

# EASTERN PLATINUM LIMITED

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (RESTATED) FOR THE THREE AND NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

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*The following restated Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") is intended to assist the reader to assess material changes in financial condition and results of operations of Eastern Platinum Limited ("Eastplats" or the "Company") as at September 30, 2022 and for the three and nine months then ended in comparison to the same period in 2021.*

*This MD&A should be read in conjunction with the unaudited restated condensed interim consolidated financial statements and the related notes for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2022. Details of the restatement are provided in Notes 14 and 15 of the restated condensed interim consolidated financial statements. The unaudited restated condensed interim consolidated financial statements have been prepared using accounting policies consistent with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IFRS") and in accordance with International Standard 34 Interim Financial Reporting.*

*The Company's presentation currency is U.S dollars. Monetary amounts in this MD&A are in thousands of U.S. dollars ("\$" or "U.S. dollars"), except when indicated as thousands of Canadian dollars ("Cdn\$" or "Canadian dollars"), thousands of South African Rand ("ZAR" or "Rand") and except for per share amounts, per tonnage amounts or as otherwise indicated. The effective date of this MD&A is November 10, 2022. Additional information relating to the Company, including its Annual Information Form ("AIF") for the year ended, December 31, 2021, is available under the Company's profile on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).*

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### **Restated Condensed Interim Consolidated Financial Statements for the Three and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2022**

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This MD&A has been restated to reflect the changes the Company made after it came to our attention that the Company required to change its accounting policies in the recognition of revenue subsequent to the effective date of this MD&A.

During the preparation of the Company's audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2022, management determined that the accounting policies needed to be changed in the recognition of revenue for the three months ended September 30, 2022, which impacts the Company's previously filed unaudited interim financial statements for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2022. As a result of the adjustments, revenue was overstated by \$13,623 due to the fact that revenue from the sale of chrome was recognized when collection of amounts owed was not adequately assured, and the transfer of control as defined by IFRS 15 - Revenue contracts with Customers was not achieved. The Company has restated its September 30, 2022 unaudited interim consolidated financial statements to reflect these reclassifications. As a result of this restatement, net income and net income per share decreased by approximately \$2,538 and \$0.02, respectively for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2022 (Further information on these adjustments and a reconciliation of amounts previously reported is contained in Notes 14 and 15 of the restated interim consolidated financial statements).

For the convenience of the reader, this MD&A sets forth the restated MD&A in its entirety. The Company has not modified or updated the disclosure presented in the MD&A, except as required to reflect the effects of the restatement discussed above and in section 5.3 of this MD&A. Accordingly, this MD&A does not reflect events occurring after the original filing, or modify or update those disclosures affected by subsequent events, except as discussed above.

The unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements and related financial information for the affected period contained in the Company's filings filed prior to March 17, 2023, should no longer be relied upon.

### *Internal Control over Financial Reporting (ICFR) and Disclosure Controls and Procedures (DC&P)*

In conjunction with the matter described above, the Company's management has determined it has a material weakness in the Company's ICFR and DC&P, and as such, its internal control over financial reporting as of September 30, 2022 was not effective. Management did not timely identify the changes in circumstances with respect to the shipping of chrome concentrate produced at the CRM to be a key factor in the analysis when applying the revenue recognition criteria under IFRS 15. The control deficiency was concluded to be operational in nature. Management is in the process of remediating this control deficiency by the implementation of additional review and oversight procedures with respect to the preparation and review of the revenue amounts included in the financial statements.

## **1. Overview**

Eastplats owns directly and indirectly a number of platinum group metals ("PGM") and chrome assets in the Republic of South Africa ("**South Africa**"). All of the Company's properties are situated on the western and eastern limbs of the Bushveld Complex ("**BCX**"), the geological environment that hosts approximately 80% of the world's PGM-bearing ore.

As at September 30, 2022, the Company's primary assets were:

- (a) a 100% direct and indirect interest in Barplats Investments (Pty) Limited ("**BIL**"), whose main assets are the Crocodile River Mine (the "**CRM**") located on the western limb of the BCX and the Kennedy's Vale ("**KV**") project located on the eastern limb of the BCX;
- (b) a 100% direct and indirect interest in the Maresburg project, located on the eastern limb of the BCX; and
- (c) a 97.7% direct and indirect interest in the Spitzkop project, also located on the eastern limb of the BCX.

Operations at the CRM currently include re-mining and processing its tailings resource. The chrome and PGM concentrates produced from the Barplats Mines (Pty) Limited ("**Barplats**") Zandfontein UG2 tailings facility have been delivered to offtakers under their respective offtake agreements. Eastplats continues to work on the completion of the chrome plant optimization project.

The Company continues to actively monitor the PGM markets and other developments in the mining and minerals sector as it relates to resuming active underground mining at the CRM, which is currently in care and maintenance. Eastplats has completed the underground long-term plan and mine design study for the CRM; based on current economics, and subject to financing, the Company is executing its restart business plan to restart underground operations.

The Company entered an agreement for the sale of the Maroelabult resource property on October 24, 2019, and the deal was concluded in March 2022.

The Company has completed a legal analysis in relation to the environmental impact assessment ("**EIA**") for the Maresburg project, which unfortunately had experienced delays as a result of COVID-19. The Company continues to work on an updated internal project assessment and then follow on with the mine design study and technical review, environmental studies and amendments as required.

There are no developments to report in connection with the KV project, however at Spitzkop, the Company started a desktop study on the open pit potential, which is expected to be completed in 2023, subject to financing. KV, Spitzkop and the Maresburg projects (collectively the "**Eastern Limb Projects**") currently are monitored collectively as a group by management.

## COVID-19

The Company continues PGM and chrome production at the CRM. There were no operation shutdowns or days lost due to COVID-19 or lockdowns as of the date of this MD&A. From October 1, 2021 to April 4, 2022, South Africa reduced its restrictions by moving down the alert level to stage 1, which indicates a low spread of the virus with high health system readiness. The Government of South Africa lifted the National State of Disaster in response to the COVID-19 pandemic on April 5, 2022. The Company continues to operate with precautions, following the health guidelines of the Government of South Africa and continues to work through the Minerals Council together with the government on the roll-out of vaccines.

The effects of COVID-19 are changing and are uncertain, and the consequences of a temporary shutdown of the CRM or other related issues cannot be reasonably estimated at this time and could potentially have material adverse effects on the Company's business, liquidity and cash flows.

## Corporate Update

On October 20, 2022, Eastplats announced the resignation of Hannelie Hanson, its Chief Operating Officer who had been promoted on August 3, 2022, from General Manager, South Africa Operations. Mr. Wanjin Yang, Chief Executive Officer and President, has assumed the general management role in South Africa on an interim basis. The Company also announced the appointment of Mr. Haiying Wang as Vice President to focus on new project development, planning, marketing and promotion, investment, and socio-economic strategy.

On November 10, 2022, the Company updated the previously disclosed announcement (September 22, 2022) of the signing of a finance facility agreement with Investec Bank Limited ("Investec"), which will be used for working capital purposes and funding the restart of the Zandfontein underground section of the CRM. Investec is a leading South African international banking and wealth management group.

Highlights of the key terms of the finance facility include:

- Renewable 12-month revolving commodity finance facility secured by PGM production from the tailings storage facility at the CRM.
- Indicative rate on financing – 3 month Johannesburg Interbank Average Rate ("JIBAR") + margin agreed between the Company and Investec. The interest rate is subject to the credit quality of the PGM off-taker on an annual basis.
- Immediate pay-out to the Company on the PGM concentrate delivery date.
- The maximum size of the credit facility is ZAR110 million (\$6.1 million).
- Guaranteed prices through a fixed-price swap hedge overlay on platinum, palladium, rhodium, and gold (4E) minerals.

On June 30, 2022, the Company filed its Independent Competent Person's Report on the Crocodile River Mine, (the "**Report**"). The Report has been updated in preparation of the re-start of underground mining at the Zandfontein Section of the CRM which was placed under care and maintenance in 2013. The resources and reserves updates of the Report apply to each of the Zandfontein Section, the Crocette Section and the Kareespruit Section. There are no material changes reflected in the Report as compared to the "NI 43-101 Technical Report on the CRM, North West Province, South Africa" dated January 1, 2022, which was filed on May 20, 2022 on SEDAR.

On July 8, 2022, the Company announced that it granted 1,870,000 stock options to directors, officers, and employees of the Company that vest in 90 days. The options were granted for a term of five years and expire on July 6, 2027. Each option allows the holder to purchase one common share of Eastplats at an exercise price of Cdn\$0.23.

On June 23, 2022, the Company accepted the resignations of Diana Hu and Michael Cosic from the Board of Directors after they failed to receive the required majority of votes for re-election at the Company's annual general meeting held on June 21, 2022. Following their resignations, the Company announced the addition of two new board members, Mr. Changyu Liu and Ms. Lisa Ng. On June 29, 2022, the Company

announced that Diana Hu had stepped down as the Company's Chief Executive Officer and the Board had appointed Mr. Wanjin Yang as Eastplats' new Chief Executive Officer.

On May 19, 2022, the Company announced that it has received conditional acceptance from the Toronto Stock Exchange to extend the expiry date of 5,960,000 of its outstanding unlisted common share purchase warrants (the "**Warrants**") originally issued on June 26, 2020, in conjunction with the previously disclosed settlement agreement with AlphaGlobal Capital Inc. Each Warrant currently entitles the holder to purchase one common share at a price of Cdn\$0.24 per common share at any time up to June 26, 2022 (the "**Expiry Date**"). Effective on June 3, 2022, the Company extended the Expiry Date to June 26, 2023. All of the other warrant terms remain unchanged. The Company recorded a share-based payment expense of \$110 in the quarter.

On March 22, 2022, Eastplats announced the completion of the sale of the Maroelabult resource property with Eland Platinum (Pty) Limited. Eastplats received total cash consideration of ZAR20,000 (approximately \$1,378) after the transfer of legal title and various legal and regulatory obligations required in South Africa were completed (see news release dated March 22, 2022, for further detail).

On January 26, 2022, Eastplats announced that as at January 25, 2022, the project framework agreement between Barplats and Advanced Beneficiation Technologies Proprietary Limited of South Africa ("**ABT**") to complete a feasibility study for a modular PGM processing facility was terminated. (See the *Project Agreement – PGM Circuit H* note on page 3 and the news release dated January 26, 2022 for further detail).

## **2. Fiscal Year 2022 Third Quarter Highlights**

### **2.1 Significant events**

#### *(a) Retreatment Project Update and Production*

The Retreatment Project is a proprietary operation in South Africa producing chrome concentrates. It includes a combined hydro and mechanical re-mining method, with magnetic separation applied to produce chrome concentrates, thus obtaining superior yield results compared to traditional gravity technology. The Retreatment Project is the only large-scale magnetic separation application in South Africa. Since 2017 Barplats has grown from 100 employees to over 350 contractors and employees engaged in supporting the Retreatment Project. The current Retreatment Project is expected to continue operating into 2024.

Operations consist of re-mining of the tailings material and processing the material through the Company's chrome plant and the chrome processing circuit (the "**Chrome Circuit**"). During the three months ended September 30, 2022 ("**Q3 2022**"), the Company produced 154,412 tons of chrome concentrate (three months ended September 30, 2021 ("**Q3 2021**") – 195,942) from the Retreatment Project, with an average grade of Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> at 38.69%. Year over year production decreased between Q3 2022 and Q3 2021 as a result of reduced input grade and decreased quality of input materials per the mine plan and resource statement.

#### *Optimization Program*

Due to COVID-19, Eastplats was required to delay the construction and installation of the additional equipment to optimize the chrome plant's overall efficiency and processing, which is designed to provide increased chrome recovery and grade (the "**Optimization Program**"). The Optimization Program began in February 2020 but was paused due to the COVID-19 lockdown in March 2020. Some construction work restarted in June 2020 with the original scope of civil works completed in December 2020. The Company completed the updated scope of civil works during 2021 and the installation could be completed this year pending additional funding from Union Goal per the Optimization Program agreement.

#### *(b) PGM Circuits*

During Q3 2022, the Company produced 1,532 dry tons of PGM concentrate from PGM Circuit B and PGM Circuit D (collectively, the "**PGM Circuits**"). This was higher than the previous period (366 dry tons

produced) due to increased production rates after pre-commissioning in September 2021. The PGM concentrates were delivered under the existing offtake agreement (the “**PGM Offtake Agreement**”) between Barplats and Impala Platinum Limited (“**Impala**”).

*(c) Export tax*

On October 22, 2020, the South African Government announced it had approved an export tax on chrome ore. There have been no additional details related to the timing of implementation or the proposed rate as of the date of this MD&A.

Although this potential cost will be absorbed by the Company’s offtaker during the defined period of the Retreatment Project, this proposed export tax may decrease demand for chrome ore exports and could affect Eastplats’ growth potential in the future.

*(d) Mining Charter Judgment*

In September 2021, the full bench of the High Court (Gauteng Division, Pretoria) in South Africa ruled that the Mining Charter 2018 is a policy document and not law. Accordingly, the clauses of the Mining Charter, which were challenged by the Minerals Council of South Africa were reviewed and set aside. The judgment removes the clauses from the Mining Charter which compelled companies to top up their BEE shareholdings to 2018 Charter levels in respect of the renewal of existing mining rights and the transfer of mining rights. Hence, the “once empowered, always empowered” principle applies in those circumstances provided that certain criteria are met such as a minimum percentage of BEE shareholding being achieved at the time of the departure of the BEE partners. The judgment also set aside certain other provisions and clauses.

The Company remains committed to working with the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy of South Africa to ensure ongoing compliance with mining regulations.

**2.2 Financial Results – Q3 2022 vs Q3 2021**

- Revenue was \$3,592 in Q3 2022 compared to \$15,927 in Q3 2021. The decrease in revenue for Q3 2022 was primarily due to the stoppage of all chrome sales and delivery to Union Goal as it failed to take delivery of and make payment for the chrome concentrate produced in Q3 2022. As such, probability of future payment from Union Goal has become less likely while non-payment has severely affected the Company from a liquidity perspective.
- Mine operating income was \$1,885 in Q3 2022 compared to \$1,893 in Q3 2021. The change was due to an increase in PGM sales offset by the decrease in chrome concentrate revenue.
- Gross margin increased to 52.5% in Q3 2022 compared to 11.9% in Q3 2021, as a result of recognizing \$nil sales of lower margin chrome concentrate in the quarter. With no chrome revenue recorded in the period, much of the Company’s production costs were capitalized to inventory and will be recognized concurrent with the related chrome concentrate sales.
- Operating loss was \$941 in Q3 2022 compared to an operating loss of \$386 in Q3 2021, resulting from \$nil sales of chrome concentrate in the quarter.
- Net loss attributable to equity shareholders was \$6,602 in Q3 2022 compared to a net loss of \$2,507 in Q3 2021. The Q3 2022 net loss was largely attributable to the \$nil revenue from chrome concentrate sales in the quarter, as well as a significant foreign exchange loss in the quarter of \$4,670. In Q3 2021, the Company also recorded a foreign exchange loss due to the depreciation of the South African Rand to the US dollar of \$2,328 in the period.

### 3. Selected Quarterly Financial Data

The following table sets forth selected results of operations for the Company's eight most recently completed quarters; compiled from the Company's quarterly and annual financial statements.

*Table 1*

	2022			2021			2020	
	Sept.30	June.30	Mar. 31	Dec. 31	Sept. 30	Jun. 30	Mar. 31	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
<b>Selected quarterly data</b>								
(Expressed in thousands of U.S. dollars, except for per share amounts and foreign exchange rates)								
	<i>Restated</i>							
Revenue	3,592	20,488	17,407	15,606	15,927	19,982	16,683	15,819
Production costs	(1,707)	(14,421)	(12,260)	(10,982)	(12,322)	(14,707)	(13,644)	(12,584)
Production costs - depreciation	-	(1,913)	(1,744)	(1,649)	(1,712)	(1,958)	(1,606)	(1,700)
Mine operating income	1,885	4,154	3,403	2,975	1,893	3,317	1,433	1,535
General and administrative	(915)	(938)	(1,619)	(671)	(602)	(524)	(1,049)	(775)
Care and maintenance & site services	(1,911)	(2,275)	(1,689)	(2,122)	(1,677)	(2,085)	(2,113)	(1,446)
	(2,826)	(3,213)	(3,308)	(2,793)	(2,279)	(2,609)	(3,162)	(2,221)
Operating income (loss)	(941)	941	95	182	(386)	708	(1,729)	(686)
Other (expenses) income, net	(5,665)	(2131)	3,212	(2,573)	(2,718)	3,388	542	4,160
Income (loss) before income taxes	(6,606)	(1,190)	3,307	(2,391)	(3,104)	4,096	(1,187)	3,474
Income tax (expense) recovery	3	2,237	11	(65)	(13)	(49)	2	(55)
Net income (loss) for the period	(6,603)	1,047	3,318	(2,456)	(3,117)	4,047	(1,185)	3,419
Net (loss) income attributable to equity shareholders of the Company	(6,602)	1,212	3,007	(1,918)	(2,507)	4,140	(865)	3,047
Earnings (loss) per share basic and diluted	(0.05)	0.01	0.02	(0.01)	(0.02)	0.03	(0.01)	0.03
Average foreign exchange rates								
US dollar per South African Rand	0.0587	0.0642	0.0657	0.0649	0.0683	0.0709	0.0668	0.0641
US dollar per Canadian dollar	0.7658	0.7835	0.7897	0.7938	0.7936	0.8145	0.7896	0.7676
Period end foreign exchange rates								
US dollar per South African Rand	0.0556	0.0615	0.0689	0.0626	0.0660	0.0700	0.0677	0.0682
US dollar per Canadian dollar	0.7302	0.7744	0.7981	0.7888	0.7849	0.8068	0.7952	0.7854

The Company's operations are not materially impacted by seasonality considerations, with the exception of seasonal electricity tariffs (winter rates in South Africa are 1.5 times the summer rates). The Company began ramping-up operations in early 2019 with appropriate staffing levels and continues to recruit additional staff per operational requirements.

#### 4. Results of Operations for the Three and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2022

All of the Company's mineral properties are located in South Africa and all of the care and maintenance costs, impairment recovery/charges towards the mineral properties, gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment, interest income, other income and finance costs are incurred in South Africa. Therefore, the Company is subject to the risks of foreign exchange and inflation fluctuations in South Africa.

Prior to the Retreatment Project, almost all South African funding was provided from Canada by its parent company, which holds its cash and cash equivalents, and short-term investments in U.S. dollars, Canadian dollars and South African Rand. The Company is now operating the Retreatment Project and the PGM circuits to generate mining operation income from PGM and chrome production, which has enabled the Company to fund its core operations in South Africa.

The Company's presentation currency is the U.S. dollar while the Company's operating expenses are predominately incurred in South African Rand and in Canadian dollars. The average foreign exchange rates for Q3 2022 and 2021 are summarized as follows:

	ZAR to USD	Cdn to USD
Q3 2022	0.0587	0.7658
Q3 2021	0.0683	0.7936

The annual inflation rate in South Africa was 4.6% in 2021, 3.2% in 2020 and 4.1% in 2019 and is forecast to be 6.5% in 2022.

The following table sets forth selected consolidated financial information for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2022 and 2021, respectively:

**Table 2**

<b>Consolidated Statement of Income</b>	Three months ended		Nine months ended	
	September 30		September 30	
	<i>Restated</i>		<i>Restated</i>	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Revenue	3,592	15,927	41,487	52,592
Cost of operations				
Production costs	(1,707)	(12,322)	(28,388)	(40,673)
Depletion and depreciation	-	(1,712)	(3,657)	(5,276)
Mine operating income	1,885	1,893	9,442	6,643
Expenses				
General and administrative	915	602	3,472	2,175
Site services	1,281	1,030	3,745	3,621
Care and maintenance	630	647	2,130	2,254
Operating income (loss)	(941)	(386)	95	(1,407)
Other net income (expense)	(5,665)	(2,718)	(4,585)	1,212
Income tax (expense) recovery	3	(13)	2,251	(60)
<b>Net loss for the period</b>	<b>(6,603)</b>	<b>(3,117)</b>	<b>(2,239)</b>	<b>(255)</b>
Net income (loss) attributable to:				
Non-controlling interest	(1)	(610)	145	(1,023)
Equity shareholders of the Company	(6,602)	(2,507)	(2,384)	768
<b>Net loss for the period</b>	<b>(6,603)</b>	<b>(3,117)</b>	<b>(2,239)</b>	<b>(255)</b>

<b>Consolidated Statement of Income</b>				
	Three months ended September 30		Nine months ended September 30	
	<b>Restated</b>		<b>Restated</b>	
	<b>2022</b>	2021	<b>2022</b>	2021
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Income (loss) per share				
Basic and diluted	<b>(0.05)</b>	(0.02)	<b>(0.02)</b>	0.01
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding, in thousands				
Basic	<b>137,821</b>	137,723	<b>137,821</b>	134,614
Diluted	<b>137,821</b>	137,723	<b>137,821</b>	137,066
<b>Consolidated statements of financial position</b>				
	<i>Restated</i>			
	September 30	December 31		
	2022	2021		
	\$	\$		
Total assets	<b>160,392</b>	162,783		
Total non-current liabilities	<b>15,557</b>	65,993		

The Company recorded a net loss attributable to equity shareholders of the Company of \$6,602 (or \$0.05 per share) in Q3 2022 compared to a net loss of \$2,507 (or \$0.02 per share) in Q3 2021. Detailed explanations are presented in the following section.

#### **4.1 Overall Performance**

##### *Revenue*

The Company generated revenue from processing PGM materials during Q3 2022 and from processing PGM and chrome concentrates for the nine months ended September 30, 2022 (“YTD 2022”). The majority of the Company’s revenue (approximately 77% for YTD 2022) is from the Union Goal Offshore Solution Limited (“**Union Goal**”) offtake agreement (the “**Union Goal Offtake Agreement**”) entered into between the Company’s subsidiary Barplats and Union Goal in relation to chrome concentrate production from the Retreatment Project. The Retreatment Project produces revenue based on tons of material made available for processing by remining and processing the tailings, recovery of certain operational costs and allocation of the upfront cash payment for the offtake of chrome concentrate to Union Goal. Additional non-cash deferred revenue is recognized based on tons made available for processing from the discounting of the chrome equipment debt and the construction loan based on the effective interest rate. As discussed earlier, due to the lack of payment by Union Goal and its failure to take receipt of chrome concentrates in the quarter, the Company discontinued recording revenue based on chrome concentrate production in the period. During the third quarter of 2022, the Company started to negotiate free market sales of chrome concentrate. The chrome concentrate produced was held in inventory with revenue to be recognized when control of the chrome concentrate is transferred and payment is probable. The Company also derives PGM revenue under a PGM offtake agreement with Impala for further processing of tailings materials following the production of chrome concentrates.

The Company generated revenue from the processing and delivery of chrome under the Union Goal Framework Agreement of \$nil and \$31,959 for Q3 2022 and YTD 2022, respectively, as compared to \$15,268 and \$49,159 for the same respective periods in 2021. The decrease in chrome revenue for 2022 was primarily due to the suspension of tonnages dispatched to Union Goal in the third quarter of 2022. The local electricity provider also continued to implement load curtailing during the third quarter of 2022 due



to high electricity demand, which required the Company to decrease its power usage, resulting in lower chrome plant utilization than in the comparable quarter.

The Company generated PGM concentrate revenue of \$3,592 and \$9,528 in Q3 2022 and YTD 2022, respectively, and \$659 and \$3,433 in the same periods in 2021.

#### *Mine operating income*

Mine operating income for Q3 2022 was \$1,885 while mine operating income for YTD 2022 was \$9,442, as compared to income of \$1,893 and \$6,643 for the comparative periods in 2021. Gross margin increased to 52.5% and 22.8% in Q3 2022 and YTD 2022, respectively, from 11.9% and 12.6% in the same periods in 2021. As mentioned earlier in this MD&A, the increase in FY2022 mine operation income was driven by the reduction in chrome revenue recognized in the third quarter of 2022 and an increase in PGM revenues during the year-to-date period.

Depletion and depreciation was \$nil and \$3,657 for Q3 2022 and YTD 2022, respectively, as compared to \$1,712 and \$5,276 for the same period in 2021. The decrease was due to amounts capitalized to inventory as chrome production continued in the quarter while chrome sales were suspended.

#### *Operating (loss) income*

The Company incurred an operating loss of \$941 and generated operating income of \$95 for Q3 2022 and YTD 2022 compared to an operating loss of \$386 and an operating loss of \$1,407 for the respective periods in 2021. The decrease in income in Q3 2022 resulted from the suspension of chrome concentrate sales, offset by increased PGM sales and the higher gross margin realized on those sales, during the period. The loss for the nine months ended September 30, 2021 (“**YTD 2021**”) was due to lower PGM sales as PGM circuit B was not yet running at full capacity.

#### *General and administrative*

G&A costs are associated with the Company’s Vancouver corporate head office and related professional and corporate costs.

The G&A costs were \$915 and \$3,472 for Q3 2022 and YTD 2022, respectively, compared to \$602 and \$2,175 for the respective period in 2021. For the quarter, G&A costs were higher due to separation payments paid to former management and higher-than-expected inflation. The overall G&A cost increase year-to-date was primarily due to the Expected Credit Loss (“**ECL**”) recorded against the Union Goal receivable of \$911. Although the receivable is fully guaranteed against the amounts payable to Union Goal, the Company is required to estimate when the receivable will be paid. The ECL is the time value adjustment of the receivable based on an expected payment date in Q2 2023, when the receivable and payable could come due. The amounts payable are due 210 days after completion of the Optimization Program, however, the Company continues to work with Union Goal to reduce the outstanding receivable. Cost control initiatives previously initiated, and lower remuneration costs as compared to the prior period partially offset this charge.

#### *Site services*

Site services costs relate to work performed indirectly to support operations. As such, costs such as security, management and support operations are included in site services. These services increased by \$251 or 24% to \$1,281 in Q3 2022 from \$1,030 in Q3 2021 and by \$124 or 3% to \$3,745 in YTD 2022 from \$3,621 in YTD 2021. The increase was due to increased cost pressures from rising inflation including higher winter season electricity rates, offset by an overall cost control initiative in South Africa and foreign exchange impact of a weakening South African Rand against the United States Dollar.

### *Care and maintenance*

Care and maintenance costs are incurred when production of the underground mining or other PGM projects are suspended and expenditures are reduced to the level required to maintain the good condition of such assets. Such costs consist of maintenance, pumping to prevent flooding of the workings, underground inspections to ensure that the integrity of critical excavations is preserved, certain general costs and other costs necessary to safeguard such projects and their associated assets. The Maresburg and KV concentrator projects were placed on care and maintenance in the fourth quarter of 2012 and the CRM underground was placed on care and maintenance in the third quarter of 2013.

Care and maintenance costs decreased to \$630 and \$2,130 in Q3 2022 and YTD 2022 from \$647 and \$2,254 for the same respective periods in 2021. Costs in South African Rand terms increased slightly from the prior periods, but were fully offset by changes in foreign exchange.

### *Foreign exchange gain or loss*

The Company recorded a foreign exchange loss of \$4,670 for Q3 2022 and \$2,328 for the YTD 2022 as compared to foreign exchange losses of \$2,328 for Q3 2021 and \$1,298 for YTD 2021. The South African Rand spot rate weakened during the quarter by 10.0% and by 14.0% compared to Q3 2021. A weaker Rand creates a foreign exchange loss on the Company's U.S. dollar contract payable liability.

### *Other income*

Other income excluding foreign exchange gains and losses for Q3 2022 and YTD 2022 was a loss of \$995 and \$1,674, respectively. This represented a decrease of \$605 and \$4,184 in the comparable periods (Q3 2021: loss of \$390; YTD 2021: income of \$2,510) due to lower interest income and gains on asset sales in the quarter, and by a legal settlement gain of \$3,258 in the previous year. Other income includes rental income from Company-owned residential properties on the Eastern Limb Projects and at the CRM, sales of non-utilized assets, and scrap metal sales not directly related to operations.

## ***4.2 Crocodile River Mine***

### Retreatment Project – Chrome recovery

The Retreatment Project generates revenue based on tons of material made available for processing by remining the tailings, recovery of certain operational costs and allocation of the upfront cash payment from Union Goal for the offtake of chrome concentrate. As of July 1, 2022, the Company has stopped recognizing revenue from the processing of tailings and during the third quarter of 2022, the Company started to engage in free market sales where revenue is recognized in a more typical manner, when payment is probable and control is transferred to the buyer.

### *Restated and Revised Retreatment Project Agreements*

On March 10, 2021, the Company and its subsidiary, Barplats, entered into updated Retreatment Project Agreements with Union Goal, which included:

- The 2021 Revised and Restated Framework Agreement;
- The 2021 Revised and Restated Offtake Agreement;
- The 2021 Revised and Restated Eastplats Loan Agreement; and
- The 2021 Revised and Restated Barplats Equipment and Chrome Plant Agreement.

The review of the original agreements and subsequent revisions highlighted the positive operating results achieved to date, reflects the knowledge gained based on two years of operations and demonstrates Eastplats' continued commitment to the long-term benefits of the Retreatment Project.

Summary of chrome production for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2022 and 2021:

	Q3 2022	Q3 2021	YTD 2022	YTD 2021
Total Tailings Feed (Tons)	654,802	638,791	1,893,774	1,906,963
Average grade Cr concentrate	38.69%	38.77%	38.76%	38.57%
Tons of Cr concentrate	154,412	195,942	445,373	623,330

Although total tailings feed tons in the quarter were similar to the prior period, total tons of chrome concentrate produced decreased as the Company processed lower-grade material in accordance with the Retreatment Project plan. As a result, the Company processed higher-grade tailings at the start of the project.

The financing of the costs of the Optimization Program were agreed in principle with Union Goal during 2020 and formalized as part of the updated agreements signed on March 10, 2021. During Q3 2022, the Company continued to work on the Optimization Program. The completion of the Optimization Program has been delayed due to certain process design changes and the subsequent construction modifications required to facilitate these changes which are to be funded by Union Goal.

The Company continues the tailings storage facility (“TSF”) wall building program, utilizing waste rock and paddock, to raise the wall to facilitate continued depositing of reprocessed tailings.

#### PGM Circuits

Summary of PGM production for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2022 and 2021:

	Q3 2022	Q3 2021	YTD 2022	YTD 2021
Tons of PGM concentrate	1,532	366	4,279	948
PGM ounces produced (6E)*	2,477	655	6,489	1,872

\*PGM 6E ounces are estimates until final exchanges and umpire results have been concluded, which can take up to three months.

The Company continues to focus on maximizing PGM concentrate production. Although lower grade inputs mined from the TSF in the current period have resulted in an expected reduction in PGM ounces produced per ton of PGM concentrate processed, total volumes processed remain on target.

#### Project agreement – PGM Circuit H

In July 2020, Barplats entered a project framework agreement (the “**Agreement**”) with ABT, an organization compliant as a Black Economic Empowerment (“**BEE**”) Entrepreneur and a member of the Omang Group of companies, to complete an independent feasibility study for the development and construction of a new modular plant with a capacity to process the PGMs of the tailings redeposited from the Retreatment Project at a designated area of the Zandfontein tailings dam situated at the CRM at an expected rate of 50,000 tons per month (the “**Circuit H Project**”).

On January 25, 2022, the Agreement between Barplats and ABT was terminated. There were several milestones required under the Agreement to complete and establish the Circuit H Project, including a joint venture agreement between Barplats and ABT, financing agreements and off-take agreements for the project. None of these agreements were concluded prior to the termination of the Agreement.

Eastplats continues to focus its efforts on restarting the Zandfontein underground operations at the CRM and will continue to assess the feasibility and economic benefits of recovering PGMs from the recent tailings redeposited onto the Zandfontein tailings dam.

### **4.3 Mareesburg Project**

The Company has experienced various delays in completing the legal analysis in relation to its EIA but plans to continue work on an updated internal project assessment and then follow on with mine design study and technical review, environmental studies and amendments in 2023.

## **5. Liquidity and Capital Resources**

As at September 30, 2022, the Company had a working capital deficit (current assets less current liabilities) of \$29,615 (December 31, 2021 – working capital of \$14,596) and short-term cash resources of \$1,182 (consisting of cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments) (December 31, 2021 – \$6,147). The decrease in working capital was mainly due to the Union Goal contract payable of \$49,474 being recorded as a current liability in the quarter. The due date of the contract payable was extended by written agreement on December 31, 2020 to January 14, 2022, and further extended as per the Revised and Restated Union Goal Agreements signed on March 10, 2021 to 210 days after the date of issuing the plant commissioning certificate on the optimization equipment. The Company estimates it will receive the plant commissioning certificate by the end of 2022, subject to Union Goal funding. Under the Union Goal Agreements, the Company has purchased the equipment for the Chrome Circuit, subject to a put option if the operating performance of the equipment and chrome plant are not as agreed. The Company can exercise its option to return the equipment and extinguish the debt in full if an agreement on the final purchase price cannot be reached.

The Company's cash and cash equivalents decreased by \$2,203 for the YTD 2022 compared to the balance as at December 31, 2021. The decrease was driven mainly from an increase in chrome inventories of \$8,932, a decrease in cash from trade and other receivables of \$4,442, mostly related to amounts owing from the chrome optimization project, as well as investments in equipment at the CRM of \$2,773. These cash outflows were offset by other net operating cash inflows of \$3,791, \$2,032 in cash received from the disposal of assets including the Maroelabult sale, and a net redemption of short-term investments of \$3,883.

The Retreatment Project, in relation to the recovery of chrome concentrate at the CRM, is now in steady operation and has been operating for over three years. The Company also produces PGM concentrates via its PGM Circuits and sells these concentrates under its PGM offtake Agreement with Impala. The CRM underground and all other properties and projects are under care and maintenance or are at an earlier stage of development.

As the Company continues to operate the Retreatment Project, there remains material uncertainty that the Company will be able to achieve sufficient cash inflows to meet its expected obligations in the next 12 months and there can be no assurance that additional funding will be available to the Company when needed, or, if available, that this funding will be on acceptable terms. Significant judgments and estimates are involved in projecting the future cash flows including the level of production of the Retreatment Project or other operations. The Company has recently closed a finance facility with Investec and previously raised funds through a Rights Offering but additional funding may be required to advance the larger PGM development opportunity for commencing underground production at the CRM, continued development of the Mareesburg Project or other development in the Eastern Limb Projects to bring them into production.

The Company's forecasts are based on assumptions and a significant portion of the current revenue is from a single offtake contract. There exists liquidity risk (See section 8(c)(v)) if certain assumptions do not hold. The Company has a planning and budgeting process in place to help determine the funds required to support the Company's normal operating requirements on an ongoing basis and its expansionary plans.

The effects of COVID-19 are changing and evolving and the Company cannot reasonably estimate at this time all the impacts of COVID-19 or if new or unexpected changes to the lockdown levels imposed by the Government of South Africa will occur. Both of these could have material adverse effects on the Company's business, liquidity and cash flows and the timing of project completions.

The Company has approved \$501 (Cdn\$635) in capital funding at December 31, 2021 to complete the chrome plant optimization and Phase 2 construction of the TSF dam lifts. The Company approved its 2022 budget in January 2022 to execute the corporate objectives discussed in Section 5.1 of this MD&A. The Company's 2022 objectives are expected to be funded through existing working capital and operations. Approval of the capital required to restart the Zandfontein underground operations will be submitted upon a successful fundraise. The uncertainty around COVID-19 and other challenges may impact fundraising in the future.

### **5.1 Outlook**

The Company's CRM Retreatment Project in South Africa was operating without restrictions at December 31, 2021 and as of the date of this MD&A. The Company restarted PGM Circuit D during Q4 2020 and PGM Circuit B was commissioned in October 2021. Eastplats continues to deliver PGMs under an offtake agreement. The Company has suspended shipments of chrome concentrate to Union Goal, but continues to work with it to sell the chrome concentrate to third parties. The Company also remains committed to the Chrome Plant Optimization Program which is expected to be completed in 2023 pending funding from Union Goal. This, however, is also predicated on Union Goal's ability to provide funding to reduce the Company's outstanding trade receivable balance. A default on the receivable or lack of payment from Union Goal could have a significant impact not only on the instrument credit risk adjustments recorded to date but on the Company's liquidity as a whole. Delays in payment may require the Company to re-evaluate the fair value of the contract payable, re-evaluate the exclusivity of the contract, and could lead to a renegotiation/change of the Union Goal contracts, including target completion dates for the Optimization Program and payment by the Company of the related loans owing to Union Goal. The Company still expects to receive all monies owed to it and will pursue all commercial options available to it to collect these amounts, which may include offsetting Eastplats' accounts receivable with the Union Goal accounts payable to realize on our outstanding receivable, an option available to Eastplats as part of the Framework Agreement with Union Goal. The Company will continue to keep shareholders informed of these risks and the Company's chosen course of action in due course.

The Company remains vigilant in continuing its high standards in regards to maintaining safe operations. Although the current outlook is positive due to reduced COVID-19 restrictions, all operations could be affected by new COVID-19 issues or new lockdown directives in South Africa. The Company will update its forecasts following the completion of the Optimization Program. The effects of COVID-19 are changing rapidly and could have material effects on the Company's outlook and its ability to attain targets.

The Company's targets for 2022 are as follows:

- Operate and optimize the Retreatment Project and maximize returns (ongoing);
  - Completion of the Optimization Program for the Retreatment Project (ongoing);
  - Assess the value for continued use of the chrome recovery plant after optimization (ongoing);
- Operate and optimize the PGM Circuits (ongoing);
- Complete an updated independent technical report on the CRM (completed);
- Raise capital to accelerate restart of Zandfontein underground operations at the CRM, develop Eastern Limb Projects, and support ongoing operations (Investec facility announced as mentioned earlier in this MD&A);
- Complete the second phase of the TSF capital works program (ongoing);
- Advance the Maresburg project environmental work to complete the legal analysis on the EIA and other environmental studies and amendments (ongoing);
- Continue prospecting and assessment work in relation to Zandfontein, Crocette and Spitzkop ore bodies (ongoing);

- Complete EIA and assessment work regarding a vertical furnace and pelletizer of chrome concentrate (ongoing); and
- Update other capital assessments upon completion of capital fundraising.

Care and maintenance with respect to the underground portion of the CRM will continue while the Company raises funds for the underground operations restart. Eastplats completed a life-of-mine study and underground mine design for Zandfontein and the Board of Directors supported carrying out the Zandfontein underground restart business plan, subject to final evaluation and funding arrangements. Care and maintenance will also continue for the Company's Eastern Limb Projects for the remainder of 2022. The Company is actively looking at opportunities for its other assets including continuing to explore options to utilize or monetize these assets.

The Company continually reviews, as appropriate, its other assets and the larger PGM market developments beyond the near term. All decisions will be made based on long-term economic determinations. Any restart of projects currently under care and maintenance would require additional funding that may or may not be available to the Company or require changes to the current operations at the CRM.

With respect to the Mareesburg project, subject to the completion of the legal analysis in relation to its EIA, the Company plans to work on an updated internal project assessment during the remainder of 2022 and then follow on with mine design study and technical review, environmental studies and amendments most likely in the first half of 2023. This may lead to the possible development of the Mareesburg open cast mine, subject to capital requirements and the availability of financing.

Additional funding may also be required to bring other projects to production. Potential funding for any of the possibilities discussed above may include debt financing arrangements, joint venture or other third-party participation in one or more of these projects, or sales of equity or debt securities of the Company. Any additional financing may be dilutive to shareholders of the Company, and debt financing, if available, may involve restrictions on financing, investing and operating activities. There can be no assurance that additional funding will be available to the Company when needed or, if available, that this funding will be on acceptable terms. If adequate funds are not available, including funds generated from any producing operations, the Company may be required to further delay or reduce the scope of these development projects or mining operations.

## ***5.2 Share Capital***

On January 22, 2021 the Company completed a rights offering to its shareholders and issued 36,841,741 common shares at a price of Cdn\$0.32 per share. Total gross proceeds of approximately \$9,307 (TSX – Cdn\$11,364 and JSE – ZAR5,011) were raised.

In February 2021, 40,000 warrants were exercised at Cdn\$0.24 per common share.

In July 2021, 300,000 stock options were exercised at a price of Cdn\$0.21 per share for total proceeds of \$50.

On June 3 2022, the Company extended the expiry date of 5,960,000 of its outstanding warrants originally issued on June 26, 2020, by one year to June 26, 2023. All other terms remained unchanged.

On July 8, 2022, the Company announced that it granted 1,870,000 stock options to directors, officers, and employees of the Company that vest in 90 days. The options were granted for a term of five years and expire on July 6, 2027. Each option allows the holder to purchase one common share of Eastplats at an exercise price of Cdn\$0.23.

On August 1, 2022, an additional 80,000 stock options were granted to an officer of the Company that vest in 90 days. The options were granted for a term of five years and expire on August 1, 2027. Each option allows the holder to purchase one common share of Eastplats at an exercise price of Cdn\$0.23.

During Q3 2022 and YTD 2022 a total of \$146 (Q3 2021: \$15; YTD 2021 - \$57) was recorded as share-based compensation expense relating to employee stock options.

In Q3 2022 a total of 3,250,000 stock options expired and an additional 200,000 expired prior to the date of this MD&A.

As at the date of this MD&A, the Company had:

- 137,820,773 common shares issued and outstanding;
- 5,960,000 warrants outstanding; and
- 3,840,000 stock options outstanding as listed as follows:

**Table 3**

Options outstanding	Options exercisable	Exercise price Cdn\$	Remaining Contractual Life (Years)	Expiry date
150,000	150,000	0.33	0.07	December 7, 2022
100,000	100,000	0.39	0.46	April 26, 2023
450,000	450,000	0.21	1.59	June 13, 2024
50,000	50,000	0.24	2.47	April 29, 2025
570,000	570,000	0.37	2.93	October 16, 2025
770,000	770,000	0.34	3.62	June 23, 2026
1,670,000	1,670,000	0.23	4.65	July 6, 2027
80,000	—	0.23	4.73	August 1, 2027
<b>3,840,000</b>	<b>3,760,000</b>		<b>3.52</b>	

### 5.3 Contractual Obligations, Commitments and Contingencies

The Company's major contractual obligations and commitments as at September 30, 2022 were as follows:

**Table 4**

(in thousands of U.S. dollars)	Total \$	Less than 1 year \$	1 - 5 years \$	More than 5 years \$
Provision for environmental rehabilitation (i)	2,970	—	—	2,970
Lease obligations (ii)	2,625	1,619	1,006	—
Contracts payable (iii)	52,047	52,047	—	—
Other obligations (iv)	11,327	11,327	—	—
Capital expenditure and purchase commitments (v)	197	197	—	—
	<b>69,166</b>	<b>65,190</b>	<b>1,006</b>	<b>2,970</b>

(i) Environmental rehabilitation provision over the life of mining operations are estimated expenditures at fair value, assuming weighted average credit adjusted risk-free discount rate of 10.8% and long-term inflation factor of 4.5%.

(ii) Lease contracts for mining equipment relating to CRM operations and office space at head office. The amount shown is the undiscounted minimum lease payment and include the extension of the Company's head office lease to 2027.

(iii) Union Goal equipment and construction financing relating to the Retreatment Project. The amount shown represents the undiscounted payment based on the agreed nil interest rate until the due date according to the 2021 Updated Retreatment Project Agreement. The due date is 210 days after the date of issuing the plant commissioning certificate when the Optimization Program is completed and commissioned; the plant commissioning is expected to be completed in the fourth quarter of 2022 subject to Union Goal funding. The terms in details are more fully described in Note 15 Contracts payable of the audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2021 and Note 5 of the Company's condensed interim consolidated financial statements for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2022.

(iv) Other obligations consist of trade and other payables.

(v) Capital expenditure and purchase commitments contracted at September 30, 2022 but not recognized on the consolidated statement of financial position.

#### Petition by 2538520 Ontario Limited to File a Derivative Action against the Company

On November 6, 2018, the Company received a petition filed with the Supreme Court of British Columbia, by 2538520 Ontario Limited ("253"), a shareholder of the Company, seeking leave from the court to commence a derivative action on behalf of the Company against certain of its current and former directors in relation to the approval of the transactions between the Company and Union Goal. The Board of Directors of the Company formed a Special Committee to review the petition and make a recommendation on the appropriate action. Following its detailed review of this matter, the Special Committee of the Board of Directors recommended opposing this petition, and this recommendation was accepted by the Board of Directors. As such, the Company filed its opposition to the petition and was provided security for costs. In June 2019 the petition was heard by the court and was dismissed on August 27, 2019. On September 27, 2019, the petitioner filed an appeal of the judgment which was heard on June 1, 2020 and dismissed on November 16, 2020. In January 2021, 253 sought leave to appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada, which declined to hear the appeal. The Company sought recovery from 253 of the costs incurred in responding to 253's unsuccessful petition and appeal. The Company settled on an amount of costs to be paid by 253, which 253 paid in April 2022.

#### Further litigation by 2538520 Ontario Limited against the Company

On February 7, 2020, 253 and its CEO, Rong Kai Hong, (the "Plaintiffs") filed a further claim regarding various allegations, including that the Company was acting to oppress the Plaintiffs' rights among other claims. The Plaintiffs seek, among other relief, orders requiring a change to the Company share ownership, election of new Directors, several changes to senior management and damages of US\$50,000 (or such greater amount as may be proven at trial) from the Company, certain present and former Directors and Officers, and separately seven other listed defendants. On June 11, 2021, the Plaintiffs filed an amended claim in response to an imminent application from the Company and its directors and officers to dismiss the claim as an abuse of process. The Plaintiffs agreed to a consent dismissal of the claims against the non-executive directors and struck a substantial portion of the contents of their notice of civil claim. Claims against the Company, certain senior management as well as claims against certain other parties remain extant. An application with respect to service on other parties was heard in February 2022 and the Supreme Court of British Columbia determined on June 30, 2022 that those other parties have been properly served. Counsel for 253 and Hong demanded that certain parties deliver responses to the civil claim by no later than July 31, 2022, failing which 253 and Hong would seek default judgment. No responses have been filed as of the date of this MD&A, however, the Plaintiffs have not sought default judgment, instead applying for an order requiring that responses be filed. That application was adjourned and responses to civil claim by those certain parties remain outstanding.



The Company intends to apply to dismiss the lawsuit. No provision is made in the consolidated financial statements as the Company assessed the allegations have no merit.

#### Litigation by Xiaoling Ren against the Company

During December 2020, the Company received a petition filed with the Supreme Court of British Columbia, by Xiaoling Ren, a shareholder of the Company, seeking leave from the court to commence a derivative action on behalf of the Company against certain of its current and former directors. Ms. Ren is represented by the same law firm that filed a similar petition in November 2018 for 253, which was dismissed in 2019, the appeal denied by the British Columbia Court of Appeal in November 2020, and application for leave to appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada denied in May 2021.

The Company filed a response seeking a dismissal of the petition as an abuse of process. Eastplats and Ren agreed to set the petition down for hearing in January 2023; the court reserved its decision, which was recently received and is being reviewed by the Company and its advisors. No provision is made in the consolidated financial statements as the Company assessed the allegations have no merit.

#### 2016 BEE Buyout Transactions

On June 30, 2016, two days after concluding agreements for the sale of Crocodile River Mine (which agreements were subsequently terminated), the former management of the Company purportedly entered into a number of agreements (the “**2016 BEE Buyout Transactions**”) with Ingwenya and Serina (collectively the “**Vendors**”) to acquire or cancel all of the interests previously held by the Company’s black economic empowerment partners (the “**BEE Partners**”) in the Company’s South African projects except for the 17.65% equity interest in Afriminer Holdings (Pty) Ltd. (“**Afriminer**”) for a total of \$13,367. The Vendors represented to the Company and to its relevant subsidiaries that the Vendors are or will be the registered and beneficial owners of the respective equity interests in the Company’s South African projects as at the closing date defined under the 2016 BEE Buyout Transactions. The 2016 BEE Buyout Transactions consist of the acquisition of (i) 44.12% equity interest in Gubevu Consortium Investment Holdings (Pty) Ltd (“**Gubevu**”) for a total of \$8,955 and an 18% equity interest in Lion’s Head Platinum (Pty) Ltd. (“**Lion’s Head**”) for \$1,099 from Ingwenya; and (ii) 8% interest in Lion’s Head for \$502, a 5.89% equity interest in Gubevu for \$1,194 and a 33.35% equity interest in Afriminer for \$1,617 from Serina.

In 2017, the Company was advised on behalf of the BEE Partners that they no longer considered themselves as the Company’s BEE Partners. However, the Company was not provided with all of the background details and documents concerning those arrangements and was unable to otherwise confirm or document that result. In 2020, the Company was provided with certain documents and records confirming that Serina, Ingwenya and the BEE Partners had purportedly agreed to nullify and reverse the transactions among them with the result that the BEE Partners’ interests (save for the 17.65% equity interest in Afriminer) had reverted to Serina and Ingwenya, effective as of June 2017.

The Company notes that as a result of the foregoing, it had sufficient documentation and other representations to allow it to confirm and record that it no longer had BEE Partners as of June 2017 and any interest purportedly held by Serina and Ingwenya could be considered transferred. South African mining regulations require certain levels of black economic empowerment (“**BEE**”) shareholdings from a party granted mining rights. The Company believes that it was and is in compliance with the applicable BEE requirements throughout the relevant time under the “once empowered, always empowered” principle under the applicable South African mining laws, as stated in September 2021 by the High Court (Gauteng Division, Pretoria) in South Africa as a result of a court challenge by the Minerals Council of South Africa. This judgment decided that this principle applied to the renewal of existing mining rights. Given the time that has passed since the judgement and due to statements made by certain officials, it is unlikely that this judgment will be appealed. However, there is a risk that the effect of this Court decision could be changed by legislative means in the future, and further direction in this regard is awaited from the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (“**DMR**”). Failure to address any such alleged non-compliance may negatively impact the Company’s operations and the value of its assets. No provision is made in the

consolidated financial statements and the Company remains committed to working with the DMR to ensure ongoing compliance.

#### Claim against Serina and Ingwenya

On June 7, 2018, the Company filed a claim in the Supreme Court of British Columbia against Serina and Ingwenya in relation to the payment of \$13,367. The Company filed an application for default judgment against Serina in the British Columbia Supreme Court in December 2018, and default judgment was granted in 2019. The Company has been unable to successfully contact either Serina or Ingwenya to date. The Company has been advised that recovery of the funds or judgement appears remote. No amount has been accrued on the Company's financial statements for this claim as it would be a contingent amount if successful.

#### Claims against former Directors and Officers

On October 7, 2020 the Company filed an amended notice of civil claim (original notice filed on June 7, 2018) in the Supreme Court of British Columbia against certain former officers and directors of the Company, which updated the specifics of the claim and added two defendants, which are companies related to former officers. The amended notice of civil claim alleges that the former officer and directors purported to enter into agreements with Serina and Ingwenya on behalf of the Company pursuant to which \$13,367 was transferred without consideration and without any apparent benefit to the Company and in doing so breached their duties as directors and officers of the Company. Eastplats sought damages from the former directors and officers on a number of legal grounds.

As a response to this claim, the former directors and officers filed a counterclaim denying liability and seeking indemnity. The Company filed its defence to oppose this counterclaim.

On June 21, 2021, the Company announced it had agreed with the defendants to settle and dismiss the outstanding lawsuits and to settle certain related disputes including the counterclaim. The settlements provided for an amount of \$3,258 (Cdn\$4,000) in cash to be paid to the Company. The terms of the settlements are confidential and no party to them has admitted any wrongdoing or liability. No further amounts can be claimed under the settlement.

#### Claim dispute regarding Spitzkop

The Company has received a notice from the DMR on October 25, 2018 of an appeal launched with the DMR with respect to the Company's mineral license issued in 2012 relating to the Spitzkop property. In addition, the claimant has launched an appeal against a water use license and a related review application in respect thereof in the High Court in South Africa. The Company, with the assistance of counsel, is addressing this matter and intends to defend this issue related to the issued mineral rights and water use license of Spitzkop. Further to this, the Company and the claimant are currently engaging to amicably resolve this matter and it does not expect that it will result in a cash outflow by the Company in the foreseeable future.

#### General

The Company is subject to claims and legal proceedings arising in the ordinary course of business activities, each of which is subject to various uncertainties and it is possible that some of these matters may be resolved unfavourably to the Company. For matters that are probable and can be reasonably estimated, the Company establishes provisions in its financial statements. When evaluating legal proceedings that are pending against the Company, the Company and its legal counsel assess the perceived merits of the legal proceedings along with the perceived merits of the amount of relief sought. It is management's opinion that there are currently no other claims expected to have a material effect on the results of operations or financial condition of the Company and therefore no accrual is provided.

## 6. Related Party Transactions

Summarized as follows is a list of related parties with whom the Company had transactions with for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2022 and 2021, as well as a description of the nature of the services provided therein.

The Company incurred the following fees and expenses in the normal course of operations in connection with certain companies owned by current and former officers and directors. Expenses have been measured at the exchange amount which is determined on a cost recovery basis.

Table 5

(Expressed in thousands of U.S. dollars)	Three months ended		Nine months ended	
	September 30		September 30	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Trading transactions				
Director fees	61	40	141	121
Management fees	204	63	329	279
Share-based payments	75	97	75	126
Total	340	200	545	526
Compensation of key management personnel				
Remuneration	221	232	717	1,036
Payment to former management	425	-	425	-
Share-based payments	68	99	68	136
Total compensation of key management personnel	714	331	1,210	1,172

The Company had a consulting agreement with Oriental Fortune Consulting Services Limited (“Oriental Fortune”) which is controlled by the Company’s former Vice President (“VP”). The Company agreed to pay \$21 per month to Oriental Fortune for management consulting services rendered. The consulting agreement was terminated on August 16, 2022. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2022, Oriental Fortune received a bonus payment of \$41 and \$41 (three and nine months ended September 30, 2021 - \$Nil and \$88), respectively.

The Company’s key management includes the Chief Executive Officer (“CEO”), the Chief Financial Officer (“CFO”), the Chief Operating Officer (“COO”) (formerly, the General Manager of South Africa) and the VP. Key management personnel were not paid post-employment benefits or other long-term benefits in Q3 2022 and Q3 2021. The COO resigned subsequent to period end; her tasks have been assumed by the CEO on an interim basis.

## 7. Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, and revenue and expenses. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis of making the judgments about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from those estimates as the estimation process is inherently uncertain. Estimates are reviewed on an ongoing basis based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant under the circumstances. Revisions to estimates and the resulting impact on the carrying amounts of the Company’s assets and liabilities are accounted for prospectively.

Furthermore, the continued impact of COVID-19, with its combined health toll and sharp decline of economic output in certain sectors, is unprecedented and the full extent of the impact will depend on future developments. These developments are highly uncertain and cannot be accurately predicted, including new information which may emerge concerning its severity, its duration and actions by government authorities to contain the outbreak or manage its impact. As a result, it is possible that circumstances may arise which cause actual results to differ from the estimates and judgments applied in these interim consolidated financial statements, and such differences affecting Eastplats future financial position and results cannot be determined at this time.

The Company has three reportable segments – the CRM, the Eastern Limb Projects and Corporate. The Eastern Limb Projects consist of the KV, Spitzkop and Mareesburg projects. Corporate operations in Barbados, BVI and Canada collectively are the Corporate segment. All of the reportable segments have consistently applied the same accounting policies as disclosed in Note 4 of the Company’s audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2021.

Areas of significant judgment and estimates made by management for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2022 in the application of IFRS that have a significant effect on the consolidated financial statements and estimates with a significant risk of material adjustment in the current and following fiscal years are discussed in Notes 4(u) and 4(v) of the Company’s audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2021.

## **8. Financial Instruments and Other Instruments**

### *(a) Management of capital risk*

The capital structure of the Company consists of contracts payable, equity attributable to common shareholders, comprised of issued capital, equity-settled employee benefits reserve, deficit, and accumulated other comprehensive loss. The Company’s objectives when managing capital are to: (i) preserve capital, (ii) obtain the best available net return, and (iii) maintain liquidity.

The Company manages the capital structure and makes adjustments to it in light of changes in economic conditions and the risk characteristics of the underlying assets. To maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Company may attempt to issue new shares, increase the amount of the contracts payable or acquire or dispose of assets.

The Company is not subject to any capital requirements imposed by any other party.

### *(b) Fair value of financial instruments*

#### *(i) Fair value estimation of financial instruments*

The fair values of cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash, trade and other receivables, short-term investments, other assets, trade and other payables approximate their carrying values due to the short-term to maturities of these financial instruments.

Contracts payable and lease liabilities required assessing the appropriate market interest rates on the liabilities. Financial liabilities are initially recognized at fair value and subsequently measured at amortized cost. The Union Goal contracts payable did not contain any derivatives that required bifurcation and measurement at fair value through profit and loss.

#### *(ii) Fair value measurements recognized in the consolidated statement of financial position*

Financial instruments that are measured subsequent to initial recognition at fair value are grouped into a hierarchy based on the degree to which the fair value is observable. Level 1 fair value measurements are derived from unadjusted, quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities. Level 2 fair value

measurements are derived from inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability directly or indirectly. Level 3 fair value measurements are derived from valuation techniques that include inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data.

There were no transfers between levels during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2022 and 2021.

*(c) Financial risk management*

The Company's financial instruments are exposed to certain financial risks, including currency risk, interest rate risk, price risk, credit risk and liquidity risk. The Company's exposure to these risks and its methods of managing the risks remain consistent since year end.

*(i) Currency risk*

The Company is exposed to foreign exchange risk as the Company undertakes certain transactions and holds assets and liabilities in currencies other than its functional currencies. The Company has not entered into any derivative financial instruments to manage exposures to currency fluctuations. The Company's exposure to currency risk affecting net income is summarized in Table 6 as follows:

**Table 6**

	September 30 2022 \$	December 31 2021 \$
<b>Financial assets</b>		
Denominated in USD at South African subsidiaries	5,853	2,155
Denominated in USD at Canadian head office	-	1
Denominated in Rand at Canadian head office	21	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,874</b>	<b>2,156</b>
<b>Financial liabilities</b>		
Contracts payable denominated in Rand at Canadian head office	6,374	6,340
Contracts payable denominated in USD at South African subsidiaries	43,100	43,574
<b>Total</b>	<b>49,474</b>	<b>49,914</b>

As at September 30, 2022, with other variables unchanged, a 10% strengthening (weakening) of the Canadian dollars against the South African Rand would have increased (decreased) net income by approximately \$577; with other variables unchanged, a 10% strengthening (weakening) of the South African Rand against the U.S dollars would have increased (decreased) net income by approximately \$3,386.

*(ii) Interest rate risk*

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. As mentioned earlier in this MD&A, the Company announced it had signed a finance facility agreement with Investec providing a secured credit facility of up to \$6.1 million (ZAR110 million) with an interest rate set at the Johannesburg Interbank Average Rate ("JIBAR") + margin agreed between the Company and Investec. The Company has not drawn any funds from this facility to date; it has no other material interest bearing contracts and is not subject to significant interest rate risk.

(iii) *Commodity price risk*

The Company's PGM concentrate sales are exposed to commodity price risk with respect to fluctuations in the prices of platinum group metals going forward. Prior to January 1, 2021, the Company did not have material revenues from PGM concentrate sales. Chrome concentrate sales are structured based on the tonnage processed referenced to the long-term chrome concentrate commodity price according to the Union Goal contract. As management is in the process of considering and evaluating its rights under the various agreements with Union Goal, the Company may be exposed to commodity price risk with respect to fluctuations in the prices of chrome going forward.

(iv) *Credit risk and concentration risk*

Credit risk is the risk of an unexpected loss if a customer or third party to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations. The Company's credit risk is primarily attributable to cash and cash equivalents, trade and other receivables and other assets. The carrying value of these assets included in the consolidated statements of financial position represents the maximum credit exposure.

Substantially all of the Company's revenues are from two customers, of which the chrome concentrate production revenue is solely from Union Goal and PGM revenue is from Impala. There is both a credit risk and concentration risk associated with the collection of revenue from Union Goal. This risk is mitigated due to the contract structure and the significant outstanding contracts payable due to Union Goal. During the third quarter of 2022, the Company has also begun to engage in free market chrome concentrate sales to customers which will also help to mitigate the Company's credit and concentration risk.

The trade and other receivable balances are monitored on an ongoing basis. The Company seeks to maintain strict control over its outstanding receivables to minimize credit risk. Provision for doubtful debts is calculated based on the payment history. The Company has been actively communicating with Union Goal regarding its trade receivable balance. A provision was recorded in Q1 2022 and updated for Q3 2022. Although the Company continued to receive payments from Union Goal in 2022, its trade receivable balance has become a significant portion of the Company's current assets. Further increases in this balance may impact the viability of the Retreatment Project. Management is in the process of considering and evaluating its rights under the various agreements with Union Goal.

With respect to credit risk arising from cash and cash equivalents and other assets, the Company limits its counterparty credit risk on these assets by dealing only with financial institutions with strong credit ratings.

(v) *Liquidity risk*

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The Company has a planning and budgeting process in place to help determine the funds required to support the Company's normal operating requirements on an ongoing basis and its expansionary plans. The Company ensures that there are sufficient funds to meet its short-term business requirements, taking into account its anticipated cash flows from operations and its holdings of cash and cash equivalents.

The Company's policy is to invest its excess cash in highly liquid, fully guaranteed, bank-sponsored instruments.

The Company started generating revenue from its Retreatment Project in December 2018, and at consistent levels since May 1, 2019. Despite the Retreatment Project and the forecasted PGM production cash flows, CRM underground remains in care and maintenance and all other properties and projects are on hold. The Company also generated some income from interest on investments and other income from the sale of non-core properties; although not expected to be significant, some of this income will be recurring in 2022 and in future years. There remains material uncertainty that the Company will be able to achieve sufficient cash flows to cover the Company's expected obligations for the next 12 months. Additional funding will be required in the future to commence underground production at the CRM, and to develop and bring the

Eastern Limb Projects into commercial production. Settlement of the contract liability payable to Union Goal, with an expected due date in 2023, may also require additional funding, refinancing or renegotiation with Union Goal.

In the normal course of business, the Company enters into contracts that give rise to commitments for future minimum payments. Table 4 summarizes the Company's significant commitments and corresponding due dates.

## **9. Application of New and Revised IFRS**

### ***Accounting standards issued but not yet effective***

As at September 30, 2022 there are no other IFRS or International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee (“**IFRIC**”) interpretations with future effective dates that are expected to have a material impact on the Company. The following new standards, amendments to standards and interpretations are not yet effective for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2022 and have not been applied in preparing these consolidated financial statements.

Interest Rate Benchmark Reform - Phase 2 (Amendments to IFRS 7, Financial Instruments: Disclosures, IFRS 9, Financial Instruments, IFRS 16, Leases, and IAS 39, Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement)

The Interest Rate Benchmark Reform Phase 2 amendments to IFRS 7, IFRS 9, IFRS 16, and IAS 39 address specific hedge accounting requirements and permit a practical expedient for modifications of financial assets, financial liabilities and lease liabilities required by the IBOR (interbank offered rate) reform. The amendments also require additional disclosures for users to understand the nature and extent of risks arising from the IBOR reform and how the entity manages those risks.

## **10. Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

As at September 30, 2022, the Company had not entered into any off-balance sheet arrangements.

## **11. Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

### ***Disclosure Controls and Procedures***

The CEO and the CFO have designed, or caused to be designed under their supervision, the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (“**DCP**”) to provide reasonable assurance that material information relating to the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries has been recorded, processed, summarized and disclosed in a timely manner in accordance with regulatory requirements and good business practices and that the Company's DCP will enable the Company to meet its ongoing disclosure requirements.

### ***Internal Control over Financial Reporting***

The CEO and the CFO have designed, or caused to be designed under their supervision, the Company's internal controls over financial reporting (“**ICFR**”) in order to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of the Company's financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with IFRS.

The Company's ICFR are designed based on *Internal Control—Integrated Framework (2013)* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (“**COSO**”).

The scope of the Company's design of the DCP and the ICFR excluded Afrimneral Holdings (Pty) Ltd. an associated entity which is accounted for using the equity method under IFRS.

The Company's CEO and CFO have assessed the effectiveness of the Company's internal controls over financial reporting as at September 30, 2022 in accordance with the COSO framework. Based on this assessment, at the time the Company filed its original MD&A on November 10, 2022, the Company's CEO and CFO had determined that the Company's internal controls over financial reporting were effective. Subsequently, management re-assessed the effectiveness of the Company's internal controls over financial reporting and based on this re-evaluation, concluded that the Company's internal controls over financial reporting was not effective as of September 30, 2022.

Management has acknowledged a material weakness in the Company's internal controls over financial reporting as at September 30, 2022, resulting in the failure to properly account for revenue, inventory and accounts receivable under the Union Goal Offtake Agreement and the changes that occurred from approximately the start of the third quarter of 2022. Management did not identify the changes in circumstances with respect to the shipping of chrome concentrate produced at the CRM to be a key factor in the analysis when applying the revenue recognition criteria under IFRS 15. As a result, the Company previously incorrectly recorded revenue in Q3 2022 of \$13,622 and Production costs of \$4,612, resulting in an overstatement of Mine operating income of \$9,010.

### **Remediation Plan**

The control deficiency was concluded to be operational in nature. Management is in the process of remediating this control deficiency by the implementation of additional review and oversight procedures with respect to the preparation and review of all new or amended sales arrangements and the corresponding revenue amounts included in the financial statements. The material weakness cannot be considered remediated until the applicable remedial controls operate for a sufficient period of time and management has concluded, through testing, that these controls are operating effectively.

### **Limitation of Controls and Procedures**

The Company's management, including its CEO and CFO, believe that any DCP and ICFR, no matter how well conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control system are met. Further, the design of a control system must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints, and the benefits of controls must be considered relative to their costs. Because of the inherent limitations in all control systems, they cannot provide absolute assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, within the Company have been prevented or detected. These inherent limitations include the realities that judgments in decision making can be faulty, and that breakdowns can occur because of simple error or mistake. Additionally, controls can be circumvented by the individual acts of some persons, by collusion of two or more people, or by unauthorized override to the control. The design of any control system also is based in part upon certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events, and there can be no assurance that any control system will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions. Accordingly, because of the inherent limitations in a cost effective, control system, misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected.

## **12. Risk Factors**

The exploration of mineral deposits involves significant risks and uncertainties. A comprehensive list of risk factors relating to the Company's business is provided under the heading "Risk Factors" in the Company's AIF for the year ended December 31, 2021, which is available under the Company's profile on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

### **COVID-19**

The effects of COVID-19 are changing rapidly and the consequences of future shutdowns cannot be reasonably estimated at this time but could have material adverse effects on the Company's business, liquidity and cash flows. The Company has provided specific information in the December 31, 2021 AIF in relation to the risks and possible effects to its operations and business in relation to COVID-19.



### **13. Non-GAAP Measures**

This MD&A may include certain terms or performance measures commonly used in the mining industry that are not defined under IFRS as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board, which is incorporated in the CPA Canada Handbook. The Company believes that, in addition to conventional measures prepared in accordance with IFRS, certain investors use this information to evaluate the Company's performance. Any such data presented is intended to provide additional information and should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for measures of performance prepared in accordance with IFRS. Any such non-GAAP measures should be read in conjunction with our financial statements.

### **14. Cautionary Statement on Forward-Looking Information**

This MD&A contains certain "forward-looking statements" or "forward-looking information" (collectively referred to herein as "forward-looking statements") within the meaning of applicable securities legislation. Such forward-looking statements include, without limitation, forecasts, estimates, expectations and objectives for future operations that are subject to a number of assumptions, risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond the control of the Company. Forward-looking statements are statements that are not historical facts and are generally, but not always, identified by the words "expects", "plans", "anticipates", "believes", "intends", "estimates", "projects", "potential" and similar expressions, or are events or conditions that "will", "would", "may", "could" or "should" occur or be achieved. This MD&A contains forward-looking statements, pertaining to, among other things: profitability; the successful pursuit of all commercial options and agreeable outcome regarding the Union Goal outstanding accounts receivable; fluctuations in currency markets and inflation; the Company's targets for 2022; forecast of operational activity, optimization, and viability of the Retreatment Project; estimated operations and production of the PGM Circuits; estimated ramp-up or upgrades to the PGM Circuits; completion of the second phase of the TSF capital works program; potential additional revenue growth and gross margin improvement from the PGM Circuits; execution of the Zandfontein Underground restart business plan and related funding; Mareesburg project environmental work to complete the legal analysis on the EIA and other environmental studies and amendments; prospecting and assessment work in relation to Zandfontein, Crocette and Spitzkop ore bodies; EIA and assessment work regarding a vertical furnace and pelletizer of chrome concentrate; CRM underground assessment including all chrome recovery activities in relation to the Retreatment Project; the Company's plans for its properties; the resolution of current litigation; the 2016 BEE Buyout Transactions and all related transactions; the pandemic and COVID-19 issues currently occurring; the seasonality of the Company's operations; the continuing impact of adverse economic factors on the South African PGM industry; the potential restarts of the CRM if there is a sustained strengthening of PGM prices and a marked improvement in the South African operating environment; the possibility of restarting the development of the Mareesburg open cast mine; the possibility of developing the Kennedy's Vale and Spitzkop project in the future; the requirement of additional funding to bring projects into production and how that funding will be attained; estimated resources and reserves; economic assessments; extension of the life of the Retreatment Project; estimated costs and timelines of construction; estimated operations; capital costs and payment terms related to the Chrome Circuit and PGM Circuits; estimated timelines for revenue, production and anticipated capital costs; test work results; the possibility of any impairment or reversal of impairment if there are any changes to future market conditions and commodity prices; the composition of G&A costs; potential non-compliance with the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act and the corresponding impact; the possible impact of Mining Charter 2018; the share capital of the Company; the renewal of consulting agreements; the ongoing assessment of mine life; critical accounting judgments made by the Company; the impact of the new IFRS on consolidated financial statements; adoption of new IFRS standards; impairment estimates and the applicable risk factors.

Forward-looking statements are subject to all of the risks and uncertainties normally incident in the mining and development of PGMs that may cause actual results or events to differ materially from those anticipated in such forward-looking statements. These risks include, but are not limited to: the risk of fluctuations in the assumed exchange rates of currencies that directly impact the Company, such as the Canadian dollar, Rand and U.S. dollar; the risk of fluctuations in the assumed prices of PGM and other commodities; the risk of changes in government legislation, taxation, controls, regulations and political or economic developments in Canada, the United States, South Africa, Barbados or other countries in which the

Company carries, or may carry on business in the future; litigation risks and the uncertainty thereof; risks associated with mining or development activities; the speculative nature of exploration and development, including the risk of obtaining necessary licenses and permits, assumed quantities or grades of reserves, need for additional funding, availability and terms of additional funding, and certain other known and unknown risks detailed from time to time in the Company's public disclosure documents, copies of which are available on the Company's SEDAR profile at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

Although the Company believes that the material factors, expectations and assumptions expressed in such forward-looking statements are reasonable based on information available to it on the date such statements were made, no assurances can be given as to future results, levels of activity and achievements and such statements are not guarantees of future performance. The Company's actual results may differ materially from those expressed or implied in forward-looking statements and readers should not place undue importance or reliance on the forward-looking statements. Statements including forward-looking statements are made as of the date they are given and, except as required by applicable securities laws, the Company disclaims any intention or obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. The forward-looking statements contained in this MD&A are expressly qualified by this cautionary statement.