

# MASON RESOURCES INC.

PREVIOUSLY MASON GRAPHITE INC.

**CONDENSED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** 

FOR THE THREE AND SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

(EXPRESSED IN CANADIAN DOLLARS)

(UNAUDITED)



#### **Notice to Reader**

The accompanying unaudited condensed interim financial statements of Mason Resources Inc. (Previously Mason Graphite Inc.) (the "Company") have been prepared by and are the responsibility of the Company's management. The Company's independent auditor has not performed a review of these unaudited condensed interim financial statements in accordance with standards established by the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada for a review of interim financial statements by the entity's auditor.

# Management's responsibility for financial reporting

Management is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the accompanying unaudited condensed interim financial statements, which includes ensuring that significant accounting judgments and estimates are made in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards. This responsibility includes selecting appropriate accounting principles and methods, and making decisions affecting the measurement of transactions for which objective judgment is required.

The Board of Directors is responsible for overseeing management in the performance of its financial reporting responsibilities and for approving the financial information included in the unaudited condensed interim financial statements. The Board fulfils these responsibilities by reviewing the financial information prepared by management and discussing relevant matters with management. The Audit Committee has the responsibility of meeting with management to discuss internal controls over the financial reporting process, auditing matters and financial reporting issues. The Audit Committee reports its findings to the Board for its consideration in approving the condensed consolidated interim financial statements together with other financial information of the Company for issuance to the shareholders.

Management recognizes its responsibility for conducting the Company's affairs in compliance with established financial standards and applicable laws and regulations, and for maintaining proper standards of conduct for its activities.

"Peter Damouni"
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Executive Director

"Carmelo Marrelli"

Carmelo Marrelli Chief Financial Officer

Laval, Québec February 27, 2025 Mason Resources Inc. (Previously Mason Graphite Inc.) Condensed Consolidated Interim Statements of Financial Position (Expressed in Canadian Dollars) (Unaudited)

As at,	December 31, 2024	June 30, 2024
ASSETS Cash Sales tax receivables Prepaid and other receivable Investments (Note 6) Note receivable (Note 7)	\$ 3,022,059 148,729 151,336 26,398,625 915,774	\$ 5,494,253 158,294 179,316 32,206,180
Total assets	\$ 30,636,523	\$ 38,038,043
LIABILITIES Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 74,031	\$ 110,896
Total liabilities	74,031	110,896
EQUITY Share capital Reserves Deficit Total equity	110,305,542 14,419,048 (94,162,098) 30,562,492	110,305,542 14,419,048 (86,797,443) 37,927,147
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 30,636,523	\$ 38,038,043

Nature of operations and liquidity risk (note 1) Commitments and contingencies (note 12) Subsequent events (note 13) Mason Resources Inc. (Previously Mason Graphite Inc.)
Condensed Consolidated Interim Statements of Loss and Comprehensive Loss (Expressed in Canadian Dollars)
(Unaudited)

	For the three months ended December 31,				For the six months ended December 31,		
		2024		2023	2024	2023	
Expenses							
Salaries and consulting fees	\$	172,437	\$	209,966 \$	340,557	\$ 424,833	3
Director fees	Ψ	23,579	Ψ	29,650	47,157	70,184	
Professional fees		91,782		61,064	156,052	148,844	
General office expenses		106,605		66,801	158,448	84,732	
Travel and accommodation		76,570		46,344	82,390	48,261	
Share-based compensation (Note 10)		-		-	-	1,088,599	
Communication and promotion		10,786		10,199	10,786	10,199	
Transfer agent and filing fees		23,890		675	34,111	17,070	
Net foreign exchange loss		(59,907)		45,249	(61,916)	44,870	
Loss before other items		(445,742)		(469,948)	(767,585)	(1,937,592	_
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Finance income		233,324		96,725	310,485	144,642	2
Change in fair market value (Note 6)	(	(1,275,178)		-	(6,907,555)	-	_
Share of loss of associate (Note 5)		-		(363,020)	-	(730,970	))
Net loss from continuing operations	_	(1,487,596)		(736,243)	(7,364,655)	(2,523,920	_
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Net loss from discontinued operations (Note 4 and 5)		-		(3,844,984)	-	(3,885,250	))
Net loss and comprehensive loss for the period	\$ (	(1,487,596)	\$	(4,581,227) \$	(7,364,655)		_
Net loss per share (Note 11)							
from continuing operations							
- basic and diluted	\$	(0.01)	\$	(0.01) \$	(0.05)	\$ (0.02	2)
from discontinued operations		•				•	
- basic and diluted	\$	0.00	\$	(0.03) \$	0.00	\$ (0.03	3)
Total - basic and diluted	\$	(0.01)	\$	(0.03) \$	(0.05)	\$ (0.05	<u>5)</u>

Mason Resources Inc. (Previously Mason Graphite Inc.) Condensed Interim Statements of Cash Flows (Expressed in Canadian Dollars) (Unaudited)

		For the six months ended December 31,		
	2024	2023		
	\$	\$		
Cash flows used in operating activities		(- ( ()		
Net loss for the period	(7,364,655)	(6,409,170)		
Items not affecting cash:		4 000 E00		
Share-based compensation	-	1,088,599		
Loss on sale of property, plant and equipment Impairment of property plant and equipment	-	3,729,050 96,436		
Depreciation	<u>-</u>	4,462		
Accrued interest income	(14,324)	-,402		
Foreign exchange	(12,400)	_		
Change in fair market value of investments	6,907,555	<u>-</u>		
Share of loss of associate net of dilution gains	-	730,970		
Gain on sale of mineral data	_	(50,000)		
Changes in non-cash working capital items:		(00,000)		
Sales tax receivables	9,565	(3,258)		
Prepaid and other receivable	27,980	(47,754)		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(36,865)	(26,766)		
	(483,144)	(887,431)		
Cash flows (used in) from investing activities				
Purchase of investments	(1,100,000)	-		
Sale of property, plant and equipment (net of costs)	-	1,222,891		
Proceeds from sale of mineral data	(000.050)	50,000		
Loan to Aspley House Capital PLC	(889,050)	- 4 070 004		
	(1,989,050)	1,272,891		
Change in cash	(2,472,194)	385,460		
Cash, beginning of the period	`5,494,253 <i>`</i>	7,581,884		
Cash, end of the period	3,022,059	7,967,344		
Cash flows from discontinued operations				
Operating activities		(105,302)		
Investing activities	-	1,272,891		
Total cash flows from discontinued operations	-	1,167,589		
Supplemental information:				
Cash held in GIC's	411,820	5,194,931		

Mason Resources Inc. (Previously Mason Graphite Inc.)
Condensed Interim Statements of Changes in Equity
(Expressed in Canadian Dollars)
(Unaudited)

	Share C	Capital	Reserves					
	Number	Amount	Warrants	Broker warrants	Options	Deficit	Total	
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Balance as of July 1, 2024 Net loss and comprehensive loss for the period	141,292,585 -	110,305,542 -	5,622,949 -	591,458 -	8,204,641 -	<b>(86,797,443)</b> (7,364,655)	<b>37,927,147</b> (7,364,655)	
Balance, December 31, 2024	141,292,585	110,305,542	5,622,949	591,458	8,204,641	(94,162,098)	30,562,492	
Balance as of July 1, 2023 Share-based compensation Net loss and comprehensive loss for the period	141,292,585	110,305,542	5,622,949	591,458 - -	<b>7,116,042</b> 1,088,599	(97,037,440) - (6,409,170)	<b>26,598,551</b> 1,088,599 (6,409,170)	
Balance, December 31, 2023	141,292,585	110,305,542	5,622,949	591,458	8,204,641	(103,446,610)	21,277,980	

### 1. NATURE OF OPERATIONS AND LIQUIDITY RISK

Mason Resources Inc. (Previously Mason Graphite Inc.) ("Mason" or the "Company") was incorporated on March 15, 2011 under the *Business Corporations Act* (Ontario) and was continued under the *Canada Business Corporations Act* effective March 3, 2016. The Company's head office is located at 26-1501 Av. Mcgill College, Montréal, Québec, H3A 3M8, Canada. On October 27, 2023, the Company's changed its name to Mason Resources Inc. from Mason Graphite Inc.

Mason is a Canadian corporation focused on investment opportunities in minerals and materials, notably batteryrelated materials and their by-products and includes the development of value-added products, notably for green technologies like transport electrification.

These unaudited condensed interim financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, which assumes that the Company will be able to realize its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of business for the foreseeable future. In assessing whether the going concern assumption is appropriate, management takes into account all available information about the future, which is at least, but not limited to, 12 months from the end of the most recent reporting period. As of December 31, 2024, the Company had a working capital (not including investments) of \$3,248,093 (2024 - \$5,720,967), an accumulated deficit of \$94,162,098 (June 30, 2024 - \$86,797,443) and a net loss from continuing operations of \$7,364,655 (December 31, 2023 - \$2,523,920) for the six months ended December 31, 2024. Working capital included a cash balance of \$3,022,059 (June 30, 2024 - \$5,494,253).

Management believes that the Company has sufficient funds to meet its obligations, operating expenses and some development expenditures of the value-added graphite product for the next 12 months. Should it become required to obtain additional financing, the Company can raise funds in various ways, including through strategic partnerships, joint venture agreements, debt project financing or other options offered by financial markets. While management has been successful in securing financing in the past, there can be no assurance that it will be able to do so in the future or that these sources of funding or initiatives will be available for the Company or that they will be available on terms which are acceptable to the Company.

#### 2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### a) Basis of presentation

The Company applies International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB"). These unaudited condensed interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standard 34, Interim Financial Reporting. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information required for full annual financial statements required by IFRS as issued by the IASB.

The policies applied in these unaudited condensed interim financial statements are based on IFRS issued and outstanding as of February 27, 2025, the date the Board of Directors approved the statements. The same accounting policies and methods of computation are followed in these unaudited condensed interim financial statements as compared with the most recent annual financial statements as at and for the year ended June 30, 2024, except as noted below. Any subsequent changes to IFRS that are given effect in the Company's annual financial statements for the year ending June 30, 2025 could result in restatement of these unaudited condensed interim financial statements.

# 3. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

As of December 31, 2024 and June 30, 2024, the Company does not have any property plant and equipment.

	IT equipment	Production equipment	Construction in progress	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance, June 30, 2023	100,898	4,951,941	-	5,052,839
Depreciation	(4,462)	-	-	(4,462)
Impairment	(96,436)	-	-	(96,436)
Sale of equipment	-	(4,951,941)	-	(4,951,941)
Balance, December 31, 2023	<u> </u>	-	-	-
As of December 31, 2023				
Cost	218,593	15,069,570	32,469,164	47,757,327
Accumulated depreciation	(122,157)	-	-	(122,157)
Accumulated charge for impairment	(96,436)	(10,117,629)	-	(10,214,065)
Sale of equipment	-	(4,951,941)	(32,469,164)	(37,421,105)
Net book value	-	-	-	-

### 4. EXPLORATION PROPERTY

The Company was previously engaged in the development of its 100% owned Lac Guéret graphite property located in Québec, Canada. Substantially, all of the Company's efforts were devoted to financing and developing this property. On May 15, 2023, Nouveau Monde Graphite Inc. and the Company entered into an agreement with a joint venture option on Lac Guéret graphite property. The Company disposed of its interest in Lac Guéret in January 2024, and sold all property, plant and equipment to various parties. Operations related to the property were classified as a discontinued operations.

	For the three months ended December 31, For the six month ended December 3						
	2024		2023		2024		2023
Expenses (income)							
Added-value processing	\$ -	\$	60	\$	-	\$	7,702
R&D expenses	-		9,000		-		9,000
Government assistance	-		-		-		(1,725)
Care and maintenance for Lac Guéret project	-		10,438		-		90,325
Gain on sale of mineral data	-		-		-		(50,000)
Impairment of property plant and equipment (Note 3)	-		96,436		-		96,436
Depreciation (Note 3)	-		-		-		4,462
Loss (gain) on sale of equipment (Note 3)	-		3,729,050		-		3,729,050
Net loss from discontinued operations	\$ -	\$	3,844,984	\$	-	\$	3,885,250

## 5. INVESTMENT IN ASSOCIATE - BLACK SWAN GRAPHENE INC. ("BLACK SWAN")

On August 2, 2022, Black Swan Graphene Inc. ("Old Black Swan") closed a Qualifying Transaction with Dragonfly Capital Corp. ("Dragonfly") pursuant to the terms of a share exchange agreement dated January 17, 2022, as amended, with Old Black Swan and its shareholders (the "Transaction"). The Transaction was completed by way of share exchange whereby Dragonfly acquired all of the outstanding common shares in the capital of Black Swan (each, a "Black Swan Share") from the shareholders of Old Black Swan. As a result of the Transaction, the Company became a reporting issuer.

Dragonfly previously raised \$7 million through the issuance of subscription receipts which were also released to the combined entity. Following these transactions, the Company received 117,799,982 shares in Dragonfly, now renamed Black Swan Graphene Inc ("Black Swan"), representing a participation of 41.49% in Black Swan. The Company previously accounted for its participation in Black Swan as an investment in an associate from the date of the Transaction, using the equity method up until the Company became an investment entity under the rules of IFRS 10 on April 1, 2024.

For the period ended December 31, 2023, the impact of the changes on the Company's investment in Black Swan are as follows:

	Six Months Ended December 31, 2023
Balance, beginning of period	\$ 14,011,792
Participation in New Black Swan at the time of the Transaction	-
Gain on dilution	-
Share of loss and comprehensive loss	(730,970)
Balance, end of period	\$ 13,280,822

The following table summarizes, in aggregate, the financial information of Black Swan. The amounts included in the IFRS financial statements of the associate are adjusted to reflect adjustments made by the Company, when using the equity method, such as fair value adjustments made at the time of acquisition.

	As of December 31, 2023
	\$
Cash	5,572,868
Total current assets	6,063,450
Total non-current assets	9,724,819
Total assets	15,788,269
Total current liabilities	115,942
Net assets	15,672,327
Proportion of ownership interest held	39.04 %
Proportion share of net assets	6,118,476
Goodwill	7,354,575
Net carrying amount of investment in Black Swan	13,280,822
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	Months Ended
	<b>December 31, 2023</b>
Loss from continuing operations and	<b>A</b> 4 070 000
total comprehensive loss	\$ 1,872,360

### 6. INVESTMENTS

	As of	As of
	December 31,	June 30,
	2024	2024
Black Swan Graphene Inc Common shares (note 5)	\$ 10,601,998	\$ 14,135,998
NorthX Nickel Corp Common shares	250,000	1,145,833
NorthX Nickel Corp Warrants	167,092	907,167
Nouveau Monde Graphite Inc Common shares	14,092,637	16,017,182
Astra Exploration Inc Common shares	233,333	-
Astra Exploration Inc Warrants	53,565	-
Sand Minerals Inc Common Shares	1,000,000	
Total	\$ 26,398,625	\$ 32,206,180

#### Nouveau Monde Graphite Inc. ("NMG")

On January 31, 2024, the Company closed the sale of the Lac Guéret Property by way of an asset purchase agreement dated January 21, 2024 with Nouveau Monde Graphite Inc. In consideration for the sale of the Lac Guéret Property, Mason received 6,208,210 common shares of NMG, representing approximately 9.25% of the issued and outstanding common shares of NMG. These common shares were treated as a financial asset classified at FVPTL. At the start of commercial production of the contemplated Uatnan Mining Project an additional payment of \$5,000,000 in cash is to be paid to the Company. As this contingent payment is not virtually certain to occur, no amounts have been recorded related to this potential additional payment.

#### NorthX Nickel Corp.

On May 15, 2024, the Company invested \$1,000,000 in NorthX Nickel Corp. (CSE: NIX) (OTCQB: RCHRF), formerly known as Archer Exploration Corp. ("NorthX"), Mason subscribed to 4,166,667 Units at a price of \$0.24 per Unit, with each Unit being comprised of one common share of NorthX and one share purchase warrant entitling Mason to purchase one NorthX share at a price of \$0.36 per Share until May 14, 2027.

In connection with the subscription of the Units, NorthX and Mason entered into an Investor Rights Agreement, pursuant to which, among other things, Mason has the right to designate two (2) nominees for election as directors of NorthX so long as it maintains ownership, directly or indirectly, of at least 10% of the issued and outstanding Shares on a non-diluted basis, and one (1) nominee for election as a director of NorthX so long as it maintains ownership, directly or indirectly, of at least 5% of the issued and outstanding Shares on a non-diluted basis.

### Astra Exploration Inc.

On November 7, 2024, the Company invested \$100,000 in Astra Exploration Inc. ("Astra") (TSX-V: ASTR) for 1,666,666 units at \$0.06 per unit. Each Unit being comprised of one common share of Astra and one half of one share purchase warrant entitling Mason to purchase one Astra share at a price of \$0.10 per Share until November 7, 2025.

### Sand Minerals Inc.

On October 21, 2024, the Company invested \$1,000,000 in Sand Minerals Inc. ("Sand") a private company for 10,000,000 common shares at \$0.10 per common share. In connection with the subscription of the common shares, Sand and Mason entered into an Investor Rights Agreement, pursuant to which, among other things, Mason has the right to nominate one (1) nominee for election as directors of Sand so long as it maintains ownership, directly or indirectly, of at least 10% of the issued and outstanding Shares on a non-diluted basis.

# 6. INVESTMENTS (continued)

Fair value hierarchy

The Company's investment portfolio is measured using the most reliable measure of fair value and range from level 1 to level 3 inputs. During the year ended December 31, 2024, there were no transfers between levels. The Company's measurement of the fair value of financial instruments as at December 31, 2024 in accordance with the fair value hierarchy is as follows:

Investments	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
December 31, 2024	25,177,968	220,657	1,000,000	26,398,625
June 30, 2024	31,299,013	907,167	-	32,206,180

#### 7. NOTE RECEIVABLE

On December 2, 2024, the Company entered into a \$889,050 (£500,000) loan agreement with Aspley House Capital PLC, bearing an interest rate of 20% per annum. The note is repayable within 30 days from the sale of all or substantially all of certain properties, or after 18 months from the date of issuance upon the request of the Company. The Company will also receive 25% of the profit from the sale of the properties.

The following table reflects the continuity of the note receivable:

	ember 31, 2024	June 30, 2024
Balance, Beginning of period	\$ -	\$ -
Additions	889,050	-
Interest income	14,324	-
Foreign exchange	12,400	-
Total	\$ 915,774	\$ -

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### 8. SHARE CAPITAL

# (a) Authorized

An unlimited number of common shares without nominal value which confer to each shareholder the right to vote at any meeting of the shareholders, except at meetings which only holders of special shares are entitled to attend, receive dividends declared by the Company thereon and share the residual property upon dissolution of the Company.

The Company has an unlimited number of special shares without nominal value which include certain rights and privileges. No special shares have been issued.

# (b) Share issuances

During the six months ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Company did not issue any common shares.

### 9. WARRANTS

The Company did not have any outstanding warrants as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, June 30, 2024 and 2023.

#### 10. STOCK OPTIONS

The Company has implemented a stock option plan ("the Plan") to be administered by the Board of Directors. Pursuant to the Plan the Board of Director's has discretion to grant options for up to a maximum of 10% of the issued and outstanding common shares of the Company at the date the options are granted. The terms and conditions of each option granted under the Plan will be determined by the Board of Directors. Options will be priced in the context of the market and in compliance with applicable securities laws and exchange guidelines. Consequently, the exercise price for any stock option shall not be lower than the market price of the underlying common shares at the time of grant. The Board shall determine the vesting period and the term of stock options granted under the Plan, provided that no stock option shall be outstanding for a period greater than ten years.

During the six months ended December 31, 2024, no stock options were granted.

During the six months ended December 31, 2023, the Company granted 6,780,000 options to directors, officers, and consultants of the Company, which vest immediately. The fair value of the options granted, as estimated at the time of grant, was \$1,084,800. This value was calculated using the Black-Scholes pricing model and the following assumptions: weighted average exercise price of the options of \$0.23 which corresponds to the share price at the time of grant, estimated life of five years, weighted average risk-free interest rate of 3.90%, volatility of 94.4% (based on past volatility of the Company's stock) and expected return on the stock of nil.

The following table reflects the continuity of options for the six months ended December 31, 2024 and 2023:

	Number of stock options	Weighted average exercise price (\$)
Balance, June 30, 2023	6,717,000	0.460
Granted	6,780,000	0.230
Balance, December 31, 2023	13,497,000	0.350
Balance, June 30, 2024	13,000,000	0.340
Forfeited	(6,700,000)	(0.450)
Balance, December 31, 2024	6,300,000	0.230

As of December 31, 2024, the Company had the following options outstanding:

Exercise		Remaining Contractual Life	Number of Options	Number of Options Vested		
Expiry Date	Price (\$)	(years)	Outstanding	(Exercisable)		
July 31, 2028	0.23	3.58	6,300,000	6,300,000		
	0.23	3.58	6,300,000	6,300,000		

Share-based compensation costs related to Mason for the six months ended December 31, 2024, totaled \$nil (December 31, 2023: \$1,088,599).

### 11. NET LOSS PER SHARE

	For the three months December 31,		For the six months December 31,		
	2024	2023	2024	2023	
Weighted average number of common shares Dilutive effect on stock options	141,292,585 -	141,292,585 -	141,292,585 -	141,292,585 -	
Weighted average of diluted common shares	141,292,585	141,292,585	141,292,585	141,292,585	
Net loss from continuing operations attributable to common shareholders of Mason Net loss from continuing operations per share – Basic and diluted	(1,487,596) (0.01)	(736,243) (0.01)	(7,364,655) (0.05)	(2,523,920) (0.02)	
Net loss from discontinued operations attributable to common shareholders of Mason Net loss from discontinued operations per share – Basic and diluted	- 0.00	(3,844,984)	- 0.00	(3,885,250)	
Net loss attributable to common shareholders of Mason Net loss per share — Basic and diluted	(1,487,596) (0.01)	(4,581,227) (0.03)	(7,364,655) (0.05)	(6,409,170) (0.05)	

Given the net loss from continuing operations, the effect of potential issuances of shares under options would be anti-dilutive for the period ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 and accordingly, all basic, and diluted losses per share are the same.

### 12. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

As of December 31, 2024, the balance due to the related parties amounted to \$3,617 (as of June 30, 2024: \$3,195). The amounts due are mainly directors' fees, do not bear interest, are not guaranteed and are payable on request.

•	For the three months ended December 31,			For the six months ended December 31,			
	 2024 2023		2024		2023		
Salaries, consulting fees and other benefits	\$ 90,031	\$	84,683	\$	166,294	\$	172,495
Directors fees'	22,500		31,250		45,000		68,750
Share-based compensation – Management	-		-		-		208,000
Share-based compensation – Directors	 -		-		-		476,000
	\$ 112,531	\$	115,933	\$	211,294	\$	925,245

In accordance with IAS 24 Related Party Disclosures, key management personnel are those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing, and controlling the activities of the Company directly or indirectly, including any directors (executive and non-executive) of the Company.

The Company is party to certain management contracts. Minimum commitments under these contracts are approximately \$550,000. These contracts require that maximum payments of approximately \$1,000,000 be made upon the occurrence of certain events such as a change of control. As a triggering event has not taken place, the contingent payments have not been reflected in these unaudited condensed interim financial statements.

# 13. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

On January 13, 2025, the Company announced the closing of a non-brokered private placement for gross proceeds of \$1.4 million, consisting of 28,000,000 units at a price of \$0.05 per unit. Each unit consist of one common share and one common share purchase warrant entitling the holder thereof to purchase one additional common share at an exercise price of \$0.075 for a period of three years from the Closing Date. Insiders of the Company subscribed for 24.9% of the Offering. Further Mr. Fahad Al Tamimi, Chairman of the Board of Directors, participated in the non-brokered privvate placement, increasing his ownership stake to approximately 19.2% on a partially diluted basis.