FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Expressed in Canadian Dollars)

**DECEMBER 31, 2021** 

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Shareholders of Barsele Minerals Corp.

# **Opinion**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Barsele Minerals Corp. (the "Company"), which comprise the statements of financial position as at December 31, 2021 and 2020, and the statements of loss and comprehensive loss, changes in shareholders' equity, and cash flows for the years then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as at December 31, 2021 and 2020, 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 Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained in our audit is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

# Material Uncertainty Related to Going Concern

We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statements, which indicates that the Company has incurred a loss of \$3,142,732 for the year ended December 31, 2021 and accumulated losses of \$14,956,294 as of December 31, 2021. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

# Other Information

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

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

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



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

# Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

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

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

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

# Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material miss tatement, 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 miss tatement when it exists. Miss tatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and performaudit 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 fromerror, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate
  in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal
  control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

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

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

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

Davidson & Consany LLP

Vancouver, Canada

Chartered Professional Accountants

April 22, 2022

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

(Expressed in Canadian Dollars)

Asat

		December 31, 2021		December 31, 2020
ASSETS				
Current Cash Receivables Prepaid expenses	\$	284,202 68,831 42,693		168,238 47,817 22,707
		395,726		238,762
Equity investment - exploration and evaluation assets (No	te4)	1		1
	\$	395,727	\$	238,763
LIABILITIES				
Current Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (Note 8)	\$ .	35,302	_ \$ _	58,646
Shareholders' equity Share capital (Note 5) Reserves (Note 5) Deficit	_	8,874,338 6,442,381 (14,956,294)		6,599,632 5,394,047 (11,813,562)
		360,425		180,117
	\$	395,727	\$	238,763
Nature and continuance of operations (Note 1) Subsequent event (Note 5, 12) Approved and authorized by the board on April 22,2022				
/s/Gary Cope Director	/s/Rick Saye	ers	Direc	tor
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# BARSELE MINERALS CORP. STATEMENTS OF LOSS AND COMPREHENSIVE LOSS (Expressed in Canadian Dollars)

		Year ended December 31, 2021		Year ended December 31, 2020
EXPLORATION EXPENSES General exploration (Notes 4, 8)	\$	243,527	. \$ _	254,863
GENERAL EXPENSES  Consulting (Note 8)  Foreign exchange (gain) loss Investor relations (Note 8)  Management fees (Note 8)  Office and administrative (Note 8)  Professional fees Share-based payments (Note 5, 8)  Transfer agent and filing fees		31,250 4,736 507,338 463,742 339,206 266,826 1,203,969 82,138 2,899,205		80,500 570 139,757 253,255 276,373 72,144 - 45,566 868,165
Loss before interest income  Interest income	_	(3,142,732)	. <u>-</u>	(1,123,028)
Loss and comprehensive loss for the year	\$	(3,142,732)	\$	(1,117,170)
Basic and diluted loss per common share	\$	(0.02)	\$	(0.01)
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding		129,215,175		124,995,699

# **BARSELE MINERALS CORP.** STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (Expressed in Canadian Dollars)

	Common Shares		Share Capital		Reserves		Deficit		Total Shareholders' Equity
Balance, December 31, 2019	122,920,699	\$	6,130,527	\$	5,655,652	\$	(10,696,392)	\$	1,089,787
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Options exercised	2,075,000		469,105		(261,605)		-		207,500
Loss and comprehensive loss	_		_		-		(1,117,170)	•	(1,117,170)
Balance, December 31, 2020	124,995,699		6,599,632		5,394,047		(11,813,562)		180,117
Options exercised	1,425,000		341,135		(155,635)		-		185,500
Issuance of common shares	3,176,845		2,064,949		-		-		2,064,949
Share is suance costs	-		(131,378)		-		-		(131,378)
Share-based payments	-		-		1,203,969		-		1,203,969
Loss and comprehensive loss	-		-				(3,142,732)	•	(3,142,732)
Balance, December 31, 2021	129,597,544	\$	8,874,338	\$	6,442,381	\$	(14,956,294)	\$	360,425

# BARSELE MINERALS CORP. STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (Expressed in Canadian Dollars)

		Year ended December 31, 2021	Year ended December 31, 2020
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES  Loss for the year	\$	(3,142,732)	\$ (1,117,170)
Items not affecting cash:			
Share-based payments		1,203,969	-
Changes in non-cash working capital items:			
Receivables		(21,014)	(8,501)
Prepaid expenses		(19,986)	15,392
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	_	(23,344)	 24,555
Cash used in operating activities	_	(2,003,107)	 (1,085,724)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITY			
Private placement, gross proceeds		2,064,949	-
Share issuance costs		(131,378)	-
Proceeds from options exercised	_	185,500	 207,500
Cash provided by financing activity	_	2,119,071	 207,500
Change in cash during the year		115,964	(878,224)
Cash, beginning of year	_	168,238	 1,046,462
Cash, end of year	\$	284,202	\$ 168,238

Supplemental disclosure with respect to cash flows (Note 7)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 (Expressed in Canadian Dollars)

#### 1. NATURE AND CONTINUANCE OF OPERATIONS

Barsele Minerals Corp. (the "Company") was incorporated under the laws of the Province of British Columbia, Canada on February 20, 2013. The Company's principal business activities include the acquisition and exploration of mineral properties in Sweden.

The head office of the Company is located at Suite 300 - 1055 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, BC, Canada, V6C 2E9. The registered address and records office of the Company is located at Suite 1700, Park Place, 666 Burrard Street, Vancouver, BC, Canada, V6C 2X8.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") with the assumption that the Company will be able to realize its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of business rather than through a process of forced liquidation. The Company has limited financial resources and no source of operating cash flow. While the Company has been successful in obtaining certain funding in 2020 and 2021, there is no assurance that such future financing will be available or be available on favourable terms. The Company had incurred a loss of \$3,142,732 for the year ended December 31, 2021 and accumulated losses of \$14,956,294 as of December 31, 2021. These material uncertainties may cast significant doubt as to the Company's ability to continue as a going concern.

In March 2020 the World Health Organization declared coronavirus COVID-19 a global pandemic. This contagious disease outbreak, which has continued to spread, and any related adverse public health developments, has adversely affected workforces, economics, 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

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

These financial statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis, except financial instruments measured at fair value. In addition, these financial statements have been prepared using the accrual basis of accounting except for cash flow information.

# Critical accounting estimates

The preparation of these financial statements in accordance with IFRS requires management to make certain estimates, judgments and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported expenses during the year. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

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

a) The inputs used in calculating the fair value for share-based payments expense included in profit or loss and share-based share issuance costs included in shareholders' equity. The share-based payments expense is estimated using the Black-Scholes option pricing model as measured on the grant date to estimate the fair value of stock options. This model involves the input of highly subjective assumptions, including the expected price volatility of the Company's common shares, the expected life of the options, and an estimated forfeiture rate.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 (Expressed in Canadian Dollars)

# 3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

# **Exploration and evaluation assets**

The Company is currently in the exploration stage with its mineral interest. Exploration and evaluation costs include the costs of acquiring concessions, and the fair value, upon acquisition, of mineral properties acquired in a business combination. Costs incurred before the Company has obtained the legal rights to explore an area are recognized in profit or loss.

Exploration and evaluation expenditures are expensed in the period they are incurred except for expenditures associated with the acquisition of exploration and evaluation assets through a business combination or an asset acquisition. Significant property acquisition costs are capitalized only to the extent that such costs can be directly attributed to an area of interest where it is considered likely to be recoverable by future exploitation or sale.

# **Impairment**

At the end of each reporting period, the Company's assets are reviewed to determine whether there is any indication that those assets not considered a financial asset may be impaired. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment, if any. The recoverable amount is the higher of fair value less costs to sell and value in use. Fair value is determined as the amount that would be obtained from the sale of the asset in an arm's length transaction between knowledgeable and willing parties. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset. If the recoverable amount of an asset is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset is reduced to its recoverable amount and the impairment loss is recognized in profit or loss for the period. For an asset that does not generate largely independent cash inflows, the recoverable amount is determined for the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset (or cash-generating unit) is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but to an amount that does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognized for the asset (or cash-generating unit) in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognized immediately in profit or loss.

#### Investment in associate

As sociated companies over which the Company has significant influence are accounted for using the equity basis of accounting, whereby the investment is initially recorded at cost, adjusted to recognize the Company's share of earnings or losses and reduced by dividends received. The Company assesses its equity investments for impairment if there is objective evidence of impairment as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the equity investment and that the event or events has an impact on the estimated future cash flow of the investment that can be reliably estimated.

Objective evidence of impairment of equity investment includes:

- Significant financial difficulty of the associated companies;
- Becoming probable that the associated companies will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganization; or
- National or local economic conditions that correlate with defaults of the associated companies.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 (Expressed in Canadian Dollars)

# 3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont'd...)

# Provision for environmental rehabilitation

The Company recognizes liabilities for statutory, contractual, constructive or legal obligations associated with the retirement of exploration and evaluation assets and equipment, when those obligations result from the acquisition, construction, development or normal operation of the assets. The net present value of future rehabilitation cost estimates arising from the decommissioning of plant and other site preparation work is capitalized to the related assets along with a corresponding increase in the rehabilitation provision in the period incurred. Discount rates using a pre-tax rate that reflect the time value of money are used to calculate the net present value. The rehabilitation as set is depreciated on the same basis as the related assets.

The Company's estimates of reclamation costs could change as a result of changes in regulatory requirements, discount rates and assumptions regarding the amount and timing of the future expenditures. These changes are recorded directly to the related assets with a corresponding entry to the rehabilitation provision. The Company's estimates are reviewed annually for changes in regulatory requirements, discount rates, effects of inflation and changes in estimates.

Changes in the net present value, excluding changes in the Company's estimates of reclamation costs, are charged to profit or loss for the period.

#### **Financial instruments**

IFRS 9 sets out requirements for recognizing and measuring financial as sets, financial liabilities and some contracts to buy or sell non-financial items.

# a) Classification and measurement of financial assets and liabilities

A financial asset is classified as measured at: amortized cost; fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI) or fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL). The classification of financial assets depends on the purpose for which the financial assets were acquired. The Company's financial assets consist primarily of cash classified as FVTPL, and receivables classified at amortized cost. Financial assets at amortized cost are initially recognized at fair value and subsequently carried at amortized cost less any impairment. They are classified as current assets or non-current assets based on their maturity date.

The Company classifies its financial liabilities into one of two categories, depending on the purpose for which the liability was acquired. The Company's accounting policy for each category is as follows:

Fair value through profit or loss: This category comprises derivatives, or liabilities acquired or incurred principally for the purpose of selling or repurchasing it in the near term. They are carried in the statement of financial position at fair value with changes in fair value recognized through profit or loss.

Amortized cost: This category includes accounts payable and accrued liabilities, all of which are recognized at amortized cost.

#### b) Impairment of financial assets

An 'expected credit loss' (ECL) model applies to financial assets measured at amortized cost, contract assets and debt investments at FVOCI, but not to investments in equity instruments. The Company's financial assets are measured at amortized cost and subject to the ECL model.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 (Expressed in Canadian Dollars)

# 3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont'd...)

# Foreign exchange

The functional currency is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Company operates. The functional currency of the Company is the Canadian dollar. The functional currency determinations were conducted through an analysis of the consideration factors identified in IAS 21, *The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates*.

Transactions in currencies other than the Canadian dollar are recorded at exchange rates prevailing on the dates of the transactions. At the end of each reporting period, the monetary assets and liabilities of the Company that are denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange at the statement of financial position date while non-monetary assets and liabilities are translated at historical rates. Revenues and expenses are translated at the exchange rates approximating those in effect on the date of the transactions. Exchange gains and losses arising on translation are included in profit or loss.

# Share-based payments

The Company grants stock options to acquire common shares of the Company to directors, officers, employees and consultants.

The fair value of stock options granted to directors, officers, employees and consultants is measured on the date of grant, using the Black-Scholes option pricing model, and is recognized over the vesting period as an expense, with a corresponding increase in reserves. Consideration paid for the shares on the exercise of stock options is credited to share capital. When the stock options are exercised, the corresponding amount is transferred to share capital.

In situations where equity instruments are issued to non-employees and some or all of the goods or services received by the entity as consideration cannot be specifically identified, they are measured at the fair value of the share-based payments. Otherwise, share-based payments are measured at the fair value of the goods or services received.

### Loss per share

The Company recognizes the dilutive effect on income or loss per share based on the use of the proceeds that could be obtained upon exercise of options, warrants and similar instruments. It as sumes that the proceeds would be used to purchase common shares at the average market price during the period. For the periods presented, this calculation proved to be anti-dilutive.

Basic loss per share is calculated using the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period.

#### **Income taxes**

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

Deferred tax is recorded by providing for temporary differences, between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for taxation purposes. The following temporary differences are not provided for: goodwill not deductible for tax purposes; the initial recognition of assets or liabilities that affect neither accounting or taxable loss; and differences relating to investments in subsidiaries to the extent that they will probably not reverse in the foreseeable future. The amount of deferred tax provided is based on the expected manner of realization or settlement of the carrying amount of assets and liabilities, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the statement of financial position date.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 (Expressed in Canadian Dollars)

# 3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont'd...)

# **Income taxes** (cont'd...)

A deferred tax as set is recognized only to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which the as set can be utilized. To the extent that the Company does not consider it probable that a deferred tax as set will be recovered, it does not recognize the as set.

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

#### Leases

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

Leases of right-of-use assets are recognized at the lease commencement date at the present value of the lease payments that are not paid at that date. The lease payments are discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease, if that rate can be readily determined, and otherwise at the Company's incremental borrowing rate. At the commencement date, a right-of-use asset is measured at cost, which is comprised of the initial amount of the lease liability adjusted for any lease payments made at or before the commencement date, plus any decommissioning and restoration costs, less any lease incentives received.

Each lease payment is allocated between repayment of the lease principal and interest. Interest on the lease liability in each period during the lease term is allocated to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the lease liability. Except where the costs are included in the carrying amount of another asset, the Company recognizes in profit or loss (a) the interest on a lease liability and (b) variable lease payments not included in the measurement of a lease liability in the period in which the event or condition that triggers those payments occurs. The Company subsequently measures a right-of-use asset at cost less any accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses; and adjusted for any remeasurement of the lease liability. Right-of-use assets are depreciated over the shorter of the asset's useful life and the lease term, except where the lease contains a bargain purchase option a right-of-use asset is depreciated over the asset's useful life.

The Company has elected not to recognize the right-of-use assets and lease liabilities for short-term leases that have a lease term of twelve months or less, or for leases of low value. The payments for such leases are recognized in the statement of loss and comprehensive loss on a straight-line basis over the lease term. For the year ended December 31, 2021, rent expense included in office and administration of \$76,400 (2020 - \$73,200) has been incurred.

# 4. EQUITY INVESTMENT - EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION ASSETS

On September 25, 2015, a 45% interest in the Barsele Project which includes Gunnarn Mining AB and Gunnarn Exploration AB (collectively "Barsele JV") was transferred from Orex Minerals Inc. ("Orex") to the Company pursuant to a plan of arrangement. The Barsele Project is now a joint venture with Agnico Eagle Mines Limited ("Agnico"). As part of the joint venture agreement, Agnico committed to spend US \$7 million on Project expenditures over three years and can earn an additional 15% interest in the corporate entity, which owns the Barsele Project, if it completes a pre-feasibility study.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 (Expressed in Canadian Dollars)

# 4. EQUITY INVESTMENT - EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION ASSETS (cont'd...)

As Agnico has elected to solely-fund the expenditures on behalf of the Barsele JV until completion of the pre-feasibility study, the Company does not have any responsibility for expenditures or net liabilities of the Barsele JV until such point that Agnico has earned its additional 15% interest. Summarized financial information for the Barsele JV is as follows:

	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
Current as sets	\$ 510,051	\$ 504,125
Non-current assets	6,853,586	7,606,943
Current liabilities	3,127,266	6,715,590
Loss for the year	2,575,001	4,354,659
The Company's ownership %	45%	45%
The Company's share of loss for the year	\$ Nil	\$ Nil

As at December 31, 2021 and 2020, the Company's investment in Barsele JV was \$1. The Company's unrecognized share of the loss for the year ended December 31, 2021 was approximately \$1,158,751 (2020 - \$1,959,597). The Company has a minority position on the board of its associated company Gunnarn Mining AB and does not control operational decisions. The Company's judgment is that it has significant influence, but not control and therefore equity accounting is appropriate.

Exploration expenses reported for the year ended December 31, 2021 of \$243,527 (2020 - \$254,863) were incurred to meet the Company's reporting obligations, and to monitor its interest in the Barsele JV, and are non-recoverable.

On March 12, 2021, the Company announced that it had executed a non-binding letter of intent ("LOI") with Agnico to acquire Agnico's indirect 55% interest in the Barsele Project (the "Proposed Transaction"). The Proposed transaction is subject to corporate and regulatory approvals including approval from the TSX Venture Exchange.

The LOI provides that the Company and Agnico will negotiate and enter into a definitive purchase and sale agreement containing customary terms and conditions for a transaction of its nature, whereby the Company will acquire Agnico's 55% indirect interest in Gunnarn Mining AB. The purchase price payable by the Company to Agnico will consist of the following:

- a) a cash payment of US\$45,000,000 (the "Cash Amount"), with the option, at the Company's election, to settle a portion of the Cash Amount through a vendor-take-back note
- b) the issuance of common shares of the Company such that Agnico will hold 14.9% of the Company's common shares upon the closing of the Proposed Transaction (the "Consideration Shares")
- c) the issuance of warrants exercisable into 6,000,000 common shares of the Company (the "Warrants"). Each Warrant will have a five-year termand will entitle Agnico to purchase one common share of the Company at an exercise price equal to the greater of:
  - i. \$1.25
  - ii. a 20% premium to the twenty-day volume weighted average price of the Company's common shares immediately prior to the date of iss uance of the Warrant, and
  - iii. in the event that the Company issues convertible debt in connection with its financing of the Cash Amount, the conversion price of such convertible debt.
- d) a 2% net smelter return royalty on all minerals produced from the Barsele Project (the "NSR"); and
- e) a contingent value right with respect to future gold mineral reserves and mineral resources identified at the Barsele Project

On November 1, 2021, the Company announced the termination of the LOI.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 (Expressed in Canadian Dollars)

# 5. SHARE CAPITAL AND RESERVES

#### **Authorized**

Unlimited number of common shares without par value.

# Issued

The Company completed a private placement on February 1, 2021 and raised gross proceeds of \$2,064,949 through the sale of 3,176,845 common shares of the Company at a price of \$0.65 per common share. In connection with the issuance, cash finders' fees of \$118,947 and \$12,431 of regulatory, and filing fees were paid.

# Stock options and warrants

The Company has a plan to grant stock options to directors, officers, employees and consultants of the Company. Under the plan, the Board of Directors has the discretion to is sue the equivalent of up to 10% of the is sued and outstanding shares of the Company from time to time. Stock options are generally for a term of up to five years from the date granted and are exercisable at a price that is not less than the market price on the date granted.

Vesting terms are determined at the discretion of the board of directors. Options is sued to consultants providing investor relations services must vest in stages over a minimum of 12 months with no more than one-quarter of the options vesting in any three-month period.

On February 3, 2021, the Company granted 2,575,000 incentive stock options to directors, officers and consultants. The incentive stock options have an exercise price of \$0.65 per share, expire five years from the date of grant and vest immediately.

On May 28, 2021, the Company granted 300,000 incentive stock options to directors, officers and consultants. The incentive stock options have an exercise price of \$0.76 per share, expire five years from the date of grant and vest immediately.

No stock options were granted during the year ended December 31, 2020.

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# 5. SHARE CAPITAL AND RESERVES (cont'd...)

Stock options and warrants (cont'd...)

Stock option transactions are summarized as follows:

	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Exercise Price
Outstanding, December 31, 2019	12,025,000	\$ 0.48
Exercised	(2,075,000)	0.10
Forfeited	(1,600,000)	0.73
Outstanding, December 31, 2020	8,350,000	0.62
Exercised	(1,425,000)	0.13
Expired	(1,300,000)	1.00
Forfeited	(250,000)	0.81
Granted	2,875,000	0.66
Outstanding, December 31, 2021	8,250,000	\$ 0.65
Exercisable, December 31, 2021	8,250,000	\$ 0.65

The following stock options to acquire common shares of the Company were outstanding at December 31, 2021:

	Number of Shares	Exercise Price	Expiry Date
Options			
-	1,050,000	0.90	May 3, 2022*
	2,475,000	0.63	July 13, 2023*
	1,850,000	0.53	December 19, 2024*
	2,575,000	0.65	February 3, 2026*
	300,000	0.76	May 28, 2026
	8,250,000		•

<sup>\*</sup>Subsequent to December 31, 2021, 150,000 options were forfeited.

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# 5. SHARE CAPITAL AND RESERVES (cont'd...)

**Stock options and warrants** (cont'd...)

During the year ended December 31, 2021, the Company granted 2,875,000 (2020 - Nil) options to directors, officers and consultants of the Company. During the year ended December 31, 2021, the weighted average fair value of each option granted and vesting was \$0.42 (2020 - \$Nil). The following weighted average assumptions were used for the valuation of stock options:

	2021	2020
Expected option life	5 years	N/A
Risk-free interest rate	0.51%	N/A
Expected dividend yield	0%	N/A
Expected stock price volatility	83.78%	N/A

The share-based payments expense for stock options, vesting during the year ended December 31, 2021 was \$1,203,969 (2020 - \$Nil).

During the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, the Company did not issue warrants and as at December 31, 2021 and 2020, there were no warrants outstanding.

#### 6. CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

The Company defines its capital as shareholder equity. The Board of Directors does not establish quantitative return on capital criteria for management due to the nature of the Company's business. The Company may invest its capital in liquid investments to obtain adequate returns. The investment decision is based on cash management to ensure working capital is available to meet the Company's short-term obligations while maximizing liquidity and returns on unused capital. The Company does not pay dividends. The Company is not subject to any externally imposed capital requirements.

The Company raises capital to fund its corporate and exploration costs and other obligations through the sale of its common shares or units consisting of common shares and warrants in order to operate its business and safeguard its ability to continue as a going concern. Although the Company management has been successful at raising funds in the past through is suance of share capital, it is uncertain whether it will continue this financing due to uncertain economic conditions. There have been no changes to the Company's approach to capital management during the year.

# 7. SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE WITH RESPECT TO CASH FLOWS

Non-cash transactions during the year ended December 31, 2021 included options exercised with a fair value of \$155,635 (2020 - \$261,605).

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# 8. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the year ended December 31, 2021, the Company entered into the following transactions with related parties, directors and key management personnel. Key management personnel are individuals responsible for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Company and include all directors and officers.

Compensation paid or payable to key management personnel for services rendered are as follows:

	Year ended December 31, 2021	Year ended December 31, 2020
Management fees Share-based payments	\$ 463,742 286,657	\$ 253,255
Total	\$ 750,399	\$ 253,255

Other related party transactions are as follows:

	Year ended December 31, 2021	Year ended December 31, 2020
Investor relations*	\$ 63,816	\$ 64,264
Office and administration*	304,305	250,918
Consulting*	10,500	-
Geological consulting fees (general exploration)	217,360	164,863
Share-based payments	204,755	-
Total	\$ 800,736	\$ 480,045

<sup>\*</sup>Fees paid to a management service company controlled by the chief executive officer and director of the Company that provides a corporate secretary, investor relations and accounting and administration staff to the Company on a shared cost basis.

Included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities as at December 31, 2021 is \$400 (2020 - \$Nil) due to directors or officers or companies controlled by directors.

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# 9. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND RISK MANAGEMENT

Financial instruments measured at fair value are classified into one of three levels in the fair value hierarchy according to the relative reliability of the inputs used to estimate the fair values. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below.

- Level 1 quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical as sets or liabilities;
- Level 2 inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e., as prices) or indirectly (i.e., derived from prices); and
- Level 3 inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

#### Fair value of financial instruments

The Company has various financial instruments including cash, receivables and accounts payable and accrued liabilities. Cash is carried at fair value using a level 1 fair value measurement. The carrying values of receivables and accounts payable and accrued liabilities approximate their fair values due to the short-term maturity of the financial instruments.

#### Concentrations of business risk

The Company maintains a majority of its cash with a major Canadian financial institution. Deposits held with this institution may exceed the amount of insurance provided on such deposits.

# Credit risk

The Company is exposed to credit risk only with respect to uncertainties as to timing and amount of collectability of receivables. The Company believes its credit risk is low because its receivables are primarily comprised of goods and services tax, which are recoverable from the governing body in Canada.

# Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The Company is exposed to liquidity risk. The Company manages liquidity risk through the management of its capital structure.

# Foreign exchange risk

The Company is not subject to significant foreign exchange risk.

### Interest rate risk

The Company limits its exposure to interest rate risk by holding cash deposits at major Canadian financial institutions and accordingly is not subject to significant interest rate risk.

#### Price risk

Mineral prices, in particular gold and silver, are volatile. The prices are subject to market supply and demand, political and economic factors, and commodity speculation, all of which can interact with one another to cause significant price movement from day to day and hour to hour. These price movements can affect the Company's ability to operate and to raise financing through the sale of its common shares.

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#### 10. SEGMENTED INFORMATION

The Company's one reportable operating segment is the acquisition and exploration of mineral properties. Geographic information is as follows:

	De	ecember 31, 2021	l Dece	mber 31, 2020
Exploration and evaluation assets Sweden	\$	1	\$	1

# 11. INCOME TAXES

The reconciliation of income tax provision computed at statutory rates to the reported income tax provision is as follows:

	_			For the year ended December 31, 2020
Basic statutory and provincial income taxrate	_	27%		27%
Loss for the year	\$_	(3,142,732)	\$	(1,117,170)
Expected tax expense (recovery) Permanent difference Share is sue costs Adjustment to prior years provision versus statutory tax returns Change in unrecognized deductible temporary differences Deferred tax expense (recovery)	\$ -	(849,000) 326,000 (35,000) - 558,000	\$	(302,000) - 2,000 300,000

The significant components of the Company's unrecognized temporary differences and taxlosses are as follows:

	December 31, 2021		Expiry Date Range	December 31, 2020		Expiry
Share is sue costs Non-capital losses available	\$	105,000	2045	\$	-	
for future periods		7,491,000	2035 - 2041		5,528,000	2035 - 2040

Tax attributes are subject to review and potential adjustment by tax authorities.

# 12. SUBSEQUENT EVENT

The Company closed a two-tranche private placement consisting of 1,375,000 units at a price of \$0.50 per unit for gross proceeds of \$687,500. Each Unit consisted of one common share and one-half of one common share purchase warrant. Each full warrant entitles the holder to acquire one share at a price of \$0.75 per share, with 852,000 expiring on January 25, 2024, and 550,000 expiring on February 18, 2024.