

FIREWEED METALS CORP.

(An Exploration Stage Company)

(Unaudited - Expressed in Canadian Dollars)

Condensed Interim Consolidated Financial Statements

March 31, 2023 and 2022

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Notice of non-review of condensed consolidated interim financial statements

In accordance with National Instrument 51-102 *Continuous Disclosure Obligations* of the Canadian Securities Administrators, notice is given that the attached condensed consolidated interim financial statements for three-month period ended March 31, 2023 have not been reviewed by the Company's auditors.

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Condensed Interim Consolidated Statements of Financial Position

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As at

	Note(s)	March 31, 2023 \$	December 31, 2022 \$
Assets			
Current assets:			
Cash		37,149,607	39,885,979
Receivables		130,176	140,078
Prepaid expenses		773,683	174,133
		38,053,466	40,200,190
Equipment	5	237,863	159,294
Reclamation bond		39,596	39,596
Deposit for Mactung	4	1,500,000	1,500,000
Exploration and evaluation assets	4	12,712,865	12,712,865
		52,543,790	54,611,945
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	6,11	1,387,529	1,369,518
Short-term loan payable	7	40,000	40,000
		1,427,529	1,409,518
Flow-through premium liability	8	3,359,759	3,658,182
Rehabilitation provisions	9	385,920	383,180
		5,173,208	5,450,880
Shareholders' equity:			
Capital stock	10	93,482,934	93,379,425
Options reserve	10	2,976,897	2,655,682
Warrants reserve	10	329,536	351,145
Deficit		(49,418,785)	(47,225,187)
		47,370,582	49,161,065
		52,543,790	54,611,945

Nature and continuance of operations (Note 1)

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Subsequent events (Note 16)

On behalf of the Board:

"Brandon Macdonald"

Director

"Adrian Rothwell"

Director

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Condensed Interim Consolidated Statements of Loss and Comprehensive Loss

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For the three months ended,

		March 31, 2023	March 31, 2022
	Note(s)	\$	\$
Expenses			
Consulting and management	11	615,755	235,188
Depreciation	5	14,552	10,409
Director and committee fees	11	42,358	30,750
Exploration and evaluation	4	1,148,493	441,069
Investor relations and corporate development	11	246,421	114,857
Professional fees		28,413	16,124
Property investigation	4	234,703	-
Share-based compensation	10,11	321,215	105,248
Transfer agent & filing fees		158,634	20,859
General & administrative		144,629	61,192
		(2,955,173)	(1,035,696)
Accretion on rehabilitation provision	9	(2,740)	(1,309)
Amortization of flow-through liability	8	298,423	66,459
Foreign exchange		(2,686)	(1,371)
Interest income		468,578	9,194
Loss and comprehensive loss for the period		(2,193,598)	(962,723)
Loss per share – basic and diluted		(0.02)	(0.01)
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding – basic and diluted		135,201,032	75,363,324

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Condensed Interim Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

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For the three months ended

	March 31, 2023	March 31, 2022
	\$	\$
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Loss for the period	(2,193,598)	(962,723)
Adjustment for items not affecting cash:		
Amortization of flow-through liability	(298,423)	(66,459)
Accretion on rehabilitation provision	2,740	1,309
Depreciation	14,552	10,409
Share-based compensation	321,215	105,248
Change in non-cash working capital items:		
Receivables	9,902	284,592
Prepaid expenses	(559,550)	(48,641)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	18,011	(288,905)
	(2,725,151)	(965,170)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Acquisition of equipment	(93,121)	-
Exploration and evaluation assets	-	(250,000)
	(93,121)	(250,000)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from warrants exercised	81,900	-
	81,900	-
Decrease in cash	(2,736,372)	(1,215,170)
Cash, beginning of the period	39,885,979	8,179,833
Cash, end of the period	37,149,607	6,964,663
Supplemental disclosures with respect to cash flows:		
Non-cash investing and financing activities:		
Fair value of shares issued for property	-	305,000
Fair value of exercised finders' warrants	21,609	-

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Condensed Interim Consolidated Statements of Changes in Shareholders' Equity
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	Notes	Capital Stock					Total \$
		Shares #	Amount \$	Warrants reserve \$	Options reserve \$	Deficit \$	
Balance at December 31, 2021		74,897,032	50,028,511	172,187	2,234,287	(33,689,786)	18,745,199
Shares issued for resource property	10	500,000	305,000	-	-	-	305,000
Share-based compensation	10	-	-	-	105,248	-	105,248
Loss for the period		-	-	-	-	(962,723)	(962,723)
Balance at March 31, 2022		75,397,032	50,333,511	172,187	2,339,535	(34,652,509)	18,192,724
Balance at December 31, 2022		135,191,999	93,379,425	351,145	2,655,682	(47,225,187)	49,161,065
Share-based compensation	10	-	-	-	321,215	-	321,215
Warrants exercised	10	117,000	103,509	(21,609)	-	-	81,900
Loss for the period		-	-	-	-	(2,193,598)	(2,193,598)
Balance at March 31, 2023		135,308,999	93,482,934	329,536	2,976,897	(49,418,785)	47,370,582

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Notes to the Condensed Interim Consolidated Financial Statements
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1. Nature and Continuance of Operations

Fireweed Metals Corp. (the “Company”) was incorporated under the Business Corporations Act of the Yukon in Canada on October 20, 2015. The Company is a mineral exploration and development company and is engaged in the acquisition and exploration of mineral assets. At March 31, 2023, the Company had three projects in northern Canada, the Macmillan Pass Project (Yukon), the Mactung Project (Yukon/NWT) and the Gayna River Zinc Project (NWT). The Company is listed on the TSX Venture Exchange and trades under the symbol FWZ in Canada, and on the OTCQB Venture Market under the symbol FWEDF in the USA. On June 30, 2022, the Company changed its name from ‘Fireweed Zinc Ltd.’ to ‘Fireweed Metals Corp.’ to reflect its expanded portfolio of critical minerals projects beyond zinc.

The Company’s head office and principal address is Suite 1020 – 800 West Pender Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada V6C 2V6. The registered and records office is 3081 3rd Avenue, Whitehorse, Yukon, Canada Y1A 4Z7.

The Company’s ability to continue operations is not assured and is dependent upon the ability to obtain necessary financing to meet its liabilities and commitments as they become due, and the ability to generate future profitable production or operations or obtain sufficient proceeds from the disposition thereof. The outcome of these matters cannot be predicted at this time. These financial statements do not include adjustments to amounts and classifications of assets and liabilities that might be necessary should the Company be unable to continue operations. As at March 31, 2023, the Company had current assets of \$39,323,465 to settle current liabilities of \$2,697,528, leaving the Company with a working capital of \$36,625,937. Management estimates that the Company has sufficient working capital to maintain its operations and activities for the next four fiscal quarters.

The condensed interim consolidated financial statements for the period ended March 31, 2023, have been prepared by management, reviewed by the Audit Committee and authorized for issue by the Board of Directors on May 23, 2023.

2. Basis of Presentation and Statement of Compliance

These condensed interim consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (“IASB”) for interim information, specifically International Accounting Standards (“IAS”) 34 - Interim Financial Reporting. In addition, these condensed consolidated interim financial statements have been prepared using interpretations issued by the International Financial Reporting Interpretation Committee (“IFRIC”) in effect at March 31, 2023 and the same accounting policies and methods of their application as the most recent annual financial statements of the Company. These condensed interim consolidated financial statements do not include all disclosures normally provided in the annual financial statements and should be read in conjunction with the Company’s audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2022. In management’s opinion, all adjustments necessary for fair presentation have been included in these condensed interim consolidated financial statements. Interim results are not necessarily indicative of the results expected for the year ending December 31, 2023.

The condensed interim consolidated financial statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis, except for financial instruments classified as fair value through profit or loss, which are stated at their fair value. All dollar amounts presented are in Canadian dollars unless otherwise specified. In addition, the financial statements have been prepared using the accrual basis of accounting, except for cash flow information.

Certain comparative balances in the statement of loss and comprehensive loss have been reclassified to conform to current year presentation.

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3. Significant Accounting Policies

The accounting policies in preparation of these condensed interim consolidated financial statements are consistent with those applied and disclosed in the Company's audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2022.

Principles of Consolidation

These condensed interim consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of Fireweed Metals Corp. and its wholly owned subsidiaries Fireweed Macpass Mining Ltd., Fireweed Mactung Mining Ltd., and Fireweed Gayna River Metals Ltd., incorporated in British Columbia.

Critical accounting judgment

The preparation of these financial statements requires management to make judgements regarding the going concern of the Company as discussed in Note 1.

The preparation of these financial statements requires making judgments that affect the amounts reported. The most significant accounting judgements that management has made relate to exploration and evaluation assets and potential indicators for impairment. Management makes judgements in reviewing exploration and evaluation assets for indicators of impairment. Management considers, among other things, whether or not (i) the period for which the Company has the right to explore in the specific area has expired during the period or will expire in the near future, and is not expected to be renewed; (ii) substantive expenditure on further exploration for and evaluation of mineral resources in the specific area is neither budgeted nor planned; (iii) exploration for and evaluation of mineral resources in the specific area have not led to the discovery of commercially viable quantities of mineral resources and the Company has decided to discontinue such activities in the specific area; and (iv) whether sufficient data exists to indicate that, although a development in the specific area is likely to proceed, the carrying amount of the exploration and evaluation asset is unlikely to be recovered in full from successful development or by sale. In considering these factors, management did not identify any impairment indicators for the period ended March 31, 2023.

Key sources of estimation uncertainty

Carrying value and recoverability of exploration and evaluation assets

The carrying amount of the Company's exploration and evaluation assets do not necessarily represent present or future values, and the Company's exploration and evaluation assets have been accounted for under the assumption that the carrying amount will be recoverable. Recoverability is dependent on various factors, including the discovery of economically recoverable reserves, the ability of the Company to obtain the necessary financing to complete the development and upon future profitable production or proceeds from the disposition of the mineral properties themselves.

Additionally, there are numerous geological, economic, environmental and regulatory factors and uncertainties that could impact management's assessment as to the overall viability of its properties or to the ability to generate future cash flows necessary to cover or exceed the carrying value of the Company's exploration and evaluation assets.

Share-based compensation

Share-based compensation expense is measured by reference to the fair value of the stock options at the date at which they are granted. Estimating fair value for granted stock options requires determining the most appropriate valuation model which is dependent on the terms and conditions of the grant. This estimate also requires determining the most appropriate inputs to the valuation model including the expected life of the option, volatility, dividend yield, and rate of forfeitures and making assumptions about them. The value of the share-based compensation expense for the periods ended March 31, 2023 and 2022 are disclosed in Note 10.

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Rehabilitation provision

The calculation of the asset retirement obligation involves significant measurement estimates and assumptions of the amount and timing of reclamation costs and applicable inputs used in the calculation, such as inflation and discount rates. The Company bases its estimates on historical experience, government regulations and assumptions that are believed to be reasonable given the scope of the exploration project. Refer to Note 9 for more details.

4. Exploration and Evaluation Assets and Expenditures

Exploration and Evaluation Assets

	MacMillan Pass \$	Gayna River \$	Total \$
Exploration & Evaluation Assets			
Acquisition and maintenance costs:			
Balance, December 31, 2021	12,088,437	-	12,088,437
Change in rehabilitation provision	11,676	-	11,676
Cash payments	250,000	57,752	307,752
Shares issued	305,000	-	305,000
Balance, December 31, 2022 and March 31, 2023	12,655,113	57,752	12,712,865

Exploration & Evaluation Expenditures

Assaying	59,618	-	59,618
Camp and field	26,829	-	26,829
Drilling	-	-	-
Engineering	30,565	-	30,565
Exploration Contracting	45,007	-	45,007
Geological Consulting	99,593	-	99,593
Insurance and other	3,480	-	3,480
Permitting, Environment, Social	166,008	-	166,008
Reporting	5,644	-	5,644
Travel & Support	4,325	-	4,325
Balance, March 31, 2022	441,069	-	441,069
Assaying	174,668	-	174,668
Camp and field	214,527	-	214,527
Drilling	254,117	-	254,117
Engineering	22,058	-	22,058
Exploration Contracting	2,000	27,500	29,500
Geological Consulting	20,583	6,600	27,183
Insurance and other	18,888	-	18,888
Permitting, Environment, Social	400,775	300	401,075
Reporting	5,400	-	5,400
Travel & Support	1,077	-	1,077
Balance, March 31, 2023	1,114,093	34,400	1,148,493

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Macmillan Pass Project, Yukon, Canada

Summary of Property Acquisitions and Royalties

The Property comprises multiple claim blocks that were acquired and consolidated over several years by Fireweed into the current Macmillan Pass property. Summaries of the underlying claim blocks/properties and royalties are described below.

Fireweed holds 100% interest in various claims comprising the Tom and Jason property. The Jason claims have a third party underlying 3% net smelter return royalty ("NSR") which can be bought out at any time for 1.5% for \$1,250,000 and 1.5% for \$4,000,000. There are no underlying royalties on the Tom claims.

Fireweed holds 100% interest in various claims comprising the Nidd property. The claims are subject to a 1% NSR royalty and a right of first offer to purchase future production concentrates from the Nidd property.

Fireweed holds 100% interest in various claims comprising the Mac property. These claims are subject to a production royalty of 0.25% NSR on base metals and other non-precious minerals, 1% NSR on silver and other precious metals excluding gold, and 3% NSR on gold produced.

Fireweed holds 100% interest in the MC, MP and Jerry claims. These claims are subject to production royalties of 0.5% NSR on base metals and silver, and 2% NSR on all other metals including gold produced from the MC, MP and Jerry claims. The vendors are entitled to one additional payment of \$750,000 or equivalent in Fireweed shares at the Company's option, upon receiving a resource calculation of at least 2.0 million tonnes of indicated (or better) resource on any part of the MC, MP or Jerry claims. Fireweed maintains a right of first refusal on the sale of any NSR royalty from these claims.

Fireweed holds 100% interest in the BR claims and NS claims. These claims are subject to production royalties of 0.5% NSR on base metals and silver, and 2% NSR on all other metals including gold produced from the BR and NS claims. The vendors are entitled to one additional payment of \$750,000 or equivalent in Fireweed shares at the Company's option, upon receiving a resource calculation of at least 2.0 million tonnes of indicated (or better) resource on any part of the BR or NS claims. Fireweed will have the right to purchase one-half of these NSR royalties for \$2,000,000 at any time prior to the commencement of commercial production. Fireweed maintains a right of first refusal on the sale of any NSR royalty from these claims by Golden Ridge. There is also a pre-existing third party 3% NSR royalty on any future cobalt production from the BR and NS claims.

Fireweed holds 100% interest in various claims comprising the Sol property. The claims are subject to a 0.5% NSR on all base metals and silver and a 2% NSR on all other metals including gold, which may be mined from the property. There is an additional private third-party royalty consisting of a 2% NSR on production from the Sol Property, of which 1% may be extinguished for \$2,000,000.

On January 13, 2022, the Company exercised its option and acquired 100% interest in various claims comprising the Oro property. Payment terms to exercise the option were as follows:

Due Date	Cash	Common Shares
On or before January 18, 2021	\$250,000 (paid)	500,000 (issued)
On or before January 13, 2022	\$250,000 (paid)	500,000 (issued)
TOTAL	\$500,000	1,000,000

The property is subject to a 0.5% NSR on all base metals and silver and a 2% NSR on all other metals including gold, which may be mined from the Oro property.

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Mactung Project, Yukon/NWT, Canada

On June 7, 2022, Fireweed signed a binding Letter of Intent to purchase the Mactung Project.

Summary of Mactung Acquisition Terms

Fireweed holds the Mactung Project under terms of a binding Letter of Intent (“LOI”) signed with the Government of the Northwest Territories (“GNWT”). Under the LOI, the GNWT will sell the Mactung Project to Fireweed for a total purchase price of \$15,000,000 staged as follows:

1. \$1,500,000 upon execution of the binding LOI (paid);
2. \$3,500,000 within 18 months upon finalization of the definitive.
3. \$5,000,000 upon Fireweed announcing its intention to construct a mine on either the Mactung Project or any portion of the mineral property interests controlled by Fireweed in the Yukon, commonly known as the Macmillan Pass Project; and
4. \$5,000,000 upon Fireweed announcing its intention to construct a mine on the Mactung Project.

Upon signing of the final definitive agreement, ownership of the Mactung Project assets will be transferred to Fireweed. Mactung carries an existing NSR Royalty of 4% which is held by a third party, 2% of which can be purchased at any time for \$2.5M.

On February 27, 2023, the Company signed the definitive Asset Purchase Agreement to acquire the Mactung Project. As of the date of these condensed interim consolidated financial statements, the Asset Purchase Agreement has not yet closed.

During the three months ended March 31, 2023, the Company incurred \$234,703 (2022 - \$nil) in property investigation costs related to the Mactung Project.

Gayna River Project, NWT, Canada

On May 10, 2022, Fireweed staked the various claims comprising the Gayna River Project at a cost of \$57,752.

5. Equipment

	Exploration Equipment	Computer Hardware	Vehicles (Trucks)	Office Equipment	Total
Cost	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
As at December 31, 2021	132,696	6,706	107,940	-	247,342
Acquisition	-	7,559	-	23,271	30,830
As at December 31, 2022	132,696	14,265	107,940	23,271	278,172
Acquisition	90,783	2,338	-	-	93,121
As at March 31, 2023	223,479	16,603	107,940	23,271	371,293
Accumulated Depreciation					
As at December 31, 2021	(37,303)	(3,488)	(37,586)	-	(78,377)
Depreciation expense	(17,695)	(2,794)	(18,848)	(1,164)	(40,501)
As at December 31, 2022	(54,998)	(6,282)	(56,434)	(1,164)	(118,878)
Depreciation expense	(8,424)	(1,161)	(3,862)	(1,105)	(14,552)
As at March 31, 2023	(63,422)	(7,443)	(60,296)	(2,269)	(133,430)
Net book value					
As at December 31, 2022	77,698	7,983	51,506	22,107	159,294
As at March 3, 2023	160,057	9,160	47,644	21,002	237,863

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6. Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities mainly consist of payables to management and to vendors for work completed on the Company's projects as well as accrual of professional and director fees. The breakdown of accounts payable and accrued liabilities are as follows:

	March 31, 2023 \$	December 31, 2022 \$
Payable to related parties (Note 12)	351,007	369,082
Payable to vendors	1,036,522	1,000,436
Total Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	1,387,529	1,369,518

7. Loan Payable

In May 2020, the Company secured a \$40,000 interest-free operating line of credit after applying for the government-sponsored Canada Emergency Business Account ("CEBA") under the Government of Canada COVID-19 relief program.

Terms of the CEBA agreement:

- The CEBA funds are intended for non-deferrable operating expenses, including but not limited to payroll, rent and insurance,
- There was a balance outstanding after December 31, 2020, the remaining outstanding amount was converted into a 2-year interest-free term loan effective January 1st, 2021,
- If \$30,000 is repaid by December 31, 2023, \$10,000 of the operating line will be forgiven,
- On December 31, 2023, the Company may choose to exercise an option to extend the term loan for another 3 years at the rate of 5% per annum on any balance remaining.

8. Flow-Through Premium Liability

Flow-through share premium liabilities include the liability portion of the flow-through shares issued. The following is a continuity schedule of the liability portion of the flow-through shares issuances:

	\$
Balance at December 31, 2021	1,009,721
Liability incurred on flow-through shares issued	5,669,195
Flow-through issuance costs	(90,095)
Settlement of flow-through liability on incurred expenditures	(2,930,639)
Balance at December 31, 2022	3,658,182
Settlement of flow-through liability on incurred expenditures	(298,423)
Balance at March 31, 2023	3,359,759

During the three months ended March 31, 2023, the Company incurred flow-through expenditures of \$1,017,106, therefore \$302,707 of flow-through premium and \$4,284 of flow-through related share issuance costs were recognized on the statement of loss and comprehensive loss, resulting in a \$3,359,759 flow-through liability balance at March 31, 2023.

During the year ended December 31, 2022, the Company incurred eligible flow-through expenditures of \$11,806,328 of the total flow-through funds raised. Therefore, \$2,977,194 of flow-through premium and \$46,556

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of the flow-through related share issuance costs were recognized on the statement of loss and comprehensive loss, resulting in a \$3,658,182 flow-through liability balance at December 31, 2022.

As at March 31, 2023, the Company has a remaining obligation to spend \$11,254,046 (2022 - \$12,271,152) in eligible flow-through expenditures by December 31, 2024.

9. Rehabilitation Provision

The Company has estimated that the present value of future rehabilitation costs required to remediate the MacMillan Pass Project based on its current state.

Although the ultimate amount of the rehabilitation liability is uncertain, the best estimate of these obligations is based on information currently available. Current significant closure and rehabilitation activities include dismantling and removing camp facilities, roads reclamation and mobile equipment removal costs.

The total amount of estimated undiscounted cash flow required to settle the Company's estimated obligation as at March 31, 2023 was \$325,596 (2022 - \$325,596). The calculation of present value of estimated future cash flows assumed a discount rate of 2.86% (2022 - 1.43%) and an inflation rate of 5.69% (2022 - 3.15%). Rehabilitation costs are estimated to be settled at various dates during 2028.

	\$
Balance, December 31, 2021	366,268
Change in estimate	11,676
Accretion	5,236
Balance, December 31, 2022	383,180
Accretion	2,740
Balance, March 31, 2023	385,920

10. Capital Stock and Reserves

The authorized capital stock of the Company consists of an unlimited number of common shares without nominal or par value. As at March 31, 2023, the Company had 135,308,999 (December 31, 2022 - 135,191,999) common shares issued and outstanding.

Transactions for the three months ended March 31, 2023

During the three months ended March 31, 2023, 117,000 common shares were issued pursuant to the exercise of warrants for proceeds of \$81,900. The Company re-allocated \$21,609 in fair value of finders' warrants from warrants reserve to capital stock.

Transactions for the three months ended March 31, 2022

On January 7, 2022, the Company issued 500,000 common shares as part of the payment for the Oro Property. The fair value of the common shares at the time of issuance was \$305,000 (Note 4).

Stock options

The Company adopted a stock option plan ("the Plan") whereby it can grant options to directors, officers, employees, and technical consultants of the Company. The maximum numbers of shares that may be reserved for issuance under the Plan is limited to 10% of the issued common shares of the Company at any time and are exercisable within a maximum of ten (10) years. The vesting period for all options is at the discretion of the directors. The exercise price will be set by the directors at the time of grant and cannot be less than the discounted market price of the Company's common shares.

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The following is a summary of the Company's stock option activity:

	Number of Options	Weighted Average Exercise Price \$
Balance as at December 31, 2021	4,892,000	0.82
Granted	4,245,000	0.56
Exercised	(790,000)	0.52
Forfeited	(255,000)	1.09
Expired	(540,000)	0.55
Balance as at December 31, 2022	7,552,000	0.70
Granted	280,000	0.85
Expired	(665,000)	1.45
Balance, as at March 31, 2023	7,167,000	0.63

Share-based compensation relating to options vested during the period ended March 31, 2023, using the Black-Scholes option pricing model were \$321,215 (2022 - \$105,248), which was recorded as reserves on the statements of financial position and as share-based compensation expense on the statement of loss and comprehensive loss.

The associated share-based compensation expense for the options granted was calculated based on the following weighted average assumptions:

	March 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Risk-free interest rate	3.57%	3.28%
Expected life of options	5 years	5 years
Annualized volatility	68.79%	70.26%
Dividend rate	0.00%	0.00%
Forfeiture rate	0.00%	0.00%
Weighted average share price on grant date	\$0.85	\$0.56
Weighted average fair value of options granted	\$0.51	\$0.34

As at March 31, 2023, the Company had outstanding stock options exercisable as follows:

Expiry date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Number of Options Outstanding	Number of Options Exercisable	Weighted Average Remaining life in Years	Weighted Average Exercise Price \$
07/11/2024	200,000	200,000	1.28	0.65
06/10/2025	742,000	742,000	2.20	0.59
08/25/2025	160,000	160,000	2.41	0.71
09/18/2025	120,000	120,000	2.47	0.99
07/07/2026	1,345,000	807,000	3.27	0.80
11/01/2026	75,000	57,000	3.59	0.83
09/02/2027	3,950,000	790,000	4.43	0.55
09/21/2027	190,000	38,000	4.48	0.59
11/17/2027	105,000	21,000	4.64	0.73
02/27/2027	280,000	-	4.92	0.85
	7,167,000	3,215,000	3.83	0.63

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Share purchase warrants and agents' warrants

The share purchase warrants, agents' warrants and options activities are summarized below:

	Number of Warrants	Weighted Average Exercise Price \$
Balance as at December 31, 2021	7,631,338	0.74
Exercised	(196,963)	0.67
Expired	(3,823,036)	0.86
Issued	654,434	0.78
Balance as at December 31, 2022	4,265,773	0.63
Exercised	(117,000)	0.70
Balance as at March 31, 2023	4,148,773	0.53

As at March 31, 2023, the Company had outstanding share purchase and agents' warrants as follows:

Expiry date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Warrants Outstanding	Weighted Average Remaining life in Years	Weighted Average Exercise Price \$
04/14/2024	3,554,670	1.04	0.60
07/06/2023	56,669	0.27	0.90
05/27/2023	36,000	0.16	0.70
12/21/2023	501,434	0.73	0.80
	4,148,773	0.98	0.63

11. Related Party Transactions

Related party transactions mainly include management and consulting fees, director and committee fees as well as share-based compensation. The related parties are represented by the key management personnel, which include those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Company as a whole. The Company has determined that key management personnel consist of executive and non-executive members of the Company's Board of Directors and corporate officers. Related parties also include companies, controlled by officers and/or directors.

The remuneration to directors and key management personnel during the three months ended March 31, 2023, and 2022 was as follows:

Nature of the transaction	March 31, 2023 \$	March 31, 2022 \$
Director and committee fees	42,358	30,750
Investor relations and corporate development	-	3,807
Management and consulting fees	162,521	138,058
Management and consulting fees related to exploration and evaluation	-	6,477
Share-based compensation	169,011	47,999
Total compensation	373,890	227,091

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The following amounts were owed to directors and key management personnel or companies controlled by them. These payables are unsecured, non-interest bearing and are expected to be repaid under normal trade terms.

		March 31, 2023 \$	December 31, 2022 \$
Director	Director and committee fees	20,800	12,242
Key management	Management fees and expense recoveries	330,207	356,840
		351,007	369,082

12. Segmented Information

The Company operates in one reportable segment, being the acquisition and exploration of mineral projects. All of the Company's operations are within the mineral exploration sector in Canada.

13. Capital Management

The Company manages its capital structure and makes adjustments to it, based on the funds available to the Company, in order to support the acquisition and exploration of exploration and evaluation assets. In the management of capital, the Company includes components of shareholders' equity. The Board of Directors does not establish quantitative return on capital criteria for management, but rather relies on the expertise of the Company's management to sustain future development of the business. The properties in which the Company currently has an interest are in the exploration stage, as such the Company is dependent on external financing to fund activities. In order to carry out planned exploration and pay for administrative costs, the Company will spend its existing working capital and raise additional funds as needed. The Company may continue to assess new properties and seek to acquire an interest in additional properties if it feels there is sufficient geologic or economic potential and if it has or feels it can raise adequate financial resources to do so. The Company is not subject to any externally imposed capital requirements and there were no changes to management's approach to capital manager during the three months ended March 31, 2023.

14. Financial Instruments and Risk Management

The Company has classified its financial instruments as follows:

Fair Value

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

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

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

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

The fair value of the Company's receivables, reclamation bond, loan payable and accounts payable and accrued liabilities, approximate carrying value, which is the amount recorded on the statements of financial position. The fair value of the Company's other financial instruments, cash, under the fair value hierarchy are based on level 1 quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities.

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The Company's risk exposures and the impact on the Company's financial instruments are summarized below:

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of loss associated with a counterparty's inability to fulfill its payment obligations. Receivables of \$193,033 consist of Goods and Services Tax ("GST") recoverable from the Federal Government of Canada. The Company believes its exposure to credit risk is equal to the carrying value of this balance. The Company has exposure to credit risk with respect to its cash as it places most of its cash in one financial institution in Canada where deposits are covered up to \$100,000 by the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation. The Company believes its exposure is limited as it banks with a large Canadian institution.

Liquidity risk

The Company's approach to managing liquidity risk is to ensure that it will have sufficient liquidity to meet liabilities when due. As at March 31, 2023, the Company had a cash balance of \$37,149,607 to settle current liabilities of \$1,427,529. The Company believes it has sufficient funds to meet its current liabilities as they become due.

The Company is dependent on obtaining regular financings in order to continue as a going concern. Despite previous success in acquiring these financings, there is no guarantee of obtaining future financings.

Interest rate risk

The 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 at March 31, 2023 the Company is not exposed to significant interest rate risk.

Price risk

The Company is exposed to price risk with respect to commodity and equity prices. Equity price risk is defined as the potential adverse impact on the Company's earnings due to movements in individual equity prices or general movements in the level of the stock market. Commodity price risk is defined as the potential adverse impact on profit or loss and economic value due to commodity price movements and volatilities. The Company closely monitors commodity prices of resources, individual equity movements, and the stock market to determine the appropriate course of action to be taken by the Company.

Foreign currency risk

The Company operates predominately in Canada and is not exposed to any significant foreign currency risk.

15. Commitment

On December 19, 2016, the Company granted but did not issue, 1,000,000 performance shares to each of four founders/directors for a total of 4,000,000 shares, in recognition of services to date and as incentive for continuing services in advancing the projects and increasing shareholder value. Each founder/director will receive, upon request and confirmation, the following performance shares upon achievement of the following milestones:

Number of shares to be issued	Milestone
300,000	Preparation of a positive preliminary economic assessment of the Tom and Jason zinc-lead-silver deposits (or any part of this property thereof).

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Number of shares to be issued	Milestone
300,000	Increasing the mineral resources contained within the Tom and Jason property by at least 50% over the current stated mineral resources as stated in the 2007 Technical Report by D. Rennie (either by additional tonnage or increased total zinc+lead+silver content at similar or higher grade).
Balance ⁽¹⁾	Preparation of a positive Pre-Feasibility Study of the Tom and Jason deposits (or any part thereof).
Balance ⁽¹⁾	The effective disposition of greater than 50% of the Tom and Jason deposits or of the Company, whether by way of sale, business combination, joint venture or other similar form of transaction, demonstrating a value of at least \$10,000,000.

(1) Balance of the 1,000,000 performance shares which have not been previously issued will be issued upon the achievement of either one or the other of these two milestones.

Under the terms of the performance shares agreement above, the Company issued 300,000 performance shares to a former director on May 14, 2020, following his resignation in April 2020.

16. Subsequent Events

Subsequent to the period ended March 31, 2023, a total of 36,000 warrants were exercised at a price of \$0.70 per share for proceeds of \$25,200. A total of 198,000 options were exercised on a "Net Exercise" basis per the Company's Stock Option Plan, resulting in the issue of 39,922 shares to a former consultant of the Company. In addition, the Asset Purchase Agreement to acquire the Mactung Project was closed.