%))+((Zn%\*(US\$1.16/lb. Zn/14.583 Troy oz./lb./US\$17 per Troy oz. Ag)\*(10,000\*82.9%)). Sulphide zone metal recoveries of 89.2% for Ag, 91.9% for Pb, and 82.9% for Zn were used in the Silver Equivalent (Recovered) equation and reflect metallurgical testing results disclosed previously for the Pulacayo deposit. A metal recovery of 80% Ag was used for oxide zone mineral resources.
3. Metal prices of US\$17/oz Ag, US\$0.95/lb. Pb, and US\$1.16/lb Zn apply. A currency exchange rate of \$1.00 to US\$0.75 applies.

4. Pit Constrained mineral resources are defined within an optimized pit shell with average pit slope angles of 45°. The Pulacayo deposit mineral resource estimate was optimized at a 12.3:1 strip ratio.
5. Base-case sulfide zone pit optimization parameters include mining at US\$2.00 per tonne; combined processing and G&A at US\$12.50 per tonne processed; and haulage at US\$0.50 per tonne.
6. Base-case oxide zone pit optimization parameters include mining at US\$2.00 per tonne; combined processing and G&A at US\$23.50 per tonne processed; and haulage at US\$0.50 per tonne.
7. Pit Constrained sulphide zone mineral resources are reported at a cut-off grade of 30 g/t Ag Eq. within the optimized pit shell and Pit Constrained oxide zone mineral resources are reported at a cut-off grade of 50 g/t Ag within the optimized pit shell. Cut-off grades reflect total operating costs used in pit optimization and are considered to define reasonable prospects for eventual economic extraction by open pit mining methods.
8. Out of Pit mineral resources are external to the optimized pit shell and are reported at a cut-off grade of 100 g/t Ag Eq. They are considered to have reasonable prospects for eventual economic extraction using conventional underground methods such as long hole stoping based on a mining cost of \$35 per tonne and processing and G&A cost of \$20 per tonne processed.
9. Combined Pit Constrained and Out of Pit mineral resources is the tonnage-weighted average summation of Pit Constrained and Out of Pit Pulacayo mineral resources.
10. Mineral resources were estimated using Ordinary Kriging methods applied to 1 m downhole assay composites capped at 2,300 g/t Ag, 13% Pb and 15% Zn.
11. Bulk density was interpolated using Inverse Distance methods.
12. Mineral resources may be materially affected by environmental, permitting, legal, title, taxation, sociopolitical, marketing, or other relevant issues.
13. Mineral resource tonnages have been rounded to the nearest 5,000; totals may vary due to rounding.

### **Paca Deposit**

The Pulacayo and Paca deposits are related to the same mineralizing event that is associated with development of the associated Paca and Pulacayo volcanic centers. The Paca deposit is spatially related to the contact zone of the Paca volcanic dome which is comprised of porphyritic andesite and dacite units and related volcanic breccias. These are hosted by fine grained to conglomeratic volcanoclastic lithologies of the Quehua Formation. Silver-zinc-lead mineralization at Paca occurs primarily within an argillic to advanced argillic alteration envelope that affects both Paca dome igneous lithologies and surrounding host sequences. Silicification and alunite development are also well developed in association with some portions of the deposit. The Paca deposit presents a core zone of mineralization that correlates closely with an irregularly shaped body of altered and brecciated andesite and country rocks that closely follows the contact zone between the Paca dome andesite and the shallowly north-dipping host volcanoclastic sequence. Adjacent to this, stratabound replacement style (“mantos”) mineralization is present within the shallowly north-dipping host volcanoclastic sequence at several elevations. Mantos mineralization merges with that seen in the central breccia zone but is typically lower in all metal grades. A polyolithic conglomerate unit that outcrops in the deposit area is also mineralized and shows a strong imprint of silicification represented by micro-crystalline replacement style silica in various forms.

Mineralization associated with discrete veins of significant width and lateral extent is not pervasively present at Paca. Mineralization more typically occurs in irregularly spaced discrete fracture systems as well as in matrix replacement sites. The mantos style mineralization is primarily represented as finely disseminated, fine grains and aggregates of silver, lead and zinc sulphide and sulphosalt phases, accompanied by others such as manganese oxide and barite. Argillic to advanced argillic alteration phases are pervasively present in areas of significant metallic mineralization. Mineral phases commonly recognized at Paca in association with metal grades of economic interest include sphalerite, galena, silver sulphosalts, tennantite, smithsonite, barite, manganese oxide, gypsum, jarosite, specularite, cerussite, dolomite aragonite and calcite. The style and occurrence of this mineralization is consistent with a low-to-intermediate epithermal style genetic model.

The Mineral Resource Estimate was prepared by Mercator under the supervision of Matthew Harrington, P. Geo., who is an independent Qualified Person as defined under NI 43-101. A contained metal summary based on the Mineral Resource Estimate for the Paca deposit is reported below:

**PACA DEPOSIT PIT-CONSTRAINED MINERAL RESOURCE ESTIMATE**

<b>Cut-off Grade</b>	<b>Zone</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Rounded Tonnes</b>	<b>Ag g/t</b>	<b>Zn %</b>	<b>Pb %</b>	<b>Ag Moz</b>	<b>Zn Mlbs</b>	<b>Pb Mlbs</b>	<b>*AgEq Moz</b>	<b>*AgEq g/t</b>
50 Ag g/t	Oxide	Indicated	1,095,000	185			6.5				
	In-Pit	Inferred	345,000	131			1.5				
30 *AgEq g/t	Sulfide	Indicated	20,595,000	46	1.07	0.67	30.5	485.8	304.2	70.2	106
	In-Pit	Inferred	3,050,000	46	0.76	0.65	4.5	51.1	43.7	9.2	94
<b>Total:</b>		<b>Indicated</b>	<b>21,690,000</b>				<b>37</b>	<b>485.8</b>	<b>304.2</b>	<b>70.2</b>	
		<b>Inferred</b>	<b>3,395,000</b>				<b>6</b>	<b>51.1</b>	<b>43.7</b>	<b>9.2</b>	

**Mineral Reserve Estimates**

No mineral reserves have been defined to date by the Company for the Pulacayo and Paca deposits.

**Mining Operations**

Mineralization is found from the surface to at least 1,000 m depth at the Pulacayo deposit thus both surface and underground mining methods are likely. It is envisioned that surface mining will recover the oxidized ore and some sulphide ore to an elevation below which a crown pillar will be left and below which underground mining methods would start. Mineralization at the Paca deposit is found from the surface to approximately 60 m depth for the mantos-style mineralization and from approximately 10 m to 240m depth for the stockwork and vein style mineralization. Thus, it is anticipated mining will be mostly by surface methods.

Trial mining was conducted between November 2011 and May 2013 at the Pulacayo deposit. The trial mining was done to obtain geotechnical information, better understand mining dilution, obtain a large sample for process testing, and train the workforce. The mining methods included jack leg drill and blast with tracked haulage for development and drill and blast with trackless haulage for production by the shrinkage and reusing stoping methods. The haulage way was advanced and three stopes were mined. The trial mining produced 12,550 tonnes of ore.

**Infrastructure, Permitting and Compliance Activities**

The Company, through acquisition of ASC and later transfer of the environmental license, has a valid and in force environmental license issued by the Bolivian Ministry of Environment and Water for the Pulacayo licenses. The license allows for construction of a mine and concentrator with capacities up to 560 tonnes per day.

The very long production history of the Pulacayo site, which in part is not fully documented, has potentially resulted in mining or milling associated site contamination issues related to waste rock or tailings deposit distributions that are not fully defined at this time. These may be additional to the areas of such concern identified in environmental permitting activities completed to date. Future issues associated with these should be considered project risks that may require management as the project progresses. Additional issues with site contamination associated with historical and recent site operations carried out by, or on behalf of, COMIBOL that are related to that firm’s infrastructure at the site may also pose future project risk that should be monitored. Potential impacts of poorly or undocumented site operations by the local mining cooperative may also require management as the project progresses.

On May 25, 2011 Apogee was awarded an environmental license by the Bolivian authorities sanctioning mining operations at its Pulacayo Paca Project. The permit (Certificado de Dispensación Categoría 3 Para Exploración y Actividades Mineras Menores/EMAP) allows for the extraction of up to 200 tonnes per day from underground for stockpiling and transporting for off-site processing. This permit is still in effect.

On September 25, 2013 Apogee was awarded by the Bolivian Ministry of Water and Environment the Environment Impact Declaration certificate which shows that the Bolivian environmental authorities approved the Environmental Impact Assessment which permits establishment of mining, milling and tailings facilities on the Pulacayo site of sufficient size to support milling operations of up to 560 tonnes per day. All permits previously granted to Apogee currently remain in effect for the Company.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, in December 2024 the Company received the Notice of Cancellation of the MPC from COMIBOL. The environmental licenses and permits described above that relate to the Pulacayo and Paca concessions covered by the MPC are subject to the resolution of the MPC dispute. The environmental license and permit for the Apuradita Area are not affected by the Notice of Cancellation. The Company has filed applications and appeals in Bolivia to reverse the Notice of Cancellation. See “*Risk Factors – Term and Extension of Concession Contracts*”.

On November 12, 2018 ASC Bolivia LDC Sucursal Bolivia was awarded an updated environmental license by the Bolivian authorities sanctioning mining operations at its Paca project. The permit (Certificado de Dispensación Categoría 3 Para Exploración y Actividades Mineras Menores/EMAP) which allows exploration activities. This permit is still in effect.

## **Non-Material Properties**

The Company also holds interests in a number of non-material coal projects located in Mongolia including the Ulan Ovoo and Chandgana Projects.

On April 8, 2025, the Company and CleanTech entered into an Option Assignment Agreement pursuant to which the Company proposes to assign its rights in and to an option agreement dated July 10, 2020 pursuant to which, among other things, the Company has the right, through a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, to acquire 100% of the equity interests in the capital of Mururata S.R.L. a commercial society existing pursuant to the laws of Bolivia, which owns certain Bolivian mining rights that comprise the Triunfo Project. The Company and CleanTech completed the Option Assignment Agreement on August 6, 2025.

## **5. DIVIDENDS**

The Company has not declared any dividends during the past three fiscal years ended March 31, 2026. The Company otherwise has no present intention of paying dividends on its common shares as it anticipates that all available funds will be invested to finance further acquisition, exploration and development of its mineral properties.

## **6. DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STRUCTURE**

### **6.1 General Description of Capital Structure**

The Company’s authorized share capital is comprised of an unlimited number of common shares without par value. All common shares of the Company rank equally as to voting rights, dividends and participation in the distribution of assets upon dissolution, liquidation or winding-up. Each share carries one vote per share at meetings of the shareholders of the Company.

The following table provides a summary concerning the Company’s share capital as of March 31, 2026:

Authorized share capital	Unlimited number of common shares without par value
Number of shares issued and outstanding	57,343,425 common shares without par value

As at June 26, 2026, the Company has 57,537,933 common shares issued and outstanding.

### **Consolidation**

On January 14, 2022, in connection with the Plan of Arrangement, the Company completed the Consolidation by consolidating the Company’s issued and outstanding common shares on the basis of one (1) new common share for every ten (10) issued and outstanding common shares.

All Common Share and “per share” information in this AIF have not been retroactively adjusted to reflect the effects of the Consolidation. All references to figures and values prior to the effective date of the Consolidation are presented on a pre-Consolidated basis.

### **6.2 Constraints**

The Company is not aware of any constraints imposed on the ownership of its securities to ensure that the Company has a required level of Canadian ownership.

### 6.3 Ratings

The Company is not aware of any ratings, including provisional ratings, from rating organizations for the Company's securities that are outstanding and continue in effect.

## 7. MARKET FOR SECURITIES

### 7.1 Trading Price and Volume

The Company's common shares are listed for trading on the TSX under the symbol "ELEF" and on the OTCQB under the symbol "SILEF".

The following table sets forth the price ranges and volume traded of the common shares of the Company for each month in the Company's fiscal year ended March 31, 2026, on the TSX, the Canadian marketplace on which the greatest volume of trading or quotation for the common shares generally occurs.

Month	High (\$)	Low (\$)	Volume Traded
April 2025	0.275	0.15	1,178,803
May 2025	0.25	0.185	915,708
June 2025	0.265	0.19	2,021,491
July 2025	0.22	0.15	3,123,833
August 2025	0.18	0.14	1,191,552
September 2025	0.24	0.16	5,077,398
October 2025	0.44	0.185	5,439,382
November 2025	0.315	0.23	1,580,878
December 2025	0.37	0.29	3,565,700
January 2026	0.39	0.285	4,653,707
February 2026	0.335	0.24	2,290,892
March 2026	0.27	0.15	2,329,035

### 7.2 Prior Sales

The following table sets forth, for each class of securities of the Company that is outstanding but not listed or quoted on a marketplace, the date of issue of such securities, the number and class designation of the securities issued and the issue or exercise price of such securities, for all issuances of such securities during the financial period ended March 31, 2026.

Date of issue	Number of Securities Issued	Designation	Issue/Exercise Price (\$)
June 20, 2025	1,295,000	Options <sup>(1)</sup>	0.24
September 24, 2025	50,000	Options <sup>(1)</sup>	0.195
October 1, 2025	100,000	Options <sup>(1)</sup>	0.215
October 10, 2025	100,000	Options <sup>(1)</sup>	0.225
October 16, 2025	195,000	Options <sup>(1)</sup>	0.30
October 16, 2025	215,000	Options <sup>(1)</sup>	0.39
November 20, 2025	50,000	Options <sup>(1)</sup>	0.28
February 26, 2026	50,000	Options <sup>(1)</sup>	0.24
May 5, 2025	4,065,266	Warrants <sup>(2)</sup>	0.30
June 25, 2025	893,250	Warrants <sup>(2)</sup>	0.30
June 27, 2025	220,000	Warrants <sup>(2)</sup>	0.30
September 17, 2025	1,665,926	Warrants <sup>(2)</sup>	0.20
October 15, 2025	2,929,074	Warrants <sup>(2)</sup>	0.20
December 12, 2025	1,160,000	Warrants <sup>(2)</sup>	0.30
December 29, 2025	340,000	Warrants <sup>(2)</sup>	0.30
January 23, 2026	2,281,000	Warrants <sup>(2)</sup>	0.32
February 13, 2026	1,068,000	Warrants <sup>(2)</sup>	0.32

**Notes:**

- (1) The options are subject to vesting at 12.5% per quarter for the first two years following the date of grant and expire five years from the date of issue.
- (2) Issued in connection with a Private Placement. Each whole Warrant entitles the holder to purchase one additional common share of the Company at the price set out in the above table per common share for a period of 36 months from the date of issue.

**8. ESCROWED SECURITIES**

**Escrowed Securities**

To the Company's knowledge, as at March 31, 2026, there were no escrowed common shares of the Company or common shares of the Company subject to contractual restrictions on transfer.

**9. DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS**

**9.1 Name, Occupation and Security Holding**

The following is a list of the current directors and executive officers of the Company, their province/state and country of residence, their current positions with the Company and their principal occupations during the five preceding years. Each director is elected to serve until the next annual general meeting of shareholders or until his successor is elected or appointed, or unless his office is earlier vacated under any of the relevant provisions of the articles of the Company or the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia).

Name and Municipality of Residence	Position	Date of Appointment as Director	Number of securities of each class of voting securities beneficially owned, or controlled or directed, directly or indirectly	Principal Occupation During Last Five Years <sup>(3)</sup>
<b>John Lee</b> Taipei, Taiwan	Chief Executive Officer Executive Chairman Non-Independent Director	July 17, 2020 January 1, 2013 June 13, 2011	995,022 (1.73%)	<p><b>Present:</b> President of Mau Capital Management LLC (private consulting firm) from July 2004 to present; Executive Chairman and a Director of the Company from January 2013 to present; and Chief Executive Officer from July 17, 2020 to present; CEO and Executive Chairman CleanTech; director of Oracle.</p> <p><b>Former:</b> Interim President from June 2011 to October 2018; Interim CEO of the Company from November 2012 to October 2018; Head of Internal Affairs of the Company from October 2018 to February 2019; and Interim President and Interim Chief Executive Officer of the Company from February 2019 to April 2019.</p>
<b>Greg Hall</b> <sup>(1)(2)(4)</sup> BC, Canada	Independent Director	June 13, 2011	316,179 <sup>(5)</sup> (0.55%)	<p><b>Present:</b> Co-Founder and Director of the Company from October 21, 2009 to present; President and Director of NexOro Minera S.A.S.; Director of CleanTech; Member of the Institute of Corporate Directors.</p> <p><b>Former:</b> Founding Partner &amp; Director of PI Financial; Partner and Director of Haywood Securities; VP of Canaccord Genuity; Sr. VP of Leede Jones Gable; Director and Audit Chairman of Silvercorp Metals (NYSE).</p>
<b>Douglas Flett</b> <sup>(1)(2)</sup> ON, Canada	Independent Director	April 17, 2023	220,000 (0.38%)	<p><b>Present:</b> Director of the Company; Chairman and Director of KWG Resources Inc; and a Director of Fletcher Nickel Inc.</p> <p><b>Former:</b> Director of Debuts Diamonds Inc. from May, 2008 to November, 2018. Director of Tartisan Nickel Corp. from June 14, 2011 to August 2, 2024.</p>

Name and Municipality of Residence	Position	Date of Appointment as Director	Number of securities of each class of voting securities beneficially owned, or controlled or directed, directly or indirectly	Principal Occupation During Last Five Years <sup>(3)</sup>
<b>Anthony Garson</b> <sup>(1)(2)</sup> ON, Canada	Independent Director	June 12, 2026	250 (<1%)	<b>Present:</b> Director of the Company; President of Anthony Garson and Associates Inc.  <b>Former:</b> Chief Executive Officer and Director of Oracle Commodity Holding Corp. (formerly Battery Metal Royalties Corp.) from August 10, 2022 to October 1, 2025; Director of AuRico Metals Inc. from June 2015 to February 2018; Director of Alamos Gold Inc. from June 2010 to June 2015.
<b>Andrew Yau</b> BC, Canada	Chief Financial Officer and Executive Vice President, Finance	N/A	74,959 (0.13%)	<b>Present:</b> CFO of the Company, CleanTech and Oracle from December 2022 to present; and Executive Vice President of Finance of the Company and CleanTech since April 2026.  <b>Former:</b> Director, CEO and CFO of Shellron Capital Ltd. from January 2021 to August 2023. Executive Vice President of Orea Mining Corp. from February 2021 to March 2023; CFO of Orea Mining Corp. from May 2016 to March 2023; CFO of Xebra Brands Ltd. from January 2020 to January 2023; CFO of Allegiant Gold Corp. from September 2017 to September 2019.
<b>Stephanie Lee</b> BC, Canada	Vice President, Legal	N/A	Nil	<b>Present:</b> Lawyer; has been the Vice President, Legal of Silver Elephant, Oracle, and CleanTech since October 2025.  <b>Former:</b> Capital markets and securities lawyer since 2018.
<b>Tiffany Khoo</b> BC, Canada	Corporate Secretary	N/A	Nil	<b>Present:</b> Corporate Secretary of the Company, CleanTech and Oracle since October 2025.  <b>Former:</b> Senior Corporate Paralegal with more than 15 years of experience in corporate and securities law.

**Notes:**

(1) Member of the Audit Committee.

(2) Member of the Corporate Governance and Compensation Committee.

(3) The information as to principal occupation, business or employment is not within the knowledge of our management and has been furnished by the respective individuals. Each director or officer has held the same or similar principal occupation with the organization indicated or a predecessor thereof for the last five years.

(4) Mr. Hall is the Chair of the Audit Committee and Chair of the Corporate Governance and Compensation Committee.

<sup>(5)</sup> Shares held directly or indirectly

As at June 26, 2026, the directors and executive officers of the Company as a group beneficially owned, or controlled or directed, directly or indirectly, an aggregate of **1,606,410** common shares of the Company, representing approximately **2.79%** of the issued and outstanding common shares of the Company calculated on a post-reporting date basis using the current outstanding share capital as of June 26, 2026.

## **9.2 Cease Trade Orders, Bankruptcies, Penalties or Sanctions**

Other than as disclosed herein, no director or executive officer of the Company is, as at the date of this AIF, or has been, within the ten years preceding the date of this AIF, a director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer of any company (including the Company) that:

- a. was subject to a cease trade or similar order or an order that denied the relevant company access to any exemption under securities legislation, that was in effect for a period of more than 30 consecutive days, when such order was issued while the person was acting in the capacity of a director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer of the relevant company, or
- b. was subject to a cease trade or similar order or an order that denied the relevant company access to any exemption under securities legislation, that was in effect for a period of more than 30 consecutive days, that was issued after such person ceased to be a director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer of the relevant company, and which resulted from an event that occurred while the person was acting in the capacity of a director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer of the relevant company.

Other than as disclosed herein, no director or executive officer of the Company or any shareholder holding a sufficient number of common shares of the Company to affect materially the control of the Company:

- a. is, as at the date of this AIF, or has been, within the ten years preceding the date of this AIF, a director or executive officer of any company (including the Company) that, while that person was acting in that capacity, or within a year of that person ceasing to act in that capacity, became bankrupt, made a proposal under any legislation relating to bankruptcy or insolvency or was subject to or instituted any proceedings, arrangement or compromise with creditors or had a receiver, receiver manager or trustee appointed to hold its assets,
- b. has, within the ten years preceding the date of this AIF, become bankrupt, made a proposal under any legislation relating to bankruptcy or insolvency, or become subject to or instituted any proceedings, arrangement or compromise with creditors, or had a receiver, receiver manager or trustee appointed to hold the assets of that person,
- c. has been subject to any penalties or sanctions imposed by a court relating to securities legislation or by a securities regulatory authority or has entered into a settlement agreement with a securities regulatory authority, or
- d. has been subject to any other penalties or sanctions imposed by a court or regulatory body that would likely be considered important to a reasonable investor in making an investment decision regarding the Company.

Oracle was cease traded from August 14, 2023 to October 16, 2023 for failing to file its annual audited financial statements for the fifteen months ended March 31, 2023 and related management's discussion and analysis on SEDAR+ by the prescribed due date. The cease trade order was in effect during Anthony Garson's tenure as director, Andrew Yau's tenure as Chief Financial Officer and the tenure of John Lee as a director of Oracle.

## **9.3 Conflicts of Interest**

The Company's directors and officers may serve as directors or officers of other companies or have significant shareholdings in other 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. 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 the approval of such participation or such terms. 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 British Columbia, 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 a particular program and the interest therein to be acquired by it, the directors will primarily consider the degree of risk to which the Company may be exposed and its financial position at the time.

The directors and officers of the Company are aware of the existence of laws governing the accountability of directors and officers for corporate opportunity and requiring disclosure by the directors of conflicts of interest and the Company will rely upon such laws in respect of any directors' and officers' conflicts of interest in or in respect of any breaches of duty by any of its directors and officers. All such conflicts will be disclosed by such directors or officers in accordance with the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia) and they will govern themselves in respect thereof to the best of their ability in accordance with the obligations imposed upon them by law.

To the best of its knowledge, the Company is not aware of any such conflicts of interest.

## **10. PROMOTERS**

No person will be or has been within the two most recently completed financial years or during the current financial year, a promoter of the Company.

## **11. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

### **11.1 Legal Proceedings**

#### ***Dispute with Andean Precious Metals Corp.***

On September 11, 2023, the Company entered into the SPA with APM and the APM Group, for the sale of up to 800,000 tonnes of silver-bearing oxide materials from the Company's Paca property, which, together with the Pulacayo property, comprises the Pulacayo Paca Project.

In addition, the Company entered into the MSA with the APM Group pursuant to which the Company agreed to provide expertise in mining operations, community relations, logistics and access to technical and geological information, in exchange for APM Group agreeing to pay the Company an aggregate of \$6,772,500 (US\$5,000,000).

On January 30, 2024, the parties amended the MSA to: (1) extend the date for completion of certain permitting and other contractual milestones in respect of the Pulacayo Paca Project pursuant to which the APM Group paid a non-refundable extension fee of \$201,573 (US\$150,000) to the Company.

On December 31, 2024, the Company announced the termination of the MSA and SPA on the grounds that APM did not pay US\$1,000,000 owing under the MSA and on February 27, 2025 the Company commenced arbitration proceedings against APM.

On January 26, 2026, a partial final arbitration award was issued in favour of the Company, ordering APM to pay approximately US\$1,000,000, subject to certain set-offs and adjustments. In February 2026, APM paid approximately US\$800,000 to the Company in satisfaction of the award.

On April 14, 2026, the Company filed an application for leave to appeal certain aspects of the arbitration award. The matter remains ongoing.

On June 17, 2026, the Company, together with its subsidiaries Apogee Minerals Bolivia S.A. ("Apogee") and ASC Bolivia LDC Sucursal Bolivia ("ASC"), filed a Notice of Civil Claim in the Supreme Court of British Columbia against APM and certain related individuals. The claim alleges, among other things, that the defendants knowingly interfered with the Company's Mining Production Contract with COMIBOL and induced its termination. The plaintiffs seek damages, interest and costs. The proceeding is separate from the arbitration matter described above and remains at a preliminary stage.

#### ***Cancellation of MPC***

In December 2024, the Company received the Notice of Cancellation of the MPC from COMIBOL citing alleged illegal mining. The Company maintains that it has operated in full compliance under the MPC and received proper authorizations for its activities in the

MPC Area. The Company remains committed to the development path for the Pulacayo Paca Project and has filed certain applications and appeals in Bolivia to reverse the Notice of Cancellation. The appeal process is ongoing.

## **11.2 Regulatory Actions**

During the year ended March 31, 2026, there were no penalties or sanctions imposed against the Company by a court relating to securities legislation or by a securities regulatory authority and there were no settlement agreements that the Company entered into before a court relating to securities legislation or with a securities regulatory authority. Except as described in item 11.1, there are no other penalties or sanctions imposed by a court or regulatory body against the Company that would likely be considered important to a reasonable investor in making an investment decision.

## **12. INTEREST OF MANAGEMENT AND OTHERS IN MATERIAL TRANSACTIONS**

Other than as disclosed herein, none of (i) the directors or executive officers of the Company, (ii) the shareholders who beneficially own, control or direct, directly or indirectly, more than 10% of the voting securities of the Company, or (iii) any associate or affiliate of the persons referred to in (i) and (ii), has or has had any material interest, direct or indirect, in any transaction within the three years before the date of this AIF or in any proposed transaction that has materially affected or is reasonably expected to materially affect the Company or any of its subsidiaries.

## **13. TRANSFER AGENT AND REGISTRAR**

The transfer agent and registrar for the common shares of the Company is Odyssey Trust Company at its principal offices in Vancouver, British Columbia.

## **14. MATERIAL CONTRACTS**

The following contracts, not entered into in the ordinary course of business, are material to the Company and were entered into during the financial year ended March 31, 2026, or subsequent thereto up to the date of this AIF:

- **Asset Purchase Agreement** (the "APA"), dated June 11, 2026, between Silver Elephant Mining Corp. and CleanTech Vanadium Mining Corp. ("CleanTech"), pursuant to which the Company agreed to acquire the Robinson-Lasher Project in Kentucky, USA, through the issuance of 6,300,000 common shares to CleanTech and aggregate cash consideration of US\$1,255,000 payable in instalments through September 1, 2029. The Company is also required to incur a minimum of US\$2,000,000 in exploration expenditures at the Robinson-Lasher Project and complete an independent technical report by September 1, 2029. Title to the Robinson-Lasher Project will be transferred upon satisfaction of the applicable transaction and option agreement requirements. Completion of the transaction remains subject to customary closing conditions, including receipt of any required regulatory, stock exchange and shareholder approvals.

## **15. INTERESTS OF EXPERTS**

The following are the Qualified Persons involved in preparing the NI 43-101 technical report or who certified a statement, report or valuation from which certain scientific and technical information relating to the Company's material mineral project contained in this AIF has been derived, and in some instances extracted from.

The independent authors of the Pulacayo Technical Report are Matthew Harrington, P.Ge., of Mercator Geological Services Limited, Michael Cullen, P.Ge. of Mercator Geological Services Limited and Osvaldo Arce, Ph.D., P. Geo., Independent Consultant.

Certain technical and scientific information contained in this AIF, was reviewed and approved in accordance with NI 43-101 by Carlos Zamora, and a "qualified person" (as defined in NI 43-101). As of the date hereof, Mr. Zamora beneficially owns or has control and direction over 25,000 common shares and holds 120,000 Options of the Company.

Mao & Ying LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants, provided an auditor's report dated June 22, 2026 in respect of the Company's financial statements for the financial year ended March 31, 2026. Mao & Ying LLP has advised that it is independent with respect to the Company within the meaning of the rules of Professional Conduct of Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario.

To the knowledge of the Company, the aforementioned firms or persons held either less than 1% or no securities of the Company or of any associate or affiliate of the Company when they rendered services, prepared the reports referred to, as applicable, or following the rendering of services or preparation of such reports or data, as applicable, and either did not receive any or received less than 1% direct or indirect interest in any securities of the Company or of any associate or affiliate of the Company in connection with the

rendering of such services or preparation of such reports or data. In the case of Mao & Ying LLP, they hold no securities of the Company or of any associate or affiliate of the Company.

## **16. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

### **16.1 Additional Information**

Additional information relating to the Company may be found on SEDAR+ at [www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca). Additional information, including directors' and officers' remuneration and indebtedness, principal holders of the Company's securities and securities authorized for issuance under equity compensation plans, if applicable, will be contained in the Company's Information Circular for its upcoming Annual General and Special Meeting of shareholders tentatively scheduled for September 25, 2026. Additional financial information is also provided in the Company's audited annual financial statements and management's discussion and analysis for its most recently completed financial year ended March 31, 2026.

### **16.2 Audit Committee**

#### **The Audit Committee's Charter**

National Instrument 52-110 - Audit Committees ("**NI 52-110**") requires every issuer to disclose certain information concerning the constitution of its audit committee and its relationship with its independent auditor, as set forth below. A copy of the Company's Audit Committee Charter is set out in Schedule "A" to this AIF.

#### **Composition of the Audit Committee**

The Company's audit committee is comprised of three (3) members, being Greg Hall, Douglas Flett and Anthony Garson.

As defined in NI 52-110, each of Greg Hall, Douglas Flett and Anthony Garson is an "independent" director. The Company therefore meets the requirement in NI 52-110 that all audit committee members be independent directors.

All of the members of the audit committee are financially literate.

#### **Relevant Education and Experience**

As a result of Messrs. Hall, Flett and Garson's education and experience, each member of the Audit Committee has familiarity with, an understanding of, or experience in:

- the accounting principles used by the Company to prepare its financial statements;
- the ability to assess the general application of those principles in connection with estimates, accruals and reserves;
- reviewing or evaluating financial statements that present a breadth and level of complexity of accounting issues that are generally comparable to the breadth and complexity of issues that can reasonably be expected to be raised by the Company's financial statements; and
- an understanding of internal controls and procedures for financial reporting.

**Greg Hall** – Mr. Hall is a graduate of the Institute of Corporate Directors' Director Education Program (Rotman School of Management, University of Toronto). He is a Co-Founder of the Company and has served as an Independent Director since October 2009. With over two decades of experience as a corporate director of public companies since 2003, Mr. Hall has been actively involved in strategic planning, mergers and acquisitions, and investment decision-making. He currently serves as President and Director of NexOro Minera S.A.S.

**Douglas Flett** – Mr. Flett practiced law in his own corporate/commercial firm for 22 years and has over 25 years of experience in the resource industry. He has been a director of Fletcher Nickel Inc., a director of KWG Resources Inc. and presently serves as director of the Company. He also completed the Rotman Institute of Corporate Directors SME Program.

**Anthony Garson** - Mr. Garson has extensive experience in the mining and resource sector, including senior executive, advisory and board roles with publicly listed companies. He is the President of Anthony Garson and Associates Inc. and previously served as Chief Executive Officer and Director of Oracle Commodity Holding Corp. (formerly Battery Metal Royalties Corp.), as well as a director of AuRico Metals Inc. and Alamos Gold Inc. He presently serves as a director of the Company.

## Reliance on Certain Exemptions

At no time since the commencement of the Company's most recently completed financial year has the Company relied on the following exemptions or provisions under NI 52-110:

- a. the exemption in section 2.4 (*De Minimis Non-audit Services*);
- b. the exemption in section 3.2 (*Initial Public Offerings*);
- c. the exemption in subsection 3.3(2) (*Controlled Companies*);
- d. the exemption in section 3.4 (*Events Outside Control of Member*);
- e. the exemption in section 3.5 (*Death, Disability or Resignation of Audit Committee Member*);
- f. the exemption in section 3.6 (*Temporary Exemption for Limited and Exceptional Circumstances*);
- g. section 3.8 (*Acquisition of Financial Literacy*); or
- h. an exemption from NI 52-110, in whole or in part, granted under Part 8 (*Exemptions*).

## Audit Committee Oversight

At no time since the commencement of the Company's most recently completed financial year has a recommendation of the audit committee to nominate or compensate an external auditor not been adopted by the Board of Directors.

## Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures

The audit committee has not adopted specific policies and procedures for the engagement of non-audit services. Subject to the requirements of NI 52-110, the engagement of non-audit services is considered by the Company's Board of Directors and, where applicable, by the audit committee, on a case-by-case basis.

## External Auditor Service Fees (By Category)

Set forth below are details of certain service fees paid to the Company's external auditor in each of the last two fiscal years for audit services:

Financial Year Ended	Audit Fees <sup>(1)</sup>	Audit-related Fees <sup>(2)</sup>	Tax Fees <sup>(3)</sup>	All Other Fees <sup>(4)</sup>
March 31, 2026	70,000	Nil	Nil	Nil
March 31, 2025	155,000	217	Nil	Nil

### Notes:

- (1) "Audit Fees" represent fees for the audit of the annual consolidated financial statements, and review in connection with the statutory and regulatory filings.
- (2) "Audit Related Fees" represent fees for assurance and related services that are related to the performance of the audit.
- (3) "Tax Fees" represent fees for tax compliance, tax advice and planning.
- (4) Relates to fees for products and services provided by the Company's external auditor other than the services reported under the other categories.

## SCHEDULE "A" - AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER

### 1. Purpose: Responsibilities and Authority

The Audit Committee (the "Audit Committee" or "Committee") shall carry out its responsibilities under applicable laws, regulations and stock exchange requirements with respect to the employment, compensation and oversight of the Company's independent auditor, and other matters under the authority of the Committee. The Committee also shall assist the Board of Directors (the "Board") in carrying out its oversight responsibilities relating to the Company's financial, accounting and reporting processes, the Company's system of internal accounting and financial controls, the Company's compliance with related legal and regulatory requirements, and the fairness of transactions between the Company and related parties. In furtherance of this purpose, the Committee shall have the following responsibilities and authority:

- a) Relationship with Independent Auditor.
  - i. Subject to the laws of British Columbia as to the role of the Shareholders in the appointment of independent auditors, the Committee shall have the sole authority to appoint or replace the independent auditor.
  - ii. The Committee shall be directly responsible for the compensation and oversight of the work of the independent auditor (including resolution of disagreements between management and the independent auditor regarding financial reporting) for the purpose of preparing or issuing an audit report or related work.
  - iii. The independent auditor shall report directly to the Committee.
  - iv. The Committee shall approve in advance all audit and permitted non-audit services of the independent auditor, including the terms of the engagements and the fees payable; provided that the Committee Chair may approve services to be performed by the independent auditors and the fee therefore between Committee meetings if the amount of the fee does not exceed \$20,000, provided that any such approval shall be reported to the Committee at the next meeting thereof. The Committee may delegate to the Chief Financial Officer ("CFO") or a subcommittee the authority to grant pre-approvals of audit and permitted non-audit services, provided that the decision of the CFO or any such subcommittee shall be presented to the full Committee at its next scheduled meeting.
  - v. At least annually, the Committee shall review and evaluate the experience and qualifications of the lead partner and senior members of the independent auditor team.
  - vi. At least annually, the Committee shall obtain and review a report from the independent auditor regarding:
    - A. the independent auditor's internal quality-control procedures;
    - B. any material issues raised by the most recent internal quality-control review, or peer review, of the auditor, or by any inquiry or investigation by governmental or professional authorities within the preceding five years respecting one or more independent audits carried out by the firm;
    - C. any steps taken to deal with any such issues; and
    - D. all relationships between the independent auditor and the Company.
  - vii. At least annually, the Committee shall evaluate the qualifications, performance and independence of the independent auditor, including considering whether the auditor's quality controls are adequate and the provision of permitted non-audit services is compatible with maintaining the auditor's independence.
  - viii. The Committee shall ensure the rotation of the lead (or coordinating) audit partner having primary responsibility for the audit, the concurring partner responsible for reviewing the audit, and other audit partners as required by law.
  - ix. The Committee shall consider whether, in order to assure continuing auditor independence, it is appropriate to adopt a policy of rotating the independent auditing firm on a regular basis.

- x. The Committee shall recommend to the Board policies for the Company's hiring of employees or former employees of the independent auditor who were engaged in the Company's account or participated in any capacity in the audit of the Company.

b) Financial Statement and Disclosure Review

- i. The Committee shall review and discuss with management and the independent auditor the annual audited financial statements, including disclosures made in management's discussion and analysis, and recommend to the Board whether the audited financial statements should be filed with applicable securities regulatory authorities and included in the Company's annual reports.
- ii. The Committee shall review and discuss with management (and, to the extent the Committee deems it necessary or appropriate, the independent auditor) the Company's quarterly financial statements, including disclosures made in management's discussion and analysis, and recommend to the Board whether such financial statements should be filed with applicable securities regulatory authorities.
- iii. The Committee shall review and discuss with management and the independent auditor significant financial reporting issues and judgments made in connection with the preparation of the Company's financial statements, including the independent auditor's assessment of the quality of the Company's accounting principles, any significant changes in the Company's selection or application of accounting principles, any major issues as to the adequacy of the Company's internal controls over financial reporting and any special steps adopted in light of material control deficiencies.
- iv. At least annually and prior to the publication of annual audited financial statements, the Committee shall review and discuss with management and the independent auditor a report from the independent auditor on:
  - A. all critical accounting policies and practices used by the Company;
  - B. all alternative accounting treatments of financial information that have been discussed with management since the prior report, ramifications of the use of such alternative disclosures and treatments, the treatment preferred by the independent auditor, and an explanation of why the independent auditor's preferred method was not adopted; and
  - C. other material written communications between the independent auditor and management since the prior report, such as any management letter or schedule of unadjusted differences, the development, selection and disclosure of critical accounting estimates, and analyses of the effect of alternative assumptions, estimates or IFRS methods on the Company's financial statements.
- v. Prior to their filing or issuance, the Committee shall review the Company's Annual Information Form including the use of "pro forma" or "adjusted" non-IFRS information.
- vi. The Committee shall review and discuss with management the financial information and earnings guidance provided to analysts and rating agencies. Such discussion may be specific, or it may be in general regarding the types of information to be disclosed and the types of presentations to be made.

c) Conduct of the Annual Audit.

The Committee shall oversee the annual audit, and in the course of such oversight the Committee shall have the following responsibilities and authority:

- i. The Committee Chair shall meet with the independent auditor prior to the audit to discuss the planning and conduct of the annual audit, and shall meet with the independent auditor as may be necessary or appropriate in connection with the audit.
- ii. The Committee shall ascertain that the independent auditor is registered and in good standing with the Canadian Public Accounting Board and the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board and that the independent auditor satisfies all applicable Canadian independence standards and Independence Standards Board Standard No. 1. The Committee shall obtain from the auditor a written statement delineating all relationships between the auditor and the Company as per ISB Standard 1, and review relationships that may impact the objectivity and independence of the auditor.

- iii. The Committee shall discuss with the independent auditor the matters required to be discussed by Statement on Auditing Standards No. 61 relating to the conduct of the audit.
- iv. The Committee shall make such inquiries to the management and the independent auditor as they deem necessary or appropriate to satisfy themselves regarding the efficacy of the Company's financial and internal controls and procedures and the auditing process.

d) Compliance and Oversight.

- i. The Committee shall meet periodically with management and the independent auditor in separate executive sessions. The Committee may also, to the extent it deems necessary or appropriate, meet with the Company's investment bankers and financial analysts who follow the Company.
- ii. The Committee shall discuss with management and the independent auditor the effect of regulatory and accounting initiatives as well as off-balance sheet structures on the Company's financial statements.
- iii. The Committee shall discuss with management the Company's major financial risk exposures and the steps management has taken to monitor and control such exposures, including the Company's risk assessment and risk management policies.
- iv. At least annually and prior to the filing of the Annual Information Form ("AIF"), the Committee shall review with management and the independent auditor the disclosure controls and procedures and confirm that the Company (with CEO and CFO participation) has evaluated the effectiveness of the design and operation of the controls within 90 days prior to the date of filing of the AIF. The Committee also shall review with management and the independent auditor any deficiencies in the design and operation of internal controls and significant deficiencies or material weaknesses therein and any fraud involving management or other employees who have a significant role in the Company's internal controls.
- v. At least annually and prior to the filing of the AIF, the Committee shall review with management and the independent auditor management's internal control report and assessment of the internal controls and procedures, and the independent auditor's report on and assessment of the internal controls and procedures.
- vi. The Committee shall establish procedures for the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints received by the Company regarding accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters, and the confidential, anonymous submission by employees of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters.
- vii. The Committee shall discuss with management and the independent auditor any correspondence with regulators or governmental agencies and any employee complaints or reports which raise material issues regarding the Company's financial statements or accounting policies.
- viii. The Committee shall oversee the preparation of all reports required under applicable laws, regulations and stock exchange requirements.
- ix. The Committee shall exercise oversight with respect to anti-fraud programs and controls.

e) Related Party Transactions.

- i. The Committee shall review for fairness to the Company proposed transactions, contracts and other arrangements between the Company and its subsidiaries and any related party or affiliate, and make recommendations to the Board whether any such transactions, contracts and other arrangements should be approved or continued. The foregoing shall not include any compensation payable pursuant to any plan, program, contract or arrangement subject to the authority of the Company's Corporate Governance and Compensation Committee.
- ii. As used herein, the term "related party" means any officer or director of the Company or any subsidiary, or any shareholder holding a greater than 10% direct or indirect financial or voting interest in the Company, and the term "affiliate" means any person, whether acting alone or in concert with others, that has the power to exercise a controlling influence over the Company and its subsidiaries.

f) Additional Duties. The Committee shall perform the following additional duties:

- i. The Committee shall review and make recommendations to the full Board of Directors regarding transactions of a fundamental nature such as amalgamations, mergers and material acquisitions and dispositions.
- ii. The Committee shall review and make recommendations to the full Board regarding proposed new business activities that require an allocation of resources in excess of \$200,000.
- iii. The Committee shall review and make recommendations to the full Board regarding any proposed material change to a business or strategic plan that has been previously approved by the Board.
- iv. To the extent not otherwise provided in this Charter, the Committee shall review disclosure of financial information and other documents required by law to be approved by the Board before release to the public.
- v. The Committee shall oversee the Company's risk assessment and risk management policies, and regularly review the top risks identified and the policies and practices adopted by the Company to mitigate those risks.
- vi. The Committee shall review and approve hedging, investment and dividend policies.
- vii. The Committee shall review the appointment of senior financial personnel and make recommendations to the Board regarding the appointment of the Chief Financial Officer.
- viii. The Audit Committee shall recommend to the Corporate Governance and Compensation Committee the qualifications and criteria for membership on the Committee.

## **2. Structure and Membership**

- a) Number and qualification. The Committee shall consist of three persons unless the Board should from time to time otherwise determine. All members of the Committee shall meet the experience and financial literacy requirements of National Instrument NI 52-110 and the rules of the Toronto Stock Exchange.
- b) Selection and Removal. Members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Board. The Board may remove or replace members of the Committee at any time with or without cause.
- c) Independence. All of the members of the Committee shall be "independent" as required for audit committees by National Instrument NI 52-110 and the rules of the Toronto Stock Exchange.
- d) Chair. The Board will appoint a Chair of the Committee.
- e) Compensation. The compensation of the Committee shall be as determined by the Board.
- f) Term. Members of the Committee shall be appointed for one-year terms. Each member shall serve until his or her replacement is appointed, or until he or she resigns or is removed from the Board or the Committee.

## **3. Procedures and Administration**

- a) Meetings. The Committee shall meet as often as it deems necessary in order to perform its responsibilities. The Committee shall keep minutes of its meetings and any other records as it deems appropriate.
- b) Subcommittees. The Committee may form and delegate authority to one or more subcommittees, consisting of at least one member, as it deems appropriate from time to time under the circumstances.
- c) Reports to the Board. The Committee shall report (orally or otherwise) regularly to the Board following meetings of the Committee with respect to such matters as are relevant to the Committee's discharge of its responsibilities, and shall report in writing on request of the Executive Chairman.
- d) Charter. The Committee shall, at least annually, review and reassess the adequacy of this Charter and recommend any proposed changes to the Board for approval.
- e) Independent Advisors. The Committee shall have the authority to engage such independent legal and other advisors as it deems necessary or appropriate to carry out its responsibilities. Such independent advisors may be regular advisors to the

Company. The Committee is empowered, without further action by the Board, to cause the Company to pay appropriate compensation to advisors engaged by the Committee.

- f) Investigations. The Committee shall have the authority to conduct or authorize investigations into any matters within the scope of its responsibilities as it deems appropriate, including the authority to request any Officer or other person to meet with the Committee and to access all Company records.

#### **4. Additional Powers**

The Committee shall have such other duties as may be delegated from time to time by the Board.

#### **5. Limitations of Committee's Role**

While the Committee has the responsibilities and powers set forth in this Charter, it is not the duty of the Committee to plan or conduct audits or to determine that the Company's financial statements and disclosures are complete and accurate and are in accordance with IFRS and applicable rules and regulations. These are the responsibilities of management and the independent auditor.

#### **6. Committee Member Independence and Financial Literacy Requirements**

##### **A. Independence**

See Appendix 2 - Director Independence Standards of the Company's Corporate Governance Policies and Procedures Manual.

##### **B. Financial Literacy Requirements**

##### **NI 52-110**

Section 3.1(4) states that each audit committee member must be financially literate.

Section 1.6 defines the meaning of financial literacy as follows:

"For the purposes of this Instrument, an individual is financially literate if he or she has the ability to read and understand a set of financial statements that present a breadth and level of complexity of accounting issues that are generally comparable to the breadth and complexity of the issues that can reasonably be expected to be raised by the Company's financial statements."