

*This Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") for Rusoro Mining Ltd. ("the Company") should be read in conjunction with the Company's unaudited interim consolidated financial statements for the three months ended September 30, 2010 ("Q3 2010") and nine months ended September 30, 2010 ("9 Months 2010") and related notes thereto as well as the annual audited consolidated financial statements of the Company and related notes thereto and the related annual MD&A for the year ended December 31, 2009. The financial information presented in this MD&A is reported in US Dollars unless otherwise indicated and is partly derived from the Company's consolidated financial statements prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"). The effective date of this MD&A is November 26, 2010. This MD&A contains "forward-looking statements" that are subject to risk factors set out in a cautionary note contained herein.*

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## **CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT HIGHLIGHTS**

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### ***The Company's highlights for Q3 2010 were:***

- Average realized gold price per ounce sold of \$1,233 (three months ended September 20, 2009 ("Q3 2009"): \$686) and cash cost per ounce sold of \$979 (Q3 2009: \$288).
- Gold production of 23,458 ounces of finished gold (doré form) (Q3 2009: 35,376 ounces) and gold sold of 34,626 ounces (Q3 2009: 38,521 ounces). Expected 2010 gold production guidance of 110,000 ounces.
- In July 2010 an updated resource estimate ("the Updated Estimate") prepared by Micon International Limited was released for the Choco 10 gold mine ("the Choco Mine") resulting in a 78% increase in measured and indicated resource ounces to 8.3 million ounces of gold (139.9 million tonnes grading 1.85 g/t) with an additional 2.8 million ounces of gold inferred (59.2 million tonnes grading 1.48 g/t). The results were reported in a news release dated July 6, 2010 and the technical information on the Updated Estimate is detailed in a NI 43-101 compliant technical report titled "Technical Report on the Mineral Resources of the Choco 10 Deposits, Bolivar State, Venezuela" dated August 18, 2010 both of which are available on [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).
- Central Bank of Venezuela ("CBV") Resolution No. 10-07-01 and an updated Exchange Agreement No. 12 became effective August 12, 2010. The resolution increases the portion of the Company's gold production that can be exported and the updated exchange agreement provides greater flexibility to the Company's use of proceeds from exports. Further details on this resolution and the updated exchange agreement are provided in the "Venezuelan Currency Exchange and Gold Sales" section of this MD&A.
- During Q3 2010 the Ministry of the People's Power for the Environment ("MinAmb") issued the authorization to affect natural resources for the Company's Incredible 6 gold project. The granting of the permit was the final step in the permitting process toward the commencement of mining activities at Incredible 6, which is located 6km from the Company's mill at the Choco Mine ("the Choco Mine Mill").

### ***The Company's highlights subsequent to Q3 2010 were:***

- On November 17, 2010 the Company exported 4,924 ounces of finished gold at the international spot price per ounce less associated costs and commissions.

**OVERVIEW OF THE COMPANY**

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The principal business activities of the Company are the acquisition, exploration, development and operation of gold mineral properties in Venezuela. The Company currently holds a 95% controlling interest in the Choco Mine and a 50% interest in the Isidora gold mine ("the Isidora Mine") which the Company operates as part of a joint venture ("the Joint Venture") with the Venezuelan government. The Company also holds interests in various exploration and development projects in Venezuela and a single exploration property in Honduras.

The Company's corporate head office is in Vancouver, Canada and the Company has an in-country corporate office in Caracas, Venezuela and a regional office in Puerto Ordaz, Venezuela.

**CONSOLIDATED RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

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***Results for Q3 2010:***

- Net income increased to \$7.4 million in Q3 2010 from \$Nil in Q3 2009.
- Revenue increased to \$42.7 million (34,626 ounces sold) in Q3 2010 from \$26.4 million (38,521 ounces sold) in Q3 2009 due to the increase in the average international spot price of gold and due to the accounting change in the rate used for translation of the Company's Venezuelan subsidiaries transactions and balances to USD (see "Changes in Accounting Policies" section) ("the Change in Translation Rate").
- Mining operating expenses and mining amortization increased to \$34.1 million and \$5.3 million respectively in Q3 2010 from \$11.4 million and \$3.0 million in Q3 2009. This cost increase is primarily due to the Change in Translation Rate and operational factors impacting the amount of tonnes mined and processed and grade as discussed in the Choco Mine and Isidora Mine results below which negatively impacted production costs.
- General and administrative expenses increased to \$2.7 million in Q3 2010 from \$2.1 million in Q3 2009 significantly due to management compensation related to the successful convertible debt restructuring.
- Stock-based compensation increased to \$1.0 million in Q3 2010 from \$0.4 million in Q3 2009 due to the issuance of vested stock-options and re-pricing of certain stock options in Q3 2010.
- Interest on convertible loan decreased to \$1.5 million in Q3 2010 from \$3.4 million in Q3 2009 due to the partial retirement of the convertible loan.
- Income tax recovery increased to \$8.0 million in Q3 2010 from a \$3.8 million income tax expense in Q3 2009 due to declining results at the Choco Mine and Isidora Mine and due the Change in Translation Rate.

***Results for the 9 Months 2010***

- During the 9 Months 2010 the Company recorded a net loss of \$100.8 million compared to a net loss of \$5.0 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2009 ("9 Months 2009"), which increased significantly as a result of an unrealized foreign exchange loss originated by the Change in Translation Rate.
- Revenue increased to \$110.2 million (123,937 ounces sold) in the 9 Months 2010 from \$67.8 million (97,637 ounces sold) in the 9 Months 2009 due to the increase in ounces sold, the increase in the average international spot price of gold and due to the Change in Translation Rate. Ounces sold increased as the Company sold a substantial portion of its 2010 opening finished gold inventory produced in 2009 during the three months ended June 30, 2010 ("Q2 2010") to generate funds for convertible debt repayments.

- Mining operating expenses and mining amortization increased to \$91.0 million and \$17.7 million respectively in the 9 Months 2010 from \$35.3 million and \$8.9 million in the 9 Months 2009. This increase is primarily due to the increase in ounces sold and operational factors impacting the amount of tonnes mined and processed and the grade of these tonnes as discussed in the Choco Mine and Isidora Mine results below which negatively impacted production costs.
- General and administrative expenses increased to \$7.9 million in the 9 Months 2010 from \$5.9 million in the 9 Months 2009 significantly due to the non-renewal of consulting agreements with two senior officers and management compensation related to the successful convertible debt restructuring.
- Stock-based compensation decreased to \$1.4 million in the 9 Months 2010 from \$6.5 million in the 9 Months 2009 as vested stock-options issued in the 9 Months 2010 had a significantly lower value than those issued in the 9 Months 2009.
- Interest on convertible loan decreased to \$6.5 million in the 9 Months 2010 from \$10.0 million in the 9 Months 2009 due to the partial retirement of the convertible loan.
- Foreign exchange loss was \$103.6 million in the 9 Months 2010 compared to a foreign exchange gain of \$0.3 million in the 9 Months 2009, due significantly to the effect of the Change in Translation Rate on the Company's future income tax liability and corresponding unrealized foreign exchange loss.
- Income tax recovery was \$19.2 million in the 9 Months 2010 compared to an income tax expense of \$5.2 million in the 9 Months 2009. This change is primarily due to declining results at the Choco Mine and Isidora Mine, income tax deductions received on the modification of the BsF in January 2010 as discussed in the "Venezuelan Currency Exchange and Gold Sales" section and the Change in Translation Rate.

***The following tables summarize key operating statistics for 100% of the Choco Mine and 50% of the Isidora Mine:***

	3 Months Ended September 30, 2010			3 Months Ended September 30, 2009		
	Choco	Isidora	Total	Choco	Isidora	Total
Ore tonnes mined ('000 t)	409	5	414	666	9	675
Ore tonnes milled ('000 t)	559	6	565	498	9	507
Average grade (g/t)	1.24	14.37	1.38	1.87	25.83	2.30
Average recovery rate (%)	91%	90%	91%	93%	90%	93%
Gold produced (ounces)	20,781	2,677	23,458	29,456	5,920	35,376
Gold sold (ounces)	26,549	8,077	34,626	32,502	6,019	38,521
Total mining operating expenses \$(000)	\$23,557	\$10,552	\$34,109	\$9,036	\$2,372	\$11,408
- asset retirement obligations accretion \$(000)	(\$146)	(\$66)	(\$212)	(\$97)	(\$67)	(\$164)
- fair value differential of inventory acquired \$(000) <sup>(1)</sup>	-	-	-	-	(\$156)	(\$156)
Total cash costs \$(000) <sup>(2)</sup>	\$23,411	\$10,486	\$33,897	\$8,939	\$2,149	\$11,088
Total cash costs per ounce sold \$ <sup>(3)</sup>	\$882	\$1,298	\$979	\$275	\$357	\$288
Average spot gold price per ounce \$	n/a	n/a	\$1,227	n/a	n/a	\$934
Average realized gold price per ounce sold \$	\$1,238	\$1,216	\$1,233	\$685	\$689	\$686

	9 Months Ended September 30, 2010			9 Months Ended September 30, 2009		
	Choco	Isidora	Total	Choco	Isidora	Total
Ore tonnes mined ('000 t)	1,225	17	1,242	1,934	26	1,960
Ore tonnes milled ('000 t)	1,422	20	1,442	1,619	27	1,646
Average grade (g/t)	1.62	16.52	1.83	2.03	24.53	2.40
Average recovery rate (%)	92%	90%	92%	90%	90%	90%
Gold produced (ounces)	67,587	9,436	77,023	103,924	19,478	123,402
Gold sold (ounces)	107,532	16,405	123,937	82,124	15,513	97,637
Total mining operating expenses \$(000)	\$74,273	\$16,744	\$91,017	\$26,637	\$8,697	\$35,334
- asset retirement obligations accretion \$(000)	(\$385)	(\$199)	(\$584)	(\$342)	(\$191)	(\$533)
- fair value differential of inventory acquired \$(000) <sup>(1)</sup>	-	-	-	-	(\$3,431)	(\$3,431)
Total cash costs \$(000) <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 73,888	\$ 16,545	\$90,433	\$26,295	\$5,075	\$31,370
Total cash costs per ounce sold \$ <sup>(3)</sup>	\$687	\$1,009	\$730	\$320	\$327	\$321
Average spot gold price per ounce \$	n/a	n/a	\$1,177	n/a	n/a	\$918
Average realized gold price per ounce sold \$	\$864	\$1,052	\$889	\$695	\$690	\$694

The following notes are applicable to the above two tables:

- (1) In calculating cash costs per ounce sold the Company has excluded the difference between the book value and fair value of inventory acquired at the date of acquisition of the 50% interest in the Isidora Mine.
- (2) Total cash costs used in the calculation of cash costs per ounce is calculated as mining operating expenses from the consolidated statement of operations excluding accretion expense related to the asset retirement obligations and expense of the fair value differential between the book value and fair value of inventory acquired at the date of acquisition of the 50% interest in the Isidora Mine.
- (3) Cash costs per ounce sold is a non-GAAP measure. Total cash costs per ounce sold as shown above is calculated by dividing the total cash costs by the gold ounces sold during the period. Cash costs per ounce sold includes all expenditures related to the mine such as mining, processing, administration, royalties and production taxes but excludes reclamation, capital and exploration expenditures and the fair value differential between the book value and fair value of inventory acquired at the date of acquisition of the 50% interest in the Isidora Mine.

## CHOCO MINE

### Results for Q3 2010:

- During Q3 2010 the Choco Mine produced 20,781 ounces compared to 29,456 ounces in Q3 2009. This decrease was due to a decrease in the head-grade of the ore processed to 1.24 g/t in Q3 2010 from 1.87 g/t in Q3 2009 which was partially offset by an increase in tonnes milled to 0.56 million tonnes in Q3 2010 from 0.50 million tonnes in Q3 2009. The decrease in grade of ore processed was due to the decrease in tonnage mined as a result of haulage fleet availability issues (due to constraints in cash) and rainfall which required the processing of ore from low grade stockpiles. Additionally, limited hard-rock (fresh unoxidized) ore crushing capacity at the Choco Mine Mill due to postponed capital expenditures required the Company to source limited softer (oxide) ore with lower grades from the Choco Mine to mix with the hard rock ore for processing.
- Mining operating expenses and mining amortization per ounce sold increased to \$887 and \$140 respectively in Q3 2010 from \$278 and \$87 in Q3 2009. This increase is primarily due to selling gold which was more costly to produce due to lower grade and an increased ratio of hard rock ore and due to the Change in Translation Rate.

### Results for the 9 Months 2010:

- During the 9 Months 2010 the Choco Mine produced 67,587 ounces compared to 103,924 ounces in the 9 Months 2009. This decrease was due to a decrease in the tonnes milled and the head-grade of the ore processed to 1.42 million tonnes and 1.62 g/t respectively in the 9 Months 2010 from 1.62 million tonnes and 2.03 g/t in the 9 Months 2009. Average grade was negatively impacted by the factors described above. The Choco Mine Mill is designed for 5,000 tonnes per day of hard rock ore. Due to the Choco Mine ore milled during the 9 Months 2010 containing a greater ratio of hard rock ore to softer ore, tonnes milled decreased.

- The above and the Change in Translation Rate had an impact on mining operating expenses and mining amortization per ounce sold which increased to \$691 and \$139 respectively in the 9 Months 2010 from \$324 and \$94 in the 9 Months 2009.

The current NI 43-101 compliant gold reserves at the Choco Mine based on a 100% ownership interest are 1.83 million ounces of gold proven and probable reserves (17.7 million tonnes grading 3.22 g/t). Current NI 43-101 compliant resources are 8.3 million ounces of gold measured and indicated (139.9 million tonnes grading 1.85 g/t) and 2.8 million ounces of gold inferred (59.2 million tonnes grading 1.48 g/t). The resources at the Choco Mine are detailed in a news release dated July 6, 2010 and the technical information on the resources at the Choco Mine are detailed in a NI 43-101 compliant technical report titled "Technical Report on the Mineral Resources of the Choco 10 Deposits, Bolivar State, Venezuela" dated August 18, 2010 and the news release, technical report and pre-feasibility study are available on [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com). The technical information on the reserves at the Choco Mine are detailed in a NI 43-101 compliant technical report titled "Technical Report on the PMG (Goldfields) Choco 10 Concession and Mine, Estado Bolivar Venezuela" dated November 27, 2007.

In 2008, the Company initiated a scoping study for the Choco Mine and surrounding deposits. The scoping study titled "Technical Report on the Preliminary Assessment of the Expansion of Production at Choco 10, Bolivar State, Venezuela" is dated June 2, 2009. The scoping study outlined favorable economics for a significant expansion to 20,000 tonnes per day which would result in production of an average of 558,000 ounces of gold per year at a cash cost of \$331 per ounce of gold over the 12 year life of mine. The data and conclusions of the scoping study now form the basis for a feasibility study (see news releases dated May 19, 2009 and July 20, 2009, which are available on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com)), which the Company initiated in Q3 2009. These studies are focused on establishing the viability of planned significant gold production expansion at the Choco Mine, including processing gold at the Choco Mine Mill from the adjacent Incredible 6 property (see Incredible 6 Project below). The feasibility study is expected to be concluded between the three months ended December 31, 2010 ("Q4 2010") and the three months ended March 31, 2011 ("Q1 2011").

During Q3 2010 no exploration drilling was completed and exploration and development work included advancement of internal studies which will assist in resource and reserve conversion to support expanded production capacity (in approximately 3-4 years) and the feasibility study.

## **ISIDORA MINE**

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On December 23, 2008 the Company started proportionately consolidating its 50% share of the underground Isidora Mine, which the Company operates as part of the Joint Venture with the Venezuelan government.

### **Results for Q3 2010:**

- During Q3 2010 the Isidora Mine produced 2,677 ounces compared to 5,920 ounces in Q3 2009. This decrease was due to a decrease in the head-grade of the ore processed to 14.37 g/t and tonnes milled to 6,000 in Q3 2010 from 25.83 g/t and 9,000 tonnes respectively in Q3 2009. Tonnes milled was negatively impacted by the lack of availability of the mining fleet, work stoppages by labour union disputes and the temporary closure of the Isidora Mine for the majority of September 2010 to evaluate safety procedures as a result of a mining accident at an underground mine in Chile. Average ore grade was negatively impacted as a large portion of ore processed was from zones in development or in-transition to other high-grade mineralized ore bodies of the Isidora Mine.
- Mining operating expenses and mining amortization per ounce sold increased to \$1,306 and \$202 respectively in Q3 2010 from \$394 and \$25 in Q3 2009. This increase is significantly due to reduced efficiency at the Isidora Mine, mining lower grade zones as discussed previously and due to the Change in Translation Rate. The closure of the Isidora Mine during September of 2010 increased mining operating expenses per ounce sold by \$249 in Q3 2010.

**Results for the 9 Months 2010:**

- During the 9 Months 2010 the Isidora Mine produced 9,436 ounces compared to 19,478 ounces in the 9 Months 2009. This decrease was due to a decrease in the head-grade of the ore processed to 16.52 g/t and tonnes milled to 20,000 in the 9 Months 2010 from 24.53 g/t and 27,000 tonnes respectively in the 9 Months 2009. Tonnes milled and average grade was negatively impacted due to the factors described above.
- Mining operating expenses and mining amortization per ounce sold increased to \$1,021 and \$167 respectively during the 9 Months 2010 from \$561 and \$72 during the 9 Months 2009. This increase is due to the factors discussed above which were partially offset by the fact that the 9 Months 2009 mining operating expenses included the value of inventory sold which was fair valued on the acquisition of the Isidora Mine. The closure of the Isidora Mine during September of 2010 increased mining operating expenses per ounce sold by \$123 in the 9 Months 2010.

The NI 43-101 compliant resources at the Isidora Mine based on a 100% interest are detailed in a technical report titled "Technical Report on the Mining and Processing Operations of Hecla Mining Company, Estado Bolivar Venezuela" dated August 1, 2008 and includes both the main Isidora Deposit and near-by Twin Shear Zone. The Isidora Deposit which has proven and probable reserves of 185,000 ounces of gold (179,000 tonnes grading 32.1 g/t), measured and indicated resources of 331,000 ounces of gold (470,000 tonnes grading 21.9 g/t) and an inferred resource of 45,000 ounces of gold (99,000 tonnes grading 14.1 g/t) and the current resource for the Twin Shear Zone is 482,000 ounces of gold inferred (1,200,000 tonnes grading 12.5 g/t).

**EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT**

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***San Rafael El Placer***

During the three months ended March 31, 2010 ("Q1 2010") the Company completed construction on the Alvarez underground ramp (4.5 metres x 5.0 metres) in order to provide access to the main San Rafael El Placer ("SREP") gold mineralized zones at a vertical depth of approximately 200 metres below surface. The total ramp length is approximately 1,500 metres. The Company intercepted the mineralized zone and began test sampling in Q1 2010. The ramp provides all of the necessary access to conduct further exploration with a view to upgrading the classification of the current resources at SREP. The Company is well advanced in the construction of a ventilation shaft and began developing underground tunnels to gain increased access to mineralized zones and is stockpiling pre-commercial production ore from SREP.

A pre-feasibility study ("the SREP Pre-Feasibility Study" or "the Study") and NI 43-101 technical report ("the SREP Technical Report") for the SREP project were completed in Q2 2010. The SREP Technical Report detailing the SREP Pre-Feasibility Study titled "Preliminary Feasibility Study – NI 43-101 Technical Report on the San Rafael and El Placer Deposits, State of Bolivar, Venezuela" dated May 7, 2010 authored by Whillans Mine Studies Ltd. was filed on [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) and the results were reported in a news release dated May 11, 2010 which is available on [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com). The SREP Pre-Feasibility Study included completion of a mine plan for the existing indicated resources resulting in a probable reserve of 1,157,000 tonnes grading 10.1 g/t of gold (375,700 ounces). The Study used the existing gold resource for SREP consisting of an indicated resource of 399,000 ounces of gold (0.64 million tonnes grading 19.4 g/t) and an additional 523,000 ounces of gold in inferred resourced (0.70 million tonnes grading 23.1 g/t) detailed in a technical report titled "Technical Report on the San Rafael-El Placer and Days Vein Deposits, Bolivar State, Venezuela", dated October 2, 2008. The Study assumes all mined material is processed at the existing Choco Mine Mill. Gold production from the SREP deposit includes the recovery of a total of 319,456 ounces over a six year mine life reaching a peak of 76,000 ounces in year 2014 at a life-of-mine cost of production of \$324/oz of gold. Mine capital development is estimated at \$9.8 million, capital infrastructure and equipment at \$17.3 million, capital mine indirect costs at \$14.6 million, and sustaining capital at \$20.4 million over the life of mine (6 years). Life-of-mine net income after taxes is \$51.9 million with a payback estimated at three years. At a gold price of \$950/oz, the SREP Pre-Feasibility Study estimates the net present value (8% discount) to be \$28.2 million with an after-tax internal rate of return of 30%.

No additional exploration drilling was completed during Q3 2010.

***Incredible 6***

The Incredible 6 project is located in the El Callao district, six kilometres northeast of the Choco Mine Mill. Previous work at Incredible 6 includes geochemistry, geophysics trenching, and drilling which has outlined a series of gold targets. The main gold zones (Culebra, Cristina, Elisa, and Olga) are contained within a 4.5 km long and 1.0 km wide east-west trending shear zone, which crosses the central portion of the project. An updated resource estimate increased the resource to 1.59 million ounces of gold indicated (23.45 million tonnes grading 2.11 g/t) and 1.1 million ounces of gold inferred (17.5 million tonnes grading 1.95 g/t). The technical information on Incredible 6 is detailed in a NI 43-101 compliant technical report titled "Technical Report on the Incredible 6 Property, Bolivar State, Venezuela" dated November 14, 2007, as revised February 14, 2008.

Exploration and development activities during 2010 comprised largely of surveying, and related work designed to provide additional information for the detailed geological model for on-going development. No additional drilling was completed in Q3 2010. All zones remain open. The oxide portion of Incredible 6 is included into the Choco Mine oxide strategy for near term exploitation. An updated NI 43-101 compliant resource estimate for Incredible 6 is in progress and is scheduled to be completed between Q4 2010 and Q1 2011.

The Company received during Q3 2010 the permit to affect natural resources from MinAmb and expects to start mining ore from Incredible 6 and processing it at the Choco Mine Mill in Q1 2011 (see "Outlook" section). The Company is currently negotiating with the communities surrounding the property, constructing haul roads for the mining fleet and preparing the property for pre-operating stripping activities to initiate a surface pit mine.

***Other Properties***

For details of other exploration and development properties including El Callao, Valle Hondo and other properties please refer to the Company's MD&A as at December 31, 2009.

**CORPORATE RESULTS FOR Q3 2010 AND 9 MONTHS 2010**

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- See "Consolidated Results of Operations" section for discussion of Q3 2010 and 9 Months 2010 general and administrative expense and stock-based compensation expense.

**VENEZUELAN CURRENCY EXCHANGE AND GOLD SALES**

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In 2003, the Venezuelan government implemented foreign exchange controls which fixed the rate of exchange between the Venezuelan Bolivar ("Bs") and the US Dollar. In March of 2005, the rate was fixed at Bs 2,150/\$1.00. Effective January 1, 2008 the Venezuelan government changed the name of the currency to the Venezuelan Bolivar Fuerte ("BsF") and modified the currency by fixing the official rate at BsF 2.15/\$1.00. On January 11, 2010 the CBV and Ministry of Finance passed Exchange Agreement No. 14, which modified the currency by fixing the official exchange rate at BsF 4.30/\$1.00 for most goods and services and BsF 2.60/\$1.00 for certain priority items, such as basic foods, medicines and industrial equipment. In October of 2005, the Venezuelan government enacted the Criminal Exchange Law, which imposes sanctions on the exchange of BsF with foreign currency unless the exchange is made by officially designated methods. The exchange regulations did not apply to transactions with certain securities denominated in BsF, which could be swapped for securities denominated in another currency effectively resulting in a swap market ("the Swap Market") which provided an implicit value for the exchange rate for the BsF/US Dollar ("the Implicit Exchange Rate").

Effective May 17, 2010, the Venezuelan government enacted the Reform of the Criminal Exchange Law which aims to regulate the Swap Market. The Reform of the Criminal Exchange Law effectively closed the Swap Market and therefore the Company is unable to use the Implicit Exchange Rate to translate BsF transactions and balances subsequent to May 17, 2010. On June 9, 2010 the Venezuelan government enacted additional reforms to its exchange control regulations and introduced Sistema de Transacciones con Titulos en Moneda Extranjera ("SITME") a newly regulated foreign exchange system controlled by the CBV. The SITME imposes volume restrictions on the conversion of BsF to US dollars of \$350,000 per

month per Venezuelan entity that meets the SITME requirements; Promotora Minera de Guayana, P.M.G., S.A. has been registered with SITME.

Due to SITME volume restrictions and the fact the Company settles the majority of sales of finished gold at the official exchange rate specified by the CBV of BsF 4.30/\$1.00, the Company translated BsF transactions and balances subsequent to May 17, 2010 at the official exchange rate of BsF 4.30/\$1.00.

On June 16, 2009, the CBV passed Resolution No. 09-06-03 which became effective June 22, 2009, that replaced Resolution No. 09-04-03 that the CBV had passed on April 30, 2009. Resolution No. 09-06-03 mandated that for companies in which the Venezuela State has an interest of less than 50%, 70% of gold produced in the country in each calendar quarter was required to be allocated to the domestic market, of which at least 60% was required to be offered for sale to the CBV and up to 10% can be offered for sale to the domestic processing industry. The remaining 30% of the gold produced in Venezuela could be exported or offered for sale to the CBV, at the option of the gold producer after obtaining authorization from the CBV. In companies in which the Venezuelan State has an interest of 50% or greater, at least 50% of the gold produced in the country in each calendar quarter was required to be allocated to the domestic market of which at least 25% was required to be offered for sale to the CBV and up to 25% could be offered for sale to the domestic processing industry. The remaining 50% could be exported or offered for sale to the CBV, at the option of the gold producer after obtaining authorization from the CBV.

On July 15, 2010, the CBV passed Resolution No. 10-07-01 that replaced Resolution No. 09-06-03 and the CBV and Ministry of Finance passed an updated Exchange Agreement No. 12 that replaced the previous version. Resolution No. 10-07-01 and the updated Exchange Agreement No. 12 became effective August 12, 2010. Resolution No. 10-07-01 mandates that 50% of gold produced in the country in each calendar quarter must be offered for sale to the CBV and after obtaining authorization to export from the CBV, the remaining 50% can be exported or offered for sale to the CBV, at the option of the gold producer. Authorization to export is obtained in the form of renewable permits, which are provided by the CBV and which expire 45 days from issuance. The updated Exchange Agreement No. 12 mandates that for companies in which the Venezuelan state has an interest of less than 50%, 50% of proceeds from gold exports collected in a currency other than BsF can be used for certain direct payments in foreign currency for items which are to be further defined by the CBV. The remaining 50% of the proceeds from gold exports must be exchanged for BsF with the CBV at the official rate of BsF 4.30/\$1.00. For companies in which the Venezuelan State has an interest of 50% or greater all proceeds from gold exports collected in a currency other than BsF can be used for certain direct payments in foreign currency for items which are to be further defined by the CBV.

Prior to the updated Exchange Agreement No. 12 as described above, for companies in which the Venezuelan State has an interest of less than 50%, proceeds from gold exports collected in a currency other than BsF were required to be exchanged for BsF with the CBV at the official rate of BsF 4.30/\$1.00 and companies in which the Venezuelan State has an interest of 50% or greater could use the proceeds from gold exports collected in a currency other than BsF to make direct payments in foreign currency.

During Q3 2010 finished gold was sold exclusively to the CBV based on the international US Dollar spot gold price less a discount of 1.5% with payment received in BsF at the official exchange rate of BsF 4.30/\$1.00.

**SELECTED QUARTERLY INFORMATION**

	Q3 2010	Q2 2010	Q1 2010	Q4 2009	Q3 2009	Q2 2009	Q1 2009	Q4 2008
Revenue	42,688	51,144	16,343	4,617	26,411	11,185	30,160	20,730
Net income (loss) attributable to equity shareholders of the company	6,869	(151,362)	42,636	(10,084)	(350)	(6,393)	543	(14,767)
Basic and diluted earnings (loss) per share	0.01	(0.29)	0.08	(0.02)	0.00	(0.01)	0.00	(0.04)

*Note: in thousands of \$ except per share data*

The Company's has experienced significant volatility in its results over the eight most recently completed quarters. Revenues have been volatile primarily as a result of volatile gold sales due to uncertainties caused by the issuance and interpretation of the resolutions and exchange agreements described in the "Venezuela Currency Exchange and Gold Sales" section. Net income/loss has been volatile primarily due to volatility of revenue, changes in mining operating expenses due to decreasing production levels mainly as a result of changes in the ratio of hard rock ore and soft ore processed and the impact of unrealized foreign exchange gains/losses due to changes in the rate used to translate the Company's future income tax liability for periods subsequent to December 31, 2009. The amounts in the table above for Q3 2010 and Q2 2010 were additionally impacted by the Change in Translation Rate.

**FINANCIAL POSITION**

The Company's assets totaled \$1,027 million as at September 30, 2010 (December 31, 2009: \$1,034 million). Total assets primarily consisted of \$8 million in cash (December 31, 2009: \$10 million), \$28 million in receivables (current and non-current) (December 31, 2009: \$16 million), \$32 million in inventories (December 31, 2009: \$53 million) which are recorded at cost, \$669 million in property, plant and equipment (December 31, 2009: \$675 million) and \$276 million in mineral properties (December 31, 2009: \$267 million). A significant amount of the Company's liabilities, including accounts payable and accrued liabilities of \$63 million as at September 30, 2010 (December 31, 2009: \$30 million) and future income tax liability of \$342 million (December 31, 2009: \$264 million) are monetary items and have been translated from BsF to US Dollars at the official exchange rate of BsF 4.30/\$1.00 at September 30, 2010. The increase in receivables, accounts payable and accrued liabilities and future income tax liability balances were significantly impacted due to the Change in Translation Rate. Additional factors contributing to this increase in accounts payable and accrued liabilities include cash constraints experienced by the Company as discussed in the "Liquidity and Capital Resources" section and the accrual of annual payments which were paid to the workers at the Choco Mine and Isidora Mine during Q4 2010.

Convertible loan of \$28 million (December 31, 2009: \$58 million) which is due on June 10, 2011 represents the balance of the convertible loan which is being accreted at an effective interest rate of 21% (contractual rate of 10%) and the segregation of the \$2 million equity component (December 31, 2009: \$5 million) attributable to the convertible option of the lenders which is disclosed in shareholders' equity. The loan is held in US Dollars and is repayable as indicated under the "Liquidity and Capital Resources" section.

**LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES**

The Company's cash position decreased \$2.9 million and the Company's short-term investments decreased \$3.8 million during the 9 Months 2010. The majority of the decrease in cash for the 9 Months 2010 was the negative cash flow from financing activities of \$30.5 million and investing activities of \$8.8 million which was offset by cash flow from operations of \$36.3 million.

The increase in cash flow from operations from \$8.7 million for the 9 Months 2009 to \$36.3 million for the 9 Months 2010 was significantly the result of the Company selling a significant portion of the Company's 2010 opening finished gold inventory produced in 2009 during the 9 Months 2010, the increase in accounts payable and accrued liabilities and the receipt of deferred revenue of \$6.6 million in the 9 Months 2010. The decrease in cash outflow from investments from \$35.5 million for the 9 Months 2009 to \$8.8 million for the 9 Months 2010 was primarily the result of the Company purchasing (net of redemptions) \$21.6 million of short-term investments in the 9 Months 2009 whereas the Company redeemed \$3.8 of short-term investments in the 9 Months 2010. Cash flow from financing activities was \$59.8 million in the 9 Months 2009 compared to cash outflow from financing activities of \$30.5 million in the 9 Months 2010. This change is significantly the result of the Company issuing shares in a public offering for net proceeds of \$60.3 million in the 9 Months 2009 and the Company repaying \$30.0 million of convertible debt principal in the 9 Months 2010.

The strategic plan for the Company includes as the main objective to preserve or enhance its existing cash position until June of 2011 when the \$30 million principal of the convertible loan becomes due and to make required capital asset expenditures to increase production to the optimal level which should result not only in increased production but should positively impact expenses and cash cost per ounce.

Management believes sufficient funds will be available including cash and cash from operations to meet the Company's obligations and for capital asset expenditures to increase production prior to the required convertible debt principal repayment of \$30 million in June of 2011. Management does not believe the funds described above will be sufficient to make the required debt principal repayment in June of 2011. This is a result of the Company not maintaining gold production at the optimal level as the Company postponed capital asset expenditures due to delays in receiving export permits until October of 2010 and conservation of cash for the loan repayments made in June of 2010.

The Company believes it has financing options, which could generate sufficient cash to service the Company's debt requirement including, but not limited to, the following:

- a) Issuance of equity or debt securities; and
- b) Refinancing the convertible debt all or in part.

There is, however, no assurance that the sources of funding described above will be available to the Company, or that they will be available on terms that are acceptable to the Company.

The Company maintains the majority of its cash in US Dollars. The Company incurs US Dollar operating expenditures and a significant portion of capital expenditures are in US Dollars. The Company also maintains necessary cash in BsF and Canadian Dollars ("C\$"), sufficient to fund short-term operating commitments in those currencies.

Practical restrictions currently exist on the ability of the Company to convert BsF to US dollars and to transfer funds from the Joint Venture to the Company's other subsidiaries. The restrictions on converting funds from BsF to US dollars arise as the Company no longer has access to the Swap Market and even though the Company has obtained access to SITME there are volume restrictions as described in the "Venezuela Currency Exchange and Gold Sales" section. The Company will obtain access to US dollars to make certain direct payments in foreign currency as discussed in the "Venezuela Currency Exchange and Gold Sales" section contingent on the Company's ability to renew export permits upon expiry. The restrictions on transfers of funds from the Joint Venture arise from the fact that financial decisions impacting the Joint Venture are made in collaboration with the Company's joint venture partner, the Venezuelan government.

These restrictions affect the Company's ability to use cash resources from the Joint Venture to fund the Company's operations in segments other than the Isidora Mine segment including repayment of the convertible loan. Cash as at September 30, 2010 includes \$5.9 million held by the Joint Venture.

As at November 26, 2010, the Company has \$7.2 million in cash and the outstanding \$30 million principal portion of the convertible loan is due on June 10, 2011.

## **GOLD RESERVE BID**

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On December 15, 2008, the Company launched an unsolicited take-over bid (“the Gold Reserve Bid”) for Gold Reserve Inc. (“Gold Reserve”). On February 18, 2009, the Company’s offer for Gold Reserve expired and because the conditions to the Company’s offer were not met, the Company did not take up any securities under the offer. The Company recorded the costs related to the Gold Reserve Bid and the resulting litigation (see the section headed “Contingencies”) as an expense in the litigation and unsuccessful acquisition costs in the consolidated statement of operations.

## **OUTLOOK**

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The Company expects to produce 110,000 ounces of finished gold from the Choco Mine and its 50% interest in the Isidora Mine. Total cash costs per ounce sold for 2010 are expected to be \$831 per ounce. For the cost per ounce estimate, the Company assumes a BsF/US Dollar average exchange rate during the year for translation of BsF 5.25/\$1.00. Any significant change in the rate will generate a material change in the Company’s expected costs.

### ***Choco Mine***

For 2010 the projected gold production guidance for the Choco Mine is 95,000 ounces of gold and projected cash cost per ounce sold of \$800.

Capital expenditures expected for the full year 2010 at the Choco Mine include:

Feasibility study: \$1.7 million

Resource to reserve conversion drilling: \$Nil (\$1.0 million previously reported)

Processing plant improvements: \$3.5 million

Tailings dam upgrades: \$3.5 million

Other sustaining capital expenditures: \$3.0 million

A scoping study for the expansion of the output at the Choco Mine operation to an ore production rate of up to 20,000 tons per day was completed in May 2009. The Choco Mine operation includes the presently operating Rosika, Coacia, Pisolita and Capia open pits and planned mine production from the Villa Balazo-Karolina (VBK) pit at the Choco Mine and from the 100% owned Incredible 6 concession which is located 8 km northeast of the Choco Mine as well as from the small Cerro Azul deposit. The feasibility study initiated in Q3 2009 is expected to be completed between Q4 2010 and Q1 2011.

The decrease in capital expenditures at the Choco Mine is due to conservation of cash.

### ***Isidora Mine***

Ore from the Company’s 50% interest in the Isidora Mine is expected to continue to be processed during 2010 at the La Camorra mill which is located 120 kilometres from the Isidora Mine.

For 2010 the projected gold production guidance for the Isidora Mine is 30,000 ounces of gold (15,000 ounces net to the Company) and projected cash cost per ounce sold of \$1,025.

Forecasted capital expenditures at the Isidora Mine for 2010 include sustaining capital expenditures (mainly renewal of mining equipment and fleet) of \$2.0 million (\$1.0 million net to the Company). The Company expects to incur \$Nil (previously \$1.5 million (\$0.8 million net to the Company) in expenditures related to drilling due to conservation of cash. The Company is expecting to provide a resource update for the Isidora Mine in 2011.

***Other Advanced Properties***

Capital expenditures expected for SREP during 2010 includes \$9.5 million (increased from \$6.0 million previously reported due to the Change in Translation Rate) in further underground development and \$1.5 million for the purchase of mining equipment.

The Company obtained during Q3 2010 the Incredible 6 permit to affect natural resources from MinAmb. This will allow the Company to increase gold production in the near term as the material available at Incredible 6 includes softer ore which will allow for the treatment of a greater volume of material than is currently being processed at the Choco Mine Mill.

**COMMITMENTS**


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As at September 30, 2010, the Company is committed to payments under operating leases for premises, vehicles and machinery and to payments under contracts for explosives, community relations, security, consulting and other services as follows:

	<b>\$(000)</b>
2010	2,458
2011	10,914
2012	3,460
2013	3,460
2014 and thereafter	18,695
	<b>38,987</b>

**CONTINGENCIES**


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***Gold Reserve Lawsuit***

On December 15, 2008, the Company launched an unsolicited take-over bid (“the Gold Reserve Bid”) for Gold Reserve. On February 18, 2009, the Company’s offer for Gold Reserve expired and because the conditions to the Company’s offer were not met, the Company did not take up any securities under the offer. The Company recorded the costs related to the Gold Reserve Bid and the resulting litigation as an expense for litigation and unsuccessful acquisition in the consolidated statement of operations.

In December 2008 Gold Reserve commenced a claim against the Company and an advisor of the Company (“the Advisor”) seeking an injunction to restrain the Company’s unsolicited take-over bid for Gold Reserve as well as general damages of \$500 million and punitive damages of \$50 million on the basis that the Advisor improperly used Gold Reserve’s confidential information in advising the Company on the take-over bid. In February 2009, Gold Reserve obtained an interlocutory injunction to restrain the take-over bid. The Company subsequently served its defense and counterclaim in which it denied the allegations against it and sought damages of \$102.5 million in respect of losses it has sustained as a result of the injunction’s issuance.

In June 2010 Gold Reserve amended its claim. The amended claim now seeks from the Company general damages of \$150 million for trespass and conversion, and interference with contractual and economic relations, and punitive damages of \$50 million. The claim against the Advisor has also been reduced to a total of \$200 million. The outcome of this matter is not determinable at this time and no amount has been accrued in the consolidated financial statements for this claim.

***Non-Compliance***

During June 2010 the Company entered transactions in the normal course of operations that were not in compliance with certain Venezuelan laws and regulations. As a result of this non-compliance the Company may be subject to fines to a maximum of \$15 million and/or denial of the Company's ability to generate revenues. Management is currently evaluating alternative actions in order to remediate this non-compliance. No amount has been accrued in the consolidated financial statements in connection with this matter since the outcome cannot be determined at this time.

***Other Matters***

The Company is involved in various claims and litigation arising in the normal course of business. While the outcome of these matters is uncertain and there can be no assurance that such matters will be resolved in the Company's favor, the Company does not currently believe that the outcome of adverse decisions in any pending or threatened proceedings related to these and other matters or any amount which it may be required to pay by reason thereof would have a material impact on its consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

**OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS**

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The Company does not have any off-balance sheet arrangements.

**RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (EXPRESSED IN THOUSANDS OF US DOLLARS)**

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- Included in receivables are amounts owed from companies which Andre Agapov, a director/officer of the Company, and Jay Kaplowitz, a director of the Company, are an officer and a director, respectively, of \$283. These amounts are unsecured and non-interest bearing with no set terms of repayment.
- Included in amounts capitalized in mineral properties is \$162 related to the provision of technical and geological services and machinery rental from companies of which Andre Agapov, a director/officer of the Company, and Jay Kaplowitz, a director of the Company, are an officer and a director, respectively.
- Included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities are amounts due to companies which Andre Agapov, a director/officer of the Company and Jay Kaplowitz, a director of the Company, are an officer and director respectively, and to a law firm, which Jay Kaplowitz, a director of the Company, is a partner of \$232. These amounts are unsecured, due on demand and non-interest bearing.
- Included in general and administrative expenses is \$27 for Q3 2010 and \$82 for the 9 Months 2010 related to the rental of the Caracas office from a company that Andre Agapov, a director/officer of the Company, and Jay Kaplowitz, a director of the Company, are an officer and a director, respectively.
- Included in convertible loan is financing costs of \$80, included in general and administrative expenses is \$3 for Q3 2010 and \$90 for the 9 Months 2010 related to the provision of legal services which were paid to a law firm, of which, Jay Kaplowitz, a director of the Company, is a partner.
- Related party transactions are recorded at the exchange amount which is the consideration agreed to between the parties.

**DISCLOSURE OF OUTSTANDING SHARE DATA**

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As at November 26, 2010, the Company has 529,845,623 common shares issued and outstanding, 49,706,589 stock options to acquire an equal amount of common shares outstanding of which 49,384,089 were exercisable, 138,800,129 warrants to acquire an equal amount of common shares outstanding, 12,354,915 warrants committed to acquire an equal amount of common shares and the \$30 million principal of the convertible loan is convertible into 75,000,000 common shares.

## CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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In January 2009, the following Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants (“CICA”) Handbook sections were issued: Section 1582, *Business Combinations* (“Section 1582”), Section 1601, *Consolidations* (“Section 1601”), and Section 1602, *Non-Controlling Interests* (“Section 1602”). Section 1582 establishes standards for the accounting for business combinations that is equivalent to the business combination accounting standard under International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”). Section 1601 and Section 1602 establish standards for the preparation of consolidated financial statements and the accounting for non-controlling interests in financial statements that are equivalent to the standards under IFRS. These standards are required for the Company’s fiscal year beginning January 1, 2011. Earlier adoption is permitted which requires all three sections be adopted at the same time. The Company has early adopted these sections effective January 1, 2010.

Under Section 1582, the definition of a business is expanded, acquisition related costs, other than costs to issue debt or equity securities, of the acquirer, will no longer be capitalized, but rather expensed as incurred and the assets acquired and liabilities assumed are recorded at 100% of fair value even if less than 100% is obtained. Under Section 1602, non-controlling interests are classified as part of equity and net income or loss and total comprehensive income or loss will include the portion attributable to non-controlling interests. The provisions of Section 1602 have been applied prospectively with exception of the presentation and disclosure provisions, which have been applied for all prior periods presented in the financial statements. The presentation and disclosure provisions resulted in the classification of non-controlling interests as a separate component of equity on the balance sheet amounting to \$1.2 million as at September 30, 2010 (December 31, 2009: \$0.2 million).

As at January 1, 2010 the Company determined that the Venezuelan economy became hyperinflationary. Prior to January 1, 2010 the subsidiaries acquired as a result of the acquisition of a 95% ownership interest in the Choco Mine and 95-100% ownership interest in related exploration properties and the 50% joint venture interest in the Isidora Mine were translated using the current rate method. As the Venezuelan economy became hyperinflationary as at January 1, 2010 the subsidiaries discussed above beginning January 1, 2010 were translated using the temporal method.

Under the temporal method, monetary assets and liabilities are translated into US dollars at the exchange rate in effect at the end of the period while non-monetary assets and liabilities are translated using the exchange rate in effect on the date of the transaction. Income and expenses are translated at the exchange rate in effect during the period except for the cost of inventory included in mining operating expenses, amortization of property, plant and equipment and impairment of mineral properties, which are translated using the same rates as the related assets. Foreign exchange gains and losses arising upon translation are included in the consolidated statement of operations.

See “Venezuela Currency Exchange and Gold Sales” section for the description of the change in translation rate.

## INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS

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In January 2006, the Canadian Accounting Standards Board adopted a strategic plan, which includes the decision to move financial reporting for Canadian publicly accountable enterprises to a single set of globally accepted high-quality standards, namely, IFRS, as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (“the IASB”). The effective implementation date of the conversion from GAAP to IFRS is January 1, 2011, with an effective transition date of January 1, 2010 for financial statements prepared on a comparative basis. The Company is engaged in an assessment and conversion process which includes consultation with external consulting firms and will be converted to IFRS for filing of the Q1 2011 financial statements.

### ***The Company’s approach to the conversion to IFRS includes three phases:***

- Phase One, an initial general diagnostic of its accounting policies and GAAP relevant to its financial reporting requirements to determine the key differences and options with respect to acceptable accounting standards under IFRS, was completed in 2009.

- Phase Two, an in depth analysis of the impact of those areas identified under phase one, is expected to be completed in the Q4 2010.
- Phase Three, the implementation of the conversion process, through the preparation of the opening balance sheet at January 1, 2010 will be carried out in the second half of 2010.

At this point, the Company's IT accounting and financial reporting systems are not expected to be significantly impacted.

Based on the review undertaken under Phase One, the Company believes that IFRS will have limited impact on its current financial position, except for any potential impact of impairment of long-lived assets, and impact of changes in treatment of deferred tax assets. However, this initial analysis is subject to change based on the Company's ongoing review and continued changes to IFRS standards.

Key Area	GAAP (applied by the Company)	IFRS	Analysis and Preliminary Conclusions
Property plant and equipment ("PP&E")	PP&E is recorded at historical cost.	PP&E can be recorded using the cost or revaluation models.	The Company will continue to account for its PP&E using the cost method.
	Mining properties, net of residual value are amortized by the unit of production method based on proven and probable reserves. Property, plant and equipment other than mining properties are amortized net of residual value, over estimated useful life on the asset.	Mining properties, net of residual value, can continue to be amortized by the unit of production method based on proven and probable reserves. Property, plant and equipment other than mining properties must be amortized based on the useful lives of each significant component within property, plant and equipment. Useful lives and residual values are to be reassessed at least annually.	Based on the current analysis of PP&E's significant components and their useful lives, it is unlikely that changes to their useful lives and, therefore, amortization rates and expenses, will be significant.
Mineral Properties	Exploration and development costs are capitalized when incurred.	IFRS allows these costs and currently allows exploration and evaluation costs to be either capitalized or expensed in accordance with IFRS 6: Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources.	The existing accounting policy is likely to be maintained.
Asset retirement obligations	GAAP limits the definition of ARO's to legal obligations.	IFRS defines ARO's as legal or constructive obligations.	The broadening of this definition is unlikely to cause a significant change in current estimates.
	ARO is calculated using a current credit adjusted, risk-free rate for upward adjustments and the original credit-adjusted, risk-free rate for downward revisions. The original liability is adjusted for changes in current discount rates.	ARO is calculated using a current pre-tax discount rate (which reflects current market assessment of the time value of money and the risk specific to the liability) and is revised to reflect changes in assumptions or discount rates.	The change in calculation of ARO and the discounting process will possibly generate some changes in the value of ARO on transition.

Key Area	GAAP (applied by the Company)	IFRS	Analysis and Preliminary Conclusions
Impairment of long-lived assets	Impairment tests of the Company's long-lived assets are considered annually and when events are circumstance indicate an impairment event may have occurred.	Impairment tests of "cash generating units" are considered annually and when events and circumstances indicated an impairment event may have occurred.	The Company believes the grouping of long-lived assets for impairment testing will remain unchanged.
	Impairment tests are generally done on the basis of undiscounted future cash flows.	Impairment tests are generally carried out using the discounted future cash flows.	Impairment tests using discounted values generate a greater likelihood of write-downs in the future.
	Write-downs to net realizable values under an impairment test are permanent changes in the carrying value of assets.	Write downs to net realizable values under an impairment test can be reversed if the conditions of impairment cease to exist.	Potential significant volatility in earnings could arise as a result of the difference in the treatment of write-downs.
Income taxes	Deferred (future) tax assets or liabilities for temporary differences arising from translation of non-monetary assets or liabilities are not recognized.	Deferred tax assets or liabilities for temporary differences arising from translation of non-monetary assets or liabilities are recognized.	This difference will likely result in a change in the balances of future income tax liabilities.
	Foreign exchange gains and losses from translation of deferred tax assets or liabilities are recorded as foreign exchange gains/losses in the Company's consolidated statement of operations.	Foreign exchange gains and losses from translation of deferred tax assets or liabilities are recorded as future income tax expense (recovery) in the Company's consolidated statement of operations.	Future income tax expense (recovery) may become more volatile as a result of recording foreign exchange gains and losses from translation of deferred tax assets or liabilities as future income tax expense (recovery) in the Company's consolidated statement of operations.

Key Area	GAAP (applied by the Company)	IFRS	Analysis and Preliminary Conclusions
Joint Venture	The Company uses proportionate consolidation to record its proportional share of assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses of the Joint Venture.	Under the current IFRS standard, IAS 31 - <i>Interests in Joint Ventures</i> , the Company has the option to account for its interest in the Joint Venture using proportionate consolidation. The IASB issued Exposure Draft 9 - <i>Joint Arrangements</i> ("ED-9") in September 2007 with comments due January 2008. ED-9 proposed to eliminate the choice to proportionately consolidate jointly controlled entities and required such entities to be accounted for using the equity method. The new IFRS standard for joint arrangements which was originally planned for issuance in Q3 2009 has not yet been issued. During Q2 2009, the IASB commenced redeliberations of ED-9 and now proposes to allow proportionate consolidation of a jointly controlled entity if the agreement between joint venture partners indicate that the rights of each joint venture partner to the assets and net earnings of the joint arrangement, and obligations of each joint venture partner to the risks and liabilities of the joint arrangement are in proportion to their respective interests in the joint arrangement. The IASB continues to discuss various items on this topic and expects publication of the final Standard during 2010.	If the finalized revised standard is consistent with the treatment currently proposed, the Company does not expect a significant change in the treatment of the Joint Venture due to the transition to IFRS.

IFRS 1 governs the first-time adoption of IFRS. In general, accounting policies adopted in accordance with IFRS are to be applied retrospectively. IFRS 1 allows certain exemptions from retrospective application. The exemptions the Company currently intends to elect to apply in preparing its first IFRS financial statements include:

- (a) Not accounting for business combinations that occurred prior to January 1, 2010 using the principles of IFRS 3 – Business combinations (“IFRS 3”) and the Company also elected to early adopt Section 1582 effective January 1, 2010 which is aligned to IFRS 3.
- (b) Not applying the recognition and measurement principles of IFRS 1 – Changes in Existing Decommissioning, Restoration and Similar Liabilities for changes in such liabilities that occurred prior to January 1, 2010; and instead measuring the Company’s reclamation and closure cost obligations at fair value on January 1, 2010, estimating the amounts that would have been included in the cost of the related mining properties when the obligations first arose using the applicable historical country-specific risk free rates and recalculating the accumulated depreciation and depletion for such assets at January 1, 2010.
- (c) Initially measuring certain items of property, plant and equipment on transition to IFRS at fair value.
- (d) Not accounting for borrowing costs that occurred prior to January 1, 2010 using the principles of IAS 23 – Borrowing Costs.

The above comments should not be considered as a complete list of changes that will result from the transition to IFRS as the Company’s analysis is still in progress and no final determinations have been made where choices of accounting policies are available. In addition, the accounting bodies responsible for issuing Canadian and IFRS accounting standards have significant ongoing projects that could impact the Company’s consolidated financial statements as at January 1, 2011 and in subsequent years, including projects regarding income taxes, financial instruments and joint venture accounting. In addition, there is an extractive industries project currently underway that will lead to more definitive guidance on the accounting for exploration and evaluation expenditures, but this is still in the discussion paper stage and may not be completed for some time. The Company is continuing to monitor the development of these projects and will assess their impact in the course of its transition process to IFRS.

### **EFFECTIVE INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING**

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During 2010, an internal controls report addressing disclosure controls and procedures and internal controls over financial reporting was provided to the Company by an external consultant engaged by management in an effort to improve the Company’s disclosure controls and procedures and internal controls over financial reporting. This report is based on interviews with selected business process owners supported by limited testing of the design and operational effectiveness of the financial controls. The significant key control weaknesses identified by the external consultants and the Company related to a lack of formalized process and responsibilities in specific areas, lack of communicated corporate policies in specific areas, lack of targets and expectations in specific areas, lack of or insufficient audit trail in specific areas and inappropriate segregation of duties in specific areas. The Company has begun to design and implement mitigating controls to address these weaknesses.

### **LIMITATIONS OF INTERNAL CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

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The Company’s management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, believe that disclosure controls and procedures and internal control over financial reporting, no matter how well conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control system are met. Inherent limitations in internal controls 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 of the controls.

**FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS RISKS**
***Credit Risk***

Credit risk is the risk that the counterparty to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the Company by failing to discharge its obligations. Management does not believe the Company is exposed to any significant concentration of credit risk. Management determines concentration by the percentage of cash, short-term investments and receivables owed by a single party.

The Company's exposure to credit risk on its C\$ and US Dollar cash and short-term investments is limited by maintaining these assets with high-credit quality financial institutions and investing in highly rated corporations and government issuances in accordance with its investment policy as approved by the board of directors. The Company is exposed to the credit risk of Venezuelan banks, which hold cash for the Company's Venezuelan operations. The Company limits its exposure to this risk by maintaining BsF cash balances to fund only the short-term needs of its Venezuelan subsidiaries. The Company is exposed to the credit risk of the CBV as the Company's trade receivables are due from the CBV.

***Liquidity Risk***

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will be unable to meet its obligations associated with financial liabilities as they fall due. The Company manages liquidity risk by monitoring cash and other financial resources available to meet its maturing obligations.

The Company forecasts cash flows for a period of 12 months to identify financial requirements. These requirements are met through a combination of cash flows from operations and accessing capital markets. The table below provides a summary of the contractual obligations and payments related to financial liabilities included in the consolidated balance sheet as at September 30, 2010. The amounts disclosed are the contractual undiscounted cash flows.

	<b>2010 \$(000)</b>	<b>2011-2012 \$(000)</b>	<b>Total \$(000)</b>
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	62,755	-	62,755
Interest on convertible loan	750	1,500	2,250
Convertible loan	-	30,000	30,000
	<b>63,505</b>	<b>31,500</b>	<b>95,005</b>

***Market Risk***

The significant market risk exposures to which the Company is exposed are interest rate risk and currency risk.

***Interest Rate Risk***

Interest rate risk is the risk that the future cash flows and fair values of the Company's financial instruments will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The Company monitors its fair value exposure to interest rates and is comfortable with its exposure given the relatively short term of its convertible loan. As at September 30, 2010, a 1% increase in interest rates would decrease the fair value of convertible loan by \$0.2 million and a 1% decrease in interest rates would increase the fair value of the convertible loan by \$0.2 million.

### **Currency Risk**

Currency risk is the risk that the value of the Company's financial instruments will fluctuate due to changes in foreign exchange rates. The Company is exposed to currency risk as the Company's financial assets and liabilities include items denominated in BsF and \$C. Changes in the applicable exchange rate may result in a decrease or increase in foreign exchange gains or losses recognized in the Company's consolidated statement of operations. The Company does not use derivative instruments to reduce its exposure to foreign currency risk.

The Company's Venezuelan operations and cash holdings are currently subject to currency and exchange controls. These government-imposed controls may adversely affect the Company as such controls limit the Company's ability to flow US Dollars out of the country including for US Dollar operating and capital expenditures. As at September 30, 2010, the Company holds cash of \$6.9 million (December 31, 2009: \$0.7 million) in BsF.

The sensitivity of the Company's net earnings from financial assets and liabilities due to changes in the exchange rate between the BsF, C\$, and the US Dollar are summarized below:

<b>As at September 30, 2010</b>		
	<b>25% Increase in the BsF \$(000)</b>	<b>25% Decrease in the BsF \$(000)</b>
Net earnings	(7,422)	5,938

  

<b>As at September 30, 2010</b>		
	<b>10% Increase in the C\$ \$(000)</b>	<b>10% Decrease in the C\$ \$(000)</b>
Net earnings	(29)	26

### **OTHER RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES**

The Company is subject to various financial and operational risks that could have a significant impact on the Company's profitability and levels of operating cash flow, and could cause such forward-looking information contained in this MD&A and described in the "Forward Looking Statements" section. For a more comprehensive discussion of the risks faced by the Company, please refer to the Company's MD&A as at December 31, 2009.

### **CAUTIONARY NON-GAAP MEASURES**

Total cash costs per ounce sold is a non-GAAP measure. The Company believes that, in addition to conventional measures, prepared in accordance with GAAP, certain investors use the cash costs per ounce data to evaluate the Company's performance and ability to generate cash flow. Accordingly, it 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 GAAP as it does not have any standardized meaning prescribed by GAAP. Data used in the calculation of total cash costs per ounce may not conform to other similarly titled measures provided by other precious metals companies.

## FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

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Certain statements in this MD&A and certain information incorporated herein by reference constitute "forward-looking information" within the meaning of applicable securities laws. Such forward-looking information includes, without limitation, statements with respect to the future financial or operating performance of the Company, its subsidiaries and its projects, the future price of gold and other precious metals, the estimation of mineral reserves and resources, the realization of mineral reserve estimates, the timing and amount of estimated future production, costs of production, reserve determination and reserve conversion rates. Often, but not always, forward-looking information can be identified by the use of words such as "plans", "expects" or "does not expect", "is expected", "budget", "scheduled", "estimates", "forecasts", "intends", "anticipates" or "does not anticipate", or "believes" or variations of such words and phrases or words and phrases that state or indicate that certain actions, events or results "may", "could", "would", "might" or "will" be taken, occur or be achieved. While the Company has based these statements on its expectations about future events as at the date that such information was prepared, the statements are not guarantees of the Company's future performance and are subject to risks, uncertainties, assumptions and other factors which could cause actual results to differ materially from future results expressed or implied by such forward-looking information. The estimates and assumptions of the Company contained or incorporated by reference in this MD&A which may prove to be incorrect, include, but are not limited to: (1) there being no significant disruptions affecting operations, whether due to labour disruptions, supply disruptions, damage to equipment or otherwise; (2) permitting, development, expansion and power supply proceeding on a basis consistent with the Company's current expectations; (3) permitting and development proceeding on a basis consistent with the Company's current expectations; (4) the exchange rate between the C\$, the BsF and the US Dollar being approximately consistent with current levels; (5) certain price assumptions for gold; (6) prices for and availability of natural gas, fuel oil, electricity, parts and equipment and other key supplies remaining consistent with current levels; (7) production forecasts meeting expectations; (8) the accuracy of the Company's current mineral reserve and mineral resource estimates; and (9) labour and material costs increasing on a basis consistent with the Company's current expectations.

Known and unknown factors could cause actual results or events to differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements. Such factors include, but are not limited to, fluctuations in the currency markets; fluctuations in the spot and forward price of gold or certain other commodities (such as diesel fuel and electricity); changes in interest rates; disruption to the credit markets and delays in obtaining financing; inflationary pressures; changes in national and local government legislation, taxation, controls, regulations and political or economic developments in Canada, Venezuela or other countries in which the Company does or may carry on business; business opportunities that may be presented to, or pursued by the Company; the Company's ability to successfully integrate acquisitions; operating or technical difficulties in connection with mining or development activities; actual results of exploration activities; the possibility of cost overruns or unanticipated expenses; employee relations; illegal miners; the speculative nature of gold exploration and development, including the risks of obtaining and renewing necessary licenses and permits; the impact of Venezuelan law on the Company's operations; diminishing quantities or grades of reserves; adverse changes in the Company's credit rating; contests over title to properties particularly title to undeveloped properties; the occurrence of natural disasters, hostilities, acts of war or terrorism; corruption and uncertain legal enforcement; requests for improper payments; on the Company's ability to market gold produced and on its results of operations; on the Company's ability to obtain necessary authorization from the CBV to export gold and on the Company's ability to retain any funds from sales of exported gold outside Venezuela; on the impact of the regulation of the Swap Market by the CBV and ability to access SITME which impact the Company's ability to obtain \$US dollars to fund operating and capital expenditures; and the result or outcome of the statement of claim filed by Gold Reserve against the Company in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice claiming general damages and punitive damages in the amount of \$200 million. In addition, there are risks and hazards associated with the business of gold exploration, development and mining, including environmental hazards, industrial accidents, unusual or unexpected formation, pressures, cave-ins, flooding and gold bullion losses (and the risk of inadequate insurance, or inability to obtain insurance to cover these risks). All of the forward-looking statements made in or incorporated by reference in this MD&A are qualified by these cautionary statements and those made in the section of this MD&A entitled "Financial Instruments Risks" and "Other Risks and Uncertainties".

Although we have attempted to identify factors that may cause actual actions, events or results to differ materially from those described in forward-looking statements and information, there may be other factors that cause actual results, performances, achievements or events to not be as anticipated, estimated or intended. Also, many of the factors are beyond our control. As actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such statements and information, readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements or information. Except as may be required by law, we undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements or information, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. All forward-looking statements and information made or incorporated by reference herein are qualified by this cautionary statement.