

SPANISH MOUNTAIN GOLD LTD.

Management Discussion and Analysis

For the three and six months ended June 30, 2023 and 2022

(Expressed in Canadian dollars)

Dated: August 25, 2023

The following is management's discussion and analysis ("MD&A") of the financial condition and results of operations of Spanish Mountain Gold Ltd. (the "Company"). This MD&A should be read in conjunction with the condensed interim consolidated financial statements, including the notes thereto, for the three and six months ended June 30, 2023 and 2022 ("financial statements") as well as the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021.

The financial statements have been prepared by management in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board and interpretations of the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee. All amounts are presented in Canadian dollars, the Company's presentation and functional currency, unless otherwise stated. References to US\$ are to United States dollars. Other information contained in this document has been prepared by management and is consistent with the data contained in the financial statements.

The Company's certifying officers are responsible for ensuring that the financial statements and MD&A do not contain any untrue statements of a material fact or omissions of material fact required to be stated or that is necessary to make a statement not misleading in light of the circumstances under which it was made. The Company's certifying officers certify that the financial statements together with the other financial information included in the filings fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, financial performance and cash flows of the Company as at the date of and for the periods presented in the filings.

In this MD&A, the words "we", "us", or "our", collectively refer to Spanish Mountain Gold Ltd. and its subsidiary. The first, second, third and fourth quarters of the Company's fiscal years are referred to as "Q1", "Q2", "Q3" and "Q4", respectively. The six months ended June 30, 2023 and 2022 are referred to as "YTD 2023" and "YTD 2022", respectively.

The Board of Directors approved the disclosure contained in this MD&A on August 25, 2023.

The Company's Board of Directors provides an oversight role with respect to all public financial disclosures by the Company.

Management is responsible for the preparation and integrity of the Company's financial statements, including the maintenance of appropriate information systems, procedures and internal controls. Management is responsible for ensuring that information disclosed externally, including the information contained within the Company's financial statements and MD&A, is complete and reliable.

For a complete understanding of the Company's business environment, risks and uncertainties and the effect of accounting estimates on its results of operations and financial condition, this MD&A should be read together with the Company's financial statements.

Additional information relating to the Company including its financial statements may be found on the Company's website at <u>www.spanishmountaingold.com</u> as well as under the Company's profile on SEDAR+ at <u>www.sedarplus.ca</u>.

OVERVIEW

The Company is an exploration stage company engaged in the acquisition, exploration and development of mineral properties. The Company's primary asset is the Spanish Mountain property located approximately 180 kilometres (km) north of Kamloops, British Columbia ("BC") and 66 km northeast of the City of Williams Lake, BC. The Spanish Mountain property refers to the contiguous mineral and placer claims the Company holds while the Spanish Mountain gold project (the "Project") refers to the mineral resource that the Company has defined in an area within the property. The Company's focus is to advance the development of the Project and may conduct exploration programs on the property.

The Company completed the Project's Pre-Feasibility Study ("PFS") along with a Mineral Reserve estimate and an updated Mineral Resource estimate in May 2021. The PFS is based on a 20,000 tonnes per day ("tpd") milling rate to process the delineated Proven & Probable Reserves as a standalone open pit operation for 14 years. The NI 43-101 Technical Report for the PFS was filed on SEDAR+ on June 3, 2021.

In 2022, the Company advanced the environmental assessment ("EA") and permitting processes. The Initial Project Description ("IPD") and Early Engagement Plan ("EEP") for the Project were submitted in March 2022 to the BC Environmental Assessment Office ("BCEAO") and the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada ("IAAC"). Both the provincial and federal agencies accepted the documents within the same month without requesting amendments. The issuance of the Summary of Engagement by BCEAO and the Joint Summary of Issues and Engagement by IAAC on June 23, 2022 completed the early engagement period.

The draft Detailed Project Description (DPD) was submitted to the provincial and federal agencies in December 2022 to initiate the Readiness Decision stage of the EA process. During this phase, the draft DPD is reviewed by the Technical Advisory Committee, Participating Indigenous Nations, and federal authorities, leading to preparation of the final DPD on which the readiness decision will be based. A readiness decision was previously expected to be received around the end of April, 2023, but the Company has chosen to delay completion of this process phase, and finalization of the DPD, subject to the outcome of the geology and PFS review that is presently underway. This review may result in changes to the project plan that will need to be incorporated into the draft DPD prior to completion of the review and finalization by the agencies.

The Company continued active engagement with First Nations and other communities critical for the success of the EA process and is pleased to support the full involvement of the First Nations. Prior to the submission of the IPD, management conducted pre-submission review with all three First Nations (Lhtako Dené, Williams Lake and Xatśūll) whose traditional territories include the Project area. The Company signed an Engagement Protocol Agreement with Xatśūll First Nation in October 2021 and Lhtako Dené Nation in December 2021 and proceeded with the process of completing a Life-of-Mine Relationship Agreement with Williams Lake First Nation and the aforementioned Nations.

During 2022, two community open houses were held in Likely, BC in June and site visits were conducted with the Xatśūll First Nation in August 2022 and the Williams Lake First Nation in October 2022. A community meeting was held at the Xatśūll First Nation in January 2023.

During Q2 2023 the Company conducted field programs and desk top work to support the ongoing environmental assessment/ permitting process and to further enhance the Project in a number of areas including power, metallurgical process, water management and treatment, geotechnical, electrification and lowering carbon intensity and green-house gas emissions:

- Environmental assessment and permitting: During Q2 2023, ongoing baseline surface water quality sampling and stream
 hydrology monitoring was conducted. The EA process was placed on hold while the company performed a review of the
 geology and PFS for the project.
- The geology and PFS review are expected to conclude in Q3 to inform the next stages of company strategy and project advancement, and includes the following programs:
 - Equity Exploration Consultants Ltd. has been engaged to conduct a data compilation, validation and review of historical exploration programs for the project. The scope of work includes assessing and providing recommendations for potential condemnation and mineralization extension drilling with respect to the proposed project footprint;
 - Fathom Geophysics has been engaged to compile and re-interpret the historical geophysical information;
 - Moose Mountain Technical Services has been engaged to examine the potential for a larger optimized open pit as compared to the PFS assumptions; and
 - Ausenco Engineering Canada Inc. has been engaged to perform a trade-off analysis' assessing various throughput alternatives.
- Power line: A System Impact Study with BC Hydro continued in Q2 2023 for a new 230 kV, 60-megawatt transmission line
 potentially supporting higher production, electrification alternatives and initiatives for lowering carbon footprint (see
 electrification discussion below) for the Project.
- **Metallurgy:** A review of the historical metallurgical information was completed and the next phase of metallurgical testing (Phase 3) which consists of variability testing on fresh core was placed on hold for further planning with respect to examining potential opportunities to improve the project scale and economics.
- Water Management: Linkan Engineering conducted two studies related to water quality management; a laboratory investigation of the potential effectiveness of measures to control sulphide oxidation and related neutral metal leaching from non-acid generating waste rock, and a proof-of-concept investigation of semi-passive treatment components for application in further design of the planned semi-passive water treatment systems. Their draft report detailing the results of both investigations was received in Q2, 2023.
- **Geotechnical and hydrogeological:** The final report on the 2022 field program from BGC Engineering was received in Q2, 2023. Further geotechnical programs and assessment work was placed on hold while the project review proceeded.

• Electrification, lowering carbon intensity and green-house gas emissions: The Project's location is supported by excellent infrastructure including connectivity to the provincial power grids supplied with low-cost, renewable hydro power. Through collaboration with BC Hydro (the provincial utility company), a number of opportunities that may potentially reduce capital and operating costs, carbon intensity and green-house gas emissions have been identified for the proposed mine. These opportunities include trolley assist trucks and equipment as well as various energy efficiency measures. The Company began the process of engaging mining equipment manufacturers and diamond drill contractors to identify opportunities to electrify the mining fleet and energy alternatives for diamond drilling respectively.

Corporate

On May 12, 2023, the Company completed a non-brokered private placement and issued 28,571,429 common share units ("Unit") at a price of \$0.21 per Unit for gross proceeds of \$6,000,000. Each Unit consists of one common share of the Company and one half of one share purchase warrant. Each whole warrant will entitle the holder thereof to acquire one common share of the Company at a price of \$0.25 per common share for a period of 24 months, subject to earlier expiry if the ten-day volume weighted average price exceeds \$0.30 per common share. No finders' fees, commission or warrants were paid in connection with the private placement. The Company intends to use the proceeds from the Offering for exploration and development at its Project, and for general working capital purposes.

On May 4, 2023, the Company announced the appointment of Peter Mah as President and Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") (previously announced as Interim CEO on March 6, 2023 replacing Larry Yau) and Brent Bergeron as Chair of the Board of Directors. Mr. Mah serves as a Board member of the Company and is a Professional Engineer with over thirty years of Canadian and global mining experience in gold, silver, diamond and base metal projects. Mr. Yau resigned from the Company's Board of Directors effective June 8th, 2023.

On May 15, 2023, the consulting contract with Judith Stoeterau (Vice President of Exploration) was terminated.

The Company has selected Mr. Troy Gill as Vice President of Exploration. Mr. Gill is expected to start full-time employment with the Company in September 2023. He brings 30 years of exploration and mining geology experience with both major mining and junior exploration companies in roles from junior to senior management, executive and Board levels.

MINERAL PROPERTY

Spanish Mountain Gold Project, BC

The Spanish Mountain property is located in the Cariboo region of central British Columbia, 6 km east of the village of Likely, and 66 km northeast of the City of Williams Lake, a key supply hub for multiple mines and projects in the region. The property, which comprises approximately 51 contiguous mineral claims and 13 placer claims and covers an area of approximately 10,414 hectares, is 100% owned by the Company.

The property can be reached from Williams Lake via a paved secondary road that leaves Highway 97 at 150 Mile House, approximately 16 km south of Williams Lake, and continues for 87 km to the village of Likely. From Likely, the property is accessed from the Spanish Mountain Forest Service Road 1300.

The Company has been actively conducting drilling and other exploration activities on the property since 2005. The Spanish Mountain gold deposit is a bulk-tonnage, gold system that contains finely disseminated, coarse gold that includes higher-grade intercepts in quartz veins within the resource block model. The largest zone carrying significant gold mineralization is called the Main Zone, which has been traced by drilling over a length of approximately 900 metres ("m") north-south and a width of 800 m and is open in all directions. The mineralization of the Main Zone extends northward covering another area of about 400m north-south with a similar width. Gold mineralization occurs predominately as disseminated within the black, graphitic argillite. Gold grain size is typically less than 30 microns, and is often, but not always, associated with pyrite. Gold mineralization occurs within quartz veins as free, fine to coarse (visible) gold within multiple lithologies. The deposit area of gold enrichment has been traced for over 1.7 km, occurring in multiple stratigraphic horizons. Geological controls to high-grade mineralization are under review to assist with future drill program targeting of mineralization within the pit shells and for possible extensions of the deposit.

The Company is focused on advancing the Project towards a bankable feasibility and a construction decision.

Pre-Feasibility Study

The PFS is based on a 20,000 tpd milling rate to process the delineated Proven & Probable Reserves as a standalone open pit operation for 14 years.

The proposed open pit mine is expected to produce a total of 96 million tonnes ("Mt") of ore with an average diluted gold grade of 0.88 grams per tonne ("g/t") for the first six years and 0.76 g/t LOM. Stockpiling of some material is utilized to maximize mill feed grade early in the project life. This material is reclaimed for processing over the course of the operation.

The milling process involves a primary crushing circuit followed by a two-stage grinding circuit consisting of a semi-autogenous grind mill and a ball mill to produce a gravity concentrate and flotation concentrate for fine grinding and CIL cyanidation at an overall LOM average gold recovery of 90% and silver recovery of 40%. Doré will be produced on-site as an end product.

Tailings from the processing plant are stored in a tailings storage facility that has been designed to minimize water held within the tailings facility. All of the site water is managed through a separate water management pond that includes a water treatment plant for any water to be discharged during the LOM.

a) Mineral Reserves

The Project's Mineral Reserves, which are a subset of the Measured & Indicated Mineral Resources, are based on the mine plan developed for the PFS. Mineral Reserves are estimated in accordance with the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum ("CIM") 2019 Best Practices Guidelines and are classified using the 2014 CIM Definition Standards.

A summary of the Project's Mineral Reserves are as follows:

	Mill	Feed Gold	Contained	Mill Feed	Contained
Reserve Class	Mill Feed (Mt)	Grade (g/t)	Gold (Moz)	Silver Grade (g/t)	Silver (Moz)
Proven	40.8	0.79	1.03	0.67	0.88
Probable	55.1	0.74	1.31	0.74	1.30
Total	95.9	0.76	2.34	0.71	2.18

• The Mineral Reserve estimates were prepared by Marc Schulte, P.Eng. (who is the independent Qualified Person for these Mineral Reserve estimates), reported using the 2014 CIM Definition Standards, and have an effective date of March 31, 2021.

- Mineral Reserves are based on the PFS Life of Mine Plan.
- Mineral Reserves are mined tonnes and grade, the reference point is the mill feed at the primary crusher and includes consideration for operational modifying factors
- Mineral Reserves are reported at a cut-off grade of 0.3 g/t Au.
- Cut-off grade assumes US\$1,500/oz. Au and US\$20/oz Ag at a currency exchange rate of 0.76 US\$ per C\$; 99.8% payable gold; 95.0% payable silver; US\$5.00/oz Au offsite costs (refining, transport and insurance); a 1.5% NSR royalty; and uses a 91% metallurgical recovery for gold and 25% recovery for silver.
- The cut-off grade equates to incremental operating costs of \$17/t, which covers process, G&A and site, stockpile reclaim, and sustaining and closure capital costs.
- Mined tonnes and grade are based on a selective mining unit (SMU) of 15mx15mx5m, including additional estimates for mining loss (3%) and dilution between ore and waste zones (6.6%, 0.24 g/t Au, 0.6 g/t Ag).
- Factors that may affect the Mineral Reserve estimates include metal prices, changes in interpretations of mineralization geometry and continuity of mineralization zones, geotechnical and hydrogeological assumptions, ability of the mining operation to meet the annual production rate, process plant and mining recoveries, the ability to meet and maintain permitting and environmental licence conditions, and the ability to maintain the social licence to operate.
- Numbers have been rounded as required by reporting guidelines.

There are no other known factors or issues that materially affect the Mineral Reserve estimate other than normal risks faced by mining projects in the province in terms of environmental, permitting, taxation, socio-economic, marketing, and political factors and additional risk factors are detailed below in the section entitled "Cautionary Notices".

b) Mineral Resource

As part of the PFS, an update of the Mineral Resources has been prepared based on the pit shell developed using assumed cost parameters and assumptions. Mineral Resources, which are not Mineral Reserves, do not have demonstrated economic viability. Inferred Mineral Resources have insufficient confidence to allow the meaningful application of technical and economic parameters or to enable an evaluation of economic viability suitable for public disclosure.

A summary of the Project's Mineral Resources is provided below. The Mineral Resources include the Mineral Reserves:

Classification	Run of Mine (Mt)	Gold Grade (g/t)	Silver Grade (g/t)	Contained Gold (Moz)	Contained Silver (Moz)
Measured	68.4	0.59	0.67	1.3	1.5
Indicated	225.7	0.47	0.73	3.4	5.3
M&I Resources	294.2	0.50	0.72	4.7	6.8
Inferred Resource	18.3	0.63	0.76	0.4	0.4

- The Mineral Resource Estimates were prepared by Marc Jutras, P.Eng.; M.A.Sc. (who is the independent Qualified Person for these Mineral Resource Estimates), in accordance to the 2014 Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum ("CIM") Definition Standards for Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves, with an effective date of February 3, 2021.
- The Mineral Resource Estimates are reported at a cutoff grade of 0.15 g/t Au.
- Cut-off grade assumes US\$1,600/oz. Au at a currency exchange rate of \$0.75 per US\$; 99.8% payable gold; \$4.00/oz. offsite costs (refining and transport), a 1.5% royalty; and uses a 91% metallurgical recovery for Au and a 25% recovery for Ag. The cut off-grade covers processing costs of \$7.33/t and general and administrative (G&A) costs of \$2.67/t.
- The Mineral Resources are constrained by an open pit shell generated by applying the Lerchs-Grossman algorithm to the Spanish Mountain deposit. The pit shell was generated using the same inputs as the cutoff grade determination, as well as a \$2.40/t mining cost for ore and a \$2.20/t mining cost for waste. Overall pit slope angles range from 21 degrees to 35 degrees and are estimated based on geotechnical analysis of various zones in the deposit.
- Factors that may affect the estimates include: metal price assumptions, changes in interpretations of mineralization geometry
 and continuity of mineralization zones, changes to kriging assumptions, metallurgical recovery assumptions, operating cost
 assumptions, confidence in the modifying factors, including assumptions that surface rights to allow mining infrastructure to
 be constructed will be forthcoming, delays or other issues in reaching agreements with local or regulatory authorities and
 stakeholders, and changes in land tenure requirements or in permitting requirement. Any other known legal, political,
 environmental, or other risks that could materially affect the potential development of the Mineral Reserves are detailed
 below in the section entitled "Cautionary Notices".
- Estimates have been rounded and may result in summation differences.

Exploration Programs

A review of the historical geologic and exploration information continued in Q2 2023 with the aim to identify the potential for: (1) high grade, near surface targets within the existing pit constrained resource and (2) mineralization extensions beyond the PFS pit design.

A drilling program to extract samples for the metallurgical and geotechnical analyses was completed in the fall of 2022. Assays results are expected to be available upon finalization of the next steps of the metallurgical test program.

The latest exploration drilling program to further expand the Project's multimillion ounce gold resource was comprised of 28 exploration drill holes for a total meterage of 4,485 m. The assay results were announced in July 2021. Review of results and resource model for a potential follow up drill program targeting mineralization within the pit constrained resource is ongoing.

AGREEMENTS WITH FIRST NATIONS

The Company recognizes and respects the First Nations' asserted aboriginal rights and title in the area of the Project and, for over a decade, has regularly engaged all three First Nations whose traditional territories include the Project area concerning the Company's plans and project activities.

As a part of the current environmental assessment and permitting process, the Company signed Engagement Protocol Agreements with Xatśūll First Nation in October 2021 and Lhtako Dené Nation in December 2021. The Williams Lake First Nation opted to proceed directly to negotiating a Life of Mine Agreement.

The signed Engagement Protocol Agreements acknowledge that the First Nations have existing rights protected under s.35(1) of the *Constitution Act* (1982) and interests within their Traditional Territories, which include the area occupied by the Project. The Company and the First Nations will work together in a spirit of cooperation, mutually respect each other's values to establish a long term, mutually beneficial relationship based on honesty, trust, respect and understanding. General procedures will be established to guide the relationship whereby information regarding the project activities may be exchanged, and issues of concern can be raised and addressed. The Engagement Protocol Agreement commences the process to negotiate a Life-of-Mine Relationship Agreement between the parties.

Once completed, the Life-of-Mine Relationship Agreements will guide the relationship between the First Nations and the Company and the participation of the Nations in the Project as the Company advances the Project through the environmental assessment/ permitting process and later through the construction, operation, and decommissioning of the proposed mine.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND PERMITTING PROCESS

The Project is subject to the requirements of both the *British Columbia Environmental Assessment Act* (2018) and the federal *Impact Assessment* Act (2019). The Company formally entered both processes in March 2022 with the submission of the IPD and EEP to the BC EAO and IAAC. Agency, First Nations, and public review questions and comments were solicited and these were used to develop the draft Detailed Project Description ("DPD") that was submitted to the agencies in December 2022. Environmental baseline studies resumed in 2020 and have continued to date to build on significant studies conducted from 2007 to 2012. The reviews of the IPD and EEP included extensive engagement with First Nations, regulatory agencies and the general public and the Company continues regular communication and engagement with the agencies and the Nations. The Company expects to continue environmental field work and planning studies for the foreseeable future to support the next stages of the provincial and federal environmental assessment processes.

OUTLOOK

The Company's current strategy remains focused on advancing the project towards a build decision. In Q1 2023, the Company initiated a study to assess larger pit-constrained resource options to advance towards a bankable feasibility. In Q2, the preliminary findings indicate the potential for a larger production throughput and optimized pit size than considered in the PFS. The Company continues to examine these options and approaches for the next steps to advance the project.

The Phoenix Zone was discovered in 2011 by the Company. No field work was conducted on the Phoenix zone in Q2 2023. It is located less than two km west of the proposed open pit delineated within the Main Zone of the Project. The target is open in several directions. Geologic interpretation and targeting are under review.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following discussion explains the variations in the key components of the Company's operating results. As with most junior mineral exploration companies, the results of operations are not the main factor in establishing the financial health of the Company. Of greater significance are the mineral property in which the Company has, or may earn, an interest, its working capital, and how many shares it has outstanding. For details on the results of work on and other activities in connection with the Company's exploration of mineral property, see "Mineral Property".

	Q2 2023	Q2 2022	YTD 2023	YTD 2022
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Operating expenses				
Depreciation	17,826	19,133	39,571	39,869
Investor relations, travel and filing fees	52,740	41,688	82,307	69,645
Legal and accounting	37,202	65,593	181,871	106,375
Office and administrative	56,561	33,093	80,425	64,833
Salaries and wages	110,331	98,484	461,179	200,714
Share-based compensation	31,401	70,515	82,317	181,039
	306,061	328,506	927,670	662,475
Other income (expenses)				
Interest and finance expense	(4,104)	(100)	(8,301)	(499)
Interest and other income	32,716	6.82Ź	51,138	17,334
Recovery of doubtful accounts	-	64,762	-	64,762
Net loss before income tax	(277,449)	(257,017)	(884,833)	(580,878)
Deferred income tax recovery	2,914	47,996	204,887	86,755
Net loss and comprehensive loss	(274,535)	(209,021)	(679,946)	(494,123)

YTD 2023 comparted to YTD 2022

The Company reported a net loss before income tax of \$884,833 compared to \$580,878 in the prior year comparable period. The primary drivers of this increase are as follows:

- Investor relations, travel and filing fees increased to \$82,307 from \$69,645 in the prior year comparable period, which is a result of expanded marketing activities and conference attendance to support to the Company's private placement which closed in May 2023.
- Legal and accounting increased to \$181,871 from to \$106,375 in the prior year comparable period, which is a result of additional legal fees incurred related to the appointment of the CEO and Board of Directors in the current year period.
- Office and administrative increased to \$80,425 from \$64,833 in the prior year comparable period, which is a result of committed operating costs incurred related to the office lease that started in June 2022.
- Salaries and wages increased to \$461,179 from \$200,714 in the prior year comparable period, which is a result of a change in senior management and the associated contractual termination benefits totaling \$240,000 in current year period.
- Interest and finance expense increased to \$8,301 from \$499 in the prior year comparable period, which is a result of the interest and accretion expenses related to the office lease that started in June 2022.
- Recovery of doubtful accounts decreased to \$nil from \$64,762 in the prior year comparable period, which is the result of the Company settling certain amounts with its former sub-tenant in the prior year.

Offsetting the increase in the net loss before income tax were decreases to certain expenses as follows:

- Share-based compensation decreased to \$82,317 from \$181,039 in the prior year comparable period, which is a result of lower fair value of stock options vesting in current year period.
- Interest and other income increased to \$51,138 from \$17,334 in the prior year comparable period, which is a result of a higher balance of term deposits and short-term investments and higher interest rates on these investments in current year period.

For the six months ended June 30, 2023 the Company incurred gross expenditures of \$1,267,949 on its mineral property, before recoverable tax credits and impairment loss, if any. The most significant expenditures this quarter were \$556,045 for environmental assessment, total of \$235,432 for staff wages, geological and engineering consulting fees, and \$172,716 for geochemical assaying. Exploration and project activity expenditures are capitalized in accordance with the Company's accounting policies.

Q2 2023 compared to Q2 2022

The Company reported a net loss before income tax of \$277,449 compared to \$257,017 in the prior year comparable period. The primary drivers of this increase are as follows:

- Investor relations, travel and filing increased to \$52,740 from \$41,688 in the prior year comparable period, which is a result
 of expanded marketing activities and conference attendance to support the Company's private placement which closed in
 May 2023.
- Office and administrative increased to \$56,561 from \$33,093 in the prior year comparable period, which increase is a result of committed operating costs incurred related office lease that started in June 2022.
- Salaries and wages increased to \$110,331 from \$98,484 in the prior year comparable period, which increase is a result of a change in senior management Q2 2023.
- Interest and finance expense increased to \$4,104 from \$100 in the prior year comparable period, which increase is a result of the interest and accretion expenses related to the office lease that started in June 2022.
- Interest and other income increased to \$32,716 from \$6,827 in the prior year comparable period, which increase is a result of more term deposits and short-term investments and higher interest rates on these investments in current year period.
- Recovery of doubtful accounts decreased to \$nil from \$64,762 in the prior year comparable period. The Company entered a settlement agreement with its former sub-tenant and recovered \$64,762 in the prior year comparable.

Offsetting the increase in the net loss before income tax recovery were decreases to expenses as follows:

- Share-based compensation decreased to \$31,401 from \$70,515 in the prior year comparable period. This decrease is a result of lower fair value of stock options vesting in current year period.
- Legal and accounting decreased to \$37,202 from \$65,593 in the prior year comparable period. This decrease is a result of less legal fees incurred related to the business of the board of directors during the current quarter.

SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY RESULTS

The selected quarterly consolidated information set out below has been derived from and should be read in conjunction with the previous eight quarterly consolidated financial statements for each respective financial period.

	Q2 2023	Q1 2023	Q4 2022	Q3 2022
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Loss from operations	(306,061)	(621,609)	(316,777)	(235,492)
Net loss and comprehensive loss	(274,535)	(405,411)	(233,624)	(148,714)
Loss per share - basic and diluted	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)
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	Q2 2022	Q1 2022	Q4 2021	Q3 2021
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Loss from operations	(328,506)	(333,969)	(273,452)	(173,787)
Net loss and comprehensive loss	(209,021)	(285,102)	(204,927)	(113,347)
		(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)

Several factors tend to cause variation in quarterly results. Seasonal weather conditions affect the Company's operations at its exploration camp. Typically, its field program commences in spring or summer and is completed during the fourth quarter of the year. As a result, items such as impairment can only be reasonably determined after the program is completed. No impairment was recorded in the periods presented above. Additionally, certain tax items such as the British Columbia Mining Exploration Tax Credit tend to be processed and recognized during the third or fourth quarter of the year, when the Company is notified, resulting in potential adjustments to the corporate tax provision for the period. Furthermore, the timing of assessment for the Company's filings by tax authorities may lead to a one-time adjustment to the period's tax provision resulting in potentially significant changes to the net income or loss. Expenditures on mineral property are capitalized and form part of the carrying values of the underlying assets in accordance with the Company's accounting policy. The increase in net loss in Q1 2023 was due to additional legal fees associated with employment matter and salaries and wages as a result of a change in senior management and the associated contractual termination benefits totaling \$240,000.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

As at June 30, 2023, the Company had a working capital of \$6,035,582 (December 31, 2022 - \$1,917,125) and in cash and cash equivalents and short-term investments of \$6,384,084 (December 31, 2022 - \$3,065,985).

During the six months ended June 30, 2023, the Company completed a non-brokered private placement and issued 28,571,429 common share units at a price of \$0.21 per unit for gross proceeds of \$6,000,000. Each unit consists of one common share of the Company and one half of one share purchase warrant. Each whole warrant entitles the holder thereof to acquire one common share of the Company at a price of \$0.25 per common share for a period of 24 months, subject to earlier expiry if the ten-day volume weighted average price exceeds \$0.30 per common share. In connection with the private placement, the Company paid share issuance costs of \$90,231 in cash. The Company intends to use the proceeds from the private placement for exploration and development at the Project, and for general working capital purposes. All securities issued in connection with the private placement will be subject to a statutory hold period of four months.

During the six months ended June 30, 2023, 2,500,000 stock options were exercised for proceeds of \$234,000 pursuant to the which the Company issued a total of 2,500,000 common shares of which 1,000,000 were issued subsequent to the period end.

During the year ended December 31, 2022, the Company issued 600,000 common shares from the exercise of stock purchase options ranging in price from \$0.08 to \$0.10 for gross proceeds of \$52,000 and issued 7,241,500 common shares from the exercise of share purchase warrants with an exercise price of price \$0.15 per share for gross proceeds of \$1,086,225.

The Company believes that it currently has sufficient cash on hands to fund its operations for the foreseeable future. On a caseby-case basis, the Company may explore financing opportunities including those involving stock or flow-through shares. The Company may explore non-equity financing arrangements as potential sources of funding.

Currently, the Company's budgeted non-project expenditures are approximately \$100,000 per month and primarily comprise of payroll costs for current level of staff and other G&A costs for its head office. The actual expenditures are continuously being evaluated and adjusted with the objective of preserving cash to the furthest extent possible. The Company's expenditures on its mineral property, which are capitalized in accordance with its accounting policy, typically represent the most significant use of its capital resources.

The Company is at an exploration/development stage and has no revenue from its business operations. The Company's ability to meet its future obligations and maintain operations for the foreseeable future is contingent upon successful completion of additional financing arrangements. Although the Company has been successful in raising funds in the equity markets, there is no assurance that additional funding will be available in the future at reasonable terms. The Company evaluates other financing opportunities that become available from time to time. As a prudent business practice for a non-revenue generating enterprise, management carefully monitors its cash resources and explores available options to address any potential shortfall.

SOURCES AND USES OF CASH

	Q2 2023	Q2 2022	YTD 2023	YTD 2022
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cash used in operating activities	(668,224)	(175,803)	(1,786,081)	(140,155)
Cash used in investing activities	(400,728)	(845,135)	(763,116)	(2,340,196)
Cash provided by financing activities	6,125,929	696,035	6,117,296	723,863
Change in cash and cash equivalents during the period	5,056,977	(324,903)	3,568,099	(1,756,488)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the period	1,327,107	5,256,779	2,815,985	6,688,364
Cash and cash equivalents, end of the period	6,384,084	4,931,876	6,384,084	4,931,876

For the six months ended June 30, 2023, the Company reported a net increase in cash of \$3,568,099, largely due to the net cash received during Q2 2023 from a non-brokered private placement of units completed in May 2023. The proceeds from the sale of the private placement will be used for exploration and development at the Project and for general working capital purposes.

The Company had net cash used in operating activities for the six months ended June 30, 2023 and 2022 of \$1,786,081 and \$140,155, respectively, which correlated to the net losses in the given periods.

The Company had net cash used in investing activities during six months ended June 30, 2022 of \$2,340,196, attributed to the expenditures at the Project compared to \$763,116 in the current year period that reflects less expenses incurred relating to environmental assessment and field supplies and services.

KEY MANAGEMENT COMPENSATION

Key management personnel include those persons having the authority and responsibility of planning, directing and executing the activities of the Company. The Company has determined that its key management personnel consist of directors and executive officers of the Company.

A summary of the Company's compensation for key management personnel is as follows:

	Q2 2023	Q2 2022	YTD 2023	YTD 2022
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Salary and benefits	90,388	94,328	191,615	188,656
Share-based compensation	31,733	72,927	83,146	187,242
Consulting fees ⁽¹⁾	19,124	39,389	58,500	78,778
	141,245	206,644	333,261	454,676

1. Consulting fees were capitalized in mineral property as incurred during the period.

During the three and six months ended June 30, 2023, the Company paid contractual termination benefits totalling \$nil and \$240,000, respectively (2022 - \$nil and \$nil, respectively), to the former CEO, Larry Yau.

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities as at June 30, 2023 totalling \$17,269 (December 31, 2022 - \$137,421) were owed to certain officers. Interest is not charged on outstanding balances and there are no specified terms of repayment.

FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND RISK MANAGEMENT

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

- 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.

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

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

a) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the Company if a customer or counterparty to a financial instrument fails to fulfill 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.

b) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will encounter difficulty in satisfying its 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, cash equivalents and short-term investments at June 30, 2023 of \$6,384,084 (December 31, 2022 - \$3,065,985), in order to meet short-term liabilities. As at June 30, 2023 the Company had accounts payable and accrued liabilities of \$372,326 (December 31, 2022 - \$1,151,823), which have contractual maturities of 90 days or less, interest free loan payable of \$40,000 (December 31, 2022 - \$40,000), of which \$10,000 is forgivable if paid by December 31, 2023 and current lease liabilities of \$57,274 (December 31, 2022 - \$46,166). The amount of the Company's remaining undiscounted contractual maturities for the lease liability is approximately \$287,750 (December 31, 2022 - \$324,007) 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 because of changes in market prices. The Company is exposed to interest rate, foreign currency risk, and other price risk as follows:

Interest rate risk

The Company's cash and cash equivalents and short-term investments are held in bank accounts earning 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 as of June 30, 2023.

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.

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 exposed to significant other price risk with respect to its financial instrument as their fair values and future cash flows are not impacted by fluctuations in market prices.

OUTSTANDING SHARE DATA

A summary of the Company's outstanding share data is as follows:

	June 30,	MD&A	
	2023	Date	
Common shares	371,886,980	372,936,980	
Stock options	7,250,000	7,200,000	
Warrants	14,285,715	14,285,715	
Fully diluted shares outstanding	393,422,695	394,422,695	

OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS

The Company has no off-balance sheet arrangements.

PROPOSED TRANSACTIONS

At the date of this MD&A, the Company does not have any proposed material transactions. All material transactions including those completed subsequent to the financial statement date are fully disclosed in the financial statements for the period ended June 30, 2023.

COMMITMENTS

In February 2017 the Company signed an Extension Agreement to renew the lease of its former office premises. The agreement commenced on June 1, 2017 and expired on May 31, 2022. At the expiration date, the Company had fulfilled its entire lease obligation and thereby terminating the lease.

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 entered into a lease extension with the direct landlord which begins April 1, 2023 and expires March 31, 2028. The combined total aggregate lease payments pursuant to the agreements are \$404,001. Additionally, operating costs are estimated at \$253,124 over the same period.

COMMITMENTS RELATED TO MINERAL PROPERTY

Spanish Mountain Property, British Columbia

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% 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% NSR, 2.5% of which may be purchased for \$1,000,000.

On August 21, 2012, the Company completed the acquisition of an additional group of mineral claims for considerations of \$500,000 in cash and 2,000,000 common shares of the Company. The property is subject to an underlying 4% NSR. The Company has the option to reduce the net NSR to 2% by paying a onetime cash payment of \$2,000,000 to the royalty holders.

In accordance with regulatory requirements, as at June 30, 2023 the Company holds a number of guaranteed investment certificates ("GICs") aggregating in the sum of \$91,000 (December 31, 2022 - \$91,000) and is presented as reclamation deposit on the statement of financial positions, 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.

SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

On July 4, 2023, pursuant to the exercise of 1,000,000 stock options, the Company issued 1,000,000 common shares and recorded the \$100,000 to share capital from obligation to issue shares.

On July 4, 2023, the Company issued 50,000 common shares from the exercise of 50,000 stock options for proceeds of \$5,000. As a result, \$4,135 was transferred to share capital from reserves.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Additional disclosure of the Company's technical reports, material change reports, news releases, and other information can be obtained under the Company's profile at the following website: <u>www.sedarplus.ca</u>.

RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Company is subject to many risks that may affect future operations over which the Company has little control. These risks include, but are not limited to, intense competition in the resource industry, market conditions and the Company's ability to access new sources of capital, mineral property title, results from property exploration and development activities, and currency fluctuations. The Company has incurred losses since inception and there is no expectation that this situation will change in the foreseeable future.

For a detailed listing of the risks and uncertainties faced by the Company, please refer to the Company's MD&A for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021.

CAUTIONARY NOTICES

The Company's financial statements for the period ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, and these accompanying MD&A contain statements that constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of National Instrument 51-102, *Continuous Disclosure Obligations* of the Canadian Securities Administrators. Forward-looking statements often, but not always, are identified by the use of words such as "seek", "anticipate", "believe", "plan", "estimate", "expect", "targeting" and "intend" and statements that an event or result "may", "will", "should", "could", or "might" occur or be achieved and other similar expressions. Forward-looking statements in this MD&A include statements regarding the Company's future exploration plans and expenditures, the satisfaction of rights and performance of obligations under agreements to which the Company is a part, the ability of the Company to hire and retain employees and consultants and estimated administrative assessment and other expenses. The forward-looking statements that are contained in this MD&A involve a number of risks and uncertainties. As a consequence, actual results might differ materially from results forecast or suggested in these forward-looking statements. Some of these risks and uncertainties are identified under the heading "Risks and Uncertainties" in this MD&A. Additional information regarding these factors and other important factors that could cause results to differ materially may be referred to as part of particular forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements are qualified in their entirety by reference to the important factors discussed under the heading "Risks and to those that may be discussed as part of particular forward-looking statements.

Forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties, assumptions and other factors that may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of the Company to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause the actual results to differ include market prices, exploration success, continued availability of capital and financing, inability to obtain required regulatory approvals and general market conditions. These statements are based on a number of assumptions, including assumptions regarding general market conditions, the timing and receipt of regulatory approvals, the ability of the Company and other relevant parties to satisfy regulatory requirements, the availability of financing for proposed transactions and programs on reasonable terms and the ability of third-party service providers to deliver services in a timely manner. Forward-looking statements contained herein are made as of the date of this MD&A and the Company disclaims any obligation to update any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or results or otherwise other than as required by securities law. There can be no assurance that forward-looking statements. Accordingly, readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements.