

**OPTEGRA VENTURES INC.**  
**(formerly Essex Minerals Inc.)**

**Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and  
Results of Operations for the Year Ended September 30, 2023**

**General**

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The following Management Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") for Optegra Ventures Inc. (formerly Essex Minerals Inc.) ("the Company") should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and notes for the years ended September 30, 2023 and 2022. All monetary amounts, unless otherwise indicated, are expressed in Canadian dollars. Additional information relating to the Company can be found on the SEDAR+ website at [www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca).

The MD&A was approved by the Board of Directors of the Company on January 29, 2024.

The head office and principal address of the Company is located at 3002-1211 Melville Street, Vancouver, BC V6E 0A7, and the registered and records office of the Company is located at 2500-700 W Georgia Street, Vancouver, BC V7Y 1B3.

**Statement of Compliance**

These condensed consolidated interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standards 34 – Interim Financial Reporting, using accounting policies consistent with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB") and Interpretations of the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee. They do not include all of the information required for full annual financial statements.

**Basis of Presentation**

The condensed consolidated interim financial statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis except for certain financial instruments which are measured at their fair value as explained in the accounting policies set out in the September 30, 2023 audited consolidated financial statements. In addition, these condensed consolidated interim financial statements have been prepared using the accrual basis of accounting except cash flow information. All amounts are in Canadian dollars unless otherwise stated.

**Forward-Looking Statements**

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Certain statements contained in this document constitute "forward-looking statements". When used in this document, the words "may", "would", "could", "will", "intend", "plan", "propose", "progressing", "anticipate", "believe", "forecast", "estimate", "expect" and similar expressions, as they relate to the Company or its management, are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Such statements reflect the Company's current views with respect to future events and are subject to certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Many factors could cause the Company's actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements that may be expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Given these risks and uncertainties, readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on such forward-looking statements.

Forward-looking statements are necessarily based upon a number of estimates and assumptions that, while considered reasonable by the Company, are inherently subject to significant business, economic and competitive uncertainties and contingencies. Known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors, many of which are beyond the Company's ability to predict or control could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in the forward-looking statements, which include, without limitation, commodity price volatility, changes in debt and equity markets, increases in costs, interest rate and exchange rate fluctuations, general economic conditions, the ability of the Company to receive continued financial support from related parties and to obtain public equity financing, the ability to generate profitable operations in the future, and the receipt of regulatory approvals on acceptable terms. Readers are cautioned that the foregoing list of factors is not exhaustive of the factors that may affect the forward-looking statements.

## Overview

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The Company was incorporated on November 19, 2012 under the Business Corporations Act (British Columbia). The Company's principal business activity is the exploration of mineral properties. The Company currently conducts substantially all of its operations in Canada in one business segment.

The Company is a natural resource company focused on mineral exploration opportunities where it can adopt an option earn-in and joint venture model with proven technical teams which have already expended the time and capital to assemble exploration projects where drill targets have been identified.

On December 22, 2016, the Company received a receipt from the British Columbia Securities Commission for the long form prospectus dated December 20, 2016. On March 15, 2017, the Company completed an initial public offering and its shares were listed on the TSX Venture Exchange ("TSXV").

On March 16, 2021, the Company's common shares began being quoted on the OTCQB market under the stock symbol "ESXMF". In addition to its primary listing on the TSXV, the Company is also listed on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange under the trading symbol "EWX1". On April 1, 2023, the Company did not renew its listing on the OTCQB market.

On August 25, 2023, the Company changed its name to Optegra Ventures Inc., and commenced trading on the TSX-V under the symbol "OPTG".

## Significant Events and Transactions

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### Share Consolidation

Effective August 25, 2023, the Company consolidated all its issued and outstanding common shares on the basis of one (1) post-consolidation share for every ten (10) pre-consolidation shares (the "Consolidation"). All references herein to the number of shares, options, warrants, weighted average number of common shares and loss per share have been retrospectively restated for the Consolidation, including all such numbers presented for the prior periods.

### Private Placements

#### Year ended September 30, 2023

On October 7, 2022, the Company closed the second tranche of its non-brokered private placement of 375,000 units at \$0.20 per unit for aggregate proceeds of \$75,000. Each unit consisted of one common share and one share purchase warrant. Each warrant is exercisable into one common share of the Company at a price of \$0.50 per share for a period of five years from the date of closing. In connection with the closing of the second tranche, the Company paid \$5,250 in finder's fee and issued 35,000 finder warrants. Each finder warrant is exercisable into one common share of the Company at a price of \$0.50 per share for a period of five years from the date of closing.

On October 19, 2022, the Company closed the final tranche of its non-brokered private placement of 302,500 units at \$0.20 per unit for aggregate proceeds of \$60,500. Each unit consisted of one common share and one share purchase warrant. Each warrant is exercisable into one common share of the Company at a price of \$0.50 per share for a period of five years from the date of closing. In connection with the closing of the second tranche, the Company paid \$1,570 finder's fee and issued 7,350 finder warrants. Each finder warrant is exercisable into one common share of the Company at a price of \$0.50 per share for a period of five years from the date of closing.

In connection with the closing of the October 2022 second and third tranche private placements, the Company paid an aggregate of \$6,820 and issued an aggregate of 42,350 finder's warrants with a fair value of \$5,489 to various finders. Each finder's warrant is exercisable into one common share of the Company at a price of \$0.50 per share for a period of five years from the date of closing. The Company also incurred other share issuance costs of \$11,391. The Company recorded a total of \$23,700 of share issuance costs in relation to the October 2022 private placements.

Year ended September 30, 2022

During September 2022, the Company closed first tranche of a non-brokered private placement financing, issued 3,722,500 units at \$0.20 per unit for aggregate proceeds of \$744,500. Each unit consisted of one common share and one share purchase warrant. Each warrant is exercisable into one common share of the Company at a price of CDN \$0.50 per share for a period of five years from the date of closing.

In connection with the closing of the September 2022 first tranche private placement, the Company paid finder's fee of \$31,670 in cash and issued 149,100 finder's warrants with a fair value of \$26,259 to various finders. Each finder's warrant is exercisable into one common share of the Company at a price of \$0.50 per share for a period of five years from the date of closing. The Company also incurred other share issuance costs of \$19,137.

**Acquisition of KNX Resources Ltd. ("KNX")**

On April 5, 2022, pursuant to the revised purchase terms with the shareholder of KNX, the Company acquired all the issued and outstanding shares of KNX and its subsidiary IsMins Pty Ltd. ("IsMins"), which holds the interest in Cumberland, Compass Creek and Mt. Turner Projects in Australia, for total considerations as follows:

- Issuance of 500,000 common shares of the Company with a fair value of \$225,000;
- Issuance of 500,000 share purchase warrants with a fair value of \$75,575. Each warrant is exercisable at \$2.00 for a period of two years; and
- Legal fees paid in relation to the acquisition of \$31,613.

At the acquisition date, the Company determined that the acquisition of KNX and IsMins did not constitute a business combination as defined under IFRS 3, Business Combination and the transaction was accounted for as an asset purchase. The excess of the consideration paid over the fair value of the net liabilities was attributed to the exploration and evaluation asset.

The acquisition was recorded as follows:

Fair value of shares issued to acquire KNX	\$	225,000
Fair value of share purchase warrants issued to acquire KNX		75,575
Legal fees related to acquisition		31,613
<b>Total consideration</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>332,188</b>
Allocated to:		
Cash		2,369
Receivables		19,405
Prepaid expenses and deposit		4,141
Exploration and evaluation asset		332,881
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		(26,608)
	<b>\$</b>	<b>332,188</b>

As a result of the acquisition, the Company has an 88% interest in the Cumberland and Compass Creek Projects and 100% of the Mt. Turner Project through its 100% ownership of KNX.

## Exploration and Evaluation Assets

The following tables summarize cumulative costs capitalized as exploration and evaluation assets as at September 30, 2023 and 2022, by project and their nature:

	Cumberland	Mt. Turner	Compass Creek	Total
<b>Property acquisition costs:</b>				
Balance, September 30, 2022	\$ 1,256,063	\$ 939,118	\$ 643,684	\$ 2,838,865
<b>Exploration and evaluation expenditures:</b>				
Balance, September 30, 2022	(9,671)	(3,474)	5,462	(7,683)
Field expenses	314	12,373	-	12,687
Consulting	12,206	54,733	4,120	71,059
Geological	-	2,072	-	2,072
Maintenance	28,911	12,558	13,205	54,674
	31,760	78,262	22,787	132,809
Other item:				
Impairment	-	(1,016,380)	(666,471)	(1,682,851)
Balance, September 30, 2023	31,760	(938,118)	(643,684)	(1,550,042)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,287,823</b>	<b>\$ 1,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,288,823</b>

	Cumberland	Mt. Turner	Compass Creek	Total
<b>Property acquisition costs:</b>				
Balance, September 30, 2021	\$ 1,144,401	\$ 701,212	\$ 361,437	\$ 2,207,050
Additions - acquisition of KNX	45,578	5,282	282,021	332,881
Additions	66,084	232,624	226	298,934
Balance, September 30, 2022	1,256,063	939,118	643,684	2,838,865
<b>Exploration and evaluation expenditures:</b>				
Balance, September 30, 2021	-	-	-	-
Field expenses	(51,738)	40,013	610	(11,115)
Consulting	22,553	278,491	4,249	305,293
Geological	17,095	20,128	146	37,369
Maintenance	675	8,341	128	9,144
Travel and accommodation	1,744	21,541	329	23,614
	(9,671)	368,514	5,462	364,305
Other item:				
Option-out - Meryllion	-	(371,988)	-	(371,988)
Balance, September 30, 2022	(9,671)	(3,474)	5,462	(7,683)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,246,392</b>	<b>\$ 935,644</b>	<b>\$ 649,146</b>	<b>\$ 2,831,182</b>

## **Australian exploration properties**

On April 5, 2022, the Company acquired all the issued and outstanding shares of KNX and its subsidiary IsMins, which holds an interest in Cumberland, Compass Creek and Mt. Turner Projects in Australia.

As a result of the acquisition, the Company has an 88% interest in the Cumberland and Compass Creek Projects and 100% of the Mt. Turner Project through its 100% ownership of KNX.

### Cumberland

Five granted exploration permits covering 26,000 ha, 30 km from Georgetown, North Queensland, 70 km northwest of the former 3.5 million-ounce Kidston gold mine. The property has the potential to host high-grade epithermal gold mineralization and is currently held 88% by the Company and 12% by another Australian company, AMD Resources Ltd. ("AMD"). The property requires additional soil sampling and geophysics to be completed to better define additional drill targets.

### Compass Creek

Three granted exploration permits covering 6,400 ha in Pine Creek goldfield, 28 km north of Kirkland Lake's 2.5Mtpa Union Reefs mill. The property has the potential to host large high-grade orogenic gold mineralization and is currently held 88% by the Company and 12% by AMD.

During the year ended September 30, 2023, the Company decided to impair Compass Creek in full and recorded an impairment of \$666,471.

### Mt. Turner

A granted exploration permit covering 6,000 hectares, 30 km northeast of Cumberland with the potential to host high-grade epithermal gold mineralization and large bulk tonnage copper-molybdenum (with gold and silver) porphyry mineralization. This property is held 100% by the Company.

During the year ended September 30, 2023, the Company decided to impair Mt. Turner to the carrying value of \$1,000 and recorded an impairment of \$1,016,380. The remaining exploration and evaluation balance represents the anticipated recoverable amount from Cuprium Resources Pty. Limited.

### *Option-out with Cuprium Resources Pty Limited ("Cuprium")*

On August 4, 2023, the Company granted Cuprium Resources Pty Limited ("Cuprium"), an arm's length private Australian Corporation a 120-day exclusive option to acquire the Mt Turner properties in exchange for AUD\$1,000 cash and a 3% net smelter return royalty. On November 4, 2023, the option was extended until August 4, 2024, During the option period, Cuprium has undertaken to maintain the Mt Turner properties in good standing including masking all necessary property payments.

### *Mt. Turner earn-in agreement with Meryllion Resources Corporation ("Meryllion")*

On April 26, 2022, the Company reached terms with Meryllion for an option and earn-in joint venture on the Mt. Turner copper-molybdenum and Drummer Fault gold projects in north Queensland, Australia in exchange for a \$25,000 non-refundable option fee (received). In addition, the Company will grant Meryllion a 90-day option to conduct preliminary exploration on the properties. During this period, Meryllion needs to spend \$250,000 minimum on an initial drill target definition, and the Company will provide Meryllion with the geological teams and manage the recommended exploration programs for the properties.

The \$250,000 minimum spend was received and completed during the prior fiscal year 2022. Meryllion has the right to exercise its option by making a further \$75,000 payment to the Company. During the fiscal year 2022, Meryllion advised the Company that it intends to exercise its option and further advanced an additional \$96,988 for reimbursement of exploration expenditure.

As at September 30, 2023 and 2022, the total amounts received by the Company from Meryllion for reimbursement of exploration expenditure was \$371,988.

As at June 30, 2023, Meryllion had not fulfilled the property expenditure required to earn its first stage interest and the option lapsed. Consequently, the property remains 100% owned by the Company.

### Loan Receivable with Premier Silver Corp.

On September 15, 2022, the Company signed an agreement with Premier Silver Corp. (“Premier”) to provide a loan in the aggregate amount of \$193,000 (USD\$140,000). The loan is secured and convertible for a period of three years. The Company would have an exclusive 90-day option from the date of the term sheet to negotiate and sign a definitive agreement to provide up to a further USD\$1,000,000 (“Royalty Purchase Payment”) to Premier in the form of a royalty production from Premier’s Mallay Mine. The loan accrues interest at 12% per year until any amount of principal and accumulated interest is repaid. If a definitive agreement is entered into, the USD\$140,000 will form part of the Royalty Purchase Payment.

On December 15, 2022, the Company and Premier agreed to extend the exclusive 90-day option term for 60 days which expired unexercised. As at September 30, 2023, the Company and Premier are in discussion regarding repayment terms.

At September 30, 2023, the Company wrote off the loan receivable amount in full due to uncertainty of collection.

### Selected Annual Information

	September 30, 2023	September 30, 2022	September 30, 2021
	\$	\$	\$
Net loss and comprehensive loss	(2,587,499)	(1,128,450)	(1,345,281)
Loss per share - basic and diluted	(0.29)	(0.27)	(0.04)
Total assets	1,344,783	3,738,134	3,837,513

### Summary of Periodic Results

The following table sets out selected quarterly information for the eight most recent quarters ended September 30, 2023:

	Sep 30, 2023 (Q4)	Jun 30, 2023 (Q3)	Mar 31, 2023 (Q2)	Dec 31, 2022 (Q1)	Sep 30, 2022 (Q4)	June 30, 2022 (Q3)	Mar 31, 2022 (Q2)	Dec 31, 2021 (Q1)
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Net income (loss) and comprehensive income (loss)	(2,043,387)	(115,036)	(227,301)	(201,775)	(154,158)	(265,217)	(408,938)	(300,137)
Basic and diluted income (loss) per share	(0.02)	(0.01)	(0.03)	(0.02)	(0.03)	(0.06)	(0.10)	(0.08)

## Results of Operations

	Three months ended September 30, 2023	Three months ended September 30, 2022	Year ended September 30, 2023	Year ended September 30, 2022
<b>Expenses</b>				
Depreciation	\$ 327	\$ 467	\$ 1,309	\$ 1,870
General and administration	19,787	13,442	92,061	59,798
Investor relations	-	23,581	22,593	207,440
Management and consulting fees	42,974	116,726	217,474	386,476
Professional fees	16,957	(5,289)	138,145	199,609
Property investigation costs	73,111	(16,585)	153,442	201,205
Regulatory and transfer agent fees	12,428	5,904	28,764	34,958
Travel and promotion	8,393	3,297	50,703	23,937
Total expenses	(173,977)	(141,543)	(704,491)	(1,115,293)
<b>Other Items</b>				
Impairment of exploration and evaluation asset	(1,682,851)	-	(1,682,851)	-
Interest income	-	1,057	1,382	2,566
Write-off of loan receivable	(189,280)	-	(189,280)	-
Write-off of payable	-	-	-	1,145
Foreign exchange	2,721	(12,031)	(12,259)	(16,868)
<b>Net loss</b>	<b>\$ (2,043,387)</b>	<b>\$ (152,517)</b>	<b>\$ (2,587,499)</b>	<b>\$ (1,128,450)</b>

### Three Months ended September 30, 2023

The net loss for the three months ended September 30, 2023 was \$2,043,387 compared to a net loss of \$152,517 for the three months ended September 30, 2022. Major variances are as follows:

- For the three months ended September 30, 2023, investor relations fees were \$Nil compared to \$23,581 for the prior year quarter. The decrease is mainly related to the termination of investor relation services in the current quarter.
- For the three months ended September 30, 2023, management and consulting fees were \$42,974 compared to \$116,726 for the prior year quarter. The decrease is mainly related to less management and consulting fees recorded in the current quarter due to the resignation of the CFO, and the higher fees incurred in the prior year quarter due to the contract entered by the Company for research analysis and reporting.
- For the three months ended September 30, 2023, professional fees were \$16,957 compared to a recovery of \$5,289 for the prior year quarter. The increase is mainly related to the capitalization of prior year quarter legal fees related to the acquisition of KNX.
- For the three months ended September 30, 2023, property investigation costs were \$73,111 compared to a recovery of \$16,585 for the prior year quarter. The increase in property investigation costs is largely related to the release agreement which reimbursed the Company for property investigation costs incurred with respect to the acquisition of a renewable energy royalty project in the prior year quarter.
- For the three months ended September 30, 2023, the Company recorded an impairment of exploration and evaluation expenditure. Compass Creek was fully impaired and Mt. Turner recorded an impairment of \$1,016,380. No property impairment was recorded in the comparative quarter.

## Year ended September 30, 2023

The net loss for the year ended September 30, 2023 was \$2,587,499 compared to net loss of \$1,128,450 for the year ended September 30, 2022. Major variances are as follows:

- For the year ended September 30, 2023, general and administration fees were \$92,061 compared to \$59,798 for the prior year. The increase is largely related to the new subscription of S&P Global database in the current year.
- For the year ended September 30, 2023, investor relations fees were \$22,593 compared to \$207,440 for the prior year. The decrease is largely related to the termination of contracts with firms that provided market-making services and handled investor relation communications during the current year.
- For the year ended September 30, 2023, management and consulting fees were \$217,474 compared to \$386,476 for the prior year. The decrease is largely related to less management and consulting fees incurred in the current year due to the resignation of the CFO, and the higher fees incurred in the prior year due to contract entered by the Company for research analysis and reporting.
- For the year ended September 30, 2023, professional fees were \$138,145 compared to \$199,609 for the prior year. The decrease in professional fees is mainly due to higher fees incurred in the prior year for legal services relating to the acquisition of KNX and Mt. Turner earn-in transaction.
- For the year ended September 30, 2023, property investigation costs were \$153,442 compared to \$201,205 for the prior year. The decrease in property investigation costs is largely due to less fees incurred in the current year in relation to the review of prospective financing and gold streaming opportunities.
- For the year ended September 30, 2023, travel and promotion cost were \$50,703 compared to \$23,937 for the prior year. The increase in travel and promotion cost is largely due to higher travel expense to Australia incurred during the current year.
- For the year ended September 30, 2023, the Company recorded an impairment of exploration and evaluation expenditure. Compass Creek was fully impaired and Mt. Turner recorded an impairment of \$1,016,380. No property impairment was recorded in the comparative year.

## Liquidity and Capital Resources

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As at September 30, 2023, the Company has current assets of \$52,905 and current liabilities of \$386,609 compared to current assets of \$709,744 and current liabilities of \$309,750 as at September 30, 2022. As at September 30, 2023, the Company has working capital deficit of \$333,704 compared to working capital of \$399,994 as at September 30, 2022.

Cash as at September 30, 2023 was \$927 compared to \$638,864 at September 30, 2022.

During September 2022, the Company closed the first tranche of a non-brokered private placement, raising \$744,500 in gross proceeds through the issuance of 37,225,000 units at a price of \$0.02 per unit.

During October 2022, the Company closed the second and third tranche of the private placement, raising total of \$135,500 in gross proceeds through the issuance of 677,500 units at a price of \$0.2 per unit.

On October 16, 2023, the Company signed a loan agreement with a lender to provide an unsecured non-revolving loan in the aggregate principal amount of \$54,697 Canadian funds (\$40,000 USD). The loan bears interest at 36% per annum and shall become due, payable and shall be paid in full upon demand by the lender at any time after six months from the date of the agreement.

On November 30, 2023, the Company signed a loan agreement with a lender to provide an unsecured non-revolving loan in the aggregate principal amount of \$40,000 USD. The loan bear interest at 36% per annum and shall become due, payable and shall be paid in full upon demand by the lender at any time after six months from the date of the agreement.

The Company has financed its operations primarily from proceeds from the sale of shares and debt.

The Company is dependent on the capital markets as its sole source of operating capital and the Company's capital resources are largely determined by the strength of the TSXV and by the status of the Company's projects in relation to these markets, and its ability to compete for investor support of its projects. The Company plans to issue more securities at such time as it believes additional capital could be obtained on favourable terms. There is no assurance that such funds can be available on favourable terms, if at all.

## **Outstanding Shares**

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As at September 30, 2023 and the date of this report, the Company has 8,817,880 common and outstanding shares.

As at September 30, 2023 and the date of this report, the Company has 4,591,450 warrants outstanding.

As at September 30, 2023 and the date of this report, the Company has 110,000 stock options outstanding and exercisable.

## **Related Party Balances and Transactions**

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### **Balances**

As at September 30, 2023, the Company has \$234,794 (September 30, 2022 - \$105,723) due to related parties included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities. These amounts are unsecured, non-interest bearing and have no specified terms of repayment.

As at September 30, 2023, the Company has \$8,400 (September 30, 2022 - \$Nil) of property investigation costs paid in advance to a related party included in prepaid and deposits.

The Company has identified its directors and certain senior officers as its key management personnel.

### **Transactions**

During the years ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, the Company has the following related party transactions:

	<b>September 30, 2023</b>	<b>September 30, 2022</b>
Management and consulting fees - former and current directors and officers	\$ 203,085	\$ 300,500
Property investigation costs	64,000	24,000
	<b>\$ 267,085</b>	<b>\$ 324,500</b>

## **Financial Instruments**

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The Company's financial instruments are exposed to certain financial risks, including liquidity risk, and interest rate risk.

### Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will not meet its financial obligations as they become due. Refer to Note 1 of its condensed consolidated interim financial statements for further details related to the ability of the Company to continue as a going concern.

The Company's approach to managing liquidity risk is to ensure that it will have sufficient liquidity to meet liabilities when due. As at September 30, 2023, the Company has a cash balance of \$927 (September 30,

2022 - \$638,864) to settle current liabilities of \$386,609 (September 30, 2022 - \$309,750). All of the Company's financial liabilities have contractual maturities of less than 30 days and are subject to normal trade terms.

Historically, the Company's sole source of funding has been the issuance of equity securities for cash, primarily through private placements. The Company's access to financing is always uncertain. There can be no assurance of continued access to significant equity funding. Liquidity risk is assessed as high.

#### Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that a counterparty to a financial instrument will fail to discharge an obligation or commitment that it has entered into with the Company. The carrying amounts of financial assets best represent the maximum credit risk exposure at the reporting date.

The Company's cash is held by large Canadian financial institutions. The Company's loan receivable is exposed to significant credit losses. Credit risk on cash is assessed as low. Credit risk on the loan receivable is assessed as high.

#### Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of financial instruments will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. An immaterial amount of interest rate exposure exists in respect of cash balances on the consolidated statement of financial position. As a result, the Company is not exposed to interest rate risk on its cash balances.

#### Foreign currency risk

Foreign currency exchange risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows will fluctuate as a result of changes in foreign exchange rates. Since the Company's reporting currency is Canadian dollars and the Company and its subsidiaries have significant operations in Australia, the Company is exposed to foreign currency fluctuations on its reported amounts of assets and liabilities. This risk is not considered significant as most financial assets and liabilities are maintained in Canadian dollars. The Company's loan receivable is denominated in US dollars. If the Canadian dollar changes by 10% against the US dollar, it would result in a \$Nil (September 30, 2022 - \$19,284) change in loss and comprehensive loss.

#### Fair value of Financial Instruments

The Company's financial instruments measured at fair value consist of cash, restricted cash, loan receivable and accounts payable. The carrying values of cash, restricted cash and accounts payable approximate their fair values due to their short-term nature.

Financial instruments measured at fair value are classified into one of three levels in the fair value hierarchy according to the relative reliability of the inputs used to estimate the fair values. The three levels of fair value hierarchy are:

- Level 1 – unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;
- Level 2 – inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the assets or liabilities either directly or indirectly; and
- Level 3 – inputs that are not based on observable market data.

Cash and restricted cash are classified as Level 1.

## **Capital Management**

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The Company manages its capital structure and makes adjustments to it, based on the funds available to the Company, in order to support the acquisition, exploration and development of mineral properties. The Board of Directors does not establish quantitative return on capital criteria for management but rather relies on the expertise of the Company's management to sustain the future development of the business.

The capital structure of the Company consists of shareholder's equity, comprising issued capital and deficit. The Company is not exposed to any externally imposed requirements. Management reviews its capital management approach on an ongoing basis and believes that this approach, given the relative size of the Company, is reasonable.

## **Risks and Uncertainties**

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The Company has limited financial resources and there is no assurance that additional funding will be available to it for further development of its projects or to fulfil its obligations under applicable agreements. There can be no assurance that the Company will be able to obtain adequate financing in the future or that the terms of such financing will be favourable. Failure to obtain such additional financing could result in delay or indefinite postponement of the Company's intended business operations with the possible dilution or loss of such interest. Further, revenues, financings and profits, if any, will depend upon various factors, including the success, if any, of intended business operations. There is no assurance that the Company can operate profitably or that it will successfully implement its plans.

The Company is in the development stage and has no operating earnings. The likelihood of success of the Company must be considered in light of the problems, expenses and difficulties, complications and delays frequently encountered in connection with the establishment of any business. The Company operates at a loss and there is no assurance that the Company will ever be profitable.

## **Management Changes**

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On July 27, 2022, the Company announced the retirement and resignation of Mr. James Harris from the Company's board of directors. Coincident with this resignation, Ms. Elena Tanzola, the Company's Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Secretary was appointed to the board of directors.

On October 11, 2022, the Company announced the passing of its Vice President - Corporate Development, Mr. Patrick Harford.

On February 16, 2023, the Company announced the appointment of Mr. Rod Husband as President and Mr. Paul Loudon as Executive Chairman of the Company.

On April 3, 2023, the Company announced that Ms. Elena Tanzola has stepped down as a director and CFO of the Company. Mr. Vincent Savage, the company secretary of Optegra's Australian subsidiaries, has agreed to join the board and take on the role of CFO for the Company.

## **Qualified Persons and Information Concerning Estimates of Mineral Projects**

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All of the scientific and technical information contained in this latest news releases have been reviewed and/or prepared by Mr. Richard Newport, BSc (Hons), MAIG (2182), a "Qualified Person" within the meaning of National Instrument 43-101 - Standards of Disclosure for Minerals Projects.

Other technical information contained in this MD&A has been summarized by the Company's Qualified Person at the time, Mr. Rod Husband, who supervised the preparation of, and approved, the scientific and technical information contained herein.

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**CAPITALIZATION**

Authorized:	Unlimited number of common shares, no par value
Issued:	8,817,880
Options:	110,000
Warrants:	4,591,450
Escrowed shares:	Nil

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