



**CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(Expressed in Canadian Dollars)**

FOR THE YEARS ENDED APRIL 30, 2023 AND 2022

**TSXV: NGE
OTCQB: NVDEF**

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Shareholders of Nevada Exploration Inc.

Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Nevada Exploration Inc. (the "Company"), which comprise the consolidated statements of financial position as at April 30, 2023 and 2022 and the consolidated statements of loss and comprehensive loss, changes in 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, the accompanying consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the Company as at April 30, 2023 and 2022, and its consolidated financial performance and its consolidated cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

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 is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Material Uncertainty Related to Going Concern

We draw attention to Note 1 in the consolidated financial statements, which indicates that the Company incurred a net loss of \$3,111,283 during the year ended April 30, 2023 and that further funds will be required to fund activities for the upcoming year. As stated in Note 1, these events or conditions, along with other matters that are set forth in Note 1, indicate that a material uncertainty exists that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

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 for the year ended April 30, 2023. 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.

Except for the matter described in the Material Uncertainty Related to Going Concern section, we have determined that there are no key audit matters to communicate in our auditor's report.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the 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 International Financial Reporting Standards, 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.

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 Joseph Man.

RSM Canada LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants
August 25, 2023
Edmonton, Alberta

NEVADA EXPLORATION INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION
(Expressed in Canadian Dollars)
AS AT

| | April 30, 2023 | April 30, 2022 |
|---|-------------------|---------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Current assets | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 10,523 | \$ 501,371 |
| Other receivables (Note 3) | 7,924 | 14,398 |
| Prepaid expenses (Note 4) | 28,591 | 1,793,290 |
| Short term investments (Note 5) | - | 25,831 |
| Total current assets | <u>47,038</u> | <u>2,334,890</u> |
| Non-current assets | | |
| Equipment and intangible assets (Note 7) | 96,729 | 158,723 |
| Deposits and bonds (Note 9) | 86,179 | 75,460 |
| Total non-current assets | <u>182,908</u> | <u>234,183</u> |
| Total assets | <u>\$ 229,946</u> | <u>\$ 2,569,073</u> |
| LIABILITIES AND EQUITY | | |
| Current liabilities | | |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (Notes 6 and 10) | \$ 634,046 | \$ 422,081 |
| Short-term loan payable (Note 6) | 258,464 | - |
| Total liabilities | <u>892,510</u> | <u>422,081</u> |
| Equity | | |
| Capital stock (Note 11) | 36,460,330 | 35,327,467 |
| Reserves (Note 11) | 4,865,510 | 6,395,546 |
| Deficit | (41,988,404) | (39,576,021) |
| Total equity | <u>(662,564)</u> | <u>2,146,992</u> |
| Total liabilities and equity | <u>\$ 229,946</u> | <u>\$ 2,569,073</u> |

Nature of operations, continuance of operations and going concern (Note 1)

Commitments (Note 14)

Subsequent events (Note 18)

Approved and authorized on behalf of the Board on: August 25, 2023

"Benjamin Leboe" Director _____
"Darcy Higgs" Director

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

NEVADA EXPLORATION INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF LOSS AND COMPREHENSIVE LOSS
(Expressed in Canadian Dollars)

| | Year ended April 30, 2023 | Year ended April 30, 2022 |
|--|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| EXPENSES | | |
| Amortization (Note 7) | \$ 68,205 | \$ 102,338 |
| Equipment and vehicles | 13,681 | 18,415 |
| Exploration and evaluation expenditures (Note 8) | 1,304,563 | 2,108,095 |
| Filing fees | 81,855 | 84,209 |
| Foreign exchange | 13,805 | 10,950 |
| Interest and bank charges | 11,768 | 2,474 |
| Investor relations | 24,685 | 340,394 |
| Office expenses and other | 110,024 | 129,098 |
| Professional fees and consultants (Note 6) | 452,234 | 249,730 |
| Rent | 129,351 | 161,195 |
| Salaries (Note 6) | 210,327 | 365,718 |
| Software | 103,172 | 123,129 |
| Share-based payments (Note 6 and 11) | 186,816 | 389,960 |
| Travel | 22,671 | 19,441 |
| Total operating expenses | (2,733,157) | (4,105,146) |
| OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE) | | |
| Consulting Income | 35,035 | - |
| Interest income | 137 | 34 |
| Proceeds received from royalties (Note 12) | 665,683 | - |
| Gain on disposal of equipment | - | 182,841 |
| Loss on sale of short-term investments (Note 5) | (6,400) | - |
| Impairment of prepaid (Note 4) | (1,072,581) | - |
| Unrealized loss on short term investments (Note 5) | - | (14,288) |
| Total other items | (378,126) | 168,587 |
| Net loss for the year | (3,111,283) | (3,936,559) |
| OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME | | |
| Item that may be reclassified to profit or loss: | | |
| Currency translation adjustment | 64,911 | 45,490 |
| Total comprehensive loss for the year | \$ (3,046,372) | \$ (3,891,069) |
| Basic and diluted loss per common share | \$ (0.46) | \$ (0.68) |
| Weighted average number of common shares | | |
| Outstanding | 6,760,810 | 5,813,564 |

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NEVADA EXPLORATION INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
(Expressed in Canadian Dollars)

| | Capital Stock | | Reserves | | | | | Total Equity |
|---|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| | Shares (Note 11) | Amount (Note 11) | Options (Note 11) | Warrants (Note 11) | Currency Translation | Total Reserves | Deficit | |
| Balance, May 1, 2021 | 5,270,502 | \$ 31,767,966 | \$ 1,901,709 | \$ 3,259,287 | \$ (43,309) | \$ 5,117,687 | \$ (35,738,195) | \$ 1,147,458 |
| Private placements | 1,461,539 | 4,750,000 | - | - | - | - | - | 4,750,000 |
| Relative fair value of unit warrants issued | - | (1,616,517) | - | 1,616,517 | - | 1,616,517 | - | - |
| Finder's shares | 12,824 | 41,678 | - | - | - | - | - | 41,678 |
| Finder's warrants | - | (157,073) | - | 157,073 | - | 157,073 | - | - |
| Warrants expired | - | 980,972 | - | (980,972) | - | (980,972) | - | - |
| Revaluation of warrants on extension | - | (148,524) | - | 148,524 | - | 148,524 | - | - |
| Share issuance costs | - | (291,035) | - | - | - | - | - | (291,035) |
| Share-based payments | - | - | 389,960 | - | - | 389,960 | - | 389,960 |
| Options expired/forfeited | - | - | (98,733) | - | - | (98,733) | 98,733 | - |
| Currency translation adjustment | - | - | - | - | 45,490 | 45,490 | - | 45,490 |
| Net loss for the year | - | - | - | - | - | - | (3,936,559) | (3,936,559) |
| Balance, April 30, 2022 | 6,744,865 | \$ 35,327,467 | \$ 2,192,936 | \$ 4,200,429 | \$ 2,181 | \$ 6,395,546 | \$ (39,576,021) | \$ 2,146,992 |
| Balance, May 1, 2022 | 6,744,865 | \$ 35,327,467 | \$ 2,192,936 | \$ 4,200,429 | \$ 2,181 | \$ 6,395,546 | \$ (39,576,021) | \$ 2,146,992 |
| Warrants expired | - | 1,058,053 | - | (1,058,053) | - | (1,058,053) | - | - |
| Share-based payments | - | - | 186,816 | - | - | 186,816 | - | 186,816 |
| Options exercised | 20,000 | 74,810 | (24,810) | - | - | (24,810) | - | 50,000 |
| Options expired/forfeited | - | - | (698,900) | - | - | (698,900) | 698,900 | - |
| Currency translation adjustment | - | - | - | - | 64,911 | 64,911 | - | 64,911 |
| Net loss for the year | - | - | - | - | - | - | (3,111,283) | (3,111,283) |
| Balance, April 30, 2023 | 6,764,865 | \$ 36,460,330 | \$ 1,656,042 | \$ 3,142,376 | \$ 67,092 | \$ 4,865,510 | \$ (41,988,404) | \$ (662,564) |

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NEVADA EXPLORATION INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(Expressed in Canadian Dollars)

| | Year ended April 30, 2023 | Year ended April 30, 2022 |
|---|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES | | |
| Net loss for the year | \$ (3,111,283) | \$ (3,936,559) |
| Items not affecting cash: | | |
| Amortization | 68,205 | 102,338 |
| Share-based payments | 186,816 | 389,960 |
| Loss on sale of short-term investments | 6,400 | - |
| Gain on sale of equipment | - | (182,841) |
| Unrealized loss on short term investments | - | 14,288 |
| Accrued loan interest | 8,464 | - |
| Impairment of prepaid | 1,072,581 | - |
| Changes in non-cash working capital items: | | |
| Other receivable | 6,474 | 4,856 |
| Prepaid expenses | 692,118 | (1,505,253) |
| Deposits and bonds | (6,789) | - |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | 211,965 | (80,495) |
| Net cash used in operating activities | (865,049) | (5,193,706) |
| CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES | | |
| Acquisition of equipment and intangible assets | - | (60,720) |
| Proceeds from sale of short-term investments | 18,600 | - |
| Proceeds on sale of equipment | - | 189,910 |
| Net cash provided by investing activities | 18,600 | 129,190 |
| CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES | | |
| Proceeds from private placement | - | 4,750,000 |
| Share issuance costs | - | (249,357) |
| Proceeds from the exercise of options | 50,000 | - |
| Short-term loan proceeds | 250,000 | - |
| Net cash provided by financing activities | 300,000 | 4,500,643 |
| Effect of foreign exchange | 55,601 | 38,448 |
| Change in cash and cash equivalents for the year | (490,848) | (525,425) |
| Cash and equivalents, beginning of year | 501,371 | 1,026,796 |
| Cash and equivalents, end of year | \$ 10,523 | \$ 501,371 |

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

1. NATURE OF OPERATIONS, CONTINUANCE OF OPERATIONS AND GOING CONCERN

Nevada Exploration Inc. (the “Company” or “NGE”) was incorporated on April 6, 2006 under the Canada Business Corporations Act and is in the business of acquiring and exploring mineral properties.

The Company is listed on the TSX Venture Exchange (“TSX-V”) under the trading symbol “NGE” and on the OTCQB marketplace under the trading symbol “NVDEF”. The Company’s head office is located at Suite 1400 - 885 West Georgia Street, Vancouver, BC V6C 3E8. The Company’s registered and records office is located at 25th Floor, 700 West Georgia Street., Vancouver, BC V7Y 1B3.

These consolidated financial statements are authorized for issue on behalf of the Board of Directors on August 25, 2023.

Continuance of operations and going concern

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared on a going-concern basis which presumes the realization of assets and discharge of liabilities in the normal course of business. These consolidated financial statements do not reflect the adjustments to carrying amounts of assets and liabilities and the reported expenses and statement of financial position classifications that would be necessary if the going concern assumption was deemed inappropriate. Such adjustments could be material. The business of mining and exploring for minerals involves a high degree of risk and there can be no assurance that current exploration programs will result in profitable mining operations. The Company’s continued existence is dependent upon the preservation of its interests in the underlying properties, the discovery of economically recoverable reserves, the achievement of profitable operations, or the ability of the Company to raise additional financing, or alternatively upon the Company’s ability to dispose of its interests on an advantageous basis. The Company has not produced revenues from its exploration activities and does not have a regular source of cash flow, and incurred losses for the year of \$3,111,283 (2022 – \$3,936,559). The Company also has working capital deficit of \$845,472 at April 30, 2023 (April 30, 2022 – working capital of \$1,912,809). The Company will periodically have to raise funds to continue operations and, although it has been successful thus far in doing so there is no assurance it will be able to do so in the future. The Company estimates that it will need additional capital to operate for the upcoming year. Subsequent to year end, the Company completed a non-brokered private placement offering, pursuant to which it has issued 13,000,000 units at a price of \$0.11 per unit, for gross proceeds of \$1,430,000. Refer to Note 18, Subsequent Events. These material uncertainties cast significant doubt on the Company’s ability to continue as a going concern.

Although the Company has taken steps to verify title to the properties on which it is conducting exploration and in which it has an interest, in accordance with industry standards 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, unregistered claims and noncompliance with regulatory and environmental requirements.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Statement of compliance

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (“IASB”).

The significant accounting policies below have been applied consistently to all periods. These periods are based on IFRS effective as of April 30, 2023.

Basis of consolidation

These consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiary Pediment Gold LLC. The financial statements of the Company’s subsidiary have been consolidated from the date that control commenced. All inter-company balances and transactions, and income and expenses have been eliminated upon consolidation.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Statement of compliance (cont'd...)

The consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of Nevada Exploration Inc. and its subsidiary listed in the following table:

| Name of Subsidiary | Country of Incorporation | Functional Currency | Ownership Interest | Principal Activity |
|--------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Pediment Gold LLC | USA | US dollar | 100% | Exploration company |

Use of judgments and estimates

The preparation of these consolidated financial statements 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 revenues and expenses during the period.

Significant assumptions about the future and other sources of estimated 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 the actual results differ from assumptions made, relate to, but are not limited to, the following:

- i) the estimated useful lives of equipment and intangible assets and the related amortization;
- ii) impairment of equipment;
- iii) valuation of share-based payments and warrants;
- iv) estimated amounts for environmental rehabilitation provisions; and
- v) going concern.

Functional and presentation currency

These consolidated financial statements are presented in Canadian dollars, which is the Company's functional currency. The functional currency of the Company's wholly-owned subsidiary Pediment Gold LLC is the US dollar.

Share issuance costs

Professional fees, consulting fees and other costs that are directly attributable to financing transactions are charged to capital stock when the related shares are issued. If the financing is not completed share issue costs are charged to profit or loss.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash held with banks and highly liquid short-term investments in high interest saving accounts which can be withdrawn at any time, which, in the opinion of management, is subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

Equipment and intangible assets

Equipment and intangible assets are recorded at historical cost less accumulated amortization and impairment charges. Equipment and intangible assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives as follows:

| | |
|-----------------------|---------|
| Exploration equipment | 5 years |
| Vehicles | 5 years |
| Computer equipment | 3 years |
| Software | 3 years |

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont'd...)

Equipment and intangible assets (cont'd...)

The cost of replacing a piece of equipment is recognized in the carrying amount of the equipment if it is probable that the future economic benefits embodied within the part will flow to the Company and its cost can be measured reliably. The carrying amount of the replaced part is derecognized. The costs of the day-to-day servicing of the equipment are recognized in profit or loss as incurred.

Intangible assets acquired separately are measured on initial recognition at cost. Expenditures during the research phase are expensed as incurred. Expenditures during the development phase are capitalized if the Company can demonstrate each of the following criteria: (i) the technical feasibility of completing the intangible asset so that it will be available for use or sale; (ii) its intention to complete the intangible asset and use or sell it; (iii) its ability to use or sell the intangible asset; (iv) how the intangible asset will generate probable future economic benefits; (v) the availability of adequate technical, financial and other resources to complete the development and to use or sell the intangible asset; and (vi) its ability to measure reliably the expenditure attributable to the intangible asset during its development; otherwise, they are expensed as incurred.

Following initial recognition of the development expenditure as an asset, the asset is carried at cost less any accumulated amortization and accumulated impairment losses. Amortization of the asset begins when development is complete and the asset is available for use. It is amortized over the period of expected future benefit. During the period of development, the asset is tested for impairment annually.

Resource properties – exploration and evaluation expenditures

The Company expenses exploration and evaluation expenditures as incurred. Exploration and evaluation expenditures include acquisition cost of mineral properties, property option payments and evaluation activities. Once a project has been established as commercially viable and technically feasible, related development expenditures are capitalized. This includes costs incurred in preparing the site for mining operations. Capitalization ceases when the mine is capable of commercial production, with the exception of development costs that give rise to a future benefit.

Impairment

At the end of each reporting date, the carrying amounts of the Company's long-lived assets are reviewed to determine whether there is any indication that those assets 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.

Impairment is determined for an individual asset unless the asset does not generate cash inflows that are independent of those generated from other assets or group of assets, in which case, the individual assets are grouped together into cash generating units ("CGU's") for impairment purposes. The recoverable amount is the higher of fair value less costs of disposal and value in use. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. 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 and loss for the period.

Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset (or CGU) 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 CGU) in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognized immediately in profit or loss.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont'd...)

Income taxes

Income tax expense comprises current and deferred tax. Income tax is recognized in profit or loss except to the extent that it relates to items recognized directly in equity. Current tax expense is the expected tax payable on 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 taxes are recorded using the liability method, providing for temporary differences, between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for taxation purposes. Temporary differences are not provided for goodwill not deductible for tax purposes, the initial recognition of assets or liabilities that do not affect either accounting or taxable loss, or 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.

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

Provision for environmental rehabilitation

The Company recognizes the fair value of a liability for the provision for environmental rehabilitation in the year in which it is incurred when a reliable estimate of fair value can be made.

Changes in the liability for an asset retirement obligation due to the passage of time will be measured by applying an interest method of allocation. The amount will be recognized as an increase in the liability and an accretion expense in the consolidated statement of comprehensive loss. Changes resulting from revisions to the timing or the amount of the original estimate of undiscounted cash flows are recognized as an increase or a decrease to the carrying amount of the liability. As at April 30, 2023 and 2022, the Company has not recorded any provision for environmental rehabilitation.

Warrants

Proceeds from unit placements are allocated between shares and warrants issued according to their relative fair value. The relative fair value of the share component is credited to capital stock and the relative fair value of the warrant component is credited to warrants reserve. Upon exercise of warrants, consideration paid by the warrant holder together with the amount previously recognized in warrants reserve is recorded as an increase to capital stock. Upon expiration of warrants, the amount applicable to warrants expired is recorded as an increase to capital stock.

Share-based payments

The Company grants stock options to acquire common shares of the Company to directors, officers, employees and consultants. An individual is classified as an employee when the individual is an employee for legal or tax purposes, or provides services similar to those performed by an employee.

The fair value of employee stock options is measured on the date of grant, using the Black-Scholes option pricing model, and is recognized over the vesting period. 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 reliably measured, they are measured at the fair value of the share-based payment consideration. Consideration paid for the shares on the exercise of stock options together with the fair value of the stock options previously recognized is credited to capital stock. When vested options are not exercised by the expiry date, the amount previously recognized in share-based payment is transferred to deficit. The Company estimates a forfeiture rate and adjusts the corresponding expense each period based on an updated forfeiture estimate.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont'd...)

Basic and diluted loss per common share

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

Diluted loss per share is determined by adjusting the loss attributable to common shareholders by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the dilutive effect of options, warrants and similar instruments. Under this method the dilutive effect on loss per share is recognized on the use of the proceeds that could be obtained upon exercise of options, warrants and similar instruments. It assumes that the proceeds would be used to purchase common shares at the average market price during the period. As at April 30, 2023 and 2022, all warrants and options outstanding are anti-dilutive.

Receivables

Receivables are recorded at face value less any provisions for uncollectible amounts considered necessary.

Revenue recognition

Interest income and costs are recognized as they accrue in the statement of operations, using the effective interest rate.

Foreign currencies

Foreign currency transactions are initially recorded in the functional currency at the transaction date exchange rate. At period end, monetary assets and liabilities denominated in a foreign currency are translated into the functional currency at the closing date exchange rate, and non-monetary assets and liabilities, at the historical rates. Exchange differences arising on the settlement of monetary items or on translating monetary items at different rates from those at which they are translated on initial recognition during the period or in previous consolidated financial statements are recognized in profit or loss.

For the purpose of presenting consolidated financial statements, the assets and liabilities of Pediment Gold LLC are expressed in Canadian dollars using the exchange rates prevailing at the end of the reporting period. Income and expense items are translated at the average exchange rates for the period, unless exchange rates fluctuated significantly during the period, in which case exchange rates at the dates of the transactions are used. Exchange differences are recognized in other comprehensive income and reported as currency translation reserve in equity.

Foreign exchange gains and losses arising from a monetary item receivable or payable to a foreign operation, the settlement of which is neither planned nor likely to occur in the foreseeable future and which in substance is considered to form a part of the net investment in the foreign operation, are recognized in foreign currency translation in the currency translation reserve.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont'd...)

Financial instruments

The following table summarizes the Company's classification and measurement of financial assets and financial liabilities:

| Financial Assets: | Classification Under IFRS 9 |
|--|------------------------------------|
| Cash and cash equivalents | Amortized cost |
| Short-term investments | Fair value through profit or loss |
| Deposits and bonds | Amortized cost |
| Financial Liabilities: | |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | Amortized cost |
| Short-term loan payable | Amortized cost |

At initial recognition, the Company classifies its financial instruments in the following categories depending on the purpose for which the instruments were acquired:

Financial assets

Financial assets are classified as either financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, amortized cost, or fair value through other comprehensive income. The Company determines the classification of its financial assets at initial recognition.

- a) Fair value through profit or loss – financial assets are classified as fair value through profit or loss if they do not meet the criteria of amortized cost or fair value through other comprehensive income. Changes in fair value are recognized in the statement of income (loss).
- b) Amortized cost – financial assets are classified at amortized cost if both of the following criteria are met and the financial assets are not designated as at fair value through profit and loss: 1) the objective of the Company's business model for these financial assets is to collect their contractual cash flows; and 2) the asset's contractual cash flow represents solely payments of principal and interest.
- c) Fair value through other comprehensive income – A financial asset is measured at fair value through other comprehensive income if the financial asset is held within a business model whose objective is achieved by both collecting contractual cash flows and selling financial assets and the contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

Financial liabilities

The Company classifies all financial liabilities at amortized cost, except for financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss or financial liabilities that have been designated fair value through profit or loss on initial recognition.

Initial recognition

A financial asset or financial liability classified as amortized cost is initially recognized by the Company at its fair value less transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition of issuance of the financial asset or financial liability. Transaction costs on financial assets or liabilities designated as fair value through profit or loss are expensed.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont'd...)

Financial instruments (cont'd...)

Subsequent measurement

The Company will subsequently measure a financial instrument based on its classification. Financial assets and financial liabilities classified as subsequently measured at amortized cost will be measured at initial recognition minus the principal repayments, plus or minus the cumulative amortization using the effective interest method of any difference between that initial amount and the maturity amount and, for financial assets, adjusted for any loss allowance. The amortization of the effective interest is recognized in profit or loss. Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income will have subsequently measured changes in fair value recognized in other comprehensive income. Gains and losses of financial assets and financial liabilities classified as subsequently measured at fair value through profit or loss are recognized in net profit and loss.

Derecognition of financial instruments

A financial asset is derecognized when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial assets expire, or the Company has transferred its contractual rights to receive cash flows from the financial asset or assumes an obligation to pay the cash flows in full without material delay to a third party and has transferred substantially all of the risks and rewards of the asset, or has neither transferred or retained substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, but has transferred control of the asset.

A financial liability is derecognized when it is extinguished, that is when the obligation is discharged, cancelled, or expires. A financial liability is extinguished when the debtor discharges the liability by paying in cash other financial assets, goods or services, or is legally released from the liability.

Impairment of a financial asset

The Company assesses at the end of each reporting period whether there is any objective evidence of impairment of a financial asset or group of financial assets.

Provisions

A provision is recognized if, as a result of a past event, the Company has a present legal or constructive obligation that can be estimated reliably, and it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation. Provisions are determined by discounting the future cash flows at a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the liability. Provisions are not recognized for future operating losses. As at April 30, 2023 and 2022, no provisions were recorded.

Leases

IFRS requires the recognition of lease contracts, with exceptions for certain short-term leases and leases of low-value assets, on a lessee's statement of financial position as a 'right-of-use asset' and a lease liability reflecting future lease payments. In addition, the lease payments are required to be presented on the statement of cash flow within operating and financing activities for the interest and principal portions, respectively.

The Company has elected to apply the available exemptions for short-term leases and leases of low-value assets. Leases whose initial term is 12 months or less are charged directly to profit or loss.

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2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont'd...)

New Pronouncements

IAS 1 – Presentation of Financial Statements

The IASB has issued an amendment to IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements providing a more general approach to the classification of liabilities. The amendment clarifies that the classification of liabilities as current or non-current depends on the rights existing at the end of the reporting period as opposed to management’s intentions or expectations of exercising the right to defer settlement of the liability. Management would classify debt as non-current only when the Company complies with all the conditions at the reporting date. The amendments further clarify that settlement of a liability refers to the transfer of cash, equity instruments, other assets or services to the counterparty.

The amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2024 and are to be applied retrospectively, with early adoption permitted. The extent of the impact of adoption of this standard has not yet been determined.

3. OTHER RECEIVABLES

The other receivables for the Company are as follows:

| | April 30, 2023 | April 30, 2022 |
|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| GST receivable | \$ 7,924 | \$ 14,398 |

4. PREPAID EXPENSES

The prepaid expenses for the Company are as follows:

| | April 30, 2023 | April 30, 2022 |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| Security deposit for rental of premises | \$ 28,591 | \$ 7,772 |
| Prepaid drilling services ⁽¹⁾ | - | 1,731,718 |
| Other prepaid services | - | 53,800 |
| | \$ 28,591 | \$ 1,793,290 |

⁽¹⁾ Prepaid drilling services relates to a deposit paid for a strategic drilling partnership to provide core drilling services at the South Grass Valley Property. At April 30, 2023, it was determined that Drill NV does not have the capacity to conduct further drilling and the amounts paid were not recoverable, therefore, the Company recorded an impairment of \$1,072,581.

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5. SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS

| | April 30, 2023 | | | April 30, 2022 | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|------|----------------|----------------|-----------|----------------|
| | Number | Cost | Carrying Value | Number | Cost | Carrying Value |
| Spruce Ridge Resources Ltd. – Shares | - | \$ - | \$ - | 170,068 | \$ 25,000 | \$ 13,605 |
| Canada Nickel Company – Shares | - | \$ - | \$ - | 5,557 | \$ - | \$ 12,226 |
| | | \$ - | \$ - | | \$ 25,000 | \$ 25,831 |

During the year ended April 30, 2023, the Company sold 170,068 Spruce Ridge Resources Ltd. Shares for total proceeds of \$10,144, resulting in a loss of \$14,856.

During the year ended April 30, 2023, the Company sold 5,557 Canada Nickel Company shares for total proceeds of \$8,456, resulting in a gain of \$8,456.

6. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the year ended April 30, 2023, the Company:

- i) paid or accrued \$90,000 in consulting fees to a corporation of which the Chief Financial Officer is an employee.
- ii) paid or accrued \$120,000 in consulting fees to a director and a consultant related to a director.
- iii) recorded share-based payments of \$119,169 related to the fair value of stock options vesting through the period to officers, directors, and a company controlled by a director.
- iv) received a total of \$250,000 in loans at varying dates from a consultant related to a director. Each loan has a term of six months, is unsecured, and accrues interest at a rate of 12% per annum. At April 30, 2023, the Company accrued \$8,464 in interest related to the loans.
- v) Austin American Corporation is a company with a common director (see Note 8).

During the year ended April 30, 2022, the Company:

- vi) paid or accrued \$90,000 in consulting fees to a corporation of which the Chief Financial Officer is an employee.
- vii) paid or accrued \$120,000 in consulting fees to a company controlled by a director of the Company and to a director.
- iii) recorded share-based payments of \$243,993 related to the fair value of stock options vesting through the period to officers, directors, and a company controlled by a director.

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6. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (cont'd...)

The amounts included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities which are due to related parties are as follows:

| | April 30, 2023 | April 30, 2022 |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| Due to corporation of which the Chief Financial Officer is an employee | \$ 70,875 | \$ 7,875 |
| Due to key management and former management | 219,652 | 12,075 |
| Due to officers, directors, and a consultant related to a director | 118,000 | 10,640 |
| | <u>\$ 408,527</u> | <u>\$ 30,590</u> |

Key management personnel are those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Company, directly or indirectly. Key management personnel include the Company's President, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Discovery Officer. Salaries and share-based payments to key management is as follows:

| | Year Ended April 30, 2023 | Year Ended April 30, 2022 |
|----------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Salaries | \$ 252,413 | \$ 265,995 |
| Share-based payments | 34,538 | 85,366 |
| | <u>\$ 286,951</u> | <u>\$ 351,361</u> |

7. EQUIPMENT AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS

| | Vehicles | Exploration Equipment | Computer Equipment | Software | Total |
|---------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|------------|
| Cost | | | | | |
| Balance – April 30, 2021 | \$ 61,771 | \$ 466,567 | \$ 13,933 | \$ 60,000 | \$ 602,271 |
| Disposals | - | (302,596) | (13,933) | - | (316,529) |
| Additions | - | 60,723 | - | - | 60,723 |
| Effect of translation | 498 | 16,466 | - | - | 16,964 |
| Balance – April 30, 2022 | \$ 62,269 | \$ 241,160 | \$ - | \$ 60,000 | \$ 363,429 |
| Effect of translation | 6,004 | 14,818 | - | - | 20,822 |
| Balance – April 30, 2023 | \$ 68,273 | \$ 255,978 | \$ - | \$ 60,000 | \$ 384,251 |
| Accumulated amortization | | | | | |
| Balance – April 30, 2021 | \$ 61,771 | \$ 319,664 | \$ 13,933 | \$ 4,000 | \$ 399,368 |
| Disposal | - | (295,524) | (13,933) | - | (309,457) |
| Amortization | - | 82,338 | - | 20,000 | 102,338 |
| Effect of translation | 498 | 11,959 | - | - | 12,457 |
| Balance – April 30, 2022 | \$ 62,269 | \$ 118,437 | \$ - | \$ 24,000 | \$ 204,706 |
| Amortization | - | 48,205 | - | 20,000 | 68,205 |
| Effect of translation | 6,004 | 8,607 | - | - | 14,611 |
| Balance – April 30, 2023 | \$ 68,273 | \$ 175,249 | \$ - | \$ 44,000 | \$ 287,522 |
| Carrying amounts | | | | | |
| As at April 30, 2022 | \$ - | \$ 122,723 | \$ - | \$ 36,000 | \$ 158,723 |
| As at April 30, 2023 | \$ - | \$ 80,729 | \$ - | \$ 16,000 | \$ 96,729 |

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7. EQUIPMENT AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS (cont'd...)

During the year ended April 30, 2022, the Company recognized a gain on the sale of certain exploration equipment of \$182,841.

8. RESOURCE PROPERTIES

| Resource properties expenditures for the year ended | | |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| April 30, | 2023 | 2022 |
| South Grass Valley | \$ 989,917 | \$ 1,830,850 |
| North Grass Valley | 98,507 | 94,151 |
| Kelly Creek | 935 | - |
| Awakening | 112,368 | 117,738 |
| Other | 102,836 | 65,356 |
| | <u>\$ 1,304,563</u> | <u>\$ 2,108,095</u> |

The majority of the property rights that constitute the Company's resource properties consist of unpatented mining claims for which the Company is required to pay annual claim fees on or before September 1, 2023, to the U.S. Bureau of Land Management ("BLM"). The Company's exploration partner at its Kelly Creek project, Austin American Corporation, is responsible for paying the annual BLM claim fees at Kelly Creek, on claims subject to the agreement, as amended (Note 18)

South Grass Valley (SGV)

As at April 30, 2023, the Company's South Grass Valley Project consists of unpatented mining claims held directly by the Company.

Grass Valley Project (GV)

As at April 30, 2023, the Company's Grass Valley Project consists of unpatented mining claims held directly by the Company.

Kelly Creek (KC)

The Company has combined its former Hot Pot Project into its Kelly Creek Project, the combination of which is now together referred to as the Kelly Creek Project.

As of April 30, 2023, the Company's Kelly Creek Project consists of:

- unpatented mining claims held directly by the Company;
- unpatented mining claims leased by the Company from Genesis Gold Corporation ("Genesis") through a Mining Lease and Option to Purchase Agreement (the "Genesis Agreement"); and
- private land leased by the Company under a Mining Lease Agreement (the "Hot Pot Lease").

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8. RESOURCE PROPERTIES (cont'd...)

Kelly Creek (KC) (cont'd...)

The Company entered into the Genesis Agreement on October 1, 2009 and as amended on December 29, 2014, August 25, 2015 and July 25, 2019, to acquire a 100% interest in the Genesis' Hot Pot claims. Under the Genesis Agreement, the Company is the Operator and has the option to purchase 100% of the Genesis claims for 100,000 common shares (issued) and USD\$1,500,000, subject to a 1.5% Net Smelter Return Royalty ("Royalty"), and the following advance royalty payments:

| | | | |
|--|----|------------|---|
| 1 st anniversary (October 1, 2010) | \$ | 5,000 USD | (paid) |
| 2 nd anniversary (October 1, 2011) | | 10,000 USD | (paid) |
| 3 rd anniversary (October 1, 2012) | | 10,000 USD | (paid) |
| 4 th anniversary (October 1, 2013) | | 10,000 USD | (paid) |
| 5 th to 8 th anniversary (October 1, 2014 to October 1, 2017) | | 10,000 USD | i) & ii) |
| 9 th anniversary (October 1, 2018) | | 50,000 USD | (paid) |
| 10 th anniversary (October 1, 2019) | | Nil | iii) |
| 11 th to 13 th anniversaries (October 1, 2020 – October 1, 2022) | | 20,000 USD | iii) (paid by Austin as detailed below) |
| 14 th and subsequent anniversaries (October 1 st annually) | | 50,000 USD | (as adjusted for inflation) |

ii) During the year ended April 30, 2015, the Company issued 80,000 Common shares, plus agreed to pay \$10,000 USD to satisfy the October 1, 2014 payment (paid).

iii) On August 25, 2015, the Company and Genesis agreed to amend the terms of the Genesis Agreement to reduce the annual payments due on October 1, 2015 (paid); October 1, 2016 (paid); and October 1, 2017 (paid), from \$50,000 USD to \$10,000 USD, subject to each party's rights under the Genesis Agreement.

iii) On July 25, 2019, the Company and Genesis agreed to amend the terms of the Genesis Agreement to reduce the annual payment due on October 1, 2019 from \$50,000 USD to \$Nil. Additionally, the annual payments due October 1, 2020 to October 1, 2022 have been reduced from \$50,000 USD to \$20,000 USD, whereby the Company may elect to deliver up to half of this payment in common shares of the Company. The payments due October 1, 2020, October 1, 2021, and October 1, 2022 were paid by Austin.

The Company entered into the Hot Pot Lease on September 16, 2004, for an initial term of 10 years, as amended on May 29, 2009, September 2, 2011, February 25, 2016, February 16, 2017, and June 8, 2020. Any mineral production on the project is subject to a 3% Net Smelter Return Royalty (the "NSR") to the property owner, subject to the Company's right to reduce the Royalty from 3% to 2% for \$2,000,000 USD. Under the February 25, 2016, amendment, the term of the Hot Pot Lease was extended to 20 years, until September 16, 2024. Under the February 16, 2017, amendment, additional lands were added to the Hot Pot Lease, subject to the following payments:

| | | | |
|--|----|------------|------------------------------------|
| Amendment Date (February 16, 2017) | \$ | 5,000 USD | (paid) |
| September 16, 2017 | \$ | 25,000 USD | (paid) |
| October 8, 2018 | \$ | 30,000 USD | (paid) |
| September 16, 2019 | \$ | 30,000 USD | (paid) |
| September 16, 2020 | \$ | 30,000 USD | (paid by Austin as detailed below) |
| September 16, 2021 | \$ | 30,000 USD | (paid by Austin as detailed below) |
| September 16, 2022 | \$ | 30,000 USD | (paid by Austin as detailed below) |
| Subsequent Anniversaries (September 16 th annually) | \$ | 30,000 USD | |

8. RESOURCE PROPERTIES (cont'd...)

Kelly Creek (KC) (cont'd...)

On July 8, 2020, the Company entered into an Exploration and Option to Enter Joint Venture Agreement (the "Agreement") with Austin American Corporation ("Austin"), for an earn in and joint venture agreement on its district-scale Kelly Creek Project (the "Project") within the Kelly Creek Basin in north-central Nevada. Under the Agreement, Austin has the right to earn a 51% interest in the joint venture by spending \$5,000,000 over four years, with the election to then earn an additional 19% by delivering a prefeasibility study. Due to delays and ongoing uncertainty surrounding Covid-19, the Company and Austin agreed to extend all deadlines under the Agreement by 12 months and to reduce the exploration expenditures required during the first year of the Agreement by 25%, which effectively reduces the exploration expenditures required to earn a 51% interest in the Project from \$5,000,000 to \$4,750,000. Under the amended Agreement, to earn a 51% joint venture interest in the Project, Austin must spend \$4,750,000 in exploration expenditures, as follows (the "Earn In"):

- \$750,000 in aggregate by September 1, 2022, which represents a firm commitment, (completed)
- \$1,750,000 in aggregate by June 1, 2023,
- \$3,250,000 in aggregate by June 1, 2024, and
- \$4,750,000 in aggregate by June 1, 2025.

During the Earn In, Austin will be the operator of the Project. Upon completing the Earn In, Austin has a one-time option to elect to earn an additional 19% interest in the joint venture, for a total of 70% (the "Additional Option"), by spending \$1,500,000 per year during the first three years of the Additional Option, and by delivering a prefeasibility study prior to June 1, 2029. At the Company's election, which must be made within 120 days of the approval by the joint venture of a feasibility study, Austin will be obligated to provide the Company's portion of any debt financing or arrange for third party financing of the Company's portion of any debt financing required to construct a mine on the Project described in the feasibility study in consideration for the transfer by the Company to Austin of a 5% interest in the joint venture. If a party is diluted to a 10% interest in the joint venture, its interest will be converted to a 10% net profits interest.

Additionally, Austin is responsible for the payment of all annual claim maintenance fees as well as annual Hot Pot and Genesis lease payments as detailed above, as long as the Agreement is maintained.

The majority of the Company's mineral interests at Kelly Creek are subject to a 1.25% NSR to Royal Gold, Inc.

Subsequent to year end, the terms of the agreement were amended. In addition, Austin informed the Company that it will terminate certain leases and claim holdings within the Kelly Creek project (Note 18).

Awakening

As at April 30, 2023, the Company's Awakening Project consists of:

- unpatented mining claims held directly by the Company; and
- unpatented mining claims leased by the Company from a private third party under an Exploration and Option to Purchase Agreement (the "North Sleeper Agreement").

The Company entered into the North Sleeper Agreement on February 7, 2022 (as amended on July 5, 2022, and August 10, 2022) to acquire a 100% interest in 38 unpatented mining claims. Under the North Sleeper Agreement, the Company is the Operator and has the option to purchase 100% of the North Sleeper claims, subject to a 2% Net Smelter Return Royalty, for payments totaling USD\$800,000 over nine years.

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8. RESOURCE PROPERTIES (cont'd...)

Awakening (cont'd...)

If the Company does not terminate the North Sleeper Agreement prior to February 7, 2023, a work commitment of 600 metres of drilling before February 7, 2024 becomes a firm commitment, after which if the Company elects to proceed, an additional 1,000 metres of core drilling is required to be completed prior to February 7, 2025.

Summary of payments:

| | | |
|--|-----------|--------|
| Upon execution | \$30,000 | (paid) |
| First anniversary of Effective Date (February 7, 2023) | \$30,000 | (paid) |
| Second anniversary of Effective Date (February 7, 2024) | \$40,000 | |
| Third anniversary of Effective Date (February 7, 2025) | \$50,000 | |
| Fourth anniversary of Effective Date (February 7, 2026) | \$50,000 | |
| Fifth anniversary of Effective Date (February 7, 2027) | \$100,000 | |
| Sixth anniversary of Effective Date (February 7, 2028) | \$100,000 | |
| Seventh anniversary of Effective Date (February 7, 2029) | \$100,000 | |
| Eighth anniversary of Effective Date (February 7, 2030) | \$150,000 | |
| Ninth anniversary of Effective Date (February 7, 2031) | \$150,000 | |

During the year ended April 30, 2023, the Company decided to relinquish its option to purchase 100% of the North Sleeper claims. By relinquishing the option to acquire the North Sleeper claims, the Company will not be subject to any further obligations.

9. DEPOSITS AND BONDS

| | April 30, 2023 | April 30, 2022 |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| Security deposits ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 11,500 | \$ 11,500 |
| Reclamation bond deposits ⁽²⁾ | 74,679 | 63,960 |
| | <u>\$ 86,179</u> | <u>\$ 75,460</u> |

⁽¹⁾ Security deposits consisted of \$11,500 guaranteed investment certificate ("GIC") and bearing interest at prime less 2% to a minimum of 0%. The GIC was used to secure the credit limit on a credit card.

⁽²⁾ Reclamation bond deposits are required by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management ("BLM") to ensure that any reclamation and clean-up work required on the Company's properties will be completed to the satisfaction of the BLM.

10. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities for the Company are as follows:

| | April 30, 2023 | April 30, 2022 |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Trade payables | \$ 191,735 | \$ 59,483 |
| Due to related parties (Note 6) | 408,527 | 30,590 |
| Accrued liabilities | 33,784 | 332,008 |
| Total | <u>\$ 634,046</u> | <u>\$ 422,081</u> |

11. CAPITAL STOCK

a) Authorized share capital:

As at April 30, 2023, the authorized share capital of the Company was:
Unlimited number of common shares without par value;
Unlimited number of preferred shares without par value; and
All issued shares are fully paid

b) Issued share capital:

During the year ended April 30, 2023, the Company:

- Issued 20,000 common shares upon the exercise of stock options. The price of the shares on the date of exercise was \$1.25.
- Completed a consolidation of its common shares on the basis of one (1) post consolidation common share for every twenty-five (25) pre-consolidation shares, effective February 15, 2023. All common shares, units, warrants, stock options, and per share amounts have been restated to reflect the share consolidation and per share amounts have been restated to reflect the share consolidation.

During the year ended April 30, 2022, the Company:

- Completed a private placement on June 17, 2021 of 1,461,539 units at a price of \$3.25 for total gross proceeds of \$4,750,000. Each unit consists of one common share and one non-transferrable share purchase warrant entitling the holder to purchase one additional common share at an exercise price of \$5.00 per share for 30 months. The securities issued at closing of the private placement were subject to a four month plus one day hold period, which expired on October 18, 2021.
- In connection with the private placement closed on June 17, 2021, the Company paid finder's fees totaling 12,824 shares, \$208,441 in cash, and 76,929 finder's warrants. The finder's warrants have an exercise price of \$3.25 per common share for 30 months and were subject to a four month plus one day hold period, which expired on October 18, 2021. The finder's warrants granted were estimated to have a fair value of \$157,073 and were accounted for as a share issuance cost.

c) Options

The Company has a stock option plan under which it is authorized to grant options to executive officers and directors, employees and consultants enabling them to acquire up to 10% of the issued and outstanding common stock of the Company. Under the plan, the exercise price of each option equals the market price, minimum price or a discounted price of the Company's stock as calculated on the date of grant. The options can be granted for a maximum term of ten years.

In the absence of a reliable measurement of the services received from the consultants, the following stock option grants have been measured at the fair value of the stock options granted.

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11. CAPITAL STOCK (cont'd...)

c) Options (cont'd...)

During the year ended April 30, 2023:

- 20,000 stock options were exercised.
- 140,740 stock options were forfeited.

During the year ended April 30, 2022, the Company:

- Granted 10,000 stock options on June 7, 2021 to an employee of the Company. The options are exercisable at \$4.50 per share for a period of ten years from the date of grant, expiring June 7, 2031. The options vest 50% after 12 months and 50% after 24 months. These options were forfeited during the period ended January 31, 2023.
- Granted 42,000 stock options on December 9, 2021 to certain directors of the Company. The options are exercisable at \$2.50 per share for a period of ten years from the date of grant, expiring December 9, 2031. The options vest 1/3 upon grant, 1/3 after 12 months and 1/3 after 24 months. The total value recorded for options vested throughout the year ended April 30, 2023 is \$32,269.
- Granted 80,000 stock options on March 11, 2022 to a consultant of the Company. The options are exercisable at \$2.50 per share for a period of five years from the date of grant, expiring March 11, 2027. The options vest ¼ after three months, ¼ after six months, ¼ after 9 months, and ¼ after 12 months. The total value recorded for options vested throughout the year ended April 30, 2023 is \$71,106.

A Continuity of share purchase options for the period April 30, 2023 is as follows:

| Expiry date | Exercise price | April 30, 2022 | Granted | Exercised | Expired/ Forfeited/ | April 30, 2023 | Exercisable | | | | | |
|--|----------------|----------------|-----------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
| August 3, 2026 | 11.75 | 50,000 | - | - | (13,000) | 37,000 | 37,000 | | | | | |
| March 11, 2027 | 2.50 | 80,000 | - | (20,000) | - | 60,000 | 60,000 | | | | | |
| November 27, 2027 | 10.00 | 14,000 | - | - | - | 14,000 | 14,000 | | | | | |
| October 1, 2028 | 6.50 | 85,000 | - | - | (34,000) | 51,000 | 51,000 | | | | | |
| October 26, 2028 | 8.75 | 6,000 | - | - | - | 6,000 | 6,000 | | | | | |
| February 21, 2029 | 7.50 | 10,000 | - | - | - | 10,000 | 10,000 | | | | | |
| May 30, 2029 | 5.75 | 2,000 | - | - | - | 2,000 | 2,000 | | | | | |
| October 31, 2029 | 4.50 | 8,000 | - | - | - | 8,000 | 8,000 | | | | | |
| October 20, 2030 | 4.63 | 61,000 | - | - | (24,000) | 37,000 | 37,000 | | | | | |
| December 23, 2030 | 3.25 | 10,000 | - | - | - | 10,000 | 10,000 | | | | | |
| March 31, 2031 | 4.50 | 138,420 | - | - | (59,740) | 78,680 | 55,120 | | | | | |
| June 7, 2031 | 4.50 | 10,000 | - | - | (10,000) | - | - | | | | | |
| December 9, 2031 | 2.50 | 42,000 | - | - | - | 42,000 | 28,000 | | | | | |
| Total | | 516,420 | - | (20,000) | (140,740) | 355,680 | 318,120 | | | | | |
| Weighted average exercise price | \$ | 5.31 | \$ | - | \$ | 2.50 | \$ | 5.67 | \$ | 5.32 | \$ | 5.51 |

The weighted average remaining time to expiry for all outstanding options as of April 30, 2023 is 6.15 years (2022 – 7.25 years).

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11. CAPITAL STOCK (cont'd...)

c) Options (cont'd...)

A continuity of share purchase options for the year April 30, 2022 is as follows:

| Expiry date | Exercise price | April 30, 2021 | Granted | Exercised | Expired/ Forfeited/ | April 30, 2022 | Exercisable | | | |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
| August 3, 2026 | 11.75 | 50,000 | - | - | - | 50,000 | 50,000 | | | |
| March 11, 2027 | 2.50 | - | 80,000 | - | - | 80,000 | - | | | |
| November 27, 2027 | 10.00 | 14,000 | - | - | - | 14,000 | 14,000 | | | |
| October 1, 2028 | 6.50 | 85,000 | - | - | - | 85,000 | 85,000 | | | |
| October 26, 2028 | 8.75 | 6,000 | - | - | - | 6,000 | 6,000 | | | |
| February 21, 2029 | 7.50 | 10,000 | - | - | - | 10,000 | 10,000 | | | |
| May 30, 2029 | 5.75 | 2,000 | - | - | - | 2,000 | 2,000 | | | |
| October 31, 2029 | 4.50 | 8,000 | - | - | - | 8,000 | 8,000 | | | |
| October 20, 2030 | 4.63 | 61,000 | - | - | - | 61,000 | 61,000 | | | |
| December 23, 2030 | 3.25 | 10,000 | - | - | - | 10,000 | 10,000 | | | |
| March 31, 2031 | 4.50 | 161,220 | - | - | (22,800) | 138,420 | 92,280 | | | |
| June 7, 2031 | 4.50 | - | 10,000 | - | - | 10,000 | - | | | |
| December 9, 2031 | 2.50 | - | 42,000 | - | - | 42,000 | 14,000 | | | |
| Total | | 407,220 | 132,000 | - | (22,800) | 516,420 | 352,280 | | | |
| Weighted average exercise price | \$ | 6.25 | \$ | 2.75 | \$ | 4.50 | \$ | 5.31 | \$ | 6.25 |

The following weighted average inputs and assumptions were used for the Black-Scholes valuation of the options granted.

| | April 30, 2023 | April 30, 2022 |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| Share price | - | \$2.00 |
| Risk-free interest rate | - | 1.68% |
| Expected life of options | - | 6.97 years |
| Annualized volatility based on historical volatility | - | 118.04% |
| Forfeiture rate | - | 0.00% |
| Dividend rate | - | 0.00% |
| Fair value per options | - | \$2.68 |

d) Warrants

During the year ended April 30, 2023, 411,666 warrants expired without exercise.

During the year ended April 30, 2022, the Company issued a total of 1,538,467 common share purchase warrants in connection to private placements and associated brokers warrants.

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11. CAPITAL STOCK (cont'd...)

d) Warrants (cont'd)

A continuity of share purchase warrants for the year ended April 30, 2023 is as follows:

| Expiry date | Exercise Price | April 30, 2022 | Issued | Exercised | Expired | April 30, 2023 | Exercisable |
|--|----------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| July 13, 2022 ^a | 11.25 | 52,640 | - | - | (52,640) | - | - |
| October 9, 2022 ^b | 12.50 | 155,053 | - | - | (155,053) | - | - |
| June 4, 2022 | 12.50 | 116,833 | - | - | (116,833) | - | - |
| July 1, 2022 | 12.50 | 37,140 | - | - | (37,140) | - | - |
| January 7, 2023 | 12.50 | 50,000 | - | - | (50,000) | - | - |
| June 23, 2023 | 4.50 | 1,106,821 | - | - | - | 1,106,821 | 1,106,821 |
| December 16, 2023 | 3.25 | 76,929 | - | - | - | 76,929 | 76,929 |
| December 16, 2023 | 5.00 | 1,461,539 | - | - | - | 1,461,539 | 1,461,539 |
| Total | | 3,056,955 | - | - | (411,666) | 2,645,289 | 2,645,289 |
| Weighted average exercise price | | \$ 5.76 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 12.34 | \$ 4.74 | \$ 4.74 |

- a) On July 15, 2021, the Company received TSX Venture Exchange acceptance to extend the expiry date of 52,640 warrants to July 13, 2022 from July 13, 2021. As a result of this extension, the warrants were revalued using the Black-Scholes option pricing model based on the following assumptions: expected life of 0.995 years, expected volatility of 89.32%, risk-free interest rate of 0.44%, and expected dividend of \$Nil. The difference of \$31,380 between the value of the warrants based on their original remaining life and the value of the extended warrants was charged to share capital.
- b) On July 15, 2021 the Company received TSX Venture Exchange acceptance to extend the expiry date of 155,053 warrants to October 9, 2022 from October 9, 2021. As a result of this extension, the warrants were revalued using the Black-Scholes option pricing model based on the following assumptions: expected life of 1.24 years, expected volatility of 89.68%, risk-free interest rate of 0.44%, and expected dividend of \$Nil. The difference of \$117,144 between the value of the warrants based on their original remaining life and the value of the extended warrants was charged to share capital.

A continuity of share purchase warrants for the year ended April 30, 2022 is as follows:

| Expiry date | Exercise Price | April 30, 2021 | Issued | Exercised | Expired | April 30, 2022 | Exercisable |
|--|----------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| February 28, 2022 | 7.50 | 206,240 | - | - | (206,240) | - | - |
| March 6, 2022 | 7.50 | 112,560 | - | - | (112,560) | - | - |
| July 13, 2022 ^a | 11.25 | 54,078 | - | - | (1,438) | 52,640 | 52,640 |
| October 9, 2022 ^b | 12.50 | 161,470 | - | - | (6,417) | 155,053 | 155,053 |
| March 11, 2022 | 12.50 | 35,486 | - | - | (35,486) | - | - |
| June 4, 2022 | 12.50 | 116,833 | - | - | - | 116,833 | 116,833 |
| July 1, 2022 | 12.50 | 37,140 | - | - | - | 37,140 | 37,140 |
| February 25, 2022 | 10.00 | 102,437 | - | - | (102,437) | - | - |
| January 7, 2023 | 12.50 | 50,000 | - | - | - | 50,000 | 50,000 |
| June 23, 2023 | 4.50 | 1,106,821 | - | - | - | 1,106,821 | 1,106,821 |
| December 16, 2023 | 3.25 | - | 76,929 | - | - | 76,929 | 76,929 |
| December 16, 2023 | 5.00 | - | 1,461,538 | - | - | 1,461,538 | 1,461,538 |
| Total | | 1,983,065 | 1,538,467 | - | (464,578) | 3,056,954 | 3,056,954 |
| Weighted average exercise price | | \$ 7.00 | \$ 4.75 | \$ - | \$ 4.50 | \$ 5.76 | \$ 5.76 |

- a) On July 15, 2021, the Company received TSX Venture Exchange acceptance to extend the expiry date of 52,640 warrants to July 13, 2022 from July 13, 2021. As a result of this extension, the warrants were revalued using the Black-Scholes option pricing model based on the following assumptions: expected life of 0.995 years, expected volatility of 89.32%, risk-free interest rate of 0.44%, and expected dividend of \$Nil. The difference of \$31,380 between the value of the warrants based on their original remaining life and the value of the extended warrants was charged to share capital.
- b) On July 15, 2021 the Company received TSX Venture Exchange acceptance to extend the expiry date of 155,053 warrants to October 9, 2022 from October 9, 2021. As a result of this extension, the warrants were revalued using the Black-Scholes option pricing model based on the following assumptions: expected life of 1.24 years, expected volatility of 89.68%, risk-free interest rate of 0.44%, and expected dividend of \$Nil. The difference of \$117,144 between the value of the warrants based on their original remaining life and the value of the extended warrants was charged to share capital.

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11. CAPITAL STOCK (cont'd...)

d) Warrants (cont'd)

The following weighted average inputs and assumptions were used for the Black-Scholes valuation of the warrants granted.

| | April 30, 2023 | April 30, 2022 |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| Share price | - | \$3.38 |
| Risk-free interest rate | - | 0.48% |
| Expected life of warrants | - | 2.5 years |
| Annualized volatility based on historical volatility | - | 105.33% |
| Dividend rate | - | 0.00% |
| Fair value per warrant | - | \$1.75 |

12. ROYALTIES

On September 1, 2022, the Company signed Royalty Agreements (collectively the “Royalty Agreements”) with Bronco Creek Exploration Inc, a wholly owned subsidiary of EMX Royalty Corporation (“EMX”).

Under the terms of the Royalty Agreements:

- i. The Company will sell a 2% net smelter return royalty (“NSR”) covering its current portfolio of Nevada gold projects (the “Royalty”) to EMX for a purchase price of \$500,000 USD.
- ii. The Company has the right to buy back half of EMX’s 2% NSR by purchasing a 0.5% NSR interest for \$1,000,000 any time prior to the 7th anniversary of the Agreement and then, if the first NSR interest is purchased, purchasing the second 0.5% NSR interest any time prior to production for \$1,500,000.
- iii. In the case that the Company options, farms out, or sells a project subject to the Royalty to a third party, such party shall be required to pay EMX annual advance royalties as follows: \$20,000 on the first anniversary, \$30,000 on the second anniversary, \$40,000 on the third anniversary, and \$50,000 on the fourth and subsequent anniversaries.
- iv. Subject to complying with notice provisions in the Royalty Agreements, the Company may abandon claims and such abandonment will not require payment of advance royalties.

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13. SEGMENTED INFORMATION

The Company operates in one industry segment, being the acquisition, exploration, and development of resource properties. Geographic information is as follows:

| | April 30, 2023 | April 30, 2022 |
|---|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Current assets: | | |
| United States | \$ 31,673 | \$ 1,819,235 |
| Canada | 15,365 | 515,655 |
| | <u>\$ 47,038</u> | <u>\$ 2,334,890</u> |
| Non-current assets: | | |
| United States | | |
| Equipment and intangible assets | \$ 80,729 | \$ 122,723 |
| Deposits and bonds | 74,679 | 63,960 |
| Canada | | |
| Deposits and bonds | 11,500 | 11,500 |
| Equipment and intangible assets | 16,000 | 36,000 |
| | <u>\$ 182,908</u> | <u>\$ 234,183</u> |
| | Year Ended April 30, 2023 | Year Ended April 30, 2022 |
| Income: | | |
| United States | | |
| Interest income | \$ 12 | \$ 34 |
| Consulting income | 35,035 | - |
| Royalty income | 665,683 | - |
| Expenses: | | |
| United States | | |
| Exploration and evaluation expenditures | (1,304,563) | (2,108,095) |
| Other expenses | (1,592,105) | (496,620) |
| Canada | | |
| Other expenses | (915,345) | (1,331,878) |
| | <u>\$ (3,111,283)</u> | <u>\$ (3,936,559)</u> |

14. COMMITMENTS

As of April 30, 2023, the Company has total office lease commitments of \$6,781 ending May 31, 2023.

15. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

Fair value

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:

Level 1 – Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;

Level 2 – Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability either directly or indirectly; and

Level 3 – Inputs that are not based on observable market data.

Short term investments are measured at level 1 of the fair value hierarchy. The fair value of short term investments is measured at the market price of the common shares held at the measurement date. The carrying value of cash and cash equivalents, and accounts payable and accrued liabilities approximate their fair value because of the short-term nature of these instruments.

The fair value of long-term deposits and bonds is measured at amortized cost and the carrying value approximates fair value.

The fair value of the short-term loan payable is calculated at amortized cost by applying market interest rates at the inception of the financial instrument and the carrying value approximates its fair value.

Financial risk factors

The Company's risk exposures and the impact on the Company's financial instruments 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 cash and cash equivalents and deposits and bonds. Management believes that the credit risk concentration with respect to cash and cash equivalents, deposits and bonds is remote as it maintains accounts with highly-rated financial institutions.

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 manages liquidity risk through the management of its capital structure and financial leverage. It also manages liquidity risk by continuously monitoring actual and projected cash flows. The Board of Directors reviews and approves the Company's operating and capital budgets, as well as any material transactions out of the normal course of business.

As at April 30, 2023, the Company had a cash and cash equivalent balance of \$10,523 (2022 - \$501,371) to settle current liabilities of \$892,510 (2022 - \$422,081). As disclosed in Note 1, the Company will need to raise additional funds to meet its obligations as they come due.

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15. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (cont'd...)

Market risk

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

(a) Interest rate risk

The Company is exposed to interest rate risk to the extent that the cash and cash equivalents maintained at the financial institutions is subject to floating rate of interest. The interest rate risks on cash and cash equivalents, deposits and bonds are not considered significant. In addition, the Company is exposed to interest rate risk on its short-term loan payable which is a fixed interest rate financial instrument. Fixed-rate instruments subject the Company to a fair value risk.

(b) Foreign currency risk

The Company is exposed to financial risk arising from fluctuations in foreign exchange rates and the degree of volatility of these rates. A significant portion of the Company's expenses is denominated in US dollars. Consequently, certain assets, liabilities and operating expenses are exposed to currency fluctuations. The Company does not use derivative instruments to reduce its exposure to foreign currency risk. Net assets denominated in foreign currency and the Canadian dollar equivalents as at April 30, 2023 are as follows:

| | USD | CDN |
|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Current assets | \$ 23,326 | \$ 31,673 |
| Non-current assets | 114,456 | 155,408 |
| Current liabilities | (154,331) | (209,551) |
| | <u>\$ (16,549)</u> | <u>\$ (22,470)</u> |

Based on the above net exposures as at April 30, 2023, and assuming all other variables remain constant, a 10% change in the value of the US dollar against the Canadian dollar would result in an increase/decrease of \$2,247 in comprehensive loss.

16. CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

In order to maintain its capital structure, the Company is dependent on equity funding and when necessary, raises capital through the issuance of equity instruments, primarily comprised of common shares and share purchase warrants. In the management of capital, the Company includes the components of equity.

The Company prepares annual estimates of exploration expenditures and monitors actual expenditures compared to the estimates to ensure that there is sufficient capital on hand to meet ongoing obligations. The Company's investment policy is to invest any excess cash in highly liquid short-term deposits with terms of one year or less and which can be liquidated after thirty days without interest penalty. The Company currently has insufficient capital to fund its exploration programs and is reliant on completing equity financings to fund further exploration (Note 1). The Company is not subject to any externally imposed capital requirements.

There were no changes in the Company's approach to capital management during the year ended April 30, 2023.

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17. INCOME TAXES

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

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|--|----------------|------------------|
| Loss before income taxes | \$ (3,111,283) | \$ (3,936,559) |
| Expected income tax recovery at average statutory rate of 27.00% for 2023 (2022 – 27.00%) | \$ (840,046) | \$ (1,062,871) |
| Share-based payment and other non-deductible expenses | 50,839 | 105,522 |
| Share issuance cost incurred | - | (67,326) |
| Difference in statutory rates and other | 129,971 | 173,149 |
| Effect of foreign exchange differences | (312,764) | (181,474) |
| Tax benefits not recognized | <u>972,000</u> | <u>1,033,000</u> |
| Total income taxes | \$ - | \$ - |

The deferred income tax balance is comprised of the following temporary differences:

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Deferred tax assets: | | |
| Non-capital loss carry-forwards | \$ 5,447,000 | \$ 4,911,000 |
| Share issue costs and other | 61,000 | 104,000 |
| Resource properties | 3,654,000 | 3,175,000 |
| Deferred tax assets not recognized | <u>(9,162,000)</u> | <u>(8,190,000)</u> |
| Net deferred tax assets | \$ - | \$ - |

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17. INCOME TAXES (cont'd...)

The Company has available for deduction against future taxable income non-capital losses of approximately \$10,657,000 and US net operating losses of approximately \$12,237,000 (expressed in Canadian dollars) expiring as follows:

| | CDN | US |
|------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 2025 | \$ 2,000 | \$ - |
| 2026 | 203,000 | - |
| 2027 | 858,000 | - |
| 2028 | 569,000 | - |
| 2029 | 549,000 | - |
| 2030 | 81,000 | - |
| 2031 | 357,000 | 743,000 |
| 2032 | 591,000 | 384,000 |
| 2033 | 391,000 | 494,000 |
| 2034 | 331,000 | 3,926,000 |
| 2035 | 224,000 | 1,935,000 |
| 2036 | 658,000 | 1,000 |
| 2037 | 472,000 | 634,000 |
| 2038 | 770,000 | 760,000 |
| 2039 | 777,000 | 783,000 |
| 2040 | 945,000 | 640,000 |
| 2041 | 919,000 | 522,000 |
| 2042 | 1,100,000 | 572,000 |
| 2043 | <u>860,000</u> | <u>843,000</u> |
| | <u>\$ 10,657,000</u> | <u>\$ 12,237,000</u> |

Deferred tax assets have not been recognized in respect of these items because it is not probable that future taxable income will be available against which the Company can utilize the benefits.

18. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

On May 4, 2023, the Company announced that Austin Gold Corp., and Austin American Corporation (collectively “Austin”) have amended the terms of the Option to Joint Venture Agreement on the Kelly Creek Project, Humboldt County, Nevada (Note 8). The amended terms state that Austin must spend a cumulative total of C\$2.5 million (down from C\$4.75 million previously) by June 30, 2025, to earn an initial 51% interest in the Kelly Creek Project. The amended terms also include a requirement to spend an additional C\$2.5 million (down from C\$4.5 million previously) with total expenditures of C\$5.0 million required for Austin to earn an additional 19% interest (for a total of 70%) in the Kelly Creek Project.

Austin must continue to pay the underlying property lease payments and BLM and county fees to keep the properties in good standing during the term of the agreement.

On June 12, 2023, the Company announced that its Joint Venture Partner Austin informed the Company that it will terminate certain leases and claim holdings within the Kelly Creek project, representing approximately 60% of the original claim holdings.

On August 16, 2023, the Company announced that it completed a non-brokered private placement offering (the “Offering”), pursuant to which it has issued 13,000,000 units (the “Units”) at a price of \$0.11 per Unit, for gross proceeds of \$1,430,000.

18. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS (cont'd...)

Each Unit consists of one common share in the capital of the Company (a “Common Share”) and one Common Share purchase warrant (a “Warrant”), with each Warrant entitling the holder thereof to acquire an additional Common Share at an exercise price of C\$0.20 per Common Share for 36 months after the date of issuance (the “Closing Date”). If after four months plus one day from the Closing Date the closing price (or closing bid price on days when there are no trades) of NGE’s common shares is greater than C\$0.40 per share for 10 consecutive trading days, NGE may accelerate the expiry date of the Warrants to the 30th day after the date on which NGE gives notice to the Warrant holders of such acceleration, with such notice being the issuance of a news release by the Company announcing the acceleration of the expiry date.

In connection with the Offering, the Company paid finder’s fees totaling \$20,405 in cash and 185,500 in finder’s warrants, with each finder warrant entitling the holder thereof to acquire an additional Common Share at an exercise price of \$0.20 per Common Share for 36 months. If after four months plus one day from the Closing Date the closing price (or closing bid price on days when there are no trades) of NGE’s common shares is greater than C\$0.40 per share for 10 consecutive trading days, NGE may accelerate the expiry date of the Warrants to the 30th day after the date on which NGE gives notice to the Warrant holders of such acceleration, with such notice being the issuance of a news release by the Company announcing the acceleration of the expiry date. All securities issued are subject to a four month plus one day hold period expiring December 17, 2023, as well as to any other re-sale restrictions imposed by applicable securities regulatory authorities.

On June 23, 2023, 1,106,821 warrants with an exercise price of \$4.50 expired without exercise.

On July 14, 2023, the company received a loan in the amount of \$14,000 from a consultant related to a director. The loan has a term of six months, is unsecured, and accrues interest at a rate of 12%.

Subsequent to year end, Nancy Richter resigned from the board of directors and has moved into a consulting role with the Company.