



**Ascot Resources Ltd.**

**MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

**For the six months-ended September 30, 2017**  
Report Date November 14, 2017

## Introductory Comment

Ascot Resources Ltd (“Ascot” or the “Company”) is a Canadian-based junior mineral exploration and development company with three major properties, the Premier/Dilworth, a gold, silver, base metals project located near the town of Stewart in northwestern British Columbia, the Mt. Margaret property, a copper and gold play located in Washington, USA, and Swamp Point, a sand and gravel deposit, on the Portland Canal in northwestern British Columbia. The Mt. Margaret property is held in the Company’s wholly owned subsidiary Ascot USA Inc. The Company is listed on the TSX Venture Exchange (the “Exchange”) under the symbol “AOT”.

The MD&A is dated November 14, 2017 and discloses specified information up to that date. Unless otherwise noted, all currency amounts are expressed in Canadian dollars. The following information should be read in conjunction with the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements and the related notes for the six months ended September 30, 2017 and the Company’s audited consolidated audited financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2017 and the related notes thereto.

On October 6, 2017, the Company announced a change in Management. Mr. Derek C. White has been appointed the position of President and Chief Executive Office. Mr. White replaces John A. Toffan, who has agreed to continue as a director of the Company. In addition, the Company has appointed Mr. Rick Zimmer, who will take on the role of non-executive Chairman of the Board of Directors and Mr. James Stypula as directors. The Company has also appointed Mr. John Kiernan as Chief Operating Officer, Ms. Carol Li as CFO, Ms. Kristina Howe as VP Investor Relations and Ms. Jody Harris Corporate Secretary.

Additional information about the Company, including the audited financial statements, and the notes thereto, for the year ended March 31, 2017, prepared in accordance with IFRS, can be found on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com), and on the Company’s website at [www.ascotresources.ca](http://www.ascotresources.ca).

## Major Operating Milestones

During the 2017 drill season, the Company had seven owned drill rigs operating on the Premier property with 379 holes completed in 118,798 metres of drilling. The Company is presently waiting for the drill results on 44 holes and will be releasing the results as soon as they become available.

On June 30, 2017, the Company made the final option payment on the Premier and Dilworth properties of \$6.85 million. The payment has been placed in escrow and will be released to Boliden Limited (“Boliden”) subject to the Company and Boliden satisfying all of conditions to closing on the property.

The conditions of closing include the assumption of the environmental bonding on the Premier property, the amount of this bonding will be determined in negotiation with the Province of British Columbia.

Below is a summary of the drill results for the 2017 drill season. More detail of the drill highlights can be found on the Company’s website

On **May 25, 2017**, the Company announced the first drill results from its 2017 drill program, with 44 holes P17-1225-1267 and P17-1273.

The drill highlights are coming from a portion of the Northern Lights Main zone, largely unrecognized until preliminary drill testing by Ascot in 2016. Numerous results in this release are from this new zone and include P17-1242 with 66.10 g/t Au over 1.13 m’s within a wider interval grading 10.40 g/t Au over 12.13 m’s. Another hole in this target area, P17-1267, returned 48.6 g/t Au over 1.00 m within a broader zone of 9.00 g/t Au over 7.50 m’s. Present drilling shows this gently northwest dipping zone to have continuous higher-grade mineralization over a present strike length of 250+ meters with a typical dip length of 200+ meters. This zone remains open in all directions and several visible gold intersections have been obtained, presently three Ascot drill rigs are testing and expanding this central area.

Very promising results are also coming from the unexplored down dip extension of the 602 zone. An example in this release is hole P17-1273 which returned 30.65 g/t Au over 6.05 meters.

The Northern Lights West Zone, which is a Northwest striking steep NE dipping zone, is also providing impressive numbers. Hole P17-1227, as an example, returned 4.05 g/t Au over 10.00 m’s. Previously, in 2016, this zone had been substantially extended to the northwest by hole P16-1156 which intersected an uncut average of 82.30 g/t gold over a core length of 1.00 meters within a broader interval grading 2.70 g/t Au over 41.33 meters.

On **June 13, 2017**, the Company release the second set of results for 2017, many of the drill highlights are coming from a new portion of the Northern Lights Main zone. A number of results in this release are from this new zone and include P17-1269 with 1135.00 g/t Au over 0.50 meters within a wider interval grading 36.31 g/t Au (uncut) over 16.15 meters. Another hole in this target area, P17-1271, returned 84.2 g/t Au over 1.50 meters within a broader zone of 4.45 g/t Au (uncut) over 32.00 meters. Present drilling shows this gently northwest dipping zone to have continuous higher grade mineralization over a present strike length of 450+ meters with a typical dip length of 200+ meters. This zone remains open in all directions and several visible gold intersections have been obtained, presently three Ascot drill rigs are testing and expanding this central area.

Recent drilling has extended the Northern Lights Main zone updip into an area covered by old waste dumps. Drilling to date has been encountering more complex sulphide rich quartz breccias in a more focused structural setting. These early holes have extended this mineralization a further 200 meters updip and the new extension remains open on strike. Assays for this area are pending.

Good results are also coming from the unexplored down dip extension of the 602 zone. An example in this release is hole P17-1278 which returned 17.60 g/t Au over 2.00 meters within a broader zone of 3.68 g/t Au over 12.00 meters.

Recent in-house modelling indicates much of the Premier area drilled to date would be amenable to a large scale open pit operation. Although this would result in a lower overall grade it would contain a significantly higher gold/silver resource compared to just selectively mining the higher grade underground targets. This new modelling demonstrates the flexibility of the Premier system as either a high grade underground target or as an open pit target or a combination of both. Further studies will be needed to determine the optimum approach moving forward.

On **July 10, 2017**, the Company released the third set of results for the 2017 season reporting 40 holes P17-1291-1330. At present, seven Ascot owned drill rigs are operating on the property. To date 142 holes have been completed in 43,908 meters of drilling. Thirty-six drill holes are presently pending results and results will be released as they become available.

Recent drilling has extended the Northern Lights main zone to a strike length of 600 meters and a dip length of 700 meters and it remains open in all directions. This loosely defined new discovery of a higher grade is in a subzone in the central and upper portion of the Northern Lights main zone has been named the "Ben Zone" in honor of Ben Stevens, a long time Boliden employee and believer in the project, who recently tragically passed away.

The Northern Lights main zone continues to deliver good results including in this release P17-1313 which returned 70.70 g/t Au over 1.00 meter within a zone grading 10.31 g/t Au over 11.90 meters. Another example is P17-1320 which returned 15.79 g/t over 4.90 meters.

Other drill highlights are coming from a downdip portion of the 602 Zone. This gently NW dipping zone continues to demonstrate good grades and thicknesses. An example of this is include P17-1297 with 199.50 g/t Au over 1.00 meter within a wider interval grading 11.80 g/t Au over 27.70 meters. Another hole in this target area on the same section, P17-1306, returned 37.20 g/t Au over 1.00 meter within a broader zone of 4.81 g/t Au over 15.30 meters. P17-1306 is the furthest downdip hole in this section and the 602 zone remains open downdip in this area.

On **July 28, 2017**, the Company announced the fourth set of results for 2017. The Northern Lights main zone continues to deliver good results. Most holes in this release come from the newly discovered Ben Subzone in the upper southeast portion of the Northern Lights main zone. Included in this release are P17-1366 which returned 190.50 g/t Au over 1.20 meters within a zone grading 8.57 g/t Au over 30.57 meters and P17-1334 which returned 99.60 g/t over 1.00 meter within a zone grading 17.30 g/t Au over 6.50 meters. This loosely defined new discovery of a higher grade in the Ben subzone has a general gentle west plunge and remains open in both plunge directions.

A new subzone is being defined below the Ben Subzone with a similar gentle westerly plunge. Recent results from this zone include P17-1313 with 70.70 g/t Au over 1.00 meter within a wider interval grading 10.31 g/t Au over 11.90 meters. A previously reported hole in this target area P17-1269, returned 1135.00 g/t Au over 0.50 meter within a broader zone of 36.31 g/t Au over 16.15 meters. This subzone also remains open in both plunge directions.

On **August 21, 2017**, the Company announced the fifth set of results for 2017, the Northern Lights main zone continues to deliver good results. Most holes in this release come from the newly discovered Ben Subzone in the upper southeast portion of the Northern Lights main zone. Included in this release are P17-1378 which returned 80.90 g/t Au over 2.20 meters within a wider zone grading 17.03 g/t Au over 11.00 meters and P17-1388 which returned several high-grade intervals within a zone grading 18.93 g/t Au over 11.00 meters. This new discovery of a higher grade in the Ben subzone has a general gentle west plunge and has been traced for a plunge length of 500 meters and remains open in both plunge directions. This zone has a general width of 200 meters and once all initial results are in, the area will be infill drilled for resource definition purposes.

A new subzone is being defined below the Ben Subzone with a similar gentle westerly plunge. Recent results from this zone include P17-1313 with 70.70 g/t Au over 1.00 meter within a wider interval grading 10.31 g/t Au over 11.90 meters. New results in this release include holes P17-1367 and P17-1374. This subzone also remains open up dip and has been traced for 400+ meters of plunge length with a general width of 100-150 meters. This subzone will also be infill drilled, later in the season, for resource definition purposes.

A series of exploration drill holes are presently testing, in large 0.5 to 1.0 km step outs, prospective areas on the property that have the potential to expand the mineralized sheets. This includes areas in the Premier Mine area, North and West of Sebakwe and areas potentially linking Big Missouri and Martha Ellen and extensions West on Martha Ellen. The previously defined pit resources in the Big Missouri, Martha Ellen and Dilworth had only tested 30% of the potential target area.

On **August 30, 2017**, the Company announced the sixth set of results for 2017, the Northern Lights main zone continues to deliver good results. In the New Subzone hole P17-1400 returned 321.00 g/t Au over 2.50 meters within a wider zone grading 87.66 g/t Au over 9.50 meters and P17-1399 returned several high-grade intervals within a zone grading 10.26 g/t Au over 11.00 meters. These holes are approximately 60 meters dip length apart and together with earlier holes they demonstrate the good continuity of the high grade. This New

Subzone remains open up dip and has been traced for 400+ meters of plunge length with a general width of 100-150 meters. This area will be infill drilled, later in the season, for resource definition purposes.

The Ben Subzone results include P17-1410 with 50.80 g/t Au over 2.00 meter within a wider interval grading 7.95 g/t Au over 14.30 meters and hole P17-1408 with 49.40 g/t Au over 1.00 meter within a wider interval grading 8.18 g/t Au over 8.60 meters. This discovery of a higher grade in the Ben subzone has a gentle west plunge and has been traced for a plunge length of 500 meters and remains open in both plunge directions. This zone has a general width of 200 meters and once all initial results are in, the area will be infill drilled for resource definition purposes.

On **September 7, 2017**, the Company announced the seventh set of results for 2017, the Northern Lights main zone continues to deliver good results. In the Ben Subzone hole P17-1411 returned 124.50 g/t Au over 2.00 meters within a wider zone grading 32.43 g/t Au over 14.03 meters. This discovery of a higher grade in the Ben subzone has a gentle west plunge and has been traced for a plunge length of 500 meters and remains open in both plunge directions. This zone has a general width of 200 meters and once all initial results are in, the area will be infill drilled for resource definition purposes.

The New Subzone results include P17-1422 with 91.80 g/t Au over 2.00 meter within a wider interval grading 7.74 g/t Au over 26.20 meters. This New Subzone remains open up dip and has been traced for 400+ meters of plunge length with a general width of 100-150 meters. This area will be infill drilled, later in the season, for resource definition purposes.

Initial results from rece drilling is demonstrating the good continuity to the mineralized zones in areas that have never been drill tested. Results from P17-1420 include 10.8 g/t Au over 2.0 meters in a flat lying mineralized zone approximately 500 meters north of the Northern Lights zone in the Sebakwe area.

On **October 19, 2017**, the Company announced the eighth set of results for the 2017 season reporting 32 holes P17-1438-1469.

As part of the 2017 exploration program at the Northern Lights zone, drilling continues to deliver good results. The new Prew Subzone results include hole P17-1452 which had an interval grading 8.04 g/t Au over 12.50 meters including 48.00 g/t Au over 1.65 meters. The Prew Subzone remains open along strike and has been traced for 500 meters down plunge, with a general width of 150-200 meters. This subzone is presently being infill drilled for resource definition purposes. The Prew Subzone has been named in memory of Mr. Mike Prew, who recently passed away. Mike was a staunch and vocal supporter of Ascot.

In the Ben Subzone, currently being drilling for resource definition purposes, hole P17-1449 returned 7.58 g/t Au over 1.5 meters and hole P17-1450 returned 83.00 g/t Au over 1.00 meters. This higher grade area in the Ben subzone has been traced down plunge for 700 meters.

On **November 7, 2017**, the Company announced the ninth set of results for the 2017 drill season and includes 62 holes P17-1470-1533 inclusive (P17-1527 & 1530 still pending). During 2017, 379 holes were drilled for a total 118,800 metres. The goal of the program was to follow up on high-grade targets from previous drill programs including the newly discovered Ben and Prew subzones in the Northern Lights area. Work included a combination of broadly spaced drilling to outline targets, as well as tighter drill spacing on specific higher-grade areas for inclusion in a new resource estimate. The balance of drilling consisting of 72 holes P17-1534-1603 which completes the 2017 program. The Company is waiting for assay results from the 72 holes which will be released between now and early December.

The new Prew Subzone continues to deliver good results specifically hole P17-1506 which had an interval grading 10.57 g/t Au over 6.00 metres including 22.10 g/t Au over 2.00 metres and P17-1493 which had an interval of 15.90 g/t Au over 4.22 metres including 46.70 g/t Au over 1.00 m. The Prew Subzone remains open along strike and has been traced for 500 metres down plunge, with a general width of 150-200 metres.

In the Ben Subzone, currently being drilled for resource definition purposes, hole P17-1529 returned 7.37 g/t Au over 4.9 metres, which included 36.00g/t Au over 0.87 metres. Hole P17-1533 in higher grade area returned 71.90 g/t Au over 1.00 m. This higher-grade area in the Ben subzone has been traced down plunge for 700 metres with a general width of 200 metres.

In the Northern Lights West zone, hole P17-1498 returned 3.85 g/t Au, 90.0 g/t Ag and 5.09% Zn over 15.4 metres including 9.18 g/t Au over 2.00 metres. This steeply dipping limb has been traced for 400+ metres of strike length with 150-200 metres of dip length.

The company has engaged David Rennie of Roscoe Postle Associates Inc. ("RPA") as the qualified person to assist management in the development of the new resource estimate. The new resource estimate will provide the basis for a Preliminary Economic Assessment ("PEA") to explore mining opportunities utilizing the existing mine and plant infrastructure.

### **Interim Period Financial Position**

#### **Capital Resources**

During the six months ended September 30, 2017, a total of 6,899,313 warrants were exercised for proceeds of \$7,274,513 and 45,000 options were exercised for proceeds of \$41,000.

Subsequent to the period ended September 30, 2017, a total of 14,000 warrants were exercised for proceeds of \$17,500 and 25,000 options were exercised for proceeds of \$22,000.

These funds will be used to continue the Company's program on the Premier property as well as for general administrative costs.

The Company considers its capital structure to be shareholders' equity. Management's objective is to ensure that there is sufficient capital to minimize liquidity risk and to continue as a going concern. As an exploration stage company, the Company is unable to finance its operations from cash flow and has relied primarily on equity financings.

Although the Company has been successful in the past in obtaining financing through the sale of equity securities, there can be no assurance that the Company will be able to obtain adequate financing in the future, or that the terms of such financings will be favorable.

#### Liquidity

As at September 30, 2017, the Company had working capital of \$19,014,390 (March 31, 2017 - \$27,177,489). As at September 30, 2017, cash totaled \$18,801,190, a decrease of \$10,288,394 as at March 31, 2017. The decrease was due to (a) operating activities of \$1,283,836 (b) expenditures on mineral properties of \$15,548,361 (c) acquisition of two properties, located in Stewart, BC for \$454,250 and (d) the purchase of diamond drills for \$282,000, this was off set by the exercise of warrants and options of \$7,315,513.

#### Operations

##### **For the three months ended September 30, 2017 compared with the three months ended September 30, 2016:**

Excluding the non-cash depreciation of \$69,964 (2016 - \$Nil) and share-based compensation of \$Nil (2016 - \$3,355,797), the Company's general and administrative expenses amounted to \$573,035 (2016 - \$271,972) an increase of \$301,063. The major differences are in profession fees, office and administration, promotion and shareholder costs. The trend will be for these costs to continue to increase as the Company increase its level of activity, however some individual costs like professional fees will decline.

During the quarter ended September 30, 2016, the Company purchased two diamond drills for \$282,000.

Premium on flow-through shares was \$1,014,470 for the three months ended September 30, 2017 as compared to \$149,563 for the period ended September 30, 2016. This premium is the recognition received on the issue of flow through shares as the funds are spent. The number is thus a function of the premium received and the expenditures made.

Significant items included in the current results of operation are as follows:

|                                   | September 30,<br>2017 | September 30,<br>2016 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Interest                          | \$59,064              | \$24,734              |
| Professional fees                 | \$323,489             | \$151,077             |
| Office and administration         | \$160,136             | \$38,195              |
| Promotion and shareholders' costs | \$89,411              | \$80,700              |
| Deferred taxes                    | \$1,137,270           | \$667,473             |

Deferred taxes a non-cash item that is made up of the tax applicable to the expenditure of flow through funds and the tax applicable to the fluctuations in value of the Company's "available for sale" investment.

##### **For the six months ended September 30, 2017 compared with the six months ended September 30, 2016**

Excluding the non-cash depreciation of \$126,872 (2016 - \$Nil) and share-based compensation of \$Nil (2016 - \$3,355,797), the Company's general and administrative expenses amounted to \$986,128 (2016 - \$468,755) an increase of \$517,373. The major differences are in profession fees, office and administration, promotion and shareholder costs. The trend will be for these costs to continue to increase as the Company increase its level of activity, however some individual costs like professional fees will decline.

During the period ended September 30, 2017, the Company purchased two properties, located in Stewart, BC, for the aggregate total of \$454,250. The first property consists of land and a work shop, the second purchase is land adjoining the previous purchase.

Premium on flow-through shares was \$1,749,678 for the period ended September 30, 2017 as compared to \$156,748 for the period ended September 30, 2016. This premium is the recognition received on the issue of flow through shares as the funds are spent. The number is thus a function of the premium received and the expenditures made.

Significant items included in the current results of operation are as follows:

|                                   | September 30,<br>2017 | September 30,<br>2016 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Interest                          | \$118,433             | \$30,807              |
| Professional fees                 | \$467,559             | \$300,846             |
| Office and administration         | \$305,614             | \$55,335              |
| Promotion and shareholders' costs | \$179,957             | \$108,574             |
| Deferred taxes                    | \$2,077,167           | \$698,036             |

Deferred taxes a non-cash item that is made up of the tax applicable to the expenditure of flow through funds and the tax applicable to the fluctuations in value of the Company's "available for sale" investment.

### Segmented information

As at September 30, 2017, the Company had two reportable geographic segments, Canada and the United States. The United States assets relate solely to expenditures on the Mt. Margaret option, which is included in exploration and evaluation assets at September 30, 2017 at \$5,264,798 (March 31, 2017 - \$5,206,402). All of the Company's current assets are located in Canada.

### Related Party Transactions:

During the quarter, there was no significant transaction between related parties.

### Risk Factors

In our MD&A filed on SEDAR July 28, 2017 in connection with our annual financial statements (the "Annual MD&A"), we have set out our discussion of the risk factors which we believe are the most significant risks faced by the Company. An adverse development in any one risk factor or any combination of risk factors could result in material adverse outcomes to the Company's undertakings and to the interests of stakeholders in the Company including its investors. Readers are cautioned to take into account the risk factors to which the Company and its operations are exposed. To the date of this document, there have been no significant changes to the risk factors set out in our Annual MD&A.

### Disclosure of Outstanding Share Capital

The authorized share capital of the Company consists of an unlimited number of common shares without par value. The following is a summary of the Company's outstanding share data as at September 30, 2017:

|   | Issued and Outstanding |                   |
|---|------------------------|-------------------|
|   | September 30, 2017     | November 14, 2017 |
| Common shares outstanding               | 147,619,639            | 147,692,407       |
| Stock Options                           | 9,975,000              | 16,740,000        |
| Warrants                                | 11,984,797             | 11,937,029        |
| Fully diluted common shares outstanding | 169,579,436            | 176,369,436       |

### Qualified Person

Graeme Evans, P. Geo and Lawrence Tsang, P. Geo provide the field management for the Premier exploration program. Graeme Evans, is the Company's qualified person, reviewing the exploration projects described throughout the MD&A and is responsible for the design and conduct of the exploration programs and the verification and quality assurance of analytical results.

**Cautionary Note**

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