

# CASSIAR GOLD CORP. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

FOR THE THREE AND NINE- MONTHS PERIODS ENDED JUNE 30, 2024 AND 2023

DATED: AUGUST 27, 2024

#### **Management's Discussion and Analysis**

For the three and nine-months periods ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

#### INTRODUCTION

The following management's discussion and analysis ("MD&A") of the financial condition and results of the operations of Cassiar Gold Corp. (the "Company" or "Corporation") constitutes management's review of the factors that affected the Corporation's financial and operating performance for the three and nine-month periods ended June 30, 2024 and 2023. This MD&A was written to comply with the requirements of National Instrument 51-102 – Continuous Disclosure Obligations. This discussion should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements of the Corporation for the years ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, together with the notes thereto (the "Financial Statements"). Results are reported in Canadian dollars, unless otherwise noted. The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB").

For the purposes of preparing this MD&A, management, in conjunction with the Board of Directors, considers the materiality of information. Information is considered material if: (i) such information results in, or would reasonably be expected to result in, a significant change in the market price or value of the common shares (the "Common Shares") in the capital of the Corporation; (ii) there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable investor would consider it important in making an investment decision; or (iii) it would significantly alter the total mix of information available to investors. Management, in conjunction with the Board of Directors, evaluates materiality with reference to all relevant circumstances, including potential market sensitivity. The date of this MD&A is August 27, 2024.

Further information about the Corporation and its operations, including the annual information form for the Corporation, can be obtained from the offices of the Corporation or from <a href="www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a>.

#### FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION

This document contains certain forward-looking statements, including management's assessment of future plans and operations, and capital expenditures and the timing thereof, that involve substantial known and unknown risks and uncertainties, certain of which are beyond Cassiar's control. Forward-looking information does not relate strictly to historical or current facts and can be identified by words such as "anticipate", "believe", "estimate", "expect", "forecast", "intend", "may", "project", "should", "will" or similar expressions. These statements represent management's reasonable projections, expectations and estimates as of the date of this document but undue reliance should not be placed upon them, as they are derived from many assumptions. Such assumptions are subject to known and unknown risks and uncertainties, including the business risks discussed in the MD&A, which may cause actual performance and financial results to differ materially from any projections of future performance or results implied by such forward looking statements.

The forward-looking information in this MD&A is subject to significant risks and uncertainties and is based on many factors and assumptions which may prove to be incorrect; including, but not limited to, the following:

- the Corporation's expectations with regards to qualified expenditures for flow-through shares;
- the sufficiency of the Corporation's financial resources with which to conduct its capital program; and
- whether or not the Corporation can obtain additional capital through equity or debt issuances;

The forward-looking information presented herein represents management's views as of the date of this MD&A and such information should not be relied upon as representing our views as of any date subsequent to the date of this document. Management has attempted to identify important factors that could cause actual results to vary from those current expectations or estimates expressed or implied by the forward-looking information. However, there may be other factors that cause actual results or performance to differ materially from current estimates and expectations. Other risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to:

- normal risks common to the mining industry, including various operational risks in the implementation of exploration, development and production operations;
- risks and uncertainties of mining economic geological reserves;
- revisions or amendments to capital expenditure programs, including development and exploitation opportunities;

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- the Corporation's ability to attract and retain qualified professional employees and consultants;
- risks as to the availability and pricing of appropriate financing alternatives on acceptable terms;
- potential changes in government policies, rules, approval process changes, delays or enhancements, or income tax regulations;
- global pandemics;
- economic slowdown; and
- fluctuations in commodity prices.

The preparation of the financial statements in accordance with IFRS requires management to make certain judgments and estimates that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses. Estimating reserves is also critical to several accounting estimates and requires judgment and decisions based on available geological, engineering and economic data. These estimates may change, having either a negative or positive effect on net earnings as further information becomes available, and as the economic environment changes.

Cassiar's actual results, performance or achievements could differ materially from those expressed in, or implied in, these forward-looking statements and, accordingly, no assurances can be given that any of the events anticipated by the forward-looking statements will transpire or occur, or if any of them do so, what benefits, including the amount of proceeds, that Cassiar will derive therefrom. Readers are cautioned that the foregoing list of factors is not exhaustive. All subsequent forward-looking statements, whether written or oral, attributable to Cassiar or persons acting on its behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by these cautionary statements. Furthermore, the forward-looking statements contained in this document are made as of the date of this document and Cassiar does not undertake any obligation to update publicly or to revise any of the included forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as may be required by applicable securities laws.

#### DESCRIPTION OF THE BUSINESS AND OVERALL PERFORMANCE

The Corporation was incorporated under the *Business Corporations Act* (Alberta) on August 5, 2009 as a Capital Pool Company under TSX Venture Exchange (the "**TSX-V**") Policy 2.4. In January 2011, the Corporation completed an initial public offering ("**IPO**") and the common shares ("**Common Shares**") of the Corporation currently trade on the TSX-V and the OTCQB Venture Market under the trading symbols "GLDC" and "CGLCF" respectively. The registered address of the Corporation is Suite 2700, 1133 Melville Street, Vancouver, BC, V6E 4E5.

The Corporation is a Canadian gold exploration company focused on exploration and development of its Sheep Creek, Bayonne projects as well as its flagship Cassiar gold project (the "Cassiar Gold Project") in British Columbia, Canada.

On September 23, 2020, the Corporation changed its name to "Cassiar Gold Corp." from "Margaux Resources Ltd." and completed a share consolidation with respect to the Common Shares of the Corporation (the "Consolidation"). The Corporation's Common Shares were consolidated on a basis of one post-consolidated Common Share for every 5 pre-consolidated Common Shares. The number of Common Shares, options and warrants presented have been adjusted to reflect the impact of the Consolidation.

## **Cassiar Gold Project**

On March 25, 2019, the Corporation entered into an Option Agreement the ("Cassiar Gold Option Agreement") with Wildsky Resources Inc. ("Wildsky") for an option to acquire a 100% interest in the Cassiar Gold. Pursuant to the Cassiar Gold Option Agreement, and in order to be eligible to exercise its option, the Corporation agreed to issue 11,640,000 Common Shares to Wildsky over the course of 18 months. The Corporation also agreed to undertake exploration on the Cassiar Gold Project and to certain other conditions as follows:

- (a) the Corporation would expend at least \$400,000 on the planning, development and execution of the Cassiar Gold Project 2019 work program, based on a mutually approved budget;
- (b) Wildsky retains the right to appoint one member to the board of directors of Cassiar, which right may be exercised at any time in the six months after the issuance of the Common Shares;

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- (c) Wildsky retains the right to appoint an additional person (for a total of two board members) to the board of directors of Cassiar, which right may be exercised any time in the twelve months after the issuance of the Common Shares;
- (d) Wildsky retains the right to appoint one person to the senior management team of Cassiar, on terms and conditions to be agreed upon by Cassiar and Wildsky, acting reasonably, which right may be exercised any time in the twelve months after the issuance of the Common Shares; and
- (e) Wildsky is to be granted a 30% net profit interest on all minerals processed from Cassiar's tailings pond located on the Cassiar Gold Project, after capital payout of up to \$500,000.

During the year ended September 30, 2021, the Corporation satisfied all the requirements outstanding to Wildsky and the 100% interest in the Cassiar Gold Project was fully acquired by the Corporation. The deemed acquisition price of the Cassiar Gold Project was \$3,259,200, settled in Common Shares. Liabilities assumed by the Corporation were \$2,666,584 on acquisition and related to asset retirement obligations. As at June 30, 2024, liabilities assumed by the Corporation were \$2,896,982 (September 30, 2023 - \$2,811,990) based on recent reclamation cost estimation.

During the periods ended June 30, 2024, the Corporation incurred \$2,753,876 (2023 - \$5,500,960) exploration and evaluation costs and \$199,563 (2023 - \$221,422) share based compensation cost for the project.

#### **Sheep Creek Gold District**

## Bayonne and Sheep Creek Property, British Columbia

On December 23, 2016, the Corporation entered into an option agreement with Yellowstone Resources Ltd. (a private company, based in British Columbia) ("Yellowstone"), as amended on February 10, 2020, July 10, 2020 and February 15, 2021 (the "YSR Agreement") for the acquisition of 100% of the Bayonne and Sheep Creek properties, located in Salmo, British Columbia (collectively, the "YSR Properties").

The Corporation has exercised its option to acquire the Bayonne property, by making payments to Yellowstone of an aggregate \$194,000 in cash and an aggregate issuance of 110,000 Common Shares, paid in several installments which were completed in 2020. In addition, the Corporation has exercised its option to acquire the Sheep Creek property by making payments to Yellowstone of an aggregate \$500,000 in cash and an aggregate issuance of 210,000 Common Shares, paid in several installments.

During the year ended September 30, 2022 the Corporation paid \$100,000 in cash and issued 90,000 shares to satisfy the final payments under the Bayonne and Sheep Creek Option Agreement and acquired a 100% interest in the Sheep Creek Project.

During the periods ended June 30, 2024, the Corporation incurred \$18,925 (2023 - \$17,890) exploration and evaluation costs for the project.

## GOING CONCERN

The Corporation incurred a net loss of \$536,885 and \$1,318,147 (2023 - \$445,620 and \$1,722,776) and had negative cash flows relating to operating activities of \$16,292 and \$2,412,913 (2023 - positive cash flows of \$236,015 and negative cash flows of \$3,415,030) for the three- and nine-months periods ended June 30, 2024. As such, there is a material uncertainty related to these events and conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability to continue as a going concern and therefore, it may be unable to realize its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of business. The continuation of the Corporation as a going concern is dependent on the ability of the Corporation to achieve positive cash flow from operations and/or obtain necessary equity or other financing to continue exploration on its exploration and evaluation assets. The Financial Statements do not reflect any adjustments to the carrying values of assets and liabilities, reported expenses, and balance sheet classifications that would be necessary should the Corporation be unable to continue as a going concern, and these adjustments could be material. The Corporation intends to raise the required funds through the issuance of equity, by securing strategic partners or assuming debt.

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The application of the going concern concept is dependent upon the Corporation's ability to generate future profitable operations and receive continued financial support from investors. Management is actively engaged in the review and due diligence of new projects, is seeking to raise the necessary capital to meet its funding requirements and has undertaken available cost cutting measures. There can be no assurance that management's plan will be successful. If the going concern assumptions were not appropriate for the Corporation's financial statements for the three and ninemonths periods ended June 30, 2024 and 2023 then adjustments would be necessary to the carrying value of assets and liabilities, the reported expenses and the statement of financial position classifications used. Such adjustments could be material.

The business of mining and exploration involves a high degree of risk and there can be no assurance that current exploration programs will result in profitable mining operations. The Corporation has no source of revenue and has significant cash requirements to meet its administrative overhead and maintain its mineral interests. The recoverability of amounts shown for exploration and evaluation assets is dependent on several factors. These include the discovery of economically recoverable reserves, the ability of the Corporation to obtain the necessary financing to complete the development of these properties, and future profitable production or proceeds from disposition of exploration and evaluation assets.

#### **CORPORATE UPDATES**

#### **Business Updates**

On October 4, 2022, Kevin Chen, CPA, CMA, MBA was appointed as the Corporation's Chief Financial Officer. Don Nguyen resigned as Chief Financial Officer and Shirley Anthony resigned as VP Investor Relations and Communications.

On October 19, 2022, the Corporation paid a \$500,000 reclamation bond payment related to the Table Mountain Gold Mine

The Company's 2022 program included 70 drill holes and over 23,000m of diamond drilling that commenced in June and recently concluded in October. The exploration focus of the drilling targeted high priority areas at the Taurus Deposit, significant vein prospects at Cassiar South and additional brownfields opportunities on the property. Cassiar Gold continues to focus on advancing exploration of the project through deposit expansion, optimization, and the potential for new discovery.

On March 1, 2023, the Corporation paid a \$500,000 reclamation bond payment related to the Table Mountain Gold Mine.

On June 5, 2023, Jill Maxwell, P.Geo was appointed as VP of Exploration. Vernon Shein resigned as VP of Exploration but continue to support the Company as an Advisor to the Board.

The Company's 2023 program included 47 drill holes and over 16,000m of diamond drilling that commenced in June and concluded in late September. The exploration focus of the drilling targeted high priority areas at the Taurus Deposit, significant vein prospects at Cassiar South, and additional brownfields and regional opportunities on the property. In addition, a field campaign of mapping and sampling, an induced polarization (IP) survey, and a soil sampling grid was executed at the northern project area on the property to advance regional targeting. The Company continues to focus on advancing exploration through deposit expansion, optimization, and the potential for new discovery.

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## SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

None

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

	Three months ended			Nine months ended				
	Jı	une 30, 2024	June 3	30, 2023	June 30	, 2024	June 3	0, 2023
Net revenues	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	_
Cash flows related to financing activities		6,532,299	9,2	200,707	8,47	9,542	9,59	97,904
Cash flows relating to operating activities		(16,292)	2	36,015	(2,41	2,913)	(3,4	15,030)
Cash flows relating to investing activities		(1,231,708)	(2,3	365,823)	(2,77	2,801)	(5,4	47,389)
Net loss		(536,885)	(4	145,620)	(1,31	8,147)	(1,72	22,776)
Loss per share - basic and diluted		(0.00)		(0.00)		(0.01)		(0.02)

As at	J	June 30, 2024		<b>September 30, 2023</b>		ptember 30, 2022
Total assets	\$	52,940,541	\$	46,300,041	\$	38,332,459
Total liabilities		4,725,396		5,338,049		4,983,940
Current assets		8,569,765		5,077,373		9,191,284
Current liabilities		1,828,414		2,526,059		2,661,777
Working capital		6,741,351		2,551,314		6,529,507
Common shares outstanding		126,146,574		96,829,044		81,563,103

## SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY RESULTS

The following table summarizes the Corporation's quarterly financial results:

	June	30	Marc	h 31	Decemb	oer 31	Septeml	oer 30
Three-month periods ended	2024	2023	2024	2023	2023	2022	2023	2022
Expenses								
General and administrative	\$436,256	\$ 365,372	\$ 346,718	\$ 491,139	\$ 412,645	\$ 569,199	\$ 408,695	\$ 398,912
Depreciation	229,087	182,812	2 1,3 17	33,529	31,964	33,529	33,529	35,435
Share based compensation	2 1,3 18	33,529	196,568	202,926	186,473	91,101	209,290	919,940
Loss before other items	\$686,661	\$ 581,713	\$564,603	\$ 727,594	\$ 631,082	\$ 693,829	\$ 651,514	\$ 1,354,287
Flow through share premium	(81,735)	(77,069)	(50,271)	-	(341,721)	(102,389)	(580,786)	(163,092)
Interestincome	(96,372)	(76,136)	(44,998)	(35,156)	(34,092)	(40,946)	(70,636)	(12)
Accretion	28,331	17,112	28,331	17,112	28,331	17,112	17,113	13,957
Net loss from Operations	\$536,885	\$ 445,620	\$497,665	\$ 709,550	\$ 283,600	\$ 567,606	\$ 17,205	\$ 1,205,140
Loss pershare – basic and diluted	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.01	\$0.00	\$0.01	\$0.00	\$0.02

## Variances quarter over quarter can be explained as follows:

- For the quarter ended June 30, 2024, the higher net loss is primarily related to higher general and administrative expenses.
- For the quarter ended March 31, 2024, the lower net loss is related to lower general and administrative expenses and higher flow through shares premium.
- For the quarter ended December 31, 2023, the lower net loss is related to higher flow through share premium, lower general and administrative expenses offset by higher share-based compensation from the issuance of stock options, RSUs and DSUs.

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• For the quarter ended September 30, 2023, the lower net loss is related to higher flow through share premium, interest income from funds deposited in financial institutions and less share-based compensation from the issuance of stock options, RSUs and DSUs.

#### DISCUSSION OF OPERATIONS

The Corporation is focused on the exploration for gold in British Columbia. The Corporation's general and administrative expenses in the three- and nine-months periods ended June 30, 2024 were \$436,256 and \$1,195,616 (2023 - \$365,372 and \$1,425,710).

## General and administrative details for the three- and nine-months periods ended June 30:

	Three month	s ended	Nine months ended		
	June 30, 2024	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2024	June 30, 2023	
Consulting	108,323	87,963	222,706	200,075	
Management fees	110,904	107,124	329,420	340,316	
Marketing	97,897	96,046	311,662	635,372	
Office and administrative	33,258	35,152	94,328	91,445	
Professional Fees	85,690	36,413	235,967	152,561	
Travel and meals	184	2,674	1,533	5,941	
Total	\$436,256	\$365,372	\$1,195,616	\$1,425,710	

General and administrative expenses increased during the three-month periods ended June 30, 2024, over the prior comparative period principally due to the effect of the following:

- Consulting fees increased to \$108,323 (2023 \$87,963) as a result of increase needs for third party consultants;
- Professional fees increased to \$85,690 (2023 \$36,413) as a result of increase needs for legal service.

General and administrative expenses decreased during the nine-month periods ended June 30, 2024, over the prior comparative period principally due to the net effect of the following:

- Marketing cost decreased to \$311,662 (2023 \$635,372) as a result of decreased activities for business development;
- Professional fees increased to \$235,967 (2023 \$152,561) as a result of increase needs for legal service.

## **Total expenses**

Total expenses for the three and nine-months periods ended June 30, 2024 was \$686,661 and \$1,882,344 (2023 – \$581,713 and \$2,003,136).

The decrease for the three-month periods ended June 30, 2024 is a result of:

- Increased general and administrative costs as elaborated above;
- Increased share-based compensation expenses due to stock option and RSU granted in the period;
- Decreased depreciation costs due to remeasurement of right-of-use assets from the office lease amendment agreement.

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The decrease for the nine-month periods ended June 30, 2024 is a result of:

- Decreased general and administrative costs as elaborated above;
- Increased share-based compensation expenses due to stock option and RSU granted in the period;
- Decreased depreciation costs due to remeasurement of right-of-use assets from the office lease amendment agreement.

#### **Third Quarter**

The table below details the significant changes in general and administrative expenditures for the three- month periods ended June 30, 2024 as compared to the corresponding period ended June 30, 2023:

Expenses	Increase / Decrease in Expenses	Explanation for Change
Consulting	Increase of \$20,360	Increase as a result of increase needs for third party consultants
Management fees	Increase of \$3,780	No major change in costs
Marketing	Increase of \$1,851	No major change in costs
Office and administrative	Decrease of \$1,894	No major change in costs
Professional fees	Increase of \$49,277	Increase as a result of increase needs for legal service
Travel and meals	Decrease of \$2,490	No major change in costs

## FINANCIAL INTRUMENTS, LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

The Corporation's financial instruments, consisting of cash and cash equivalents, receivables and trade payables, approximate fair values due to the relatively short-term maturities of the instruments. It is management's opinion that the Corporation is not exposed to significant interest, currency or credit risks arising from these financial instruments. The Corporation's primary objective with respect to its capital management is to ensure that it has sufficient cash resources to fund the identification and evaluation of potential acquisitions and to maintain the development program for the Corporation's properties. To secure the additional capital necessary to pursue these plans, the Corporation may attempt to raise additional funds through the issuance of equity, by securing strategic partners or assuming debt. The Corporation is exposed to liquidity risk. Liquidity risk is the risk that an entity will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities.

As at June 30, 2024, the Corporation had cash and cash equivalents of \$7,793,020 compared with \$4,499,192 at September 30, 2023. The Corporation continues to experience negative operating cash flow as a result of no revenue coupled with the Corporation's ongoing expenses related to its exploration and business development activities. The Corporation anticipates a negative operating cash flow will continue until such time as production begins on its existing properties.

Certain conditions exist that may cast significant doubt on the validity of the going concern assumption. The Corporation incurred a net loss of \$536,885 and \$1,318,147 (2023 - \$445,620 and \$1,722,776) and had negative cash flows relating to operating activities of \$16,292 and \$2,412,913 (2023 - positive cash flows of \$236,015 and negative cash flows of \$3,415,030) for the three- and nine-months periods ended June 30, 2024. The continuation of the Corporation as a going concern is dependent on the ability of the Corporation to achieve positive cash flow from operations and/or obtain necessary equity or other financing to continue exploration on its exploration and evaluation assets. The Corporation's annual financial statements for the three- and nine- month periods ended June 30, 2024 and 2023 do not reflect any adjustments to the carrying values of assets and liabilities, reported expenses, and balance sheet classifications that would be necessary should the Corporation be unable to continue as a going concern, and these adjustments could be material. The Corporation intends to raise the required funds through the issuance of equity, by securing strategic partners or assuming debt.

The Corporation defines capital to include equity, comprised of share capital including common shares, warrants, contributed surplus and deficit.

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#### **OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS**

The Corporation has not engaged in any off-balance sheet arrangements such as obligations under guarantee contracts, a retained or contingent interest in assets transferred to an unconsolidated entity, any obligation under derivative instruments or any obligation under a material variable interest in an unconsolidated entity that provides financing, liquidity, market risk or credit risk support to the Corporation or engages in leasing or hedging services with the Corporation.

## PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

	Land	Buildings	Computers, Equipment & Vehicles	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cost				
Balance as at September 30, 2022	28,933	380,706	260,286	669,925
Additions/Disposal	-	-	-	-
Balance as at September 30, 2023	28,993	380,706	260,286	669,985
Additions/Disposal	-	-	-	-
Balance as at June 30, 2024	28,993	380,706	260,286	669,985
Accumulated Depreciation				
Balance as at September 30, 2022	-	72,335	202,634	274,969
Additions	-	30,837	13,434	44,271
Balance as at September 30, 2023	-	103,172	216,068	319,240
Additions	-	20,815	7,694	28,509
Balance as at June 30, 2024	-	123,987	223,762	347,749
Net book value				
September 30, 2023	28,993	277,534	44,218	350,745
June 30, 2024	28,993	256,719	36,524	322,236

#### EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION ASSETS

	Sh eep			
	Cassiar Gold Project	Creek Gold District	Total	
		Project		
Balance at September 30, 2022	\$25,989,647	\$2,187,826	\$28,177,473	
Change in estimate of asset retirement obligation	484,485	-	484,485	
Share based compensation related to the projects	376,583	-	376,583	
Exploration costs	10,283,651	20,890	10,304,541	
Balance at September 30, 2023	\$37,134,366	\$2,208,716	\$39,343,082	
Share based compensation related to the projects	199,563	-	199,563	
Exploration costs	2,753,876	18,925	2,772,801	
Balance at June 30, 2024	\$40,087,805	\$2,227,641	\$42,315,446	

E&E assets consist of costs expended on the Corporation's projects which are pending determination of technical feasibility and commercial viability.

#### ASSET RETIREMENT OBLIGATION ("ARO")

Cassiar has future obligations relating to retiring its exploration and evaluation assets at the Cassiar Property including dismantling, remediation and treatment of the site. The exact nature and costs of the obligation are subject to change because of the ongoing changes of environmental requirements enacted by government agencies.

A continuity of the asset retirement obligation is as follows:

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Balance at S eptember 30, 2022	\$2,259,056
Accretion expense	68,449
Change in estimate	484,485
Balance at September 30, 2023	2,811,990
Accretion expense	84,992
Balance at June 30, 2024	\$2,896,982

The total discounted cash flow estimated to settle the obligations as at June 30, 2024 was \$2,896,982 (September 30, 2023 – \$2,811,990) which was based on the recent reclamation cost estimation, and adjusted for inflation at the rate of 2.57% per annual and then discounted at a risk free rate of 4.03%. A total of \$2,896,982 discounted reclamation costs is expected to be incurred in 2033.

As at June 30, 2024, the Corporation had \$1,689,776 (September 30, 2023 - \$1,468,944) of reclamation bonds and cash deposit with the Ministry of Energy and Mines of British Columbia as commitments to meet its regulatory obligations. \$354,944 of reclamation bonds were acquired pursuant to the acquisition of Cassiar (2020).

#### RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

All related party transactions are in the normal course of operations and initially recorded at fair value.

As at June 30, 2024, the balance due to related parties is \$Nil (September 30, 2023 - \$16,198) due to directors and officers included in trade payables and accrued liabilities.

#### Compensation of key management personnel

The remuneration of directors and other members of key management personnel during the three- and nine-months periods ended June 30, 2024 and 2023 were as follows:

	Three Mon	ths Ended	Nine month Ended		
	June 30, 2024	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2024	June 30, 2023	
Short-term compensation	157,133	178,264	464,701	502,762	
Share-based payments	207,386	150,460	549,859	458,863	
Capitalized share-based payments	36,107	23,697	97,435	84,620	
Total	\$400,626	\$352,421	\$1,111,995	\$1,046,245	

#### **OUTSTANDING SHARES**

The Corporation is authorized to issue an unlimited number of Common Shares and an unlimited number of preferred shares, all without nominal or par value. The preferred shares may be issued in one or more series and the directors are authorized to fix the number of shares in each series and to determine the designation, rights, privileges, restrictions, and conditions attached to the shares of each series. As at the date hereof, no preferred shares have been issued by the Corporation.

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Common Shares		
	Number of Common Shares	Share capital
Balance at September 30, 2023	96,869,044	\$49,952,631
Common share is sued	29,277,530	5,658,753
Balance at June 30, 2024	126,146,574	\$55,611,384

Warrants		
	Number of warrants	Share capital
Balance at September 30, 2023	12,873,484	\$2,110,662
Warrants issued	29,277,530	2,100,855
Warrants expired	(4,173,071)	(1,096,862)
Balance at June 30, 2024	37,977,943	\$3,114,655
Total share capital at September 30, 2023		\$52,063,293
Total share capital at June 30, 2024		\$58,726,039

#### **Overview of Share History**

On December 12, 2023, the Company closed a non-broker private placement as below:

The Company issued 6,005,500 non-flow through units ("Units) at a price of \$0.25 per share for gross proceeds of \$1,501,375. Each Unit consists of one common share ("Common Share") of the Company and one Common Share purchase warrant ("Warrant").

The Company issued 1,420,011 flow through units ("FT Units) at a price of \$0.35 per unit for gross proceeds of \$497,004. Each FT Unit consists of one Common Share of the Company issued on a "CEE flow-through" basis pursuant to the Income Tax Act (Canada) and one Warrant.

Each Warrant will be exercisable by the holder to acquire one Common Share at a price of \$0.50 for a period of 24 months from the date of issuance.

In connection with the non-broker private placement, \$79,553 finders' fees were paid in cash and 264,930 finders' warrants were issued. Each finders' warrant is exercisable to acquire one Common Share at a price of \$0.50 for a period of 24 months from the date of issuance.

A fair value of \$837,879 has been attributed to the warrants based on the Black-Scholes option pricing model on the date of grant using the following assumptions:

Risk-free rate	3.91%
Weighted-average life	2 years
Dividend yield	nil
Annualized Volatility	75%
Weighted-average fair value	\$0.11
Expected Life	2 years

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On May 3, 2024, the Company closed a non-broker, upsized private placement as below:

The Company issued 10,832,735 non-flow-through units ("Units) at a price of \$0.25 per share for gross proceeds of \$2,708,184. Each Unit consists of one common share ("Common Share") of the Company and one Common Share purchase warrant ("Warrant").

The Company issued 1,769,284 flow-through units ("FT Units") at a price of \$0.35 per FT Unit for gross proceeds of \$619,249. Each FT Unit consists of one Common Share of the Company issued on a "CEE flow-through" basis pursuant to the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) and one Warrant.

The Company issued 4,000,000 charity flow-through units ("CFT Units") at a price of \$0.37 per CFT Unit for gross proceeds of \$1,480,000 and 5,250,000 CFT Units at a price of \$0.3825 per CFT Unit for gross proceeds of \$2,008,125. Each CFT Unit consists of one Common Share of the Company issued on a "CEE flow-through" basis pursuant to the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) and one Warrant.

Each Warrant will be exercisable by the holder to acquire one Common Share at a price of \$0.50 for a period of 24 months from the date of issuance.

In connection with the non-broker private placement, \$224,245 finders' fees were paid in cash and 918,540 finders' warrants were issued. Each finders' warrant is exercisable to acquire one Common Share at a price of \$0.50 for a period of 24 months from the date of issuance.

A fair value of \$1,262,976 has been attributed to the warrants based on the Black-Scholes option pricing model on the date of grant using the following assumptions:

Risk-free rate 4.27%
Weighted-average life 2 years
Dividend yield nil
Annualized Volatility 73%
Weighted-average fair value \$0.06
Expected Life 2 years

## FLOW-THROUGH SHARES

During the periods ended June 30, 2024, the Company raised \$4,604,378 (2023 - \$10,122,500) on a CEE flow-through share basis and was required to incur a net total of \$4,604,378 (2023 - \$10,122,500) of qualifying expenditures to renounce the tax deductions to investors.

As at June 30, 2024, the Company still needs to incur an additional \$5,609,837 (September 30, 2023 - \$4,893,073) to meet its flow through share commitment. A flow-through share premium liability of \$807,193 (September 30, 2023 - \$634,979) was recognized as the Company has not incurred sufficient qualifying expenditures to offset the liability.

The flow-through share premium of \$96,372 and \$488,363 (2023 - \$76,136 and \$178,525) was recognized during the three- and nine-months periods ended June 30, 2024.

#### STOCK OPTION PLAN

The Corporation has adopted an incentive stock option plan in accordance with the policies of the TSX-V (the "Stock Option Plan") which provides that the Board of Directors of the Corporation may from time to time, at its discretion, grant to directors, officers, employees and consultants of the Corporation non-transferable options to purchase common shares, provided that the number of common shares reserved for issuance under the Stock Option Plan shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the issued and outstanding common shares exercisable for the period of up to ten (10) years. In addition, the number of common shares reserved for issuance to any one person shall not exceed five percent (5%) of the issued and outstanding common shares and the number of common shares reserved for issuance to any one consultant will not exceed two percent (2%) of the issued and outstanding common shares. The Board of Directors

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determines the price per common share and the number of common shares which may be allocated to each director, officer, employee and consultant and all other terms and conditions of the option, subject to the rules of TSX-V.

All options expire in five years and vest based on terms and conditions set out in the stock option agreements. A summary of the Corporation's stock option plan activity is as follows:

	Number of Options	Weighted Average Exercise Price
Exercisable as at September 30, 2022	3,912,325	\$0.68
Outstanding at September 30, 2022	6,093,668	\$0.67
Granted	1,400,000	\$0.35
Cancelled	(248,000)	\$1.16
Excercised	(100,000)	\$0.45
Exercisable as at September 30, 2023	4,935,659	\$0.65
Outstanding at September 30, 2023	7,145,668	\$0.60
Granted	1,255,000	\$0.28
Expired	(485,000)	\$0.50
Forfeited/Cancelled	(80,000)	\$0.53
Exercisable as at June 30, 2024	4,577,326	\$0.67
Outstanding at June 30, 2024	7,835,668	\$0.55

At June 30, 2024, the weighted-average life of the options outstanding was 2.98 years (September 30, 2023 - 3.20 years). Details of stock options outstanding as at June 30, 2024 were as follows:

Exercise price	Weighted average contractual life	Number of options outstanding	Number of options exercisable
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\$0.75	1.16	1,150,000	1,150,000
\$0.60	1.73	1,690,668	1,690,667
\$0.79	2.38	470,000	470,000
\$0.66	3.21	1,900,000	1,266,659
\$0.35	4.23	1,370,000	-
\$0.28	4.84	1,255,000	-
Total	2.98	7,835,668	4,577,326

Total share-based payments of \$121,586 and \$326,196 (2023 – \$134,868 and \$437,875) for the three- and nine-months periods ended June 30, 2024 were recognized based on the estimated fair value of the options on the grant date using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. Of the total share-based payments, \$36,203 and \$95,124 (2023 - \$46,247 and \$139,230) were capitalized to E&E.

#### **SHARE UNIT PLAN**

The Corporation has established a deferred share unit and restricted share unit plan (the "Unit Plan"), which provides for the grant of DSUs and RSUs to eligible directors, officers, employees, advisors and consultants of the Company. The Unit Plan provides for settlement through cash payment or the issuance of common shares. The form of settlement is at the option of the Corporation. The Corporation does not intend to make cash payments and there is no history of the Company making cash payments under the Unit plan and, as such, the DSUs and RSUs are accounted for within shareholders' equity. These common shares would be issued from the same 10% rolling pool as the common shares issued under the Corporation's Deferred Share Unit Plan and the Company's Share Option Plan. As DSUs and RSUs are expected to be settled with equity, an amount equal to compensation expense is initially credited to contributed surplus, recognized over the term of the vesting period, and transferred to share capital if and when the units are exercised.

The Corporation has adopted its Share Unit Plan which received shareholder approval on March 16, 2022.

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RSU and DSU movements during the period ended June 30, 2024 are as follows:

	Number of RSUs V	Weighted Average Exercise Price
Outstanding as at September 30, 2022	1,068,000	\$0.68
Granted	1,390,000	\$0.35
Exercised	(665,998)	\$0.67
Cancelled	(44,000)	\$0.79
Outstanding at September 30, 2023	1,748,002	\$0.41
Granted	1,115,000	\$0.26
Cancelled	(40,000)	\$0.42
Outstanding at June 30, 2024	2,823,002	\$0.35

	Number of DSUs	Weighted Average Exercise Price
Outstanding as at September 30, 2022	744,000	\$0.73
Granted	550,000	\$0.35
Exercised	(488,002)	\$0.73
Cancelled	(16,000)	\$0.79
Outstanding at September 30, 2023	789,998	\$0.46
Granted	550,000	\$0.26
Outstanding at June 30, 2024	1,339,998	\$0.38

Total share-based payments of \$182,752 and \$485,496 (2023 – \$122,316 and \$331,847) for the three- and nine-months periods ended June 30, 2024 were recognized based on the estimated fair value of the RSU and DSU from \$0.255 to \$0.79. Of the total share-based payments, \$39,048 and \$104,439 (2023 - \$28,125 and \$82,193) were capitalized to E&E.

During the periods ended June 30, 2024, \$Nil (2023 - \$71,460) share based payments for previous year were reclassified to capitalized to E&E as the share-based payments were related to exploration and development activities.

#### CONTROLS AND INTERNAL CONTROLS OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

Management of the Corporation is responsible for establishing and maintaining appropriate information systems, procedures and controls to ensure that information used internally and disclosed externally is complete, reliable and timely. Management is also responsible for the design and evaluation of internal controls over financial reporting to provide sufficient knowledge to support the representations made in this MD&A and in the financial statements for the years ended September 30, 2023 and 2022.

Management of the Corporation has filed the Venture Issuer Basic Certificate with the filings for the three and ninemonths periods ended June 30, 2024 and 2023 on SEDAR at <a href="https://www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a>.

In contrast to the certificate required under National Instrument 52-109 – *Certification of Disclosure in Issuers' Annual and Interim Filings* ("**NI 52-109**"), the venture issuer basic certificate does not include representations relating to the establishment and maintenance of disclosure controls and procedures ("**DC&P**") and internal control over financial reporting ("**ICFR**"), as defined in NI 52-109. In particular, the certifying officers filing certificates for venture issuers are not making any representations relating to the establishment and maintenance of:

(a) controls and other procedures designed to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed by the issuer in its annual filings, interim filings or other reports filed or submitted under securities legislation is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in securities legislation; and

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(b) a process to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of the financial statements for external purposes in accordance with the issuer's generally accepted accounting principles.

The Corporation's certifying officers are responsible for ensuring that processes are in place to provide them with sufficient knowledge to support the representations they are making in their certificates.

Investors should be aware that inherent limitations on the ability of certifying officers of a venture issuer to design and implement DC&P and ICFR as defined in NI 52-109 on a cost-effective basis may result in additional risks to the quality, reliability, transparency, and timeliness of interim and annual filings and other reports provided under securities legislation.

#### CRTITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND ESTIMATES

The preparation of the audited financial statements is in conformity with IFRS. Preparing the audited financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Management continually evaluates these judgments, estimates and assumptions based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results could differ from these estimates. Note 3 and Note 4 of the Corporation's audited financial statements for the years ended September 30, 2023 and 2022 provide greater detail regarding use of estimates and judgments, and all of the significant accounting policies.

#### **BUSINESS RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES**

The Corporation's exploration activities are concentrated in Western Canada where activity is highly competitive and includes companies ranging from smaller junior exploration companies to the much larger integrated mining companies. The Corporation is subject to various types of business risks and uncertainties, including:

- Finding and developing mineral reserves at economic costs
- Commodity risk
- Production of minerals in commercial quantities
- Marketability of minerals produced
- Substantial capital requirements and access to capital markets
- Environmental risks
- Reliance on operators and key employees
- Third party credit risk
- Insurance
- Changes in legislation and incentive programs

The Corporation is not in a position to predict these risks or uncertainties, nor evaluate their impact, as the case may be, on its activities. The following summary of risks and uncertainties applicable to the Corporation are not comprehensive, and there may be other factors, or a combination of factors, that can cause actual results to differ from those presented in the Corporation's forward-looking statements.

## Commodity Risk

The value of the Corporation's exploration and evaluation of assets are related to the price of gold and other mineral commodities, and the outlook for the minerals. The Corporation's business could be affected by commodity market price movements and their impact on the future economic viability of the Corporation's projects and the ability of the Corporation to raise capital. These market risks are evaluated by monitoring changes in key economic indicators and market information on an on-going basis and adjusting operating and exploration budgets accordingly.

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#### Exploration Risk

The Corporation operates as a mineral explorer in the mining industry which involves considerable financial and technical risk. Substantial time and expenditures are usually required to make discoveries and to establish economic reserves. It is impossible to ensure that the current properties and programs of the Corporation will result in economic discoveries and development. Accordingly, success in achieving the objectives of the Corporation is affected by some circumstances over which the Corporation has no control.

In order to reduce exploration risk, the Corporation strives to employ highly qualified and motivated professional employees with a demonstrated ability to generate quality proprietary geological and geophysical prospects. To help maximize drilling success, the Corporation combines exploration in areas that afford multi-zone prospect potential, targeting a range of low to moderate risk prospects with some exposure to select high risk, high reward opportunities.

## Additional Financing

The business of the Corporation depends, in part, on its ability to raise funds by issuing securities of the Corporation. The Corporation is exposed to financing risks such as not being able to raise sufficient funds to meet the required option payments on the Corporation's properties. To mitigate this risk, the Corporation has intermediaries with valuable commercial relationships actively searching for ways to raise funds. The Corporation intends to raise the required funds through issuance of equity by securing strategic partners or assuming debt. The exercise of stock options, as well as any new equity financings, represent dilution factors for present and future shareholders.

#### Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that a customer or counter party will fail to perform an obligation or fail to pay amounts due causing a financial loss. The Corporation's credit risk is primarily attributable to cash and trade and other receivables which are with customers and are subject to normal credit risks.

Credit risk associated with cash is minimized substantially by ensuring that these financial assets are placed with major Canadian financial institutions.

The Corporation's maximum exposure for the periods ended June 30, 2024 relates to \$7,793,020 (September 30, 2023 – \$4,499,192) of cash and \$240,017 (September 30, 2023 – \$295,488) of receivables.

#### Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk rises from the Corporation's general funding needs and in the management of the Corporation's assets, liabilities and mineral property expenditure requirements. The Corporation manages its liquidity risk to maintain sufficient liquid financial resources to meet its commitments and obligations as they come due in a cost-effective manner.

#### Environmental Risks

Mining can involve environmental risks such as pollution of the environment and destruction of natural habitat, as well as safety risks such as personal injury. In order to mitigate such risk, the Corporation conducts its operations at high standards and follows safety procedures intended to reduce the potential for personal injury to employees, contractors and the public at large.

The Corporation mitigates its risk related to producing hydrocarbons and minerals through the utilization of the most appropriate technology and information systems. In addition, the Corporation seeks to maintain operational control of the majority of its prospects.

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The Corporation depends on the skills and experience of its management team and other key employees. The Corporation also relies on its ability to attract and retain skilled personnel in a competitive environment. A failure to recruit and retain employees in order to assist the Corporation's business may adversely affect the Corporation's business or financial condition.

## **Directors and Officers**

Marco Roque, CEO, President and Director Kevin Chen, CFO Stephen Letwin, Director and Chairman Christopher Stewart, Director James Maxwell, Director Michael Wood, Director Stephen Robertson, Director