



**Spanish Mountain
Gold Ltd.**

SPANISH MOUNTAIN GOLD LTD.
(An exploration stage company)

**Consolidated Financial Statements
December 31, 2022 and 2021**
(Expressed in Canadian Dollars)

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF SPANISH MOUNTAIN GOLD LTD.

Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Spanish Mountain Gold Ltd. and its subsidiary (the "Company"), which comprise:

- ◆ the consolidated statements of financial position as at December 31, 2022 and 2021;
- ◆ the consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive loss for the years then ended;
- ◆ the consolidated statements of changes in shareholders' equity for the years then ended;
- ◆ the consolidated statements of cash flows for the years then ended; and
- ◆ the 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 December 31, 2022 and 2021, and its consolidated financial performance and consolidated cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS").

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditors' 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 audits of the consolidated financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained in our audits 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 \$876,462 during the year ended December 31, 2022 and, as of that date, has an accumulated deficit of \$15,157,765. As stated in Note 1, these events or conditions, along with other matters as 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 December 31, 2022. 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 auditors' report.

Other Information

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

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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 identified above and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the consolidated financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audits, and remain alert for indications that the other information appears to be materially misstated.

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

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

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

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

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

Auditors' 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 auditors' 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.

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- ◆ 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 auditors' 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 auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- ◆ Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- ◆ Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Company to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

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

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

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

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditors' report is Michelle Chi Wai So.

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Spanish Mountain Gold Ltd.
Consolidated Statements of Financial Position
(Expressed in Canadian Dollars)
As at December 31

| | Notes | 2022 | 2021 |
|---|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| Assets | | | |
| Current Assets | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 4 | \$ 2,815,985 | \$ 6,688,364 |
| Short-term investments | 4 | 250,000 | 250,000 |
| Accounts receivable | 4 | 52,712 | 211,470 |
| Prepaid expenses | | 29,599 | 89,637 |
| Rent deposit | 8 | 6,818 | 24,955 |
| | | 3,155,114 | 7,264,426 |
| Mineral Properties | 6 | 89,740,340 | 85,306,693 |
| Property and Equipment | 7 | 1,156,949 | 859,158 |
| Deposits for Reclamation | 6(a) | 91,000 | 91,000 |
| Rent Deposit | 8 | 10,444 | - |
| | | \$ 94,153,847 | \$ 93,521,277 |
| Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity | | | |
| Current Liabilities | | | |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | 12(b) | \$ 1,151,823 | \$ 1,354,573 |
| Current portion of lease liability | 8 | 46,166 | 39,788 |
| Returnable security deposits | | - | 18,000 |
| Loans payable | 9 | 40,000 | - |
| | | 1,237,989 | 1,412,361 |
| Loans Payable | 9 | - | 40,000 |
| Lease Liability | 8 | 290,845 | - |
| Deferred Income Tax Liabilities | 11 | 204,887 | 372,705 |
| | | 1,733,721 | 1,825,066 |
| Shareholders' Equity | | | |
| Capital stock | 10 | 106,275,899 | 105,093,485 |
| Share-based payments reserve | 10(b),10(d) | 1,301,992 | 1,047,613 |
| Deficit | | (15,157,765) | (14,444,887) |
| | | 92,420,126 | 91,696,211 |
| | | \$ 94,153,847 | \$ 93,521,277 |

Approved on behalf of the Board:

"Richard Orazietti"
..... Director
Richard Orazietti

"Lembit Janes"
..... Director
Lembit Janes

See notes to the consolidated financial statements

Spanish Mountain Gold Ltd.

Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss

(Expressed in Canadian Dollars)

Years ended December 31

| | Notes | 2022 | 2021 |
|---|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Expenses | | | |
| Salaries and wages | 12 | \$ 416,158 | \$ 392,022 |
| Share based payments | 10(b),10(d),12 | 305,460 | 380,654 |
| Legal and accounting | | 167,828 | 80,873 |
| Investor relations, travel and filing fees | | 139,297 | 146,070 |
| Office and administrative | | 113,889 | 148,099 |
| Depreciation | 7 | 72,158 | 83,724 |
| Loss Before Other Items | | (1,214,790) | (1,231,442) |
| Other Items | | | |
| Recovery of doubtful accounts | 4 | 88,571 | - |
| Interest and finance expense | 8 | (9,059) | (4,509) |
| Interest and other income | | 90,998 | 89,857 |
| Loss Before Deferred Income Tax | | (1,044,280) | (1,146,094) |
| Deferred Income Tax Recovery | 11 | 167,818 | 180,662 |
| Net Loss and Comprehensive Loss for year | | \$ (876,462) | \$ (965,432) |
| Basic and diluted, loss per share | | \$ (0.003) | \$ (0.003) |
| Weighted Average Number of Common Shares Outstanding | | 338,241,154 | 330,421,517 |

See notes to the consolidated financial statements

Spanish Mountain Gold Ltd.

Consolidated Statements of Changes in Shareholders' Equity

(Expressed in Canadian Dollars)

| | Number of Common Shares | Capital Stock | Obligation to Issue Shares | Share-Based Payments Reserve | Deficit | Total Equity |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Balance, December 31, 2020 | 327,614,051 | \$ 104,006,241 | \$ 9,000 | \$ 865,638 | \$ (13,526,480) | \$ 91,354,399 |
| Issued for cash | | | | | | |
| Stock option exercise | 2,150,000 | 569,744 | - | (257,744) | - | 312,000 |
| Warrant exercise | 4,210,000 | 517,500 | - | - | - | 517,500 |
| Fair value of forfeited stock options | - | - | - | (138,766) | 47,025 | (91,741) |
| Proceeds from warrants | - | - | (9,000) | - | - | (9,000) |
| Share-based payments | - | - | - | 578,485 | - | 578,485 |
| Net loss for year | - | - | - | - | (965,432) | (965,432) |
| Balance, December 31, 2021 | 333,974,051 | \$ 105,093,485 | - | \$ 1,047,613 | \$ (14,444,887) | \$ 91,696,211 |
| Issued for cash | | | | | | |
| Stock option exercise | 600,000 | 96,189 | - | (44,189) | - | 52,000 |
| Warrant exercise | 7,241,500 | 1,086,225 | - | - | - | 1,086,225 |
| Fair value of forfeited stock options | - | - | - | (163,584) | 163,584 | - |
| Share-based payments | - | - | - | 462,152 | - | 462,152 |
| Net loss for year | - | - | - | - | (876,462) | (876,462) |
| Balance, December 31, 2022 | 341,815,551 | \$ 106,275,899 | \$ - | \$ 1,301,992 | \$ (15,157,765) | \$ 92,420,126 |

See notes to the consolidated financial statements

Spanish Mountain Gold Ltd.
Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows
(Expressed in Canadian Dollars)
Years ended December 31

| | 2022 | 2021 |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| Operating Activities | | |
| Net loss for year | \$ (876,462) | \$ (965,432) |
| Items not involving cash: | | |
| Depreciation | 72,158 | 83,724 |
| Loss on disposal of fixed asset | 45 | - |
| Interest and finance expense | 9,059 | 4,509 |
| Share-based payments | 305,460 | 380,654 |
| Deferred income tax recovery | (167,818) | (180,662) |
| | (657,558) | (677,207) |
| Changes in non-cash working capital: | | |
| Accounts receivable | 158,758 | 81,135 |
| Prepaid expenses and deposits | 67,731 | 192,436 |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | (15,722) | (62,121) |
| Returnable security deposit | (18,000) | - |
| | 192,767 | 211,450 |
| Cash Used in Operating Activities | (464,791) | (465,757) |
| Financing Activities | | |
| Shares issued for cash | 1,138,225 | 820,500 |
| Payment of lease obligations | (58,128) | (96,689) |
| Cash Provided by Financing Activities | 1,080,097 | 723,811 |
| Investing Activities | | |
| Short-term investments | - | 9,365,160 |
| Expenditures on mineral properties | (4,463,811) | (6,071,422) |
| Mining Exploration Tax Credit received | - | 1,275,765 |
| Purchase of property and equipment | (23,874) | (63,895) |
| Advance for reclamation bonds | - | (6,000) |
| Cash (Used in) Provided by Investing Activities | (4,487,685) | 4,499,608 |
| Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents | (3,872,379) | 4,757,662 |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of the Year | 6,688,364 | 1,930,702 |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of the Year | \$ 2,815,985 | \$ 6,688,364 |
| Supplemental Cash Flow Information | | |
| Non-cash items: | | |
| Mineral properties included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities | \$ 831,695 | \$ 1,058,723 |
| BCMETC receivable included in mineral properties | \$ - | \$ 102,114 |
| Depreciation included in mineral properties | \$ 40,172 | \$ 39,864 |
| Share-based payments included in mineral properties | \$ 156,692 | \$ 106,090 |
| Property and equipment additions included in accrued liabilities | \$ 40,000 | \$ - |

See notes to the consolidated financial statements

SPANISH MOUNTAIN GOLD LTD.

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements
(Expressed in Canadian Dollars)
For the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021

1. NATURE OF OPERATIONS AND GOING CONCERN

Spanish Mountain Gold Ltd. (the “Company”) is an exploration stage resource company incorporated under the *Business Corporations Act* (Alberta) and continued into British Columbia under the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia). The head office and principal address of the Company are located at 910 - 1111 Melville Street, Vancouver, British Columbia V6E 3V6. The address of the Company’s registered office is 1500 - 1055 West Georgia Street, Vancouver, British Columbia V6E 4N7.

These consolidated financial statements (“Financial Statements”) have been prepared on the basis of accounting principles applicable to a going concern, which assumes that the Company will be able to continue in operation for the foreseeable future and will be able to realize its assets and discharge its liabilities and commitments in the normal course of business. Accordingly, these Financial Statements do not include any adjustments to the amounts and classification of assets and liabilities that might be necessary should the Company be unable to continue as a going concern. Such adjustments could be material.

The Company is an exploration stage resource company which does not generate any revenue and has been relying on equity-based financing to fund its operations. While the Company expects to meet its financial obligations in the near term, it will require additional financing to meet its administrative costs and to continue to explore and develop its mineral properties. There is no assurance that future funding will be available to sufficiently conduct further exploration and development of its mineral properties. During the year ended December 31, 2022, the Company incurred a net loss of \$876,462 (2021 - \$965,432) and as at December 31, 2022 has an accumulated deficit of \$15,157,765 (2021 - \$14,444,887).

The application of the going concern concept is dependent upon the Company’s ability to generate future profitable operations and maintain an adequate level of financial resources to discharge its on-going obligations. There is no assurance that sufficient future funding will be available on a timely basis or on terms acceptable to the Company. Management seeks to raise capital, when necessary, to meet its funding requirements and has undertaken available cost-cutting measures. There can be no assurance that management’s plan will be successful as it is dependent on prevailing capital market conditions and the availability of other financing opportunities. These conditions indicate the existence of material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt as to the ability of the Company to meet its obligations as they come due, and accordingly, the appropriateness of the use of accounting principles applicable to a going concern.

Since March 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic has caused significant disruptions to the global economy and increased volatility in the global financial markets. The extent to which COVID-19 may adversely impact the Company’s business and financing opportunities will depend on future developments such as the geographic spread of the disease, the duration of the outbreak, travel restrictions and social distancing, business closures or business disruptions, and the effectiveness of actions taken in Canada and other countries to contain and treat the disease. The Company has put in place measures to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on its exploration and business operating activities. Although it is not possible to reliably estimate the length or severity of these developments and their financial impact to the date of approval of these Financial Statements, there may be further significantly adverse impacts on the Company’s financial position and results of operations for future periods if the pandemic is not successfully contained or the effects of which are not mitigated.

2. BASIS OF PREPARATION

(a) Approval of the Financial Statements

The Financial Statements of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2022 were reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved and authorized for issue by the Board of Directors on April 27, 2023.

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Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements
(Expressed in Canadian Dollars)
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2. BASIS OF PREPARATION (Continued)

(b) Statement of compliance

These Financial Statements are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"), as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB").

(c) Basis of measurement

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

The accounting policies set out in note 3 have been applied consistently by the Company and its subsidiary.

(d) Use of judgments and estimates

The Company's management makes critical judgments in the process of applying its accounting policies that have a significant effect on the amounts recognized in the Company's Financial Statements. The significant judgments that the Company's management has made in the process of applying the Company's accounting policies, apart from those involving estimation uncertainties, that have the most significant effect include, but are not limited to:

- Impairment of property and equipment and mineral properties

Assets or cash-generating units ("CGUs") are evaluated at each reporting date to determine whether there are any indications of impairment. The Company considers both internal and external sources of information when making the assessment of whether there are indications of impairment for the Company's property and equipment and mineral properties.

In respect of the carrying value of property and equipment recorded on the consolidated statements of financial position, management has determined that it continues to be appropriately recorded as there have been no obsolescence or physical damage of the assets, and there are no indications that the value of the assets have declined more than what is expected from the passage of time or from normal use.

In respect of costs incurred for its mineral properties, management has determined that exploratory drilling, evaluation, development and related costs incurred, which have been capitalized, continue to be appropriately recorded on the consolidated statements of financial position at its carrying value as management has determined there are no indicators of impairment for its mineral properties as at December 31, 2022 and 2021.

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2. BASIS OF PREPARATION (Continued)

(d) Use of judgments and estimates (Continued)

- Mining exploration tax credits

The Company is eligible for refundable tax credits on qualified resource expenditures incurred in the province of British Columbia (the "Province"). Uncertainties exist with respect to the interpretation of tax regulations resulting in certain claimed credits being disallowed by the Province. The calculation of the Company's refundable tax credits involves significant estimates and judgment on items whose tax treatment cannot be verified until a notice of assessment and subsequent payments have been received from the Province. Differences between management's estimates and the final assessment could result in adjustments to the mining exploration tax credit and the future income tax expense.

- Going concern

The assessment of the Company's ability to continue as a going concern and to raise sufficient funds to pay for its ongoing operating expenditures, meet its liabilities for the ensuing year, and to fund planned and contractual exploration programs, involves significant judgment based on historical experience and other factors, including expectation of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

- Right-of-use assets and lease liability

The Company applies judgment in determining whether the contract contains an identified asset, whether they have the right to control the asset, and the lease term. The lease term is based on considering facts and circumstances, both qualitative and quantitative, that can create an economic incentive to exercise renewal options. Management considers all facts and circumstances that create an economic incentive to exercise an extension option, or not to exercise a termination option.

Management makes estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the Financial Statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. While management believes that these estimates are reasonable, actual results could differ from those estimates and could impact future results of operations and cash flows. Significant areas requiring the use of management estimates include:

- Useful lives of property and equipment

The Company reviews its estimate of the useful lives of property and equipment at each reporting date, based on the expected utilization of the assets. A change in the useful life or residual value will impact the reported carrying value of the property and equipment resulting in a change in related amortization expense.

- Asset retirement and environmental obligations

Amounts recorded for asset retirement obligations require the use of management's best estimates of future decommissioning expenditures, expected timing of expenditures and future inflation rates. The estimates are based on internal and third-party information and calculations are subject to change over time and may have a material impact on results of operations or financial position.

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2. BASIS OF PREPARATION (Continued)

(d) Use of judgments and estimates (Continued)

- Estimate of deferred tax liability

The Company estimates the expected manner and timing of the realization or settlement of the carrying value of its assets and liabilities and applies the tax rates that are enacted or substantively enacted on the estimated dates of realization or settlement.

- Share-based payments

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

- Right-of-use assets and lease liability

The Company uses estimation in determining the incremental borrowing rate used to measure the lease liability, specific to the asset, underlying currency, and geographic location. Where the rate implicit in the lease is not readily determinable, the discount rate of the lease obligations are estimated using a discount rate similar to the Company's specific borrowing rate. This rate represents the rate that the Company would incur to obtain the funds necessary to purchase the asset of a similar value, with similar payment terms and security in a similar environment.

3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following is a summary of significant accounting policies:

(a) Principles of consolidation

These Financial Statements include the accounts of the Company and its wholly-owned Canadian subsidiary, Wildrose Resources Ltd. ("Wildrose"). A subsidiary is an entity in which the Company has control, where control requires exposure or rights to variable returns and the ability to affect those returns through power over the investees. All intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated on consolidation.

(b) Cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash, bank deposits or highly liquid temporary investments that are readily convertible into known amounts of cash. Term deposits with an original maturity greater than three months and that are non-redeemable are classified as short-term investments.

(c) Presentation currency

The Company's presentation currency is the Canadian dollar, which is also the functional currency for both the Company and its subsidiary, Wildrose.

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3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(d) Mineral properties

The Company capitalizes all costs related to investments in mineral property interests on a property-by-property basis. Such costs include mineral property acquisition costs and exploration and development expenditures, net of any recoveries. The amounts shown for acquisition costs and deferred exploration expenditures represent costs incurred to date and do not necessarily reflect present or future values. Costs are deferred until such time as the extent of mineralization has been determined and mineral property interests are either developed or the Company's mineral rights are allowed to lapse. Costs accumulated relating to projects that are abandoned are written off in the period in which a decision to discontinue the project is made.

All deferred mineral property expenditures are reviewed, on a property-by-property basis, to consider whether there are any conditions that may indicate impairment. When the carrying value of a property exceeds its net recoverable amount that may be estimated by quantifiable evidence of an economic geological resource or reserve, joint venture expenditure commitments or the Company's assessment of its ability to sell the property for an amount exceeding the deferred costs, provision is made for the impairment in value.

When it has been determined that a mineral property can be economically developed as a result of establishing proven and probable reserves, costs will be depleted using the unit-of-production method over the estimated life of the ore body based upon recoverable ounces to be mined from estimated proven and probable reserves.

From time to time, the Company may acquire or dispose of a mineral property interest pursuant to the terms of an option agreement. As the options are exercisable entirely at the discretion of the optionee, the amounts payable or receivable are not recorded until the payments are made or received. Proceeds received on the sale or option of the Company's property interest is recorded as a reduction of the mineral property cost. When proceeds received in respect of a property exceed its carrying cost, such excess is recognized in net income (loss).

(e) Property and equipment

Property and equipment are recorded at cost and depreciated using the declining-balance basis at the following annual rates:

| | |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Building | 4% |
| Computer equipment | 30% |
| Furniture and equipment | 20% |
| Vehicles and other | 30% |

The office lease, which is recognized as a right-of-use asset, is depreciated on a straight-line basis over the 70-month term of the lease.

Additions during the year are depreciated on a pro-rated basis. Depreciation on property and equipment used directly on exploration projects is capitalized to mineral properties in note 6.

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3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(f) Impairment of non-current assets

At the end of each reporting period, the Company reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is an indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any). Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the Company estimates the recoverable amount of the CGU (the smallest identifiable group of assets that generates cash inflows that are largely independent of the cash inflow from other assets or groups of assets). The recoverable amount of the asset (or CGU) is the greater of the asset's (or CGU's) fair value less costs to sell and its value in use to which the assets belong.

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 (or CGU) is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset (or CGU) is reduced to its recoverable amount. An impairment loss is recognized in profit or loss for the period, unless the relevant asset is carried at a revalued amount, in which case the impairment loss is treated as a revaluation decrease.

The Company uses its best efforts to fully understand all of the aforementioned to make an informed decision based upon historical and current facts surrounding the projects. Discounted cash flow techniques often require management to make estimates and assumptions on reserves and expected future production revenues and expenses.

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.

(g) Provision for closure and reclamation

The Company assesses its mine rehabilitation provision at each reporting date. Changes to estimated future costs are recognized in the statements of financial position by either increasing or decreasing the rehabilitation liability and asset to which it relates if the initial estimate was originally recognized as part of an asset measured in accordance with IAS 16 *Property, Plant and Equipment*.

The Company records the present value of estimated costs of legal and constructive obligations required to restore mining operations in the period in which the obligation is incurred. The nature of these restoration activities includes: dismantling and removing structures, rehabilitating mine, dismantling operating facilities, closure of plant and waste sites, and restoration, reclamation and vegetation of affected areas.

Present value is used where the effect of the time value of money is material. The related liability is adjusted for each period for the unwinding of the discount rate and for changes to the current market-based discount rate, and the amount or timing of the underlying cash flows needed to settle the obligation. The increase in the provision due to the passage of time is recognized as interest expense.

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(h) Mining exploration tax recoveries

The Company recognizes mining exploration tax recoveries in the period in which there is reasonable expectation, based on management's estimate, of receiving a refund. The amount of tax credit receivable is subject to review and approval by the taxation authorities and is adjusted for in the period when such approval is confirmed.

(i) Unit issuance

Proceeds received on the issuance of units, consisting of common shares and warrants, are allocated first to common shares based on the market trading price of the common shares at the time the units are priced, and any excess is allocated to warrants.

(j) Share-based payments

The Company has a stock option plan that is described in note 10(b). Share-based payments to employees are measured at the fair value of the instruments issued and amortized over the vesting periods. Share-based payments to non-employees are measured at the fair value of the goods or services received or the fair value of the equity instruments issued, if it is determined the fair value of the goods or services cannot be reliably measured, and are recorded at the date the goods or services are received. The amount recognized as an expense is adjusted to reflect the number of awards expected to vest. The offset to the recorded cost is to share-based payments reserve. Consideration received on the exercise of stock options is recorded as capital stock and the related amount originally recorded in share-based payments reserve is transferred to capital stock. For those unexercised options or warrants that expire, the recorded value is transferred to deficit.

(k) Earnings (loss) per share

Basic earnings (loss) per share is calculated by dividing earnings (loss) available to common shareholders by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. For all periods presented, the earnings (loss) available to common shareholders equal the reported earnings (loss). The computation of diluted earnings per share reflects the potential dilution that could occur on the exercise of outstanding options, warrants and similar instruments. The Company uses the treasury stock method to determine the dilutive effect of options, warrants and other dilutive instruments. Under this method, only "in the money" dilutive instruments impact the calculations in computing diluted earnings per share. However, the calculation of diluted loss per share excludes the effects of conversions or exercise of options and warrants if they would be anti-dilutive.

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3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(l) Income taxes

The Company follows the asset and liability method of accounting for deferred income taxes. Under this method, deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax basis, losses carried forward and other tax deductions. Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are measured using tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in net income (loss) in the period in which the change is enacted or substantively enacted. The amount of deferred income tax assets is limited to the amount of the benefit that is probable that the related tax benefit will be realized.

(m) Financial instruments

Financial assets

i. Recognition and measurement of financial assets

The Company recognizes a financial asset when it becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

ii. Classification of financial assets

The Company classifies financial assets at initial recognition as financial assets: measured at amortized cost, measured at fair value through other comprehensive income, or measured at fair value through profit or loss.

Financial assets measured at amortized cost

A financial asset that meets both of the following conditions is classified as a financial asset measured at amortized cost:

- The Company's business model for such financial assets, is to hold the assets in order to collect contractual cash flows.
- 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 amount outstanding.

A financial asset measured at amortized cost is initially recognized at fair value plus transaction costs directly attributable to the asset. After initial recognition, the carrying amount of the financial asset measured at amortized cost is determined using the effective interest method, net of impairment loss, if necessary. The Company's accounts receivable and deposits are measured at amortized cost.

Financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVTOCI")

A financial asset measured at fair value through other comprehensive income is recognized initially at fair value plus transaction costs directly attributable to the asset. After initial recognition, the asset is measured at fair value with changes in fair value included as "financial asset at fair value through other comprehensive income" in other comprehensive income. Accumulated gains or losses recognized through other comprehensive income remain within accumulated other comprehensive income when the financial instrument is derecognized or its fair value substantially decreases. The Company does not have any financial assets measured at FVTOCI.

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(m) Financial instruments (Continued)

Financial assets (Continued)

ii. Classification of financial assets (Continued)

Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL")

A financial asset measured at fair value through profit or loss is recognized initially at fair value with any associated transaction costs being recognized in profit or loss when incurred. Subsequently, the financial asset is re-measured at fair value, and a gain or loss is recognized in profit or loss in the reporting period in which it arises. The Company's cash and cash equivalents and short-term investments are measured at FVTPL.

iii. Derecognition of financial assets

The Company derecognizes a financial asset if the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire, or the Company transfers substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset. Any interests in transferred financial assets that are created or retained by the Company are recognized as a separate asset or liability. Gains and losses on derecognition are generally recognized in the consolidated statement of loss and comprehensive loss. However, gains and losses on derecognition of financial assets classified as FVTOCI remain within accumulated other comprehensive income (loss).

Financial liabilities

i. Recognition and measurement of financial liabilities

The Company recognizes financial liabilities when it becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instruments.

ii. Classification of financial liabilities

The Company classifies financial liabilities at initial recognition as financial liabilities: measured at amortized cost or measured at fair value through profit or loss.

Financial liabilities measured at amortized cost

A financial liability at amortized cost is initially measured at fair value less transaction cost directly attributable to the issuance of the financial liability. Subsequently, the financial liability is measured at amortized cost based on the effective interest rate method. The Company's accounts payable and accrued liabilities, lease liability, returnable security deposit and loan payable are measured at amortized cost.

Financial liabilities measured at fair value through profit or loss

A financial liability measured at fair value through profit or loss is initially measured at fair value with any associated transaction costs being recognized in profit or loss when incurred.

Subsequently, the financial liability is re-measured at fair value, and a gain or loss is recognized in profit or loss in the reporting period in which it arises. The Company does not have any financial liabilities measured at fair value through profit or loss.

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3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(m) Financial instruments (Continued)

Financial liabilities (Continued)

iii. Derecognition of financial liabilities

The Company derecognizes a financial liability when the financial liability is discharged, cancelled or expired. Generally, the difference between the carrying amount of the financial liability derecognized and the consideration paid and payable, including any non-cash assets transferred or liabilities assumed, is recognized in the consolidated statement of income (loss).

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount is presented in the consolidated statement of financial position only when the Company has a legally enforceable right to set off the recognized amounts and intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Fair value hierarchy

The Company provides information about its financial instruments measured at fair value at one of three levels according to the relative reliability of the inputs used to estimate the fair value:

- Level 1 – Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets 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).

Impairment of financial assets

The Company assesses, at each reporting date, whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset or a group of financial assets is impaired. A financial asset or group of financial assets is deemed to be impaired if, and only if, there is objective evidence of impairment as a result of one or more events that has occurred after the initial recognition of the asset and that event has an impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset or group of financial assets.

(n) Leases

Lease recognition

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

- The contract involves the use of an identified asset, either explicitly or implicitly and should be physically distinct. If the supplier has a substantive substitution right, then the asset is not identified;
- The Company has the right to obtain substantially all of the economic benefits from use of the asset throughout the period of use; and
- The Company has the right to direct the use of the asset. The Company has this right when it has the decision-making rights that are most relevant to changing how and for what purpose the asset is used.

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(n) Leases (Continued)

Lease recognition (Continued)

If a contract is assessed to contain a lease, a lease liability is initially recognized at the present value of the lease payments that are unpaid at the commencement date, and discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease or, if that rate cannot be readily determined, the Company's incremental borrowing rate. Generally, the Company uses its incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate. The lease obligation is measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method. The Company also recognizes a right-of-use ("ROU") asset that will generally be equal to the lease obligation at adoption. The ROU asset is subsequently amortized over the life of the contract.

The lease liability is subsequently increased by the interest cost on the lease liability and decreased by lease payment made. It is re-measured when there is a change in future lease payments arising from a change in index or rate, a change in the estimate of the amount expected to be payable under a residual value guarantee, or as appropriate, changes in the assessment of whether a purchase or extension option is reasonably certain to be exercised or a termination option is reasonably certain not to be exercised.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT AND FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Company's financial instruments classified as Level 1 in the fair value hierarchy are cash and cash equivalents, short-term investments, accounts receivable, rent deposit, accounts payable and accrued liabilities, loans payable and returnable security deposits, as their carrying values approximate their fair values due to the short-term maturity. The carrying value of deposits for reclamation approximates fair value since amounts held earn interest at market rates. The lease liability is classified as Level 3.

The Company's risk exposure and the impact on the Company's financial instruments are summarized below.

(a) Credit risk

Credit risk refers to the potential that a counterparty to a financial instrument will fail to discharge its contractual obligations and arises principally from the Company's holdings of cash and cash equivalents, short-term investments and accounts receivable. The Company manages credit risk in respect of cash and cash equivalents and short-term investments by holding these at a major Canadian financial institution with strong investment-grade ratings by a recognized agency.

Concentration of credit risk exists with respect to the Company's cash and cash equivalents and short-term investments, as all amounts are held at a major Canadian financial institution. The Company's cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments at December 31, 2022 and 2021 are as follows:

| | 2022 | | 2021 |
|----------------------------|--------------|----|-------------|
| Cash held in bank accounts | \$ 275,677 | \$ | 2,388,364 |
| Term deposits | 2,540,308 | | 4,300,000 |
| Short-term investments | 250,000 | | 250,000 |
| | \$ 3,065,985 | \$ | 6,938,364 |

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4. RISK MANAGEMENT AND FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

(a) Credit risk (Continued)

As at December 31, 2022, the Company had \$250,000 (2021 - \$250,000) invested in non-redeemable GICs with original maturity greater than three months. Interest is accrued during the GIC term. The weighted average interest rate earned on the Company's cash and cash equivalents and short-term investments at December 31, 2022 is 3.67% (2021 - 0.52%).

At December 31, 2022 and 2021, the Company's accounts receivable balance consists of the following:

| | 2022 | 2021 |
|---------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Trade accounts receivable | - | 251,729 |
| Tax credit receivable | 43,469 | 193,997 |
| Accrued interest receivable | 9,243 | 5,486 |
| Allowance for doubtful accounts | - | (239,742) |
| | \$ 52,712 | \$ 211,470 |

During the year ended December 31, 2022, the Company entered a settlement agreement with its former subtenant with respect to unpaid rent resulting a net recovery of \$88,571.

(b) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will encounter difficulty in satisfying financial obligations as they become due. The Company manages its liquidity risk by forecasting cash flows from operations and anticipated investing and financing activities. The Company has cash and cash equivalents and short-term investments at December 31, 2022 of \$3,065,985 (2021 - \$6,938,364), in order to meet short-term liabilities. At December 31, 2022 the Company had accounts payable and accrued liabilities of \$1,151,823 (2021 - \$1,354,573), which have contractual maturities of 90 days or less, current lease liabilities of \$46,166 (2021 - \$39,788), and a \$40,000 interest-free, business account of which \$10,000 of the loan is forgivable if paid by December 31, 2023. The amount of the Company's remaining undiscounted contractual maturities for the lease liability is approximately \$324,007 (2021 - \$Nil) which are due between one to five years.

(c) Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in market prices. The Company is exposed to interest rate risk, foreign currency risk and other price risk as follows:

(i) Interest rate risk

The Company's cash and cash equivalents and short-term investments are held in bank accounts and earn interest at variable interest rates. Due to the short-term nature of these financial instruments and the prevailing interest rate environment, fluctuations in market rates do not have a significant impact on estimated fair values or cash flows as of December 31, 2022 and 2021.

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4. RISK MANAGEMENT AND FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

(c) Market risk (Continued)

(ii) Foreign currency risk

The Company's operations are located in Canada with substantially all transactions denominated in Canadian dollars, and accordingly, the Company is not exposed to significant foreign currency risk.

(iii) Other price risk

Other price risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in market prices, other than those arising from interest rate risk. The Company is not significantly exposed to other price risk with respect to its financial instruments, as their fair values and future cash flows are not impacted materially by fluctuations in market prices.

5. CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

The Company's primary source of funds has been obtained through the issuance of capital stock. Other than the loan payable referred to in Note 9, the Company does not use other sources of financing that require fixed payments of interest and principal, and is not subject to any externally imposed capital requirements.

The Company defines its capital as all components of shareholders' equity. Capital requirements are determined by the Company's exploration activities on its mineral property interests and administrative overhead. To effectively manage the Company's capital requirements, the Company has a planning and budgeting process in place to ensure that adequate funds are available to meet strategic goals.

In accordance with its investment policy, the Company periodically invests its capital in liquid investments to obtain returns that are considered reasonable under prevailing market conditions. 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 of unused capital.

Although the Company has been successful at raising funds in the past through the issuance of capital stock, there can be no assurances that it will continue into the future.

There were no changes in the Company's approach to capital management during the year ended December 31, 2022.

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6. MINERAL PROPERTIES

Acquisition and exploration expenditures incurred on mineral properties are as follows:

| | Note | Spanish Mountain Gold Project |
|--|-------------|----------------------------------|
| Balance, December 31, 2020 | | \$ 80,745,618 |
| Additions during the year | | |
| Deferred exploration costs: | | |
| Assaying | | 584,941 |
| Camp materials and supplies | | 123,543 |
| Contract wages | | 230,531 |
| Depreciation | 7 | 39,864 |
| Drilling | | 1,156,876 |
| Environmental assessment | | 2,072,266 |
| Field supplies and services | | 27,498 |
| First Nations and community engagement | | 162,359 |
| Fuel | | 48,206 |
| Geological and technical consulting | 12 | 242,253 |
| Land tenure | | 39,627 |
| Maps and reports | | 36,466 |
| Pre-feasibility study | | 1,004,909 |
| Share-based payments | 10(b),10(d) | 106,090 |
| Soil Sampling | | 35,536 |
| Travel and accommodation | | 27,989 |
| Total additions during the year | | 5,938,954 |
| BC METC recovery | 11 | (1,377,879) |
| Balance, December 31, 2021 | | \$ 85,306,693 |
| Additions during the year | | |
| Deferred exploration costs: | | |
| Assaying | | 563,486 |
| Camp materials and supplies | | 97,585 |
| Contract wages | | 199,307 |
| Depreciation | 7 | 40,173 |
| Drilling | | 279,351 |
| Environmental assessment | | 1,827,750 |
| Field supplies and services | | 177,244 |
| First Nations and community engagement | | 190,678 |
| Fuel | | 3,623 |
| Geological and technical consulting | 12 | 277,256 |
| Land tenure | | 31,801 |
| Maps and reports | | 505,283 |
| Share-based payments | 10(b),10(d) | 156,692 |
| Soil Sampling | | 26,298 |
| Travel and accommodation | | 57,121 |
| Total additions during the year | | 4,433,648 |
| Balance, December 31, 2022 | | \$ 89,740,341 |

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6. MINERAL PROPERTIES (Continued)

(a) Spanish Mountain Property, British Columbia

The property is subject to various net smelter returns (“NSR”) at 2.5%. The Company may, at its option, reduce the NSR to 1.0% or 1.5% dependent on the underlying mineral claims with a maximum aggregate payment of \$1,000,000 to the vendors.

On June 15, 2010, the Company acquired a 100% undivided interest in the Cedar Creek property, which is contiguous to the Spanish Mountain property. The wholly owned property is subject to a 2.5% NSR in favour of a third party. The NSR may be purchased by the Company for \$500,000 per 1.0% NSR. On May 23, 2011, the Company acquired two additional mineral claims that are adjacent to the Cedar Creek property for \$110,000 cash. The claims are subject to a 3.0% NSR, 2.5% of which may be purchased for \$1,000,000.

On August 21, 2012, the Company completed the acquisition of a 100% undivided interest in an additional group of mineral claims for consideration of \$500,000 in cash and 2,000,000 common shares with a fair value of \$740,000. The property is subject to an aggregate 4.0% NSR. The Company has the option to reduce the NSR to 2.0% by paying a one-time cash payment of \$2,000,000 to the royalty holders.

In accordance with regulatory requirements, the Company holds a number of GICs aggregating in the sum of \$91,000 (2021 - \$91,000), in safekeeping for the Government of British Columbia. The security will be released once the Company performs its obligations pursuant to its Mineral Exploration Permit.

(b) Title to mineral property interests

Although the Company has taken steps to verify the title to mineral properties in which it has an interest, in accordance with industry standards for the current stage of exploration of such properties, these procedures do not guarantee the Company’s title. Property title may be subject to unregistered prior agreements or transfers and title may be affected by undetected defects.

(c) Realization of assets

The investment in and expenditures on mineral properties comprise a significant portion of the Company’s assets. Realization of the Company’s investment in these assets is dependent upon the establishment of legal ownership, the attainment of successful production from the properties or from the proceeds of their disposal.

Resource exploration and development is highly speculative and involves inherent risks. While the rewards if an ore body is discovered can be substantial, few properties that are explored are ultimately developed into producing mines. There can be no assurance that current exploration programs will result in the discovery of economically viable quantities of ore.

(d) Environmental

The Company is subject to the laws and regulations relating to environmental matters in all jurisdictions in which it operates, including provisions relating to property reclamation, discharge of hazardous material and other matters. The Company may also be held liable should environmental problems be discovered that were caused by former owners and operators of its properties and properties in which it has previously had an interest. The Company conducts its mineral exploration activities in compliance with applicable environmental protection legislation. The Company is not aware of any existing environmental issues related to any of its current or former properties that may result in material liability to the Company.

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6. MINERAL PROPERTIES (Continued)

(d) Environmental (Continued)

Environmental legislation is becoming increasingly stringent and costs and expenses of regulatory compliance are increasing. The impact of new and future environmental legislation on the Company's operations may cause additional expenses and restrictions. If the restrictions adversely affect the scope of exploration and development on the mineral properties, the potential for production on the property may be diminished or negated.

7. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

| | Land | Building | ROU Asset | Computer Equipment | Furniture and Equipment | Vehicles and Other | Total |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Cost | | | | | | | |
| Balance, December 31, 2020 | \$ 127,441 | \$ 1,112,739 | \$ 277,317 | \$ 159,126 | \$ 176,138 | \$ 92,190 | \$ 1,944,951 |
| Additions | - | - | - | - | 63,895 | - | 63,895 |
| Balance, December 31, 2021 | 127,441 | 1,112,739 | 277,317 | 159,126 | 240,033 | 92,190 | 2,008,846 |
| Additions | - | - | 346,292 | 3,273 | 3,451 | 57,151 | 410,167 |
| Disposals | - | - | (277,317) | - | - | (25,963) | (303,280) |
| Balance, December 31, 2022 | \$ 127,441 | \$ 1,112,739 | \$ 346,292 | \$ 162,399 | \$ 243,484 | \$ 123,378 | \$ 2,115,733 |
| Accumulated Depreciation | | | | | | | |
| Balance, December 31, 2020 | \$ - | \$ 471,158 | \$ 162,332 | \$ 151,461 | \$ 152,882 | \$ 88,267 | \$ 1,026,100 |
| Additions | - | 25,664 | 81,166 | 2,293 | 13,289 | 1,176 | 123,588 |
| Balance, December 31, 2021 | - | 496,822 | 243,498 | 153,754 | 166,171 | 89,443 | 1,149,688 |
| Additions | - | 24,637 | 68,448 | 1,788 | 14,938 | 2,520 | 112,331 |
| Disposals | - | - | (277,317) | - | - | (25,918) | (303,235) |
| Balance, December 31, 2022 | \$ - | \$ 521,459 | \$ 34,629 | \$ 155,542 | \$ 181,109 | \$ 66,045 | \$ 958,784 |
| Carrying Amounts | | | | | | | |
| At December 31, 2021 | \$ 127,441 | \$ 615,917 | \$ 33,819 | \$ 5,372 | \$ 73,862 | \$ 2,747 | \$ 859,158 |
| At December 31, 2022 | \$ 127,441 | \$ 591,280 | \$ 311,663 | \$ 6,857 | \$ 62,375 | \$ 57,333 | \$ 1,156,949 |

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8. LEASE OBLIGATIONS

In February 2017, the Company signed an extension agreement to renew the lease of its former office premises. The agreement commenced June 1, 2017 and expired May 31, 2022. At December 31, 2021, the remaining lease liability was \$39,788. Upon the expiration date of May 31, 2022, the Company had fulfilled its entire lease obligation and vacated the property thus terminating its lease and resulting in a \$Nil balance related to this ROU Asset and its corresponding lease liability.

During March 2022, the Company entered into an agreement to sublease new office premises. The term of the sublease begins June 1, 2022 and expires March 31, 2023. Concurrently, the Company also entered into a lease extension with the direct landlord which begins April 1, 2023 and expires March 31, 2028. The total aggregate lease payments pursuant to the agreements are \$404,001. Additionally, operating costs are estimated at \$253,124 over the same period. The Company paid a deposit of \$13,636 to its sublandlord upon the execution of the sublease agreement and a deposit of \$10,444 to its direct landlord upon the execution of the lease extension. A deposit of \$6,818 was recovered from the sublandlord upon the commencement of the sublease.

The following table reconciles the Company's operating lease commitments at June 1, 2022 to the lease obligation recognized. When measuring the value of the lease liabilities, the Company discounted lease payments using its estimated incremental borrowing rate of 5%.

| | June 1, 2022 |
|--|-------------------------|
| Operating lease commitment | \$ 404,001 |
| Effect from discounting using the incremental borrowing rate | (57,709) |
| Lease liability recognized at execution of lease | \$ 346,292 |

As at December 31, 2022 and 2021, the Company's discounted lease liability for the remainder of its lease term consisted of the following:

| | 2022 | 2021 |
|---|-------------------|------------------|
| Lease liability recognized at beginning of the year | \$ 39,788 | \$ 131,968 |
| Lease liability recognized at execution of lease | 346,292 | - |
| Lease payments | (58,128) | (96,689) |
| Lease interest | 9,059 | 4,509 |
| Lease liability - discounted | \$ 337,011 | \$ 39,788 |

| | 2022 | 2021 |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Current | \$ 46,166 | \$ 39,788 |
| Non-current | 290,845 | - |
| Lease liability - discounted | \$ 337,011 | \$ 39,788 |

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9. LOANS PAYABLE

On April 30, 2020, the Company obtained an interest-free, forgivable business account totaling \$40,000 under a government program. Under the original terms, the funds are interest free until December 31, 2022 and 25% of the balance is forgivable if repaid by such date. If the loan is extended past December 31, 2022, it will carry an interest rate of 5% per annum beginning January 1, 2023 until the loan is repaid in full or the maximum maturity date of December 31, 2025. During the year ended December 31, 2022, the Company was notified that the payment due date for partial loan forgiveness and interest free period has been extended to December 31, 2023.

10. CAPITAL STOCK

(a) Authorized

- (i) Unlimited number of common voting shares without par value
- (ii) Unlimited number of first preferred shares
- (iii) Unlimited number of second preferred shares

The first and second preferred shares may be issued in one or more series and the directors are authorized to fix the number in each series and to determine the designation, rights, privileges, restrictions and conditions attached to the shares of each series. As at December 31, 2022 and 2021, there are no preferred shares outstanding.

(b) Stock options

The Company's incentive stock option plan authorizes the issuance of options up to a maximum of 20% of the Company's issued shares. The maximum number of options issuable has been fixed at 17,401,903 by a special resolution of shareholders since 2009. The exercise price of any option granted shall not be less than the fair market value of the shares at the time of the grant. The expiry date for each option, set by the Board of Directors at the time of issue, shall not be more than five years after the grant date. Unless stipulated by the Board of Directors, options granted generally vest 25% on the date of grant and a further 25% vest every six months and expire after five years.

Changes in the Company's stock options during the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021 are summarized as follows:

| | 2022 | | 2021 | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | Number of Options | Weighted Average Exercise Price | Number of Options | Weighted Average Exercise Price |
| Outstanding, beginning of year | 7,200,000 | \$ 0.19 | 10,225,000 | \$ 0.19 |
| Granted | 3,950,000 | \$ 0.18 | - | \$ - |
| Exercised | (600,000) | \$ 0.09 | (2,150,000) | \$ 0.15 |
| Forfeited | (800,000) | \$ 0.27 | (875,000) | \$ 0.26 |
| Outstanding, end of year | 9,750,000 | \$ 0.19 | 7,200,000 | \$ 0.19 |

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10. CAPITAL STOCK (Continued)**(b) Stock options (continued)**

A summary of the Company's stock options outstanding and exercisable at December 31, 2022 and 2021 is as follows:

| Expiry Date | 2022 | | | 2021 | | |
|--------------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| | Exercise Price | Number of Options | Number of Options exercisable | Exercise Price | Number of Options | Number of Options exercisable |
| July 3, 2023 | \$ 0.10 | 1,950,000 | 1,950,000 | \$ 0.10 | 2,150,000 | 2,150,000 |
| July 3, 2024 | \$ 0.08 | 1,650,000 | 1,650,000 | \$ 0.08 | 2,050,000 | 2,050,000 |
| August 28, 2024 | \$ 0.12 | - | - | \$ 0.12 | 300,000 | 300,000 |
| December 16, 2025 | \$ 0.36 | 2,200,000 | 2,200,000 | \$ 0.36 | 2,700,000 | 2,025,000 |
| January 24, 2027 | \$ 0.21 | 2,450,000 | 1,225,000 | \$ 0.21 | - | - |
| September 13, 2027 | \$ 0.15 | 300,000 | 75,000 | \$ 0.15 | - | - |
| October 12, 2027 | \$ 0.14 | 600,000 | 150,000 | \$ 0.14 | - | - |
| October 19, 2027 | \$ 0.13 | 600,000 | 150,000 | \$ 0.13 | - | - |
| Outstanding, end of year | | 9,750,000 | 7,400,000 | | 7,200,000 | 6,525,000 |

The weighted average remaining contractual life of outstanding options as at December 31, 2022 is 2.78 (2021 - 2.76) years. The weighted average share price on the date of exercise for options exercised during the year ended December 31, 2022 was \$0.21 (2021 - \$0.49). During the year ended December 31, 2022, \$156,692 (2021 - \$106,090) of SBC expense was capitalized to Mineral Properties.

(c) Share purchase warrants

Changes in the Company's share purchase warrants during the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021 are summarized as follows:

| | 2022 | | 2021 | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| | Number of Warrants | Weighted Average Exercise Price | Number of Warrants | Weighted Average Exercise Price |
| Outstanding, beginning of year | 67,961,427 | \$ 0.30 | 72,796,427 | \$ 0.29 |
| Exercised | (7,241,500) | \$ 0.15 | (4,210,000) | \$ 0.12 |
| Expired | (60,719,927) | \$ 0.32 | (625,000) | \$ 0.12 |
| Outstanding, end of year | - | \$ - | 67,961,427 | \$ 0.30 |

During December 2020, the Company received \$9,000 in proceeds related to a warrant exercise, which was completed in January 2021. The weighted average share price on the date of exercise for warrants exercised during the year ended December 31, 2022 was \$0.17 (2021 - \$0.24).

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10. CAPITAL STOCK (Continued)

(c) Share purchase warrants (continued)

A summary of the Company's share purchase warrants outstanding and exercisable at December 31, 2022 and 2021 is as follows:

| Expiry Date | Exercise Price | Outstanding | |
|--|----------------|-------------|------------|
| | | 2022 | 2021 |
| July 13, 2022 | \$ 0.15 | - | 39,390,000 |
| July 24, 2022 | \$ 0.45 | - | 16,666,666 |
| August 5, 2022 | \$ 0.60 | - | 11,904,761 |
| Outstanding, end of year | | - | 67,961,427 |
| Weighted average remaining life (in years) | | - | 0.55 |

(d) Share-based payments

When the Company issues stock options, it records a share-based payment compensation ("SBC") expense in the year or period which the options are granted and/or vested. SBC expense is estimated using the following assumptions. The expected volatility assumption is based on the historical and implied volatility of the Company's common share price on the TSX Venture Exchange. The risk-free interest rate assumption is based on yield curves on Canadian government zero-coupon bonds with a remaining term equal to the stock options' expected life. The Company uses historical data to estimate option exercise, forfeiture and employee termination within the valuation model. The Company has not paid and does not anticipate paying dividends on its common stock. Companies are required to utilize an estimated forfeiture rate when calculating the expense for the reporting period. Based on the best estimate, management applied the estimated forfeiture rate of 3% in determining the expense recorded in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive loss.

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10. CAPITAL STOCK (Continued)

(d) Share-based payments (continued)

During the year ended December 31, 2022, the Company granted an aggregate of 3,950,000 incentive stock options with a weighted average exercise price of \$0.18 per share to certain employees and directors of the Company. The stock options expire five years from the grant date and will be vested in accordance with the Company's Incentive Stock Option Plan and have an aggregate fair value calculated at \$548,713 at the date of issuance.

In accordance with the vesting schedule for these and previously granted options, \$462,152 of SBC expense has been recognized during the year ended December 31, 2022 (2021 - \$578,485). Due to options forfeited during the year ended December 31, 2021, \$163,584 of SBC expense was reversed.

The fair value of stock options granted during the year ended December 31, 2022 is estimated using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following weighted average assumptions:

| | 2022 |
|---------------------------------|---------|
| Risk-free interest rate | 2.38% |
| Expected dividend yield | - |
| Expected stock price volatility | 107.88% |
| Expected life in years | 5.00 |
| Expected forfeitures | 3.00% |

11. INCOME TAXES

The reconciliation of income tax computed at the statutory tax rate to income tax recovery is as follows:

| | 2022 | 2021 |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| Loss before tax | \$ 1,044,280 | \$ 1,146,094 |
| Statutory income tax rate | 27% | 27% |
| Expected income tax recovery | 281,956 | 309,445 |
| Items non-deductible for income tax purposes | (59,661) | (103,352) |
| Changes in timing differences | (54,477) | (25,431) |
| Deferred income tax recovery | \$ 167,818 | \$ 180,662 |

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11. INCOME TAXES (Continued)

The tax effected items that give rise to significant portions of the deferred income tax assets and deferred income tax liabilities at December 31, 2022 and 2021 are presented below:

| | 2022 | 2021 |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| Deferred income tax assets | | |
| Property and equipment | \$ 288,663 | \$ 281,112 |
| Non-refundable mining income tax credit | 2,177,833 | 2,177,833 |
| Share issue costs | 22,384 | 34,021 |
| Non-capital loss carried forward | 5,660,665 | 5,432,969 |
| | 8,149,545 | 7,925,935 |
| Deferred income tax liabilities | | |
| Mineral properties | (8,354,432) | (8,298,640) |
| Deferred income tax liability, net | \$ (204,887) | \$ (372,705) |

The Company recognizes tax benefits on losses or other deductible amounts where it is probable the Company will generate taxable income to utilize its deferred tax assets.

The Company is eligible for British Columbia mining exploration tax credits ("BC METC"), based on qualified mineral exploration expenditures incurred for determining the existence, location, extent or quality of a mineral resource in the province of British Columbia. The tax credit is calculated as 30% (for the area in which the Company operates) of qualified mineral exploration expenditures incurred to the extent such expenditures are not renounced or committed with respect to issued flow-through shares, if any. The filing for the BC METC is subject to an assessment process, which may include an audit by the taxation authorities. The amount ultimately recoverable may be different from the amount claimed.

During the year ended December 31, 2021, the Company recorded an aggregate refund of \$1,377,879, including \$102,114 included in accounts receivable at December 31, 2021, related to BC METC previously filed claims attributable to qualified mining exploration expenses incurred for the Spanish Mountain gold project.

As at December 31, 2022, the Company has Canadian non-capital losses of \$20,935,500 that may be applied to reduce future Canadian taxable income purposes, expiring as follows:

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11. INCOME TAXES (Continued)

| | Spanish Mountain | Wildrose | Total |
|--|---------------------|------------|---------------|
| Non-capital losses, expiring as follows: | | | |
| 2026 | 723,138 | 33,219 | 756,357 |
| 2027 | 861,641 | - | 861,641 |
| 2028 | 1,723,029 | 155,937 | 1,878,966 |
| 2029 | 1,410,811 | 55,965 | 1,466,776 |
| 2030 | 2,341,901 | 47,730 | 2,389,631 |
| 2031 | 2,399,357 | 25,888 | 2,425,245 |
| 2032 | 2,828,492 | 3,415 | 2,831,907 |
| 2033 | 1,763,239 | 1,000 | 1,764,239 |
| 2034 | 1,067,246 | 1,367 | 1,068,613 |
| 2035 | 774,116 | 1,570 | 775,686 |
| 2036 | 480,330 | 1,600 | 481,930 |
| 2037 | 650,564 | 426 | 650,990 |
| 2038 | 653,714 | 839 | 654,553 |
| 2039 | 601,488 | 541 | 602,029 |
| 2040 | 653,696 | - | 653,696 |
| 2041 | 829,917 | - | 829,917 |
| 2042 | 843,324 | - | 843,324 |
| | \$ 20,606,003 | \$ 329,497 | \$ 20,935,500 |

12. KEY MANAGEMENT COMPENSATION

- (a) Key management comprises directors and executive officers of the Company. Compensation of key management personnel for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021 are summarized as follows:

| | Note | 2022 | 2021 |
|----------------------|------|---------|------------|
| Salary and benefits | \$ | 377,251 | \$ 343,100 |
| Consulting fees | 6 | 157,534 | 178,896 |
| Director's fees | | - | 12,750 |
| Share-based payments | | 313,649 | 455,493 |
| | \$ | 848,434 | \$ 990,239 |

The Company did not incur any termination benefits for key management personnel during the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021.

- (b) Accounts payable and accrued liabilities at December 31, 2022 totaling \$137,421 (2021 - \$221,922) were owed to certain officers. Interest is not charged on outstanding balances and there are no specified terms of repayment.

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13. SEGMENTED INFORMATION

The Company has one operating segment, mineral exploration, and all of its long-term assets are located in Canada.

14. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent to December 31, 2022, the Company paid termination benefits totaling \$240,000 (2021 - \$Nil) to key management personnel.