



## **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019**

**(Expressed in Canadian Dollars)**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Shareholders of  
Roughrider Exploration Limited

### *Opinion*

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Roughrider Exploration Limited (the "Company"), which comprise the statements of financial position as at December 31, 2020 and 2019 and the statements of loss and comprehensive loss, changes in shareholders' equity (deficiency), and cash flows for the years then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as at December 31, 2020 and 2019, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS").

### *Basis for Opinion*

We conducted our audits 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 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 financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained in our audits is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### *Material Uncertainty Related to Going Concern*

We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statements, which indicates that the Company incurred a loss of \$925,920 during the year ended December 31, 2020 and, as of that date, the Company had an accumulated deficit of \$6,382,767. As stated in Note 1, these events and conditions indicate that a material uncertainty exists that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

### *Other Information*

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information obtained at the date of this auditor's report includes Management's Discussion and Analysis.

Our opinion on the 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 financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the 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 Financial Statements***

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

In preparing the 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 to 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 Financial Statements***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the 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 the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

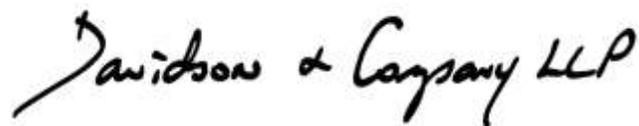
As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the 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 risk 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 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 financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the 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.

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is Stephen Hawkshaw.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Davidson & Company LLP". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Vancouver, Canada

Chartered Professional Accountants

April 15, 2021

**ROUGH RIDER EXPLORATION LIMITED**  
**STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**AS AT DECEMBER 31**

(Expressed in Canadian dollars)

	Note	<b>2020</b>	2019 Note 3(g)
		<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current</b>			
Cash		1,463,598	159,010
Receivables		43,635	5,021
Prepaid expenses		6,250	-
Marketable securities	4	<u>25,000</u>	<u>-</u>
		1,538,483	164,031
<b>Non-Current</b>			
Exploration and evaluation assets	5	<u>763,986</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>2,302,469</u>	<u>164,031</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Current</b>			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	12(b)	<u>166,307</u>	<u>411,360</u>
<b>SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (DEFICIENCY)</b>			
Share capital	6	8,220,247	5,209,518
Other equity reserves	6(e)	298,682	21,000
Deficit		<u>(6,382,767)</u>	<u>(5,477,847)</u>
		2,136,162	(247,329)
		<u>2,302,469</u>	<u>164,031</u>

Approved on behalf of the Board:

"Dale Wallster", Director

"Adam Travis", Director

**ROUGH RIDER EXPLORATION LIMITED**  
**STATEMENTS OF LOSS AND COMPREHENSIVE LOSS**  
**FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31**

(Expressed in Canadian dollars)

	Note	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
		\$	\$
<b>Expenses</b>			
Consulting	12(a)	<b>222,872</b>	-
Exploration expenditures	7, 12(a)	<b>308,629</b>	17,564
Investor relations		<b>17,003</b>	973
Office and administration	12(a)	<b>11,704</b>	14,113
Professional fees	12(a)	<b>115,720</b>	51,633
Property evaluation		<b>874</b>	-
Salaries and personnel costs	12(a)	<b>16,219</b>	229,853
Share-based payments expense	6(e), 12(a)	<b>249,718</b>	-
Transfer agent, regulatory and filing fees		<b>21,845</b>	12,648
Travel and accommodation		<b>877</b>	-
		<b>965,461</b>	326,784
<b>Other items</b>			
Interest income		<b>(669)</b>	-
Mineral property recovery	5(a)(iii)	<b>(38,872)</b>	-
Recovery on write-off of accounts payable		-	(37,829)
Write-off of exploration property acquisition costs	5(a)(iv)	-	6,189
		<b>(39,541)</b>	(31,640)
<b>Loss and comprehensive loss for the year</b>		<b>(925,920)</b>	(295,144)
<b>Basic and diluted loss per share</b>		<b>\$ (0.03)</b>	\$ (0.02)
<b>Basic and diluted weighted average number of shares outstanding</b>		<b>30,778,291</b>	13,806,551

**ROUGH RIDER EXPLORATION LIMITED**  
**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (DEFICIENCY)**  
(Expressed in Canadian dollars)

	Note	Number of shares	Share capital \$	Other equity reserves \$	Deficit \$	Total \$
<b>Balance, December 31, 2018</b>	3(g)	<b>13,806,551</b>	<b>5,209,518</b>	<b>413,055</b>	<b>(5,574,758)</b>	<b>47,815</b>
Loss for the year		-	-	-	(295,144)	(295,144)
Reclassification of forfeited stock options	3(g)	-	-	(392,055)	392,055	-
<b>Balance, December 31, 2019</b>	3(g)	<b>13,806,551</b>	<b>5,209,518</b>	<b>21,000</b>	<b>(5,477,847)</b>	<b>(247,329)</b>
Loss for the year		-	-	-	(925,920)	(925,920)
Private placements, net of share issue costs	6(b)	15,925,000	2,312,296	49,037	-	2,361,333
Reclassification of forfeited stock options	6(e)	-	-	(21,000)	21,000	-
Exercise of warrants	6(b), 6(d)	3,600	433	(73)	-	360
Shares issued pursuant to acquisition of mineral properties	5(a)(i) and (ii), 6(b)	11,200,000	698,000	-	-	698,000
Share-based payments expense		-	-	249,718	-	249,718
<b>Balance, December 31, 2020</b>		<b>40,935,151</b>	<b>8,220,247</b>	<b>298,682</b>	<b>(6,382,767)</b>	<b>2,136,162</b>

**ROUGH RIDER EXPLORATION LIMITED**  
**STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
**FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31**  
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	Note	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
		\$	\$
<b>Operating Activities</b>			
Loss for the year		<b>(925,920)</b>	(295,144)
Items not involving cash:			
Mineral property recovery	5(a)(iii)	<b>(38,872)</b>	-
Recovery on write-off of accounts payable		-	(37,829)
Share-based payments expense	6(e)	<b>249,718</b>	-
Write-off of exploration property acquisition costs	5(a)(iv)	-	6,189
Net change in non-cash working capital	8	<b>(289,917)</b>	298,457
<b>Cash used in operating activities</b>		<b>(1,004,991)</b>	(28,327)
<b>Investing Activities</b>			
Acquisition of exploration and evaluation assets	5	<b>(77,114)</b>	-
Cash received pursuant to the Scottie West farm-out agreement	5(a)(iii)	<b>25,000</b>	-
<b>Cash used in investing activities</b>		<b>(52,114)</b>	-
<b>Financing Activities</b>			
Proceeds received pursuant to private placements	6(b)	<b>2,492,500</b>	-
Share issue costs	6(b)	<b>(131,167)</b>	-
Exercise of warrants	6(d)	<b>360</b>	-
<b>Cash provided by financing activities</b>		<b>2,361,693</b>	-
<b>Net increase (decrease) in cash</b>		<b>1,304,588</b>	(28,327)
Cash, beginning of year		<b>159,010</b>	187,337
<b>Cash, end of year</b>		<b>1,463,598</b>	159,010
<b>Supplemental cash flow information</b>	8		

**ROUGH RIDER EXPLORATION LIMITED**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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**1. NATURE OF OPERATIONS AND GOING CONCERN**

Roughrider Exploration Limited ("**Roughrider**" or the "**Company**") was incorporated on December 7, 2011 under the British Columbia Business Corporations Act. The Company is listed on the TSX Venture Exchange ("**TSX-V**") as a Tier 2 Mining Issuer. The principal business of the Company is the exploration and evaluation of mineral properties. The principal focus of the Company is exploring its portfolio of mineral properties, including the Empire Mine property located on northern Vancouver Island, British Columbia ("**BC**") and the Golden Triangle properties in central BC, its sole operating and geographical segment.

The address of the Company's head office is Suite 904 - 409 Granville Street, Vancouver, BC, Canada, V6C 1T2. The address of the Company's registered office is 2500 - 700 West Georgia Street, Vancouver, BC, Canada, V7Y 1B3.

These financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis, which contemplates the realization of assets and the settlement of liabilities and commitments in the normal course of business. The Company realized a loss of \$925,920 for the year ended December 31, 2020 (2019: \$295,144). As at December 31, 2020, the Company had an accumulated deficit of \$6,382,767. In assessing whether the going concern assumption is appropriate, management takes into account all available information about the future, which is at least, but not limited to, twelve months from the end of the reporting period.

The Company has incurred operating losses in its exploration operations and its ability to continue as a going concern is dependent upon the discovery of economically recoverable mineral reserves, the ability of the Company to obtain necessary financing to complete their development and fund their operations until commercially successful and future production or proceeds from the disposition thereof. While the Company has been successful in securing financing to date, there can be no assurances that it will be able to do so in the future, therefore, a material uncertainty exists that may cast significant doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern.

These financial statements do not reflect the adjustments to the carrying values of assets and liabilities, the reported expenses and the statement of financial position classifications that would be necessary if the going concern assumption was inappropriate. These adjustments could be material.

In March 2020, the World Health Organization declared coronavirus COVID-19 a global pandemic. This contagious disease outbreak, which has continued to spread, and any related adverse public health developments, has adversely affected workforces, economies, and financial markets globally, potentially leading to an economic downturn. It is not possible for the Company to predict the duration or magnitude of the adverse results of the outbreak and its effects on the Company's business or ability to raise funds.

**2. BASIS OF PREPARATION**

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("**IFRS**"), as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("**IASB**") and are consistent with interpretations by the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee ("**IFRIC**").

These financial statements were prepared on a historical cost basis, except for financial instruments classified as financial instruments at fair value through profit and loss and financial instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income, which are stated at their fair value. In addition, these financial statements use the accrual basis of accounting, except for cash flow information.

The Board of Directors (the "**Board**") approved these financial statements on April 15, 2021.

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**3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**a) Basis of presentation**

These financial statements are expressed in Canadian dollars, the Company's functional and presentation currency, the currency of the primary economic environment in which it operates.

**b) Exploration property acquisition costs**

Costs related to the acquisition of exploration properties are capitalized and deferred until such time as the property is either sold, or put into production. If, after management review, it is determined that capitalized acquisition costs are not recoverable over the estimated economic life of the property, or the property is abandoned, or management deems there to be an impairment in value, the property is written down to its net realizable value.

Costs related to the exploration and evaluation of properties are recognized in profit or loss as incurred, up to the time a decision is made to proceed with the development of the related exploration property due to the existence of economically recoverable reserves. A mineral resource is considered to have economic potential when it is expected that a documented resource can be legally and economically developed considering forecast metal prices.

Incoming option payments, or proceeds from the sale of royalty interests received by the Company are first applied to capitalized costs, with any excess recognized in profit or loss. Tax credits received are applied against the costs that generated the tax credit. The amounts shown for exploration and evaluation assets do not necessarily represent present or future values. Their recoverability is dependent upon the discovery of economically recoverable reserves, the ability of the Company to obtain the necessary financing to complete the exploration and evaluation, and future profitable production or proceeds from the disposition thereof.

**c) Impairment of non-financial assets**

The recoverability of amounts expended on exploration property acquisition costs is dependent upon the determination of economically recoverable ore reserves, confirmation of the Company's interest in the underlying mineral claims, the Company's ability to overcome the regulatory, financing and other hurdles in order to complete their development and future profitable production or proceeds from the disposition thereof.

The Company performs impairment tests on exploration property interests when events or circumstances occur which indicate the assets may not be recoverable. Impairment assessments are carried out on a project-by-project basis with each project representing a single cash generating unit.

When impairment indicators are identified, an impairment loss is recognized if the asset's carrying value exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of the asset's value in use or the asset's fair value less costs to sell.

An impairment loss is reversed if there is an indication that there has been a favourable change in the estimates used to determine the recoverable amount. An impairment loss is reversed only to the extent that the asset's carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amounts that would have been determined (net of depreciation) if no impairment loss had been recognized.

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**3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**d) Significant Accounting Estimates and Judgments**

The preparation of these financial statements requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets, liabilities, profit and expenses. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis of making the judgments about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period or in the period of the revision and further periods if the review affects both current and future periods.

Significant assumptions about the future and other sources of estimation uncertainty that management has made that could result in a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the event that actual results differ from assumptions made, relate to, but are not limited to, the following:

**i) Critical accounting estimates**

Critical accounting estimates are estimates and assumptions made by management that may result in a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year and include, but are not limited to, the following:

*Share-based payments*

The fair value of share-based payments is subject to the limitations of the Black-Scholes option pricing model that incorporates market data and involves uncertainty in estimates used by management in the assumptions. Because the Black-Scholes option pricing model requires the input of highly subjective assumptions, including the volatility of share prices and forfeiture rates. Changes in subjective input assumptions can materially affect the fair value estimate.

*Flow-through share private placements*

As an incentive to complete private placements, the Company may issue common shares, which by agreement are designated as flow-through ("FT") shares. The shares are usually issued at a premium to the trading price of the Company's shares because the Company renounces the resulting expenditures and income tax benefits to the FT shareholders. On issue, share capital is increased only by the non-FT share equivalent value and share-based payments reserve is increased by the fair value of warrants, if any. Any premium is recorded as a FT share premium liability. The estimate is subject to the limitations of the highly subjective assumptions in the Black-Scholes option pricing model.

*Marketable securities*

The fair value of financial instruments that are not traded in an active market is estimated on the basis of the price established in recent transactions involving similar instruments or, in the absence thereof, determined using valuation techniques. The Company uses its judgment to select a variety of methods and make assumptions that are mainly based on market conditions existing at the end of each reporting period.

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**3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**d) Significant Accounting Estimates and Judgments (continued)**

**ii) Critical accounting judgments**

Information about critical judgments in applying accounting policies that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognized in the financial statements include, but are not limited to, the following:

*Recovery of deferred tax assets*

The Company estimates the expected manner and timing of the realization or settlement of the carrying value of its assets and liabilities and applies the tax rates that are enacted or substantively enacted on the estimated dates of realization or settlement. The Company has not recognized a deferred tax asset as management believes it is not probable that taxable profit will be available against which deductible temporary differences can be utilized.

*Going concern assumption*

The assessment of whether the going concern assumption is appropriate requires management to take into account all available information about the future, which is at least, but is not limited to, 12 months from the end of the reporting period. The Company is aware that material uncertainties related to events or conditions may cast significant doubt upon the Company's ability to continue as a going concern.

*Impairment*

The assessment of any impairment or recovery of exploration and evaluation assets is dependent upon estimates of recoverable amounts that take into account factors such as reserves, economic and market conditions. Judgment is required in assessing the appropriate level of cash generating units to be tested for such impairment, if facts and circumstances suggest that the carrying amount exceeds the recoverable amount.

*Decommissioning liabilities*

In the event that decommissioning liabilities are required to be recognized, such liabilities would be stated at the fair value of estimated future costs. Such estimates require extensive judgment about the nature, cost and timing of the work to be completed, and may change with future changes to costs, environmental laws and regulations, and remediation practices.

**e) Financial instruments**

**Financial assets**

The Company classifies its financial assets in the following categories: fair value through profit or loss, amortized cost or fair value through other comprehensive income. The classification depends on the purpose for which the financial assets were acquired. Management determines the classification of financial assets at initial recognition.

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**3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**e) Financial instruments (continued)**

Financial assets (continued)

*Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss*

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (“**FVTPL**”) are initially recognized at fair value, with any associated transaction costs being recognized in profit or loss when incurred. Subsequently, the financial asset is re-measured at fair value, and a gain or loss is recognized in profit or loss. The Company’s marketable securities are recorded as FVTPL.

*Amortized cost*

Financial assets are classified at amortized cost if both of the following criteria are met and the financial assets are not classified or designated as at fair value through profit and loss: 1) the Company’s objective for these financial assets is to collect their contractual cash flows and 2) the asset’s contractual cash flows represent ‘solely payments of principal and interest’. The Company’s cash and receivables are recorded at amortized cost.

*Fair value through other comprehensive income (“**OCI**”)*

For financial assets that are not held for trading, the Company can make an irrevocable election at initial recognition to classify the instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income (“**FVOCI**”), with all subsequent changes in fair value being recognized in other comprehensive income as a component of equity. This election is available for each separate investment. Under this FVOCI category, fair value changes are recognized in OCI while dividends are recognized in profit or loss. On disposal of the investment the cumulative change in fair value is not recycled to profit or loss, rather transferred to deficit. The Company does not have any financial assets designated as FVOCI.

Financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are non-derivatives and are recognized initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are subsequently stated at amortized cost. Any difference between the amounts originally received, net of transaction costs, and the redemption value is recognized in profit or loss over the period to maturity using the effective interest method.

Financial liabilities are classified as current or non-current based on their maturity date. Financial liabilities include accounts payable and accrued liabilities and are measured at amortized cost.

Fair value hierarchy

Fair value measurements of financial instruments are required to be classified using a fair value hierarchy that reflects the significance of inputs in making the measurements. The levels of the fair value hierarchy are defined as follows.

- Level 1 Valuation based on quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;
- Level 2 Valuation based on directly or indirectly observable inputs (other than Level 1 inputs) such as quoted interest or currency exchange rates; and

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**3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**e) Financial instruments (continued)**

Fair value hierarchy (continued)

Level 3 Valuation based on significant inputs that are not based on observable market data such as discounted cash flow methodologies based on internal cash flow forecasts.

Impairment

The Company assesses all information available, including on a forward-looking basis, the expected credit losses associated with its assets carried at amortized cost. The impairment methodology applied depends on whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk. To assess whether there is a significant increase in credit risk, the Company compares the risk of a default occurring on the asset as the reporting date, with the risk of default as at the date of initial recognition, based on all information available, and reasonable and supportive forward-looking information.

**f) Share capital and share issue costs**

Equity instruments are contracts that give a residual interest in the net assets of the Company. Financial instruments issued by the Company are classified as equity only to the extent that they do not meet the definition of a financial liability or financial asset. The Company's common shares, stock options and warrants are classified as equity instruments. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of new common shares are shown in equity as a deduction from the proceeds. Where the Company has issued common shares and warrants together as units, value is first allocated to share capital based on the market value of the Company's common shares on the date of issue, with any residual value from the proceeds allocated to the warrants.

**g) Share-based payments**

The Company applies the fair value method of accounting for all stock option awards. Under this method, compensation expense attributed to the award of options to employees is measured at the fair value of the award on the date of grant, and is recognized over the vesting period of the award. Share-based payments to non-employees are valued based on the fair value of the service received, if reliably determinable, otherwise based on the fair value of the award granted. Valuation is calculated based on the date at which the Company receives the service. If and when the stock options are ultimately exercised, the applicable amounts of other equity reserves are transferred to share capital.

The fair value of instruments granted is measured using the Black-Scholes Option Pricing Model, taking into account the terms and conditions under which the instruments are granted. The fair value of the awards is adjusted by an estimate of the number of awards that are expected to vest as a result of non-market conditions. At each statement of financial position date, the Company revises its estimates of the number of options that are expected to vest based on the non-market conditions including the impact of the revision to original estimates, if any, with corresponding adjustments to equity.

**h) Other equity reserves**

Other equity reserves consist of the fair value of stock options and warrants granted since inception, less amounts transferred to share capital for exercised stock options and warrants.

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**3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**h) Other equity reserves (continued)**

During the year ended December 31, 2020, the Company amended its accounting policy with respect to other equity reserves. The Company amended its accounting policy to reclassify amounts from other equity reserves with respect to cancelled or expired options and warrants, to deficit. Previously, if granted options or warrants vested and then subsequently expired or were forfeited, no reversal of other equity reserves was recognized.

The amounts have been retrospectively restated with \$105,251 reallocated for options and warrants that expired or were cancelled prior to December 31, 2018, and \$392,055 for options and warrants that expired or were cancelled during the year ended December 31, 2019. As the amounts are an adjustment within shareholders' equity (deficiency), the restating had no effect on the financial position, operating results or cash flows previously reported.

	As previously reported	Adjustments	As restated
	\$	\$	\$
<b>As at December 31, 2018</b>			
Other equity reserves, December 31, 2018	518,306	(105,251)	413,055
Deficit	(5,680,009)	105,251	(5,574,758)
<b>As at December 31, 2019</b>			
Other equity reserves	518,306	(497,306)	21,000
Deficit	(5,975,153)	497,306	(5,477,847)

**i) Flow-through shares**

The Company will, from time to time, issue FT common shares to finance a significant portion of its exploration program. Pursuant to the terms of the FT share agreements, these shares transfer the tax deductibility of qualifying resource expenditures to investors. On issuance, the Company allocates proceeds from the FT share and unit offerings using the residual method into i) share capital, ii) fair value of warrants determined using the Black-Scholes option pricing model and iii) FT share premium. The FT share premium, if any, represents the premium investors paid for the FT feature, which is recognized as a liability. Upon expenditures being incurred, the Company derecognizes the liability. The premium is recognized as other income and the related deferred tax is recognized as a tax provision.

**j) Income taxes**

Income tax is recognized in profit or loss except to the extent that it relates to items recognized directly in equity, in which case it is recognized in equity. Current tax expense is the expected tax payable on the taxable income for the year, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at period end, adjusted for amendments to tax payable with regards to previous years.

Deferred tax is recorded by providing for temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for taxation purposes. The following temporary differences are not provided for: goodwill not deductible for tax purposes; the initial recognition of assets or liabilities that affect neither accounting nor taxable loss; and differences relating to investments in subsidiaries to the extent that they will probably not reverse in the foreseeable future. The amount of deferred tax provided is based on the expected manner of realization or settlement of the carrying amount of assets and liabilities, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the statement of financial position date.

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**3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES** (continued)

**j) Income taxes** (continued)

A deferred tax asset is recognized only to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which the asset can be utilized.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities and when they relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority and the Company intends to settle its current tax assets and liabilities on a net basis.

**k) Loss per share**

The Company presents basic loss per share 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 period. 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.

**l) Foreign currency translation**

Any transaction denominated in a foreign currency is translated into the functional currency using the exchange rate prevailing at the date of the transaction or the date of valuation where items are re-measured. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at period end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognized in profit or loss.

**m) Decommissioning and restoration provisions**

Decommissioning and restoration provisions are recorded when a present legal or constructive obligation exists as a result of past events where it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation, and a reliable estimate of the amount of the obligation can be made.

The amount recognized as a provision is the best estimate of the consideration required to settle the present obligation at the reporting date, taking into account the risks and uncertainties surrounding the obligation and discount rates. Where a provision is measured using the cash flows estimated to settle the present obligation, its carrying amount is the present value of those cash flows discounted for the market discount rate.

Over time the discounted liability is increased for the changes in the present value based on the current market discount rates and liability risks. When some or all of the economic benefits required to settle a provision are expected to be recovered from a third party, the receivable is recognized as an asset if it is virtually certain that reimbursement will be received and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.

Changes in reclamation estimates are accounted for prospectively as a change in the corresponding capitalized cost.

The Company did not have any decommissioning and restoration provisions for the years presented.

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**3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES** (continued)

**n) Mineral exploration tax credit**

The federal and provincial taxation authorities provide companies with tax incentives for undertaking mineral exploration programs in certain areas. The Company records these tax credits as a reduction of exploration and evaluation expenditures when the proceeds are virtually certain to be received from the tax authorities.

**4. MARKETABLE SECURITIES**

Marketable securities are measured at FVTPL and consist of an investment in 500,000 common shares of Goldplay Mining Inc. ("**Goldplay**"), formerly Industria Metals Inc. (see Note 5(a)(iii)), a private company as at December 31, 2020. The Company received the 500,000 common shares on November 26, 2020. There was no unrealized gain or loss recognized for the year ended December 31, 2020. The fair value of marketable securities has been determined by the price of concurrent financings completed by Goldplay.

A summary of the changes in FVTPL investments is presented below:

	\$
Balance December 31, 2018 and 2019	-
Receipt of FVTPL investment pursuant to Scottie West farm-out agreement (Note 5(a)(iii))	25,000
	<u>25,000</u>
Balance, December 31, 2020	<u>25,000</u>

**5. EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION ASSETS**

**a) BRITISH COLUMBIA**

**i) EMPIRE MINE PROPERTY**

On September 22, 2020, the Company entered into an option agreement to acquire a 100% interest in the Empire Mine property (the "**Empire Option Agreement**") from Mirva Properties Ltd. ("**Mirva**"). The Empire Mine property consists of mineral claims (the "**Greater Empire Claims**") and crown grants (the "**Quatsino Crown Grants**") all located in the Rupert District on northern Vancouver Island, BC, near Port McNeill.

In order to earn a 100% interest in the Greater Empire Claims, the Company must make aggregate cash payments of \$750,000, issue 3,000,000 common shares of the Company to Mirva and complete work commitments totaling \$2,000,000 over a four year period, as follows:

	Cash payment	Share issuance	Work commitment
	\$		\$
Upon regulatory approval	50,000 (paid)	200,000 (issued)	N/A
By first anniversary	100,000	400,000	200,000
By second anniversary	150,000	600,000	400,000
By third anniversary	200,000	800,000	600,000
By fourth anniversary	250,000	1,000,000	800,000

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**5. EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION ASSETS (continued)**

**a) BRITISH COLUMBIA (continued)**

**i) EMPIRE MINE PROPERTY (continued)**

In order to earn a 100% interest in the Quatsino Crown Grants, the Company must pay Mirva the equivalent of \$500,000 with either a cash payment or equivalent value in common shares of the Company, at the Company's election, on or before the fifth anniversary date of the Empire Option Agreement.

Mirva will retain a 2% net smelter return ("**NSR**") royalty on the Empire Mine property, of which 1% may be purchased for \$1,000,000 at any time up to 120 days after commencement of commercial production. The Empire Option Agreement has been structured such that this NSR royalty plus all other NSR royalties which may currently exist and be payable on the Empire Mine property will not exceed in aggregate 2.5% before buydowns.

**ii) GIN, ELDERADO AND BONANZA PROPERTIES**

On April 13, 2020, the Company purchased a 100% interest in the Gin, Eldorado and Bonanza properties from Cazador (see Note 12), Rene Bernard, an individual, and Elemental (see Note 12), in consideration for 11,000,000 common shares of the Company (the "**Golden Triangle Acquisition**"), which were valued at \$660,000. The properties are located in the Golden Triangle area of northern B.C.

Certain claims on the Eldorado property are subject to a 2% NSR royalty, of which Cazador owns 50%.

**iii) SCOTTIE WEST PROPERTY**

On May 19, 2020, the Company announced that it staked the Scottie West property located in the Golden Triangle area of northern BC, near the District of Stewart. The staking costs totaled \$11,128.

On November 20, 2020, the Company entered into an farm-out agreement with Goldplay whereby Goldplay can earn a 70% interest in the Company's Scottie West property by making aggregate cash payments of \$500,000, issuing common shares of Goldplay to the Company with a total value of \$500,000 and incurring a minimum of \$1,000,000 of exploration expenditures on the property over a four year period.

Upon Goldplay's successful completion of the farm-out, the Company and Goldplay will form a joint venture on the property. The Company will retain a 2% NSR royalty of which Goldplay can repurchase 1% of the NSR royalty for \$2,000,000 at any time after a production decision has been made.

Pursuant to the farm-out agreement, the Company received an initial cash payment of \$25,000 from Goldplay, applying \$11,128 against the capitalized costs of Scottie West, with the remaining \$13,872 recorded as mineral property recovery. In addition, the Company received 500,000 common shares of Goldplay, valued at \$25,000. The Company recorded the common shares as marketable securities, with a corresponding amount to mineral property recovery.

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**5. EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION ASSETS (continued)**

**a) BRITISH COLUMBIA (continued)**

**iv) STERLING PROPERTY**

The Company owns a 100% interest in certain claims in the Sterling property, located near Houston, BC. The Company had no plans in place to advance the Sterling property. And accordingly, acquisition costs of \$6,189 were written off during the year ended December 31, 2019.

**b) SASKATCHEWAN**

**i) GENESIS PROPERTY**

The Company owns a 50% interest in the Genesis property, with a carrying value of \$Nil, located in the Athabasca Basin region of Canada.

A summary of the changes in exploration and evaluation assets is presented below:

	Gin	Eldorado	Bonanza	Empire Mine	Scottie West	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance, December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2019	-	-	-	-	-	-
Option payments	-	-	-	50,000	-	50,000
Issuance of shares	198,000	396,000	66,000	38,000	-	698,000
Staking	-	2,238	-	13,748	11,128	27,114
Recovery (Note 5(a)(iii))	-	-	-	-	(11,128)	(11,128)
Balance, December 31, 2020	198,000	398,238	66,000	101,748	-	763,986

Exploration and evaluation expenditures are discussed in Note 7.

**6. SHARE CAPITAL**

**a) Authorized**

An unlimited number of common shares without par value  
An unlimited number of preference shares without par value

**b) Share issuance details**

***Year ended December 31, 2020***

- In October 2020, the Company issued 200,000 common shares with a value of \$38,000 to Mirva pursuant to the Empire Option Agreement (Note 5).

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**6. SHARE CAPITAL** (continued)

**b) Share issuance details** (continued)

***Year ended December 31, 2020*** (continued)

- On July 31, 2020 the Company completed a non-brokered private placement by issuing 9,000,000 units (the “Units”) at a price of \$0.20 per Unit for gross proceeds of \$1,800,000. Each Unit consisted of one common share of the Company and one-half of one common share purchase warrant, with each whole warrant entitling the holder to acquire an additional common share of the Company at an exercise price of \$0.30 per share with an expiry date of July 31, 2022.

Share issue costs totaled \$149,378 including \$90,300 paid as finders’ fees and 397,250 share purchase warrants issued as finders’ fees with a fair value of \$46,845. Each warrant has the same terms as those in the private placement.

- On April 13, 2020, the Company completed the second and final tranche of the non-brokered private placement noted below, issuing 2,000,000 common shares of the Company at a price of \$0.10 per share for gross proceeds of \$200,000.
- On April 13, 2020, the Company issued 11,000,000 common shares with a value of \$660,000 to the vendors pursuant to the Golden Triangle Acquisition (Note 5).
- On March 25, 2020, the Company completed the first tranche of a non-brokered private placement, issuing 4,925,000 common shares at a price of \$0.10 per share for gross proceeds of \$492,500. Share issue costs totaled \$30,826 including \$10,860 paid as finders’ fees and 108,600 share purchase warrants issued as finders’ fees with a fair value of \$2,192. Each warrant was exercisable into one common share of the Company at a price of \$0.10 per share with an expiry of March 25, 2022, subject to an acceleration provision.
- During the year ended December 31, 2020, 3,600 warrants with an exercise price of \$0.10 were exercised for proceeds of \$360.

***Year ended December 31, 2019***

There were no share issuances during the year ended December 31, 2019.

**c) Stock options**

The Company has a Rolling Stock Option Plan whereby the Company may grant options to directors, officers, employees and consultants of up to an aggregate maximum of 10% of the common shares outstanding at the time of the grant. The exercise price, term and vesting period of each option are determined by the Board within regulatory guidelines.

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**6. SHARE CAPITAL** (continued)

**c) Stock options** (continued)

A summary of the changes in stock options is presented below:

	Number of options	Weighted average exercise price \$
Balance, December 31, 2018	480,000	1.00
Expired	(390,000)	1.10
Balance, December 31, 2019	90,000	0.50
Granted	2,000,000	0.18
Forfeited	(90,000)	0.50
Balance, December 31, 2020	<u>2,000,000</u>	<u>0.18</u>

The following stock options were outstanding as at December 31, 2020:

Outstanding	Exercisable	Weighted average Exercise Price \$	Expiry Date	Weighted average remaining life (in years)
<u>2,000,000</u>	<u>2,000,000</u>	<u>0.18</u>	<u>June 1, 2025</u>	<u>4.42</u>

**d) Share purchase warrants**

A summary of the changes in warrants is presented below:

	Number of warrants	Weighted average exercise price \$
Balance, December 31, 2018	502,062	0.50
Expired	(502,062)	0.50
Balance, December 31, 2019	-	-
Issued pursuant to private placements	4,500,000	0.30
Finders' warrants issued pursuant to private placements	505,850	0.26
Exercised	(3,600)	0.10
Balance, December 31, 2020	<u>5,002,250</u>	<u>0.30</u>

The fair value of the 108,600 warrants issued as finders' fees pursuant to the private placement completed on March 25, 2020 was \$2,192 using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following weighted average assumptions:

Risk-free interest rate	0.66%
Expected stock price volatility	88%
Expected dividend yield	0.0%
Expected option life in years	2.0

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**6. SHARE CAPITAL** (continued)

**d) Share purchase warrants** (continued)

The fair value of the 397,250 warrants issued as finders' fees pursuant to the private placement completed on July 31, 2020 was \$46,845 using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following weighted average assumptions:

Risk-free interest rate	0.23%
Expected stock price volatility	82%
Expected dividend yield	0.0%
Expected option life in years	2.0

The following warrants were outstanding as at December 31, 2020:

Outstanding	Exercisable	Exercise Price	Expiry Date
		\$	
105,000	105,000	0.10	March 25, 2022
<u>4,897,250</u>	<u>4,897,250</u>	0.30	July 31, 2022
<u><u>5,002,250</u></u>	<u><u>5,002,250</u></u>		

**e) Share-based payments expense**

The share-based payments expense for the stock options that vested during the year ended December 31, 2020 was \$249,718 (2019: \$Nil).

The weighted average fair value at grant date of options granted during the year ended December 31, 2020 was \$0.12 (2019: \$Nil).

The fair value of the stock options that were granted during the year ended December 31, 2020 was calculated using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following weighted average assumptions:

Risk-free interest rate	0.33%
Expected stock price volatility	91%
Expected dividend yield	0.0%
Expected option life in years	5.0

Expected volatility is based on historical price volatility to the extent of the expected life of the option.

During the year ended December 31, 2020, the Company reclassified \$21,000 (2019: \$395,055) from other equity reserves to deficit with respect to options and warrants that were forfeited.

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**7. EXPLORATION EXPENDITURES**

The Company's exploration expenditures related to exploration and evaluation interests (Note 5) for the year ended December 31, 2020 were as follows:

	Empire	Eldorado	Gin	Scottie West	Sterling	Genesis	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$		\$	\$
Analysis	25,304	-	-	439	-	-	25,743
Camp	8,047	-	-	669	-	-	8,716
Communications	1,648	-	-	-	-	-	1,648
Community engagement	4,554	-	-	-	-	-	4,554
Field equipment	7,976	-	-	-	-	-	7,976
Helicopter	-	-	-	3,334	-	-	3,334
Geological consulting	119,795	11,120	1,814	10,183	3,000	4,800	150,712
Geophysics	-	-	-	84,693	-	-	84,693
Labour and benefits	10,396	-	-	-	-	-	10,396
Permitting	4,999	-	-	-	-	-	4,999
Travel and transport	3,609	-	-	2,249	-	-	5,858
	<u>186,328</u>	<u>11,120</u>	<u>1,814</u>	<u>101,567</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>4,800</u>	<u>308,629</u>

The Company's exploration expenditures related to exploration and evaluation interests (Note 5) for the year ended December 31, 2019 were as follows:

	Eldorado	Gin	Sterling	Total
	\$	\$		\$
Geophysics	-	10,000	-	10,000
Reporting	8,760	540	427	9,727
BC METC	-	(2,163)	-	(2,163)
	<u>8,760</u>	<u>8,377</u>	<u>427</u>	<u>17,564</u>

**8. SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION**

The net change in non-cash operating working capital balances for the years ended December 31 consisted of the following:

	2020	2019
	\$	\$
Receivables	(38,614)	6,118
Prepaid expenses	(6,250)	375
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(245,053)	291,964
	<u>(289,917)</u>	<u>298,457</u>

The non-cash investing and financing transactions for the year ended December 31, 2020 consisted of the Company:

- receiving 500,000 common shares of Goldplay, valued at \$25,000, pursuant to the Scottie West farm-out agreement;
- issuing 11,000,000 common shares valued at \$660,000 pursuant to the Golden Triangle Acquisition;

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**8. SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION** (continued)

- issuing 200,000 common shares valued at \$38,000 pursuant to the Empire Option Agreement;
- issuing 108,600 warrants as finders' fees valued at \$2,192 pursuant to the private placement completed on March 25, 2020; and
- issuing 397,250 warrants as finders' fees valued at \$46,845 pursuant to the private placement completed on July 31, 2020.

There were no non-cash investing or financing transactions for the year ended December 31, 2019.

**9. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Company examines the various financial instruments to which it is exposed and assesses the impact and likelihood of those risks. These risks include credit risk, liquidity risk and market risk (including interest rate, currency and other price risk). The risk related to financial instruments is managed by senior management of the Company under directions approved by the Board. The Company's Board has not approved the use of derivative financial products.

**Financial instruments**

Cash, receivables and accounts payable and accrued liabilities are carried at amortized cost. The Company considers that the carrying amount of these financial assets and liabilities measured at amortized cost to approximate their fair value due to the short-term nature of the financial instruments. Marketable securities are measured using level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

Fair value estimates of financial instruments are made at a specific point in time, based on relevant information about financial markets and specific financial instruments. As these estimates are subjective in nature, involving uncertainties and matters of significant judgment, they cannot be determined with precision. Changes in assumptions can significantly affect estimated fair values.

**Financial risk factors**

The Company's risk exposures and the impact on the Company's financial statements is summarized below:

**a) Credit risk**

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to a significant concentration of credit risk consist primarily of cash and receivables. The Company limits its exposure to credit loss by placing its cash with a major Canadian bank. The Company's only significant receivable at December 31, 2020 relates to a goods and services tax refund from the Government of Canada, who is not considered a default risk.

**b) Liquidity risk**

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company cannot meet its financial obligations associated with financial liabilities in full. The Company is exposed to liquidity risk and manages it through the management of its capital structure, as outlined below. All of the Company's current financial liabilities are anticipated to mature within the next fiscal period. The Company intends to settle these with funds from its positive working capital position. The Company remains exposed to liquidity risk.

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**9. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)**

**c) Market risk**

Market risk is the risk of loss that may arise from changes in market factors such as interest rates, commodity prices, equity prices, and foreign currency fluctuations.

**(i) Interest rate risk**

Interest rate risk on cash is minimal because these investments generally have a fixed yield rate. As at December 31, 2020, the Company did not have any interest-bearing debt.

**(ii) Foreign currency risk**

The Company could be exposed to foreign currency risk on fluctuations related to cash, and accounts payable and accrued liabilities that are denominated in a foreign currency. As at December 31, 2020, the Company did not have any significant exposure to foreign currencies and so considers foreign currency risk insignificant to the Company at present.

**(iii) Price risk**

The Company may at times have limited indirect exposure to price risk with respect to commodity and equity prices. Equity price risk is defined as the potential adverse impact on the Company's earnings due to movements in individual equity prices or general movements in the level of the stock market. Commodity price risk is defined as the potential adverse impact on earnings and economic value due to commodity price movements and volatilities.

**10. CAPITAL MANAGEMENT**

The Company's objectives when managing capital are to safeguard the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, so that it can provide returns for shareholders and benefits for other stakeholders. The Company's strategy remains unchanged from the year ended December 31, 2019.

The Company considers the items included in shareholders' equity as capital. The Company manages the capital structure and makes adjustments to it in response to changes in economic conditions and the risk characteristics of the underlying assets. In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Company may issue new shares, or acquire or dispose of assets.

In order to facilitate the management of its capital requirements, the Company prepares annual expenditure budgets that are updated as necessary. The annual budgets are approved by the Board.

In order to maximize ongoing exploration efforts, the Company does not pay dividends. The Company's treasury management policy is to invest its cash in highly rated liquid short-term interest-bearing investments with an initial term to maturity of twelve months or less.

The Company is not subject to externally imposed capital requirements.

**11. INCOME TAXES**

Income tax expense differs from the amount that would result from applying the Canadian federal and provincial income tax rates to loss before income taxes. These differences resulted from the following items for the years ended December 31:

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**11. INCOME TAXES** (continued)

	2020	2019
	\$	\$
Loss before income taxes	(925,920)	(295,144)
Canadian federal and provincial income tax rates	27.00%	27.00%
Income tax recovery based on the above rates	(249,998)	(79,689)
Increase (decrease) due to:		
Non-deductible expenses and other permanent differences	77,380	1,000
Change in unrecognized tax assets	208,033	78,689
Tax benefit of share issue costs	(35,415)	-
Net income tax recovery	-	-

The components of unrecognized deferred tax assets and liabilities were as follows at December 31:

	2020	2019
	\$	\$
Share issue costs	32,026	9,000
Exploration and evaluation assets	826,500	753,000
Non-capital losses	741,507	630,000
Unrecognized deferred tax assets	1,600,033	1,392,000

In assessing the ability to realize deferred tax assets, management considers whether it is probable that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will be realized. The ultimate realization of deferred tax assets is dependent upon the generation of future taxable income during the periods in which those deferred tax assets are deductible.

As at December 31, 2020, the Company had exploration and evaluation expenditures of approximately \$3,825,000 (2019: \$2,788,000) which are available for carry-forward indefinitely, and non-capital losses of approximately \$2,746,000 (2019: \$2,335,000) that expire as follows:

	\$
2031	10,000
2032	35,000
2033	40,000
2034	409,000
2035	398,000
2036	415,000
2037	494,000
2038	241,000
2039	292,000
2040	412,000
	<u>2,746,000</u>

**12. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

*Key management compensation*

Key management personnel at the Company are the Directors and Officers of the Company. Key management personnel, or their related parties, may hold positions in other entities that result in them having control or significant influence over the financial or operating policies of those entities.

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**12. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (continued)**

These transactions are in the normal course of operations and are measured at their exchange amount, which is the amount agreed upon by the transacting parties.

In addition to key management personnel, the Company transacted with the following related parties during the years ended December 31, 2020 and/or 2019:

- Cazador Resources Ltd. (“**Cazador**”), a private company controlled by the Company’s CEO, Adam Travis;
- Elemental Partners LLP (“**Elemental**”), a partnership controlled by the Company’s Chair of the Board, Fletcher Morgan;
- Farris LLP, a law firm for which Jay Sujir, one of the Company’s directors is a partner;
- Beneath the Surface Capital, a private company controlled by Scott Gibson, a director and former CEO of the Company; and
- TSquared Accounting Inc. (“**TSquared**”), a private company controlled by the Company’s CFO, Tim Thiessen.

**a) Related Party Transactions**

The Company’s related party transactions for the years ended December 31 were as follows:

		2020	2019
		\$	\$
Consulting fees	1	223,000	-
Geological fees	2	33,070	-
Legal fees	3	78,589	28,669
Office and administration	4	3,000	52,900
Salaries	4	12,100	155,000
Share-based payments expense	5	209,139	-
Share issue costs	3	11,468	-
Equipment rentals	6	4,958	-
		<u>575,324</u>	<u>236,569</u>

1 Consulting fees consisted of fees of \$84,000 earned by the CEO, Mr. Travis through Cazador, fees of \$49,000 earned by the CFO, Mr. Thiessen through TSquared, fees of \$16,100 earned by Beneath the Surface Capital, \$42,900 earned by the Company’s Office Manager through Cazador, \$21,000 earned by Elemental and \$10,000 earned by the former CFO, Jasmine Lau, through Red Fern Consulting Ltd.

2 Geological fees consisted of fees \$31,250 earned by the CEO through Cazador and \$1,820 earned by the Company’s VP Exploration Mr. Dave Tupper, which were included in exploration expenditures.

3 Legal fees and share issue costs consisted of amounts charged by Farris LLP. The legal fees were included in professional fees on the statement of loss and comprehensive loss and the share issue costs were netted against share capital (see Note 6(b)).

4 Office and administration costs and salaries consisted of amounts charged by Beneath the Surface Capital.

5 Share-based payments expense is a non-cash item that consisted of the fair value of stock options that have been granted to key management personnel.

6 Equipment rentals consisted of vehicle and other field equipment rented to the Company by Cazador.

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**12. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS** (continued)

**b) Related Party Balances**

The related party balances, which are included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities on the statements of financial position, consisted of the following at December 31:

	2020	2019
<b>Current liabilities</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Due to Cazador	27,853	-
Due to Beneath the Surface	-	65,231
Due to Dave Tupper, VP of Exploration	1,911	5,250
Due to Farris LLP	6,768	44,980
Due to TSquared	13,650	-
Due to Scott Gibson, former CEO	-	126,396
	<u>50,182</u>	<u>241,857</u>

**13. SUBSEQUENT EVENT**

On January 11, 2021, the Company granted 200,000 stock options to a newly appointed director. The stock options have an exercise price of \$0.18 per share with an expiry of January 11, 2026.