

#### **Financial Statements**

For the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

(Expressed in Canadian Dollars Unless Otherwise Noted)



## Independent auditor's report

To the Shareholders of Pure Gold Mining Inc.

## **Our opinion**

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Pure Gold Mining Inc. (the Company) as at December 31, 2021 and 2020, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IFRS).

#### What we have audited

The Company's financial statements comprise:

- the statements of financial position as at December 31, 2021 and 2020;
- the statements of loss and comprehensive loss for the years then ended;
- the statements of changes in equity for the years then ended;
- the statements of cash flows for the years then ended; and
- the notes to the financial statements, which include significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

#### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report.

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

#### Independence

We are independent of the Company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada. We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.



## Material uncertainty related to going concern

We draw attention to Note 1 in the financial statements, which describes events or conditions that indicate the existence of a material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

#### Other information

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the Management's Discussion and Analysis.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

## Responsibilities of management and those charged with governance for the financial statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process.



## Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to
  fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit
  evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting
  a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may
  involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures
  that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the
  effectiveness of the Company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.



We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is Craig McMillan.

## /s/PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

**Chartered Professional Accountants** 

Vancouver, British Columbia March 30, 2022

	Notes	Decemb	er 31, 2021	Decem	ber 31, 2020
ASSETS			-		
Current Assets					
Cash		\$	8,450	\$	44,906
Amounts receivable	6		1,191	,	4,639
Inventories	7		8,874		3,167
Prepaid expenses			2,612		986
Short-term investments			170		1,493
			21,297		55,191
Non-current Assets			ŕ		,
Mineral properties, plant and equipment	8		273,360		192,884
Deposits			840		396
Total Assets		\$	295,497	\$	248,471
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LIABILITIES AND EQUITY					
Current Liabilities					
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		\$	22,606	\$	21,380
Lease liabilities	12		5,494		5,041
Gold stream derivative liability	10		2,408		5,359
Loans and borrowings	9		8,181		849
Flow-through premium liability	13b,18		4,588		3,257
			43,277		35,886
Non-current Liabilities					
Loans and borrowings	9		115,204		91,283
Gold stream derivative liability	10		42,307		38,833
Provision for closure and reclamation	11		19,750		21,715
Lease liabilities	12		4,270		291
Total Liabilities			224,808		188,008
Equity					
Share capital	13a		235,355		192,882
Equity reserves	13c,d,e		20,161		17,492
Accumulated deficit			(184,827)		(149,911)
Total Equity			70,689		60,463
Total Liabilities and Equity		\$	295,497	\$	248,471

**Commitments & Contingencies** (Note 22)

**Subsequent Events** (Note 27)

Going Concern (Note 1)

Approved by the Board on March 30, 2022:

<u>"Lenard Boggio"</u>, Audit Committee Chair

<u>"Graeme Currie"</u>, Director

<sup>-</sup> See Accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements -

For the years ended December 31,	Notes	2021		2020
Revenue	14	\$	31,882	\$ -
Cost of sales	15		(50,980)	-
Loss from mine operations			(19,098)	-
Corporate administrative costs	16		(7,535)	(11,633)
Exploration and evaluation	18		(3,679)	(6,627)
Operating loss for the year			(30,312)	(18,260)
Finance income and Expenses				
Interest and finance costs	17		(6,346)	(220)
Foreign exchange gain (loss)			(49)	6,679
Gain (loss) on change in fair value of	9,10		(398)	(16,684)
derivative liabilities				
Interest income			116	682
Income (loss) before taxes			(36,989)	(27,803)
Income tax recovery	13b		2,073	850
Net income (loss) and comprehensive		\$	(34,916)	\$ (26,953)
income (loss) for the year				
Weighted Average Number of Common				
Shares Outstanding			415,426,546	377,297,611
Basic and Diluted Loss per Common Share		\$	(0.08)	\$ (0.07)

<sup>-</sup> See Accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements -

# Pure Gold Mining Inc. Statements of Changes in Equity (Expressed in thousands of Canadian Dollars, except for share amounts)

		Number of Common		Equity	Accumulated	
	Notes	Shares	Share Capital	Reserves	Deficit	Total
Balance – December 31, 2019		358,466,692	\$ 156,771	\$ 15,777	\$ (122,957)	\$ 49,591
Flow-through common share issuance	13b	9,868,421	15,000	-	-	15,000
Flow-through premium liability	13b		(3,257)	-	-	(3,257)
Share issue costs – cash	13b		(1,017)	-	-	(1,017)
Exercised warrants	13c	22,794,000	19,375	-	-	19,375
Fair value of exercised warrants	13c	-	2,624	(2,624)	-	-
Exercised stock options	13d	6,351,664	2,026	-	-	2,026
Fair value of exercised stock options	13d	-	1,360	(1,360)	-	-
Share-based compensation	13d	-	-	1,927	-	1,927
Deferred Share Unit compensation	13e	-	-	3,772	-	3,772
Net loss for the year		-	-	-	(26,954)	(26,954)
Balance – December 31, 2020		397,480,777	\$ 192,882	\$ 17,492	\$ (149,911)	\$ 60,463
Common share issuance – financing	13b	25,212,819	26,473	-	-	26,473
Share issue costs - cash	13b		(1,548)	-	-	(1,548)
Fair value of warrants issued with common	13b					
shares			(2,189)	2,189	-	-
Flow-through common share issuance	13b	11,348,700	17,250	-	-	17,250
Flow-through premium liability	13b		(3,405)	-	-	(3,405)
Share issue costs – cash	13b		(1,172)	-	-	(1,172)
Exercised warrants	13c	3,100,499	2,636	-	-	2,636
Fair value of exercised warrants			350	(350)	-	-
Exercised stock options	13d	3,180,000	1,509	-	-	1,509
Fair value of exercised stock options			1,041	(1,041)	-	-
Common share issuance – Credit Facility	9a	714,229	1,086	-	-	1,086
Exercised restricted share units	13e	155,962	442	(442)	-	-
Share-based compensation	13d	-	-	1,097	-	1,097
Deferred Share Unit compensation	13e			1,216	-	1,216
Net loss for the year		-	-	=	(34,916)	(34,916)
Balance – December 31, 2021		441,192,986	\$ 235,355	\$ 20,161	\$ (184,827)	\$ 70,689

<sup>-</sup> See Accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements -

For the years ended December 31,	Notes	2021	2020	
<b>Operating Activities</b>				
Net income (loss) for the year		\$ (34,916)	\$ (26,953)	
Items not affecting cash:				
Deferred income tax recovery		(2,073)	(850)	
Unrealized foreign exchange (gain) loss		(49)	(6,678)	
Change in fair value of derivative liabilities		398	16,684	
Share-based compensation	13d	1,768	4,946	
Depreciation	8	5,619	247	
Finance income		(116)	(682)	
Accretion expense	11	238	162	
Finance expense	17	6,108	57	
Changes in non-cash working capital:				
Inventory		(5,708)	(3,167)	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		9,157	(233)	
Amounts receivable		1,478	(1,295)	
Prepaid expenses and deposits		1,298	(541)	
Net cash used in operating activities		(16,798)	(18,303)	
Investing Activities				
Mineral properties, plant and equipment	8	(81,047)	(113,928)	
Return of surety bond deposit		1,322		
Interest received		116	682	
Short-term investment		-	(146	
Net cash used in investing activities		(79,609)	(113,392	
Financing Activities				
Proceeds from Credit Facility drawdown	9	24,981	72,900	
Proceeds from equity financings	13b	43,723	15,000	
Payment of lease liabilities	12	(4,789)	(963)	
Proceeds from exercised warrants	13c	2,636	18,756	
Share issue costs	13b	(2,720)	(1,017)	
Credit Facility interest payments	9	(2,751)		
Proceeds from exercised stock options	13d	1,509	2,026	
Gold stream payments	10	(1,732)	,	
Issue Discount on Credit Facility Drawdown	9	(500)	(1,464)	
Credit Facility drawdown transaction costs	9	(91)		
Production Payments	9	(277)		
Net cash provided by financing activities		59,989	105,238	
Effect of foreign exchange on cash		(38)	1,085	
Net (Decrease) Increase in Cash		(36,456)	(25,372)	
Cash - Beginning of the year		44,906	70,278	
Cash - End of the year		\$ 8,450	\$ 44,906	

**Supplemental Cash Flow Information** (Note 24)

<sup>-</sup> See Accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements -

#### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

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#### 1. GENERAL INFORMATION AND GOING CONCERN

Pure Gold Mining Inc. ("Pure Gold" or the "Company"), is a publicly listed company incorporated and domiciled in Canada. The Company is listed on the TSX Venture Exchange ("TSX-V") under the symbol "PGM." and the London Stock Exchange under the symbol "PUR". The Company's head office and principal address is located at Suite 1900 – 1055 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, V6E 2E9. The Company's records and registered office address is c/o McMillan LLP, 1500 Royal Centre PO Box 1117, 1055 West Georgia Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, V6E 4N7.

Pure Gold is in the business of the acquisition, exploration and development of gold and other precious and base metal properties in Canada. Currently, the Company's principal mineral property is the PureGold Mine Project ("PureGold Mine") located near Red Lake, Ontario. In March 2019, Pure Gold filed a technical report for a feasibility-study on the PureGold Mine, and in August 2019 the Company announced the Board of Directors approval of a decision to construct at the PureGold Mine. Commercial production at the PureGold Mine began on August 1, 2021.

These financial statements have been prepared on the basis of accounting principles applicable to a going concern which assumes that the Company will be able to realize its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of business for a period of at least twelve months from December 31, 2021. During the year ended December 31, 2021, the Company incurred a loss of \$34,916, used cash of \$16,798 in operating activities and at period end, the Company had cash of \$8,450 and a net working capital deficit of \$21,980. As a result of the Company's shortfall in expected gold production and therefore cash generated from gold sales during 2021, the Company obtained additional sources of funding through an amendment to its Credit Facility with Sprott Resources Lending Corp. (Note 9), as well as equity financings (Note 13b). Subsequent to December 31, 2021, the Company raised an additional \$31,200 through equity financings.

The Company will need to obtain additional sources of funding in order to meet its current obligations and to finance ongoing operations and development at the Pure Gold Mine for at least the next 12 months. The Company continues to pursue a number of options to improve its financial capacity. While Management believes the Company will be able to secure further funding, there can be no assurance that those efforts would be successful. These factors give rise to material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the Company to continue to meet its obligations as they come due and hence, the ultimate appropriateness of the use of accounting principles applicable to a going concern.

These financial statements do not include adjustments or disclosures that may result should the Company not be able to continue as a going concern. If the going concern assumption were not appropriate for these financial statements, then adjustments would be required to the carrying value of assets and liabilities, the expenses, the reported comprehensive loss and balance sheet classifications used that would be necessary if the Company were unable to realize its assets and settle its liabilities as a going concern in the normal course of operations. These adjustments could be material.

#### Notes to the Financial Statements

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#### 2. BASIS OF PREPARATION

#### **Statement of Compliance**

The Company prepares its annual financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IFRS"). The significant accounting policies are presented in Note 3 and have been consistently applied in each of the periods presented.

#### 3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The significant accounting policies used in the preparation of these financial statements are as follows:

#### a. Basis of Measurement

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for financial assets and financial liabilities measured at fair value. These financial statements have been prepared using the accrual basis of accounting, except for cash flow information. All dollar amounts stated in these financial statements are expressed in Canadian dollars unless noted otherwise.

#### b. Foreign currency translation

Items included in the financial statements are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Company operates (the "functional currency"). The functional currency of the Company is the Canadian dollar, which is also the Company's presentation currency. References to "\$" or "CAD" are to Canadian dollars, while references to "USD" or "US\$" are to United States dollars.

#### c. Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash, term deposits and short-term highly liquid investments with an original term to maturity of three months or less.

#### d. Short-term Investments

Short-term investments are comprised of cashable Guaranteed Investment Certificates (GICs) with original terms to maturity greater than three months, but less than one year.

#### e. Exploration and Evaluation Assets and Expenditures

The Company's policy is to expense, as incurred, exploration and evaluation expenditures until a mineral property reaches the development stage. Costs related to property acquisitions are capitalized. When it has been established that a mineral property is commercially viable and technically feasible, expenditures are reclassified to mineral properties and mine development costs within mineral properties, plant and equipment.

The establishment of the commercial viability and technical feasibility of a mineral property is assessed based on a combination of factors, including:

- (i) Establishment of a proven and/or probable mineral reserves demonstrating a positive financial return; and
- (ii) receipt of necessary permits.

Exploration and evaluation assets are tested for impairment immediately prior to reclassification to mineral properties. Upon disposal or abandonment, any consideration received is credited against the carrying amount of the exploration and evaluation assets, with any excess consideration greater than the carrying amount included as a gain in profit or loss.

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#### 3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### f. Inventories

Inventories include stockpiled ore, gold-in-circuit ("GIC"), gold doré, and materials and supplies inventory. The value of all production inventories includes direct production costs and attributable overhead and depreciation incurred to bring the materials to their current point in the processing cycle. General and administrative costs for the corporate office are excluded from any inventories. All inventories are valued at the lower of weighted average cost and net realizable value. Net realizable value is determined with reference to market prices, less estimated future production costs (including royalties) to convert inventories into saleable form.

Stockpiled ore represents mined ore on the surface or underground that is available for further processing. Stockpiled ore value is based on the costs incurred, including depreciation, in bringing the ore to the stockpile. Costs are added to the stockpiled ore based on current mining costs per tonne and are removed at the average cost per tonne of ore in the stockpile.

GIC inventory represents ore that is being treated in the processing plant to extract the contained gold and to convert it to a saleable form. The amount of gold in the GIC inventory is determined by assay values and by measures of the various gold bearing materials in the recovery process. The GIC inventory is valued at the average cost of the beginning inventory and the cost of material fed into the processing plant plus in-circuit conversion costs including applicable mine-site overheads, and depreciation.

Gold doré inventory is gold in the form of saleable doré bars that have been poured. The valuation of gold doré inventory includes the direct costs of mining and processing operations as well as direct mine site overheads and depreciation.

A periodic review is undertaken of material and supplies inventory to determine the extent of any provision for obsolescence. Major spare parts and standby equipment are included in plant and equipment when they are expected to be used during more than one period and if they can only be used in connection with an item of plant and equipment.

#### g. Mineral Properties, Plant and Equipment

Land is recorded at cost and is not depreciated as it has an unlimited useful life.

#### Mineral properties and mine development costs

Mine development costs consist of the PureGold Mine carried at cost, less accumulated depreciation. Costs of project development including gaining access to underground resources are capitalized to mineral properties. Once the mineral property is in production, it will be depleted using the units-of-production method. Depreciation is determined each period using gold equivalent ounces mined over the asset's estimated recoverable reserves and resources.

#### Plant and Equipment

Plant and equipment are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation. The initial cost of an asset is comprised of its purchase price or construction cost, any costs directly attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management and the estimated future cost of dismantling and removing the asset at the end of its useful life. The purchase price or construction cost is the fair value of consideration to acquire the asset.

Depreciation of plant and equipment commences when the asset has been fully commissioned and is available for its intended use.

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#### 3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### g. Property, Plant and Equipment (continued)

A majority of mine and site infrastructure assets, including buildings and roads, are depreciated using a unitof-production method over the life of mine. Depreciation is determined using gold ounces produced over the asset's estimated recoverable reserves and resources. The Company reviews estimated reserves and resources annually and when facts and circumstances indicate that a review should be performed. Changes to estimated reserves and resources are accounted for prospectively.

Depreciation of other assets, including those ancillary to the mine are calculated using the straight-line method to allocate costs over the estimated useful lives, as follows:

Asset class	Estimated useful life
Mine and mill equipment	10 - 20 years
Mine fleet and light vehicles	2 – 10 years
Office and computer equipment	3 - 20 years

When significant components of an asset have different useful lives, depreciation is calculated on each separate component. Each asset or component's estimated useful life has due regard to both its own physical life limitations and the present assessment of economically recoverable mineral reserves and resources of the PureGold Mine.

Depreciation methods and estimated useful lives and residual values are reviewed annually and when facts and circumstances indicate that a review should be performed. Changes in estimates are accounted for prospectively.

Expenditures on major maintenance or repairs includes the cost of an asset's replacement parts and overhaul costs. Where an asset or part of an asset is replaced, and it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will be available to the Company, the expenditure is capitalized and the carrying amount of the item replaced is derecognized. Similarly, overhaul costs associated with major maintenance are capitalized and depreciated over their useful lives where it is probable that the future economic benefits will be available and any remaining carrying amounts of the cost of previous overhauls are derecognized. All other costs are expensed as incurred.

An item of plant and equipment is derecognized upon disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected to arise from the continued use of the asset. Any gain or loss arising on disposal of the asset, determined as the difference between net proceeds on disposal and carrying amount of the asset, is recognized in profit or loss on the consolidated statement of loss.

#### Construction in progress

Costs recorded for assets under construction are capitalized as construction in progress. On completion, the cost of construction is transferred to the appropriate category of plant and equipment. No depreciation is recorded until the assets are substantially complete and available for their intended use.

#### Notes to the Financial Statements

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#### 3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### h. Borrowing costs

Borrowing costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of an asset that takes a substantial period of time to prepare for its intended use are capitalized as part of the cost of the asset. Capitalization of borrowing costs begin when there are borrowings, and activities commence to prepare an asset for its intended use. Capitalization of borrowing costs ends when substantially all activity necessary to prepare a qualifying asset for its intended use are complete. When proceeds of project specific borrowings are invested on a temporary basis, borrowing costs are capitalized net of any investment income. Borrowing costs directly attributable to the construction of the PureGold Mine have been capitalized within Mine Development Costs.

#### i. Impairment of Non-Current Assets

Mineral properties, plant and equipment and exploration and evaluation assets are evaluated for impairment by management at each reporting date or whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value is impaired and may not be recoverable.

For mineral properties, plant and equipment, if any such impairment indicators exist, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated to determine the extent of the impairment, if any. Where the asset does not generate cash flows that are independent from other assets, the recoverable amount of the cash generating unit to which the asset belongs is determined. The recoverable amount is the higher of fair value less costs of disposal and value in use. Fair value less costs of disposal is determined as the amount that would be obtained from the sale of the asset or cash generating unit in an arm's length transaction. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value. If the recoverable amount of the asset or cash generating unit is less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount is reduced to its recoverable amount and the impairment loss is recognized in the profit or loss for that period.

Past impairments are also considered at each reporting period and where there is an indication that an impairment loss may have decreased, the recoverable amount is calculated as outlined above to determine the extent of the recovery. If the recoverable amount of the asset is more than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset is increased to its recoverable amount and the impairment loss is reversed in profit or loss for that period. The increased carrying amount due to reversal will not be more than what the depreciated historical cost would have been if the impairment had not been recognized.

#### j. Provisions and Constructive Obligations

Provisions for environmental restoration, restructuring costs and legal claims are recognized when the Company has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events, when it is probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation and when the amount has been reasonably estimated. Provisions are not recognized for future operating losses.

Constructive obligations are obligations that derive from the Company's actions where:

- (i) An established pattern of past practice, published policies or a sufficiently specific current statement, the Company has indicated to other parties that it will accept certain responsibilities; and
- (ii) As a result, the Company has created a valid expectation on the part of those other parties that it will discharge those responsibilities.

#### Notes to the Financial Statements

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#### 3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### j. Provisions and Constructive Obligations (continued)

The Company records provisions for closure and reclamation based on the best estimate of costs for site closure and reclamation activities that it is legally or constructively required to remediate and the liability is recognized at the time environmental disturbance occurs. The resulting costs are capitalized to the related asset. The provision for closure and reclamation is estimated using expected cash flows and discounted using a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the liability. The capitalized amount is depreciated on the same basis as the related asset. The liability is adjusted for the accretion of the discounted obligation, the offset of which is charged to the statement of income (loss), and any changes in the amount or timing of the underlying future cash flows.

Changes in closure and reclamation estimates are accounted for as a change in the corresponding capitalized cost. Expenditures on rehabilitation projects for which a provision has been recorded are recorded directly against the provision as incurred, most of which are incurred at the end of the life of the mine.

#### k. Leases

At inception of a contract, the Company assesses whether a contract is, or contains, a lease. A contract is, or contains, a lease if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset of a period of time in exchange for consideration. To assess whether a contract conveys the right to control the user of an identified asset, the Company assesses whether:

- I. the contract involves the use of an identified asset
- II. the Company has the right to obtain substantially all of the economic benefits from use of the asset throughout the period of use; and
- III. the Company has the right to direct the use of the asset

The Company recognizes a right-of-use asset and a lease liability at the lease commencement date. The right-of-use asset is initially measured at cost, which comprises the initial amount of the lease liability, plus any initial direct costs incurred and an estimate of costs to dismantle and remove the underlying asset or to restore the underlying asset or the site on which it is located, less any lease incentives received. The right-of-use asset is subsequently depreciated on a straight-line basis from the commencement date to the earlier of the end of the useful life of the right-of-use asset or the end of the lease term. If the lease transfers ownership of the underlying asset to the Company by the end of the lease term or if the cost of the right-of-use asset reflects that the Company will exercise a purchase option, the right-of-use asset is depreciated from the commencement date to the end of the useful life of the underlying asset.

The estimated useful lives of right-of-use assets are determined on the same basis as those of property, plant and equipment assets. In addition, the right-of-use asset is periodically reduced by impairment losses, if any, and adjusted for certain re-measurements of the lease liability.

The lease liability is initially measured at the present value of the lease payments that are not paid at the commencement date, discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease or, if that rate cannot be readily determined, the Company's incremental borrowing rate. The lease liability is measured at amortized cost using the effective interest rate method, and is re-measured when there is a change in future lease payments. When the lease liability is re-measured, a corresponding adjustment is made to the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset, or is recorded in profit or loss if the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset has been reduced to zero.

#### Notes to the Financial Statements

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#### 3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### k. Leases (continued)

The Company presents right-of-use assets in 'property, plant & equipment', and lease liabilities in 'lease liabilities' in the statement of financial position. Payments associated with short-term leases and leases of low-value assets are recognised on a straight-line basis as an expense in profit or loss. Short-term leases are leases with a lease term of 12 months or less.

#### I. Financial Instruments

#### Measurement - initial recognition

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognized in the consolidated statements of financial position when we become a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. On initial recognition, the Company measures a financial asset and financial liability at its fair value plus, in the case of a financial asset and liability not at FVTPL, transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition of the financial instrument. The directly attributable transaction costs of financial assets and liabilities classified as at FVTPL are expensed in the period in which they are incurred.

#### Measurement - subsequent recognition

Subsequent measurement of financial assets and liabilities depends on the classifications of such assets and liabilities.

#### (i) Classification of Financial Assets

Financial assets are classified after initial recognition as measured at amortized cost, FVTPL, or fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVOCI").

#### Amortized cost:

Financial assets that meet the following conditions are measured subsequently at amortized cost:

- a) The financial asset is held within a business model whose objective is to hold financial assets in order to collect contractual cash flows, and
- b) The contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

The amortized cost of a financial asset is the amount at which the financial asset is measured at initial recognition minus the principal repayments, plus the cumulative amortization using the effective interest method of any difference between that initial amount and the maturity amount, adjusted for any loss allowance. Interest income is recognized using the effective interest method.

The Company's financial assets classified as subsequently measured at amortized cost include cash, short-term investments, interest and other receivables, and deposits.

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#### 3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### I. Financial Instruments (continued)

#### (ii) Classification of Financial Liabilities

Financial liabilities that are not contingent consideration in a business combination, held for trading or designated as FVTPL, are measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method.

The Company's financial liabilities classified as subsequently measured at amortized cost include accounts payable, accrued and other liabilities and loans and borrowings, which includes the Company's credit facility, and production payment agreement. The Company's financial liabilities classified as FVTPL include the derivative liabilities relating to the Company's credit facility, as well as the gold stream. Financial liabilities are classified as current or non-current based on their maturity date.

Transaction costs directly attributable to the issuance of the Credit Facility and PPA are capitalized and expensed using the effective interest rate method. Transaction costs directly attributable to the Gold Stream obligation were expensed through profit or loss.

#### (iii) Derivative liabilities

Derivatives are classified as FVTPL and initially recognized at their fair value on the date the derivative contract is entered into and transaction costs are expensed. Derivatives are subsequently re-measured at their fair value at each statement of financial position date with changes in fair value recognized in net income or loss. Fair values for derivative instruments are determined using valuation techniques, with assumptions based on market conditions existing at the statement of financial position date or settlement date of the derivative.

Derivatives embedded in financial liabilities or non-financial host contracts are treated as separate derivatives when their risks and characteristics are not closely related to their host contracts.

The Company's gold stream agreement with Sprott Resource Lending Corp. (the "Gold Stream") (Note 9), allows the Company to net settle the obligation. As such, for accounting purposes, the Company determined that the Gold Stream obligation represents a standalone derivative obligation.

#### m. Share Capital

The Company records in share capital proceeds from share issuances, net of issue costs and any tax effects. The fair value of common shares issued as consideration for exploration and evaluation assets is based on the trading price of those shares on the TSX-V on the date the shares are issued. Proceeds from unit placements are allocated between shares and warrants issued according to their relative fair value.

#### n. Flow-Through Shares

The Company will from time to time, issue flow-through common shares to finance Canadian exploration program. Pursuant to the terms of the flow-through share agreements, these shares transfer the tax deductibility of qualifying resource expenditures to investors. On issuance, the Company bifurcates the flow-through share into: i) a flow-through share premium, equal to the estimated premium, if any, investors pay for the flow-through feature, which is recognized as a liability, and ii) share capital. Upon filing of the required forms with the Government of Canada to renounce the tax deductibility of qualifying resource expenditures to investors, the Company derecognizes the liability to the extent the qualifying resource expenditures have been made as of that date and recognizes a deferred tax recovery for the amount of the tax reduction renounced to the shareholders that relates to the qualifying expenditures made.

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#### 3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### n. Flow-Through Shares (continued)

Proceeds received from the issuance of flow-through shares are restricted to be used only for Canadian resource property exploration expenditures within a two-year period. The portion of the proceeds received but not yet expended at a statement of financial position date is disclosed separately as flow-through expenditure commitments. The Company is also subject to Part XII.6 tax on flow-through proceeds renounced under the Look-back Rule, in accordance with Government of Canada flow-through regulations. When applicable, this tax is accrued as an expense until paid.

#### o. Share-Based Payments

The Company grants stock options to buy common shares of the Company to directors, officers, employees and consultants. Share-based payments to employees and others providing similar services are measured at the fair value of the instruments issued and amortized over the vesting periods. Share-based payments to non-employees are measured at the fair value of the goods or services received or the fair value of the equity instruments issued if it is determined the fair value of the goods or services cannot be reliably measured, and are recorded at the date the goods or services are received. The offset to the recorded cost is to equity reserves. Stock options and other equity instruments issued as purchase consideration in non-monetary transactions are recorded at fair value determined by management using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. Consideration received on the exercise of stock options is recorded as share capital and the related equity reserve amount is transferred to share capital. Where awards are forfeited because non-market based vesting conditions are not satisfied, the expense previously recognized is proportionately reversed in the period the forfeiture occurs.

#### p. Loss per Share

Loss per share is computed by dividing the loss available to common shareholders by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. For diluted loss per share, the weighted average number of common shares used to calculate the dilutive effect assumes that the proceeds that could be obtained upon exercise of options, warrants and similar instruments would be used to purchase common shares at the average market price during the period. In periods where a net loss is incurred, basic and diluted loss per share is the same as the effect of outstanding stock options and warrants would be anti-dilutive.

#### q. Revenue recognition

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and represents amounts for mineral sales in the normal course of business. The Company produces doré which contain both gold and silver. The doré is further processed to produce refined metals for sale. The Company's performance obligations relate primarily to the delivery of mine production in refined form to its customers.

Revenue is recognized when control is transferred to the customer. Control transfers when a product is delivered to the customer, the customer has full discretion over the product and there is no unfulfilled obligation that could affect the customer's acceptance of the product.

Control over the refined gold or silver produced from doré is transferred to the customer and revenue recognized upon delivery to the customer's bullion account. Sales of refined gold are recorded at the spot price on the date of delivery to the customer's bullion account with payment received on the same day. Sales of silver are recorded at the spot price on the date of sale.

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#### 3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### r. Resource Tax Credits

The Company recognizes resource tax credit amounts when the Company's application for such credits is approved by the relevant jurisdiction or when the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured. Resource tax credit amounts are accounted for as a credit to exploration and evaluation expenditures in the statement of income (loss).

#### s. Income Taxes

The Company uses the statement of financial position method of accounting for income taxes. Under this method, deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to temporary differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted or substantively enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. Deferred income tax assets also result from unused loss carry forwards, resource related pools and other deductions. A deferred tax asset is recognized for unused tax losses, tax credits and deductible temporary differences to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which they can be utilized. Deferred tax assets are reviewed at each reporting date and are reduced to the extent that it is not probable that the related tax benefit will be realized.

#### 4. ACCOUNTING STANDARDS RECENTLY ADOPTED

#### Interest Rate Benchmark Reform - Phase 2 Amendments

The Company adopted Interest Rate Benchmark Reform — Phase 2: Amendments to IFRS 9, IAS 39, IFRS 4 and IFRS 16 (the "Phase 2 Amendments") effective on January 1, 2021. Interest rate benchmark reform ("Reform") refers to a global reform of interest rate benchmarks, which includes the replacement of some interbank offered rates ("IBOR") with alternative benchmark rates. The Phase 2 Amendments provide a practical expedient requiring the effective interest rate be adjusted when accounting for changes in the basis for determining the contractual cash flow of financial assets and liabilities that relate directly to the Reform rather than applying modification accounting which might have resulted in a gain or loss. In addition, the Phase 2 Amendments require disclosures to assist users in understanding the effect of the Reform on the Company's financial instruments and risk management strategy.

The Company's Credit Facility (Note 9) accrues interest at a floating rate equal to a base rate plus the greater of i) the London interbank offered rates ("LIBOR") and ii) 2.50% per annum, and has not yet transitioned to alternative benchmark rates at the end of the current reporting period. The Company is working with the lenders to assess the potential alternatives to the use of the LIBOR.

#### Accounting standards issued not yet adopted during the year

On May 14, 2020, the International Accounting Standard Board (IASB) published a narrow scope amendment to IAS 16 Property, Plant and Equipment – Proceeds before Intended Use. The amendment prohibits deducting from the cost of property, plant and equipment amounts received from selling items produced while preparing the asset for its intended use. Instead, amounts received will be recognized as sales proceeds and the related costs in profit or loss. The effective date is for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2022. During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021, the Company capitalized \$24,564 of proceeds received from gold sales. As a result of the adoption of the amendments to IAS 16, the Company will restate its comparative period balances, to reclassify the 2021 proceeds received from gold sales with associated cost of sales from mineral properties, plant and equipment, to mine operating loss on the statement of loss and comprehensive loss.

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#### 5. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING JUDGMENTS, ESTIMATES AND ASSUMPTIONS

In preparing its financial statements, the Company makes judgments in applying its accounting policies. In addition, the preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires the use of estimates that may affect the amounts reported and disclosed in the consolidated financial statements and related notes in future periods. These estimates are based on management's best knowledge of the relevant facts and circumstances, having regard to previous experience, but actual results may differ materially from the amounts included in the financial statements.

The following discusses the most significant accounting policy judgments and accounting estimates that the Company has made in the preparation of the financial statements including those that could result in a material effect in the next financial year on the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities.

#### **Key accounting judgments**

#### (i) Impairment of non-financial assets

Assets are reviewed for an indication of impairment at each consolidated statement of financial position date or upon the occurrence of events or changes in circumstances indicating that the carrying value of the assets may not be recoverable. The determination requires significant judgment. The review of impairment indicators includes consideration of both external and internal sources of information. Factors that could trigger an impairment review of mineral properties, plant and equipment include, but are not limited to, significant negative industry or economic trends including the price of gold, decrease in market capitalization, deferral of capital investments and/or future operating performance, cash flow generation, and production volumes.

Management has assessed impairment indicators for the Company's mineral properties, plant and equipment and has concluded that no impairment indicators exist as of December 31, 2021.

#### (ii) Commercial Production

Prior to reaching pre-determined levels of operating capacity intended by management, costs incurred are capitalized as part of mine development costs within property, plant and equipment. Depletion of capitalized costs for mining properties begins when pre-determined levels of operating capacity intended by management have been reached. The determination of when a mine is in the condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management (referred to as "commercial production") is a matter of significant judgment. Management considers several factors in determining when a mining property has reached levels of operating capacity intended by management, including:

- When the mine is substantially complete and ready for its intended use;
- The mine has the ability to sustain ongoing production at a steady or increasing level;
- The mine has reached a level of pre-determined percentage of design capacity;
- Mineral recoveries are at or near the expected production level, and;
- A reasonable period of testing of the mine, plant and equipment has been completed.

Commercial production is considered to be achieved on the first day of the calendar month following achievement of the above milestones. Once in commercial production, the capitalization of certain mine development and construction costs cease. Subsequent costs are either regarded as forming part of the cost of inventory or expensed. However, any costs relating to mining asset additions or improvements or mineable reserve development are assessed to determine whether capitalization is appropriate.

The Company achieved commercial production on August 1, 2021.

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#### 5. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGMENTS (continued)

#### **Estimates and assumptions**

The key assumptions concerning the future and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year, are described below. The Company based its estimates and assumptions on parameters available when the consolidated financial statements were prepared. However, existing circumstances and assumptions may change due to market change or circumstances arising beyond the control of the Company. Such changes are reflected in the assumptions when they occur.

#### (i) Decommissioning, Restoration and Similar Liabilities

Significant judgments and estimates are involved in forming expectations of the amounts and timing of future closure and reclamation costs. Decommissioning, restoration and similar liabilities are estimated based on the Company's interpretation of current regulatory requirements and constructive obligations and are measured at the present value of discounted cash flows for the estimated liabilities. Carrying value is determined based on the net present value of estimated future cash expenditures for the settlement of decommissioning, restoration and similar liabilities that may occur upon decommissioning of certain of the Company's assets. Such estimates are subject to change based on changes in laws and regulations and interpretations by regulatory authorities.

#### (ii) Fair value of derivatives and other financial liabilities

The valuation of the Company's derivative financial instruments requires the use of valuation techniques. Management uses its judgment to select a variety of methods and make assumptions that are mainly based on market conditions existing at the end of each reporting period. Changes in these assumptions and estimates result in changes in the fair value of these instruments and a corresponding change in the amount recognized in net income (loss).

#### (iii) COVID-19 Estimation Uncertainty

During the year ended December 31, 2021, the COVID-19 pandemic continued to impact global economic and financial markets, disrupting global supply chains and workforce participation. Many industries and business, including the Company, continue to be impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. To date there has been significant volatility in equity, commodity and foreign exchange markets and the global movement of people and some goods has become restricted. The Company continues to operate its business and proceed with operations of the PureGold Mine with carefully managed COVID-19 based restrictions designed to protect communities and employees, including quarantining, testing, ensuring physical distancing and providing additional protective equipment. There remains ongoing uncertainty surrounding COVID-19 and the extent and duration of the impacts that it may have on future production, cash flows and on global financial markets. In addition, the significant volatility in commodity and foreign exchange markets may have a material impact on the fair value of the Company's embedded derivatives in the Credit Facility and the Gold Stream.

#### (iv) Valuation of inventory

All inventory is valued at the lower of average costs or net realizable value. Management is required to make various estimates and assumptions to determine the value of stockpiled ore, ore in process and finished goods inventory. The estimates and assumptions included surveyed quantities of stockpiled ore, in-process volumes, contained metal content, recoverable metal content, costs to recover saleable metal and metal prices. Changes in these estimates can result in changes to the carrying amounts of inventories and mine operating costs in future periods.

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#### 6. AMOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Amounts receivable are comprised of the following:

	December 31, 2021		Decembe	r 31, 2020
Refundable goods and services tax/	\$	1,175	\$	4,017
harmonized sales tax				
Other receivables		16		622
Total	\$	1,191	\$	4,639

#### 7. INVENTORY

Inventory is comprised of the following:

	Decembe	r 31, 2021	Decemb	er 31, 2020
Ore in stockpile	\$	240	\$	1,550
In circuit metals		1,951		663
Finished goods		2,969		-
Total metals inventory		5,160		2,213
Materials and supplies		3,714		954
Total	\$	8,874	\$	3,167

During the year ended December 31, 2021, the Company had an inventory write-down of \$6,232 to adjust its metals inventory to its net realizable value (2020 - \$ nil). The adjustment was recognized to the Statement of Loss and Comprehensive Loss.

#### 8. MINERAL PROPERTIES, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Year ended December 31, 2021							
	Mineral						
	<b>Properties and</b>						
	Mine	Construction in	Plant and				
	Development	Progress	Equipment	Land	Total		
Cost	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)		
December 31, 2020	90,210	82,070	19,233	5,049	196,562		
Additions	77,881	20,985	9,090	-	107,956		
Proceeds from gold sales	(24,664)	-	-	-	(24,664)		
Capitalized borrowing costs	7,455	-	-	-	7,455		
Reclamation provision	(2,218)	-	-	-	(2,218)		
Transfers	(495)	(101,091)	101,586	-	-		
December 31, 2021	148,169	1,964	129,909	5,049	285,091		
<b>Accumulated Depreciation</b>							
December 31, 2020	-	-	(3,677)	-	(3,677)		
Depreciation	(1,831)	-	(6,223)	-	(8,054)		
December 31, 2021	(1,831)	-	(9,900)	-	(11,731)		
<b>Carrying Amounts</b>	·	·		·			
December 31, 2020	90,210	82,070	15,556	5,049	192,884		
December 31, 2021	146,338	1,964	120,009	5,049	273,360		

#### 8. MINERAL PROPERTIES, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (continued)

Year ended December 31, 2020								
	Mineral							
	<b>Properties and</b>							
	Mine	Construction in	Plant and					
	Development	Progress	Equipment	Land	Total			
Cost	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)			
December 31, 2019	29,329	7,663	7,869	5,049	49,910			
Additions	50,101	74,597	11,174	-	135,872			
Capitalized borrowing costs	5,735	-	-	-	5,735			
Reclamation provision	5,044	-	-	-	5,044			
Transfers	-	(190)	190	-	-			
December 31, 2020	90,209	82,070	19,233	5,049	196,561			
<b>Accumulated Depreciation</b>								
December 31, 2019	-	-	(1,095)	-	(1,095)			
Depreciation	=	=	(2,582)	-	(2,582)			
December 31, 2020	-	-	(3,677)	-	(3,677)			
Carrying Amounts								
December 31, 2019	29,329	7,663	6,774	5,049	48,815			
December 31, 2020	90,209	82,070	15,556	5,049	192,884			

Depreciation on assets used in the development of the PureGold Mine of \$2,345 has been capitalized and included in the carrying value of mineral properties (December 31, 2020 - \$2,338). Subsequent to the date of commercial production of August 1, 2021, all depreciation has been expensed to the Statement of Loss and Comprehensive Loss.

#### Mineral properties

Mineral properties consist solely of the 100% owned PureGold Mine. The PureGold Mine is located in the Red Lake gold camp of Northwestern Ontario. In June 2014, the Company acquired a 100% interest in the Newman-Madsen Property. The Newman-Madsen Property is considered part of the PureGold Mine.

Certain of the Newman-Madsen claims acquired are subject to royalty arrangements based on Net Smelter Returns ("NSRs") ranging from 0.5% to 3%. Of the known resources on the PureGold Mine, only the Russet South resources are subject to a 2% NSR which is capped at \$2,000.

In March 2017, the Company acquired a 100% interest in the Derlak Gold Property. The Derlak Gold Property is considered part of the PureGold Mine. The 11 claims acquired are subject to a royalty arrangement based on a Net Smelter Return ("NSR") of 3%.

The Company has a project agreement (the "Agreement") with Wabauskang First Nation and Lac Seul First Nation (together the "First Nations") with respect to the PureGold Mine. The Agreement provides for communication, cooperation, and collaboration between the First Nations and the Company, and establishes a framework for support for current and future operations of the PureGold Mine and defines the long-term benefits for the First Nations. Under the terms of the Agreement, the Company issued 500,000 common shares to each First Nation on August 19, 2019. At the time of issuance, the 1,000,000 common shares had a fair value of \$630.

#### 9. LOANS AND BORROWINGS

	Credity Facility	Interest rate floor derivative	Production Payment	
	(a)	(b)	Agreement (c)	Total
Loans and borrowings at January 1, 2020	14,213	704	4,097	19,014
Advance on Credit Facility	72,900	-	-	72,900
Deferred charges	(9,936)	-	-	(9,936)
Interest and accretion	4,359	-	514	4,873
Loss on change in fair value of derivative	-	8,129	-	8,129
Amortization of deferred charges	768	-	-	768
Foreign exchange gain	(2,954)	(557)	(105)	(3,616)
Loans and borrowings at December 31, 2020	79,350	8,276	4,506	92,132
Advance on Credit Facility	24,981	-	-	24,981
Deferred charges	(1,676)	-	-	(1,676)
Interest and accretion	10,362	-	468	10,830
Interest payment	(2,751)	-	-	(2,751)
Production payment	-	-	(277)	(277)
Change in fair value of derivative	-	(2,077)	-	(2,077)
Amortization of deferred charges	2,097	-	-	2,097
Foreign exchange (gain) loss	151	(10)	(15)	126
Loans and borrowings at December 31, 2021	112,514	6,189	4,682	123,385
Current	(7,644)	-	(537)	(8,181)
Loans and borrowing non-current	104,870	6,189	4,145	115,204

#### a. Credit Facility

On August 6, 2019 the Company closed a project financing package with Sprott Resource Lending Corp. ("Sprott") for the construction of the PureGold Mine. The financing package consisted of a) a US\$65,000 senior secured non-revolving Credit Facility (the "Credit Facility"), b) the Production Payment Agreement ("PPA") and c) the Gold Stream Agreement. The three elements of the financing were negotiated concurrently and accordingly were considered together in determining their initial fair values. At the end of December 31, 2020, the full amount of the US\$65,000 had been drawn.

In March 2021, the Company amended its Credit Facility (the "First Amendment") to increase the amount available to the Company by a further USD \$20,000. The Company received USD \$12,500 in April 2021, upon closing of the First Amendment, with Sprott making available an additional USD \$0.50 of aggregate principal amount, up to a maximum of USD \$7,500, for every USD \$1.00 raised by the Company within a period of three months from closing of the First Amendment. The First Amendment also provided for minor changes to certain working capital covenants. All other key terms and conditions of the Credit Facility remained unchanged. As a result of the equity financing completed during Q2 2021 (Note 12b), the remaining USD \$7,500 became available under the First Amendment and was drawn down in June 2021. In consideration of the First Amendment, the Company issued 714,229 common shares of the Company to Sprott, which on the date of issue had a fair value of USD \$874. These common shares have been accounted for as deferred finance costs, and proportionately included in the amortized cost of the respective drawdowns, and are amortized on an effective interest rate basis over the life of the Credit Facility.

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#### 9. LOANS AND BORROWINGS (continued)

#### a. Credit Facility (continued)

Security provided for the financing package with Sprott includes: a) general security in favour of Sprott, and b) a debenture of the Company charging all of its interest in the PureGold Mine Project in favour of Sprott.

Interest accrues on the outstanding principal amount of the Credit Facility at a floating rate equal to a base rate of:

- 6.75% per annum (during the period commencing on August 6, 2019 and ending no later than December 31, 2021 ("Completion Date") (subsequently amended, refer to "Second Amendment" below), and
- II. 5.50% per annum (at all time on and after the Completion Date)

plus the greater of (i) LIBOR and (ii) 2.50% per annum. All interest payable from August 6, 2019 until March 31, 2021 (the "Availability Period") was capitalized and added to the principal loan amount. At all times following the last day of the Availability Period, which was August 6, 2019 to March 31, 2021, all interest was payable in cash. Principal and accrued interest are payable quarterly from September 30, 2022 to March 30, 2026 and quarterly repayments range from 2.5% to 5% of the total amount advanced. The Credit Facility matures on August 6, 2026.

Upon completion as defined in the Credit Facility agreement, which will occur when construction is complete and the PureGold Mine Project has successfully completed an agreed completion test, the Company is required to pay additional interest on the outstanding principal amount of the Credit Facility in the amount of US\$1,463 payable, at Sprott's option, either in cash or in common shares issued at a deemed price equal to a 10% discount of the volume weighted average trading price of the Company's common shares as they trade on the TSXV for the five trading days immediately prior to completion.

In December 2021, the Company signed a second amendment (the "Second Amendment") to its Credit Facility, to amend certain working capital covenants as well as to defer the above defined Completion Date from December 31, 2021 to June 30, 2022. The Company's prepayment option (discussed below) was also amended from August 6, 2021 to January 1, 2023. In addition, the Company's quarterly interest payment owing on December 31, 2021 as well as the above noted additional interest payment of US\$1,463, was deferred to be paid in cash in February 2022.

The Credit Facility is accounted for as a financial liability subsequently measured at amortized cost under IFRS 9. All draws on the Credit Facility were subject to an issue discount of 2%. The issue discount, along with all deferred finance costs, have been proportionately included in the amortized cost of each of the drawdowns, and are amortized on an effective interest rate basis over the life of the Credit Facility. The weighted average effective interest rate of the drawdowns was 11.1% (2020 - 11.1%). Accrued interest has been capitalized as borrowing costs within mine properties, plant and equipment, until the mine assets are available for their intended use, which occurred on August 1, 2021, at which point, interest was recognized in the statement of profit or loss.

The Company may elect to prepay the outstanding principal balance in whole or in part provided that the Company makes such prepayment during the period commencing January 1, 2023 (formerly August 6, 2021, pre-Second Amendment), except with prior written consent of Sprott. If a permitted prepayment event occurs at any time on or prior to August 7, 2022, the Company is required to pay an additional amount equal to 3% of the amount of such prepayment if it is repaid anytime prior to January 1, 2023. Any prepayment after this date does not carry any penalty. The prepayment option has been determined to be an embedded derivative that is not closely related to the Credit Facility, and is bifurcated and accounted for separately. At each reporting period, the derivative is fair valued with changes in fair value recorded as an expense in profit or loss. As at December 31, 2021 this derivative has a nominal fair value (December 31, 2020 – nil).

As at December 31, 2021, the Company was in compliance with all covenants.

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#### 9. LOANS AND BORROWINGS (continued)

#### b. Interest rate floor derivative

The floating interest rate floor of 2.5% over the base rate was determined to be an embedded derivative that is not closely related to the Credit Facility, and as such was bifurcated and accounted for separately. At each reporting period, the derivative is fair valued with changes in fair value recorded as a gain or loss in the statement of profit or loss.

#### c. Production Payment Agreement

On August 7, 2019, the Company entered into a PPA with Sprott, whereby the Company received an advance payment of US\$3,982 from Sprott. Repayment of the advance will be completed through monthly production payments, equal to US\$0.01 multiplied by the number of ounces of gold sold during the period from August 6, 2019 until 500 ounces of gold has been produced (the "Participation Amount"). The Company has a right to terminate this agreement at any time upon payment of a termination fee equal to the outstanding Participation Amount multiplied by US\$0.01.

The PPA has been classified as a financial liability subsequently measured at amortized cost under IFRS 9. The Company recorded the PPA at fair value on inception, with directly attributable transaction costs being capitalized and expensed throughout the life of the PPA. The effective interest rate has been determined to be approximately 11.7% per annum. Interest incurred on the PPA has been capitalized as borrowing costs to mine property, plant and equipment, until the mine assets are available for their intended use, at which time interest is expensed to profit and loss.

#### 10. GOLD STREAM DERIVATIVE LIABILITY

	Gold Strear derivativ		
		liability	
Balance at January 1, 2020		37,614	
Loss on change in fair value		8,556	
Foreign exchange gain		(1,978)	
Balance at December 31, 2020	\$	44,192	
Loss on change in fair value		2,475	
Gold stream payments		(1,732)	
Foreign exchange gain		(220)	
Balance at December 31, 2021	\$	44,715	
Current		(2,408)	
Gold stream derivative non-current	\$	42,307	

The Company received a US\$25,000 advance (the "Deposit") on August 7, 2019 from Sprott as a prepayment for 5.0% of the gold production until 50 ounces of refined gold has been delivered, after which the Gold Stream reduces to 2.5% of gold production.

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#### 10. GOLD STREAM DERIVATIVE LIABILITY (continued)

For each ounce of refined gold delivered to Sprott in accordance with the Gold Stream, the Company will receive a purchase price equal to 30% of the London Bullion Market Association gold price in U.S. dollars quoted by the London Bullion Market Association (the "Gold Reference Price") at the date of calculation (the "Fixed Gold Price"). The Deposit amount is used to track the Gold Stream balance for commercial, but not accounting purposes. Until the date where the Deposit is reduced to zero, an amount equal to the number of ounces of refined gold sold multiplied by the difference between the Gold Reference Price and the Fixed Gold Price shall reduce the uncredited balance of the Deposit on the delivery date.

The Gold Stream has an initial term of 30 years from August 6, 2019. The term is automatically extended by successive 10 year periods as long as the life of mine continues for the PureGold Mine. If by the end of the life of mine, the Company has not sold to Sprott an amount of refined gold sufficient to reduce the Deposit to nil, then a refund of the uncredited balance, without interest shall be due and owing by the Company to Sprott.

Instead of accepting ounces of refined gold, at each outturn date, Sprott may instead require the Company to pay in cash, an amount equal to the product arrived at by multiplying the number of ounces of refined gold to be sold by the difference between the Gold Reference Price and the Fixed Gold Price.

The Company can elect to reduce the amount of remaining refined gold to be sold to Sprott to nil on June 30, 2022 by paying Sprott US\$38,000.

The Gold Stream was accounted for as a standalone derivative measured at fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL"). The Company considered whether the Gold Stream would qualify as an 'own use contract', whereby it would not require fair value accounting under IFRS. An 'own use contract' is one that results in the physical delivery of a company's non-financial asset. The Gold Stream failed to qualify under the 'own use exemption' as a result of the net settlement provisions within the Gold Stream agreement.

The fair value of the Gold Stream is calculated at each reporting date with gains and losses recorded in net earnings.

## 11. PROVISION FOR CLOSURE AND RECLAMATION

The Company has recognized a liability relating to its PureGold Mine and has determined that no significant closure and reclamation liabilities exist in connection with the activities on its other properties. The Company has calculated the present value of the closure and reclamation provision at December 31, 2021 using a pre-tax discount rate of 1.42% and inflation rate of 2.00% (December 31, 2020-0.67% and 2.00%, respectively). The estimated total future undiscounted, but inflation-adjusted, cash flows to settle the provision for closure and reclamation at December 31, 2021 is \$23,067 (December 31, 2020-\$23,528). The Company has estimated that payments will be made in 2032 (December 31, 2020-2032).

	December 31,	De	cember 31,
	2021		2020
Balance, beginning of the period	\$ 21,715	\$	16,509
New estimated cash flows and changes	-		5,241
in estimates			
Effect of changes in discount rate	(2,203)		(197)
Accretion on discounted obligation	238		162
Balance, end of the year	\$ 19,750	\$	21,715

#### 12. LEASES

#### a. Right-of-use assets

The Company leases assets such as office space, mobile equipment and equipment. These assets are classified as property, plant and equipment in the statement of financial position.

Balance – January 1, 2020	\$ 573
Additions	5,565
Depreciation	(284)
Balance – December 31, 2020	5,854
Additions	8,591
Depreciation	(1,636)
Balance – December 31, 2021	\$ 12,809

The Company's lease with respect to its head office premises is held and paid by Oxygen (Note 20) pursuant to the Oxygen Agreement (Note 20).

#### b. Lease liabilities

The following table relates to all leases identified under IFRS 16:

Balance – December 31, 2019	\$ 571
Additions	5,565
Principal payments	(963)
Finance charge	159
Balance – December 31, 2020	5,332
Additions	8,591
Principal payments	(4,789)
Finance charge	630
Balance – December 31, 2021	9,764
Less: current portion	(5,494)
Long term lease liability – December 31, 2021	\$ 4,270

Minimum lease payments in respect of the above lease liabilities and the effects of discounting are as follows:

	Up to	1 year	1 to 5	years	Т	otal
Minimum lease payments	\$	5,883	\$	4,394	\$	10,277
Finance charge		(389)		(124)		(513)
Total principal payments	\$	5,494	\$	4,270	\$	9,764

Total undiscounted lease payments excludes leases that are classified as short-term and leases for low-value assets, which are not recognized as lease liabilities.

For the year ended December 31, 2021, the Company recognized \$630 in interest expense on lease liabilities (2020 - \$159) of which \$272 was recognized in the statement of loss and comprehensive loss (2020 - \$159) and \$358 was capitalized to mine development within mineral properties, plant and equipment (2020 – nil). Subsequent to the date of commercial production of August 1, 2021, all interest expense has been expensed to the Statement of Loss and Comprehensive Loss

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#### 12. LEASES (continued)

The Company's lease with respect to its head office premises includes variable payments that do not depend on an index or rate. As such, these payments have been excluded from the lease liability. The Company expensed \$91 of variable lease payments during the year ended December 31, 2021 (2020 - \$108).

#### 13. EQUITY

#### a. Share Capital

The Company's authorized share capital consists of an unlimited number of common shares without par value.

#### b. Equity Financings

On October 15, 2021, the Company completed a non-brokered private placement whereby the Company issued a total of 3,307,619 units of the Company at a price of \$1.05 per unit for total proceeds of \$3,473. Each unit consists of one common share of the Company and one-half of one common share purchase warrant. Each warrant is exercisable at a price of \$1.36 per warrant, with an expiry date of April 15, 2023.

On September 28, 2021, the Company completed a bought-deal offering of 21,905,200 units at a price of \$1.05 per unit for gross proceeds of \$23,000. Each unit consists of one common share of the Company and one-half of one common share purchase warrant (each whole common share purchase warrant). Each warrant is transferrable and entitles the holder to acquire one common share of the Company until March 28, 2023 at a price of \$1.36 per warrant. In connection with the bought-deal offering, the Company paid the underwriters a cash commission equal to 5% of the gross proceeds.

On May 5, 2021, the Company completed a bought-deal offering of 11,348,700 Flow Through Shares (the "FT Shares") at a price of CAD \$1.52 per FT Share, for gross proceeds of \$17,250. In connection with the bought-deal, the Company paid commissions, legal fees and filing fees totaling \$1,200, and recognized a flow-through premium liability of \$3,405 (Note 22). In February 2022, the Company filed its renunciation forms for the qualifying expenditures, and as at December 31, 2021 had incurred all required qualifying expenditures.

On June 17, 2020, the Company completed a non-brokered private placement of 9,868,421 Charity Flow Through Shares (the "Charity FT Shares") at a price of CAD \$1.52 per Charity FT Share, for gross proceeds of \$15,000. In connection with the private placement, the Company paid commissions, legal fees and filing fees totaling \$1,017, and recognized a flow-through premium liability of \$3,257. In February 2022, the Company filed its renunciation forms for the qualifying expenditures, and as at December 31, 2021 had incurred \$9,500 of qualifying expenditures to date. The Company decreased its flow-through premium liability and recognized a deferred tax recovery of \$2,100 relating to the proportion of qualifying expenditures that had been incurred to date at December 31, 2021 (Note 22).

#### 13. EQUITY (continued)

#### c. Share Purchase Warrants

Details of share purchase warrants issued, exercised, expired and outstanding as at and during the year ended December 31, 2021 and the year ended December 31, 2020 are as follows:

		Weighted
	Number of	Average Exercise
	Warrants	Price (CAD)
Outstanding Balance – December 31, 2019	57,672,000	\$0.85
Exercised	(22,794,000)	\$0.85
Outstanding Balance – December 31, 2020	34,878,000	\$0.85
Issued	12,606,410	\$1.36
Exercised	(3,100,499)	\$0.85
Outstanding Balance – December 31, 2021	44,383,911	\$0.99

#### Exercise of warrants

In connection with the warrants exercised during the year ended December 31, 2021, the related fair value amount of \$350 (2020 – \$2,624) was transferred from equity reserves to share capital.

#### d. Stock Options

The Company has established a share purchase option plan (the "Stock Option Plan") whereby the board of directors may, from time to time, grant options to directors, officers, employees, consultants or technical and administrative company employees. Options granted must be exercised no later than five years from the date of grant or such lesser or greater period as may be determined by the Company's board of directors and in accordance with the policies of the TSX-V. The exercise price of an option must be determined by the board of directors and in accordance with the Plan and the policies of the TSX-V. Subject to the policies of the TSX-V, the board of directors may determine the time during which options shall vest and the method of vesting, or that no vesting restriction shall exist. The Company applies the fair value based method of accounting for options.

At December 31, 2021, the following options are outstanding and exercisable:

			Weighted	
	Weighted Average	Number of	Average	Number of
	Exercise Price	Options	Remaining Life in	Options
Expiry Date	<b>Options Outstanding</b>	Outstanding	Years	Exercisable
March 31, 2022	\$0.71	156,666	0.24	156,666
December 15, 2022	\$0.49	4,250,000	0.96	4,250,000
May 6, 2024	\$0.54	133,334	2.35	66,667
November 18, 2024	\$0.64	250,000	2.88	166,666
December 13, 2024	\$0.74	4,500,001	2.95	4,500,001
February 19, 2025	\$0.77	350,000	3.14	350,000
December 17, 2025	\$2.84	1,860,000	3.96	1,269,999
January 1, 2026	\$2.60	400,000	4.01	133,333
October 27, 2026	\$0.97	350,000	4.82	-
	\$1.04	12,250,001	2.46	10,893,332

#### 13. EQUITY (continued)

#### d. Stock Options (continued)

The options exercisable at December 31, 2021 have a weighted average exercise price of \$0.91.

Details of options granted, exercised, expired and forfeited during the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020 are as follows:

	Number of Options	Weighted Average Exercise Price	
Balance – December 31, 2019	19,855,000	\$0.49	
Granted during the year	2,605,000	\$2.41	
Exercised during the year	(6,351,664)	\$0.31	
Expired during the year	(350,000)	\$0.28	
Forfeited during the year	(115,001)	\$0.65	
Balance – December 31, 2020	15,643,335	\$0.86	
Granted during the year	1,050,000	\$1.77	
Exercised during the year	(3,180,000)	\$0.47	
Expired during the year	(575,000)	\$0.48	
Forfeited during the year	(688,334)	\$1.73	
Balance – December 31, 2021	12,250,001	\$1.04	

#### **Granting of Options**

The fair value of newly granted options are calculated using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. For all grants, the assumed dividend yield and forfeiture rate were nil and nil, respectively. Other conditions and assumptions for options granted in the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020 were as follows:

	Expected Life of	Exercise	Risk-free Interest		Weighted Average Black- Scholes Fair
Grant Date	Options in Years	Price	Rate	Volatility	Value
Feb 19, 2020	5.0	\$0.77	1.36%	50.94% <sup>1</sup>	\$0.35
June 24, 2020	5.0	\$1.54	0.38%	49.25% <sup>1</sup>	\$0.65
December 17, 2020	4.6	\$2.84	0.45%	41.75% <sup>1</sup>	\$1.01
January 1, 2021	4.6	\$2.60	0.39%	61.49% <sup>1</sup>	\$1.29
May 27, 2021	4.8	\$1.60	0.90%	53.25% <sup>1</sup>	\$0.72
October 27, 2021	5.0	\$0.97	1.42%	55.71% <sup>1</sup>	\$0.47

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Volatility was determined using the average historic volatility of the Company, calculated over the same period as the expected life of the option.

Options granted are typically subject to vesting provisions whereby one third vest one year from the grant date, one third vest two years from the grant date, and one third vest three years from the grant date.

During the year ended December 31, 2021, the Company recognized \$1,097 of share-based compensation (2020 - \$1,927), of which \$228 (2020 - \$475) was capitalized to mine development within mineral properties, plant and equipment, and \$869 (2020 - \$1,452) was expensed to the statement of loss and comprehensive loss. Subsequent to the date of commercial production of August 1, 2021, all share-based compensation has been expensed to the Statement of Loss and Comprehensive Loss.

#### 13. EQUITY (continued)

#### d. Stock Options (continued)

**Exercise of Options** 

The weighted average share price on the date stock options were exercised during the year ended December 31, 2021 was \$1.29 (2020 - \$2.25). In connection with these option exercises, the related fair value amount of \$1,041 (2020 - \$1,359) was transferred from equity reserves to share capital.

#### e. Deferred Share Units ("DSU")

The Company has established a deferred share unit plan (the "DSU Plan") whereby the board of directors may, from time to time, grant DSUs to non-employee directors of the Company. The DSUs vest immediately and can be redeemed by the holder during the period commencing immediately following a termination of the holders' position as a director and ending on the 90<sup>th</sup> day following such termination date. The current maximum number of common shares authorized for issue under the DSU plan is 3,000,000.

A summary of DSU activity during the period is as follows:

	Number of DSUs
Outstanding Balance – December 31, 2019	-
Granted	1,078,306
Outstanding Balance – December 31, 2021 and 2020	1,078,306

There was no DSU expense recognized during the year ended December 31, 2021 (2020 - \$2,990).

#### f. Restricted Share Units ("RSU")

The Company has established a restricted share unit plan (the "RSU Plan") whereby the board of directors may, from time to time, grant RSUs to employees of the Company. The board of directors may determine the time during which the RSUs shall vest and the method of vesting, or that no vesting restriction shall exist. The current maximum number of common shares authorized for issue under the RSU plan is 7,000,000.

A summary of RSU activity during the period is as follows:

	Number of RSUs
Outstanding Balance – December 31, 2019	-
Granted	1,134,930
Outstanding Balance – December 31, 2020	1,134,930
Granted	200,000
Exercised	(155,962)
Forfeited	(188,334)
Outstanding Balance – December 31, 2021	990,634

RSU expense for the year ended December 31, 2021 was \$1,216 (2020 - \$781) of which \$316 was capitalized to mine development within mineral properties, plant and equipment (2020 – nil), and \$900 was recorded within Share-based payment expense in the Statement of Loss and Comprehensive Loss (2020 - \$781). Subsequent to the date of commercial production of August 1, 2021, all RSU expense has been recognized in the Statement of Loss and Comprehensive Loss.

#### 14. REVENUE

Revenue comprised the following:

	Year ended	Year ended
	December 31,	December 31,
	2021	2020
Gold revenue – Spot sales	\$ 31,988	\$ -
Less: refining and shipping costs	(106)	
Total	\$ 31,882	\$ _

#### **15. COST OF SALES**

Cost of sales are comprised of the following:

	Year ended	Year ended
	December 31,	December 31,
	2021	2020
Labour wages and benefits	\$ 17,825	\$ -
Raw materials and consumables	8,187	-
Contractors	13,936	-
Site administrative costs	3,476	-
Depreciation and depletion	5,458	
Production costs	48,882	-
Change in inventory	(4,134)	-
Inventory write-down	6,232	
Total	\$ 50,980	\$ -

#### **16. CORPORATE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS**

Corporate administrative costs are comprised of the following:

		Year ended		Year ended
	December 31,		De	cember 31,
		2021		2020
Wages, consulting and director				
fees	\$	2,456	\$	2,536
Share-based compensation		1,570		4,946
Professional fees		1,325		1,801
Investor relations		728		1,182
Office costs		724		663
Corporate listing and filing fees		570		345
Depreciation		162		160
Total	\$	7,535	\$	11,633

#### 17. INTEREST AND FINANCING COSTS

Interest and financing costs are comprised of the following:

	Year ended	Year ended
	December 31,	December 31,
	2021	2020
Credit Facility interest expense	\$ 5,669	\$ -
Deferred transaction costs	167	-
amortization		
Financing fees on leases	272	57
Reclamation accretion expense	238	163
Total	\$ 6,346	\$ 220

Prior to the start of commercial production on August 1, 2021, Credit Facility interest expense and deferred transaction costs were capitalized to Mineral Properties, plant and equipment.

#### 18. EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION ASSETS AND EXPENDITURES

Details of the Company's exploration and evaluation expenditures, which have been expensed in the statement of income (loss) and comprehensive income (loss), are as follows:

	Ye	ar ended	١	'ear ended
	Dece	mber 31,	Dec	ember 31,
PureGold Mine <sup>(1)</sup>		2021		2020
Drilling	\$	2,404	\$	5,144
Geophysics and geology		746		862
Salaries, wages and benefits		293		291
Geographic modelling		120		-
Depreciation		87		87
Administrative and other		29		243
Expenditures for the year	\$	3,679	\$	6,627

<sup>(1)</sup> Subsequent to August 7, 2019, exploration expenditures at the PureGold Mine relate to expenditures on satellite deposits that were not part of the original PureGold Mine feasibility study and for which the technical feasibility and commercial viability have not yet been determined.

#### Van Horne Property, Ontario

The Company has an option agreement with KG Exploration Canada Inc. ("Kinross") a subsidiary of Kinross Gold Corp. whereby Kinross has the option to acquire up to a 70% interest in the Company's Van Horne property. To earn its 70% interest Kinross must spend a total of \$4,000 on Van Horne over a four year period, commencing March 2018, with a committed minimum of \$750 in year one (completed), and pay the Company \$100 (completed). Kinross may also satisfy the expenditures by making a cash payment to the Company. During the first quarter of 2021, Kinross provided notice to the Company that it had completed it's earn-in to 70% of the project.

<sup>(2)</sup> Other properties include Van Horne and generative projects.

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#### 19. INCOME TAXES

**a.** The income tax provision for the year ended December 31, 2021 differs from the amount that would have resulted from applying combined Canadian federal and provincial income tax rates of 27% (2020 – 27%).

Year ended December 31,	2021		2020
Loss before income taxes	\$	(36,989)	\$ (27,803)
Statutory Canadian federal and provincial tax rates		27%	27%
Expected tax recovery		(9,987)	(7,506)
Adjustments:			
Flow through shares		2,720	1,397
Flow through premium liabilities		(2,073)	(850)
Permanent differences		849	1,331
Difference in tax rates		195	920
Benefit not recognized and other		6,223	3,859
Income tax (recovery) expense	\$	(2,073)	\$ (850)

**b.** Deferred income taxes arise from temporary differences in the recognition of income and expenses for financial and tax purposes. The Company has no net deferred tax assets and (liabilities). The deferred tax assets that have been applied against the deferred tax (liabilities) are as follows:

	2021	2020
Mineral properties	\$ (30,086)	\$ (5,649)
Non capital loss carried forward	30,086	5,649
Recognized deferred tax asset and liabilities	\$ -	\$ -

**c.** The following are deferred income tax assets, the benefits of which have not been recognized at December 31, 2021 and 2020:

	20	)21	2	.020
Non-capital loss carry-forwards	\$	22,226	\$	16,708
Share issuance and other financing costs		8,215		6,651
Reclamation provision		5,367		5,863
Exploration and evaluation assets		-		-
Total deferred tax assets	\$	35,808	\$	29,222

**d.** The Company has non-capital losses which may be applied to reduce future year's taxable income. At December 31, 2021, the non-capital losses amounted to \$193,747 (2020 – \$82,707) which will expire between the years 2025 and 2041.

There are no income taxes owing by the Company at December 31, 2021.

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#### 20. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

#### Oxygen Capital Corp ("Oxygen").

Oxygen is a private company partially owned by one director and one officer of the Company. Oxygen provides technical and administrative services to the Company under an Amended Technical and Administrative Services Agreement (the "Oxygen Agreement") at cost, including providing some staff who are seconded to the Company, office facilities and other administrative functions. As at December 31, 2021, Oxygen holds a refundable deposit of \$396 on behalf of the Company (December 31, 2020 - \$396). During the year ended December 31, 2021, a total of \$1,886 (2020 - \$1,813) was paid or accrued to Oxygen as a reimbursement of costs incurred by Oxygen on behalf of the Company. As at December 31, 2021, the Company has a payable amount to Oxygen of \$293 (December 31, 2020 - \$144).

The Oxygen Agreement may be terminated by either party giving at least 180 days' prior written notice of such termination. Upon termination, by the Company, of the Oxygen Agreement, the Company shall pay to Oxygen an amount equal to the average general and administrative monthly costs incurred under the Agreement for the previous six month period, the Company's share of committed lease costs, any employee termination fees due under the Agreement as a result of the termination as such term is defined under the Agreement, and the Company's share of any contractual obligations entered into on its behalf by Oxygen.

#### Compensation of key management personnel

Key management includes members of the Board, the President and Chief Executive Officer, the VP of Exploration, the VP of Operations, the Chief Financial Officer, and the Corporate Secretary. The total compensation paid or payable to key management for employee services directly or via Oxygen is as follows:

	,	Year ended	Year ended
	De	cember 31,	ecember 31,
		2021	2020
Salaries and other short-	\$	1,710	\$ 1,647
term employee benefits			
Directors fees		465	548
Share-based compensation		2,042	5,220
Total	\$	4,217	\$ 7,415

#### 21. SEGMENTED INFORMATION

The Company conducts its business in a single operating segment which is the operations of the PG Mine. All of the Company's exploration and evaluation assets are located in Canada.

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#### 22. COMMITMENTS & CONTINGENCIES

	Total	Within 1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5+
		year	years	years	years	years	years
Loans and							
borrowings	\$152,738	20,445	25,882	29,989	28,018	48,404	-
Accounts payable and							
accrued liabilities	\$22,606	22,606	_	_	_	_	_
Production	Ψ==,σσσ	22,000					
linked							
payments	\$6,016	536	1,030	1,433	1,704	1,313	-

As at December 31, 2021, the Company is committed to incur qualifying expenditures pursuant to the May 2021 and June 2020 financings (Note 12b). In respect of the May 2021 financing, the Company was required to incur \$17,250 of Canadian development expenses ("CDE"). As at December 31, 2021, all required expenditures in respect of the May 2021 financing had been incurred. In respect of the June 2020 financing, the Company must incur \$15,000 of Canadian exploration expenditures ("CEE"), before January 1, 2023. If the Company does not spend these funds in compliance with the Government of Canada flow-through regulations, it may be subject to litigation from various counterparties. As at December 31, 2021, the Company had incurred \$9,590 in qualifying expenditures relating to the June 2020 financing, with \$5,410 remaining to be spent in 2022.

#### 23. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

#### Fair value measurements

Fair value is based on available public market information or, when such information is not available, estimated using present value techniques and assumptions concerning the amount and timing of future cash flows and discount rates which factor in the appropriate credit risk.

All financial instruments for which fair value is recognized or disclosed are categorized within a fair value hierarchy based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement as a whole. There are three levels of the fair value hierarchy that prioritize the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value, with Level 1 inputs having the highest priority. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below:

**Level 1** – Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for identical, unrestricted assets or liabilities.

**Level 2** – Quoted prices in markets that are not active, or inputs that are observable, either directly or indirectly, for substantially the full term of the asset or liability; and

**Level 3** – Prices or valuation techniques that require inputs that are both significant to the fair value measurement and unobservable (supported by little or no market activity).

At December 31, 2021, the carrying amounts of cash, short-term investments, deposits, accounts payable and accrued liabilities are considered to be a reasonable approximation of their fair values, due to their short-term nature.

#### 23. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

#### Fair value measurements (continued)

	December 31, 2021				December 31, 2020			020
	Carrying			С	arrying			
	a	mount	F	air value	а	mount	Fa	ir value
Credit Facility	\$	112,514	\$	113,228	\$	87,626	\$	88,936
Production Payment Agreement		4,682		4,592		4,507		4,722
Interest rate floor derivative		6,189		6,188		8,275		8,275
Gold stream derivative liabilities	\$	44,715	\$	44,715	\$	44,192	\$	44,192

At December 31, 2021 the fair values of the embedded derivatives in the Credit Facility and the Gold Stream were determined using Level 3 inputs.

The fair value of the embedded derivatives in the Credit Facility was determined using the Hull-White valuation model. Key inputs include: the US dollar swap curve and the Company's credit spread and the Company's life of mine production profile.

The fair value of the Gold Stream was determined using a discounted cash flow model. Components to fair value at each reporting date include:

- Change in the risk-free interest rate
- Change in the Company's credit spread
- Change in any expected ounces to be delivered
- Change in expected future metal prices
- Life of mine production profile

A 1% change in discount rate would have a \$1,492 impact on the fair value of the Gold Stream derivative. A 1% change in gold price would have a \$44 impact on the fair value of the Gold Stream derivative.

The Company's policy for determining when a transfer occurs between levels in the fair value hierarchy is to assess the impact at the date of the event or the change in circumstances that could result in a transfer. There were no transfers between levels in the fair value hierarchy during the year ended December 31, 2021.

#### 24. SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION

	Year ended	Year ended
Non-Cash Investing and Financing Activities	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
Recognition of lease liability	\$ 8,588	\$ 5,565
Change in estimate of provision for closure and reclamation	\$ 2,203	\$ 5,044
Shares issued in debt financing	\$ 1,086	\$ -

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#### 25. MANAGEMENT OF CAPITAL

Capital includes all components of shareholders' equity. The Company's objective in managing capital is to safeguard the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, to maintain a flexible capital structure which optimizes cost of capital at acceptable risk, and to provide reasonable returns to shareholders and benefits for other stakeholders.

The Company invests its funds in deposits and term deposits with major financial institutions and monitors capital by gauging cash available for use. The Company manages the capital structure and makes adjustments to it in light of changes in economic conditions, foreign exchange rates, and the risk characteristics of the underlying assets. In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Company may issue new shares or return capital to shareholders. Other than what has already been disclosed in Note 9 in respect of Loans and Borrowings, the Company is not subject to externally imposed capital requirements.

#### 26. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The Company's activities expose it to a variety of financial instrument related risks. The Board provides oversight for the Company's risk management processes. The type of risk exposure and the way in which such exposure is managed is explained as follows:

#### **Credit Risk**

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will fail to discharge an obligation and cause the other party to incur a financial loss. Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to credit risk consist of cash, restricted cash, short-term investments and amounts receivable. The carrying amount of financial assets recorded in the financial statements, net of any allowances for losses, represents the maximum exposure to credit risk.

The Company deposits its cash, restricted cash and short-term investments with high credit quality major Canadian financial institutions as determined by ratings agencies. The Company does not invest in asset-backed deposits or investments and does not expect any credit losses.

#### **Liquidity Risk**

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company cannot meet its obligations as they fall due. The Company's cash and cash equivalents are invested in business accounts and term deposits which are available on demand. The Company manages liquidity risk by preparing and maintaining cash forecasts, which illustrate cash spent to date and its cash needs over the short term and over repayment dates into the future as it pertains to the Credit Facility. At December 31, 2021, the Company had cash of \$8,450 (2020 - \$44,906) and short-term investments and deposits of \$169 (2020 - \$1,493) to settle current liabilities of \$48,601 (2020 - \$34,812). Refer to Note 1.

#### **Interest Rate Risk**

Interest rate risk is the risk that the future cash flows or fair value of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates. Cash and short-term investments include deposits which are at variable interest rates. The Company does not believe it is exposed to material interest rate risk on its cash and short-term investments.

The Company is exposed to cash flow interest rate risk due to the floating rate interest on the Credit Facility. For the year ended December 31, 2021, an increase of 25 basis points in market interest rates would result in approximately \$34 in additional interest payable on the Credit Facility.

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#### 26. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

#### Foreign Currency Risk

The Company's functional currency is the Canadian dollar. The Company is exposed to currency risk on transactions and balances denominated in US dollars. The following table shows the impact of a 10% change in the USD/CAD exchange rate on financial assets and liabilities denominated in US dollars for the year ended December 31, 2021:

Cash	\$ (450)
Credit Facility	\$ 11,581
PPA	\$ 468
Gold Stream	\$ 4,330

#### **27. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

The following items occurred after December 31, 2021:

- i) On February 15, 2022, the Company completed a brokered and a concurrent non-brokered equity financing, whereby the Company issued a total of 58,948,000 common shares of the Company at a price of \$0.53 per common share of the Company for total proceeds of \$31,242.
- ii) On February 17, 2022, the Company granted 4,400,000 stock options and 2,600,000 RSU's to certain employees of the Company. The stock options have an exercise price of \$0.70.
- iii) On March 17, 2022, the Company granted 830,000 stock options and 939,100 RSUs to certain employees of the Company. The stock options have an exercise price of \$0.75.
- iv) A total of 75,000 stock options and 372,226 RSUs were exercised for total proceeds of \$37.