



**SANDFIRE RESOURCES AMERICA INC.**

**CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEARS ENDED**

**JUNE 30, 2024 AND 2023**

*Audit. Tax. Advisory.*

## **Independent Auditor's Report**

To the Shareholders of Sandfire Resources America Inc.

### **Opinion**

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Sandfire Resources America Inc. and its subsidiary (the "Company"), which comprise the consolidated statements of financial position as at June 30, 2024 and 2023, and the consolidated statements of loss and comprehensive loss, consolidated statements of changes in equity (deficit) and consolidated statements of cash flows for the years then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the Company as at June 30, 2024 and 2023, and its consolidated financial performance and its consolidated cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS").

### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the consolidated financial statements in Canada. We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### **Material uncertainty related to going concern**

We draw attention to Note 1 in the consolidated financial statements, which indicates that the Company incurred a net loss during the year ended June 30, 2024 and, as of that date, the Company's current liabilities exceeded its current assets. As stated in Note 1, these events or conditions, along with other matters as set forth in Note 1, indicate that material uncertainties exist that cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

### **Key audit matters**

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, were of most significance in our audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current period. In addition to the matter described in the Material uncertainty related to going concern section, we have determined the matters described below to be the key audit matters to be communicated in our report. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the consolidated financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

| Key audit matter  | How our audit addressed the key audit matter |
|---|--|
| <i>Discount rate and accounting for the bridge loan</i> |  |

The Company has received support from its parent company, Sandfire Resources Ltd., by means of a bridge loan that bears an annual interest rate of 5%. This coupon rate is below the market rate of interest the Company would pay on the loan to an arm's length party. Management has estimated the fair market rate of interest to range from 12.87% to 15.41%, and accordingly, the benefit received by the Company from the low coupon interest rate is recorded in equity as a shareholder contribution.

In evaluating the bridge loan, management has utilized the above estimated discount rate, which is established by reference to the Company's estimated incremental borrowing rate. Determining which borrowing rates to apply in this assessment necessitates significant assumptions. As a result, we have classified the discount rate estimate as a key audit matter.

The disclosures related to the accounting for the bridge loan are provided in Notes 3 and 9

In this regard, our audit procedures included:

- Review management's estimate of the market rate of interest and the related shareholder contribution.
- Conducted a search for comparable companies and instruments to assess the reasonableness of the interest rate used in the bridge loan.
- Verified that the terms of the debt financings and management's assumptions utilized in the calculation are properly disclosed in the notes to the consolidated financial statements.
- Sent confirmations to the lender to verify the outstanding balance at the year-end.

## Other information

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises Management's Discussion and Analysis.

Our opinion on the consolidated financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the consolidated financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the consolidated financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

We obtained Management's Discussion and Analysis prior to the date of this auditor's report. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

## **Responsibilities of management and those charged with governance for the consolidated financial statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with IFRS, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Company or cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process.

## **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these consolidated financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risks of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the consolidated financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are

based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with those charged with governance, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

The engagement partner of the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is Jessica Glendinning.

**McGovern Hurley LLP**



**Chartered Professional Accountants  
Licensed Public Accountants**

Toronto, Ontario  
September 10, 2024

**SANDFIRE RESOURCES AMERICA INC.**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**AS AT JUNE 30, 2024 and 2023**  
(Expressed in Canadian Dollars)

|   | June 30, 2024       | June 30, 2023      |
|---|---------------------|--------------------|
|   | \$                  | \$<br>(Note 2b)    |
| <b>ASSETS</b>   |                     |                    |
| Current   |                     |                    |
| Cash and cash equivalents                               | 570,474             | 119,302            |
| Prepaid expenses and other assets                       | 488,707             | 623,160            |
| <b>Total current assets</b>                             | <b>1,059,181</b>    | <b>742,462</b>     |
| Non-current   |                     |                    |
| Property and equipment (Note 5)                         | 12,790,578          | 11,136,545         |
| Resource properties (Note 6)                            | 10,773,654          | 9,473,219          |
| Right of use assets                                     | -                   | 85,055             |
| Reclamation bond (Note 6 (vi))                          | 606,398             | 587,360            |
| Prepaid mining property tax (Note 6 (vii))              | 597,588             | 578,827            |
| <b>Total assets</b>                                     | <b>25,827,399</b>   | <b>22,603,468</b>  |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>                                      |                     |                    |
| Current   |                     |                    |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (Notes 7 & 12) | 1,962,675           | 1,229,491          |
| Lease liabilities – current portion                     | -                   | 15,318             |
| Other liabilities (Note 11)                             | 97,611              | 175,000            |
| Interest payable – related party (Note 9)               | 2,800,215           | 985,395            |
| Loans payable – related party, net of discount (Note 9) | 40,013,457          | 25,529,616         |
| <b>Total current liabilities</b>                        | <b>44,873,958</b>   | <b>27,934,820</b>  |
| Long-term   |                     |                    |
| Lease liabilities                                       | -                   | 69,325             |
| Accrued reclamation and remediation (Note 8)            | 2,846,594           | 2,735,180          |
| <b>Total liabilities</b>                                | <b>47,720,552</b>   | <b>30,739,325</b>  |
| <b>SHAREHOLDERS' DEFICIT</b>                            |                     |                    |
| Share capital (Note 10)                                 | 140,084,649         | 140,084,649        |
| Contributed surplus                                     | 9,048,706           | 4,737,956          |
| Foreign currency reserve                                | 118,733             | 667,307            |
| Accumulated deficit                                     | (171,145,241)       | (153,625,769)      |
| <b>Total shareholders' deficit</b>                      | <b>(21,893,153)</b> | <b>(8,135,857)</b> |
| <b>Total shareholders' deficit and liabilities</b>      | <b>25,827,399</b>   | <b>22,603,468</b>  |

NATURE OF OPERATIONS AND GOING CONCERN (Note 1)  
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (Note 15)  
SUBSEQUENT EVENTS (Note 18)

Approved by the Board on September 10, 2024

“Jason Grace”  
Director

“Chris K. Hedrich”  
Director

**SANDFIRE RESOURCES AMERICA INC.**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF LOSS AND COMPREHENSIVE LOSS**  
**FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2024 AND 2023**  
(Expressed in Canadian Dollars)

|  | <b>Years Ended June 30,</b> |                      |
|--|-----------------------------|----------------------|
|  | <b>2024</b>                 | <b>2023</b>          |
|  | \$                          | \$                   |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>                                      |                             |                      |
| Executive management fees (Note 12)                  | 401,238                     | 276,652              |
| Depreciation of property and equipment (Note 5)      | 360,839                     | 209,635              |
| Depreciation of right of use asset                   | -                           | 32,413               |
| Exploration and evaluation costs (Note 6)            | 10,213,534                  | 8,417,488            |
| Foreign exchange (gain) loss                         | (15,835)                    | 4,619                |
| Office, administration and miscellaneous             | 378,250                     | 318,839              |
| Professional fees                                    | 1,265,511                   | 1,136,520            |
| Share-based compensation (Notes 11 & 12)             | (49,103)                    | 163,222              |
| Loss before other items                              | (12,554,434)                | (10,559,388)         |
| <b>OTHER ITEMS</b>                                   |                             |                      |
| Interest expense - related party (Note 9)            | (4,850,384)                 | (3,310,746)          |
| Interest expense                                     | (1,921)                     | (8,641)              |
| Accretion (Note 8)                                   | (112,733)                   | (79,824)             |
| Net loss for the year                                | (17,519,472)                | (13,958,599)         |
| Other comprehensive income                           |                             |                      |
| Foreign currency reserve (loss) gain                 | (548,574)                   | 660,891              |
| Net other comprehensive (loss) income                | (548,574)                   | 660,891              |
| <b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE LOSS FOR THE YEAR</b>         | <b>(18,068,046)</b>         | <b>(13,297,708)</b>  |
| <b>BASIC AND DILUTED LOSS PER SHARE</b>              | <b>(0.02)</b>               | <b>(0.01)</b>        |
| <b>WEIGHTED AVERAGE NUMBER OF SHARES OUTSTANDING</b> | <b>1,023,352,794</b>        | <b>1,023,352,794</b> |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

**SANDFIRE RESOURCES AMERICA INC.**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY (DEFICIT)**  
**FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2024 AND 2023**  
(Expressed in Canadian Dollars)

|   | Share Capital<br># of shares | Share Capital<br>\$ | Contributed<br>Surplus<br>\$ | Share-based<br>Payment<br>Reserve<br>\$ | Foreign<br>Currency<br>Reserve<br>\$ | Accumulated<br>Deficit<br>\$ | Total<br>\$         |
|---|------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| Balance at June 30, 2022                                    | 1,023,352,794                | 140,084,649         | 1,843,314                    | 94,195                                  | 6,416                                | (139,667,170)                | 2,361,404           |
| Loss for the year   | -                            | -                   | -                            | -                                       | -                                    | (13,958,599)                 | (13,958,599)        |
| Other comprehensive gain                                    | -                            | -                   | -                            | -                                       | 660,891                              | -                            | 660,891             |
| Transfer of non-vested restricted shares to other liability | -                            | -                   | -                            | (175,000)                               | -                                    | -                            | (175,000)           |
| Release of restricted share units                           | -                            | -                   | -                            | (82,417)                                | -                                    | -                            | (82,417)            |
| Contribution by parent associated with loan (Note 9)        | -                            | -                   | 2,894,642                    | -                                       | -                                    | -                            | 2,894,642           |
| Share-based payments (Note 11)                              | -                            | -                   | -                            | 163,222                                 | -                                    | -                            | 163,222             |
| <b>Balance at June 30, 2023</b>                             | <b>1,023,352,794</b>         | <b>140,084,649</b>  | <b>4,737,956</b>             | <b>-</b>                                | <b>667,307</b>                       | <b>(153,625,769)</b>         | <b>(8,135,857)</b>  |
| Loss for the year   | -                            | -                   | -                            | -                                       | -                                    | (17,519,472)                 | (17,519,472)        |
| Other comprehensive gain                                    | -                            | -                   | -                            | -                                       | (548,574)                            | -                            | (548,574)           |
| Contribution by parent associated with loan (Note 9)        | -                            | -                   | 4,310,750                    | -                                       | -                                    | -                            | 4,310,750           |
| <b>Balance at June 30, 2024</b>                             | <b>1,023,352,794</b>         | <b>140,084,649</b>  | <b>9,048,706</b>             | <b>-</b>                                | <b>118,733</b>                       | <b>(171,145,241)</b>         | <b>(21,893,153)</b> |

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**SANDFIRE RESOURCES AMERICA INC.**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
**FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2024 AND 2023**  
(Expressed in Canadian Dollars)

|   | <b>Years ended June 30,</b> |                     |
|---|-----------------------------|---------------------|
|   | <b>2024</b>                 | <b>2023</b>         |
|   | <b>\$</b>                   | <b>\$</b>           |
| <b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>   |                             |                     |
| Net loss for the year   | (17,519,472)                | (13,958,599)        |
| Items not involving cash:   |                             |                     |
| Depreciation (Note 5)   | 360,839                     | 242,048             |
| Accretion of accrued reclamation and remediation (Note 8)           | 112,733                     | 79,824              |
| Foreign exchange (gain) loss  | (15,835)                    | 4,619               |
| Accretion of interest on lease liabilities                          | 1,893                       | 4,536               |
| Accretion of interest on loan payable – related party (Note 9)      | 2,968,415                   | 2,118,031           |
| Share-based compensation (recovery) expense (Note 11)               | (49,103)                    | 163,222             |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities                         | (14,140,530)                | (11,346,319)        |
| Prepaid expenses and other assets                                   | 132,956                     | (209,990)           |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities                            | 733,184                     | (189,601)           |
| Accrued interest payable – related party                            | 1,810,441                   | 1,214,545           |
| Interest paid   | -                           | (352,928)           |
| <b>Cash used in operating activities</b>                            | <b>(11,463,949)</b>         | <b>(10,884,293)</b> |
| <b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>   |                             |                     |
| Purchase of property and equipment (Note 5)                         | (1,855,972)                 | (173,461)           |
| Acquisition of resource properties (Note 6)                         | (981,298)                   | (960,492)           |
| <b>Cash used in investing activities</b>                            | <b>(2,837,270)</b>          | <b>(1,133,953)</b>  |
| <b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>   |                             |                     |
| Payments on leases  | (24,775)                    | (36,891)            |
| Proceeds from loan payable – related party (Note 9)                 | 14,848,977                  | 12,077,459          |
| <b>Cash provided by financing activities</b>                        | <b>14,824,202</b>           | <b>12,040,568</b>   |
| <b>NET INCREASE IN CASH DURING THE YEAR</b>                         | <b>522,983</b>              | <b>22,322</b>       |
| <b>EFFECT OF EXCHANGE RATE CHANGES ON CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b> | <b>(71,811)</b>             | <b>2,445</b>        |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year                        | 119,302                     | 94,535              |
| <b>Cash and cash equivalents, end of year</b>                       | <b>570,474</b>              | <b>119,302</b>      |
| Cash  | 282,584                     | 119,302             |
| Cash equivalents  | 287,890                     | -                   |
| <b>Total cash and cash equivalents</b>                              | <b>570,474</b>              | <b>119,302</b>      |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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**SANDFIRE RESOURCES AMERICA INC.**  
**NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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1. NATURE OF OPERATIONS AND GOING CONCERN

Sandfire Resources America Inc. (the "Company") (TSX.V SFR.V) was incorporated on July 30, 1998 under the laws of British Columbia and is a mining exploration and development company. The Company is an 86.9% subsidiary of Sandfire Resources Ltd., a public company in Australia. The address of the Company's corporate and head office is 1111 W Hastings St. 15th Floor Vancouver, BC V6E 2J3, Canada. The Company's stock symbol is "SFR.V" on the TSX Venture Exchange and "SRAFF" on the U.S. OTC Market.

In 2020, the Company has started pre-construction earthworks of the Black Butte Copper project. The ability of the Company to obtain necessary financing to commence the full development and construction is not certain.

Although the Company has taken steps to verify title to the properties on which it is conducting exploration and in which it has an interest in accordance with industry standards to the current stage of exploration of such properties, these procedures do not guarantee the Company's title. Property title may be subject to government licensing requirements or regulations, unregistered prior agreements, unregistered claims, aboriginal claims, and non-compliance with regulatory requirements.

During the year ended June 30, 2024, the Company incurred a comprehensive net loss of \$18,068,046 (June 30, 2023 - \$13,297,708), the Company's cash and cash equivalents was \$570,474 (June 30, 2023 - \$119,302) and had a working capital deficit of \$43,814,777 (June 30, 2023 - \$27,192,358). The Company filed the Black Butte Copper Project Technical Report on December 10, 2020. During the years ended June 30, 2024, and 2023, the Company's subsidiary, Tintina Montana Inc. ("TMI") and the Company as guarantor, entered into various bridge loan agreements, denominated in USD with Sandfire Resources Ltd (parent) for short-term funding of day-to-day operations. The Company will have to raise additional funds to meet planned 2025/26 exploration expenses and future mine development work plans. On June 30, 2024, the Company entered into a third variation agreement of the September 2021 bridge loan agreement with Sandfire Resources Ltd. Under the terms of the agreement the available principal amount of the loan was increased from USD\$32 million to USD\$40 million along with the maturity date being extended to June 30, 2025.

The Company has concluded that the working capital as held at June 30, 2024 is insufficient to fund all committed and non-discretionary expenditures for at least the next twelve months. Unless additional funds are raised, the Company may have insufficient funds to realize its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of business.

On November 1, 2022, the Company announced that the necessary permits to appropriate water for the Black Butte Copper Project were received. Issuance of the water permits triggered an appeal by objectors (Note 15).

The Company's history of losses and negative working capital indicate the existence of a material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. The Company plans to address this uncertainty by drawing down on its amended bridge loan agreement (as discussed above) in fiscal year 2025. The Company's ability to raise funds is dependent on many factors such as the volatility in copper prices and the ongoing legal challenges, and as such there is no assurance that the Company will be successful in obtaining the required financing for planned exploration and mine development, as well as for general working capital. These financial statements do not contain any adjustments to the amounts that may be required should the Company be unable to continue as a going concern. Such adjustments could be material.

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2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Statement of compliance

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared in compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”). For these purposes, IFRS comprise the standards issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (“IASB”) and Interpretations issued by the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee (“IFRIC”). Accounting policies applied are consistent with those of the previous financial year, unless otherwise noted.

b) Basis of preparation

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis, except for financial instruments designated at fair value through profit or loss which are carried at fair value.

Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified for consistency with the current year presentation. These reclassifications had no effect on the reported results of operations. A reclassification has been made to the Consolidated Statements of Financial Position for fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, to identify contributed surplus arising from the discount on the Sandfire Resources Limited loan of \$4,737,956. The \$4,737,956 resulting from the accounting of the discount on loans was reclassified from Share capital to Contributed surplus within the Shareholders’ equity section. This change in reclassification does not affect previously reported current liabilities in Consolidated Statement of Financial Position.

Effective June 30, 2024, the Company changed its accounting policy to recognize the book value of the expired options as a credit against the accumulated deficit in the period in which they expire. Previously, the Company recognized the book value of expired options in the share-based payments reserve within the shareholders equity. The change in policy has been made because it is in management opinion that once options expire, they are no longer able to be exercised into shares and the related book value of these equity instruments should no longer reside in the reserve account. The change in policy has been applied retroactively to all financial period reported in these consolidated financial statements.

These change in policy had no effect on the reported results of operations and cash flows. An adjustment has been made to the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position and the Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity (Deficit) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, to reduce the share-based payments reserve and accumulated deficit by \$8,124,251.

|                     | June 30, 2023 as<br>previously reported | Adjustment  | June 30, 2023<br>restated amount |
|---------------------|---|-------------|----------------------------------|
|                     | \$                                      | \$          | \$                               |
| Share-based reserve | 8,124,251                               | (8,124,251) | -                                |
| Accumulated deficit | (161,750,020)                           | 8,124,251   | (153,625,769)                    |

c) Basis of consolidation

These consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its wholly owned US subsidiary, TMI, which was incorporated in the United States. TMI wholly owns the Black Butte copper underground project. All intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated on consolidation. The Company consolidates subsidiaries where it has the ability to exercise control. Control of an investee is defined to exist when the investor is exposed or has rights to variable returns from its involvement with the investee and has the ability to affect those returns through its

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power over the investee. Particularly, the Company controls investees, if and only if, the Company has all of the following: power over the investee; exposure, or rights to variable returns from its involvement with the investee; and the ability to use its power over the investee to affect its returns.

d) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents in the consolidated statement of financial position comprise of cash at banks and on hand, and short-term deposits with an original maturity of three months or less, which are readily convertible into a known amount of cash. The Company's cash and cash equivalents are invested with major financial institutions in business accounts, bankers' acceptances and in government treasury bills which are available on demand by the Company for its programs and are not invested in any asset backed deposits/investments. As at June 30, 2024, the Company held \$287,890 (USD\$210,154) in the money markets which are recorded as cash equivalents. The Company did not hold any cash equivalents in 2023.

e) Resource properties and exploration and evaluation expenditures

Resource properties consist of payments to acquire property rights and leases, including on-going annual lease payments and water rights payments. Property acquisition costs are capitalized.

Exploration and evaluation expenditure include costs associated with exploring, investigating, examining, and evaluating an area of mineralization, and assessing the technical feasibility and commercial viability of extracting the mineral resource from that area. Exploration and evaluation expenditure incurred on an area where the commercial viability of extracting the mineral resource has not yet been established is expensed when incurred. Once the technical feasibility and commercial viability of extracting the mineral resource is demonstrable, then any further evaluation costs incurred are capitalized. The recoverability of the resource property is dependent on the successful development and commercial exploration, or alternatively, sale of the respective area of interest.

A resource property is reclassified to mineral properties in Property, and equipment ("PPE") when the technical feasibility and commercial viability of extracting a mineral resource are demonstrable. Resource properties are assessed for impairment once it is determined that they are technically feasible and commercially viable, and any impairment loss is recognized before reclassification to mine properties. In addition, resource properties are assessed for indicators of impairment at each reporting period. No amortization is charged during the exploration and evaluation phase.

At each reporting period, the Company assesses whether there is an indication that resource properties may be impaired. When impairment indicators exist, or when the decision to proceed with the development of a particular project is taken based on its technical and commercial viability, the Company estimates the recoverable amount of resource properties and compares it against the carrying amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of the fair value less cost of disposal and the resource property's value in use. If the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, an impairment loss is recorded in the Consolidated Statement of Loss. In calculating the recoverable amount, the Company will look at market comparable transactions or when appropriate, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessment of the time value of money and the risks specific to the resource property. The cash flows are based on best estimates of expected future cash flows from the continued use of the resource property.

Once a mine has achieved commercial production, resource properties are depleted on a units-of-production basis over the life of the mine.

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f) Property and equipment (“PPE”)

PPE is stated at the assets acquisition cost (development cost for internally generated PPE) less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. PPE can include capitalized borrowing costs where relevant. PPE also includes the initial estimate of reclamation and remediation obligation. Depreciation is recorded over the estimated useful lives of the assets on a straight-line basis as follows:

|                        | Straight line - Useful life (in<br>years) |
|------------------------|---|
| Equipment              | 3 - 10                                    |
| Vehicle                | 5 - 10                                    |
| Buildings              | 20 - 25                                   |
| Leasehold Improvements | Over the term of the Lease                |

For PPE assets under construction, depreciation begins once the asset is available for use. Assets under construction include roads, fencing, tailings facility, and land improvements and will be depreciated in accordance with the Company’s depreciation policy once placed in service. Depreciation method and useful life for these assets will be determined when the assets are available for use, however, typically mine production assets are depreciated on a units of production basis over the life of mine. Borrowing costs incurred in financing expenditures for an asset under construction are capitalized during the period of construction.

An item of PPE is derecognized upon disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected to arise from the continued use of the asset. Any gain or loss arising on disposal of the asset, determined as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset, is recognized in the Consolidated Statement of Loss. Where an item of PPE comprises major components with different useful lives, the components are accounted for as separate items of PPE. Expenditures incurred to replace a component of an item of PPE that is accounted for separately, including major inspection and overhaul expenditures are capitalized. The assets’ residual values, useful lives, and methods of depreciation are reviewed at each financial year end, and adjusted prospectively, if appropriate.

*Impairment of property and equipment:*

At each statement of financial position date or whenever there are indications of impairment losses, the Company reviews the carrying amounts of its property and equipment to determine whether there is any indication that such assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any). There were no indications of impairment losses assessed by the Company during the fiscal year 2024 and 2023 and as a result, no impairment losses were recorded.

g) Foreign currency translation

The Company’s consolidated financial statements are presented in Canadian dollars, which is also the parent company’s functional currency. Each subsidiary determines its own functional currency and items included in the financial statements of each subsidiary are measured using that functional currency.

i) Transactions and balances

Transactions in foreign currencies are initially recorded by the Company and its subsidiary at their respective functional currency spot rates at the date the transaction first qualifies for recognition. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the functional

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currency spot rate of exchange at the reporting date. All differences arising on settlement or translation of monetary items are recognized in net loss before comprehensive loss except for monetary items that are designated as part of the Company's net investment of a foreign operation. These are recognized in other comprehensive income (loss) until the net investment is disposed, at which time the accumulated amount is reclassified to the Consolidated Statement of Loss and Comprehensive Loss.

ii) The Company and its subsidiary

On consolidation the assets and liabilities of foreign operations are translated into Canadian dollars at the rate of exchange prevailing at the reporting date and their statement of loss and comprehensive loss are translated at exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions. The exchange differences arising on translation for consolidation are recognised in other comprehensive income. On disposal of a foreign operation, the component of other comprehensive income relating to that particular foreign operation is recognised in the statement of loss and comprehensive loss. The functional currency of the Company's subsidiary, TMI, is the US dollar.

h) Reclamation and remediation

The Company recognizes liabilities for statutory, contractual, constructive, or legal obligations, including those associated with the reclamation of property, and equipment, and of resource properties, when those obligations result from the acquisition, construction, development, or normal operation of the assets. Initially, a liability for rehabilitation obligation is recognized at its fair value in the period in which it is incurred if a reasonable estimate of cost can be made.

The Company records the present value of estimated future cash flows associated with reclamation as a liability when the liability is incurred and increases the carrying value of the related assets for that amount. The associated restoration costs are amortized over the expected useful life of the assets. At the end of each period, the liability is increased to reflect the passage of time (accretion expense) and is also adjusted for changes in the estimated future cash flows underlying any initial estimates.

The Company recognizes its environmental liability when it can be reliably estimated. Environmental expenditures related to existing conditions resulting from past or current operations and from which no current or future benefit is discernible are charged to the Consolidated Statement of Loss and Comprehensive Loss.

i) Other provisions

Provisions are recognized for liabilities of uncertain timing or amounts that have arisen as a result of past transactions, including legal or constructive obligations. The provision is measured at the best estimate of the expenditure required to settle the obligation at the reporting date. The Company had no other provisions as at June 30, 2024, and 2023 other than for accrued reclamation and rehabilitation.

j) Share-based payments

Employees receive remuneration in the form of share-based payment transactions, whereby employees render services as consideration for equity instruments (equity-settled transactions). Share-based payments to employees are measured at the fair value of the instruments issued and amortized over the vesting periods. Share-based payments to non-employees are measured at the fair value of the goods or services received or the fair value of the equity instruments issued, if it is determined the fair value of the goods or services cannot be reliably measured and are recorded

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at the date the goods or services are received. The cost of equity-settled transactions is recognized, together with a corresponding increase in the share-based payment reserves in equity, over the period in which the performance and/or service conditions are fulfilled. The cumulative expense recognized for equity-settled transactions at each reporting date until the vesting date reflects the extent to which the vesting period has expired and the Company's best estimate of the number of equity instruments that will ultimately vest. The expense or credit in Consolidated Statement of Loss for a period represents the movement in cumulative expense recognized for the period. No expense is recognized for awards that do not ultimately vest because non-market performance and/or service conditions have not been met. Where awards include a market or non-vesting condition, the transactions are treated as vested irrespective of whether the market or non-vesting condition is satisfied, provided that all other performance and/or service conditions are satisfied.

Where a share-based payment is expected to be settled in cash, the fair value of the instruments is recognized as a share-based payment expense with a corresponding increase in liabilities, over the period from the grant date to settlement date. The fair value of the instrument is marked to the quoted market price of the Company's common shares at each reporting date with a corresponding change in the Consolidated Statement of Loss.

When the terms of an equity-settled transaction award are modified, the minimum expense recognized is the expense as if the terms had not been modified if the original terms of the award are met. An additional expense is recognized for any modification that increases the total fair value of the share-based payment transaction or is otherwise beneficial to the employee as measured at the date of modification.

When an equity-settled award is cancelled, it is treated as if it vested on the date of cancellation, and any expense not yet recognized for the award is recognized immediately. This includes any award where non-vesting conditions within the control of either the entity or the employee are not met.

k) Loss per share

The Company presents basic and diluted loss per share data for its common shares, calculated by dividing the loss attributable to common shareholders of the Company by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the year. Diluted loss per share is calculated by assuming that the proceeds to be received on the exercise of dilutive share options, stock awards, and warrants are used to repurchase common shares at the average market price during the year. Diluted loss per share does not adjust the loss attributable to common shareholders or the weighted average number of common shares outstanding when the effect is anti-dilutive. As at June 30, 2024, there were 263,147 (June 30, 2023 – 1,052,586) RSUs and 112,278 (June 30, 2023 – 968,383) PSUs that were excluded from the calculation of the diluted loss per share as their effect was anti-dilutive.

l) Income taxes

i) Current income tax

Current tax is the expected tax payable or receivable on the local taxable income or loss for the year, using local tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date and includes any adjustments to tax payable or receivable in respect of previous years.

ii) Deferred tax

Deferred income taxes are recorded using the liability method whereby deferred tax is recognized in respect of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for

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financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for taxation purposes. Deferred tax is measured at the tax rates that are expected to be applied to temporary differences when they reverse, based on the laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date. Deferred tax is not recognized for temporary differences which arise on the initial recognition of goodwill, or assets or liabilities in a transaction that is not a business combination and that affects neither accounting, nor taxable profit or loss.

Deferred tax is not recognised for all temporary differences associated with investments in subsidiaries when the timing of the reversal of the temporary differences can be controlled and it is probable that the temporary differences will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

A deferred tax asset is recognized for unused tax losses, tax credits and deductible temporary differences, to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which they can be utilized. Deferred tax assets are reviewed at each reporting date and are reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that the related tax benefit will be realized.

Unrecognised deferred tax assets are reassessed at each reporting date and are recognised to the extent that it has become probable that future taxable profits will allow the deferred tax asset to be recovered.

Deferred tax relating to items recognised outside profit or loss is recognised outside profit or loss. Deferred tax items are recognised in correlation to the underlying transaction either in other comprehensive income or directly in equity.

Deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities are offset if a legally enforceable right exists to set off current tax assets against current income tax liabilities and the deferred taxes relate to the same taxable entity and the same taxation authority.

m) **Financial instruments**

A financial instrument is any contract that gives rise to a financial asset of one entity and a financial liability or equity instrument of another entity. All financial instruments are initially recorded at fair value, adjusted for directly attributable transaction costs. The Company determines each financial instrument's classification upon initial recognition. Measurement in subsequent periods depends on the financial instrument's classification.

*Financial assets*

Financial assets are classified and measured at: fair value through profit and loss ("FVTPL"), fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVOCI") and amortized cost. Measurement and classification of financial assets is dependent on the Company's business model for managing the financial assets and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial asset i.e., whether cash flows will result from collecting contractual cash flows, selling the financial assets, or both.

Financial assets at amortized cost

The Company measures financial assets at amortized cost if both of the following conditions are met: the financial asset is held with the objective to collect contractual cash flows; and the contractual terms of the financial asset give rise to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest ("SPPI"). This is referred to as the SPPI test. Financial assets at amortized cost are subsequently measured using the effective interest rate ("EIR") method and are subject to impairment. Interest received is recognized as part of finance income. Gains and losses are recognized when the asset is derecognized, modified, or impaired. The Company's financial assets

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at amortized cost include cash, reclamation bonds, and amounts receivable included in other assets.

Financial assets at FVTPL

Financial assets at FVTPL include financial assets held for trading, financial assets designated upon initial recognition at FVTPL, or financial assets mandatorily required to be measured at fair value i.e., fail the SPPI test. Derivatives are classified as held for trading unless they are designated as effective hedging instruments. Financial assets at FVTPL are carried in the Statement of Financial Position at fair value with net changes in fair value recognized in profit or loss. An embedded derivative will often make a financial asset fail the SPPI test thereby requiring the instrument to be measured at FVTPL in its entirety. The Company has no financial assets classified as FVTPL.

Impairment

An expected credit loss (“ECL”) impairment model applies which requires a loss allowance to be recognized based on ECLs. The estimated present value of future cash flows associated with the asset is determined and an impairment loss is recognized for the difference between this amount and the carrying amount as follows: the carrying amount of the asset is reduced to estimated present value of the future cash flows associated with the asset, discounted at the financial asset’s original EIR, either directly or through the use of an allowance account and the resulting loss is recognized in profit or loss for the period. In a subsequent period, if the amount of the impairment loss related to financial assets measured at amortized cost decreases, the previously recognized impairment loss is reversed through profit or loss to the extent that the carrying amount of the investment at the date the impairment is reversed does not exceed what the amortized cost would have been had the impairment not been recognized.

Financial assets at FVTPL or FVOCI

The Company has no financial assets classified as FVTPL or FVOCI.

*Financial liabilities*

Financial liabilities are classified, at initial recognition, as financial liabilities at FVTPL, loans and borrowings, payables, or as derivatives designated as hedging instruments in an effective hedge, as appropriate.

Loans and borrowings and payables

After initial recognition, interest-bearing loans and borrowings and trade and other payables are subsequently measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method (“EIR”). Gains and losses are recognized in profit or loss when the liabilities are derecognized, as well as through the EIR amortization process. Amortized cost is calculated by taking into account any discount or premium on acquisition and fees or costs that are an integral part of the EIR. The EIR amortization is included as finance costs in the Consolidated Statement of Loss. Gains and losses are recognized when the financial liability is derecognized. The Company’s financial liabilities at amortized cost include accounts payable and accrued liabilities interest payable and loans payable.

A financial liability is derecognized when the associated obligation is discharged or cancelled or expires. When an existing financial liability is replaced by another from the same lender on substantially different terms, or the terms of an existing liability are substantially modified, such an exchange or modification is treated as the derecognition of the original liability and the recognition

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of a new liability. The difference in the respective carrying amounts is recognized in the Consolidated Statement of Loss.

Financial liabilities at FVTPL

Financial liabilities measured at FVPL include cash settled share-based payments. Financial liabilities measured at FVPL are carried at fair value in the Consolidated Statements of Financial Position with changes in fair value recognized in other income or expense in the Consolidated Statements of Loss.

n) Fair value measurement

The Company discloses the fair value of financial instruments at each reporting date. Also, from time to time, the fair values of non-financial assets and liabilities are required to be determined, e.g., when the entity acquires a business, or where an entity measures the recoverable amount of an asset at fair value less costs of disposal ("FVLCD").

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction in the principal (or most advantageous) market at the measurement date under current market conditions (an exit price) regardless of whether that price is directly observable or estimated.

o) Leases

At inception of a contract, the Company assesses whether a contract is, or contains, a lease. A contract is, or contains, a lease if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration. To assess whether a contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset, the Company assesses whether:

- The contract involves the use of an identified asset - this may be specified explicitly or implicitly and should be physically distinct or represent substantially all of the capacity of a physically distinct asset. If the supplier has a substantive right, then the asset is not identified.
- The Company has the right to obtain substantially all the economic benefits from use of the asset throughout the period of use; and
- The Company has the right to direct the use of the asset. The Company has this right when it has the decision-making rights that are most relevant to changing how and for what purpose the asset is used. In rare cases where the decision about how and for what purpose the asset is used is predetermined, the Company has the right to direct the use of the asset if either:
  - The Company has the right to operate the asset; or
  - The Company designed the asset in a way that predetermines how and for what purpose it will be used.

At inception or on reassessment of a contract that contains a lease component, the Company allocates the consideration in the contract to each lease component based on their relative stand-alone prices.

The Company recognizes a right-to-use asset and a lease liability at the lease commencement date. The right-of-use asset is initially measured at cost, which comprises the initial amount of the lease liability adjusted for any lease payments made at or before the commencement date, plus any initial direct costs incurred and an estimate of costs to dismantle and remove the underlying asset or to restore the underlying asset or the site on which it is located, less any lease incentives received.

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The right-of-use asset is subsequently depreciated using the straight-line method from the commencement date to the earlier of the end of the useful life of the right-to-use asset or the end of the lease term. The estimated useful life of the right-to-use assets are determined on the same basis as those of property, plant, and equipment. In addition, the right-of-use asset is periodically reduced by impairment losses, if any, and adjusted for certain remeasurements of the lease liability.

The lease liability is initially measured at the present value of the lease payments that are not paid at the commencement date, discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease or, if that rate cannot be readily determined, the Company's incremental borrowing rate. Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability comprise the following:

- fixed payments, including in-substance fixed payments.
- variable lease payments that depend on an index or a rate, initially measured using the index or rate at the commencement date.
- amounts expected to be payable under a residual value guarantee; and
- the exercise prices under a purchase price option that the Company is reasonably certain to exercise, lease payments in an optional renewal period if the Company is reasonably certain to exercise an extension option, and penalties for early termination of a lease unless the Company is reasonably certain not to terminate early.

The lease liability is measured at amortized cost using the effective interest rate method. It is remeasured when there is a change in future lease payments arising from a change in an index or rate, if there is a change in the Company's estimate of the amount expected to be payable under a residual value guarantee, or if the Company changes its assessment of whether it will exercise a purchase, extension, or termination option. When the lease liability is remeasured in this way, a corresponding adjustment is made to the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset or is recorded in profit or loss if the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset has been reduced to zero.

The Company has elected not to recognize right-of-use assets and lease liabilities for short-term leases of machinery that have a lease term of 12 months or less and leases of low-value assets. The Company recognizes the lease payments associated with these leases as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

### 3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGMENTS

The preparation of these Consolidated Financial Statements involves the use of judgments and estimates and from assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amount of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. These judgments and estimates are based on management's best knowledge of the relevant facts and circumstances at the time, having regard to prior experience, and are continually reviewed and evaluated. Estimates are inherently uncertain and actual results may differ from the amounts included in the financial statements. Revisions to the estimates and assumptions are recognized in the period in which the estimates are revised and in future periods.

#### Impairment of resource properties

Determining if there are any facts and circumstances indicating impairment loss on resource properties is a subjective process involving judgment and a number of estimates and interpretations in many cases. Determining whether to test for impairment of resource properties requires management's judgment, among others, regarding the following:

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- the period for which the Company has the right to explore in the specific area has expired during the period or will expire in the near future and is not expected to be renewed;
- substantive expenditure on further exploration for and evaluation of mineral resources in the specific area is neither budgeted nor planned;
- exploration for and evaluation of mineral resources in the specific area have not led to the discovery of commercially viable quantities of mineral resources and the Company has decided to discontinue such activities in the specific area; and
- sufficient data exist to indicate that, although a development in the specific area is likely to proceed, the carrying amount of the asset is unlikely to be recovered in full from successful development or by sale.

Impairment assessments for resource properties require the use of estimates and assumptions such as long-term commodity prices (considering current and historical prices, price trends and related factors), discount rates, operating costs, future capital requirements, closure and rehabilitation costs, exploration potential, and resources. These estimates and assumptions are subject to risk and uncertainty. Therefore, there is a possibility that changes in circumstances will impact these projections, which may impact the recoverable amount of assets. In such circumstances, some or all of the carrying amount of the assets may be further impaired or the impairment charge reduced with the impact recognized in the Consolidated Statement of Loss.

These assumptions and estimates are subject to change if new information becomes available. Actual results with respect to impairment losses could differ in such a situation and significant adjustments to the Company's loss may occur in future periods.

#### Impairment of PPE

Determining if there are any facts and circumstances indicating impairment loss on PPE is a subjective process involving judgment and a number of estimates and interpretations in many cases. Impairment exists when the carrying value of PPE exceeds its recoverable amount, which is the higher of its fair value less costs of disposal and its value in use. The fair value less costs of disposal calculation is based on available data from researched sales transactions of similar assets, conducted at arm's length, or observable market prices less incremental costs of disposing of the asset. The value in use calculation is based on a discounted cash flow model. The recoverable amount is sensitive to the discount rate used for the model as well as the expected future cash-inflows and the growth rate used for extrapolation purposes. These assumptions and estimates are subject to change if new information becomes available. Actual results with respect to impairment losses could differ in such a situation and significant adjustments to the Company's loss may occur in future periods.

#### Estimated useful life of property, and equipment

Management estimates the useful lives of PPE based on the period during which the assets are expected to be available for use. The amounts and timing of recorded expenses for amortization of property and equipment for any period are affected by these estimated useful lives. The estimates are reviewed at each reporting date and are updated if expectations change as a result of physical wear and tear, technical or commercial obsolescence and legal or other limits to use. It is possible that changes in these factors may cause significant changes in the estimated useful lives of the Company's PPE in the future.

#### Determination of technical feasibility and commercial viability of a resource property

The application of the Company's accounting policy for resource properties requires determining when technical feasibility and commercial viability have been demonstrated involves significant judgement,

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particularly in relation to projects where feasibility assessment may be ongoing over an extended period of time.

In making this determination, management assesses whether a final investment decision has been approved by the Company's board of directors which is an indication of technical feasibility and commercial viability of a project. Absent this approval, other factors are considered, such as the booking of significant quantities of commercial reserves, approval of budgeted expenditure to commence commercial development activities or the actual commencement of expenditure on development activities. As at June 30, 2024, the Company has determined that they are in the exploration and evaluation stage as they are awaiting the resolution of the objections to the water permit application as discussed below.

#### Accrual of reclamation and remediation costs

In determining accrued reclamation and remediation costs, the calculation of discounted cash flows includes various factors that require estimates and judgments including the extent and costs of reclamation and remediation activities, technological changes, regulatory changes, cost increases as compared to the inflation rates, and changes in discount rates. The accrued reclamation and remediation costs are subsequently accreted to its full value over time through charges to the Consolidated Statements of Loss. The ultimate magnitude of these costs is uncertain, and cost estimates can vary in response to many factors including changes to the relevant legal requirements, whether closure plans achieve intended reclamation goals, and the emergence of new restoration techniques or experience. The expected timing of expenditures can also change. As a result, there could be significant adjustments to the provision for rehabilitations, which would affect future financial results.

#### Share-based payments

Management determines costs for equity-settled share-based payments using market-based valuation techniques. The fair value of the market-based and performance-based non-vested share awards is determined at the date of grant using generally accepted valuation techniques. Assumptions are made and judgment used in applying valuation techniques. These assumptions and judgments for share-based payments include estimating the future volatility of the share price, expected dividend yield, future employee turnover rates and future employee stock option exercise behaviors and corporate performance. Such judgments and assumptions are inherently uncertain. Changes in these assumptions could affect the fair value estimates.

#### Income, value added, withholding and other taxes

The Company is subject to income, value added, withholding and other taxes. Significant judgment is required in determining the Company's provisions for taxes. There are many transactions and calculations for which the ultimate tax determination is uncertain during the ordinary course of business. The Company recognizes liabilities for anticipated tax audit issues based on estimates of whether additional taxes will be due. The determination of the Company's income, value added, withholding and other tax liabilities requires interpretation of complex laws and regulations. The Company's interpretation of taxation law as applied to transactions and activities may not coincide with the interpretation of the tax authorities. All tax-related filings are subject to government audit and potential reassessment subsequent to the financial statement reporting period. Where the final tax outcome of these matters is different from the amounts that were initially recorded, such differences will impact the tax-related accruals and deferred income tax provisions in the period in which such determination is made.

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Capital contribution from bridge loan

The Company received loans from its parent company at a below-market rate, hence, the benefit is recorded as a capital contribution within equity. Management has determined the market rate is based on the US Federal Reserve Bank investment grade rated CCC or below corporate debt publicly issued in the US domestic market.

4. ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

New and amended accounting standards

On July 1, 2023, the Company adopted a number of new IFRS standards, interpretations, amendments and improvements to existing standards. These included the following:

IAS 1 – Presentation of Financial Statements (“IAS 1”) was amended in January 2020 to provide a more general approach to the classification of liabilities.

IAS 8 – Accounting policies, changes in accounting estimates and errors (“IAS 8”) was amended to modify the ‘Definition of Accounting Estimates’ to help entities distinguish between accounting policies and accounting estimates.

IAS 12 – Income taxes (“IAS 12”) - ‘Deferred Tax Related to Assets and Liabilities Arising from a Single Transaction’ clarifies how entities account for deferred tax on transactions such as leases and decommissioning obligations.

These new standards and changes did not have any material impact on the Company’s consolidated financial statements.

Accounting standards issued but not yet effective

Certain pronouncements were issued by the IASB or the IFRIC that are mandatory for accounting periods on or after July 1, 2024, or later periods. Many are not applicable to, or do not have a significant impact on the Company and have therefore been excluded. The following has not been adopted and is being evaluated to determine the impact on the Company’s consolidated financial statements:

IFRS 10 – Consolidated Financial Statements (“IFRS 10”) and IAS 28 – Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures (“IAS 28”) were amended in September 2014 to address a conflict between the requirements of IAS 28 and IFRS 10 and clarify that in a transaction involving an associate or joint venture, the extent of gain or loss recognition depends on whether the assets sold or contributed constitute a business. The effective date of these amendments is yet to be determined; however early adoption is permitted.

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5. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

| <b>Cost</b>                                      | <b>Equipment</b> | <b>Vehicle</b> | <b>Buildings and improvements</b> | <b>Assets under construction</b> | <b>Land</b>      | <b>Total</b>      |
|--|------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
|  | <b>\$</b>        | <b>\$</b>      | <b>\$</b>                         | <b>\$</b>                        | <b>\$</b>        | <b>\$</b>         |
| June 30, 2022                                    | 328,456          | 399,998        | 1,753,670                         | 8,502,295                        | 211,725          | 11,196,144        |
| Additions  | 107,663          | 76,259         | -                                 | -                                | -                | 183,922           |
| Revaluation of reclamation and remediation asset | -                | -              | -                                 | 294,614                          | -                | 294,614           |
| Transfers  | -                | -              | 165,264                           | (165,264)                        | -                | -                 |
| Currency translations                            | 9,545            | 11,623         | 50,952                            | 344,229                          | 6,151            | 422,500           |
| June 30, 2023                                    | 445,664          | 487,880        | 1,969,886                         | 8,975,874                        | 217,876          | 12,097,180        |
| Additions (Note 6)                               | 106,663          | 9,572          | 578,291                           | 9,153                            | 1,152,293        | 1,855,972         |
| Revaluation of reclamation and remediation asset | -                | -              | -                                 | (196,834)                        | -                | (196,834)         |
| Currency translations                            | 14,445           | 15,813         | 63,849                            | 289,071                          | 7,061            | 390,239           |
| <b>June 30, 2024</b>                             | <b>566,772</b>   | <b>513,265</b> | <b>2,612,026</b>                  | <b>9,077,264</b>                 | <b>1,377,230</b> | <b>14,146,557</b> |
| <b>Accumulated Depreciation</b>                  |                  |                |                                   |                                  |                  |                   |
| June 30, 2022                                    | 102,482          | 164,056        | 465,566                           | -                                | -                | 732,104           |
| Additions  | 34,183           | 59,469         | 115,983                           | -                                | -                | 209,635           |
| Currency translations                            | 2,594            | 4,101          | 12,201                            | -                                | -                | 18,896            |
| June 30, 2023                                    | 139,259          | 227,626        | 593,750                           | -                                | -                | 960,635           |
| Additions  | 144,066          | 73,090         | 143,683                           | -                                | -                | 360,839           |
| Currency translations                            | 5,871            | 8,067          | 20,567                            | -                                | -                | 34,505            |
| <b>June 30, 2024</b>                             | <b>289,196</b>   | <b>308,783</b> | <b>758,000</b>                    | <b>-</b>                         | <b>-</b>         | <b>1,355,979</b>  |
| <b>Net book value</b>                            |                  |                |                                   |                                  |                  |                   |
| June 30, 2023                                    | 306,405          | 260,254        | 1,376,136                         | 8,975,874                        | 217,876          | 11,136,545        |
| <b>June 30, 2024</b>                             | <b>277,576</b>   | <b>204,482</b> | <b>1,854,026</b>                  | <b>9,077,264</b>                 | <b>1,377,230</b> | <b>12,790,578</b> |

At June 30, 2024, assets under construction consist of partial phase one mine development assets being, roads, pit, land improvements, fencing, and reclamation and remediation asset. These assets will be placed in service once mining and milling of the property begins.

During the year ended June 30, 2024, the Company completed the acquisition of the Bar Z land for \$882,628. During the year ended June 30, 2024, the Company purchased the office in White Sulphur Springs, Montana, as well as a second building. The acquisition of the two buildings resulted in \$540,054 addition to buildings and improvements and \$269,665 addition to land.

At June 30, 2024, and 2023, management reviewed and revised its estimated accrued reclamation costs associated with its mineral resource. The revaluation resulted in a decrease of \$196,834 at June 30, 2024) and an increase of \$294,614 at June 30, 2023 to the related asset retirement costs included in assets under construction (Note 8).

As at June 30, 2024, the Company has successfully won one of the two legal challenges as described in Note 15. With the water permits challenge still pending, management has made the decision to continue to suspend construction of the assets under construction pending resolution of the water permits challenge. As a result, no borrowing costs were capitalized to assets under construction during the years ended June 30, 2024, and 2023.

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6. RESOURCE PROPERTIES AND EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION COSTS

Additions to resource properties during the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023 were as follows:

|   | June 30, 2024 | June 30, 2023 |
|---|---------------|---------------|
|   | \$            | \$            |
| Balance, beginning of year                | 9,473,219     | 8,281,173     |
| Additions:                                |               |               |
| Black Butte Copper 2010 Leases (Note 6i)  | 602,438       | 701,632       |
| Black Butte Copper 2011 Leases (Note 6ii) | 54,929        | 54,028        |
| Lease and water use agreement (Note 6iii) | 27,162        | 27,675        |
| Mining lease agreement 2017 (Note 6iv)    | 13,581        | 6,545         |
| Mining lease agreement 2023 (Note 6v)     | 6,790         | -             |
| Bureau of land management payments        | 276,398       | 170,612       |
| Currency translation                      | 319,137       | 231,554       |
| Balance, end of year                      | 10,773,654    | 9,473,219     |

Exploration and evaluation costs incurred during the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023 were \$10,213,534 and \$8,417,488, respectively.

**i) Black Butte Copper 2010 Leases**

On May 2, 2010, the Company, through its wholly-owned subsidiary, TMI, entered into mining lease agreements and a surface use agreement (collectively, the “Black Butte Agreements”) with the owners of the Black Butte copper-cobalt-silver property in central Montana, United States.

The Black Butte Agreements, as amended, provide the Company, through TMI, with exclusive use and occupancy of any part of the property that is necessary for exploration and mining activities for an initial term of 30 years, which can be extended by the Company for additional periods of 10 years by giving prior notice within the time specified in the agreements. The Black Butte Agreements also provide for surface lease payments and advance minimum royalty payments to be paid to the lessors for the initial 30 year term, in total of approximately USD\$12,400,000 (USD\$5,612,763 paid as of June 30, 2024) in cash and a Net Smelter Returns (“NSR”) royalty of 5% after commencement of commercial production, if any. At any time after completion of a feasibility study, the Company has the right to buydown the maximum 5% NSR to 2% by making payments to the lessors in total of USD\$10,000,000.

In addition, due to a purchase option provision in the Black Butte Copper 2010 lease, the Company began paying an individual lessor USD\$4,293 annually over 20 years beginning in June 2021.

Separately, the Company has an agreement with another property owner, Bar Z Ranch, Inc. (“Bar Z”) whereby the Company paid an additional USD\$80,123 in both 2022 and 2023 to maintain an option to purchase the owner’s property rights before July 1, 2024. On February 27, 2024, the Company exercised its option to purchase the land for \$882,628 (USD\$650,000) (Note 5).

**ii) Black Butte Copper 2011 Leases**

In June 2011, the Company, through its subsidiary, staked additional claims on federal lands and entered into mining lease agreements. The additional mining lease agreements were entered under similar terms as the Black Butte Agreements as described above. The Company was granted the sole and exclusive use and occupancy of any part of the property that is necessary for exploration and mining activities for an initial term of 30 years, which can be extended by the Company for additional

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periods of 10 years by giving prior notice within the time specified in the agreements. The additional Black Butte Agreements provide for prior to commercial production, advance minimum royalty payments to be paid to the lessors, in total of USD\$1,250,000 in cash (USD\$410,000 paid as of June 30, 2024), and a NSR royalty of 5% after commencement of commercial production, if any. At any time after completion of a feasibility study, the Company has the right to buydown the maximum 5% NSR to 2% by making payments to the lessors in total of USD\$5,000,000.

**iii) Lease and Water Use Agreement**

On October 15, 2015, the Company, through TMI, entered into a Lease and Water Use Agreement to lease the water rights to certain locations in Meagher County, Montana, United States, for a term of 30 years. The Company shall pay the owner the sum of USD\$20,000 per year, increasing to USD\$100,000 per year upon actual mining and production of minerals at the Black Butte Copper property. The Company can terminate the lease and water use agreement at its option.

**iv) Mining Lease Agreement 2017**

On September 13, 2017, the Company, through TMI, entered into a Mining Lease Agreement for the purpose of mineral exploration and mining in certain lands located in Meagher County, Montana for an initial term of 30 years. In consideration, the Company shall pay the owner an advance minimum royalty payment, in total of USD\$555,000 in cash (USD\$40,000 paid as of June 30, 2024) and a NSR royalty of 5% after commencement of commercial production, if any. At any time after completion of a feasibility study, the Company has the right to buydown the maximum 5% royalty to 2% in return for a payment of USD\$5,000,000 divided pro rata among the mineral owners, and an option to renew the lease for five years. The Company can terminate the mining lease agreement at its option.

**v) Mining Lease Agreement 2023**

On August 17, 2023, the Company, through TMI, entered into a Mining Lease Agreement for the purpose of mineral exploration and mining in certain lands located in Meagher County, Montana for an initial term of 30 years along with two 10 year extensions. In consideration, the Company shall pay the owner an advance minimum royalty payment, in total of USD\$150,000 in cash (USD\$5,000 paid as of June 30, 2024) and a NSR royalty of 2% after commencement of commercial production, if any. The Company can terminate the mining lease agreement at its option.

**vi) Reclamation Bond**

The Company had reclamation bonds of \$606,398 (USD\$443,442) and \$587,360 (USD\$443,442) held with Department of Environmental Quality (“DEQ”) as at June 30, 2024, and 2023, respectively. The Bonds are recorded as non-current assets on the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position.

**vii) Prepaid Mining Property Tax**

During the year ended June 30, 2021, the Company was required per its August 2018 Hard Rock Mining Impact Plan (HRMIP) to make mine property tax prepayment of \$593,987 (USD\$437,000) to cover the immediate impacts for the City of White Sulphur Springs and Meagher County resulting from the planned development of the Black Butte Project. The prepayment will be credited against future property taxes due once the resource taxable assets are constructed and added to the Meagher County property tax lists of taxable assets for the Company. The prepaid mining property tax balance at June 30, 2024, and June 30, 2023 is \$597,588 (USD\$437,000) and \$578,827 (USD\$437,000), respectively. There were no additional property taxes paid in the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023.

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7. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES

The Company had the following accounts payables and accrued liabilities at June 30, 2024, and 2023.

|   | June 30, 2024    | June 30, 2023    |
|---|------------------|------------------|
|   | \$               | \$               |
| Trade payables  | 601,371          | 413,872          |
| Accrued liabilities and other                         | 1,113,060        | 593,472          |
| Accrued salaries and payroll                          | 248,244          | 222,147          |
| <b>Total accounts payable and accrued liabilities</b> | <b>1,962,675</b> | <b>1,229,491</b> |

8. ACCRUED RECLAMATION AND REMEDIATION

The Company records accrued reclamation costs related to disturbance to its properties would be subject to restoration in the future based upon the present value of its best estimate of future reclamation costs. Activity in the related accrued reclamation and remediation balance for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023 is as follows:

|  | June 30, 2024    | June 30, 2023    |
|--|------------------|------------------|
|  | \$               | \$               |
| Balance, beginning of year             | 2,735,180        | 2,294,959        |
| Accretion                              | 112,733          | 79,824           |
| Changes in discount rate and estimates | (196,834)        | 294,614          |
| Currency translation                   | 195,515          | 65,783           |
| <b>Balance, end of year</b>            | <b>2,846,594</b> | <b>2,735,180</b> |

The undiscounted amount of the expected cash flows required to settle the reclamation liability, upon completion of mining and milling activities, is estimated to be USD\$2.2 million as at June 30, 2024. The Company has estimated that reclamation and remediation payments are expected to be incurred from 2034 to 2053 with the majority of the payments being made in years 2039 to 2042. The liability for the expected cash flows, as reflected in the consolidated financial statements, has been inflated at 3.00% (June 30, 2023 – 2.95%) and discounted using a risk-free rate of 4.40% (June 30, 2023 - 3.98%).

9. LOANS PAYABLE – RELATED PARTY

During the years ended June 30, 2024, and 2023, TMI and the Company as guarantor, entered into various bridge loan agreements with Sandfire Resources Ltd. (parent) for short-term funding of day to day operations. At June 30, 2024, the bridge loan agreement, as amended, specify that repayment of the loans were initially the earlier of (i) June 30, 2025 or (ii) 7 days after the Company completes either a debt or equity financing with gross proceeds of at least USD\$48 million. As at June 30, 2024, USD\$32 (\$43.8) million has been borrowed, with a maximum amount available to be borrowed under the bridge loan of USD\$40 million through one or more advances.

Interest on the loans is set at 5% per annum and interest is payable on the last day of each calendar month. The stated interest rate of the bridge loan was below the market rate for similar loan instruments. For accounting purposes at the date of each advance, the Company discounts the expected payments using a risk-adjusted discount rate and an estimated repayment date. Rates of 12.87% to 15.41% were used for the loans received during the year ended June 30, 2024 (13.15% to 16.90% for the year ended June 30, 2023). Amounts received in excess of fair value on the date of the advances were credited to contributed surplus representing a contribution by Sandfire Resources Ltd.

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A summary of the activity for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023 is as follows:

|  | <b>June 30, 2024</b> | <b>June 30, 2023</b> |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|
|  | \$                   | \$                   |
| Balance, beginning of the year             | 25,529,616           | 13,990,105           |
| Additions                                  | 14,848,977           | 12,077,459           |
| Discount due to below-market interest rate | (4,310,750)          | (2,894,642)          |
| Accretion of discount                      | 2,968,415            | 2,118,031            |
| Currency translation                       | 977,199              | 238,663              |
| Balance, end of the year                   | 40,013,457           | 25,529,616           |

|  | <b>Years ended June 30,</b> |              |
|--|-----------------------------|--------------|
|  | <b>2024</b>                 | <b>2023</b>  |
| Interest expense (including accretion of discount) | \$ 4,850,384                | \$ 3,310,746 |

|                          | <b>As at</b>         | <b>As at</b>         |
|--------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
|                          | <b>June 30, 2024</b> | <b>June 30, 2023</b> |
| Accrued interest payable | \$ 2,800,215         | \$ 985,395           |

The bridge loan agreement was amended on both June 30, 2024, and June 30, 2023, to extend the term and increase the maximum amount available to be funded. The amendments resulted in a discount of \$3,745,873 and \$2,375,480 recognized on the loan payable balance at June 30, 2024, and 2023, respectively, with an offsetting credit to contributed surplus representing a contribution by Sandfire Resources Ltd. The discount was due to the stated interest rate of 5% being below the market rate for similar loan instruments of 13.95% and 13.80%, respectively, on the dates of the amendments.

All other terms and conditions of the bridge Loan remain in full force and effect, except as amended. No securities of the Company are issuable under the Agreement.

#### 10. SHARE CAPITAL

- a) Authorized: The Company is authorized to issue an unlimited number of common shares without par value.
- b) Issued and outstanding at June 30, 2024: 1,023,352,794 (June 30, 2023: 1,023,352,794) common shares.

#### 11. SHARE INCENTIVE PLAN AND SHARE-BASED PAYMENTS

On November 1, 2021, the Company established an Omnibus Share Incentive Plan (the "Plan") for certain qualified directors, executives, officers, employees, and consultants. The Plan includes options that were issued under the Company's former stock option plan. Shares delivered under the Plan will generally be from authorized but unissued shares of the Company. The Plan reserves for issuance up to 2.5% of the issued and outstanding share capital of the Company from time to time with the maximum number of shares reserved cannot exceed 102,325,279 shares. Options granted under the Plan are for a term not to exceed 10 years from the date of their grant.

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The Plan allows for awards in the following forms: stock purchase option, restricted share unit (“RSU”), performance share unit (“PSU”) or deferred share unit (“DSU”). Options granted under the Plan entitle the recipient to acquire a designated number of shares at a stated exercise price and typically vest over a period specified in the option agreement. DSUs are granted for services rendered, or for future services to be rendered, that typically vest upon issuance. Settlement of DSUs is the date of the recipient’s resignation or termination of employment, retirement, or death. To date, no DSUs have been awarded under the Plan. RSUs and PSUs are granted for services rendered, or for future services to be rendered, that vest based on the passage of time during continued employment or other service relationship over a period determined by the board of directors.

Restricted Share Units:

The Company is required to record a liability for the potential future settlement of the RSUs at each reporting date by reference to the fair value of the liability. The fair value of the recorded liability in relation to the RSUs was \$68,418 as at June 30, 2024 (June 30, 2023 – \$92,000). During the year ended June 30, 2024, the Company recognized share-based payments expense of \$5,000 (June 30, 2023 - \$99,354).

Transactions for cash-settled RSUs outstanding for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023 were as follows:

|                                 | <b>June 30, 2024</b>  | <b>June 30, 2023</b>  |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|                                 | <b>Number of RSUs</b> | <b>Number of RSUs</b> |
| Outstanding, beginning of year  | 1,052,586             | 1,657,824             |
| Settled                         | (263,147)             | (526,293)             |
| Forfeited                       | (526,292)             | (78,945)              |
| <b>Outstanding, end of year</b> | <b>263,147</b>        | <b>1,052,586</b>      |

At June 30, 2024, 263,147 unvested RSUs vested on July 1, 2024.

Performance Share Units:

The Company is required to record a liability for the potential future settlement of the PSUs at each reporting date by reference to the fair value of the liability. A PSU represents the right to receive a subordinated voting share settled by the issuance of treasury shares or purchased on the open market or the cash equivalent at the market value of a share at the vesting date or a combination of cash and shares at the discretion of the Board. These PSUs vest upon completion of the performance period and specific performance conditions set forth for each individual grant for individually defined reporting and operating measurement objectives. The Company determines the factor to be applied to that target number of PSUs, with such percentage based on level of achievement of the performance conditions. Upon the achievement of the conditions, any unvested PSUs become fully vested.

On December 10, 2021, the Company awarded 1,105,216 PSUs that had a weighted average grant date fair value of \$0.19 per PSU or \$209,991. The fair value of the recorded liability in relation to the PSUs was \$29,193 as at June 30 2024 (June 30, 2023 – \$83,000). During the year ended June 30, 2024, the Company recognized share-based payments recapture of \$54,103 (June 30, 2023 – expense \$63,868). The recapture during the year ended June 30, 2024, was due to the forfeiture of unvested PSUs and determination that specific performance conditions would not be met by vesting date.

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Transactions for cash-settled PSUs outstanding for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023 were as follows:

|                                  | <b>June 30, 2024</b>  | <b>June 30, 2023</b>  |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|                                  | <b>Number of PSUs</b> | <b>Number of PSUs</b> |
| Outstanding, beginning of year   | 968,383               | 1,105,216             |
| Milestone achievement adjustment | (336,828)             | -                     |
| Settled                          | (35,085)              | (84,204)              |
| Forfeited                        | (484,192)             | (52,629)              |
| Outstanding, end of year         | 112,278               | 968,383               |

At June 30, 2024, 112,278 unvested PSUs vested on July 1, 2024.

**12. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND BALANCES**

The following key management personnel compensation and related party transactions took place during the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023.

|   | <b>For the year ended June 30,</b> |                  |
|---|------------------------------------|------------------|
|   | <b>2024</b>                        | <b>2023</b>      |
|   | \$                                 | \$               |
| Directors and executive officers' short-term benefits | 975,997                            | 891,590          |
| Exploration and evaluation costs                      | 363,678                            | 359,591          |
| Share-based compensation (recapture)                  | (49,103)                           | 163,222          |
| <b>Total remuneration</b>                             | <b>1,290,572</b>                   | <b>1,414,403</b> |

(1) Exploration and evaluation costs relates to short-term benefits paid to key management personnel whose primary function is exploration and evaluation, or whose function has been substantially allocated to exploration and evaluation activities.

The remuneration of directors and other members of key management, which includes director and management fees as well as salary and wages, is included in short-term benefits and share-based payments.

During the year ended June 30, 2024, a total of \$401,238 (June 30, 2023 - \$276,652) of the directors and executive officer's short-term benefits were allocated to non-exploration executive management fees on the statement of loss and comprehensive loss.

At June 30, 2024, the Company has an account payable (excluding interest payable (Note 9)) to Sandfire Resources Ltd. of \$208,028 (June 30, 2023 - \$279,434). Refer to Note 9 for information about the Company's loans and interest payable to Sandfire Resources Ltd. (parent). At June 30, 2024, the Company was owed \$nil (June 30, 2023 - \$288,875 (USD\$215,651)) from MATSA, a wholly owned subsidiary of Sandfire Resources Ltd. As at June 30, 2024, the Company had accounts payable and salary accruals of \$303,620 (June 30, 2023 - \$Nil) to officers of the Company. These amounts owing to and by the Company are unsecured, non-interest bearing with no fixed terms of repayment

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13. INCOME TAXES

- a) Due to continuing losses and availability of net operating loss carry forwards, income tax expense (recovery) was \$nil for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023.

- b) Income tax

Income tax differs from the amount that would result from applying the combined Canadian federal and provincial income tax rates due to the following:

|   | June 30, 2024   | June 30, 2023   |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| Loss before income tax  | \$ (17,519,472) | \$ (13,958,599) |
| Canadian statutory income tax rate                                | 27.00%          | 27.00%          |
| Income tax recovery at statutory rate                             | \$ (4,730,257)  | \$ (3,768,821)  |
| Effect on income taxes of:  |                 |                 |
| Non-deductible items  | 768,400         | 571,212         |
| Impact of different foreign statutory tax rates                   | 107,181         | 90,333          |
| Tax effect of tax losses and temporary differences not recognized | 3,531,681       | 3,087,202       |
| Change in estimate and others                                     | 322,995         | 20,074          |
| Income tax expense  | \$ -            | \$ -            |

- c) Unrecognized deductible temporary differences

As at June 30, 2024 and 2023, the Company had the following deductible temporary differences for which deferred tax assets have not been recognized, because it is not probable that future profit will be available against which these temporary differences may be applied.

|  | June 30, 2024  | June 30, 2023  |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| Non-capital loss carry-forwards          | \$ 38,164,735  | \$ 30,204,548  |
| Resource property                        | 108,819,977    | 100,916,022    |
| Share issuance costs                     | 28,160         | 56,320         |
| Share based compensation                 | 456,929        | 551,751        |
| Interest                                 | 2,800,220      | 985,450        |
| Other                                    | 537,621        | 426,304        |
| Total unrecognized temporary differences | \$ 150,807,642 | \$ 133,140,395 |

At June 30, 2024, the Company has United States net operating loss carry forwards of approximately \$10.1 million that expire from June 30, 2028 to 2038 and approximately \$22.5 million that do not expire but whose utilization is limited to 80% of net taxable income in any given year. In addition, the Company has state net operating loss carry forward of approximately \$29.3 million that expire from June 30, 2025 to June 30, 2030. At June 30, 2024, the Company has Canadian non-capital loss carry forwards of approximately \$5.6 million that expire from June 30, 2036 to 2044.

The US loss carry-forwards are available to offset against future taxable income; however future use of U.S. loss carry-forwards is subject to certain limitations under provisions of the Internal

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Revenue Code including limitations subject to Section 382 which could limit the Company's ability to use some of these losses before they expire.

The temporary differences associated with investments in and loans to the Company's subsidiary for which a deferred tax liability has not been recognized in the year aggregate to approximately \$47.2 million (2023: \$47.2 million) relating primarily to Sandfire Resources Ltd.'s controlling investment in the Company. The Company has determined that the temporary differences associated with its investment in its subsidiary will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

**14. SEGMENT INFORMATION**

The Company's operations are limited to a single industry segment being the acquisition, exploration, and development of resource properties. The resource properties are located in the State of Montana in the United States.

|                          | <b>As at June 30, 2024</b> |                      |                   |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
|                          | <b>Canada</b>              | <b>United States</b> | <b>Total</b>      |
|                          | \$                         | \$                   | \$                |
| Other assets             | 72,628                     | 2,190,539            | 2,263,167         |
| Property and equipment   | -                          | 12,790,578           | 12,790,578        |
| Resource properties      | -                          | 10,773,654           | 10,773,654        |
| <b>Total Assets</b>      | <b>72,628</b>              | <b>25,754,771</b>    | <b>25,827,399</b> |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b> | <b>343,711</b>             | <b>47,376,841</b>    | <b>47,720,552</b> |

|                          | <b>As at June 30, 2023</b> |                      |                   |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
|                          | <b>Canada</b>              | <b>United States</b> | <b>Total</b>      |
|                          | \$                         | \$                   | \$                |
| Other assets             | 103,003                    | 1,890,701            | 1,993,704         |
| Property and equipment   | -                          | 11,136,545           | 11,136,545        |
| Resource properties      | -                          | 9,473,219            | 9,473,219         |
| <b>Total Assets</b>      | <b>103,003</b>             | <b>22,500,465</b>    | <b>22,603,468</b> |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b> | <b>298,527</b>             | <b>30,440,798</b>    | <b>30,739,325</b> |

|                                       | <b>Canada</b>  | <b>United States</b> | <b>Total</b>    |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Net Loss for year ended June 30, 2024 | \$ (1,288,614) | \$ (16,230,858)      | \$ (17,519,472) |
| Net Loss for year ended June 30, 2023 | \$ (892,854)   | \$ (13,065,745)      | \$ (13,958,599) |

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15. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Lease commitments

The Company's resource properties are subject to future lease payments. The Company has future lease payments for the Black Butte Copper 2010 and 2011 leases, as well as the lease for the water use agreement and mining leases (Note 6). The aggregate annual payments for the Company's three mineral lease agreements and water agreement are due as follows:

|                            | <b>As of June 30, 2024</b> |                   |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
|                            | USD \$                     | CDN \$            |
| During year ended June 30, |                            |                   |
| 2025                       | 518,895                    | 723,385           |
| 2026                       | 518,895                    | 723,385           |
| 2027                       | 518,895                    | 723,385           |
| 2028                       | 518,895                    | 723,385           |
| 2029                       | 518,895                    | 723,385           |
| Thereafter                 | 6,332,845                  | 8,828,545         |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>8,927,320</b>           | <b>12,445,470</b> |

Permit

On June 4, 2020, a legal challenge to the issuance of certain permits to the Company was lodged in the 14th Judicial Court in Meagher County, Montana against the DEQ and TMI.

On February 26, 2024, the Company received a positive ruling by the Montana Supreme Court which reversed a 2021 district court decision and instructed the District Judge to have the DEQ completely reinstate Tintina Montana Inc.'s Mine Operating Permit, of the Black Butte Copper Project. The Montana Supreme Court granted the Company's request for summary judgement allowing Black Butte Copper to move forward with construction of its highly engineered, underground copper mine. The Company won on all counts in the Montana Supreme Court decision with a 5-2 decision upholding the 2020 decision of the DEQ to allow copper mining at the Black Butte Copper Project, overturning a District Court ruling that had invalidated the mining permit.

Water rights

The Black Butte Copper Project, operated by TMI, proposed underground copper mine is located in the Smith River watershed which is 'closed' to filing of any additional water rights appropriations. For use of water from the mine, other water use must be retired to make the needed water volumes available for the mine.

On November 1, 2022, the Company announced that the necessary permits to appropriate water for the Black Butte Copper Project were received. Issuance of the water permits triggered an appeal by certain objectors.

The outcome of the water rights legal action cannot be determined at this time. The Company has suspended work on its assets under construction pending the resolution of this matter.

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Management contracts

The Company is party to certain management contracts containing minimum commitments of approximately \$519,000 due within one year and additional contingent payments of up to \$355,000 upon the occurrence of a change of control. As a triggering event has not taken place, the contingent payments have not been reflected in these financial statements

16. MANAGEMENT OF CAPITAL

The Company's objectives when managing capital are to safeguard the Company's ability to continue as a going concern in order to pursue the sourcing and exploration of its resource properties. The Company does not have any externally imposed capital requirements to which it is subject to other than as noted below.

As at June 30, 2024, and 2023, the Company had capital resources consisting of cash, loans, and equity. The Company manages the capital structure and makes adjustments to it in light of changes in economic conditions and the risk characteristics of the underlying assets. To maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Company may attempt to issue new shares or adjust the amount of cash through a debt financing.

The Company's investment policy is to invest its cash in investment instruments in high credit quality financial institutions with terms to maturity selected with regards to the expected time of expenditures from operations. There was no change to the Company's capital management approach during the years ended June 30, 2024, and 2023.

The Company is not subject to any capital requirements imposed by a lending institution or regulatory body, other than of the TSX Venture Exchange ("TSXV") which requires adequate working capital or financial resources of the greater of (i) \$50,000 and (ii) an amount required in order to maintain operations and cover general and administrative expenses for a period of 6 months. As of June 30, 2024, the Company may not be compliant with the policies of the TSXV. The impact of non-compliance is currently unknown and is under the discretion of TSXV.

Refer to Note 1 Nature of operations and going concern.

17. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The fair value hierarchy has three levels to classify the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The fair value hierarchy establishes three levels to classify the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value.

Level 1 inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2 inputs are quoted prices in markets that are not active, quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability (interest rate, yield curves), or inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated observable market data or other means.

Level 3 inputs are unobservable (supported by little or no market activity). The fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to Level 1 inputs and the lowest priority to Level 3 inputs.

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Cash settled share-based payments carried at fair value are classified as Level 1 in the fair value hierarchy. As at June 30, 2024, and 2023, the carrying value of the Company's financial instruments approximates their fair value due to their short terms to maturity.

*Liquidity risk*

The Company manages liquidity risk by maintaining an adequate cash balance. The Company continuously monitors and reviews both actual and forecasted cash flows, and also matches the maturity profile of financial assets and liabilities. The Company's accounts payable and accrued liabilities generally have contractual maturities of less than 30 days and are subject to normal trade terms. Refer to Note 9 for repayment terms for the loans payable.

*Interest rate risk*

The Company's cash and cash equivalents are subject to interest rate price risk. The Company's interest rate risk management policy for cash and cash equivalents is to purchase highly liquid investments with a term to maturity of three months or less on the date of purchase. The Company does not engage in any hedging activity. The Company earned insignificant interest income during the years ended June 30, 2024, and 2023. The Company's loan payable bears interest at a fixed rate.

*Credit risk*

The Company maintains substantially all of its cash with major financial institutions. Deposits held with these institutions may exceed the amount of insurance provided on such deposits. Management believes that the credit risk concentration with respect to its financial instruments is remote.

*Foreign currency risk*

As the Company operates on an international basis, currency risk exposures arise from transactions and balances denominated in foreign currencies. The Company's foreign exchange risk arises primarily with respect to the U.S. dollar. A significant portion of the Company's cash, accounts payable, and expenses are denominated in U.S. dollars. Fluctuations in the exchange rates between these currencies and the Canadian dollar could have a material effect on the Company's business, financial condition, and results of operations. The Company does not engage in any hedging activity.

There have been no changes in the Company's objectives and policies for managing the above-mentioned risks and there has been no significant change in the Company's exposure to each risk during year ended June 30, 2024. As at June 30, 2024, a 10% change in U.S. dollar against Canadian dollar would result in a \$1.6 million (2023: \$1.3 million) decrease or increase in the Company's net comprehensive loss.

## 18. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Company has granted an aggregate of 3,548,614 RSUs and PSUs to certain officers and employees of the Company. The RSUs shall vest over 3 years in accordance with the prescribed period under the Share Incentive Plan and will convert into up to one common share of the Company, or the cash equivalent thereof, based on the prevailing market price of each common share at the time of vesting. The PSUs will also vest over 3 years as well as in accordance to certain corporate performance objectives. Each PSU will convert into up to one common share of the Company, or the cash equivalent thereof, subject to the level of achievement of such performance objectives.