
Sarama Resources Ltd.

(An Exploration Stage Company)

CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

As at and for the year ended December 31, 2017

(Expressed in United States Dollars)

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the members of Sarama Resources Limited

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Sarama Resources Ltd and its subsidiaries, which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at December 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016 and the consolidated statement of loss and other comprehensive loss, consolidated statement of changes in equity and consolidated statement of cash flows, for the years then ended, and the related notes, which comprise a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's responsibility for the consolidated financial statements

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

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements 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 entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained in our audits is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

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Opinion

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Sarama Resources Ltd and its subsidiaries as at December 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016 and their financial performance for the years then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

Emphasis of Matter

Without qualification to our opinion above, we draw attention to Note 2 which states that, in order for the consolidated entity to continue as a going concern and realise its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of business and at the amounts stated in the consolidated financial statements, additional funding will be required. To the extent that sufficient additional funding is not able to be obtained, there exists a material uncertainty which may cast significant doubt on the consolidated entity's ability to continue as a going concern.

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HLB Mann Judd

Chartered Accountants

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B G McVeigh

Partner

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27 April 2018

Sarama Resources Ltd
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Consolidated Statement of Financial Position
Expressed in United States Dollars

MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The accompanying consolidated financial statements and all other financial information included in this report are the responsibility of management. The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"). Financial statements include certain amounts based on estimates and judgments. When alternative methods exist, management has chosen those it deems most appropriate in the circumstances to ensure that the consolidated financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects.

Management maintains appropriate systems of internal control, consistent with reasonable cost, to give reasonable assurance that its assets are safeguarded, and the financial records are properly maintained.

The Board of Directors is responsible for ensuring that management fulfils its responsibilities for financial reporting and internal control. The Audit Committee, which is comprised of three Directors, all of whom are non-management and independent, meets with management to review the consolidated financial statements to satisfy itself that management is properly discharging its responsibilities to the Directors, who approve the consolidated financial statements.

Management recognizes its responsibility for conducting the Company's affairs in compliance with established financial reporting standards, and applicable laws and regulations, and for maintaining proper standards of conduct for its activities.



(signed) "Andrew Dinning"
Director, President and CEO
April 27, 2018



(signed) "Lui Evangelista"
CFO
April 27, 2018

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Consolidated Statement of Financial Position
Expressed in United States Dollars

| | Note | As at December 31, 2017 \$ | As at December 31, 2016 \$ (Restated) |
|--|------|----------------------------------|--|
| ASSETS | | | |
| Current assets | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | | 394,090 | 1,239,353 |
| Security deposits | | 27,325 | 25,299 |
| Other receivables | | 46,443 | 31,254 |
| Total current assets | | 467,858 | 1,295,906 |
| Non-current assets | | | |
| Plant and equipment | 3 | 160,746 | 379,735 |
| Investment in associate | 4 | 1,836,171 | 1,239,114 |
| Royalty | | 23,131 | 23,131 |
| Total non-current assets | | 2,020,048 | 1,641,980 |
| Total assets | | 2,487,906 | 2,937,886 |
| LIABILITIES | | | |
| Current liabilities | | | |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | | 283,043 | 801,243 |
| Financial liabilities | 5(e) | 155,750 | 996,618 |
| Total current liabilities | | 438,793 | 1,797,861 |
| Total liabilities | | 438,793 | 1,797,861 |
| EQUITY | | | |
| Share capital | 5(b) | 43,011,623 | 40,585,749 |
| Share based payments reserve | | 2,812,948 | 2,546,702 |
| Foreign currency translation reserve | | (202,966) | (205,789) |
| Deficit | | (43,572,492) | (41,786,637) |
| Total equity | | 2,049,113 | 1,140,025 |
| Total liabilities and equity | | 2,487,906 | 2,937,886 |

Refer to Note 11 for details of the voluntary change in accounting policy

These financial statements are authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on April 27, 2018.

They are signed on the Company's behalf by:

(Signed) "Andrew Dinning" Andrew Dinning, Director

(Signed) "Simon Jackson" Simon Jackson, Director

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

Sarama Resources Ltd
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Consolidated Statement of Loss and Other Comprehensive Loss
Expressed in United States Dollars

| | Year ended December 31, 2017 | Year ended December 31, 2016 |
|---|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Note | \$ | \$ (Restated) |
| Income | | |
| Interest income | 732 | 834 |
| Foreign exchange gain | 30,208 | - |
| Fair value gain on warrants carried at fair value through profit or loss | 1,137,878 | - |
| Total income | <u>1,168,818</u> | <u>834</u> |
| Expenses | | |
| Accounting and audit | 24,432 | 33,790 |
| Corporate development | 35,602 | 65,140 |
| Depreciation | 9,177 | 13,544 |
| Directors fees | 57,063 | 66,484 |
| Exploration expenditure as incurred | 2 1,341,322 | 1,591,068 |
| Foreign exchange loss | - | 54,398 |
| Insurance | 35,872 | 35,468 |
| Loss on sale of financial assets | - | 212,368 |
| Marketing and investor relations | 68,541 | 75,180 |
| Office and general | 171,063 | 230,845 |
| Professional fees | 74,157 | 100,394 |
| Salaries | 751,183 | 762,236 |
| Stock-based compensation | 5(d) 266,246 | 33,947 |
| Travel | 120,015 | 90,894 |
| Fair value loss on warrants carried at fair value through profit or loss | - | 433,588 |
| Total expenses | <u>2,954,673</u> | <u>3,799,934</u> |
| Loss before income tax | <u>(1,785,855)</u> | <u>(3,798,510)</u> |
| Income tax benefit | - | - |
| Loss for the year from continuing operations | <u>(1,785,855)</u> | <u>(3,798,510)</u> |
| Loss after tax from discontinued operations | - | (265,714) |
| Loss after discontinued operations | <u>(1,785,855)</u> | <u>(4,064,224)</u> |
| <i>Items that may be reclassified to the statement of income/(loss)</i> | | |
| Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations | 2,823 | (17,978) |
| Total comprehensive loss for the year | <u>(1,783,032)</u> | <u>(4,082,202)</u> |
| Basic and diluted loss per share | | |
| - Continuing operations | (1.4) cents | (3.6) cents |
| - Discontinuing operations | - | (0.3) cents |
| Weighted average number of shares | | |
| Basic and diluted | 131,911,751 | 104,111,406 |
| Refer to Note 11 for details of the voluntary change in accounting policy | | |

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Sarama Resources Ltd
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Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows
(Unaudited)
Expressed in United States Dollars

| | | Year ended December 31, 2017 | Year ended December 31, 2016 |
|---|------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| | Note | \$ | \$ (Restated) |
| Cash flows used in operating activities | | | |
| Payments to suppliers and employees | | (1,860,107) | (1,452,918) |
| Payments for exploration and evaluation | | (5,146,508) | (3,436,392) |
| Fee received for earn in agreement | | 4,028,671 | 3,331,339 |
| Interest received | | 732 | 834 |
| Other income | | - | - |
| Income tax benefit | | - | - |
| Net cash used in operating activities | 13 | <u>(2,977,212)</u> | <u>(1,557,137)</u> |
| Cash flows used in investing activities | | | |
| Purchase of plant and equipment | 3 | (13,420) | (24,359) |
| Payments for investment in associates | | (597,057) | (333,391) |
| Proceeds on sale of Marketable securities | | - | 269,069 |
| Net cash used in investing activities | | <u>(610,477)</u> | <u>(88,681)</u> |
| Cash flows from financing activities | | | |
| Common shares and warrants issued for cash | | 2,781,546 | 1,850,580 |
| Payment of share issue costs | | (58,662) | (125,248) |
| Net cash generated by financing activities | | <u>2,722,884</u> | <u>1,725,332</u> |
| Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | | (864,805) | 79,514 |
| Net foreign exchange differences | | 19,542 | 5,562 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year | | 1,239,353 | 1,154,277 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year | | <u>394,090</u> | <u>1,239,353</u> |

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Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity
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| (Restated) | Number of common shares | Share capital (note 6) \$ | Share based payments reserve (note 6(d)) \$ | Foreign currency translation reserve \$ | Deficit \$ | Total \$ |
|--|--|---|---|---|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Balance at January 1, 2016 | 95,155,307 | 38,236,332 | 2,095,718 | (187,811) | (37,722,413) | 2,421,826 |
| Loss attributed to shareholders of the Company | - | - | - | - | (4,064,224) | (4,064,224) |
| Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations | - | - | - | (17,978) | - | (17,978) |
| Total comprehensive loss for the year | - | - | - | (17,978) | (4,064,224) | (4,082,202) |
| Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners: | | | | | | |
| Proceeds from share issue | 15,913,985 | 1,850,580 | - | - | - | 1,850,580 |
| Share issuance costs | - | (151,001) | - | - | - | (151,001) |
| Fair value of share issue ascribed to warrants and recorded as financial liability | - | (468,026) | - | - | - | (468,026) |
| Share based payments capitalized | - | - | 418,810 | - | - | 418,810 |
| Stock-based compensation expense | - | - | 33,947 | - | - | 33,947 |
| Transfer of fair value of options exercised | - | 1,773 | (1,773) | - | - | - |
| Acquisition of mineral interests | 10,100,000 | 1,116,091 | - | - | - | 1,116,091 |
| Balance at December 31, 2016 | 121,169,292 | 40,585,749 | 2,546,702 | (205,789) | (41,786,637) | 1,140,025 |
| Loss attributed to shareholders of the Company | - | - | - | - | (1,785,855) | (1,785,855) |
| Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations | - | - | - | 2,823 | - | 2,823 |
| Total comprehensive loss for the year | - | - | - | 2,823 | (1,785,855) | (1,783,032) |
| Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners: | | | | | | |
| Proceeds from share issue | 19,591,110 | 2,781,546 | - | - | - | 2,781,546 |
| Share issuance costs | - | (58,662) | - | - | - | (58,662) |
| Fair value of share issue ascribed to warrants and recorded as financial liability | - | (297,010) | - | - | - | (297,010) |
| Stock-based compensation expense (5(d)) | - | - | 266,246 | - | - | 266,246 |
| Balance at December 31, 2017 | 140,760,402 | 43,011,623 | 2,812,948 | (202,966) | (43,572,492) | 2,049,113 |

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

1. NATURE OF OPERATIONS

Sarama Resources Ltd (the “**Company**”) was incorporated under the laws of the Province of British Columbia, Canada on April 8, 2010.

Statement of compliance

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared in United States Dollars.

The board of directors of the Company have approved these consolidated financial statements on April 27, 2018.

Business Activities

The consolidated entity, consisting of Sarama Resources Ltd. and its subsidiaries is in the exploration stage and its principal business activity is the sourcing and exploration of mineral properties. As at December 31, 2017, the Company is in the process of exploring its principal mineral properties and has not yet determined whether the properties contain gold reserves that are economically recoverable.

The consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2017, comprise the accounts of Sarama Resources Ltd and its subsidiaries and the Company’s interest in equity accounted investments

Basis of Presentation

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss and in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (“**IFRS**”) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (“**IASB**”) and Interpretations of the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee (“**IFRIC**”).

Going Concern

For the year ended December 31, 2017, the consolidated entity recorded a net loss of \$1,785,855 and had a net cash outflow from operating and investing activities of \$3,587,689. As at December 31, 2017, the consolidated entity had available cash of \$394,090 and surplus of current assets over current liabilities of \$29,065.

The Directors have assessed the need to acquire additional funding to continue to operate as a going concern for the foreseeable future. The Directors believe such funding will be obtained and therefore consider it appropriate to prepare the financial report on a going concern basis, which assumes the realisation of the consolidated entity’s assets and the discharge of its liabilities in the normal course of business and at the amounts stated in the condensed consolidated financial statements.

Should additional funding be unable to be obtained, the Directors believe that the Company can remain a going concern by the further reduction of various operating expenditure. However, these circumstances indicate the existence of a material uncertainty which may cast significant doubt on the Company’s ability to continue as a going concern.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Changes in Accounting Policies

The Company did not adopt any new accounting standards during the year ended December 31, 2017

b) Accounting Standards, Interpretations and Amendments to Existing Standards that are not yet effective

The following pronouncements issued by the IASB that are not yet mandatorily applicable to the Company together with an assessment of the potential impact of such pronouncements on the Company when adopted in future periods are discussed below.

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IFRS 9: Financial Instruments and associated Amending Standards (applicable to annual reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2018) addresses the classification, measurement and de-recognition of financial assets and financial liabilities and introduces new rules for hedge accounting. In December 2015, the IASB made further changes to the classification and measurement rules and also introduced a new impairment model. These latest amendments now complete the new financial instruments standard. The directors anticipate that the adoption of IFRS 9 will not have a significant impact on the Company's financial statements.

IFRS 15: Revenue from Contracts with Customers (applicable to annual reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2018) replaces IAS 18 which covers contracts for goods and services and IAS 11 which covers construction contracts. The new standard is based on the principle that revenue is recognised when control of a good or service transfers to a customer – so the notion of control replaces the existing notion of risks and rewards. The directors anticipate that the adoption of IFRS 15 will not have a significant impact on the Company's financial statements.

IFRS 16: Leases (applicable to annual reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2019) introduces a single lessee accounting model that eliminates the requirement for leases to be classified as operating or finance leases. The main changes introduced by the new Standard are as follows;

- recognition of right-to-use asset and liability for all leases (excluding short term leases with less than 12 months of tenure and leases relating to low value assets);
- depreciation of right to use assets in profit or loss and unwinding of the liability in principal and interest components;
- inclusion of variable lease payments that depend on an index or a rate in the initial measurement of the lease liability using the index or rate at the commencement date;
- application of a practical expedient to permit a lessee to elect not to separate non lease components and instead account for all component as a lease;

The transitional provisions of IFRS 16 allow a lessee to either retrospectively apply the Standard to comparatives or recognise the cumulative effect of retrospective application as an adjustment to opening equity on the date of initial application.

The directors anticipate that the adoption of IFRS 16 will not have a significant impact on the Company's financial statements.

c) Basis of Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the assets and liabilities of the Company as at December 31, 2017 and the results of all subsidiaries for the year then ended.

Subsidiaries are all entities (including special purpose entities) over which the Company has control. The Company controls an entity when the Company is exposed to, or has rights to, variable returns from its involvement with the entity and has the ability to affect those returns through its power to direct the activities of the entity. Subsidiaries are fully consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the Company. They are de-consolidated from the date that control ceases.

Intercompany transactions, balances and unrealised gains on transactions are eliminated. Unrealised losses are also eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of the impairment of the asset transferred. Accounting policies of subsidiaries have been changed where necessary to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by the Company.

d) Foreign Currency Translation

(i) Functional and Presentation Currency

Items included in the financial statements of each of the Company's entities are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates ("**the functional currency**"). The consolidated financial statements are presented in United States dollars ("**USD**"), which is the Company's functional and presentation currency.

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(ii) Transactions and Balances

Monetary assets and liabilities of the Company are translated into USD at the exchange rate in effect on the statement of financial position date while non-monetary assets and liabilities, revenues and expenses are translated using exchange rates in effect at the time of each transaction. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at year-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the Consolidated Statement of Loss and Comprehensive Loss.

All foreign exchange gains and losses are presented separately in the Consolidated Statement of Loss and Comprehensive Loss.

Non-monetary items that are measured at fair value in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates at the date when the fair-value was determined. Translation differences on assets and liabilities carried at fair value are reported as part of the fair value gain or loss.

(iii) Functional Currency

The results and financial position of foreign operations that have a functional currency different from the presentation currency are translated into the presentation currency as follows:

- assets and liabilities for each statement of financial position presented are translated at the closing rate at the date of that balance sheet,
- income and expenses for each statement of comprehensive income (loss) are translated at average exchange rates (unless this is not a reasonable approximation of the cumulative effect of the rates prevailing on the transaction dates, in which case, income and expenses are translated at the dates of the transactions), and
- all resulting exchange differences are recognised in other comprehensive income.

e) Financial Instruments

Cash and cash equivalents are classified as current assets and include short-term, highly-liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value. The Company places the majority of its cash holdings with an Australian financial institution which has a high credit rating.

Non-derivative financial assets and liabilities

The Company has the following non-derivative financial assets and liabilities:

- i. **Receivables**
Receivables are financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. Such assets are initially recognised at fair value, less any directly attributable transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition, receivables are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses.
- ii. **Amounts payable and other accrued liabilities**
Such financial liabilities are recognised initially at fair value, net of any directly attributable transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition, these financial liabilities are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method if significant.

f) Exploration and Evaluation Assets

Mineral exploration and evaluation costs are expensed as incurred based upon each area of interest. Acquisition costs will normally be expensed but will be assessed on a case by case basis and if appropriate may be capitalised. These acquisition costs are only carried forward to the extent that they are expected to be recouped through the successful development or sale of the tenement. Accumulated acquisition costs in relation to an abandoned tenement are written off in full against profit or loss in the year in which the decision to abandon the

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tenement is made. Where a decision has been made to proceed with development in respect of a particular area of interest, all future costs are recorded as a development asset.

g) Impairment of plant and equipment

At the end of each reporting period, the carrying amounts of the Company's plant and equipment is reviewed to determine whether there is any indication that those assets are impaired. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of these assets is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment, if any. The recoverable amount is determined as the higher of the fair value less costs to sell for the asset and the asset's value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time-value-of-money and the risks specific to the asset. If the recoverable amount of an asset is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset is reduced to its recoverable amount and the impairment loss is recognised in the Statement of Loss and Comprehensive Income Loss for the period. For an asset that does not generate largely independent cash inflows, the recoverable amount is determined for the cash generating unit to which the asset belongs.

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

h) Plant and Equipment

The cost of all plant and equipment is stated at historical cost less depreciation and impairment charges. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items. Assets are depreciated over their estimated useful service lives using the straight-line method at the following periods:

| | |
|---------------------|---------|
| Office equipment | 4 years |
| Plant and equipment | 3 years |
| Motor vehicles | 4 years |

Depreciation expense relating to plant and equipment in Burkina Faso, Mali and Liberia is capitalised and forms part of exploration and evaluation assets. Depreciation expense for plant and equipment in Australia is recognised as an expense through the Statement of Loss and Comprehensive Loss.

i) Stock-based Compensation

The fair value of share purchase options granted is recognised as an employee or consultant expense with a corresponding increase in equity. The fair value of share purchase options granted is determined by the Black-Schöles option pricing model using estimates for the volatility of the trading price of the Company's stock, the expected lives of share purchase options awarded, the fair value of the Company's shares and the risk-free interest rate.

For employees, the fair value of the options is measured at the date of the grant. For non-employees, the fair value of the options is measured on the earlier of the date on which the counterparty performance is complete or the date the performance commitment is reached or the date at which the equity instruments are granted if they are fully vested and non-forfeitable. The estimated fair value of awards of share purchase options is charged to expense over the vesting period, with offsetting amounts to equity. If the share purchase options are granted for past services, they are expensed immediately. If the share purchase options are forfeited prior to vesting, no amounts are charged to expense. If share purchase options are exercised, then the fair value of the options is re-classified from stock-based compensation reserve to share capital.

At each reporting date, the amount recognised as an expense is adjusted to reflect the actual number of share purchase options that are expected to vest. The corresponding entry is recognised in the stock-based compensation reserve.

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j) Basic and Diluted Earnings per Share

The Company presents basic and diluted earnings per share data for its common shares, calculated by dividing the result attributable to common shareholders of the Company by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted earnings per share does not adjust the profit attributable to common shareholders or the weighted average number of common shares outstanding when the effect is anti-dilutive.

k) Share Warrants

In accordance with IFRS, an obligation to issue shares for a price that is not fixed in the Company's functional currency, and that does not qualify as a rights offering, must be classified as a derivative liability and measured at fair value through the Statement of Loss and Comprehensive Loss in accordance with the requirements of IAS 32 Financial Instruments: Presentation. The financial liability will be accounted for at fair value through the Statement of Loss and Comprehensive Loss until such time that the warrants are exercised or lapse, at which point the liability will be transferred to equity.

l) Income Taxes

Income tax on the income or loss for the period presented comprises current and deferred tax. Income tax is recognised in the Statement of Loss and Comprehensive Loss except to the extent that it relates to items recognised directly in equity, in which case it is recognised in equity.

Current tax expense is the expected tax payable on the taxable income for the year, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at year end, adjusted for amendments to tax payable with regards to previous years.

Deferred tax is provided using the balance sheet liability method, providing for temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for taxation purposes. The following temporary differences are not provided for: goodwill not deductible for tax purposes; the initial recognition of assets or liabilities that affect neither accounting nor taxable profit; and differences relating to investments in subsidiaries, associates, and joint ventures to the extent that they will probably not reverse in the foreseeable future. The amount of deferred tax provided is based on the expected manner of realisation or settlement of the carrying amount of assets and liabilities, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the financial position reporting date applicable to the period of expected realisation or settlement.

A deferred tax asset is recognised only to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which the asset can be utilised.

m) Segment Reporting

Operating segments are reported in a manner consistent with the internal reporting provided to the chief operating decision maker. The chief operating decision maker is responsible for allocating resources and assessing performance of the operating segments.

n) Critical Estimates and Judgements

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Estimates and assumptions are continually evaluated and are based on management experience and other factors, including expectations about future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. However, actual outcomes can differ from these estimates. Information about significant areas of estimation uncertainty considered by management in preparing the financial statements is described below.

(i) Recoverability of Capitalised Exploration and Evaluation Expenditure

The Company expenses its exploration and evaluation expenditure based upon each area of interest. However there may be situations as indicated in Note 2(f) where these costs may be capitalised. The recoverability of these amounts is dependent upon a number of factors including the discovery of economically recoverable

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mineral deposits on the properties, the ability of the Company to obtain the financing necessary to develop the properties, the ability of the Company to obtain the permits and approvals necessary to develop the properties, and future profitable production from the properties, or their disposition for proceeds in excess of their carrying amounts.

(ii) *Measurement of warrants and stock options*

The Company determines the fair value of both warrants and options classified as liabilities at fair value through the Statement of Loss and Other Comprehensive Loss using the Black-Schöles Model. Note 5 provides detailed information about the key assumptions used in the determination of the fair value of warrants.

3. PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

| | December 31, 2017 | | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| | Plant and Equipment \$ | Motor Vehicles \$ | Office Equipment \$ | Total \$ |
| Opening Net Book Value | 172,477 | 76,127 | 131,131 | 379,735 |
| Additions | 3,469 | - | 9,951 | 13,420 |
| Disposals | - | - | - | - |
| Depreciation | (119,600) | (66,748) | (46,061) | (232,409) |
| Closing Net Book Value | 56,346 | 9,379 | 95,021 | 160,746 |
| Opening Cost | 346,495 | 273,177 | 333,558 | 953,230 |
| Accumulated Depreciation | (290,149) | (263,798) | (238,537) | (792,484) |
| Closing Net Book Value | 56,346 | 9,379 | 95,021 | 160,746 |

| | December 31, 2016 | | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| | Plant and Equipment \$ | Motor Vehicles \$ | Office Equipment \$ | Total \$ |
| Opening net book value | 200,600 | 89,045 | 126,433 | 416,078 |
| Additions | 3,437 | - | 20,922 | 24,359 |
| Disposals | - | (10,767) | - | (10,767) |
| Depreciation | (31,560) | (2,151) | (16,224) | (49,935) |
| Closing net book value | 172,477 | 76,127 | 131,131 | 379,735 |
| Cost | 343,025 | 273,177 | 327,157 | 943,359 |
| Accumulated Depreciation | (170,548) | (197,050) | (196,026) | (563,624) |
| Closing Net Book Value | 172,477 | 76,127 | 131,131 | 379,735 |

4. INVESTMENT IN ASSOCIATE

| | December 31, 2017 | December 31, 2016 |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Investment in Karankasso Project – at cost | 1,836,171 | 1,239,114 |

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5. SHARE CAPITAL

(a) Authorised Share Capital

At December 31, 2017, the authorised share capital comprised an unlimited number of common shares without par value.

(b) Issued Share Capital

| | Capital Stock | |
|---|----------------------|-------------------|
| | Number | \$ |
| Balance, December 31, 2016 | 121,169,292 | 40,585,749 |
| Shares issued during the year ended December 31, 2017 | 19,591,110 | 2,425,874 |
| Balance December 31, 2017 | 140,760,402 | 43,011,623 |

Details of issues of common shares

On February 16, 2017 The Company introduced an incentive program designed to encourage the early exercise of up to 10,361,183 warrants originally issued between May 30 and July 4, 2014 and exercisable at C\$0.20. As an incentive to exercise early the Company offered one half of one warrant exercisable until March 17, 2019 at a price of C\$0.35 to those warrant holders who exercised their original warrants prior to March 17, 2017.

Upon completion of the incentive program, an aggregate of 7,263,333 warrants had been exercised, resulting in gross proceeds to the Company of C\$1,452,666.60. In connection with the incentive program, the Company issued an aggregate of 3,615,040 incentive warrants, exercisable until March 17, 2019 at a price of C\$0.35.

On February 17, 2017, 50,000 warrants issued in September 2016, exercisable at C\$0.20 and expiring September 2018, were exercised for total proceeds of C\$10,000.

On March 24, 2017, 100,000 options, exercisable at C\$0.10, were exercised for total proceeds of C\$10,000.

On May 31, 2017, 1,000,000 warrants issued between May 30 and July 4, 2014 and exercisable at C\$0.20, were exercised for total proceeds of C\$200,000.

On July 20, 2017 the Company announced a private placement to raise gross proceeds of up to C\$2,500,000. The private placement process was completed on August 3, 2017 and resulted in gross proceeds of C\$1,850,000 (\$1,473,039) less share issuance costs of \$36,339 being raised by issuing 10,277,777 shares.

On November 21, 2017, 100,000 options, exercisable at C\$0.10, were exercised for total proceeds of C\$10,000.

On December 15, 2017, 100,000 options, exercisable at C\$0.10, were exercised for total proceeds of C\$10,000.

On December 22, 2017, 700,000 options, exercisable at C\$0.10, were exercised for total proceeds of C\$70,000.

(c) Company Stock Option Plan

The Company has a stock option plan (the “**Plan**”) that provides for the issuance of up to 10% of the issued and outstanding shares of the Company. The board of directors is authorised to set the exercise price, expiry date, and vesting provisions for each grant, subject to the policies of the TSX Venture Exchange. The plan provides for a maximum grant period of ten years. Options can be exercised at any time prior to their expiry date.

Details are as follows:

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| Grant Date | No. | Exercise Price | Expiry Date |
|------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| January 31, 2013 (fully vested) | 690,000 | 0.80 | January 31, 2018 |
| January 5, 2015 (fully vested) | 950,000 | 0.10 | January 5, 2018 |
| February 26, 2016 (fully vested) | 1,075,000 | 0.10 | February 26, 2019 |
| January 5, 2017 (partially vested) | 4,995,000 | 0.20 | January 5, 2020 |
| | <u>7,710,000</u> | | |

1,000,000 options have been exercised in the year ended December 31, 2017 (year ended December 31, 2016: 100,000).

(d) Stock-Based Compensation

For the year ended December 31, 2017, the expense incurred relating to stock-based compensation was \$266,246 (2016: \$33,947).

For the year ended December 31, 2017, the Company granted stock options to its directors, officers, employees and consultants and estimated the stock based compensation as follows:

| | January 5, 2017 |
|--|----------------------------|
| Total options granted | 4,995,000 |
| Exercise price | C\$0.20 |
| Estimated fair value of compensation recognised | \$287,806 |
| Balance to be recognised over remaining vesting period | \$21,560 |
| Estimated fair value per option | \$0.06 |

The fair value of the stock-based compensation recognised in the accounts has been estimated using the Black-Schöles Option-Pricing Model with the following assumptions:

| | January 5, 2017 |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Risk-free interest rate | 0.74% |
| Expected dividend yield | 0% |
| Expected stock price volatility | 105% |
| Expected option life in years | 3 years |

The share price volatility is based on historical data and reflects the assumption that historical volatility over a period similar to the life of the option is indicative of future trends, which may not necessarily be indicative of exercise patterns that may occur.

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(e) Warrants

The Company has issued warrants as part of its capital raising programs. The details of all warrants still on issue are detailed below.

| Warrant issue | Total Warrants Issued | Exercise Price (C\$) | Estimated fair value of warrants (i) | Estimated fair value per warrant |
|---|------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|---|
| Shareholder Warrants issued Dec 22, 2015 | 4,001,524 | \$0.15 | 76,370 | \$0.019 |
| Shareholder Warrants issued June 24 and June 30, 2016 | 7,789,493 | \$0.20 | 45,866 | \$0.006 |
| Shareholder Warrants issued March 17, 2017 | 3,615,040 | \$0.35 | 33,514 | \$0.009 |
| | 15,406,057 | | 155,750 | \$0.010 |
| Acquisition Warrants issued December 12, 2016 | 3,000,000 | \$0.19 | 225,861 | \$0.075 |
| Acquisition Warrants issued December 12, 2016 | 2,000,000 | \$0.24 | 167,196 | \$0.084 |
| | 5,000,000 | | 393,057 | \$0.079 |
| Total | 20,406,057 | | 548,807 | \$0.027 |

During the full year ended December 31, 2017 there were the following movements in warrants;

8,313,333 warrants were exercised at C\$0.20 per warrant.

2,599,750 warrants, exercisable at C\$0.20 per warrant, had expired.

3,615,040 warrants, exercisable until March 17, 2019 at a price of C\$0.35, were issued.

The fair value of shareholder warrants are recognised as a financial liability in the financial statements in accordance with IAS 32.

The fair value of broker and acquisition warrants are recognised within share based payments reserve, within the equity section of the financial statements, in accordance with IFRS 2.

- (i) The fair value of the warrants recognised in the financial statements has been estimated using the Black-Schöles Option-Pricing Model at inception with the following assumptions:

| Warrant issue | Risk – free interest rate | Expected dividend yield | Expected stock price volatility | Remaining warrant life |
|---|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| Shareholder Warrants issued June 30, 2016 | 0.52% | 0% | 105% | 6 months |
| Shareholder Warrants issued December 22, 2015 | 0.52% | 0% | 105% | 12 months |
| Acquisition Warrants issued December 12, 2016 | 0.74% | 0% | 105% | 12 months |
| Acquisition Warrants issued December 12, 2016 | 0.74% | 0% | 105% | 24 months |
| Acquisition Warrants issued March 17, 2017 | 0.75% | 0% | 105% | 15 months |

Changes in the fair value of the Shareholder Warrants recognised as financial liability are as follows:

| | |
|--|----------------|
| Fair value at December 31, 2016 | \$ 996,618 |
| Fair value ascribed to new warrants issued as incentive for early exercise of 2014 warrants (refer 5(b)) | 297,010 |
| Fair value gain on warrants carried at fair value through profit or loss | (1,137,878) |
| Fair value at December 31, 2017 | 155,750 |

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6. INCOME TAXES

| <i>A reconciliation of the income tax at statutory rates is as follows:</i> | December 31, 2017 | December 31, 2016 |
|---|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| | | Restated |
| Loss for the year before income tax | (1,785,855) | (4,064,224) |
| “Prima facie” income tax benefit at 26% (2015: 26%) | (464,322) | (1,056,698) |
| Tax effect of permanent differences: | | |
| Stock – based payments | 69,224 | 8,826 |
| Foreign exchange (gains) / losses | (7,854) | 14,143 |
| Revaluation of warrant liability | (295,848) | 112,733 |
| Tax deductions for capital raising costs in Equity | - | (7,852) |
| Adjustment in respect of global tax rate differences | (1,976) | (3,672) |
| Deferred tax assets not brought to account | 700,776 | 935,520 |
| Income tax benefit | - | - |
| Deferred tax assets and liabilities | | |
| Deferred tax assets and liabilities are attributable to the following: | | |
| Deferred tax liabilities: | - | - |
| Deferred tax assets | | |
| Tax losses | 3,342,900 | 2,777,386 |
| Exploration expenditure | 7,606,438 | 6,210,666 |
| Capital raising costs expensed | 27,838 | 27,383 |
| | 10,977,176 | 9,015,435 |
| Deferred tax assets not recognised | (10,977,176) | (9,015,435) |
| Deferred tax assets recognised at 31 December | - | - |
| Unrecognised deferred tax assets | | |
| Deferred tax assets have not been recognised in respect of the following items: | | |
| Tax losses - Canada | 3,173,635 | 2,592,620 |
| Tax losses - Liberia | - | 28,972 |
| Tax losses - Burkina Faso | 141,181 | 133,835 |
| Tax losses - Mali | 28,084 | 21,959 |
| Exploration expenditure | 7,606,438 | 6,210,666 |
| Capital raising costs expensed | 27,838 | 27,383 |
| | 10,977,176 | 9,015,435 |

The realisation of income tax benefits related to these potential tax deductions is uncertain and cannot be viewed as probable. Accordingly, no deferred income tax assets have been recognised for accounting purposes.

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7. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Company is exposed to financial risks through the normal course of its business operations. The key risks impacting the Company's financial instruments are considered to be foreign currency risk, interest rate risk, liquidity risk, credit risk and equity price risk. The Company's financial instruments exposed to these risks are cash and short-term deposits, receivables, trade payables and investments in foreign operations.

The executive management team monitors the financial instrument risk to which it is exposed and assesses the impact and likelihood of those risks on an ongoing basis. Where material, these risks are reported and reviewed by the board of directors.

(a) Fair Values

The fair value of the Company's financial instruments approximates their carrying values due to the immediate or short-term maturity of these financial instruments. The Company's financial assets and liabilities are measured and recognised at fair value as at December 31, 2017 according to the following fair value measurement hierarchy:

- (a) quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for identical, unrestricted assets or liabilities (level 1),
- (b) quoted prices in markets that are not active, or inputs that are observable, either directly or indirectly, for substantially the full term of the asset or liability (level 2), and
- (c) prices or valuation techniques that require inputs that are both significant to the fair value measurement and unobservable (supported by little or no market activity) (level 3).

At December 31, 2017, the Company has a warrant liability recognised at fair value. The level 2 financial liability is recognised at fair value through the profit or loss carried at fair value of \$155,750 (2016: \$996,618).

(b) Financial Instrument Risk Exposure

Foreign currency risk

The Company has international operations in West Africa, namely Burkina Faso, Mali and Liberia and an administrative office in Western Australia. The multiple locations expose the Company to foreign exchange risk as detailed below:

- Canadian dollar (CAD) – primary source of Company funding and its corporate and regulatory costs.
- Australian dollar (AUD) – administrative costs in Western Australia.
- Euro and Communauté Financière Africaine Francs (CFA) – funding of African operations.

Management's policy is to actively manage foreign exchange risk. Management mitigates foreign exchange risk by continuously monitoring forecasts and spot prices of foreign currency and holding foreign currency based on expected future expenditure commitments.

The carrying amounts of the Company's financial assets and liabilities are denominated in USD, except as set out below:

| | As at December 31, 2017 | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| | AUD | CAD | Euro |
| | \$ | \$ | € |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 49,665 | 381,933 | 1,450 |
| Payables | 11,696 | 38,753 | 80 |
| | As at December 31, 2016 | | |
| | AUD | CAD | Euro |
| | \$ | \$ | € |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 679,679 | 303,615 | 7,848 |
| Payables | 18,531 | 9,960 | - |

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Sensitivity

Based on the financial instruments held as at December 31, 2017, had the US dollar weakened/strengthened by 10% against the AUD, CAD or EUD, with all other variables held constant, the Company's losses/gains for the year would have been mainly as a result of foreign exchange gains/losses in translation of foreign denominated currencies. The following table summarises the sensitivity of the Company's cash and cash equivalents to changes in foreign exchange rates.

The Company's exposure to other foreign exchange movements is not material.

| | As at December 31, 2017 | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| | AUD | CAD | Euro |
| | \$ | \$ | € |
| USD Strengthened by 10% | (2,695) | (24,859) | (149) |
| USD Weakened by 10% | 3,294 | 30,383 | 182 |
| | As at December 31, 2016 | | |
| | AUD | CAD | Euro |
| | \$ | \$ | € |
| USD Strengthened by 10% | (43,443) | (15,490) | (752) |
| USD Weakened by 10% | 53,097 | 24,230 | 919 |

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will fail to discharge an obligation and cause the other party to incur a financial loss. Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to credit risk consist of cash and cash equivalents and accounts receivable.

The Company has reduced its credit risk by holding all of its cash and cash equivalents with an Australian financial institution, whose Moody's Investor Service rating is Aa2, except for working capital requirements in West Africa.

Liquidity risk

Ultimate responsibility for liquidity risk rests with the Board of Directors, who oversee a liquidity risk management framework for the management of the Company's funding and liquidity requirements.

The Company manages liquidity risk by continuously monitoring forecast and actual cash flows and ensuring there are adequate funds available to meet its operating and growth objectives. The Company relies on issuance of shares to fund exploration programs and will most likely issue additional shares in the future.

Interest rate risk

The Company is exposed to interest rate risk as entities in the Company deposit funds at both short-term fixed and floating rates of interest. Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates. Cash bears interest at variable rates. The fair value of cash approximates its carrying value due to the immediate or short-term maturity of this financial instrument.

Other current financial assets and liabilities are not exposed to interest rate risk because they are non-interest bearing.

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8. CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

The Company's objectives when managing capital are to safeguard the Company's ability to continue as a going concern and to maintain a flexible capital structure which optimizes the costs of capital at an acceptable risk.

The Company manages its capital structure and makes adjustments to it in accordance with the objectives stated above, as well as responding to changes in economic conditions and the risk characteristics of the underlying assets. There were no changes in the Company's approach to capital management during the year ended December 31, 2017. Management reviews its capital management approach on an ongoing basis and believes that this approach, given the relative size of the company, is reasonable. The Company is not subject to externally imposed capital requirements.

The properties in which the Company currently has interests are in the exploration stage, as such, the Company does not recognize revenue from its exploration properties. The Company's historical source of capital has consisted of the issue of equity securities and warrants. In order for the Company to carry out planned exploration and development and pay for administrative costs, the Company will spend its working capital and expects to raise additional amounts externally as needed.

The Company is exposed to various funding and market risks which could curtail its access to funds.

9. SUBSIDIARIES

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the assets, liabilities and results of the following subsidiaries in accordance with the accounting policy described in note 2:

| Name of entity | Country of Incorporation | Class of shares | Functional Currency | Equity holding % | |
|--|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|------------------|------|
| | | | | 2017 | 2016 |
| Sarama Investments Ltd | British Virgin Islands | Ordinary | USD | 100 | 100 |
| Sarama Investments (No.2) Limited | British Virgin Islands | Ordinary | USD | 100 | 100 |
| Sarama Investments Mali Limited | British Virgin Islands | Ordinary | USD | 100 | 100 |
| Sarama Investments Liberia No. 2 Limited | British Virgin Islands | Ordinary | USD | 100 | 100 |
| Burkina Faso Holdings Limited | British Virgin Islands | Ordinary | USD | 100 | 100 |
| SWA BF No.3 Investments Limited | British Virgin Islands | Ordinary | USD | 100 | 100 |
| Sarama Mining Burkina SUARL | Burkina Faso | Ordinary | CFA | 100 | 100 |
| Sarama Faso SARL | Burkina Faso | Ordinary | CFA | 100 | 100 |
| SWA SARL | Burkina Faso | Ordinary | CFA | 100 | 100 |
| Sarama Mining Mali SARL | Mali | Ordinary | CFA | 100 | 100 |
| Pedsam Mining Limited (Liberia) | Liberia | Ordinary | USD | 100 | 100 |

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10. SEGMENT REPORTING

The Company consider the Board of Directors to be the chief decision maker.

The Company has one business segment, being the acquisition, exploration and potential development of mineral properties. The Company has operations in three geographic areas, being Burkina Faso, Mali and Liberia.

| Non-current Assets | December 31, 2017 | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|----------------|--------------|------------------|
| | Burkina Faso | Mali | Liberia | Other | Total |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Plant and equipment | 158,490 | - | - | 2,256 | 160,746 |
| Investment in Associate | 1,836,171 | - | - | - | 1,836,171 |
| Royalty | - | - | 23,131 | - | 23,131 |
| Total non – current assets | 1,994,661 | - | 23,131 | 2,256 | 2,020,048 |

| Non-current Assets | December 31, 2016 | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|------------------|
| | (Restated) | | | | |
| | Burkina Faso | Mali | Liberia | Other | Total |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Plant and equipment | 368,302 | - | - | 11,433 | 379,735 |
| Investment in Associate | 1,239,114 | - | - | - | 1,239,114 |
| Royalty | - | - | 23,131 | - | 23,131 |
| Total non – current assets | 1,607,416 | - | 23,131 | 11,433 | 1,641,980 |

| Loss | December 31, 2017 | | | | |
|--|--------------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| | Burkina Faso | Mali | Liberia | Other | Total |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Loss for the year from continuing operations | 1,325,733 | 15,589 | 70 | 444,463 | 1,785,855 |
| Total comprehensive loss | 1,325,733 | 15,589 | 70 | 444,463 | 1,785,855 |

| Loss | December 31, 2016 | | | | |
|---|--------------------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|
| | (Restated) | | | | |
| | Burkina Faso | Mali | Liberia | Other | Total |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Loss for the year from continuing operations | 1,539,827 | 31,395 | 97,355 | 2,129,933 | 3,798,510 |
| Loss for the year from discontinuing operations | - | - | 265,714 | - | 265,714 |
| Total comprehensive loss | 1,539,827 | 31,395 | 363,069 | 2,129,933 | 4,064,224 |

11. VOLUNTARY CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING POLICY

(a) Exploration and Evaluation Accounting Policy

The financial report has been prepared on the basis of a retrospectively applied voluntary change in accounting policy related to exploration and evaluation expenditure in respect of each area of interest.

The new accounting policy in respect of each area of interest is to expense exploration and evaluation expenditure to the profit or loss as incurred.

The previous accounting policy in respect of each area of interest was to capitalise exploration and evaluation expenditure incurred and carry forward as an asset when costs were expected to be recouped through the successful development of the area of interest (or alternatively by its sale), or where activities in the area had not yet reached a stage which permitted a reasonable assessment of the existence or otherwise of economically recoverable reserves and active operations were continuing.

The directors believe that this change in policy will result in more relevant and reliable information in the financial report.

(b) Impact on Financial Statements

As a result of the change in the accounting policy for exploration and evaluation expenditure in relation to each area of interest, prior year financial statements had to be restated. The amounts disclosed in statement of loss for the year ended December 31, 2016 reporting period and in the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015 respectively are after the change in accounting policy for exploration and evaluation expenditure.

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Consolidated Statement of Loss and Other Comprehensive Loss

| | Previously Stated Year ended December 31, 2016 \$ | Loss Increase \$ | Restated Year ended December 31, 2016 \$ |
|---|--|---------------------------------|---|
| Income | | | |
| Interest income | 834 | - | 834 |
| Foreign exchange gain | - | - | - |
| Fair value gain on warrants carried at fair value through profit and loss | - | - | - |
| Total income | 834 | - | 834 |
| Expenses | | | |
| Accounting and audit | 33,790 | - | 33,790 |
| Corporate development | 65,140 | - | 65,140 |
| Depreciation | 13,544 | - | 13,544 |
| Directors fees | 66,484 | - | 66,484 |
| Exploration expenditure written off | 19,846 | - | 19,846 |
| Exploration expenditure as incurred | - | 1,571,222 | 1,571,222 |
| Foreign exchange loss | 54,398 | - | 54,398 |
| Insurance | 35,468 | - | 35,468 |
| Loss on sale of financial assets | 212,368 | - | 212,368 |
| Marketing and investor relations | 75,180 | - | 75,180 |
| Office and general | 230,845 | - | 230,845 |
| Professional fees | 100,394 | - | 100,394 |
| Salaries | 762,236 | - | 762,236 |
| Stock-based compensation | 33,947 | - | 33,947 |
| Travel | 90,894 | - | 90,894 |
| Fair value loss on warrants carried at fair value through profit and loss | - | - | - |
| | 433,588 | - | 433,588 |
| Total expenses | 2,228,122 | 1,571,222 | 3,799,344 |
| Loss before income tax | (2,227,288) | (1,571,222) | (3,798,510) |
| Income tax benefit | - | - | - |
| Loss for the year from continuing operations | (2,227,288) | (1,571,222) | (3,798,510) |
| Loss after tax from discontinued operations | (265,714) | - | (265,714) |
| Loss after discontinued operations | (2,493,002) | (1,571,222) | (4,064,224) |
| <i>Items that may be reclassified to the statement of income/(loss)</i> | | | |
| Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations | (17,978) | - | (17,978) |
| Total comprehensive loss for the year | (2,510,980) | (1,571,222) | (4,082,202) |
| Basic and diluted loss per share | | | |
| - Continuing operations | (2.1) cents | (1.5) cents | (3.6) cents |
| - Discontinuing operations | (0.3) cents | - | (0.3) cents |

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Statement of Financial Position as at December 31, 2015

| | Previously Stated As at December 31, 2015 \$ | Increase/ (Decrease) \$ | Restated As at December 31, 2015 \$ |
|--|---|-------------------------------|---|
| ASSETS | | | |
| Current assets | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 1,154,277 | | 1,154,277 |
| Security deposits | 25,513 | | 25,513 |
| Other receivables | 70,276 | | 70,276 |
| Prepayments | 32,413 | | 32,413 |
| Assets held for sale | 481,438 | | 481,438 |
| Total current assets | 1,763,917 | | 1,763,917 |
| Non-current assets | | | |
| Exploration and evaluation assets | 20,780,322 | (20,780,322) | - |
| Plant and equipment | 416,078 | | 416,078 |
| Investment in associate | 905,723 | | 905,723 |
| Total non-current assets | 22,102,123 | (20,780,322) | 1,321,801 |
| Total assets | 23,866,040 | (20,780,322) | 3,085,718 |
| LIABILITIES | | | |
| Current liabilities | | | |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | 568,888 | | 568,888 |
| Financial liabilities | 95,004 | | 95,004 |
| Total current liabilities | 663,892 | | 663,892 |
| Total liabilities | 663,892 | | 663,892 |
| EQUITY | | | |
| Share capital | 38,236,332 | | 38,236,332 |
| Share based payments reserve | 2,095,718 | | 2,095,718 |
| Foreign currency translation reserve | (187,811) | | (187,811) |
| Deficit | (16,942,091) | (20,780,322) | (37,722,413) |
| Total equity | 23,202,148 | (20,780,322) | 2,421,826 |
| Total liabilities and equity | 23,866,040 | (20,780,322) | 3,085,718 |

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Statement of Financial Position as at December 31, 2016

| | Previously Stated As at December 31, 2016 \$ | Increase/ (Decrease) \$ | Restated As at December 31, 2016 \$ |
|--|---|-------------------------------|---|
| ASSETS | | | |
| Current assets | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 1,239,353 | | 1,239,353 |
| Security deposits | 25,299 | | 25,299 |
| Other receivables | 31,254 | | 31,254 |
| Total current assets | <u>1,295,906</u> | | <u>1,295,906</u> |
| Non-current assets | | | |
| Exploration and evaluation assets | 22,351,544 | (22,351,544) | - |
| Plant and equipment | 379,735 | | 379,735 |
| Investment in associate | 1,239,114 | | 1,239,114 |
| Royalty | 23,131 | | 23,131 |
| Total non-current assets | <u>23,993,524</u> | <u>(22,351,544)</u> | <u>1,641,980</u> |
| Total assets | <u>25,289,430</u> | <u>(22,351,544)</u> | <u>2,937,886</u> |
| LIABILITIES | | | |
| Current liabilities | | | |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | 801,243 | | 801,243 |
| Financial liabilities | 996,618 | | 996,618 |
| Total current liabilities | <u>1,797,861</u> | | <u>1,797,861</u> |
| Total liabilities | <u>1,797,861</u> | | <u>1,797,861</u> |
| EQUITY | | | |
| Share capital | 40,585,749 | | 40,585,749 |
| Share based payments reserve | 2,546,702 | | 2,546,702 |
| Foreign currency translation reserve | (205,789) | | (205,789) |
| Deficit | (19,435,093) | (22,351,544) | (41,786,637) |
| Total equity | <u>23,491,569</u> | <u>(22,351,544)</u> | <u>1,140,025</u> |
| Total liabilities and equity | <u>25,289,430</u> | <u>(22,351,544)</u> | <u>2,937,886</u> |

Statement of Cash Flows

Exploration and evaluation expenditure that is expensed is included as part of cash flows from operating activities whereas exploration and evaluation expenditure that is capitalised is included as part of cash flows from investing activities. This has resulted in additional cash outflows from operating activities of \$1,571,222 for the year ended December 31, 2016. This has also resulted in a corresponding reduction of \$1,571,222 being reflected in the net cash outflows from investing activities for the same reporting period.

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12. BASIC AND DILUTED LOSS PER SHARE

| | December 31, 2017 | December 31, 2016 |
|--|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | Cents per share | Cents per share (Restated) |
| Basic and diluted loss per share | | |
| - Continuing operations | (1.4) | (3.6) |
| - Discontinuing operations | - | (0.3) |
| | \$ | \$ |
| Net loss used in calculating basic/diluted loss per share | | |
| - Continuing operations | (1,785,855) | (3,798,510) |
| - Discontinuing operations | - | (265,714) |
| | <u>(1,785,855)</u> | <u>(4,064,224)</u> |
| Weighted average number of shares on issue during the financial year used in the calculation of basic loss per share | 131,911,751 | 104,111,406 |

Diluted loss per share as at December 31, 2017 is the same as basic loss per share as it is unlikely that the warrants will be converted into common shares.

13. NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT

Reconciliation of loss after tax to net cash flows from operations

| | December 31, 2017 | December 31, 2016 |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | \$ | \$ (Restated) |
| Loss for the year | (1,785,855) | (4,064,224) |
| Depreciation | 9,177 | 13,544 |
| Non cash exploration expenditure | 223,485 | 1,522,408 |
| Loss on sale of financial assets | - | 212,368 |
| Stock-based compensation | 266,246 | 33,947 |
| Fair value loss/(gain) on warrants | (1,137,878) | 433,588 |
| Loss from discontinued operations | - | 265,714 |
| Net exchange and translation differences (gain)/loss | (30,208) | 54,398 |
| Net cash outflows used in operating activities before change in working capital | <u>(2,455,033)</u> | <u>(1,528,257)</u> |
| Change in working capital | (522,178) | 28,880 |
| Net cash outflows used in operating activities | <u>(2,977,212)</u> | <u>(1,557,137)</u> |

14. COMMITMENTS

The Company has the following commitments relating to its office leases:

| | December 31, 2017 | December 31, 2016 |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Less than one year | 19,691 | 26,033 |
| Between 1 and 2 years | - | 4,343 |
| Greater than 2 years | - | 724 |
| Total | <u>19,691</u> | <u>31,100</u> |

The Company has no contingencies (2016: Nil).

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15. RELATED PARTIES - KEY MANAGEMENT COMPENSATION

| Year | Salary | Directors Fees | Stock-based compensation | Pension value (1) | All other compensation | Total compensation |
|-------------|---------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 2017 | 768,118 | 57,063 | 266,246 | 54,152 | - | 1,145,579 |
| 2016 | 708,660 | 66,484 | 33,947 | 55,649 | - | 864,740 |

Notes:

- (1) The Company is required by applicable law in Australia to make an annual contribution of 9.5% of gross annual salary to the nominated superannuation funds of Australian employees. Subject to the prevailing legislation, employees are able to elect a higher rate at which the Company contributes. The Company contributes to superannuation funds of Australian resident named executive officers (NEO) at a rate of 10% of base salary per year, in addition to the base salary. The Company does not provide defined benefit plans or other pension entitlements for any of its employees.

There are no other related party transactions.

16. DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS

The consolidated entity's Liberian operations were presented as discontinued operations for the year end 31 December, 2015, following the sale agreement entered into with Aureus Mining on November 3, 2015. The sale was completed January 6, 2016 with the Company receiving 5,648,310 common shares in Aureus Mining Inc. as consideration.

- a) Cumulative income or expenses recognised directly in profit or loss relating to disposal groups classified as held for sale

| | 2017 | 2016 |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Loss on disposal | - | (265,714) |
| Net loss on discontinued operations | - | (265,714) |

17. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

On January 8, 2018 the Company issued 7,390,000 options to directors, officers and employees of the company, exercisable at C\$0.11 and expire 3 years after issue.

On March 19, 2018, the Company announced that it had raised gross proceeds of C\$4,000,000 from a private placement offering of 40,000,000 common shares at a price of C\$0.10 per common share. In connection with the private placement, the Company engaged Arlington Group Asset Management Limited and Argonaut Securities Pty Limited (together, the "Agents") and paid commission to the Agents equal to C\$240,000, representing 6% of the gross proceeds raised under the offering and also issued an aggregate of 5,000,000 broker warrants to the Agents, each of which is exercisable to acquire one common share of the Company at a price of C\$0.14.