

eCobalt Solutions Inc.

(Formerly Formation Metals Inc.)

Condensed Interim Consolidated Financial Statements
(Unaudited)

For the six months ended

August 31, 2016

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Condensed Interim Consolidated Statements of Financial Position

(Stated in Canadian dollars) (unaudited)

	Note	**August 31, 2016**	February 29, 2016
		$	$
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents		**3,910,199**	1,095,357
Trade and other receivables		**26,470**	4,944
Prepaid expenses and deposits		**43,241**	68,774
Total current assets		**3,979,910**	1,169,075
Reclamation bond	3	**2,936,498**	3,029,411
Mineral properties	4	**22,391,150**	20,648,858
Property, plant and equipment	5	**40,663,246**	40,388,191
Total assets		**69,970,804**	65,235,535
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Accounts payable		**135,349**	74,669
Accrued liabilities		**218,555**	139,902
Total current liabilities		**353,904**	214,571
Provision for site reclamation and closure costs	6	**7,005,812**	5,972,114
Deferred tax liabilities		**26,375**	26,375
Total liabilities		**7,386,091**	6,213,060
Shareholders' Equity			
Common shares	7	**164,488,746**	160,945,419
Share purchase warrants		**8,040,548**	7,343,318
Share-based payments reserve		**9,052,559**	9,031,102
Foreign currency translation reserve		**631,226**	552,769
Deficit		**(119,628,366)**	(118,850,133)
Total shareholders' equity		**62,584,713**	59,022,475
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity		**69,970,804**	65,235,535

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Condensed Interim Consolidated Statement of Operations and Comprehensive Loss

(Stated in Canadian dollars) (unaudited)

		Three months ending		Six months ending	
		August 31,	August 31,	**August 31,**	August 31,
	Note	**2016**	2015	**2016**	2015
		$	$	**$**	$
Expenses					
Accounting and audit		**11,231**	-	**29,231**	21,582
Accretion expense on site reclamation and closure	6	**50,106**	25,007	**50,106**	51,341
Bank charges and interest expense		**1,258**	673	**1,888**	1,651
Depreciation	5	**12,654**	12,757	**25,154**	24,389
Directors' fees and expenses	8(b)	**27,175**	34,835	**55,050**	66,710
Foreign exchange loss (gain)		**(9,313)**	(173,874)	**30,193**	(149,110)
Legal fees		**20,552**	10,798	**37,328**	22,380
Listing and filing fees		**7,196**	4,797	**32,896**	31,193
Office		**89,241**	78,079	**168,362**	181,442
Salary and wages		**99,136**	128,696	**199,037**	271,789
Shareholder relations		**65,018**	33,480	**93,085**	91,312
Share based compensation	7(b)(iii)	**66,436**	-	**66,436**	333,981
Loss from operating activities		**(440,690)**	(155,248)	**(788,766)**	(948,660)
Interest income		**9,575**	3,859	**10,533**	8,275
Net loss		**(431,115)**	(151,389)	**(778,233)**	(940,385)
Other comprehensive income (loss):					
Currency translation adjustment		**(8,519)**	(69,660)	**78,457**	(54,943)
Total comprehensive loss for the period		**(439,634)**	(221,049)	**(699,776)**	(995,328)
Basic and diluted gain (loss) per share	7(c)	**(0.00)**	(0.00)	**(0.01)**	(0.01)
Weighted average number of shares outstanding					
Basic		**105,736,218**	90,887,205	**98,324,429**	90,887,205
Diluted		**108,413,629**	90,887,205	**101,001,840**	90,887,205

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Condensed Interim Consolidated Statements of Changes in Shareholders' Equity

(Stated in Canadian dollars) (unaudited)

	Note	Common shares without par value		Share Purchase Warrants	Share-based payments reserve	Foreign currency translation reserve	Deficit	Total shareholders' equity
		Shares	Amount					
			$	$	$	$	$	$
Balance, February 28, 2015		90,887,205	160,945,419	7,343,318	8,697,121	723,693	(65,849,005)	111,860,546
Share-based compensation		-	-	-	333,981	-	-	333,981
Net loss and comprehensive loss		-	-	-	-	(54,943)	(940,385)	(995,328)
Balance, August 31, 2015		90,887,205	160,945,419	7,343,318	9,031,102	668,750	(66,789,390)	111,199,199
		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net loss and comprehensive loss		-	-	-	-	(115,981)	(52,060,743)	(52,176,724)
Balance, February 29, 2016		90,887,205	160,945,419	7,343,318	9,031,102	552,769	(118,850,133)	59,022,475
Issuance of common shares on exercise of stock options	7(b)(ii)	404,000	130,079	-	(44,979)	-	-	85,100
Issuance of common shares and warrants for cash, net of share issue costs	7(a)	14,755,200	3,413,248	697,230	-	-	-	4,110,478
Share-based compensation	7(b)(iii)	-	-	-	66,436	-	-	66,436
Net loss and comprehensive loss		-	-	-	-	78,457	(778,233)	(699,776)
Balance, August 31, 2016		**106,046,405**	**164,488,746**	**8,040,548**	**9,052,559**	**631,226**	**(119,628,366)**	**62,584,713**

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Condensed Interim Consolidated Statements of Cash Flow

(Stated in Canadian dollars) (unaudited)

		Six months ending	
	Note	**August 31, 2016**	August 31, 2015
		$	$
Operating activities			
Net loss for the period		**(778,233)**	(940,385)
Items not involving cash			
Accretion expense on site reclamation and closure	6	**50,106**	51,341
Depreciation		**25,154**	24,389
Unrealized foreign exchange (gain) loss		**(18,905)**	(122,397)
Shared-based compensation	7(b)(iii)	**66,436**	333,981
Change in working capital items	9	**134,659**	(86,334)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities		**(520,783)**	(739,405)
Investing activities			
Mineral property expenditures	4	**(575,581)**	(973,944)
Purchase of property, plant and equipment, net of deposits	5	**(300,209)**	(304,632)
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities		**(875,790)**	(1,278,576)
Financing activities			
Issuance of common shares and warrants	7(a)	**4,426,560**	-
Share issue expenses		**(316,082)**	-
Exercise of stock option	7(b)(ii)	**85,100**	-
Net cash provided (used) by financing activities		**4,195,578**	-
Effects of exchange rate changes on the balance of cash held in foreign currencies		**15,837**	118,657
Net cash inflows (outflows) during the period		**2,814,842**	(1,899,324)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period		**1,095,357**	4,522,450
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period		**3,910,199**	2,623,126

Financial position as at	**August 31, 2016**	August 31, 2015
Cash and cash equivalents are comprised of:		
Cash	**91,149**	90,231
Short-term investments	**3,819,050**	2,532,895
	3,910,199	2,623,126

Supplemental cash flor information (Note 9)

1. Nature of business and going concern

eCobalt Solutions Inc. ("the Company") was incorporated on June 13, 1988 under the Company Act of British Columbia and commenced operations on that date. The Company is in the process of exploring its mineral properties and has determined that certain of these properties contain measured and indicated resources of cobalt and copper.

The Company's primary project, located in the mining friendly state of Idaho, is the 100% owned and fully environmentally permitted, Idaho Cobalt Project (the "ICP"). The ICP is comprised of the mine and mill located in Lemhi County outside of the town of Salmon, Idaho. A feasibility level study was completed on the ICP in 2007 to produce a high purity cobalt metal suitable for critical applications in the aerospace sector. By November 2012, the Company had spent US$65.3M and completed two of three stages of construction on the ICP mine and mill site. The project was subsequently placed on care and maintenance in May 2013 due to unfavourable market conditions.

A National Instrument 43-101 compliant Technical Report on the Preliminary Economic Assessment ("PEA") on the ICP to produce cobalt sulfate crystals from the ICP suitable for the rechargeable batteries and electric vehicles market was filed on SEDAR on May 8, 2015. The Company announced successful metallurgical test work results on bench test production of cobalt sulfate crystals on March 3, 2016. Following these successful results, the Company completed a private placement on June 1, 2016 and commissioned a Feasibility Study ("FS") on the ICP on June 21, 2016. All obligations, commitments, and permits related to the ICP remain in good standing.

Going concern

At August 31, 2016, the Company had working capital of $3,626,006 (February 29, 2016 - $954,504). For the six month period ended August 31, 2016, the Company reported a comprehensive loss of $699,776 (August 31, 2015 – loss of $995,328) and accumulated deficit of $119,628,366 (February 29, 2016 - $118,850,133).

The ability of the Company to continue as a going concern over a longer term is dependent on the Company's ability to raise the financing necessary to complete development of the ICP and ultimate production. The Company closed a private placement on June 1, 2016 for gross proceeds of $4,426,560. Most of the proceeds of the private placement will be used to finance an independent Feasibility Study ("FS") with the balance adding to the Company's working capital. In conjunction with commissioning the FS, the Company continues market the ICP, pursue product off-take arrangements to facilitate Capex financing for project development and seek further equity and debt funding in the capital markets.

While the Company continues to look for opportunities to significantly reduce operating and overhead costs and defer capital expenditures, raising capital sufficient to complete planned development costs is based upon a favourable FS results and establish profitable operations are material uncertainties that cast significant doubt upon the Company's ability to continue as a going concern.

The Company's registered office is Suite 1200 – 750 West Pender Street, Vancouver, British Columbia V6C 2T8.

2. Basis of preparation

Statement of compliance

The Company prepares its annual consolidated financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as issued by the International Standards Board ("IASB"). These condensed interim consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with IAS 34, Interim Financial Reporting ("IAS 34").

2. Basis of preparation (continued)

These condensed interim consolidated financial statements follow the same accounting policies and methods of application as the Company's most recent annual audited financial statements for the year ended February 29, 2016. These condensed interim consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Company's February 29, 2016 audited consolidated financial statements. The Board of Directors authorized these financial statements for issue on October 13, 2016.

3. Reclamation bonds

In connection with the ICP, the U.S. Forest Service required the Company to place a Reclamation Performance Bond in the amount of US$6,379,617 (February 29, 2016 - US$6,379,617). There has been no change in the Reclamation Performance Bond since February 29, 2012. Earthworks and Tailing Waste Storage construction on the Idaho Cobalt Project was partially completed, and subsequent disturbances to date has been minimal. The Reclamation Performance Bond will be released upon meeting the reclamation requirement of the U.S. Forest Service at the end of the Life of Mine of the Idaho Cobalt Project.

On June 21, 2011, the Company entered into an agreement with an insurance company to issue a surety bond in the amount required by the Reclamation Performance Bond. As part of the insurance agreement, the Company is required to deposit US$2,232,000 in trust as collateral for potential liability, as surety, incurred by the insurance company. The Safekeeping Agreement with the trustee requires the trust proceeds to be invested in any securities backed by the US Treasury, including U.S. Treasury Bills and U.S. Treasury Notes. The trustee can only release the trust proceeds under the following conditions:

(a) Within thirty (30) days following the written request from the insurance company; and

(b) Within thirty (30) days following the written request from the Company subsequent to the expiration and termination of the bond whereby the insurance company has been exonerated of all past, present and future liability.

	$	**August 31, 2016**	February 29, 2016
		$	$
Reclamation Peformance Bond Requirement	US$	**6,379,617**	6,379,617
Insured	US$	**6,379,617**	6,379,617
In Trust:			
U.S. Treasury Securities	US$	**2,239,196**	2,239,196
		2,239,196	2,239,196
Reclamation bond	CDN$	**2,936,498**	3,029,411

4. Mineral properties

Mineral properties at August 31, 2016 consist of:

	August 31, 2016	Additions	February 29, 2016
	$	$	$
Idaho Cobalt Belt			
Idaho Cobalt Project	**20,946,224**	1,716,623	19,229,601
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Other Projects			
Kernaghan	**485,221**	3,130	482,091
Virgin River	**926,929**	22,539	904,390
Other	**32,776**	-	32,776
	1,444,926	25,669	1,419,257
	22,391,150	1,742,292	**20,648,858**

During the six month period ended August 31, 2016, the Company spent $586,550 (August 31, 2015 - $973,944) on mineral properties. A non cash adjustment of $1,155,742 (August 31, 2015 - adjustment of $601,616) for site reclamation and closure cost was also made (note 6) resulting a net addition of $1,742,292 (August 31, 2015 - $372,328).

Idaho Cobalt Project

The Company owns a 100% interest in the Idaho Cobalt Project (the “ICP”).

All critical environmental permits are in place with an approved mine Plan of Operations. The ICP is comprised of the primary high grade cobalt deposit and the partially completed mine and mill located in Lemhi County outside of the town of Salmon, Idaho.

5. Property, plant and equipment

	Land	Buildings	Equipment	Furniture and fixtures	Project Construction and maintenance	Total
	$	$	$	$	$	$
Cost						
As at February 28, 2015	181,545	525,905	489,646	381,802	39,284,520	40,863,418
Additions for the year	-	-	4,843	19,502	567,390	591,735
As at February 29, 2016	181,545	525,905	494,489	401,304	39,851,910	41,455,153
Additions for the period	-	-	1,827	5,520	292,862	300,209
As at August 31, 2016	**181,545**	**525,905**	**496,316**	**406,824**	**40,144,772**	**41,755,362**
Accumulated Depreciation						
As at February 28, 2015	-	(202,603)	(449,786)	(363,325)	-	(1,015,714)
Additions for the year	-	(21,447)	(21,420)	(8,381)	-	(51,248)
As at February 29, 2016	-	(224,050)	(471,206)	(371,706)	-	(1,066,962)
Additions for the period	-	(10,655)	(8,789)	(5,710)	-	(25,154)
As at August 31, 2016	**-**	**(234,705)**	**(479,995)**	**(377,416)**	**-**	**(1,092,116)**
Carrying Value						
As at February 29, 2016	181,545	301,855	23,283	29,598	39,851,910	40,388,191
As at August 31, 2016	**181,545**	**291,200**	**16,321**	**29,408**	**40,144,772**	**40,663,246**

The Company capitalizes the cost associated with construction of its mill and CPF and will depreciate those assets when they are put into use.

6. Provision for site reclamation and closure costs

The Company's provision for site reclamation and closure relates to the ICP and is based on the Company's legal obligations for environmental remediation, reclamation, and decommissioning at the end of the mine life. The undiscounted cash flows of the obligation as at August 31, 2016 were $5,001,504 or US$3,815,030 (February 29, 2016 - $5,162,119 or US$3,815,030). The discount rate used to determine the present value of the obligation was based on US Treasury Bond rate of 1.63% and rate of inflation of 3.00% (February 29, 2016 - US Treasury Bond rate of 2.00% and rate of inflation of 2.90%) resulting in a net inflationary rate of 1.33% (February 29, 2016 – 0.56%), discounted by 15 years. The Company assumes that reclamation and decommissioning will take place over a three year period, commencing after the 12 year Mine Life.

	$
Reclamation and closure cost- February 28, 2015	5,674,924
Additions	-
Accretion expense	102,498
Change in discount rate	(226,506)
Foreign exchange	421,198
Reclamation and closure cost- February 29, 2016	5,972,114
Additions	-
Accretion expense	50,106
Change in discount rate	1,166,711
Foreign exchange	(183,119)
Reclamation and closure cost - August 31, 2016	**7,005,812**

7. Share capital

a) Authorized and issued

The Company has 50,000,000 preferred shares without par value authorized for issue and an unlimited number of common shares without par value authorized for issue.

At August 31, 2016, the Company had no preferred shares outstanding and 106,046,405 (February 29, 2016 - 90,887,205) common shares issued and outstanding.

During the period ended August 31, 2016, 404,000 stock options were exercised 334,000 options with an exercise price of $0.20, 30,000 options with an exercise price of $0.21, and 40,000 options with an exercise price of $0.30 were exercised for total proceeds of $85,100. Upon exercise, the Company transferred $44,979 from stock option reserve to common share.

On June 1, 2016, the Company completed an offering and issued 14,755,200 units at $0.30 per unit for gross proceeds of $4,426,560. Each unit purchased in the offering consisted of one common share and one half common share purchase warrant. Each warrant entitles the holder to purchase one common share at a price of $0.40 expiring June 1, 2018. The Company paid $316,082 for commission, legal and other expenses related to the financing. The Company also issued 592,954 share purchase warrants to brokers with an exercise price of $0.37 expiring June 1, 2018. These common share purchase warrants had a fair value of $697,230 computed using the Black-Scholes option pricing model, using the parameters outlined below. The fair value of the equity was determined using the fair value of the Company's shares on the date of grant. The gross proceeds were then proportionately allocated using the relative fair value method.

7. Share capital (continued)

a) Authorized and issued (continued)

	Unit Warrants	Broker Warrants
Risk free interest	0.69%	0.69%
Expected life (years)	2	2
Annualized volatility	80%	80%
Expected dividend	$nil	$nil
Exercise price	$0.40	$0.37

b) Stock Options

The Company has a Stock Option Plan ("the Plan") for directors, officers and employees. Under this Plan, the aggregate number of common shares which may be subject to issuance pursuant to options granted under the Plan shall in aggregate be a fixed maximum percentage such that the percentage of common shares in the capital of the Company may be reserved for issuance is a maximum 10% of the issued and outstanding shares of the Company. The number of shares reserved for issuance at any one time to any one person shall not exceed 5% of the outstanding shares issued within any one year period. Options granted must be exercised no later than 10 years after the date of the grant or such lesser periods as regulations require.

All options are subject to vesting restrictions as implemented by the directors. The exercise price is the fair value of the Company's common shares at the grant date. The maximum number of common shares to be issued under the Plan reserved for issuance as at August 31, 2016 was 10,604,640 (August 31, 2015, 2016 – 9,088,720). The maximum number of shares reserved for issuance to insiders may not exceed 10% of the outstanding shares issued. Under certain conditions, Option holders may elect to exercise their stock options on a cashless basis.

(i) As at August 31, 2016 the outstanding and exercisable stock options were as follows:

Options outstanding	Exercise price	Weighted ave. remaining contractual life	Expiry date
	$		
215,000	1.50	0.15 years	October 25, 2016
550,000	0.80	0.15 years	October 25, 2016
220,000	0.30	0.15 years	October 25, 2016
175,000	1.50	0.38 years	January 15, 2017
450,000	0.80	0.38 years	January 15, 2017
1,035,000	0.30	1.43 years	February 1, 2018
865,000	0.21	2.82 years	June 24, 2019
2,689,000	0.20	3.65 years	April 27, 2020
218,182	0.52	4.85 years	July 8, 2021
6,417,182	0.40		

7. Share capital (continued)

b) Stock Options (continued)

As at February 29, 2016 the outstanding and exercisable stock options were as follows:

Options outstanding	Exercise price	Weighted ave. remaining contractual life	Expiry date
	$		
215,000	1.50	0.65 years	October 25, 2016
550,000	0.80	0.65 years	October 25, 2016
220,000	0.30	0.65 years	October 25, 2016
175,000	1.50	0.88 years	January 15, 2017
450,000	0.80	0.88 years	January 15, 2017
1,220,000	0.30	1.93 years	February 1, 2018
930,000	0.21	3.32 years	June 24, 2019
3,103,000	0.20	4.15 years	April 27, 2020
6,863,000	0.38		

(ii) The changes in stock options during the current and previous periods were as follows:

	August 31, 2016	**Weighted average exercise price**	February 29, 2016	Weighted average exercise price
		$		$
Balance outstanding, beginning of period	**6,863,000**	**0.38**	3,760,000	0.54
Activity during the period				
Options granted	**218,182**	**0.52**	3,103,000	0.20
Options exercised	**(404,000)**	**0.21**	-	-
Options cancelled	**(260,000)**	**0.26**	-	-
Balance outstanding end of period	**6,417,182**	**0.40**	6,863,000	0.38

(iii) During the six month period ended August 31, 2016, 218,182 stock options were granted to consultants per a July 1, 2016 Advisory Agreement. During the six month period ended August 31, 2015, the Company issued 3,103,000 stock options to consultants, employees and directors. Using the Black-Scholes option pricing model, the fair value of stock options granted was $66,436 (August 31, 2015 – $333,981).

The fair value of each option granted is estimated at the time of grant with weighted average assumptions used to estimate the fair value as follows:

	August 31, 2016	August 31, 2015
Risk free interest	**0.52%**	0.94%
Expected life (years)	**5**	5
Annualized volatility	**77%**	73%
Expected dividend	**$nil**	$nil
Stock price	**$0.50**	$0.185
Exercise price	**$0.52**	$0.20

7. Share capital (continued)

b) Stock Options (continued)

Black-Scholes option pricing model requires the input of highly subjective assumptions regarding volatility. The Company has used historical volatility of the Company's share price to estimate the volatility used in its Black Scholes option pricing model.

c) Warrants

As at August 31, 2016 the outstanding and exercisable stock options were as follows:

Warrants outstanding	Exercise price	Weighted ave. remaining contractual life	Expiry date
	$		
592,954	0.37	1.75 years	June 1, 2018
7,377,600	0.40	1.75 years	June 1, 2018
7,970,554	0.40		

There were no warrants outstanding at August 31, 2015.

d) Loss per share

	Three months ending		Six months ending	
	August 31, 2016	August 31, 2015	**August 31, 2016**	August 31, 2015
Continued Operations:				
Net loss	**$ (431,115)**	$ (151,389)	**$ (778,233)**	$ (940,385)
Weighted ave. number of common shares outstanding	**105,736,218**	90,887,205	**98,324,429**	90,887,205
Weighted ave. number of diluted common shares	**108,413,629**	90,887,205	**101,001,840**	90,887,205
Loss per share- basic	**$ (0.00)**	$ (0.00)	**$ (0.01)**	$ (0.01)
Loss per share- diluted	**$ (0.00)**	$ (0.00)	**$ (0.01)**	$ (0.01)
The following potential common shares, are anti-dilutive and are therefore excluded from the weighted average number of common shares for the purposes				
Stock options	**6,417,182**	6,863,000	**6,417,182**	6,863,000
Warrants	**7,970,554**	-	**7,970,554**	-

8. Related party transactions

Balances and transactions between the Company and its subsidiaries have been eliminated on consolidation and are not disclosed in this note. Details of transactions between the Company and other related parties are disclosed below.

a) Subsidiaries

	Ownership interest	
	August 31, 2016	**February 29, 2016**
Formation Holdings Corp.	**100%**	100%
Formation Holdings US, Inc.	**100%**	100%
US Cobalt, Inc.	**100%**	100%
Formation Capital Corporation, U.S.	**100%**	100%
Essential Metals Corporation	**100%**	100%
Coronation Mines Ltd.	**100%**	100%
Minera Terranova S.A. de C.V.	**100%**	100%

Balances and transactions between the Company and its subsidiaries have been eliminated on consolidation and are not disclosed in this note. Details of transactions between the Company and other related parties are disclosed below.

b) Compensation of key management personnel

The compensation to directors and officers of the Company during the six months ended August 31, 2016 and 2015 were as follows:

		August 31, 2016	August 31, 2015
		$	$
Salaries and short-term employee benefits including bonuses		**208,594**	222,500
Share-based compensation	(i)	**-**	262,867
Directors' fees		**46,625**	58,250
		255,219	543,617

Outstanding balances owed to directors and officers at August 31, 2016 were $91,500 (August 31, 2015 - $26,375).

(i) Share-based payments (non-cash expense) are based on fair value of stock options granted to directors and officers of the Company. During the period ended August 31, 2015, 418,000 stock options were granted to directors and officers with weighted average exercise price of $0.20 per share, expiring five years from the issue date. Using the Black-Scholes option pricing model, the fair value of stock options granted was $262,867. Stock options were not granted to directors and officers during the period ended August 31, 2016. Refer to note 7 (b) (iii) for pricing assumptions.

Some executive officers are entitled to termination and change of control benefits. These executive officers are entitled to lump sum compensation ranging from 6 to 36 months of base compensation in the event of termination without sufficient advance notice. These executive officers are also entitled to lump sum compensation ranging from 6 to 36 months of base compensation in the event of change of control. Pursuant to employment agreements, the Company may be obligated to pay up to $744,000 in the event that executive officers are terminated without cause or upon a change of control.

9. Supplementary cash flow information

Change in working capital items for the six month periods ended:

	August 31, 2016	August 31, 2015
	$	$
Prepaid expenses and deposits	**25,533**	10,912
Accounts recievable	**(21,526)**	(769)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities, relating to operating items	**130,652**	(96,477)
	134,659	(86,334)

10. Segmented information

The Company operated in three operating segments, that being exploration of mineral properties and corporate support. The Company's revenue and non-current assets by geographic location and operating segment are as follows:

	August 31, 2016		
	Canada	United States	Total
	$	$	$
Non-current Assets			
Mineral properties	1,412,150	20,979,000	22,391,150
Property, plant & equipment	32,673	40,630,573	40,663,246
Reclamation bonds & deposits	-	2,936,498	2,936,498
Total non-current assets	1,444,823	64,546,071	65,990,894

	February 29, 2016		
	Canada	United States	Total
	$	$	$
Non-current Assets			
Mineral properties	1,386,481	19,262,377	20,648,858
Property, plant & equipment	30,994	40,357,197	40,388,191
Reclamation bonds & deposits	-	3,029,411	3,029,411
Total non-current assets	1,417,475	62,648,985	64,066,460

10. Segmented information (continued)

	For the six month period ended August 31, 2016		
	Exploration and development	Corporate	Total
	$	$	$
Expenses			
Accretion & interest expense	(50,163)	(1,083)	(51,246)
Depreciation	(19,487)	(5,667)	(25,154)
Foreign exchange gain	-	(30,941)	(30,941)
General and administrative	(19,842)	(595,147)	(614,989)
Share based compensation	-	(66,436)	(66,436)
Other gain	-	10,533	10,533
Loss before income taxes	(89,492)	(688,741)	(778,233)
Net loss for the period	(89,492)	(688,741)	(778,233)
Total Assets	65,972,358	3,998,446	69,970,804
Total Liabilities	7,123,103	262,988	7,386,091

	For the six month period ended August 31, 2015		
	Exploration and Exploration	Corporate	Total
	$	$	$
Expenses			
Accretion and interest expense	(52,152)	(840)	(52,992)
Depreciation	(18,884)	(5,505)	(24,389)
Foreign exchange gain	-	149,110	149,110
General and administrative	(47,510)	(638,898)	(686,408)
Share based compensation	-	(333,981)	(333,981)
Other gain	-	8,275	8,275
Loss before income taxes	(118,546)	(821,839)	(940,385)
Net loss for the period	(118,546)	(821,839)	(940,385)
Total Assets as at February 29, 2016	64,052,618	1,182,917	65,235,535
Total Liabilities as at February 29,2016	6,021,948	191,112	6,213,060

11. Financial instruments

There are three levels of the fair value hierarchy that prioritize the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value.

The Company's financial assets consist of fair value through profit and loss which includes cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash, and loans and receivables which includes reclamation bond and trade and other receivables. The fair value of these instruments approximate their carrying value because of the short term nature of these instruments except for the reclamation bond whereby its fair value will not be realized until the bond is released from the trustee (Note 3).

The Company's financial instruments include other liabilities which consist of accounts payable and accrued liabilities. The fair value of these instruments approximate their carrying value because of the short term nature of these instruments.

12. Fair values and financial risk management

The Company has exposure to risk of varying degrees of significance which could affect its ability to achieve its strategic objectives for growth and shareholder returns. The principal financial risks to which the Company is exposed are credit risk, liquidity risk, interest rate risk and foreign exchange rate risk. The Company's Board of Directors has overall responsibility for the establishment and oversight of the Company's risk management framework and reviews the Company's policies on an ongoing basis.

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of an unexpected loss if a customer or third party to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations and arises principally from the Company's cash, cash equivalents and reclamation bonds.

The Company invests its excess cash, cash equivalents and reclamation bond principally in highly rated government and corporate debt securities, which may be liquidated at any time. The Company has established guidelines relative to diversification, credit ratings and maturities that maintain safety and liquidity. These guidelines are periodically reviewed by the Company's audit committee and modified to reflect changes in market conditions.

The Company's maximum exposure to credit risk is as follows:

	August 31, 2016	February 29,2016
	$	$
Cash and cash equivalents	**3,910,199**	1,095,357
Reclamation bond	**2,936,498**	3,029,411
Total	**6,846,697**	4,124,768

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The Company has in place a planning and budgeting process to help determine the funds required to support the Company's operating requirements as well as its planned capital expenditures. The Company manages its financial resources to ensure that there is sufficient working capital to fund near term planned exploration work, capital and operating expenditures. To meet its liquidity requirements, the Company has discretion to modify capital investment plans as required. Also, additional liquidity may arise from reduced expenses, the sale of non-core assets and/or the sale of equity.

12. Fair values and financial risk management (continued)

Liquidity risk (continued)

The following summarizes the financial assets and their maturity that are held to manage liquidity risk:

	August 31, 2016				February 29, 2016
	Within 1 year	2-5 years	Over 5 years	Total	Total
	$	$	$	$	$
Cash	**91,149**	**-**	**-**	**91,149**	62,949
Short term investment	**3,819,050**	**-**	**-**	**3,819,050**	1,032,408
	3,910,199	**-**	**-**	**3,910,199**	1,095,357

Interest rate risk

The Company is subject to interest rate risk on its cash and cash equivalents and believes that the results of operations, financial position and cash flows would not be significantly affected by a sudden change in market interest rates relative to the investment interest rates due to the short term nature of the investments. Excess cash is invested in highly rated investment securities at fixed interest rates with varying terms to maturity but generally with maturities of three months or less from the date of purchase.

As at August 31, 2016, US short term savings account of US$350,720 (February 29, 2016- $769,994) earns an interest rate of up to 0.45%. The Company has interests in equity instruments of other corporations which are not material.

Foreign exchange rate risk

The Company reports its consolidated financial statements in Canadian dollars; however, the Company has extensive operations in the US. As a consequence, the financial results of the Company's operations as reported in Canadian dollars are subject to changes in the value of the Canadian dollar relative to the US dollar.

Exploration activities in the US are held in the Company's US subsidiaries and are recorded in US dollars and translated into Canadian dollars on the consolidated financial statements date; as such, the Company can be exposed to significant fluctuations in the exchange rate between the US dollar and the Canadian dollar. The Company does not currently enter into any foreign exchange hedges to limit exposure to exchange rate fluctuations. The Board of Directors continually assesses the Company's strategy toward its foreign exchange rate risk, depending on market conditions.

Translation exposure

A number of the Company's subsidiaries are located in countries other than Canada. Therefore, exchange rate movements in the US dollar can have a significant impact on the Company's consolidated operating results due to the translation of monetary assets and liabilities.

A 10% strengthening (weakening) of the Canadian dollar against the US$ dollar would have increased (decreased) the Company's net income (loss) before taxes of approximately $344,400 (August 31, 2015 - $522,600).

13. Commitments

The following is a schedule of the Company's commitments as at August 31, 2016:

	Note	2017	2018 and later
		$	$
Mineral property expenditure	(a)	20,000	-
General liability insurance	(b)	6,146	-
Office operating leases	(c)	18,052	286
Professional fees - Feasbility Study	(d)	1,302,000	-
		1,346,198	286

(a) As per the February 28, 1999 Virgin River joint venture exploration agreement whereby the Company has 2% interest, the Company's commitment to the 2016 exploration program budget is $18,000. The Company is also committed to spend $2,000 for Kernaghan project representing 20% of its budget.

(b) The Company has a total liability of $6,146 on premiums for its commercial general and umbrella liability insurance policies payable monthly until October 12, 2016.

(c) The Company has an office lease commitment totalling $18,338 ended October 31, 2016. The Company is currently negotiating a new office lease.

(d) The Company has a total commitment of $1,302,000 as a result of commissioning a Feasibility Study on the ICP with Micon Engineering Ltd.

(e) Pursuant to employment agreements, the Company may be obligated to pay up to $744,000 in the event that certain senior management is terminated without cause or due to a change in control as defined in the agreements.

14. Subsequent events

(a) On September 6, 2016, the Company granted 1,910,000 stock options at a price of $0.60 and a term of five years to directors, employees and consultants of the Company.

eCobalt Solutions Inc.

(Formerly Formation Metals Inc.)

Management's Discussion and Analysis

For the Six Months Ended August 31, 2016

Date of Report: October 12, 2016

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This Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") has been prepared by management and should be read in conjunction with the unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto of eCobalt Solutions Inc. (formerly Formation Metals Inc.) (the "Company") for the six months ended August 31, 2016 which have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") and are available on SEDAR at www.sedar.com. All dollar amounts herein are expressed in Canadian Dollars unless stated otherwise.

This MD&A includes certain statements that may be deemed "forward-looking statements" which the Company believes it has a reasonable basis for disclosing. All statements in this discussion, other than statements of historical facts, that address future production, reserve potential, exploration drilling, exploitation activities and events or developments that the Company expects are forward-looking statements. Although the Company believes the expectations expressed in such forward-looking statements are based on reasonable assumptions, investors are cautioned such statements are not guarantees of future performance and actual results or developments may differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in forward-looking statements include market prices, exploitation and exploration successes, continued availability of capital and financing and general economic, market or business conditions. The Company does not undertake to update any forward-looking statements that are contained herein, except in accordance with applicable securities laws.

The technical information contained in this MD&A has been reviewed and approved by Vice President of the Company, E.R. (Rick) Honsinger, P.Geo., the Qualified Person for the Company as defined by National Instrument 43-101.

1.1 Date

This MD&A is prepared as of October 12, 2016.

1.2 Overview

1.2.1 Summary

The Company is a mineral exploration and mine development company listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol ECS. The Company is engaged in the business of exploring mineral properties in Canada and the United States.

The Company's primary project, located in the mining friendly state of Idaho, is the 100% owned Idaho Cobalt Project (the "ICP"). All critical environmental permits are in place with an approved mine Plan of Operations. The ICP is comprised of the primary high grade cobalt deposit and the partially completed mine and mill located in Lemhi County outside of the town of Salmon, Idaho, and a to be constructed cobalt production refining facility ("CPF"). Should the project proceed, the CPF will likely be located along a railhead in an industrial hub in southern Idaho.

The Company SEDAR filed a National Instrument 43-101 compliant Preliminary Economic Assessment ("PEA") on the ICP on May 8, 2015. The PEA demonstrated positive economics for the ICP including an after tax NPV of US$113M discounted at 8.5%, an IRR of 24.07% and a 12.5 year life of mine after pre-production. The PEA included the production of a combined cobalt/copper/gold concentrate from the mine and mill to be shipped to the CPF for hydrometallurgical processing of cobalt and copper bearing sulfides to produce cobalt sulfate heptahydrate utilized in the production of cathodes for the rechargeable battery sector.

On June 21, 2016, the Company announced that it has commissioned a Feasibility Study ("FS") on the ICP with Micon International Limited ("Micon") and Micon will be subcontracting aspects of the study concerning the processing, infrastructural engineering, risk assessment, project scheduling, and cost estimating to SNC-Lavalin Inc. ("SNC-Lavalin").

To finance the FS and working capital, the Company closed a private placement on June 1, 2016 for gross proceeds of $4,426,560 by issuing 14,755,200 units ("Units") at $0.30 per Unit. Each Unit purchased in the Offering consisted of one common share of the Company and one-half of one common share purchase warrant (each full warrant, a "Warrant"). Each Warrant entitles the holder thereof to acquire one share at a price of $0.40 for a period of 24 months following the Closing Date.

On September 22, 2016, the Company commissioned a 2,600 foot metallurgical drill program on the Ram deposit of the ICP to obtain samples of mineralized material for further evaluation and bench testing. Mineralized core from the drill program will be used in metallurgical test work designed to provide additional data on concentrate recoveries, hydrometallurgical processing and cobalt sulfate heptahydrate crystal production. These results are expected to compliment the results from the metallurgical program that was recently completed in March 2016. The final products produced from this metallurgical drill program are intended to provide potential offtakers with samples for due diligence to pursue offtake arrangements. An added benefit is expected to be derived from the location of the drill holes, which will be drilled between pre-existing drill collars with results expected to provide potential offtakers and lenders, if required, with additional confidence in the resource model for financing.

In addition to cobalt, the Company has interests in other properties through its various subsidiaries that include silver, gold, copper, lead, and zinc exploration targets and is exploring for uranium through joint venture partnerships in northern Saskatchewan. Very little work was expended on these properties during the past couple of years. This portfolio of mineral properties is being evaluated for possible monetization.

1.2.2 Highlights for the six month period ended August 31, 2016 and subsequent events

Corporate:

(a) During the six month period ended August 31, 2016, the Company reported a comprehensive loss of $699,776 (August 31, 2015 - $995,328) and accumulated deficit of $119,628,366 (February 29, 2016 - 118,850,133);

(b) As at August 31, 2016, the Company had working capital of $3,626,006 (February 29, 2016 - $954,504);

(c) On June 1, 2016 ("Closing Date"), the Company completed a private placement for gross proceeds of $4,426,560 by issuing 14,755,200 Units at a price of $0.30 per Unit (the "Private Placement"). On a fully diluted basis, the Units sold represented 24.99% of pre-closing issued and outstanding common shares. Each Unit consisted of one common share of the Company and one-half of one common share purchase warrant. Each Warrant entitles the holder thereof to acquire one common share of the Company at a price of $0.40 for a period of 24 months following the Closing Date. The Offering was completed on a private placement basis by Dundee Securities Ltd. ("Dundee"). The Company paid a total commission fee of $177,886 and issued 592,954 warrants ("Compensation Warrants") to Dundee and other agents. The Compensation Warrants have an exercise price of $0.37 and each Compensation Warrant entitles the holder thereof to acquire one Share for a period of 24 months following the Closing Date;

(d) On June 21, 2016, the Company announced that it has signed an agreement with Micon for technical services to conduct a FS on the ICP. Micon will be subcontracting aspects of the study concerning the processing, infrastructural engineering, risk assessment, project scheduling, and cost estimating to SNC-Lavalin;

(e) On August 5, 2016, the Company changed its name to eCobalt Solutions Inc. The Company trades on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol ECS, and OTCQB platform under the symbol ECSIF;

(f) The Company held its Annual and Special Meeting on August 8, 2016 and all resolutions were passed including election of Directors, appointment of Symthe LLP as the Company's auditor, reconfirming the Company's Shareholder Rights Plan, and amending the Company's Articles to implement advance notice procedures relating to nomination of Directors; and

(g) On September 6, 2016, the Company granted 1,910,000 stock options at a price of $0.60 and a term of five years to directors, employees and consultants of the Company.

1.2.3 Risk Management

As an exploration and mine development company, the Company's activities are subject to a broad range of risks which are managed within a company-wide risk management framework. The Company's goal in managing risk is to strategically minimize risk taking and optimize management to increase shareholder value.

1.2.4 Basis of Analysis

The sections that follow provide information about the important aspects of the Company's operations and investments, on a consolidated basis, and include discussions of its results from operations, financial position, and sources and uses of cash, as well as significant future commitments. In addition, the Company has highlighted key trends and uncertainties to the extent practical.

The content and organization of the financial and non-financial data presented in these sections is consistent with information used by the Company for, among other purposes, evaluating performance and allocating resources. The following discussion should be read in conjunction with the Company's unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements for the for the six months ended August 31, 2016 and related notes thereto.

While most economic indicators impact the Company's operations to some degree, the Company's operations are especially sensitive to capital spending in cobalt intensive industries such as the re-chargeable battery sector, aerospace, high-tech, medical prosthetics, industrial, high-temperature steels and environmental applications such as gas and coal to liquids processes, oil desulphurization, wind turbine generators and electric and hybrid-electric vehicles. Management also monitors cobalt–related consumption expenditures on such items as computers, cell phones, paints and cutting steels.

1.2.5 Property Activities

The Company holds mineral exploration properties in Canada and the United States.

The Company conducts its exploration independently as well as through joint venture agreements with third parties. The following is a discussion of the Company's primary mineral exploration and development project, the Idaho Cobalt Project, in addition to other projects that the Company has interests in.

(a) Idaho Cobalt Project – Idaho, USA

Background

The Company's principal property is the 100% owned ICP Mine Site, a primary high grade cobalt deposit located in Lemhi County, Idaho

2015 Preliminary Economic Assessment on the ICP

The PEA was commissioned in January 2015 with Samuel Engineering Inc. ("SE") to re-evaluate the ICP to produce cobalt chemicals in response to improving financial markets and the projected bullish long-term demand for cobalt. The April 29, 2015 PEA's economic model uses a 35% corporate tax rate and an 8.5% discount rate, resulting in an after tax NPV of $113 million and an IRR of 24.07%. A pro forma cash flow was developed using conventional methodology utilizing the base case 8.5% discount rate, before and after tax determination of project economics, annual cash flows discounted on an end of year basis with costs estimated in first quarter 2015 U.S. Dollars. A summary of the Life of Mine ("LOM") economic results are shown in the following table. Note that all monetary values used in the economics results of the PEA are in US$.

• Pre-Tax NPV8.5%:	$148 million, IRR 27.7%
• Post-Tax NPV8.5%:	$113 million, IRR 24.07%
• Initial Capital Costs:	$147 million
• Life of Mine (LOM):	12.5 years post preproduction
• EBITDA:	$515 million
• LOM Gross Revenue:	$983 million
• LOM Total Net After Tax Cash Flow	$258 million
• LOM Average Net Cash Cobalt Production Cost: (net of gold, copper and magnesium credits)	$4.94 per pound
• Pre-Tax Initial Capital Payback:	3.7 years
• LOM Cobalt Production:	35,356,415 pounds
• LOM Copper Production:	57,384,700 pounds
• LOM Gold Production: (including ounces in copper con and doré)	46,858 ounces

The total LOM capital cost is estimated at $201.41 million, including $146.76 million for initial capital, and $54.65 million in sustaining capital and mine development capital during production over the LOM. These estimates do not include past costs totalling $65.31 million.

The total LOM cash production cost is estimated at $468.73 million or $13.26/lb of processed cobalt contained in cobalt sulfate heptahydrate and $175.58 million or $4.94/lb of processed cobalt sulfate heptahydrate net of by-product credits.

The PEA is based on an underground mine with a target production rate of 800 tons per day with a weighted average annual production of 2,771,000 lbs of cobalt, 4,533,000 lbs of copper and 3,600 oz of gold over a 12.5 year mine life with an estimated pre-production period of 21 months utilizing a 0.25% cobalt cut-off. The PEA utilizes an updated resource, mine model and mine schedule with intentions to produce cobalt and copper sulfate chemicals and gold at the CPF.

The PEA reported overall recoveries of products (copper concentrate, sulfate crystals and gold loaded carbon) with respect to mill feed and internal recoveries at the CPF are 90.99% for cobalt, 92.76% for copper and 78.46% for gold. Overall recoveries for copper and gold includes metals contained in the copper concentrate as well as leached products. All magnesium that is input as MgO is recovered in the $MgSO_4$ product in the current model for this study.

Earlier in 2015, Mine Developments and Associates ("MDA") updated the ICP's Ram deposit estimate of cobalt, copper, and gold resources into a three-dimensional block model to be used for mine planning, design, and scheduling forms part of the PEA with an effective date of March 10, 2015. MDA had previously estimated the resources for the Ram deposit. Cobalt, copper, and gold reported resources are shown in the table below. The stated resource is diluted throughout the entire 6 feet by 2 feet by 5 feet blocks that are equal to or above the cut-off grade of 0.2% cobalt. There is approximately 15% dilution in the stope designs. The copper and gold resources are those resources carried within the blocks which attain the cobalt cut-off grade. No metal value is given to the copper or gold in determining the Co resource cut-off. No metal recoveries are applied, as this is an in-situ resource.

Ram Reported Resource								
Class	**Cutoff (%Co)**	**tons**	**%Co**	**lbs Co**	**%Cu**	**lbs Cu**	**oz Au/ton**	**oz Au**
Measured	0.2	2,266,000	0.54	24,587,000	0.71	32,123,000	0.016	35,600
Indicated	0.2	1,214,000	0.58	13,996,000	0.82	19,839,000	0.018	22,100
M + I	**0.2**	**3,480,000**	**0.55**	**38,583,000**	**0.75**	**51,962,000**	**0.017**	**57,700**
Inferred	0.2	1,675,000	0.47	15,648,000	0.71	23,753,000	0.013	21,900

Note: Inferred mineral resources are considered too speculative geologically to have technical and economic considerations applied to them outside the scope of a PEA. The current basis of project information is not sufficient to convert the mineral resources to mineral reserves, and mineral resources that are not mineral reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability.

For a more detailed description of the results of the PEA and the ICP, the reader is referred to the Company's news release dated April 22, 2015, and Technical Report dated April 29, 2015 which was filed on SEDAR on May 8, 2015.

Conclusions from SE and MDA are that the ICP contains a viable cobalt and base metal resource that can be successfully mined by underground methods and recovered with conventional processing. Using the assumptions contained in the PEA, SE and MDA reports that the project is economic and should proceed to the feasibility stage.

Metallurgical Test Work

On March 3, 2016 the Company announced metallurgical test work results on bench test production of cobalt sulfate heptahydrate crystals produced from ore samples from the ICP. SE was the Company's lead engineer coordinating the metallurgical test work. SE previously reported that based on the extensive metallurgical test work results to date, successful modifications to the Mill and CPF flowsheets, and the recent successful results and commitments from Cytec Industries Inc. ("Cytec") and General Electric's Water and Process Technologies Group ("GE"), it is expected that the final end product will meet the quality standards for high purity cobalt sulfate chemicals.

The development of the modified flow sheets outlines a critical path forward for the Company. SE has previously recommended that the project development activities be advanced to support and produce a FS. The finalization of the modified flow sheets allows for such advancement.

On September 22, 2016, the Company commissioned 2,600 foot metallurgical drill program on the Ram deposit of the ICP to obtain samples of mineralized material for further evaluation and bench testing. Mineralized core from the drill program will be used in metallurgical test work designed to provide additional data on concentrate recoveries, hydrometallurgical processing and cobalt sulfate heptahydrate crystal production. These results are expected to compliment the results from the metallurgical program that was recently completed in March 2016. The final products produced from this metallurgical drill program are intended to provide potential offtakers with samples for due diligence to pursue offtake arrangements. An added benefit is expected to be derived from the location of the drill holes, which will be drilled between pre-existing drill collars with results expected to provide potential offtakers and lenders, if required, with additional confidence in the resource model for financing.

Feasibility Study

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1.2.6 Market Outlook

The reader is advised that information in the following section discussing the outlook of the cobalt market was derived from independent cobalt publications by Darton Commodities Ltd. and CRU. The reader is also referred to the cautionary statement on page 1 regarding forward looking statements.

Cobalt Market Overview

Demand

Refined cobalt consumption has been steadily increasing over the past couple of years with 83,000[1] tonnes in 2013, 89,000[2] tonnes in 2014, and 90,150[3] tonnes in 2015. Demand from rechargeable battery sector grew by 11.7% in 2015 taking up 49% of total cobalt demand followed by supperalloys at 18% and hard metals at 8%[4]. The remaining 25% were used in other applications such as ceramics/pigments, catalysts, hard facing, paint driers, magnets and others[5]. Compounded annual growth rate for cobalt consumption is expected to reach 5.1% within the medium term to 124,000 tonnes by 2020 and 153,000 tonnes by 2025[6]. Most of this growth is due to consumption of cobalt used in rechargeable battery applications with the strongest forecast demand growth coming from Electric Vehicles ("EVs") market at 16% per annum, portable electronics such as tablets, laptops and household devices at 10% per annum, and portable phones at 6% per annum[7].

[1] CRU Cobalt Market Outlook 2015
[2] CRU Cobalt Market Outlook 2015
[3] CRU Cobalt Market Outlook 2015
[4] Darton Commodities Limited Cobalt Market Review 2015-16
[5] Darton Commodities Limited Cobalt Market Review 2015-16
[6] CRU Cobalt Market Outlook 2015
[7] CRU Cobalt Market Outlook 2015

Energy requirement in MWh for EVs are expected to grow at 16% per annum until 2025[8]. To produce this energy requirement, the battery sector is forecasted to consume 75% to 78% of total cobalt production[9]. In 2014, Tesla Motors, Inc. confirmed its plans to build its US$5.0 billion EV "Gigafactory" in Reno, Nevada of which construction is well underway and ahead of schedule. At its peak, the Gigafactory is expected to have the capacity to produce 500,000 electric vehicles annually and this can potentially increase the annual global demand for cobalt by approximately 20% once the Gigafactory reaches full commercial production capacity planned for 2020. Recently, the following companies have also announced investments in EVs including:

(i) Ford Motor Company announced commitment to invest US$4.5 billion to bring 13 new EVs to its portfolio by 2020;
(ii) Porsche AG announced €700 million investment to their main assembly plant for EV production;
(iii) Faraday Future plans to invest US$1.0 billion to develop intelligent EVs;
(iv) General Motors Company has also shown their commitment towards EV technology including fast-tracking their Chevy Bolt production; and
(v) Audi, BMW, Mercedes, BYD, Volkswagen, Mitsubishi, Renault, and Nissan have EVs in their current and/or medium term portfolio.

The EV market continues to rise in popularity and importance and there are several other EV manufacturers which have announced plans for new vehicle production. Stationary storage cells utilized to store energy from sources such as wind and solar powered generators and off peak grid charging are also contributing to this significant growth in the markets.

Supply

Cobalt is produced primarily as a by-product of nickel and copper mining, with 60% of cobalt coming from copper mining, 38% from nickel production, and 2% from primary cobalt mines in Morocco and Uganda. Weak nickel and copper prices have negatively impacted cobalt supply due to the suspension and closure of a number of large nickel and copper projects including Glencore/Katanga Mining (representing 10% of global cobalt metal supply), Votorantim, ERG/Chambishi, Norilsk Nickel, and Queensland Nickel.

Approximately 65% of the world cobalt supply is mined from the Democratic Republic of Congo ("DRC") with 69,200 tonnes produced in 2015[10]. Despite the reduction in cobalt production related to nickel and copper projects, total cobalt output from the DRC increased by 9% in 2015 and this was due to increase in cobalt production from artisanal mining[11]. Artisanal mining accounts for approximately 22% of total cobalt production from the DRC. Supply from artisanal production is expected to taper off as easily accessible high grade reserves get depleted. Current low cobalt prices make artisanal mining less profitable and this may also impact artisanal mining output. In addition, Amnesty International published a report in January 2016 titled "This Is What We Die For" which exposes abuses of the human rights, safety and environmental issues related to artisanal mining. The article also made allegations against global technology companies for using cobalt sourced from artisanal mining supply, highlighting the importance of supply chain management and traceability of the sourcing raw materials. This may also result in regulation changes relating to artisanal mining activities in the DRC.

China is the largest importer of cobalt raw materials estimated at 65% or 59,223 tonnes[12] of world supply in 2015. Approximately 94%[13] of Chinese import comes from cobalt contained in intermediates such as crude hydroxide produced in the DRC. In turn, China is also the largest producer of refined cobalt with a 9% growth in production in 2015 representing 52% or 48,500 tonnes of world production[14]. This growth is predominately driven by demand from downstream markets. This growth forces China's biggest refiners and producers to expand and aggressively acquire cobalt assets. This was demonstrated by China Molybdenum's acquisition of Freeport McMoRan Inc.'s Tenke Fungurume flagship copper-cobalt asset in the DRC for US$2.65 billion in April 2016. In addition to this acquisition, China Molybdenum also has the option to acquire Freeport's Kisanfu project in the DRC and its interest in the Kokkola Cobalt Refinery in Finland for US$100 million.

Supply Demand Balance

Forecasted compounded annual growth rate for cobalt supply is 2.4%. As a result of increase in demand and reduction in supply of cobalt, overall supply demand balance is forecasted to progressively tighten over the medium and long term with minimal prospects of new cobalt projects coming into production within the next decade[15]. Demand for metallurgical cobalt will continues to grow against supply even though there is a small surplus in metallurgical cobalt supply. Significant increase in demand of non-metallurgical or cobalt chemicals used in rechargeable batteries will cause deep deficit. The combined effect is expected to result in a projected deficit of 10,000 tonnes annually by 2020[16].

[8] CRU Cobalt Market Outlook 2015
[9] CRU Cobalt Market Outlook 2015
[10] Darton Commodities Limited Cobalt Market Review 2015-16
[11] Darton Commodities Limited Cobalt Market Review 2015-16
[12] Darton Commodities Limited Cobalt Market Review 2015-16
[13] Darton Commodities Limited Cobalt Market Review 2015-16
[14] Darton Commodities Limited Cobalt Market Review 2015-16
[15] CRU Cobalt Market Outlook 2015
[16] CRU Cobalt Market Outlook 2015

Historically, metallurgical supply demand balance has the most impact in setting market cobalt price and this tends to also influence the price of non-metallurgical or cobalt chemicals. The serious deficit expected in the non-metallurgical or cobalt chemicals may change these market dynamics. Cobalt supply deficit, especially metal, drives prices higher and it is forecasted that price of cobalt metal at 99.3% and 99.8% grades will reach $20.00 and $21.00 per lb. respectively by 2020[17]. For the impairment assessment of the ICP for the year ended February 29, 2016, management used a price of $17.00 per lb. for the price of cobalt sulfate to arrive at a recoverable value (see disclosure in Idaho Cobalt Project- Impairment section).

Cobalt and the ICP

Cobalt metal, powders and chemicals remain critical in the production of rechargeable batteries and the ICP is the only primary cobalt deposit located in the United States that is environmentally permitted with the potential for near term production. These are key positive attributes of the ICP that can address some of the risks and issues faced by the world cobalt market today. As the ICP is a primary cobalt deposit (less than 2% of current world production of cobalt comes from primary deposits), it is not directly influenced by copper and nickel markets. Being located in the United States eliminates the geopolitical and human rights issues that are attached to cobalt that comes from the DRC. The ICP offers a unique opportunity for North American consumers to secure an ethically sourced, environmentally sound supply of high purity cobalt chemicals, mined safely and responsibly. The Company believes that the ICP could be well positioned to capitalize on the growing demand for cobalt, in particular battery grade cobalt chemicals. In addition, previous engineering studies, now considered out of date, demonstrated the ability of the project to produce high purity cobalt metal suitable for critical applications in the aerospace sector. These are the two fastest growing sectors in the cobalt market.

There are significant opportunities recognized in the PEA that could improve the economics of the ICP. Excluding those opportunities typical to all mining projects, such as changes in metal prices, exchange rates, etc., there are additional opportunities that exist. For example, the mineral resource has not been fully delineated and there is an excellent opportunity to expand this resource. The addition of marginal mineralized zones that were excluded from the resource and mine plan could also add to resources. In addition, over a dozen potential targets have been identified in the immediate area within the claim block of the ICP. Four of these have been drill tested with several intercepts exceeding the current cut-off grade. There is also potential to add additional resources from the nearby Black Pine property optioned by the Company which potentially could provide additional feed for the mill.

There is an opportunity for the mine to produce more tons for short durations on the high tonnage levels of the mine through the optimization of the mine plan and sequence. There also exists the possibility of increasing overall recoveries at the CPF and obtain better shipping and handling terms through formal negotiations in the future and to incorporate offtake and/or streaming agreements on some or all of the products to be produced. In addition, the project has potential to recover both heavy and light rare earth elements previously identified in association with the cobalt mineralization. No metal value is given to the copper or gold in determining the cobalt resource cut-off. With modifications to the processing design incorporating copper and gold values back into the cut-off calculation, an increase in tonnage within the resource would be realized. Further information and engineering and geological assessments are needed before these opportunities could be included in the project economics.

There are risks associated with the PEA. The most significant potential internal risks associated with the ICP are uncontrolled dilution, lower metal recoveries than those projected, operating and capital cost escalation, unforeseen schedule delays, the potential reduction of mineable reserves after removing inferred material from the model and the ability to raise financing. The reported mineral resources are not mineral reserves and do not have demonstrated economic viability. These risks are common to most mining projects, many of which can be mitigated with adequate engineering, planning and pro-active management.

[17] CRU Cobalt Market Outlook 2015

Share Price Performance

The Company's share prices reacted strongly during the quarter in response to increased marketing, media, analyst and newsletter coverage of the rapidly expanding EV sector, the ethical issues associated with artisanal mining in the DRC and the predicted supply deficits. The Company's share price at the beginning of the quarter was $0.11 rising to $0.46 by the end of the quarter. Since the closing of the private placement on June 1, 2016, the share price has maintained its five date weighted volume trading average at $.5945 during the past recent month.

Figure 1: eCobalt's Share Price, March 1, 2016 – October 12, 2016 (Stockwatch.com, 2016)



1.3 Results of Operations

Financial Results of Operations for the Six Month Period Ended August 31, 2016 and 2015

The following are highlights from the Company's results from operations for the six month periods ended August 31, 2016 and 2015:

(a) **Comprehensive loss** for the six month period ended August 31, 2016 was $699,776 or $0.01 per share (2015 - $995,328 or $0.01 per share). Changes to net loss in the current period compared to the same period last year were mainly the result of changes to the items discussed below.

(b) **Share-based compensation, a non-cash expense,** for the six month period ended August 31, 2016 was $66,436 (2015 - $333,981). During the six month period ended August 31, 2016, 218,182 stock options were granted to Red Cloud Klondike Strike Inc. ("Red Cloud") per a July 1, 2016 Advisory Agreement. During the six month period ended August 31, 2015, the Company issued 3,103,000 stock options to consultants, employees and directors. Using the Black-Scholes option pricing model, the fair value of stock options granted was $66,436 (2015 – $333,981).

(c) **Office expense** for the period ended August 31, 2016 was $168,362 (2015 - $181,442). To conserve working capital, the Company has made material reductions to overhead, office, and non-essential expenses. These reductions include travel expenses, postage, rent, and professional membership and dues. The Company continues to assess its overhead expenses to conserve working capital.

(d) **Salary and wages** for the period ended August 31, 2016 was $199,037 (2015 - $271,789). In addition to downsizing its employment, the Company also reduced all salaries and wages January 1 to May 31, 2016 resulting in lower salary expenses during the current period. Salary and wages were readjusted to their pre-reduction levels after June 1, 2016.

(e) **Foreign exchange loss, a non-cash adjustment,** for the six month period ended August 31, 2016 was $30,193 (2015 - gain $149,110). The US dollar depreciated against the Canadian dollar during this period from $1.3531 (February 28, 2015 - 1.2503) on February 29, 2016 to $1.3116 (August 31, 2015 - $1.3157) on August 31, 2016. The Company keeps a portion of its cash in US dollars and reports foreign exchange gains or loss as a result of changes valuation from foreign exchange rates at the end of the period.

Financial Results of Operations for the Three Month Period Ended August 31, 2016 and 2015

The following are highlights from the Company's results from operations for the three month periods ended August 31, 2016 and 2015:

(a) **Comprehensive loss** for the three month period ended August 31, 2016 was $439,634 or $0.005 per share (2015 - $221,049 or $0.002 per share). Changes to net loss in the current period compared to the same period last year were mainly the result of changes to the items discussed below.

(b) **Accretion expense, a non-cash expense,** of $50,106 (2015 - $25,007) was recorded reclamation bond during the three month period ended August 31, 2016. Due to changes in discount rate, this amount was higher than the same period last year (see note 6 of the August 31, 2016 Condensed Interim Consolidated Financial Statements).

(c) **Foreign exchange gain, a non-cash adjustment**, for the three month period ended August 31, 2016 was $9,313 (2015 - $173,874). The US dollar appreciated against the Canadian dollar during this period from $1.311 (May 31, 2015 - 1.2437) on May 31, 2016 to $1.3116 (August 31, 2015 - $1.3157) August 31, 2016. The Company keeps a portion of its cash in US dollars and reports foreign exchange gains or loss as a result of changes valuation from foreign exchange rates at the end of the period.

(d) **Legal fees** of $20,552 (2015 - $10,798) was recorded during the three month period ended August 31, 2016. The Company updated its Corporate Governance, name change and rebranding during the period and this resulted in higher legal fees compared to the same period last year.

(e) **Shareholder relations expense** of $65,018 (2015 - $33,480) was recorded during the three month period ended August 31, 2016. The Company increased its shareholder relations activities during the period to increase shareholder awareness and this includes attending more conferences and engaging capital market advisors.

(f) **Share-based compensation, a non-cash expense,** for the three month period ended August 31, 2016 was $66,436 (2015 - $nil). The Company granted 218,182 stock options to Red Cloud per a July 1, 2016 Advisory Agreement.

Summary of Quarterly Results

Financial Information in thousands (except per share information)

	Three Months ended August 31, 2016 $	Three Months ended May 31, 2016 $	Three Months ended February 29, 2016 $	Three Months ended November 30, 2015 $	Three Months ended August 31, 2015 $	Three Months ended May 31, 2015 $	Three Months ended February 28, 2015 $	Three Months ended November 30, 2014 $
Net gain (loss) from continued operations	(431)	(347)	(51,764)	(299)	(151)	(789)	(14,166)	2,884
Net gain (loss) from discontinued operations	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	(183)	(35)
Basic and diluted income (loss) per share	(0.005)	(0.002)	(0.57)	(0.003)	(0.002)	(0.01)	(0.16)	0.03

Net loss from operations for the three ended August 31, 2016 was $431,115 compared to a net loss of $348,076 for the three month ended May 31, 2016. The additional loss of $83,997 recorded in Q2 2016 was the result of non-cash foreign exchange adjustments, share based compensation and accretion expense in addition to higher shareholder relations expenses.

Net loss from operations for the fiscal quarter ended August 31, 2015 was $151,389 compared to $788,996 reported for the period ended May 31, 2015. Net loss was significantly higher in Q1 and this was due to a non-cash expense of $331,889 for shared based compensation from the issuance stock based options on April 27, 2015 (see section 1.3 part (b)). Another material difference was a foreign exchange gain of $173,874 reported in Q2 compared to a foreign exchange loss of $24,764 reported in Q1. The Canadian dollar depreciated against the US dollar from $1.2437 to $1.3157 in Q2. All other expenses remained comparable between Q1 and Q2, 2015.

1.5 Liquidity

August 31, 2016 and 2015

(a) **Cash and cash equivalents** as at August 31, 2016 were $3,910,199 (February 29, 2016 - $1,095,357).

(b) **Working capital** as at August 31, 2016 was $3,626,006 (February 29, 2016 - $954,504).

(c) **Mineral property expenditures** of $575,581 (February 29, 2016 - $1,548,254) were spent and capitalized during the period ended August 31, 2016.

(d) **Net Purchase of Property, Plant and Equipment expenditures** for the period ended August 31, 2016 was $300,209 (February 29, 2016 - $591,735).

The Company's cash and cash equivalent are held mostly in US dollars and are invested in highly rated securities at fixed interest rates of 0.46% with varying terms maturing in less than three months from the date of purchase. All cash and cash equivalents are maintained by the parent company with cash distribution to fund the Company's subsidiaries' operations on an as needed basis. Since the ICP is on care and maintenance, the Company does not have significant commitments (see Contractual Commitments). There are no uncertainties in liquidity but cash flow is cyclical as more cash outflows happen during the summer months due to maintenance of the ICP.

The Company closed a private placement on June 1, 2016 for gross proceeds of $4,426,560 by issuing 14,755,200 Units at $0.30 per Unit. The proceeds of the private placement will be used to finance the FS on the ICP and general working capital. In conjunction with commissioning the FS, the Company also intends to continue marketing the ICP and pursue product off-take arrangements to facilitate Capex financing for project development. While the Company continues to look for opportunities to significantly reduce operating and overhead costs and defer capital expenditures, these material uncertainties cast significant doubt upon the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. The Company has sufficient working capital to sustain overhead, administrative, and property maintenance expenses over the next twelve months after the completion of the private placement.

Contractual Commitments

The following is a schedule of the Company's commitments as at August 31, 2016:

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	Note	2017	2018 and later
		$	$
Mineral property expenditure	(a)	20,000	-
General liability insurance	(b)	6,146	-
Professional fees -Feasbility Study	(c)	1,302,000	-
Office operating leases	(d)	18,052	286
		1,346,198	286

(a) As per the February 28, 1999 Virgin River joint venture exploration agreement whereby the Company has 2% interest, the Company's commitment to the 2016 exploration program budget is $18,000. The Company is also committed to spend $2,000 for Kernaghan project representing 20% of its budget.

(b) The Company has a total liability of $6,146 on premiums for its commercial general and umbrella liability insurance policies payable monthly until October 12, 2016.

(c) The Company has a total commitment of $1,302,000 as a result of commissioning a Feasibility Study on the ICP with Micon Engineering Ltd.

(d) The Company has an office lease commitments totalling $18,338 ending October 31, 2016. The Company is currently negotiating a new office lease.

(e) Pursuant to employment agreements, the Company may be obligated to pay up to $744,000 in the event that certain senior management is terminated without cause or due to a change in control as defined in the agreements.

1.6 Capital Resources

The Company's cash as at August 31, 2016 was $3,910,199 (February 29, 2016 - $1,095,357). The Company expects working capital to increase with proceeds from the exercise of stock options and warrants that are currently in the money. The Company continues market the ICP, pursue product off-take arrangements to facilitate Capex financing for project development and seek further equity and debt funding in the capital markets. While the Company continues to look for opportunities to significantly reduce operating and overhead costs and defer capital expenditures.

1.7 Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

None.

1.8 Transactions with Related Parties

(a) Subsidiaries

	Ownership interest	
	August 31, 2016	February 29, 2016
Formation Holdings Corp.	**100%**	100%
Formation Holdings US, Inc.	**100%**	100%
US Cobalt, Inc.	**100%**	100%
Formation Capital Corporation, U.S.	**100%**	100%
Essential Metals Corporation	**100%**	100%
Coronation Mines Ltd.	**100%**	100%
Minera Terranova S.A. de C.V.	**100%**	100%

Balances and transactions between the Company and its subsidiaries have been eliminated on consolidation and are not disclosed in this note. Details of transactions between the Company and other related parties are disclosed below.

(b) Compensation of key management personnel

The compensation to directors and officers of the Company during the six months ended August 31, 2016 and 2015 were as follows:

		August 31, 2016	August 31, 2015
		$	$
Salaries and short-term employee benefits including bonuses		**208,594**	222,500
Share-based compensation	(i)	**-**	262,867
Directors' fees		**46,625**	58,250
		255,219	543,617

Outstanding balances owed to directors and officers at August 31, 2016 was $91,500 (August 31, 2015 - $26,375).

(i) Share-based payments (non-cash expense) are based on fair value of stock options granted to directors and officers of the Company. During the period ended August 31, 2015, 418,000 stock options were granted to directors and officers with weighted average exercise price of $0.20 per share, expiring five years from the issue date. Using the Black-Scholes option pricing model, the fair value of stock options granted was $262,867. Stock options were not granted to directors and officers during the period ended August 31, 2016. Refer to section 7 (b) (iii) of the Unaudited Condensed Interim Consolidated Financial Statements for the period ended August 31, 2016 for pricing assumptions.

Some executive officers are entitled to termination and change of control benefits. These executive officers are entitled to lump sum compensation ranging from 6 to 36 months of base compensation in the event of termination without sufficient advance notice. These executive officers are also entitled to lump sum compensation ranging from 6 to 36 months of base compensation in the event of change of control. Pursuant to employment agreements, the Company may be obligated to pay up to $744,000 in the event that executive officers are terminated without cause or upon a change of control.

Salaries and short-term employee benefits including bonuses were paid to directors and officers as follows:

		For the period ended August 31, 2016				For the period ended August 31, 2015			
		Non cash share based compensation	**Salary and benefits**	**Directors Fees**	**Total Compensation**	Non cash share based compensation	Salary and benefits	Directors Fees	Total Compensation
		$	**$**	**$**	**$**	$	$	$	$
Cecil Andurs	Director Emeritus	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	2,690	-	-	2,690
David Christie	Director	**-**	**-**	**7,250**	**7,250**	25,178	-	8,250	33,428
James Engdahl	Director	**-**	**-**	**4,125**	**4,125**	25,178	-	8,750	33,928
Paul Farquharson	President & CEO	**-**	**93,750**	**-**	**93,750**	32,280	100,000	-	132,280
Gregory Hahn	Director	**-**	**-**	**7,250**	**7,250**	25,178	-	8,750	33,928
Scott Hean	Director	**-**	**-**	**7,250**	**7,250**	25,178	-	8,750	33,928
Rick Honsinger	Vice President	**-**	**58,594**	**-**	**58,594**	25,824	62,500	-	88,324
Robert Metka	Director	**-**	**-**	**7,250**	**7,250**	25,178	-	7,750	32,928
Robert Quinn	Director	**-**	**-**	**6,750**	**6,750**	25,178	-	7,750	32,928
David Stone	Director	**-**	**-**	**6,750**	**6,750**	25,178	-	8,250	33,428
Marc Tran	CFO	**-**	**56,250**	**-**	**56,250**	25,824	60,000	-	85,824
		-	**208,594**	**46,625**	**255,219**	262,867	222,500	58,250	543,617

1.9 Proposed Transactions

None.

1.10 Critical Accounting Estimates

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires management to make judgments and estimates that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting periods.

Actual results could differ materially from those estimates and would impact future results of operations and cash flows. Significant judgments and estimates were used in the preparation of these consolidated financial statements; these include but are not limited to the following:

Judgments

(i) Annually, the Company assesses whether indicators of impairment exist with respect to the mineral properties, and property, plant and equipment. If indicators of impairment are identified, then the Company assesses whether its asset carrying values are greater than their recoverable values. The recoverable value is the higher of an asset's fair value, less costs to sell, and its value in use. The determination of the recoverable amount of mineral properties and property, plant and equipment includes critical judgments by management of items including: discount rates, future commodity prices, production levels, operating and capital expenditures, taxes, length of mine life, proven and probable mineral reserves and resources, and other assumptions used within the Company's mine model for assessing possible impairment. Should those judgments prove to be inaccurate, the assessed recoverable amounts could differ materially from their actual amounts.

(ii) The assumption that the Company will be able to continue as a going concern is subject to critical judgments of management with respect to assumptions surrounding the short and long-term operating budget, expected profitability, investing and financing activities and management's strategic planning. Should those judgments prove to be inaccurate, management's continued use of the going concern assumption could be inappropriate.

(iii) Judgments by management with respect to the useful lives of property, plant and equipment, and related rates of depreciation, could result in carrying values of the underlying assets being over or understated, should those judgments be determined to be incorrect.

(iv) The functional and presentation currencies of the Company are the Canadian dollar. The functional currencies of the Company's subsidiaries are either the Canadian dollar or the U.S. dollar, depending on management's assessment of

whether the specific subsidiary is a standalone operation or integrated with the operations of the parent company. Should management's judgment about the nature of a subsidiary differ from its actual nature, a material difference in the cumulative translation adjustment and or foreign exchange gain could result.

Estimates

(i) The carrying value of mineral properties, exploration expenditures incurred, and property, plant and equipment, and the likelihood of future economic recoverability of these carrying values is subject to significant management estimates. The application of the Company's accounting policy for and determination of recoverability of capitalized assets is based on assumptions about future events or circumstances. New information may change estimates and assumptions made. If information becomes available indicating that recovery of expenditures are unlikely, the amounts capitalized are impaired and recognized as a loss in the period that the new information becomes available. A change in estimate could result in the carrying amount of capitalized assets being materially different from their presented carrying costs.

(ii) The provision for site reclamation and closure costs requires the Company to examine its site reclamation and closure cost obligations annually. Significant estimates and assumptions are made to determine provision for site reclamation and closure cost due to various factors that will affect the ultimate liability. These factors include estimates of extent and cost of reclamation activities, technological and regulatory changes, cost increases and changes in discount rates. Uncertainty of these factors may result in future actual reclamation expenditure being materially different from current estimates.

(iii) The provision for income and mining taxes including expected recovery and periods of reversals of timing differences and composition of deferred income taxes and liabilities (Note 9) requires significant estimates about the future profitability, ability to utilize deferred tax assets and future income tax rates, among others. Should the Company's performance differ from management's estimates, or should future tax rates change, the Company's estimate of income and mining taxes could differ materially from current estimates.

(iv) The fair value of stock options and warrants are subject to the calculation by the Black-Scholes option pricing model, which requires market data and estimates used by the Company in the determination of the fair value. These inputs are subjective assumptions and changes in these inputs could materially affect the fair value estimated.

1.11 Financial Instruments and Other Instruments

There are three levels of the fair value hierarchy that prioritize the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value.

The Company's financial assets consist of fair value through profit and loss which includes cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash, loans and receivables which includes reclamation bond and trade and other receivables. The fair value of these instruments approximate their carrying value because of the short term nature of these instruments except for the reclamation bond whereby its fair value will not be realized until the bond is released from the trustee . The reclamation bond's fair value is calculated in accordance with level 1 of the fair value hierarchy.

The Company's financial instruments include other liabilities which consist of accounts payable and accrued liabilities. The fair value of these instruments approximate their carrying value because of the short term nature of these instruments.

1.12 Fair Values and Financial Risk Management

The Company has exposure to risk of varying degrees of significance which could affect its ability to achieve its strategic objectives for growth and shareholder returns. The principal financial risks to which the Company is exposed are credit risk, liquidity risk, interest rate risk and foreign exchange rate risk. The Company's Board of Directors has overall responsibility for the establishment and oversight of the Company's risk management framework and reviews the Company's policies on an ongoing basis.

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of an unexpected loss if a customer or third party to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations and arises principally from the Company's cash, cash equivalents and reclamation bonds.

The Company invests its excess cash, cash equivalents and reclamation bond principally in highly rated government and corporate debt securities, which may be liquidated at any time. The Company has established guidelines relative to diversification, credit ratings and maturities that maintain safety and liquidity. These guidelines are periodically reviewed by the Company's audit committee and modified to reflect changes in market conditions.

The Company's maximum exposure to credit risk is as follows:

	August 31, 2016	February 29,2016
	$	$
Cash and cash equivalents	**3,910,199**	1,095,357
Reclamation bond	**2,936,498**	3,029,411
Total	**6,846,697**	4,124,768

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The Company has in place a planning and budgeting process to help determine the funds required to support the Company's operating requirements as well as its planned capital expenditures. The Company manages its financial resources to ensure that there is sufficient working capital to fund near term planned exploration work, capital and operating expenditures. The Company has considerable discretion to reduce or increase exploration plans and capital investment budgets depending on current or projected liquidity. The following summarizes the financial assets and their maturity that are held to manage liquidity risk:

	August 31, 2016				February 29, 2016
	Within 1 year	**2-5 years**	**Over 5 years**	**Total**	Total
	$	$	$	$	$
Cash	**91,149**	**-**	**-**	**91,149**	62,949
Short term investment	**3,819,050**	**-**	**-**	**3,819,050**	1,032,408
	3,910,199	**-**	**-**	**3,910,199**	1,095,357

Interest rate risk

The Company is subject to interest rate risk on its cash and cash equivalents and believes that the results of operations, financial position and cash flows would not be significantly affected by a sudden change in market interest rates relative to the investment interest rates due to the short term nature of the investments. Excess cash is invested in highly rated investment securities at fixed interest rates with varying terms to maturity but generally with maturities of three months or less from the date of purchase.

As at August 31, 2016, US short term savings account of US$350,720 (February 29, 2016- $769,994) earns an interest rate of up to 0.45%. The Company has interests in equity instruments of other corporations which are not material.

Foreign exchange risk

The Company reports its consolidated financial statements in Canadian dollars; however, the Company has extensive operations in the US as well as limited operations. As a consequence, the financial results of the Company's operations as reported in Canadian dollars are subject to changes in the value of the Canadian dollar relative to the US dollar.

Exploration activities in the US are held in the Company's US subsidiaries and are recorded in US dollars and translated into Canadian dollars on the consolidated financial statements date, as such, the Company can be exposed to significant fluctuations in the exchange rate between the US dollar and the Canadian dollar. The Company does not currently enter into any foreign exchange hedges to limit exposure to exchange rate fluctuations. The Board of Directors continually assesses the Company's strategy toward its foreign exchange rate risk, depending on market conditions.

Translation exposure

A number of the Company's subsidiaries are located in countries other than Canada. Therefore, exchange rate movements in the US dollar can have a significant impact on the Company's consolidated operating results due to the translation of monetary assets and liabilities.

A 10% strengthening (weakening) of the Canadian dollar against the US$ dollar would have increased (decreased) the Company's net income (loss) before taxes of approximately $344,400 (August 31, 2015 - $522,600).

1.13 Other MD&A Requirements

(a) Disclosure of Outstanding Share Data

As at October 12, 2016, there were 107,205,405 outstanding common shares, 7,303,182 outstanding stock options with a weighted average exercise price of $0.48 and weighted average life of 2.98 years. The Company has 7,835,553 common share purchase warrants outstanding at weighted average exercise price of $0.40 expiring on June 1, 2018.

(b) **Internal Controls over Financial Reporting and Disclosure Controls**

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Disclosure controls and procedures are designed to provide reasonable assurance that all relevant information is gathered and reported on a timely basis to senior management, so that appropriate decisions can be made regarding public disclosure. The certifying officers reviewed and evaluated such disclosure controls and procedures and concluded that the disclosure controls and procedures were operating effectively as of February 29, 2016.

Internal Controls over Financial Reporting

The Company's management, with the participation of its Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, are responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting. The Company evaluated the design and operational effectiveness of its internal controls over financial reporting as defined under NI 52-109 for the period ended August 31, 2016.

The Company's controls include policies and procedures that:

(i) Relate to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the Company;

(ii) Provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with IFRS, and that receipts and expenditures of the Company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of the Company's management and directors; and

(iii) Provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of the Company's assets that could have a material effect on the annual financial statements or interim financial statements.

The Company's management, including its Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, has evaluated the design and operational effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting using the framework and criteria established in *Internal Control – Integrated Framework* (the "Framework"), issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission ("COSO") in 2002. The Company confirms that the design and operation effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting is effective.

The Company is currently reviewing and updating its internal controls to meet the standards of the 2013 COSO Framework.

Limitation of Controls and Procedures

The Company's management, including its Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, believe that any disclosure controls and procedures or internal control 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 judgments in decision-making can be faulty, and that breakdowns can occur because of simple error or mistake. 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 controls.

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. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

(c) **Additional Information**

More information can be found on the Company's website at www.eCobalt.com. Additional information is provided in the Company's audited annual consolidated financial statements for the years ended February 29, 2016 and 2015. Information Circulars and Annual Information Forms are also available at www.sedar.com.