

BLACK IRON INC.
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE THREE AND NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

Date: October 31, 2018

This Management Discussion and Analysis (“MD&A”) relates to the financial condition and results of operations of Black Iron Inc. together with its subsidiaries (collectively, “Black Iron” or the “Company”) as at and for the nine months ended September 30, 2018. This MD&A should be read in conjunction with the Company’s condensed consolidated interim financial statements and related notes as at and for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and its consolidated financial statements and related notes for the year ended December 31, 2017. The condensed consolidated interim financial statements and related notes of Black Iron have been prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standard (“IAS”) 34, *Interim Financial Reporting*. Unless otherwise noted, all references to currency in this MD&A are in U.S. dollars.

Certain information contained in the MD&A is forward-looking which involves risks and uncertainties. The forward-looking information is not based on historical fact, but is rather based on the current plans, objectives, goals, strategies, estimates, assumptions and projections about the Company’s industry, business and future financial results. Actual results could differ materially from the results contemplated by this forward-looking information due to a number of factors, including those set forth in this MD&A and under the “Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward Looking Information” and “Risk Factors” sections.

The MD&A was prepared in accordance with the requirements set out in National Instrument 51-102 — *Continuous Disclosure Obligations* of the Canadian Securities Administrators.

Matt Simpson, the Company’s Chief Executive Officer, is a qualified person as defined under National Instrument 43-101- *Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects* (“NI 43-101”) guidelines and has reviewed the scientific and technical information contained in this MD&A.

The audit committee of the board of directors of the Company has reviewed this MD&A and the condensed consolidated interim financial statements for the nine months ended September 30, 2018, and Black Iron’s board of directors approved these documents prior to their release.

Overview

Black Iron was incorporated on June 29, 2010 pursuant to the provisions of the *Business Corporations Act* (Ontario). On October 25, 2010, Black Iron completed the acquisition of Geo-Alliance Ore East Ltd. (since renamed Black Iron (Cyprus) Ltd. (“BKI Cyprus”)) which serves as an investment holding company for a Ukrainian subsidiary, Shymanivske Steel LLC (“Shymanivske”). Shymanivske holds an iron ore mining extraction permit over 2.56 square kilometers of land which expires on November 1, 2024 (the “Shymanivske Project” or the “Project”). Shymanivske’s extraction permit can be renewed in 20-year increments. The Shymanivske Project is located near the city of Kryvyi Rih, in the Dnepropetrovsk Region of Ukraine in close proximity to two large producing iron ore mines.

The Project is currently at the exploration and evaluation stage. On December 14, 2017, Black Iron released its re-scoped Preliminary Economic Assessment (“PEA”), completed on the Project. The re-scoped PEA is based on a two-phased build out of the mine and production plant with the first phase operation producing 4 million tonnes per year (“MTpa”) of ultra high-grade 68% iron concentrate expanding to 8MTpa starting in the fifth year of production. By phasing the build, the up-front construction costs of the Project are significantly reduced thus increasing the projected returns from the Project and making it easier to secure the financing required for construction. The Project exhibits compelling projected economics due to its proximity to major infrastructure including, railway, electrical power and a deep-sea port coupled with a local highly skilled work force. The PEA is preliminary in nature, and it includes inferred mineral resources that are considered too speculative geologically to have the economic considerations applied to them that would enable them to be categorized as mineral reserves. There is no certainty that the PEA will be realized.

A long-term iron ore benchmark price of US\$61.88/t for products containing 62% iron was used in the re-scoped PEA (published in December 2017) and adjusted using the three-month average trailing spot iron premium of \$7.21 per 1% Fe above 62%. Since mid-2017, the spread between 62% iron content index and the 65% iron content has increased compared to more typical and historic levels. This is a prominent shift in the iron ore market and recognizes “value in quality” or iron ore products. This shift has been driven by Chinese steelmakers in a concerted effort to increase productivity, reduce costs and more importantly, reduce greenhouse gas emissions. As demand for higher quality feedstocks increases, premiums are expected to follow suit. It is generally agreed that this trend will be sustainable in the longer term. Furthermore, a comparison of the published Platts 65% CFR North China composition for impurities and the Project’s concentrate was made. This comparison found that the Project’s concentrate is well below the Min-Max impurity range covered by the Platts benchmark suggesting that the Project’s concentrate is of a superior quality. Based on this pricing for a low impurity, premium 68% iron content product, the Project forecasts a pre-tax unlevered internal rate of return (“IRR”) of 42.6% and a net present value (“NPV”) of \$2,115 million, using a 10% discount rate. The after-tax unlevered IRR using this price and premium is 36.1% and NPV is \$1,662 million. Additional details on the re-scoped PEA can be found on the Company’s website (www.blackiron.com) and SEDAR (www.sedar.com).

The Company has resolved its previously disclosed environmental legal cases and although no assurance may be made, the Company believes it will be successful in acquiring the land rights requisite for the construction and operation of the mine.

During a period of low iron ore prices, to utilize the excess cash held by the Company on May 19, 2016, the Company acquired 3,145,940 units (“Units”) of Euro Sun Mining Inc. (“Euro Sun”) (after a share consolidation of 18.164 to 1 on September 12, 2016), or 6.3% of the issued and outstanding shares on a partially diluted basis, at a price of CAD\$1.27 per Unit for total consideration of CAD\$4 million. Each Unit was comprised of one Euro Sun common share and one-half of a Euro Sun common share purchase warrant. Euro Sun has since been listed onto the main board of the Toronto Stock Exchange (“TSX”) under the ticker symbol “ESM”. Euro Sun holds permits for the second largest gold deposit in Europe. As part of this transaction, Black Iron’s CEO joined Euro Sun’s board of directors. Since making the initial investment, Black Iron has bought and sold ESM shares as disclosed in its financial statements. As at September 30, 2018, Black Iron holds 2,198,640 Euro Sun shares and 786,485 Euro Sun warrants with a strike price of CAD\$2.18 and an expiry date of May 19, 2019.

Outlook

With the rebound in iron ore prices coupled with greater clarity on the military-conflict being constrained to the Eastern part of Ukraine, roughly 450 kilometers from Black Iron’s Shymanivske Project, Black Iron management is focusing all efforts on advancing the Shymanivske Project into production. Further, Ukraine’s exchange rate has depreciated from 8 UAH:US \$1, as used in the 2014 Bankable Feasibility Study (“BFS”), to approximately 26 UAH:US \$1. As experienced by other Ukraine iron ore miners, such as London publicly listed Ferrexpo plc, Black Iron expects that the current exchange rate will result in lower operating and capital costs to construct the Project. This exchange rate benefit is reflected in the new PEA (released in December 2017) for the Project that was based on a phased development plan starting with 4MTpa production ramping up to 8MTpa using self-generated cash to fund the expansion. In addition to having favourable exchange rates and low highly skilled labour costs, Black Iron benefits from not needing to build any major infrastructure such as railways, power lines or a port as these are all in existence within very close proximity to the ore body allowing us to build the mine in a scalable manner while still achieving favourable economic returns.

Black Iron has initiated discussions with several steel mills and trading houses to solicit interest in prepaid offtake and/or a joint equity development partner to significantly reduce the amount of equity that needs to be raised in the public markets to build the mine. Several companies have signed non-disclosure agreements and initiated due diligence on the and a few have conducted site visits resulting in proposed commercial term sheets being developed for investor consideration.

Finally, management continues to make good progress in securing the necessary surface rights with the city of Kryviy Rih, the State Forestry Department and the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine to acquire the land necessary for the open pit, processing plant, tailings and waste rock stockpiles. Multiple discussions have been held, year to date, with high ranking Ukrainian Government officials including the First Deputy Prime Minister and Head of the National Agency for Security & Defense, both of whom are supportive of the Project and are now reviewing options for the land transfer. Securing essential surface rights at a reasonable cost and concluding an offtake agreement with project financing are the highest priority areas of focus for management at this time.

Third Quarter Highlights

- On September 4, 2018, the Company announced that it had received a formal proposal from Ukraine's Ministry of Defense to transfer a plot of land located near the Company's Shymanivske iron ore body for the location of the Project's processing plant, tailing and waste rock. The proposed plot of land was reviewed and found to have some water drainage concerns, leading to an alternate proposal by Black Iron to the Ministry of Defense for consideration.
- Additionally, the Company announced that the Kryvyi Rih City Council has offered to lease a portion of land required to secure surface rights to the Shymanivske ore body. Execution of the lease with Kryvyi Rih City Council is pending final discussions with Ukraine's central government on the aforementioned land lease, as well as finalization of an agreement with a neighbouring mine, Central Ore Processing (YuGOK), on the previously agreed relocation of their mine service garage.
- The Company continued discussions with steel mills and trading houses on product offtake in exchange for a meaningful investment in the construction of Black Iron's Shymanivske Project. Due diligence site visits were conducted with a few groups and commercial term sheets were drafted for consideration.

Selected Quarterly Financial Information

Three months ended	September 30, 2018	June 30, 2018	March 31, 2018	December 31, 2017
Loss for the period	\$ 339,162	\$ 624,981	\$ 618,950	\$ 921,577
Total comprehensive loss (income)	849,141	2,382,504	(524,154)	1,501,494
Loss per share	-	-	-	(0.01)

Three months ended	September 30, 2017	June 30, 2017	March 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
Loss for the period	\$ 561,595	\$ 704,880	\$ 719,431	\$ 319,700
Total comprehensive (income) loss	(253,923)	(375,330)	702,995	2,110,697
Loss per share	-	-	-	-

Black Iron is an exploration and evaluation stage company and does not have any revenues. It is expected to incur losses in the development of its business due to its accounting policy to expense exploration & evaluation costs as well as for associated management and general administration.

Ukraine Business Environment

Ukraine's political and economic environment has undergone significant change since the Government's decision not to sign the Association Agreement and the Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreement with the European Union in late November 2013. Political and social unrest escalated into violent conflicts in February 2014 and continue to date in the eastern regions of Ukraine. It also led to the deepening of the ongoing economic crisis, widening of the state budget deficit, depletion of the National Bank of Ukraine's foreign currency reserves, and as a result, a further downgrading of the Ukrainian sovereign debt credit ratings. The final resolution and the effects of the political and economic crisis are difficult to predict but seem to be stabilizing with bailouts being provided by the International Monetary Fund based on ongoing reforms being successfully implemented and a recent upgrade in Ukraine's sovereign risk rating to B- (stable).

The front line of conflict in Ukraine is located approximately 450 km away from the Project site and has not geographically advanced since the invasion occurred four years ago. During this entire period, the iron ore mines surrounding the Project continued to operate as usual. It is Black Iron management's view that it is highly unlikely that the front line will further advance given Russia's indication that their main objectives were achieved during the initial invasion. Major international companies are also starting to share the view that it is safe to invest again in Ukraine. For example, ArcelorMittal which owns an iron ore mine and steel mill located only one km north of the Project recently announced their intention to invest \$1.1 billion into their operation over the next few years of which the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development is contributing \$350 million. These large investments validate that business conditions are normalizing in Ukraine.

While management believes it is taking appropriate measures to support the sustainability of the Company's business in the current circumstances, a continuation of the current business environment could negatively affect the Company's results and financial position in a manner not currently determinable. The consolidated financial statements reflect management's current assessment of the impact of the Ukrainian business environment on the operations and the financial position of the Company. The future business environment may differ from management's assessment.

Results of Operations for the Company for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018

Selected Financial Information

	Three months ended September 30, 2018	Three months ended September 30, 2017	Nine months ended September 30, 2018	Nine months ended September 30, 2017
Loss for the period	\$ 339,162	\$ 561,595	\$ 1,583,093	\$ 1,985,906
Comprehensive loss (income) for the period	849,141	(253,923)	2,707,491	73,742
Loss per share	-	-	(0.01)	(0.01)
General and administrative:				
Consulting and management fees	\$ 147,261	\$ 291,746	\$ 801,926	\$ 812,686
Professional fees (recovery)	13,967	(24,120)	(105,523)	(1,134)
General office expenses	63,472	79,356	155,394	168,396
Travel expenses	42,129	73,332	163,763	162,304
Shareholder communications and filing fees	10,605	7,402	38,773	33,387
	\$ 277,434	\$ 427,716	\$ 1,054,333	\$ 1,175,639
Exploration and evaluation expenditures:				
Surface rights and consulting	\$ 12,326	\$ 11,173	\$ 80,661	\$ 27,061
Engineering studies	-	8,585	53,412	28,697
Preliminary economic assessment	-	62,833	-	62,833
Consulting and technical	77,199	74,577	238,652	283,589
Travel	1,778	2,102	5,542	9,006
Legal support	-	4,858	-	8,746
Field office support & administration	40,238	13,210	86,939	43,170
	\$ 131,541	\$ 177,338	\$ 465,206	\$ 463,102
Non-cash:				
Stock-based compensation	\$ 8,216	\$ 44,122	\$ 37,873	\$ 187,358
Change in fair value of warrants investment	1,337	(16,180)	26,052	294,574
Change in fair value of investment	489,059	(815,518)	1,270,535	(1,912,164)
	\$ 498,612	\$ (787,576)	\$ 1,334,460	\$ (1,430,232)

Three months ended September 30, 2018

Expenses

General and Administrative

Consulting and management fees are \$144,485 lower than the comparable three-month period in the prior year, primarily due to the reversal of an accrual for consulting fees in prior quarters that were waived in Q3 2018.

Professional fees were \$13,967 during the three months ended September 30, 2018 compared to a recovery of \$24,120 for the same period in the prior year. Prior year costs were lower than typically incurred due the recovery of legal fees paid in the prior year.

General office expenses of \$63,472 in the three months ended September 30, 2018 include rent and office related expenses along with marketing expenses. The Company shares office space with several other resource companies and pays its proportionate share of expenses. During the three months ended September 30, 2017, the Company recorded a general office expense of \$79,356.

Travel expenses were \$42,129 during the three months ended September 30, 2018 compared with \$73,332 in the same period in the prior year.

Shareholder communications and filing fees were \$10,605 during the three months ended September 30, 2018 compared with \$7,402 in the same period in the prior year.

Exploration and Evaluation Expenditure

The Company recorded exploration and evaluation expenses of \$131,541 during the three months ended September 30, 2018. This expenditure was primarily for consulting and technical fees related to the Shymanivske Project as required primarily for land acquisition. This is \$45,797 lower than the same period in the prior year.

Non-Cash Items

No options were issued during the three months ended September 30, 2018 and 1,100,000 options expired, unvested during this period. No options were granted and 930,000 expired during the three months ended September 30, 2017. The vesting of options resulted in an expense during the three months ended September 30, 2018 of \$8,216 compared with \$34,356 during the three months ended September 30, 2017. The Company did not grant any deferred share units ("DSUs") during the three months ended September 30, 2018, compared with 121,875 DSUs valued at \$9,766 granted during the three months ended September 30, 2017.

On May 19, 2016, the Company acquired 3,145,940 Units of Euro Sun. The Units consisted of one common share of Euro Sun and one half of one common share purchase warrant with an exercise price of CAD\$2.18 and an expiry date of May 19, 2018. Of the 1,572,970 warrants acquired, 786,485 were transferred to 2518322 Ontario Inc. as consideration for services provided in connection with the successful introduction, registration and completion of the acquisition of Units of Euro Sun. The Company has designated the investment in the common shares portion as available for sale and records the investment at the estimated fair value at each reporting date with changes in the fair value of the shares included in other comprehensive income. During the three months ended September 30, 2018, the Company sold 649,000 Euro Sun shares for total proceeds of CAD\$514,353 (\$393,667), resulting in a loss on sale of CAD\$29,649 (\$22,986). The Company owned 2,198,640 shares at September 30, 2018. The changes in estimated fair value of the warrants, a derivative instrument, are included in income or loss for the period. The change in fair value of the warrants, estimated using the Black-Scholes option pricing model, for the three months ended September 30, 2018 was a loss of \$1,337 (\$16,180 gain for the three months ended September 30, 2017). The change in fair value of the shares for the three months ended September 30, 2018 was a loss of \$489,059 (\$815,518 gain for the three months ended September 30, 2017).

On May 7, 2018, Euro Sun announced that it had extended the expiry date of the Company's outstanding common share purchase warrants to November 19, 2018, from their original expiry of May 19, 2018. At Euro Sun's discretion, expiry could be accelerated if the trading price of Euro Sun's common shares on the TSX exceeds \$2.72 for a period of 20 consecutive trading days. Under this circumstance, Euro Sun has the right, but not the obligation, to accelerate the expiry date of the warrants to a date which is not less than 30 days after the date on which Euro Sun notifies warrant holders of such accelerated expiry date.

On October 22, 2018, Euro Sun announced that it had further extended the expiry date of the Company's outstanding common share purchase warrants to May 19, 2019. The conditions of extension remain unchanged from the previous extension to November 19, 2018 announced on May 7, 2018. Any increase in warrant value resulting from this extension are not reflected in the amounts reported at September 30, 2018.

Nine months ended September 30, 2018

Expenses

General and Administrative

Consulting and management fees are \$10,760 lower than the comparable nine-month period in the prior year.

Professional fees recovered were \$105,523 during the nine months ended September 30, 2018 compared to \$1,134 for the same period in the prior year. Current year costs were lower than typically incurred due the reversal of a \$250,000 provision (see "Financial Commitments, Contingencies and Litigation" section).

General office expenses of \$155,394 in the nine months ended September 30, 2018 include rent and office related expenses along with marketing expenses. The Company shares office space with several other resource companies and pays its proportionate share of expenses. During the nine months ended September 30, 2017, the Company recorded a general office expense of \$168,396.

Travel expenses were \$163,763 during the nine months ended September 30, 2018 compared with \$162,304 in the same period in the prior year.

Shareholder communications and filing fees were \$38,773 during the nine months ended September 30, 2018 compared with \$33,387 in the same period in the prior year.

Exploration and Evaluation Expenditure

The Company recorded exploration and evaluation expenses of \$465,206 during the nine months ended September 30, 2018. This expenditure was primarily for consulting and technical fees related to the Shymanivske Project as required primarily for land acquisition. This is \$2,104 higher than the same period in the prior.

Non-Cash Items

100,000 options were issued during the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 1,200,000 options expired, unvested during this period. 3,425,000 options were granted, and 1,090,000 options expired during the nine months ended September 30, 2017. The vesting of options resulted in an expense during the nine months ended September 30, 2018 of \$37,872 compared with \$159,044 during the nine months ended September 30, 2017. The Company did not grant any deferred share units ("DSUs") during the nine months ended September 30, 2018, compared with 375,782 DSUs valued at \$28,314 granted during the nine months ended September 30, 2017.

On May 19, 2016, the Company acquired 3,145,940 Units of Euro Sun. The Units consisted of one common share of Euro Sun and one half of one common share purchase warrant with an exercise price of CAD\$2.18 and an original expiry date of May 19, 2018. Of the 1,572,970 warrants acquired, 786,485 were transferred to 2518322 Ontario Inc. as consideration for services provided in connection with the successful introduction, registration and completion of the acquisition of Units of Euro Sun. The Company has designated the investment in the common shares portion as available for sale and records the investment at the estimated fair value at each reporting date with changes in the fair value of the shares included in other comprehensive income.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2018, the Company sold 1,148,800 Euro Sun shares for total proceeds of CAD\$1,150,735 (\$888,705), resulting in a gain on sale of CAD\$187,539 (\$146,137). The Company owned 2,198,640 shares at September 30, 2018. The changes in estimated fair value of the warrants, a derivative instrument, are included in income or loss for the period. The change in fair value of the warrants, estimated using the Black-Scholes option pricing model, for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 was a loss of \$26,052 (\$294,574 for the nine months ended September 30, 2017). The change in fair value of the shares for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 was a loss of \$1,270,535 (\$1,912,164 gain for the nine months ended September 30, 2017).

On May 7, 2018, Euro Sun announced that it had extended the expiry date of the Company's outstanding common share purchase warrants to November 19, 2018, from their original expiry of May 19, 2018. At Euro Sun's discretion, expiry could be accelerated if the trading price of Euro Sun's common shares on the TSX exceeds \$2.72 for a period of 20 consecutive trading days. Under this circumstance, Euro Sun has the right, but not the obligation, to accelerate the expiry date of the warrants to a date which is not less than 30 days after the date on which Euro Sun notifies warrant holders of such accelerated expiry date.

On October 22, 2018, Euro Sun announced that it had further extended the expiry date of the Company's outstanding common share purchase warrants to May 19, 2019. The conditions of extension remain unchanged from the previous extension to November 19, 2018 announced on May 7, 2018. Any increase in warrant value resulting from this extension are not reflected in the amounts reported at September 30, 2018.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

The recovery of the amounts expended for resource properties are dependent on the ability of the Company to obtain necessary financing to complete the development of the Shymanivske Project or other potential projects and attain future profitable production. The Company's financial success will depend on its ability to raise financing to construct potential projects. At present, the Company has no established sources of income and the success of its exploration and development programs will be contingent upon the Company's ability to raise sufficient equity financing on terms favourable to the Company. The Company does not expect to generate any internal cash flows to help finance the development costs of the Shymanivske Project.

As at September 30, 2018, the Company had working capital of \$1,130,610 compared with working capital of \$3,795,519 as at December 31, 2017 including cash of \$82,159 (December 31, 2017 - \$838,278). Working capital, as at September 30, 2018, also includes investments in Euro Sun with a fair value of \$1,188,913 (December 31, 2017 - \$3,228,067). The Company's primary cash flow needs are for development of its mining and exploration permits, administrative expenses and working capital. The Company will maintain its excess working capital in a combination of Canadian and U.S. dollars which will only be converted to Ukrainian Hryvnia as required. The Company maintains most of its cash reserves, including those of the Cyprus subsidiary, at a large reputable Canadian commercial bank in high quality short term deposits, cash equivalents or cash.

Cash Flows

Three months ended September 30, 2018

During the three months ended September 30, 2018, operating activities before working capital changes used cash of \$328,025 compared with a use of cash of \$532,642 during the three months ended September 30, 2017. Expenditures in both periods were primarily related to consulting and management fees and for consulting and technical work on the Shymanivske Project. Cash provided by investing activities during the three months ended September 30, 2018 was \$312,213 and related mainly to the sale of 649,000 shares of Euro Sun, partially offset by equipment purchases of \$63. Cash provided by investing activities during the three months ended September 30, 2017 was \$333 and related mainly to interest income partially offset by equipment purchases.

Nine months ended September 30, 2018

During the nine months ended September 30, 2018, operating activities before working capital changes used cash of \$1,508,832 compared with a use of cash of \$1,499,893 during the nine months ended September 30, 2017. Expenditures in both periods were primarily related to consulting and management fees and for consulting and technical work on the Shymanivske Project. Cash provided by investing activities during the nine months ended September 30, 2018 was \$883,078 and related mainly to the sale of 1,148,800 shares of Euro Sun, partially offset by equipment purchases of \$6,213. Cash used by investing activities during the nine months ended September 30, 2017 was \$3,113 and related mainly to the purchase of equipment.

Operating Segments

The Company has concluded that it has only one material operating segment (the development of its Ukrainian mining and exploration permits) for financial reporting purposes.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

There are no off-balance sheet arrangements, with the exception of operating leases noted below.

Financial Commitments, Contingencies and Litigation

Leases

The Company has two leases in Ukraine: 1) office space in Kryvyi Rih, Ukraine for an annual rent of approximately \$10,000 and 2) lease of a secure warehouse to store drill cores totaling 1,254 square meters for an annual rent including security fees of approximately \$6,600. Both leases may be terminated on 30 days' notice.

Management Contracts

The Company is party to certain management contracts. These contracts require payments of approximately \$2.4 million to the officers of the Company upon the occurrence of a change in control of the Company, as such term is defined by each officer's respective consulting agreement. The Company is also committed to payments upon termination of approximately \$643,042 pursuant to the terms of these contracts.

Provisions

During the nine months ended September 30, 2018, the Company reversed a \$250,000 provision for a travel and expenses cost reimbursement under a finder's fee agreement to reflect management's best estimate of the amount owed.

Legal Matters

A former officer of the Company has initiated a legal action seeking approximately CAD\$1.1 million for a change of control payment in connection with the Metinvest's investment on the Company's subsidiary in 2014. The Company does not believe the change of control payment is due to the former officer. The Company intends to defend the matter vigorously as it believes the former officer's claim is without merit.

Related Party Transactions

During the nine months ended September 30, 2018, the Company paid or accrued \$638,982 (\$851,471 for the nine months ended September 30, 2017) of management compensation relating to officers and directors of the Company. Included in this amount was \$178,312 (\$172,053 for the nine months ended September 30, 2017) paid according to a contract for business and operational consulting services with Forbes & Manhattan Inc., a company which Stan Bharti (a former director and current executive officer of the Company) is the Executive Chairman and Mr. Simpson is Chief Executive Officer.

All the related party transactions are in the normal course of operations and are measured at the exchange amount which is the amount of consideration established and agreed by the related parties.

Critical Judgments and Estimation Uncertainties:

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires the Company's management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions about future events that affect the amounts reported in the consolidated financial statements and related notes to the financial statements. Although these estimates are based on management's best knowledge of the amount, event or actions, actual results may differ from those estimates and these differences could be material.

(a) Significant judgments in applying accounting policies

The areas which require management to make significant judgments in applying the Company's accounting policies in determining carrying values include, but are not limited to:

(i) Impairment of exploration and evaluation properties

While assessing whether any indications of impairment or reversal of impairment exist for exploration and evaluation properties, consideration is given to both external and internal sources of information. Information the Company considers includes changes in the market, economic and legal environment in which the Company operates that are not within its control that could affect the recoverable amount of exploration and evaluation properties. Internal sources of information include the manner in which exploration and evaluation properties are being used or are expected to be used and indications of expected economic performance of the assets.

(ii) Income taxes and recoverability of potential deferred tax assets

In assessing the probability of realizing income tax assets recognized, management makes estimates related to expectations of future taxable income, applicable tax planning opportunities, expected timing of reversals of existing temporary differences and the likelihood that tax positions taken will be sustained upon examination by applicable tax authorities. In making its assessments, management gives additional weight to positive and negative evidence that can be objectively verified. Estimates of future taxable income are based on forecasted cash flows from operations and the application of existing tax laws in each jurisdiction. The Company considers whether relevant tax planning opportunities are within the Company's control, are feasible and are within management's ability to implement. Examination by applicable tax authorities is supported based on individual facts and circumstances of the relevant tax position examined in light of all available evidence. Where applicable tax laws and regulations are either unclear or subject to ongoing varying interpretations, it is reasonably possible that changes in these estimates can occur that materially affect the amounts of income tax assets recognized. Also, future changes in tax laws could limit the Company from realizing the tax benefits from the deferred tax assets. The Company reassesses unrecognized income tax assets at each reporting period.

(iii) Contingencies

By their nature, contingencies will only be resolved when one or more future events occur or fail to occur. The assessment of contingencies inherently involves the exercise of significant judgment and estimates of the outcome of future events.

(iv) Impairment of financial assets

The Company assesses at each reporting date whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset or a group of financial assets is impaired. In the case of investments classified as available-for-sale, an evaluation is made as to whether a decline in fair value is significant or prolonged based on an analysis of indicators such as market price of the investment and significant adverse changes in the technological, market, economic or legal environment in which the investee operates. If an available-for-sale financial asset is impaired, an amount equal to the difference between its carrying value and its current fair value is transferred from AOCI and recognized in the consolidated statement of operations. Reversals of impairment charges in respect of equity instruments classified as available-for-sale are not recognized in the consolidated statement of operations.

(b) Significant accounting estimates and assumptions

The areas which require management to make significant estimates and assumptions in determining carrying values include, but are not limited to:

(i) Mineral resource estimates

The figures for mineral resources are determined in accordance with NI 43-101, issued by the Canadian Securities Administrators. There are numerous uncertainties inherent in estimating mineral reserves and mineral resources, including many factors beyond the Company's control. Such estimation is a subjective process, and the accuracy of any mineral reserve or mineral resource estimate is a function of the quantity and quality of available data and of the assumptions made and judgments used in engineering and geological interpretation. Differences between management's assumptions including economic assumptions such as metal prices and market conditions could have a material effect in the future on the Company's financial position and results of operation.

(ii) Share-Based Payments and Warrants, including warrants held for sale

Management determines costs for share-based payments and the fair value of shares and warrants held for sale using market-based valuation techniques. The fair value of the market-based and performance-based share awards or shares and warrants held for sale are determined at the date of grant or each reporting date using generally accepted valuation techniques. Assumptions are made, and judgment used in applying valuation techniques. These assumptions and judgments include estimating the future volatility of the stock price, expected dividend yield, future employee turnover rates and future employee stock option exercise behaviors and corporate performance. Changes in these assumptions affect the fair value estimates. Similar calculations are made in order to value warrants, including warrants held for sale. Such judgments and assumptions are inherently uncertain and there is no guarantee that estimated amounts, in particular the amounts of assets held for sale, will be realized.

Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures. Management has designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused them to be designed under its supervision, to provide reasonable assurance that material information relating to the Company, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer by others within those entities.

Black Iron's CEO and CFO have certified that they have designed disclosure controls and procedures (or caused them to be designed under their supervision) and they are operating effectively to provide reasonable assurance that material information relating to the issuer and its consolidated subsidiaries is made known to them by others within those entities as of September 30, 2018.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Black Iron's management, including the CEO and CFO, is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting ("ICFR"). Under their supervision, the Company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with IFRS. The Company's internal control over financial reporting includes policies and procedures that:

- Pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions, acquisitions and dispositions of the assets of the Company;
- Provide reasonable assurance regarding the prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of the Company's assets that could have a material effect on the annual or interim financial statements.

The CEO and CFO have certified that internal controls over financial reporting have been designed and are operating effectively to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with IFRS as at September 30, 2018. Management used the criteria set forth by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission on Internal Control 2013 ("COSO 2013") Framework to design the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

There were no changes in the Company's ICFR that have occurred during 2018 that have materially affected or is reasonably likely to materially affect the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

Limitations of Controls and Procedures

The Company's management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, believe that disclosure controls and procedures and internal control over financial reporting, no matter how well conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control system are met. Further, the design of a control system must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints, and the benefits of controls must be considered relative to their costs. Because of the inherent limitations in all control systems, they cannot provide absolute assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, within the Company have been prevented or detected. These inherent limitations include the realities that judgments in decision-making can be faulty, and that breakdowns can occur because of simple error or mistake. Additionally, controls can be circumvented by the individual acts of some persons, by collusion of two or more people, or by unauthorized override of the controls. The design of any control system also is based in part upon certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events, and there can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions. Accordingly, because of the inherent limitations in a cost-effective control system, misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected.

Risk Factors

Investing in the Company involves risks that should be carefully considered. The business of the Company is speculative due to the high-risk nature of iron ore mining and exploration in Ukraine. Investors should be aware that there are various risks, that could have a material adverse effect on, among other things, title to the projects, permitting, the operating results, earnings, business and condition (financial or otherwise) of the Company. For a listing of risk factors, investors should refer to the Company's Annual Information Form filed on SEDAR.

Additional Information and Continuous Disclosure

Additional information, including the Company's press releases, has been filed electronically through the System for Electronic Document Analysis and Retrieval ("SEDAR") at www.sedar.com.

Outstanding Share Data

As at the date of this MD&A, the Company has:

- a) 159,740,519 common shares outstanding;
- b) 10,707,500 stock options outstanding with expiry dates ranging from November 18, 2018 to April 23, 2023 with exercise prices ranging from CAD\$0.05 to CAD\$0.18. If exercised, 10,707,500 shares would be issued for proceeds of CAD\$1,210,375.
- c) 2,914,844 DSUs outstanding with no fixed expiry.

Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Information

Except for statements of historical fact relating to Black Iron certain information contained herein constitutes forward-looking information. Forward-looking information is based on what management believes to be reasonable assumptions, opinions and estimates of the date such statements are made based on information available to them at that time, including those factors discussed in the section entitled “Risk Factors” in the Company’s most recent annual information form or as may be identified in the Company’s public disclosure from time to time, as filed under the Company’s profile on SEDAR at www.sedar.com. Forward-looking information may include, but is not limited to, statements with respect to the Shymanivske project, preparation of a PEA, expected economic forecasts, timing for PEA, the Company’s ability to obtain the requisite land rights for the Shymanivske project, prices of commodities, performance of the Company’s securities, geo-political situation in Ukraine, and future plans for the Company’s development. Generally, forward looking information can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as "plans", "expects" or "does not expect", "is expected", "budget", "scheduled", "estimates", "forecasts", "intends", "anticipates" or "does not anticipate", or "believes", or variations of such words and phrases or state that certain actions, events or results "may", "could", "would", "might" or "will be taken", "occur" or "be achieved". Forward-looking information is subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause the actual results, level of activity, performance or achievements of the Company to be materially different from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking information, including but not limited to: general business, economic, competitive, geopolitical and social uncertainties; the actual results of current exploration activities; other risks of the mining industry and the risks described in the annual information form of the Company. Although the Company has attempted to identify important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in forward-looking information, there may be other factors that cause results not to be as anticipated, estimated or intended. There can be no assurance that such information will prove to be accurate, as actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such statements. Accordingly, readers should not place undue reliance on forward looking information. The Company does not undertake to update any forward-looking information, except in accordance with applicable securities laws.