Consolidated Financial Statements of

AURION RESOURCES LTD.

December 31, 2022 and 2021

AURION RESOURCES LTD.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Shareholders of
Aurion Resources Ltd.

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Aurion Resources Ltd. (the "Company"), which comprise the consolidated statements of financial position as at December 31, 2022 and 2021, and the consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive loss, changes in shareholders' equity and cash flows for the years then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, these consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as at December 31 2022 and 2021, 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 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, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained in our audit is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Key Audit Matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current year. 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.

<u>Assessment of Impairment Indicators of Exploration and Evaluation Assets and Investment in Associate</u>

As described in Note 8 and 9 to the consolidated financial statements, the carrying amount of the Company's exploration and evaluation assets and investment in associate was $40,886,438 and $8,557,033 respectively, as of December 31, 2022. As more fully described in Note 3 to the consolidated financial statements, management assesses for indicators of impairment for both exploration and evaluation assets and the investment in associate at the end of each reporting period or whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying values may not be fully recoverable.

The principal considerations for our determination that the assessment of impairment indicators of the exploration and evaluation assets and investment in associate is a key audit matter is that there was judgment made by management when assessing whether there were indicators of impairment for the exploration and evaluation assets and investment in associate. This in turn led to a high degree of auditor judgment, subjectivity, and effort in performing procedures to evaluate audit evidence relating to the judgments made by management in their assessment of indicators of impairment that could give rise to the requirement to prepare an estimate of the recoverable amount of the exploration and evaluation assets and investment in associate.

Addressing the matter involved performing procedures and evaluating audit evidence in connection with forming our overall opinion on the consolidated financial statements. Our audit procedures included, among others:

- Evaluating the reasonableness of management's assessment of indicators of impairment for the exploration and evaluation assets and investment in associate, including the exploration and evaluation assets underlying the investment in associate.
- Assessing the intent for the exploration and evaluation assets including those held by the associate, through discussion and communication with management.
- On a test basis, verifying title to ensure mineral rights underlying the exploration and evaluation assets including those held by the associate, are in good standing.
- Reviewing the Company's recent expenditure activity on the exploration and evaluation assets.

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 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 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 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 the 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 judgment 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 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 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.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Company to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

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 on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is Michael MacLaren.

Davidson & Company LLP

Vancouver, Canada

Chartered Professional Accountants

April 25, 2023

AURION RESOURCES LTD.

Consolidated Statements of Financial Position

(Expressed in Canadian Dollars)

	Note	**As at December 31, 2022**	As at December 31, 2021
		$	$
ASSETS			
CURRENT			
Cash		**6,974,382**	20,300,998
Short-term investments	5	**2,000,000**	-
Reclamation deposit		**132,925**	129,507
Receivables	6	**292,117**	241,694
Prepaid expenses		**417,738**	415,982
Marketable securities	7	**5,205,001**	5,018,335
Total current assets		**15,022,163**	26,106,516
EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION ASSETS	8	**40,886,438**	35,280,764
INVESTMENT IN ASSOCIATE	9	**8,557,033**	3,842,062
RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS	10	**22,385**	28,854
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT	11	**113,641**	91,147
Total assets		**64,601,660**	65,349,343
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT			
Trade payables and accrued liabilities		**715,934**	768,777
Joint Venture contribution payable	9	**819,002**	-
Lease liability	12	**23,026**	34,624
Total current liabilities		**1,557,962**	803,401
NON-CURRENT			
Lease liability	12	**-**	-
Performance share unit liability	13	**43,483**	-
Deferred share unit liability	13	**1,024,187**	1,217,213
Total non-current liabilities		**1,067,670**	1,217,213
Total Liabilities		**2,625,632**	2,020,614
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	13	**61,976,028**	63,328,729
Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity		**64,601,660**	65,349,343
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AUTHORIZED FOR ISSUE ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON April 25, 2023:

"*Dennis Clarke*" Director "*David Loveys*" Director

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AURION RESOURCES LTD.

Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss

(Expressed in Canadian Dollars)

	Note	**For the year ended December 31, 2022**	For the year ended December 31, 2021
		$	$
EXPENSES			
Share-based payments	13	**1,792,124**	1,759,710
Wages and benefits		**941,594**	931,325
General and administrative		**1,044,162**	1,125,291
Professional fees		**161,558**	138,045
Depreciation	11	**73,083**	92,599
Accounting		**146,743**	125,704
Amortization of right-of-use assets	10	**20,759**	34,624
Consulting fees		**321,000**	64,500
Interest and bank charges		**6,318**	5,538
Interest on lease liabilities	12	**2,434**	5,545
Write-down of exploration and evaluation assets	8	**2,078**	386,168
		(4,511,853)	(4,669,049)
Foreign exchange loss		**(122,369)**	(88,501)
Interest and other income		**352,559**	100,985
Loss on sale of equipment		**-**	(617)
Gain on property transactions	8	**175,440**	517,501
Share of losses related to associate	9	**(467,978)**	(1,965,058)
Unrealized loss on marketable securities	7	**(140,000)**	(1,276,667)
		(202,348)	(2,712,357)
Loss for the Year		**(4,714,201)**	(7,381,406)
Foreign currency translation	9	**405,650**	(113,674)
Comprehensive Loss for the Year		**(4,308,551)**	(7,495,080)
Loss per Common Share - Basic and Diluted	17	**(0.04)**	(0.07)
Weighted Average Number of Common Shares Outstanding - Basic and Diluted		**117,706,752**	98,645,750

see accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements

AURION RESOURCES LTD.
Consolidated Statements of Changes in Shareholders' Equity
(Expressed in Canadian Dollars)

	Number of Shares	Share Capital	Warrants	Contributed Surplus	Share-based Payment Reserve	Expired Stock Options and Warrants Reserve	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	Deficit	Total Equity
		$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$
Balance, December 31, 2020	83,476,771	51,183,577	434,343	4,332,608	7,475,072	4,032,709	-	(26,495,019)	40,963,290
Loss for the year ended December 31, 2021								(7,381,406)	(7,381,406)
Foreign currency translation adjustment	-	-	-	-	-	-	(113,674)	-	(113,674)
Shares issued for private placements	31,973,200	28,104,628	-	-	-	-	-	-	28,104,628
Shares issued for property agreements	130,000	143,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	143,000
Exercise of stock options	1,975,000	444,909	-	-	(219,409)	-	-	-	225,500
Expiry of finders' warrants	-	-	(434,343)	-	-	434,343	-	-	-
Contribution from associate	-	-	-	2,068,968	-	-	-	-	2,068,968
Share-based payments - stock options	-	-	-	-	1,175,093	-	-	-	1,175,093
Share issuance costs - cash	-	(1,856,670)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,856,670)
Share issuance costs - finders' warrants	-	(822,066)	822,066	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance, December 31, 2021	**117,554,971**	**77,197,378**	**822,066**	**6,401,576**	**8,430,756**	**4,467,052**	**(113,674)**	**(33,876,425)**	**63,328,729**
Loss for the year ended December 31, 2022								(4,714,201)	(4,714,201)
Foreign currency translation adjustment	-	-	-	-	-	-	405,650	-	405,650
Shares issued for property agreements	283,333	202,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	202,000
Expiry of stock options	-	-	-	-	(3,136,752)	3,136,752	-	-	-
Exercise of finders' warrants	16,374	21,068	(7,150)	-	-	-	-	-	13,918
Contribution from associate	-	-	-	797,357	-	-	-	-	797,357
Share-based payments - stock options	-	-	-	-	1,941,668	-	-	-	1,941,668
Share issuance costs - cash	-	907	-	-	-	-	-	-	907
Balance, December 31, 2022	**117,854,678**	**77,421,353**	**814,916**	**7,198,933**	**7,235,672**	**7,603,804**	**291,976**	**(38,590,626)**	**61,976,028**

see accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements

AURION RESOURCES LTD.
Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows
(Expressed in Canadian Dollars)

	Note	**For the year ended December 31, 2022**	For the year ended December 31, 2021
		$	$
OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Net loss for the year		**(4,714,201)**	(7,381,406)
Items not affecting cash:			
Share-based payments	13	**1,792,124**	1,612,865
Unrealized loss on marketable securities	7	**140,000**	1,276,667
Share of losses related to associate	9	**467,978**	1,965,058
Write-down of exploration and evaluation assets	8	**2,078**	386,168
Depreciation	11	**73,083**	92,599
Amortization of right-of-use asset	10	**20,759**	34,624
Gain on property transactions	8	**(175,440)**	(517,501)
Interest income		**(112,939)**	-
Changes in non-cash operating working capital	15	**(225,495)**	554,618
		(2,732,053)	(1,976,308)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Exploration and evaluation expenditures, net		**(5,608,869)**	(5,893,418)
Receipts from partners		**177,144**	-
Contribution to associate		**(3,160,941)**	-
Purchase of property and equipment		**(95,578)**	(5,158)
Reclamation deposit		**(3,418)**	(2,889)
Interest income received		**112,939**	-
Short-term investments		**(2,000,000)**	-
Proceeds from disposal of assets		**-**	38,343
		(10,578,723)	(5,863,122)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from issuance of share capital - net	13	**14,825**	26,473,458
Repayment of lease liabilities		**(28,231)**	(32,383)
Interest paid on lease liabilities	12	**(2,434)**	(5,545)
		(15,840)	26,435,530
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH		**(13,326,616)**	18,596,100
CASH, BEGINNING OF YEAR		**20,300,998**	1,704,898
CASH, END OF YEAR		**6,974,382**	20,300,998
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see accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements

1. DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS

Aurion Resources Ltd. (the "Company") was incorporated under the *Business Corporations Act (Alberta)* on April 6, 2006, and was continued into British Columbia on August 10, 2018 under the *Business Corporations Act (British Columbia)*. The Company was listed on the TSX Venture Exchange (the "Exchange") on October 3, 2008. The Company has its registered and records office at 130 Saddlehorn Drive, Kaleden, BC, Canada, and its principal office is 120 Torbay Road, Suite W220, St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada. The Company and its wholly-owned subsidiaries are engaged in the evaluation, acquisition and exploration of mineral properties in Canada, the United States, and Finland. The Company plans to ultimately develop the properties, bring them into production, option or lease properties to third parties, or sell the properties outright. The Company has not determined whether these properties contain ore reserves that are economically recoverable and the Company is considered to be in the exploration stage.

These consolidated financial statements (the "financial statements") for the year ended December 31, 2022, were authorized for issuance by the Board of Directors of the Company on April 25, 2023.

In March 2020, the World Health Organization declared 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 results of operations at this time.

2. BASIS OF PREPARATION

Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting policies consistent with the International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB") and Interpretations of the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee ("IFRIC").

Basis of consolidation and presentation

These financial statements reflect the financial position, results of operations and cash flows of the Company and its wholly owned subsidiaries: Aurion Resources (US) LLC (USA), Aurion Resources Oy (Finland) and FennoEx Oy (Finland). All inter-company transactions and balances have been eliminated upon consolidation.

On August 4, 2022, the Company entered into a sale and purchase agreement for the disposition of its 100 % owned subsidiary Minera Aurion de Mexico S.A de C.V ("Minera Aurion") in Mexico. For the consideration of $1.00, the shares of Minera Aurion were transferred to the purchaser and the Company no longer has any rights or obligations with respect to Minera Aurion. Upon disposition, the Company eliminated all remaining assets and liabilities of Minera Aurion from its financial statements.

2. BASIS OF PREPARATION (Continued)

On August 24, 2022, the Company closed a sale agreement for the disposition of its 100% owned subsidiary, Aurion Resources Ab ("Aurion Ab") in Sweden. For consideration of 17,500 SEK, the shares of Aurion Ab were transferred to the purchaser and the Company no longer has any rights or obligations with respect to Aurion Ab. Upon disposition, the Company eliminated all remaining assets and liabilities of Aurion Ab from its financial statements.

The financial statements of the Company have been prepared in accordance with IFRS on a going concern basis, which contemplates the realization of assets and the settlement of liabilities and commitments in the normal course of business. The Company does not have any proven economically recoverable reserves, has continuous losses, and, at December 31, 2022, the Company had an accumulated deficit of $38,590,626 (December 31, 2021 - $33,876,425). However, management has assessed that the working capital is sufficient for the Company to continue as a going concern beyond one year.

The success of the Company and the recoverability of exploration costs are dependent upon the existence of economically recoverable reserves, the ability of the Company to obtain financing to fund and complete the development of such reserves, the ability of the Company to satisfy obligations as they come due and upon future profitable production from the properties or proceeds from disposition. The Company's ability to raise additional funds is dependent on favorable conditions in equity and alternative investment markets, which are volatile and subject to significant uncertainty.

The amounts shown as exploration and evaluation assets represent net costs to date, less write-offs and do not necessarily represent present or future values. Although the Company has taken steps to verify title to mineral properties in which it has an interest, in accordance with industry standards for the current stage of exploration of such properties, these procedures do not guarantee the Company's title. Property title may be subject to unregistered prior agreements or transfers and may be affected by undetected defects. If the going concern assumption was not appropriate for these financial statements, adjustments would be necessary to the carrying value of assets and liabilities, the reported net loss and the statement of financial position classifications used.

Basis of measurement

These financial statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis, except for financial assets classified as at fair value through profit or loss, which are measured at fair value. Additionally, these financial statements have been prepared using the accrual basis of accounting, except for cash flow information.

Currency of presentation

All amounts are expressed in Canadian dollars, unless otherwise stated.

3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of amounts on deposit and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less in term deposits with financial institutions that are readily convertible to cash. As at December 31, 2022, the Company had $5,000,000 invested in a cashable term deposit (2021- $nil).

Investments in associates

Associates are entities over which the Company has significant influence, but not control, on financial and operating decisions. Significant influence is assumed if the Company has a 20% to 50% shareholding and voting rights in the entity, unless qualitative factors indicate otherwise. Similarly, significant influence is assumed not to exist if the Company has less than a 20% shareholding or voting rights in the entity, unless qualitative factors indicate otherwise.

Entities over which the Company has significant influence are accounted for by the equity method. The investment is initially recognized at cost. The carrying value of the investment is subsequently adjusted to recognize the Company's share of profits and losses of the associate after the date of acquisition or when significant influence begins. The Company's share of profits and losses is recognized in the consolidated statement of operations and its share of other comprehensive income or loss of the associate is included in the consolidated statement of comprehensive loss.

Unrealized gains or losses between the Company and the associate upon transfer of assets are eliminated according to equity interest in the associate unless there is evidence of impairment to the asset transferred. Dilution gains or losses arising from changes in the Company's equity interest in the associate are recognized in the consolidated statement of operations and comprehensive loss.

The amounts included in the financial statements of the associate are adjusted to reflect adjustments made by the Company, when using the equity method, such as fair value adjustments made at the time of acquisition.

At the end of each reporting period, the Company will review the investment to determine if there is any objective evidence that the investment is impaired. If impaired, the carrying value of the Company's share of the underlying assets of the associate is written down to its estimated recoverable amount and recognized in the consolidated statement of operations and comprehensive loss.

As at December 31, 2022, the Company has classified its investment in Fingold Ventures Ltd. ("Fingold") as an investment in associate based on management's judgement that considers its ownership of 30% of the outstanding shares of Fingold as an investment where the Company has significant influence.

3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Exploration and evaluation assets

The Company is in the exploration stage and defers all expenditures related to its exploration and evaluation assets until such time as the properties are put into commercial production, sold or abandoned. Under this method, all amounts shown as exploration and evaluation assets represent acquisition and exploration costs incurred to date and do not necessarily represent present or future values. Costs are only capitalized subsequent to gaining the legal rights to the property. If the properties are put into commercial production, the expenditures will be depleted following the unit of production method. If the properties are sold or abandoned, or considered to be impaired in value, the expenditures will be charged to operations.

The Company does not accrue the estimated future costs of maintaining its mineral properties in good standing.

Proceeds received from a partial option of an exploration and evaluation asset are credited against the carrying value of the mineral property. When the proceeds exceed the carrying costs, the excess is recorded in the consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive loss in the period of receipt. No initial value is assigned to any retained royalty interest on the completion of an option agreement. The royalty interest would subsequently be assessed for value by reference to developments on the underlying mineral property.

Exploration and evaluation assets are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be fully recoverable. These events may include the following:

-the period for which the Company has exploration rights has expired or will shortly
-there is no further exploration planned for a property
-continued unfavourable exploration results

If a property's recoverable amount is less than the assets carrying amount, an impairment loss is recognized. The ultimate recoverability of the amounts capitalized for the exploration and evaluation assets is dependent upon the delineation of economically recoverable ore reserves, the Company's ability to obtain the necessary financing to complete their development and realize profitable production or proceeds from the disposition thereof.

Management's estimates of recoverability of the Company's investment in its various projects have been based on current conditions. However, it is reasonably possible that changes could occur in the near term which could adversely affect management's estimates and may result in future write-downs of carrying values.

Property and equipment

Property and equipment are recorded at cost, less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Depreciation is calculated on a straight-line basis at rates which will reduce original cost to estimated residual value over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Property and equipment is reviewed for impairment annually or whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be fully recoverable. If an asset's recoverable amount is less than the carrying amount, an impairment loss is recognized.

The rates applicable to each category of property and equipment are as follows:

Furniture and equipment	20%
Computers	45%
Right-of-use asset	2 Years (Term of lease)

Leases

The Company recognizes a right of use ("ROU") asset and lease liability in the statement of financial position at the commencement date of the lease. The lease liability is initially measured at the present value of the future lease payments using the interest rate implicit in the lease or, if that rate cannot be readily determined, the Company's incremental borrowing rate.

Depreciation of ROU assets and interest on lease liabilities is recognized in the consolidated statement of operations and comprehensive loss. The total amount of cash paid is separated into a principal portion (presented in financing activities) and interest (presented in operating activities) in the consolidated statement of cash flows.

For short-term leases and leases of low value assets, the Company has opted to recognize a lease expense on a straight-line basis, and this expense is presented within general and administrative in the statement of operations and comprehensive loss.

Share capital

Common shares and warrants are classified as shareholders' equity. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of common shares are recognized as a reduction of shareholders' equity, net of tax.

The Company has adopted a relative fair value method with respect to the measurement of common shares and warrants issued as private placement units. The relative fair value method allocates value to each component on a pro-rata basis, based on the fair value of the components calculated independently of one another. The Company considers the market value of the common shares issued as fair value and measures the fair value of the warrant component of the unit using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. The unit value is then allocated, pro-rata, between the two components, with fair value attributed to the warrants being recorded to the Company's warrant reserve.

3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Flow-through shares

Any premium received by the Company on the issuance of flow-through shares is initially recorded as a liability ("flow-through premium liability") and included in current liabilities. The premium is reduced pro-rata as eligible exploration expenditures are incurred.

Share-based payments

(i) Stock Options

The stock option plan (Note 13) allows Company employees and consultants to acquire shares of the Company. Share-based payments to employees are measured using the fair value method at the date of grant of stock options. An individual is classified as an employee when the individual is considered an employee for legal or tax purposes or provides similar services to those performed by an employee. Share-based payments to non-employees are measured at the fair value of goods and services received or, if it is determined that the fair value of the goods or services received cannot be reliably measured, the fair value method will be used to determine the value at the date the options are granted.

The fair value of options is determined using the Black-Scholes option pricing model and is expensed to earnings over the vesting period on a graded basis with an offset to share-based payment reserve. When options are exercised, the corresponding share-based payment reserve and the proceeds received by the Company are credited to share capital. Forfeitures are estimated at the time of the grant. When options expire, the fair value of the options is transferred from share-based payment reserve with an offset to expired options and warrants reserve.

(ii) Deferred share units

The Company has a deferred share unit plan (Note 13) to provide common shares to participants in the plan as a form of remuneration. Each deferred share unit ("DSU") has the same value as one common share at the date of grant based on the prior day's closing price. The DSUs are revalued at the end of each period based on the closing share price.

(iii) Performance share units

The Company has a performance share unit plan (Note 13) to provide common shares to participants in the plan as a form of remuneration. Each performance share unit ("PSU") has the same value as one common share at the date of grant based on the prior day's closing price. The PSUs are revalued at the end of each period based on the closing share price.

3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Income taxes

Income tax expense comprises current and deferred income tax. Current tax and deferred tax are recognized in earnings or loss except to the extent that it relates to items recognized directly in equity or in other comprehensive income.

Current tax expense comprises the expected tax payable on the taxable income for the period, using tax rates enacted at the reporting date, and any adjustment to tax payable in respect of previous periods.

Deferred tax is recognized in respect of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for taxation purposes. Deferred tax is measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply when the asset is realized or the liability is settled, based on tax rates (and tax laws) that have been substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset if there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax liabilities and assets, and they relate to income taxes levied by the same tax authority on either the same taxable entity, or on different taxable entities, which intend to settle current tax liabilities and assets on a net basis or realize their tax assets and liabilities simultaneously.

A deferred tax asset is recognized for unused tax losses, unused tax credits and deductible temporary differences, to the extent that it is probable that future taxable income will be available against which the unused tax losses, unused tax credits and temporary differences 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 all or part of the related tax benefit will be realized.

Earnings (loss) per share

The Company presents basic and diluted earnings (loss) per share (“EPS”) data for its common shares. Basic EPS is computed by dividing the loss for the period by the weighted-average number of shares outstanding during the period. Diluted EPS is equivalent to basic EPS as the inclusion of outstanding stock options and warrants is anti-dilutive, since the Company is in a loss position for the years presented.

Foreign currency translation

The functional currency of the Company and its subsidiaries is the Canadian dollar. Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into Canadian dollars at exchange rates in effect at the statement of financial position date for monetary items and at exchange rates prevailing at the transaction date for non-monetary items. Income and expenses are translated at the average exchange rates prevailing during the period except for depreciation, which is translated at historical exchange rates. Gains and losses on translation are included in the determination of net loss for the period.

Decommissioning and restoration provision

The Company recognizes the fair value of the liability for asset decommissioning and restoration in the period in which it is incurred and records a corresponding increase in the carrying value of the related long-lived asset. Fair value is estimated using the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to abandon the asset at the Company’s risk-free interest rate. The liability is subsequently adjusted for the

3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

passage of time and is recognized as an accretion expense in the consolidated statement of operations and comprehensive loss. The liability is also adjusted due to revisions in either the timing or the amount of the original estimated cash flows associated with the liability. The increase in the carrying value of the asset is amortized on the same basis as mineral properties. In Management's estimation, there is no liability at this time.

Financial instruments

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

Financial assets at FVTPL

Financial assets carried at FVTPL are initially recorded at fair value and transaction costs are expensed in the statement of operations and comprehensive loss. Realized and unrealized gains and losses arising from the changes in the fair value of the financial asset held at FVTPL are included in the statement of operations and comprehensive loss in the period in which they arise. The Company's financial assets at FVTPL are comprised of cash, short-term investments and marketable securities.

Financial assets at FVTOCI

Investments in equity instruments at FVTOCI are initially recorded at fair value plus transaction costs. Subsequently they are measured at fair value, with gains and losses arising from changes in fair value recognized in other comprehensive income. There is no subsequent reclassification of fair value gains and losses to profit or loss following the derecognition of the investment. The Company does not hold any financial assets at FVTOCI.

Financial assets at amortized cost

Financial assets at amortized cost are initially recognized at fair value and subsequently carried at amortized cost less impairment. They are classified as current assets or non-current assets based on their maturity date. The Company's financial assets at amortized cost include receivables and reclamation deposits.

Financial assets are derecognized when they mature or are sold, and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership have been transferred. Gains and losses on derecognition or financial assets classified as FVTPL or amortized cost are recognized in the statement of operations and comprehensive loss. Gains or losses on financial assets classified as FVTOCI remain within accumulated other comprehensive income.

3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Impairment

(i) Financial assets at amortized cost

The Company recognizes a loss allowance for expected credit losses on financial assets that are measured at amortized cost. At each reporting date, the loss allowance for the financial asset is measured at an amount equal to the lifetime expected credit losses if the credit risk on the financial asset has increased significantly since initial recognition. If at the reporting date the credit risk of the financial asset has not increased significantly since initial recognition, the loss allowance is measured for the financial asset at an amount equal to the twelve month expected credit losses. For trade receivables the Company applies the simplified approach to providing for expected credit losses, which allows the use of a lifetime expected loss provision. Impairment losses on financial assets carried at amortized cost are reversed in subsequent periods if the amount of the loss decreases and the decrease can be objectively related to an event occurring after the impairment was recognized. Given the nature and balances of the Company's receivables the Company has no material loss allowance at December 31, 2022.

(ii) Non-financial assets

Non-financial assets are evaluated at each reporting period by management for indicators that the carrying value is impaired and may not be recoverable. When indicators of impairment are present the recoverable amount of an asset is evaluated at the cash-generating unit ("CGU") level, the smallest identifiable group of assets that generates cash inflows that are largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets, where the recoverable amount of a CGU is the greater of the CGU's fair value less costs to sell and its value in use. An impairment loss is recognized in profit or loss to the extent that the carrying amount exceeds the recoverable amount.

Financial liabilities at FVTPL

Financial liabilities carried at FVTPL are initially recorded at fair value and transaction costs are expensed in the statement of operations and comprehensive loss. Realized and unrealized gains and losses arising from the changes in the fair value of the financial liabilities held at FVTPL are included in the statement of operations and comprehensive loss in the period in which they arise. The Company's financial liabilities at FVTPL are comprised of deferred share unit liabilities.

Financial liabilities at amortized cost

Financial liabilities at amortized cost are initially recognized at fair value and subsequently carried at amortized cost less any impairment. They are classified as current liabilities or non-current liabilities based on their maturity date. The Company's financial liabilities at amortized cost are comprised of trade and accrued payables, JV contribution payable, and DSU, PSU and lease liabilities.

3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Financial liabilities are derecognized when they mature or expire, and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership have been transferred. Gains and losses on derecognition or financial liabilities classified as FVTPL or amortized cost are recognized in the statement of operations and comprehensive loss. Gains or losses on financial liabilities classified as FVTOCI remain within accumulated other comprehensive income.

Significant accounting judgments, estimates and assumptions

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of the assets, liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Estimates and assumptions are continuously evaluated and are based on management's experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. However, actual outcomes can differ from these estimates.

The Company has identified the following critical accounting policies under which significant judgments, estimates and assumptions are made and where actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions and conditions and may materially affect financial results or the financial position reported in future periods:

<u>Exploration and evaluation assets</u>
The Company makes certain estimates and assumptions regarding the recoverability of the carrying values of exploration and evaluation assets. These assumptions are changed when conditions exist that indicate that the carrying value may be impaired, at which time an impairment loss is recorded.

<u>Receivables</u>
The Company reviews its receivables on a regular basis and makes estimates of any amounts which are not expected to be collected. If such doubt exists, an allowance for doubtful accounts will be recorded.

<u>Property and equipment</u>
The Company reviews the estimated useful lives of property and equipment at the end of each reporting period to ensure assumptions are still valid.

<u>Share-based payments</u>
The Company makes certain estimates and assumptions when calculating the fair values of stock options and warrants granted. The significant assumptions used include estimates of expected volatility, expected life and the expected risk-free rate of return. Changes in these assumptions may result in a material change to the expense recorded for the issuance of stock options and warrants.

<u>Functional currency</u>
The Company has determined the functional currency of each entity is the Canadian dollar. Determination of functional currency may involve certain judgments to determine the primary economic environment and the Company reconsiders the functional currency of its entities if there is a change in events and conditions which determined the primary economic environment.

3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Going concern

The Company must assess its ability to continue as a going concern. Factors that affect this determination include current cash and investments, budgeted expenditures for future periods and the conditions of the market for exploration companies.

New accounting pronouncements

During the year ended December 31, 2022, the Company adopted certain new accounting standards and pronouncements, none of which had a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

There are no other standards or IFRIC interpretations that are yet effective that would be expected to have a material impact on the Company.

4. CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

The capital structure of the Company consists of capital and equity comprising share capital, warrants, reserves and deficit. The Company manages its capital structure and makes adjustments to it, based on the funds available to the Company, in order to support the acquisition, exploration and development of mineral properties. The Board of Directors does not establish quantitative return on capital criteria for management, but rather relies on the expertise of the Company's management to sustain future development of the business. The properties in which the Company has an interest are in the exploration stage; as such, the Company has historically relied on the equity markets to fund its activities. The Company will continue to assess new properties and seek to acquire an interest in additional properties if it feels there is sufficient geologic or economic potential and if it has adequate financial resources to do so. Management reviews its capital management approach on an ongoing basis which remains unchanged since December 31, 2022. The Company is not subject to externally imposed capital requirements.

5. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Financial instruments recorded at fair value on the consolidated statement of financial position are classified using a fair value hierarchy that reflects the significance of the inputs used in making the measurements. The fair value hierarchy has the following levels:

Level 1 – valuation based on quoted prices (unadjusted) observed in active markets for identical assets or liabilities

Level 2 – valuation techniques based on inputs that are quoted prices or similar instruments in active markets; inputs other than quoted prices used in a valuation model that are observable for that instrument; and inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means

Level 3 – valuation techniques with significant unobservable market inputs

The Company does not have any level 2 or 3 fair value measurements, and there have been no transfers between levels.

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5. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

As at December 31, 2022	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Financial assets	$	$	$	$
Cash and short term investments	8,974,382	-	-	8,974,382
Marketable securities	5,205,001	-	-	5,205,001
Total financial assets	14,179,383	-	-	14,179,383

As at December 31, 2021	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Financial assets	$	$	$	$
Cash and short term investments	20,300,998	-	-	20,300,998
Marketable securities	5,018,335	-	-	5,018,335
Total financial assets	25,319,333	-	-	25,319,333

As at December 31, 2022	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	$	$	$	$
Financial liabilites				
Performance share unit liabilities	43,483	-	-	43,483
Deferred share unit liabilities	1,024,187	-	-	1,024,187
Total financial liabilities	1,067,670	-	-	1,067,670

As at December 31, 2021	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	$	$	$	$
Financial liabilites				
Deferred share unit liabilities	1,217,213	-	-	1,217,213
Total financial liabilities	1,217,213	-	-	1,217,213

Financial Risk Factors

The Company has exposure to credit risk, liquidity risk and market risk. The Company's Board of Directors has the overall responsibility for the oversight of these risks and reviews the Company's policies on an ongoing basis to ensure that these risks are appropriately managed, which are summarized below:

Credit risk
Credit risk is the risk of loss associated with a counterparty's inability to fulfill its payment obligations. The Company's credit risk is primarily attributable to receivables, which is mainly comprised of government tax refunds. Management believes that the credit risk concentration with respect to financial

5. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

instruments included in the receivables is not significant. The Company holds cash and invests it in interest bearing deposit accounts at its financial institution. Management believes that the associated credit risk for its invested cash is low.

Liquidity risk
Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they become due. As at December 31, 2022, the Company had cash and short-term investments of $8,974,382 to settle current liabilities of $1,557,962. To the extent that the Company does not believe it has sufficient liquidity to meet its current obligations, the Board of Directors considers securing additional funds through equity or partnering transactions. All of the Company's financial liabilities are short-term in nature and are subject to normal trade terms.

Market risk
Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices, such as interest rates, foreign exchange rates, and equity prices will affect the Company's income or the value of its financial instruments.

(a) Interest rate risk –The Company's current policy is to invest excess cash in either interest bearing deposit accounts or Guaranteed Income Certificates ("GICs") issued by its financial institutions. Management believes it has minimal exposure to interest rate risk.

As at December 31, 2022, the Company held $2,000,000 in short term investments (December 31, 2021 – nil). As at December 31, 2022, the carrying value of the Company's short-term investments was $2,000,000 (December 31, 2021 - $nil).

(b) Foreign exchange risk - The Company transacts certain business in Euro and U.S. Dollars, and therefore is subject to foreign exchange risk on certain receivables, trade payables and cash balances. The Company attempts to mitigate these risks by managing its foreign exchange inflows and outflows. No hedging instruments have been used by the Company, however, depending upon the nature and level of future foreign exchange transactions, consideration may be given to the use of hedging instruments. The Company believes that it adequately manages its foreign exchange risk, and the risk is minimal.

The following table shows the net exposures in US dollars and Euro at December 31, 2022.

	US$	Euro
Cash and deposits	**324,431**	**716,976**
Receivables	**-**	**127,045**
Trade payables	**(74)**	**(239,856)**
Net currency exposure	**324,357**	**604,165**

Based on the above currency exposures, a 10% change in the value of each currency to the value of the Canadian dollar would impact the Company's net loss by:

US$	Euro
32,436	**60,417**

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5. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

(c) Equity risk – The Company is exposed to market risk because of the fluctuating values of its publicly traded marketable securities. The Company has no control over these fluctuations and does not hedge its investments. Based on the value of the marketable securities at December 31, 2022, every 10% increase or decrease in the share prices of these companies would have impacted the loss for the year, up or down, by approximately $520,500 (December 31, 2021 - $501,833).

6. RECEIVABLES

A summary of the Company's receivables is as follows:

	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021
	$	$
Harmonized sales tax receivable	**18,164**	36,555
Value added tax receivable	**183,193**	205,139
Accrued interest receivable	**90,458**	-
Receivable from partners	**302**	-
	292,117	241,694

7. MARKETABLE SECURITIES

Marketable securities consist of common shares listed on an active market that have been received pursuant to mineral property option agreements (Note 8). Changes in marketable securities outstanding are as follows:

	As at December 31, 2022	As at December 31, 2021
	$	**$**
Cost:		
Opening balance	**4,709,669**	4,192,168
Additions	**326,666**	517,501
Ending balance	**5,036,335**	4,709,669
Fair Value		
Opening balance	**5,018,335**	5,777,501
Additions	**326,666**	517,501
Unrealized loss	**(140,000)**	(1,276,667)
Ending balance	**5,205,001**	5,018,335

The valuation of these shares has been determined in whole by reference to the closing price of the shares on the Exchange or the Canadian Securities Exchange ("CSE") at each reporting period.

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8. EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION ASSETS

As at December 31, 2022

Property	Balance, Beginning of Year	Additions	Receipts From Partners	Option Recoveries	Properties Written Down	Balance, End of Year
Risti	27,964,453	5,044,569	-	-	-	33,009,022
Launi	6,918,527	559,380	-	-	-	7,477,907
Sadin	212,801	157,116	(147,139)	-	-	222,778
Lapio	19,815	142,975	-	-	-	162,790
Silasselka	151,227	-	-	(151,227)	-	-
Other	13,941	32,083	(30,005)	-	(2,078)	13,941
	35,280,764	**5,936,123**	**(177,144)**	**(151,227)**	**(2,078)**	**40,886,438**

As at December 31, 2021

Property	Balance, Beginning of Year	Additions	Receipts From Partners	Option Recoveries	Properties Written Down	Balance, End of Year
Risti	23,985,417	3,979,036	-	-	-	27,964,453
Launi	5,778,528	1,492,789	-	-	(352,790)	6,918,527
Sadin	36,455	176,346	-	-	-	212,801
Lapio	1,321	18,494	-	-	-	19,815
Silasselka	1,054	150,173	-	-	-	151,227
Other	30,676	16,643	-	-	(33,378)	13,941
	29,833,451	**5,833,481**	**-**	**-**	**(386,168)**	**35,280,764**

(a) On August 13, 2015, the Company signed a binding letter agreement with B2Gold Corp. ("B2Gold"), granting B2Gold the right to earn up to an undivided 75% interest of an approximately 25,000 ha project area in Finland. On January 18, 2016, the Company formalized a definitive option agreement with B2Gold consistent with the terms of the binding letter agreement signed on August 12, 2015.

Under the terms of the option agreement, B2Gold could earn an initial 51% interest by completing $5,000,000 in exploration expenditures, paying the Company $50,000 cash and issuing 550,000 B2Gold common shares over four years. B2Gold could earn an additional 19% interest by spending a further $10,000,000 over two years and earn an additional 5% interest (for a total of 75%) by completing a bankable feasibility study. The first year guaranteed commitment required $750,000 in exploration expenditures, including 2,000 meters of drilling and payment of $50,000 cash and 50,000 B2Gold shares. Over the period from January 18, 2016 to August 13, 2019, the Company received a total of $50,000 in cash and 550,000 B2Gold common shares.

8. EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION ASSETS (Continued)

On August 13, 2019, the Company received a Notice of Exercise of Option from B2Gold confirming that B2Gold had fulfilled its obligations under the option agreement dated January 18, 2016, and that as of August 14, 2019, the Option was deemed to be exercised.

On August 14, 2019, the Company entered into a Shareholders Agreement ("Shareholders Agreement") with B2Gold for the management and operation of Fingold Ventures Ltd. ("Fingold") which holds the Kutuvuoma, Ahvenjarvi, Sore-Eksy, Tepsa and Sinermanpalo properties. B2Gold holds 51% and the Company holds 49% of Fingold share capital.

On April 15, 2021, the Company entered into an agreement with B2Gold for the amendment of the Shareholders Agreement dated August 13, 2019 ("Amending Agreement"). The primary amendment was the inclusion of the Kiekerömaa property in the scope of the Shareholders Agreement and the subsequent transfer of the related permits to B2Gold.

On October 18, 2021, the Company announced that B2Gold provided notice to the Company to exercise its option to acquire an additional 19% interest in Fingold, pursuant to the Shareholders Agreement of August 14, 2019, taking its total interest in Fingold to 70%. B2Gold also provided the Company with notice of its intention to solely fund all programs and budgets until completion of a Feasibility Study as is required per the terms of the Shareholders Agreement to acquire its remaining 5% ownership interest.

On December 7, 2021, the Company received notice from B2Gold that the option to acquire the additional 5% interest was terminated and the ownership interests of B2Gold and the Company will remain at 70% and 30% respectively. Effective February 6, 2022, the B2Gold sole funding period ended and the Company began contributing 30% to the cost of funding all programs and budgets.

(b) On October 26, 2021, the Company entered into an option agreement with B2Gold granting B2Gold the option to earn up to a 75% interest in the Company's wholly owned Kuortis Property in northern Finland. Under the terms of the agreement, B2Gold may acquire up to a 75% undivided interest over five years by issuing 50,000 B2Gold common shares and incurring $2,500,000 in expenditures. Under the First Option, B2Gold may earn the right to acquire a 51% undivided interest in the property by issuing 25,000 B2Gold common shares and incurring a minimum of $750,000 in expenditures on or before the second anniversary date and, incurring additional expenditures of not less than $1,750,000 on or before the fifth anniversary date. Under the Second Option, B2Gold may earn the right to acquire an additional 24% undivided interest in the property by completing the First Option and providing notice of same, and, by issuing an additional 25,000 B2Gold common shares and incurring expenditures of not less than $2,500,000 on or before the fifth anniversary date.

(c) On August 17, 2018, the Company signed an option agreement with Kinross Gold Corporation ("Kinross"), granting Kinross the right to earn up to an undivided 70% interest in the Outa project in northern Finland. Under the terms of the agreement, Kinross must spend US$5,000,000 over five years to earn a 70% interest in the project and Kinross has agreed to expend US$1,000,000 on exploration of the project within the first two years.

8. EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION ASSETS (Continued)

On May 3, 2021, the Company received formal notice from Kinross that the option agreement with the Company was terminated effective April 1, 2021.

(d) On November 5, 2021, the Company entered into an option agreement with Kinross, granting Kinross the right to earn up to a 70% undivided interest in the Silaskaira property in northern Finland. Under the terms of the agreement, Kinross can earn a 70% undivided interest in the project by making a cash payment of $100,000 and incurring expenditures of US$5,000,000 on, or before, the fifth anniversary of the agreement. Kinross has agreed to incur a minimum of US$1,000,000 in exploration expenditures within the first two years and will act as the operator. Should the Company's interest in the future joint venture be diluted to 10% or less, the Company's interest will be converted to a 2% Net Smelter Returns Royalty ("NSR") on the property. The Company also amended its agreement with Dragon Mining Ltd ("Dragon"), whereby it has issued 130,000 common shares of the Company to Dragon to eliminate encumbrances on the Silaskaira property.

(e) On April 24, 2019, the Company entered into an option agreement with Strategic Resources Inc. ("Strategic") granting Strategic the option to earn a 100% interest in the Company's wholly owned Silasselka Vanadium Project in northern Finland. Under the terms of the option agreement, Strategic may acquire up to a 100% interest in the project by paying $500,000 cash, issuing 8,000,000 Strategic shares and incurring $3,000,000 in exploration expenditures, through a two stage earn-in over a period of three years.

On June 16, 2020, the Company signed an agreement to amend the terms of the option agreement entered into with Strategic on April 24, 2019. Under the terms of the amending agreement, Strategic was granted a single option to acquire 100% interest in the Silasselka property by paying $500,000 and granting 8,000,000 common shares of Strategic over three years and, with the exception of expenditures required to keep the property in good standing, the requirement to incur a minimum of $3,000,000 in expenditures was waived.

On June 10, 2021, the Company received 1,916,667 Strategic shares at a fair value of $517,501 (Note 7) which is reflected as a gain on property transactions in the consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive loss for the year ended December 31, 2021.

On June 10, 2022, the Company received 1,166,666 Strategic shares at a fair value of $326,666 (Note 7). The value of the shares received was offset by the related deferred asset balance of $151,226 and the resulting gain of $175,440 is reflected as a gain on property transactions in the consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive loss for the year ended December 31, 2022.

As at December 31, 2022, the Company received a total of 8,000,000 Strategic shares and $500,000. Strategic has met the terms of the agreement and earned 100% interest in the property.

(f) During the year ended December 31, 2021, the Company determined that the land permits in the United States no longer hold merit for future development. The carrying value of the properties was reduced to nil by a write down of $21,068 recorded at December 31, 2021.

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8. EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION ASSETS (Continued)

(g) On May 19, 2022, the Company entered into an agreement with S2 Resources Ltd ("S2") to acquire a 100% interest of a land tenement in Northern Finland by issuing 200,000 common shares to S2. On June 14, 2022, pursuant to the terms of the agreement, the Company issued 200,000 common shares with a fair value of $152,000 ($0.76) to acquire 100% interest in the property. The shares will be held in escrow pending permit extension approval by the regulatory agency in Finland and title transfer to the Company.

(h) On August 7, 2022, the Company announced that it had agreed with Tertiary Minerals Plc ("Tertiary") to acquire and cancel the pre-production and NSR held by Tertiary on two gold prospects that were purchased from Tertiary pursuant to an agreement dated December 1, 2016. It was agreed that the royalties on the Kaaresselkä property, which is 100% owned by the Company and Kiekerömaa property, which is included in B2Gold Shareholders' Agreement would be repurchased by the Company for total consideration of $200,000 and 83,333 common shares of the Company. The B2Gold/ Aurion Joint Venture paid $125,000 and $75,000 was paid from the Company. The 83,333 common shares were issued from Treasury by the Company on September 2, 2022.

9. INVESTMENT IN ASSOCIATE

The Company has a 30% equity interest (3,000 common shares) in Fingold which was incorporated on August 14, 2019, subsequent to B2Gold exercising its Option on August 13, 2019, pursuant to the Option Agreement entered into on January 18, 2016 (Note 8).

On October 18, 2021, B2Gold exercised its option to acquire an additional 19% interest in Fingold, taking its total interest in Fingold to 70%. On December 7, 2021, B2Gold terminated its option to acquire an additional 5% interest, leaving the ownership interests of B2Gold and the Company at 70% and 30% respectively. The B2Gold period of sole funding ended on February 6, 2022 and the Company began contributing 30% of capital to Fingold.

	As at December 31, 2022	As at December 31, 2021
	$	$
Current assets	1,039,546	1,385,914
Non-current assets	27,678,808	15,035,021
Current liabilities	194,909	3,614,058
Loss for the year	1,559,927	1,832,549
The Company's percent of ownership	30%	30%

(Expressed in Canadian Dollars)

9. INVESTMENT IN ASSOCIATE (Continued)

The following table is a reconciliation of the carrying value of the investment in Fingold:

	As at December 31, 2022	As at December 31, 2021
	$	$
Opening balance	3,842,062	3,851,826
Investment in associate	3,979,943	-
Contribution from associate	797,357	2,068,968
Proportionate share of loss	(467,978)	(657,479)
Proportionate share of foreign currency translation	405,650	(113,674)
Dilution loss	-	(1,307,579)
Ending balance	8,557,034	3,842,062

As of December 31, 2022, the Company is obliged to pay $819,002 (2021- $nil) to fund its pro rata share of operating expenditures of the joint venture.

10. RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS

The Company has one office lease for its corporate office space in St. John’s, NL. The Company was released from the terms of this lease at May 31, 2022 in conjunction with entering into a new two year lease for its corporate office space in the same building. The continuity of ROU assets is as follows:

	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021
	$	$
ROU assets, opening balance	28,854	63,478
Cancellation of remaining lease term	(17,313)	-
Addition of new lease	31,603	-
Less, depreciation of ROU assets	(20,759)	(34,624)
ROU assets, ending balance	22,385	28,854

(Expressed in Canadian Dollars)

11. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

	As at December 31, 2022			As at December 31, 2021		
	Computers	Furniture and Equipment	Total	Computers	Furniture and Equipment	Total
	$	$	$	$	$	$
Cost:						
Opening balance	252,384	268,078	520,462	252,384	320,827	573,211
Additions	20,367	75,210	95,577	5,158	-	5,158
Disposals	-	-	-	(5,158)	(52,749)	(57,907)
Ending balance	**272,751**	**343,288**	**616,039**	252,384	268,078	520,462
Depreciation:						
Opening balance	248,668	180,647	429,315	215,709	140,571	356,280
Additions	10,415	62,668	73,083	34,700	57,899	92,599
Disposals	-	-	-	(1,741)	(17,823)	(19,564)
Ending balance	**259,083**	**243,315**	**502,398**	248,668	180,647	429,315
Carrying value:						
Opening balance	3,716	87,431	91,147	36,675	180,256	216,931
Ending balance	**13,668**	**99,973**	**113,641**	3,716	87,431	91,147

12. LEASE LIABILITES

The continuity for the lease liabilities is as follows:

	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021
	$	$
Lease liabilities, opening balance	**34,624**	72,552
Cancellation of remaining lease term	**(17,312)**	-
Addition of new lease	**31,601**	-
Less, lease payments	**(28,321)**	(43,473)
Interest expense	**2,434**	5,545
Lease liabilities, ending balance	**23,026**	34,624
Less, current portion of lease liabilities	**(23,026)**	(34,624)
Non-current portion of lease liabilities	**-**	-

13. SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

Share Capital

Authorized

An unlimited number of common shares with no par value, and
An unlimited number of preferred shares issuable in series.

Issued during the year ended December 31, 2022:

On January 10, 2022, the Company issued 4,500 common shares pursuant to the exercise of warrants for gross proceeds of $3,825 ($0.85 per warrant). The Company also recorded a fair value transfer between share-based payment reserve and share capital of $1,965 in connection with the exercise.

On March 14, 2022, the Company issued 11,874 common shares pursuant to the exercise of warrants for gross proceeds of $10,093 ($0.85 per warrant). The Company also recorded a fair value transfer between share-based payment reserve and share capital of $5,185 in connection with the exercise.

On June 8, 2022, the Company issued 200,000 common shares with a fair value of $152,000 pursuant to the terms of a property acquisition agreement (Note 8).

On August 24, 2022, the Company issued 83,333 common shares with a fair value of $50,000 pursuant to a royalty repurchase agreement (Note 8).

Issued during the year ended December 31, 2021:

On January 19, 2021, the Company issued 1,800,000 common shares pursuant to the exercise of stock options for gross proceeds of $180,000 ($0.10 per share). The Company also recorded a fair value transfer between share-based payment reserve and share capital of $173,850 in connection with the exercise.

On February 23, 2021, the Company announced the completion of a marketed private placement and a non-brokered private placement for an aggregate of 13,425,033 common shares issued at a price of $0.85 for gross proceeds of $11,411,278.

Under the marketed private placement, a total of 11,855,033 common shares were issued at a price of $0.85 for gross proceeds of $10,076,778. The marketed private placement was led by Cormark Securities Inc. on behalf of a syndicate of agents (collectively, the "Agents") including Canaccord Genuity Corp., Haywood Securities Inc, and PI Financial Corp. In consideration for their services, the Agents received a cash commission of $537,723, equal to 5.5% of the gross proceeds of the marketed private placement, other than in respect to certain purchasers on a president's list (the "President's List"), in which case such cash commission was reduced to 2.75%. Additionally, the Agents received 632,615 broker warrants (the "Broker Warrants") such a number equal to 5.5% of the number of Common Shares issued under the Offering, and other than in respect of certain purchasers on the President's List, in which case such number of Broker Warrants was reduced to 2.75%. The Broker Warrants are exercisable at a price of $0.85 per common share for a period of two years from the closing of the marketed private placement.

13. SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (Continued)

The fair value of the broker warrants granted was estimated at $276,243 ($0.44 per warrant) based on the Black-Scholes pricing model, with the following assumptions: risk-free interest rate of 1.5%, volatility of 87%, dividend yield of 0%, forfeiture rate of 0% and an expected life of two years. The Company incurred other costs of $202,292 in cash for total share issuance costs in connection with the brokered and non-brokered private placement of $1,016,258.

Under the non-brokered financing, a total of 1,570,000 common shares were issued for gross proceeds of $1,334,500. The non-brokered financing was fully subscribed by Kinross who exercised their pro rata right granted pursuant to a prior financing to maintain a 9.98% interest in the issued and outstanding shares of the Company.

On June 30, 2021, the Company issued 175,000 common shares pursuant to the exercise of stock options for gross proceeds of $45,500 ($0.26 per share). The Company also recorded a fair value transfer between share-based payment reserve and share capital of $45,559 in connection with the exercise.

On November 25, 2021, the Company announced the completion of a marketed private placement and a non-brokered private placement for an aggregate of 18,548,167 common shares issued at a price of $0.90 for gross proceeds of $16,693,350.

Under the marketed private placement, a total of 16,666,667 common shares were issued at a price of $0.90 for gross proceeds of $15,000,000. The marketed private placement was led by Red Cloud Securities Inc. ("Red Cloud") on behalf of a syndicate of agents (collectively, the "Agents"). In consideration for their services, the Agents received a cash commission of $884,192 equal to 6% of the gross proceeds of the marketed private placement, other than in respect to certain purchasers on a president's list (the "President's List"), in which case such cash commission was reduced to 3%. Additionally, the Agents received 951,308 broker warrants (the "Broker Warrants") such a number equal to 6% of the number of Common Shares issued under the Offering, and other than in respect of certain purchasers on the President's List, in which case such number of Broker Warrants was reduced to 3%. The Broker Warrants are exercisable at a price of $0.90 per common share for a period of two years from the closing of the marketed private placement. The fair value of the broker warrants granted was estimated at $545,823 ($0.57 per warrant) based on the Black-Scholes pricing model, with the following assumptions: risk-free interest rate of 0.98%, volatility of 87%, dividend yield of 0%, forfeiture rate of 0% and an expected life of two years. The Company incurred other costs of $232,463 in cash for total share issuance costs in connection with the brokered and non-brokered private placement of $1,662,478.

Under the non-brokered financing, a total of 1,881,500 common shares were issued for gross proceeds of $1,693,350. The non-brokered financing was fully subscribed by Kinross who exercised their pro rata right granted pursuant to a prior financing to maintain a 9.98% interest in the issued and outstanding shares of the Company.

On November 25, 2021, the Company issued 130,000 common shares with a fair value of $143,000 pursuant to the terms of an amending agreement entered into on October 28, 2021, with Dragon (Note 8).

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13. SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (Continued)

Preferred shares

The preferred shares which have been authorized may be issued in one or more series and the directors are authorized to fix the number of shares in each series and to determine the designation, rights, privileges, restrictions and conditions attached to the shares of each series. No preferred shares have been issued from incorporation to December 31, 2022.

Deferred Share Units

The Company has a Deferred Share Unit Plan ("DSU Plan") under which Deferred Share Units ("DSUs") may be granted to directors, officers and employees of the Company. The purpose of the Company's DSU Plan is to advance the interests of the Company by: (i) aligning the interests of directors, officers and employees with the interests of the shareholders; (ii) encouraging directors, officers and employees to remain associated with the Company; and (iii) furnishing directors, officers and employees with an additional incentive in their efforts on behalf of the Company. DSUs are redeemable upon departure from the Company, at the holder's option, and will be settled in cash. The fair value of DSUs granted will be recorded as a liability, the value of which on any particular date being equal to the market value of the Company shares.

Changes in DSUs outstanding are as follows:

	December 31, 2022		December 31, 2021	
	Granted	**Vested**	Granted	Vested
Opening balance	**1,902,619**	**443,902**	1,327,098	316,964
Granted	**557,264**	**-**	1,067,784	-
Vested	**-**	**608,205**	-	301,753
Cancelled	**-**	**-**	(174,815)	(174,815)
Redeemed	**-**	**-**	(317,448)	
Adjustment to opening balance	**31**	**-**	-	-
Ending balance	**2,459,914**	**1,052,107**	1,902,619	443,902

During the year ended December 31, 2022, the Company recognized a net credit of $193,026 in share-based payment expense relating to DSUs outstanding with an offset recorded in deferred share unit liability.

As a result of DSUs marked to market at December 31, 2022, the total DSU liability was $1,024,187 (December 31, 2021 - $1,217,213).

On March 31, 2021, upon the resignation of the President, 174,815 DSUs, the total vested DSUs held by the President at that date, were redeemed at a value of $0.84 per DSU for a cash payment of $146,845 with an offset recorded to deferred share unit liability. As a part of this transaction, 317,448 DSUs, the total unvested DSUs held by the President at that date, were cancelled and the previously recorded expense of $127,901 related to these DSUs was recorded as a credit to share-based payments with an offset to deferred share unit liability.

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13. SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (Continued)

During the year ended December 31, 2021, the Company recognized expense of $437,771 in share-based payment expense relating to DSUs outstanding with an offset recorded in deferred share unit liability.

As a result of DSUs marked to market at December 31, 2021, along with adjustments recorded for redemptions and cancellations, the total DSU liability was $1,217,213 (December 31, 2020 - $779,442).

The following is a summary of DSUs granted to officers, directors and employees for the year ended December 31, 2022:

Grant date	# DSUs granted	Market value*	Vesting details
31-Mar-22	83,333	$ 1.02	1/3 on each of first, second and third anniversaries of grant
30-Jun-22	125,000	$ 0.68	1/3 on each of first, second and third anniversaries of grant
30-Sep-22	202,381	$ 0.42	1/3 on each of first, second and third anniversaries of grant
31-Dec-22	146,550	$ 0.58	1/3 on each of first, second and third anniversaries of grant
	557,264		

* Volume weighted average trading price for 5 days prior to grant date used in determination of DSU awards

The following is a summary of DSUs granted to officers, directors and employees for the year ended December 31, 2021:

Grant date	# DSUs granted	Market value*	Vesting details
31-Mar-21	530,488	$ 0.82	1/3 on each of first, second and third anniversaries of grant
30-Jun-21	84,158	$ 1.01	1/3 on each of first, second and third anniversaries of grant
30-Sep-21	116,438	$ 0.73	1/3 on each of first, second and third anniversaries of grant
11-Nov-21	271,845	$ 1.03	1/3 on each of first, second and third anniversaries of grant
31-Dec-21	64,855	$ 1.31	1/3 on each of first, second and third anniversaries of grant
	1,067,784		

* Volume weighted average trading price for 5 days prior to grant date used in determination of DSU awards

Performance Share Units

The Company has a Performance Share Unit Plan ("PSU Plan") under which Performance Share Units ("PSUs") may be granted to directors, officers, employees, and consultants of the Company. The purpose of the Company's PSU Plan is to advance the interests of the Company by providing a cash bonus to participants in the event of a change of control of the Company. PSUs are redeemable upon a change of control of the Company and will be settled in cash. The fair value of PSUs granted will be recorded as a liability, the value of which on any particular date being equal to the market value of the Company shares.

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13. SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (Continued)

Changes in PSUs outstanding are as follows:

	December 31, 2022		December 31, 2021	
	Granted	**Vested**	Granted	Vested
Opening balance	**-**	**-**	-	-
Granted	**1,330,000**	**-**	-	-
Vested	**-**	**-**	-	-
Ending balance	**1,330,000**	-	-	-

During the year ended December 31, 2022, the Company recognized $43,483 in share-based payment expense relating to PSUs outstanding with an offset recorded in performance share unit liability.

As a result of PSUs marked to market at December 31, 2022, the total PSU liability was $43,483 (December 31, 2021-$nil).

The following is a summary of PSUs granted to officers, directors and employees for the year ended December 31, 2022:

Grant date	**# PSUs granted**	**Market value***	**Vesting details**
28-Nov-22	1,330,000	$ 0.50	1/3 on each of first, second and third anniversaries of grant
	1,330,000		

* Volume weighted average trading price for 5 days prior to grant date used in determination of PSU award value

There were no PSUs granted to officers, directors and employees for the year ended December 31, 2021.

Stock options

The Company has a Stock Option Plan under which options to purchase common shares in the Company may be granted to directors, officers, key employees and consultants of the Company. The maximum number of options which may be granted under the stock option plan is equivalent to 10% of the issued and outstanding common shares of the Company. The exercise price for the options is set by the Company at an amount equal to the Exchange trading price on the day preceding the date the options are granted, less any applicable discount as permitted by the Exchange policies as decided by the Company. The exercise period for the options is determined by the Company at the time the options are granted and shall not exceed ten years. Vesting terms for the options are also determined by the Company at the time of grant.

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13. SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (Continued)

Changes in stock options outstanding are as follows:

	December 31, 2022		December 31, 2021	
	Number	Weighted-Average Exercise Price ($)	Number	Weighted-Average Exercise Price ($)
Opening balance,	**7,785,000**	**1.39**	7,745,000	1.17
Granted	**2,480,000**	**1.22**	2,015,000	0.95
Exercised	**-**	**-**	(1,975,000)	0.11
Expired	**(1,975,000)**	**1.75**	-	-
Ending balance	**8,290,000**	**1.25**	7,785,000	1.39

The following table summarizes information about stock options outstanding and exercisable:

	Total Outstanding Options				Total Exercisable Options		
Exercise Price ($)	Number of Outstanding Options	Remaining Contractual Life	Weighted-Average Exercise Price ($)		Number of Exercisable Options	Remaining Contractual Life	Weighted-Average Exercise Price ($)
0.50	375,000	4.91	0.50		-	4.91	0.50
1.35	2,105,000	4.07	1.35		1,052,500	4.07	1.35
0.95	1,965,000	3.19	0.95		1,965,000	3.19	0.95
0.95	50,000	3.44	0.95		50,000	3.44	0.95
1.00	400,000	0.05	1.00	*	400,000	0.05	1.00
1.05	275,000	0.96	1.05		275,000	0.96	1.05
1.10	1,110,000	0.18	1.10	*	1,110,000	0.18	1.10
1.38	100,000	2.58	1.38		100,000	2.58	1.38
1.67	300,000	1.89	1.67		300,000	1.89	1.67
1.78	1,510,000	1.68	1.78		1,510,000	1.68	1.78
1.79	100,000	1.92	1.79		100,000	1.92	1.79
	8,290,000	2.52	1.25		6,862,500	2.15	1.28

*expired subsequent to December 31, 2022

Share-based payment reserve

The stock option reserve records items recognized as share-based compensation expense until such time that the stock options are exercised, at which time the corresponding amount will be transferred to share capital.

13. SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (Continued)

During the year ended December 31, 2022, the Company recorded share-based payment expense of $1,941,668 which represents the fair value of stock options vested, granted and accrued with offsetting amount credited to reserves.

On January 25, 2022, the Company granted 2,105,000 stock options to directors, officers, employees and consultants, exercisable at a price of $1.35 per share until January 24, 2027. The fair value of the stock options granted was estimated at $0.88 per option based on the Black-Scholes option pricing model, with the following assumptions: risk-free interest rate of 1.23%, volatility of 93.24%, dividend yield of 0%, forfeiture rate of 0%, and an expected life of 5 years. The options will vest in two tranches, 50% on July 24, 2022 and 50% on January 24, 2023.

On November 28, 2022, the Company granted 375,000 stock options to directors, officers, employees and consultants, exercisable at a price of $0.50 per share until November 28, 2027. The fair value of the stock options granted was estimated at $0.30 per option based on the Black-Scholes option pricing model, with the following assumptions: risk-free interest rate of 3.28%, volatility of 85.72%, dividend yield of 0%, forfeiture rate of 0%, and an expected life of 5 years. The options will vest in two tranches, 50% on May 28, 2023 and 50% on November 28, 2023.

During the year ended December 31, 2021, the Company recorded share-based payment expense of $1,175,094 which represents the fair value of stock options vested, granted and accrued with offsetting amount credited to reserves.

On March 17, 2021, the Company granted 1,965,000 stock options to directors, officers, employees and consultants, exercisable at a price of $0.95 per share until March 9, 2026. The fair value of the stock options granted was estimated at $0.63 per option based on the Black-Scholes option pricing model, with the following assumptions: risk-free interest rate of 0.58%, volatility of 99.73%, dividend yield of 0%, forfeiture rate of 0%, and an expected life of 5 years. Of the total stock options issued, 100,000 will vest in two tranches, 50% on March 9, 2022 and 50% on September 9, 2022 and 1,865,000 will vest in two tranches, 50% on September 9, 2021 and 50% on March 9, 2022.

On June 7, 2021, the Company granted 50,000 stock options to directors, officers, employees and consultants, exercisable at a price of $0.95 per share until June 7, 2026. The fair value of the stock options granted was estimated at $0.78 per option based on the Black-Scholes option pricing model, with the following assumptions: risk-free interest rate of 0.71%, volatility of 96.93%, dividend yield of 0%, forfeiture rate of 0%, and an expected life of 5 years. The stock options will vest in two tranches, 50% on December 7, 2021 and 50% on June 7, 2022.

Expired stock options and warrants reserve

The expired stock options and warrants reserve records the value of any stock options or warrants that have expired unexercised.

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13. SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (Continued)

Warrants

Changes in warrants outstanding are as follows:

	December 31, 2022		December 31, 2021	
	Number	**Weighted-Average Exercise Price ($)**	Number	Weighted-Average Exercise Price ($)
Opening balance,	**1,583,923**	**0.88**	720,481	1.30
Issued	**-**	**-**	1,583,923	0.88
Exercised	**(16,374)**	**0.85**	-	-
Expired	**-**	**-**	(720,481)	1.30
Ending balance	**1,567,549**	**0.88**	1,583,923	0.88

The following table summarizes information about warrants outstanding:

Number of Outstanding Warrants		**Exercise Price ($)**	**Expiry Date**
616,241	*	0.85	February 23, 2023
951,308		0.90	November 25, 2023
1,567,549			

* expired subsequent to December 31, 2022

14. INCOME TAXES

(a) A reconciliation of income taxes at statutory rates with the reported taxes is as follows:

	2022	2021
	$	$
Net loss for the year	**(4,714,201)**	(7,381,406)
Expected income tax recovery	**(1,414,000)**	(2,214,000)
Permanent differences	**730,000**	904,000
Change in statutory, foreign tax, foreign exchange rates and other	**(277,000)**	1,178,000
Impact of disposition of subsidiary	**589,000**	-
Share issuance costs	**-**	(557,000)
Change in unrecognized deductable temporary differences	**372,000**	689,000
Total income tax expense (recovery)	**-**	-

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14. INCOME TAXES (Continued)

(b) The significant components of the Company's deferred tax assets that have not been included on the consolidated statement of financial position are as follows:

	2022	2021
	$	$
Deferred tax assets		
Exploration and evaluation assets	**56,000**	622,000
Property and equipment	**83,000**	241,000
Financing costs and other	**742,000**	981,000
Allowable capital losses	**60,000**	91,000
Non-capital losses available for future period	**5,861,000**	4,495,000
	6,802,000	6,430,000
Unrecognized deferred tax assets	**(6,802,000)**	(6,430,000)
Net deferred tax assets	**-**	-

(c) The significant components of the Company's temporary differences, unused tax credits and unused tax losses that have not been included on the consolidated statement of financial position are as follows:

	2022	**expiry date range**	2021	expiry date range
	$		$	
Temporary differences				
Exploration and evaluation assets	**114,000**	**no expiry date**	2,154,000	no expiry date
Property and equipment	**276,000**	**no expiry date**	1,079,000	no expiry date
Financing costs and other	**2,472,000**	**2043 to 2046**	3,273,000	2042 to 2045
Allowable capital losses	**201,000**	**no expiry date**	303,000	no expiry date
Non-capital losses available for future period	**20,411,000**	**2025 onwards**	14,928,000	2025 onwards
Canada	**13,164,000**	**2026 to 2042**	9,862,000	2026 to 2041
USA	**5,284,000**	**2031 onwards**	3,994,000	2031 onwards
Mexico	**-**		33,000	2025 to 2030
Finland	**1,961,000**	**2028 to 2031**	979,000	2028 to 2031
Sweden	**-**	**no expiry date**	60,000	no expiry date
	20,409,000		14,928,000	

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14. INCOME TAXES (Continued)

(d) The Company has Canadian non-capital losses of approximately $15,888,000 (2021- $13,058,000) which are available to reduce future taxable income. These non-capital losses expire as follows:

	$
2028	**123,000**
2029	**296,000**
2030	**332,000**
2031	**782,000**
2032	**634,000**
2033	**662,000**
2034	**458,000**
2035	**583,000**
2036	**506,000**
2037	**1,309,000**
2038	**1,388,000**
2039	**1,825,000**
2040	**2,045,000**
2041	**2,884,000**
2042	**2,061,000**
	15,888,000

The Company also has available Canadian development expenses of approximately $40,000 (2021 - $40,000) and Canadian exploration expenses of $20,000 (2021 - $20,000) which may be deducted in determining Canadian taxable income of future years. The Company also has available exploration and development expenses incurred in foreign jurisdictions which can be deducted from taxable income of future years in those jurisdictions. The Company has not recognized the potential future income tax benefits related to all of its deductible temporary differences including its non-capital losses and exploration and development expenses.

15. SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION

	For the year ended December 31,2022	For the year ended December 31, 2021
Changes in non-cash operating working capital	**$**	$
Change in receivables	**(50,421)**	(1,008)
Change in prepaid expenses	**(1,756)**	(45,691)
Change in trade payables and accrued liabilities	**(173,318)**	601,317
	(225,495)	554,618

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15. SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION (Continued)

	For the year ended December 31, 2022	For the year ended December 31, 2021
Non-cash investing and financing activities	**$**	$
Contribution from associate (Note 9)	**797,357**	2,068,968
Receipt of marketable securities as consideration for option payments (Note 7)	**326,666**	517,501
Exploration and evalution costs remaining in trade payables and accrued liabilities	**298,395**	423,648
Lease cancellation	**17,313**	-
Lease addition	**31,603**	-
Expiry of warrants	**3,136,752**	434,343
Fair value of warrants issued (Note 13)	**7,150**	822,066
Shares issued for property agreements	**202,000**	143,000
	4,817,236	4,409,526

16. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The following represents a summary of transactions with key management of the Company:

	For the year ended December 31, 2022	For the year ended December 31, 2021
	$	$
Matti Talikka, CEO	**816,978**	663,180
Mark Serdan, CFO	**424,979**	347,965
Mark Santarossa, VP Corporate Development	**269,218**	233,278
Michael Basha, (former President)	**21,712**	84,834
Other Directors	**312,109**	547,463
	1,844,996	1,876,720
Amounts expensed as:		
Salary and other short-term benefits for the CEO	**350,000**	200,000
Salary and other short-term benefits for the CFO	**250,000**	150,000
Consulting Fees paid to the VP Corp Development	**186,000**	38,500
Directors' Fees	**80,000**	75,000
Salary and other short-term benefits, VP Corp Development	**-**	42,624
Salary and other short-term benefits for the former President	**-**	100,000
Share-based compensation	**978,996**	1,270,596
	1,844,996	1,876,720

16. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (Continued)

On January 13, 2021, the Company approved a short-term loan to the CEO of the Company. The loan was issued to cover payroll taxes due upon exercise of stock options. The principal amount of the loan was $38,720 which accrued interest at a rate of 1% per annum and was to be repaid on or before January 13, 2022. For the year ended December 31, 2021, the Company recorded interest receivable of $277, reflected as interest income in the consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive loss. The loan and interest were repaid by the CEO on December 11, 2021.

At December 31, 2022, the Company owed the Chairman of the Board, $164,795 (2021 - $114,047) in accrued expenses for travel, office and other costs that were incurred by the Chairman on behalf of the Company since 2019.

17. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

On April 12, 2023, the Company announced the completion of a marketed private placement and a non-brokered private placement, for an aggregate of 12,151,730 common shares of the Company at a price of $0.55 per common share for gross proceeds of $6,683,451.

Under the marketed private placement, a total of 10,909,090 common shares were issued at a price of $0.55 for gross proceeds of $5,999,999. The marketed private placement was led by Red Cloud Securities Inc ("Red Cloud") on behalf of a syndicate of agents (the 'Agents"). In consideration for their services, reduced to 3%. Additionally, the Agents received 635,342 broker warrants, such a number equal to 6% of the number of Common Shares issued under the Offering, and other than in respect of select purchasers, the Agents received a cash commission of $349,438 equal to 6% of the gross proceeds of the marketed private placement, other than in respect to select purchasers, in which case such cash commission was in which case such number of broker warrants was reduced to 3%. The broker warrants are exercisable at a price of $0.55 per common share for a period of two years from the closing of the marketed private placement. The Company incurred other costs of $93,400 in cash for total share issuance costs in connection with the brokered private placement of $442,838.

Under the non-brokered financing, a total of 1,242,640 common shares were issued for gross proceeds of $683,452. The non-brokered financing was fully subscribed by Kinross who exercised their pro rata right granted pursuant to a prior financing to maintain a 9.98% interest in the issued and outstanding shares of the Company.

On March 31, 2023, the Company issued 132,812 DSUs to certain officers under its DSU plan at a market value of $0.64 per DSU. These DSUs will vest one third on each of March 31, 2024, March 31, 2025, and March 31, 2026.

On February 22, 2023, the Company granted 2,500,000 stock options to directors, officers, employees and consultants, exercisable at a price of $0.65 per share until February 22, 2028. The options will vest in two tranches, 50% on August 22, 2023, and 50% on February 22, 2024.