

**Cartier Resources Inc.**

(an exploration company)

*Consolidated Financial statements*

***Years ended December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021***



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Shareholders of Cartier Ressources Inc.

### **Opinion**

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Cartier Ressources Inc. (the "Entity"), which comprise:

- the consolidated statements of financial position as at December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021
- the consolidated statements of comprehensive income for the years then ended
- the consolidated statements of changes in equity for the years then ended
- the consolidated statements of cash flows for the years then ended
- and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies

(Hereinafter referred to as the "financial statements").

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the Entity as at December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021, and its consolidated financial performance and its consolidated cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS").

### **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 auditor's report.

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

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

### **Material Uncertainty Related to Going Concern**

We draw attention to Note 2 in the financial statements ("Note 2"), which indicates that the Entity is still in the exploration stage and, as such, no revenue has yet been generated from its operating activities. Accordingly, the Entity depends on its ability to raise financing in order to discharge its commitments and liabilities in the normal course of business.

As stated in Note 2, these events or conditions, along with other matters as set forth in Note 2, indicate that a material uncertainty exists that may cast significant doubt on the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

## **Key Audit Matters**

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2022. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

In addition to the matter described in the "**Material Uncertainty related to Going Concern**" section of the auditor's report, we have determined the matter described below to be the key audit matter to be communicated in our auditor's report.

### **Evaluation of indicators of impairment for mining assets and deferred exploration costs**

#### **Description of the Matter**

We draw attention to Notes 3.5, 3.11, 3.16 and 9 of the financial statements. The Entity has mining assets of \$8,881,140 and deferred exploration costs of \$28,748,090. The carrying amounts of mining assets and deferred exploration costs are assessed by the Entity for impairment when indicators of impairment exist, typically when one of the following circumstances apply:

- Exploration rights have expired or will expire in the near future;
- No significant future exploration expenditures are foreseen;
- No commercially viable quantities are discovered and exploration and evaluation activities will be discontinued;
- Exploration and evaluation assets are unlikely to be fully recovered from successful development or sale.

The Entity completes an evaluation at each reporting period of potential impairment indicators. If any such indicator exists, then the asset's recoverable amount is estimated.

#### **Why the matter is a key audit matter**

We identified the evaluation of indicators of impairment for mining assets and deferred exploration costs as a key audit matter. This matter represented an area of significant risk of material misstatement given the magnitude of mining assets and deferred exploration costs. This matter was of most significance due to the difficulties in evaluating the results of our audit procedures to assess the Entity's determination of whether the factors, individually and in the aggregate, resulted in indicators of impairment.

#### **How the matter was addressed in the audit**

The primary procedures we performed to address this key audit matter included the following:

We assessed that the Entity's evaluation of potential impairment indicators was consistent with:

- Information included in Entity's press releases, management's discussion and analysis, and other public filings;
- Evidence obtained in other areas of the audit, including the results of exploration activities and any updates to estimates of mineral reserves and resources;

- Information obtained from:
  - (i) Reading internal communications to management and the Board of Directors;
  - (ii) Inspecting publicly available information for changes in the price of applicable commodity prices.

We assessed the status of the Entity's rights to explore by discussing with management if any rights were not expected to be renewed and by inspecting government registries.

We considered the activities to date in each area to which the Entity has a right to explore by comparing the actual expenditures to the budgeted expenditures and available cash flow to meet these budgeted expenditures. We evaluated the Entity's ability to accurately budget the expenditures by comparing the Entity's prior year budgeted expenditures to the actual expenditures incurred.

We assessed if substantive expenditures on further exploration for the evaluation of mineral resources in each area that the Entity has a right to explore are planned or discontinued by inspecting budgeted expenditures and discussion with management on the Entity's plans.

### ***Other Information***

Management is responsible for the other information. Other information comprises the information included in Management's Discussion and Analysis filed with the relevant Canadian Securities Commissions.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not and will 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 and remain alert for indications that the other information appears to be materially misstated.

We obtained the information included in Management's Discussion and Analysis filed with the relevant Canadian Securities Commissions as at the date of this auditor's report. If, based on the work we have performed on this other information, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact in the auditor's report.

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 Entity'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 Entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Entity'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 the 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 Entity'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 Entity'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 Entity 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.
- 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.



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- Provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.
- Determine, from the matters communicated with those charged with governance, those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our auditor's report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this auditor's report is Marc-André Fontaine.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'KPMG LLP\*' with a long horizontal line underneath.

Montréal, Canada

April 19, 2023

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## Consolidated Statements of Financial Position

(In Canadian \$)

	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021
	\$	\$
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents (note 5)	6,973,515	6,200,786
Other short-term financial assets (note 6)	40,800	80,500
Receivables (note 7)	359,776	124,307
Prepaid expenses	73,014	66,928
	<u>7,447,105</u>	<u>6,472,521</u>
<b>Non-current</b>		
Property, plant and equipment	19,239	6,171
Right-of-use assets (note 8)	41,578	74,840
Mining assets and deferred exploration costs (note 9)	37,629,230	26,748,469
	<u>37,629,230</u>	<u>26,748,469</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>45,137,152</u></b>	<b><u>33,302,001</u></b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	869,210	211,934
Current portion of lease obligations (note 10)	36,030	39,416
Liability related to flow-through shares (note 18)	647,378	813,787
Current portion of loan (note 11)	40,000	-
	<u>1,592,618</u>	<u>1,065,137</u>
<b>Non-current</b>		
Lease obligations (note 10)	9,214	40,573
Loan (note 11)	-	40,000
Deferred income and mining taxes (note 17)	4,028,679	3,405,657
	<u>4,028,679</u>	<u>3,405,657</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b><u>5,630,511</u></b>	<b><u>4,551,367</u></b>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Share capital (note 12)	55,129,043	43,928,692
Warrants	443,800	-
Contributed surplus	3,818,810	3,592,816
Deficit	(19,876,668)	(18,822,947)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(8,344)	52,073
	<u>39,506,641</u>	<u>28,750,634</u>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b><u>39,506,641</u></b>	<b><u>28,750,634</u></b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b><u>45,137,152</u></b>	<b><u>33,302,001</u></b>

**Basis of preparation and going concern** (note 2)

**Contingencies and commitments** (note 18)

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

Approved on behalf of the Board of Directors

(Signed) Philippe Cloutier, Director

(Signed) Daniel Massé, Director

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## Consolidated Statements of changes in equity

(In Canadian \$)

	Number of shares	Share capital \$	Warrants \$	Contributed surplus \$	Deficit \$	Accumulated other comprehensive (loss) \$	Total equity \$
<b>BALANCE AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2021</b>	<b>218,145,393</b>	<b>43,928,692</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,592,816</b>	<b>(18,822,947)</b>	<b>52,073</b>	<b>28,750,634</b>
Net loss for the year	-	-	-	-	(1,053,721)	-	(1,053,721)
Other comprehensive loss	-	-	-	-	-	(60,417)	(60,417)
<b>Total comprehensive loss</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(1,053,721)</b>	<b>(60,417)</b>	<b>(1,114,138)</b>
Issuance of shares for acquisition of East Cadillac Property net of issue costs (note 12)	46,273,265	6,686,197	-	-	-	-	6,686,197
Issuance of shares net of issue costs (note 12)	50,401,386	4,514,154	443,800	-	-	-	4,957,954
Effect of share-based payments (note 12)	-	-	-	225,994	-	-	225,994
<b>BALANCE AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2022</b>	<b>314,820,044</b>	<b>55,129,043</b>	<b>443,800</b>	<b>3,818,810</b>	<b>(19,876,668)</b>	<b>(8,344)</b>	<b>39,506,641</b>
<b>BALANCE AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2020</b>	<b>215,883,962</b>	<b>43,304,392</b>	<b>75,004</b>	<b>3,129,088</b>	<b>(18,607,506)</b>	<b>104,573</b>	<b>28,005,551</b>
Net loss for the year	-	-	-	-	(290,445)	-	(290,445)
Other comprehensive loss	-	-	-	-	-	(52,500)	(52,500)
<b>Total comprehensive loss</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(290,445)</b>	<b>(52,500)</b>	<b>(342,945)</b>
Issuance of shares net of issue costs (note 12)	1,261,431	400,000	-	-	-	-	400,000
Effect of share-based payments (note 12)	-	-	-	563,028	-	-	563,028
Exercise of options (note 12)	1,000,000	224,300	-	(99,300)	-	-	125,000
Expired warrants (note 12)	-	-	(75,004)	-	75,004	-	-
<b>BALANCE AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2021</b>	<b>218,145,393</b>	<b>43,928,692</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,592,816</b>	<b>(18,822,947)</b>	<b>52,073</b>	<b>28,750,634</b>

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## Consolidated Statements of loss and comprehensive loss Years ended December 31

(In Canadian \$)

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	\$	\$
<b>Administrative expenses</b>		
Salaries	536,426	449,456
Consultants	8,156	6,133
Share-based payments-employees (note 12)	172,911	414,079
Share-based payments-consultants (note 12)	13,757	27,495
Professional fees	92,879	95,093
Business development expenditures (analysts and brokers)	257,870	166,481
Road shows and gold shows	78,308	14,893
Investor relations	141,322	80,136
Insurance, taxes and permits	25,951	21,545
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	2,780	660
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	20,784	19,668
Office supplies	46,157	27,720
Telecommunications	8,230	8,682
Training and travel	21,442	17,196
Advertising and sponsoring	18,143	12,970
Information to shareholder	39,686	39,779
Part XII.6 tax related to flow-through shares	20,209	-
	<u>1,505,011</u>	<u>1,401,986</u>
<b>Other expenses (income)</b>		
Sale of a written-off property option (note 9 (a))	(11,000)	(52,000)
Other exploration costs	55,406	21,003
Financial expenses (note 14)	12,302	18,212
Interest income	(109,540)	(38,575)
	<u>(1,452,179)</u>	<u>(1,350,626)</u>
<b>Loss before deferred income and mining taxes</b>		
	<u>(1,452,179)</u>	<u>(1,350,626)</u>
<b>Deferred income and mining taxes (note 17)</b>		
	<u>(398,458)</u>	<u>(1,060,181)</u>
<b>Net loss for the period attributable to shareholders</b>		
	<u>(1,053,721)</u>	<u>(290,445)</u>
Change in fair value of other short-term financial assets	(82,200)	(52,500)
Deferred income taxes	21,783	-
	<u>(1,114,138)</u>	<u>(342,945)</u>
<b>Comprehensive loss for the year attributable to shareholders</b>		
	<u>(1,114,138)</u>	<u>(342,945)</u>
<b>Loss per share</b>		
basic and diluted	<u>(0.00)</u>	<u>(0.00)</u>
<b>Weighted average number of common shares outstanding</b>		
basic and diluted	<u>267,489,020</u>	<u>217,420,126</u>

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## Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

Years ended December 31

(In Canadian \$)

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	\$	\$
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Net Loss	(1,053,721)	(290,445)
Adjustments for:		
Deferred income and mining taxes	(398,458)	(1,060,181)
Share-based payments-employees (note 12)	172,911	414,079
Share-based payments-consultants (note 12)	13,757	27,495
Write-down and write-off of mining assets and deferred exploration costs	(11,000)	(52,000)
Interests on lease obligations	1,080	979
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	2,780	660
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	20,784	19,668
Interest paid on lease obligations capitalized as mining assets and deferred exploration costs	(2,335)	(2,670)
Interest income	(109,540)	(38,575)
Interest paid	-	(979)
Interest received	109,540	37,518
	<u>(1,254,202)</u>	<u>(944,451)</u>
Net change in non-cash working capital items		
Receivables	(224,796)	(8,263)
Prepaid expenses	(6,086)	71,632
Accounts payables and accrued liabilities	49,606	24,560
	<u>(1,435,478)</u>	<u>(856,522)</u>
Cash flow used in operating activities		
	<u>(1,435,478)</u>	<u>(856,522)</u>
<b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Shares issue	6,020,160	-
Shares issue expenses	(210,599)	-
Exercise of options	-	125,000
Payments on lease obligations	(34,745)	(37,161)
	<u>5,774,816</u>	<u>87,839</u>
Cash flow from financing activities		
	<u>5,774,816</u>	<u>87,839</u>
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Disposal of property's option (note 9)	150,000	210,000
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	(17,553)	(2,840)
Tax credits received	-	882,997
Acquisition of mining assets and deferred exploration costs	(3,699,056)	(7,391,894)
	<u>(3,566,609)</u>	<u>(6,301,737)</u>
Cash flow used in investing activities		
	<u>(3,566,609)</u>	<u>(6,301,737)</u>
<b>Net change in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>772,729</b>	<b>(7,070,420)</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year</b>	<b>6,200,786</b>	<b>13,271,206</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year (note 5)</b>	<b>6,973,515</b>	<b>6,200,786</b>

**Additional information** (note 15)

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

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## Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021

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### Incorporation and Nature of Operations

Cartier Resources Inc. (the "Company"), initially incorporated under Part 1 A of the Québec *Companies Act* on July 17, 2006, has been governed by the *Business Corporations Act* (Quebec) since February 14, 2011. The head office is at 1740, chemin Sullivan, Suite 1000, Val-d'Or, Quebec. Its activities primarily include the acquisition and exploration of mining properties in Canada.

The Company has not yet determined whether these properties contain economically recoverable ore reserves. Although, at the current stage of the exploration work, the Company is taking all industry standard measures to ensure that the mining property titles in which it has a financial interest are in good standing, these measures in place do not guarantee property titles to the Company. Property titles may be subject to prior unregistered agreements or non-compliance with regulatory requirements.

The recoverability of amounts reported for mining properties and deferred exploration expenses is dependent on the discovery of economically recoverable reserves, the ability of the Company to obtain the necessary financing to complete the development and future profitable production, or the proceeds of the transfer of such property. At the date of the financial statements, the carrying value of mining properties and deferred exploration expenses represents, in management's opinion, the best estimate of their net recoverable value. This value could however be reduced in the future.

On April 19, 2023, the Company's Board of Directors approved these annual financial statements.

### 1. ACQUISITION

On April 7, 2022, the Company completed the acquisition of all of the issued and outstanding shares of Chalice Gold Mines (Quebec) Inc. ("Chalice Quebec"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of O3 Mining, which owns a 100% interest in the East Cadillac property contiguous with the Company's Chimo Mine property in the Val-d'Or Gold Camp, Quebec, Canada.

The acquisition of Chalice Quebec was completed in consideration for the issuance of 46,273,265 shares of the Company representing 17.5% of the common shares outstanding at the closing of the transaction, including the fair value on the date of acquisition is \$6,709,623. Issuance costs of \$23,426 were applied against the share capital.

On April 21, 2022 Chalice Gold Québec inc. changed its name to Chimex Resources inc.

Management has concluded that Chalice Quebec does not meet the definition of a business because the assets and activities acquired do not include a substantial process and there are no outputs, therefore the transaction was accounted for as an asset acquisition. The fair value of the shares issued as consideration was determined based on the market price of the shares.

The following table details the fair value of the total consideration transferred and the fair value of identifiable assets acquired and identifiable liabilities assumed at the date of acquisition of East Cadillac's property:

#### Fair value of consideration for acquisition

Equity consideration	\$
Transaction fees	<u>6,709,623</u>
	<u>180,126</u>
<b>Total value of consideration paid</b>	<b><u>6,889,749</u></b>
<b>Amount recognized as Mining Property</b>	<b><u>6,889,749</u></b>

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### 2. Basis of preparation and going concern

Cartier Resources Inc. and its subsidiary Chimex Resources Inc. (the "Company") are exploration companies with activities in Canada.

These consolidated financial statements were prepared on a going concern basis, using historical costs method, except for "Other short-term financial assets" and "Share-based payments" which are measured at fair value.

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, meaning that the Company will be able to realized its assets and discharge its commitments and liabilities in the normal course of operations. The Company's ability to continue as a going concern depends on its ability to realize its assets and to obtain additional financing. While it has been successful in raising financing to date, there can be no assurance it will be able to do so in the future. The Company believes it has sufficient liquidity to meet its obligations for the next 12 months. The Company has not yet determined whether its properties contain economically recoverable ore reserves and has not yet generated revenues from operations. The recoverability of the amounts shown for mining properties is dependent upon the existence of economic ore reserves, the ability of the Company to obtain the necessary financing to complete the exploration and development of its properties, and future profitable production or proceeds from the disposal of properties. The above conditions indicate the existence of material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern.

These consolidated financial statements do not reflect the adjustments to the carrying values of assets and liabilities, the reported amounts of expenses and the classification of statement of financial position items if the going concern assumption was deemed inappropriate, and these adjustments could be material.

### 3. Summary of accounting policies

#### 3.1. Overall considerations

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Standards Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB").

The significant accounting policies that have been applied in the preparation of these consolidated financial statements are summarized below.

#### 3.2. Principles of consolidation

These consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its subsidiary Chimex Resources Inc. A subsidiary is an entity over which the Company exercises control. The Company controls an entity when it has power over it, when it is exposed or has rights to variable returns arising from its participation in the entity and when it can influence these returns.

Subsidiaries are fully consolidated from the date control is transferred to the Company are deconsolidated from the date control ceases. All intercompany transactions, balances, revenues and expenses are eliminated on consolidation.

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## 3. Summary of accounting policies (continued)

### 3.3. Post employment benefits and short-term employee benefits

The Company provides post employment benefits through a defined contribution plan. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the Company pays contributions, established according to a percentage of the employee's salary, to an independent entity. The Company has no legal or constructive obligations to pay further contributions after its payment of the fixed contribution during the employment period. Contributions paid under the defined contribution rules are recognized as an expense when employees have rendered the services entitling them to those services.

Short-term employee benefits, including vacation entitlement, are current liabilities included in "accounts payables and accrued liabilities", and are measured at the undiscounted amount that the Company expects to pay.

### 3.4. Share-based payments

The Company has a share option purchase plan under which options to acquire the Company's common shares may be granted to its directors, officers, employees and consultants. The plan does not provide any options for a cash settlement.

Where employees are rewarded using share-based payments, the fair value is determined using the Black-Scholes pricing model at the date of grant. All share-based payments are recognized as an expense or in deferred exploration costs with a corresponding increase to "contributed surplus".

If vesting periods or other vesting conditions apply, the expense is allocated over the vesting period, based on the best available estimate of the number of share options expected to vest. Estimates are subsequently revised at the end of each reporting period or if there is any indication that the number of share options expected to vest differs from previous estimates. Any cumulative adjustment prior to vesting is recognized in the current period. No adjustment is made to any expense in prior periods if share options ultimately exercised are different from that estimated on vesting.

Upon exercise of share options, the proceeds received are credited to share capital. The fair value of each option is reversed from contributed surplus to share capital.

### 3.5. Mining assets and deferred exploration costs

The Company records its mining assets, including wholly-owned mining properties, undivided interests in mining properties and deferred exploration costs, at cost less certain recoveries.

Exploration costs are capitalized on the basis of each specific mining property or areas of geological interest until the mining assets to which they relate are placed into production, sold or allowed to lapse.

These costs will be amortized over the estimated useful life of the mining assets following commencement of production or written off if the mining assets or projects are sold or allowed to lapse.

General exploration costs not related to specific mining assets are expensed in the statement of loss as incurred.

The recoverability of the amounts recorded under mining assets and deferred exploration costs is dependent upon the discovery of economically recoverable reserves, the ability of the Company to obtain the financing needed to complete development, and future profitable production or proceeds from the disposal of these properties. The amounts shown for mining properties and deferred exploration costs are not necessarily indicative of present or future values.

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## 3. Summary of accounting policies (continued)

### 3.5. Exploration and evaluation expenditures and exploration and evaluation assets (continued)

Exploration and evaluation expenditures are costs incurred in the course of initial search for mineral deposits with economic potential. Costs incurred before the legal right to undertake exploration and evaluation activities are recognized in profit or loss when they are incurred.

Once the legal right to undertake exploration and evaluation activities has been obtained, all costs of acquiring mineral rights, and the expenses related to the exploration and evaluation of mining properties, less refundable tax credits related to these expenses, are capitalized as exploration and evaluation assets. Expenses related to exploration and evaluation include topographical, geological, geochemical and geophysical studies, exploration drilling, trenching, sampling and other costs related to the evaluation of the technical feasibility and commercial viability of extracting a mineral resource. The various costs are capitalized on a property-by-property basis pending determination of the technical feasibility and commercial viability of extracting a mineral resource. These assets are recognized as intangible assets and are carried at cost less tax credits related to these expenses and any accumulated impairment losses. No depreciation expenses are recognized for these assets during the exploration and evaluation phase.

Whenever a mining property is considered no longer viable or is abandoned, the capitalized amounts are written down to their recoverable amounts and the difference is then immediately recognized in net loss.

When the technical feasibility and commercial viability of extracting a mineral resource are demonstrable, exploration and evaluation assets related to the mining property are transferred to property, plant and equipment in Mining assets under construction. Before the reclassification, exploration and evaluation assets are tested for impairment and any impairment loss is recognized in profit or loss before reclassification.

At present, no technical feasibility or commercial viability of extracting a mineral resource has been confirmed.

Although the Company has taken steps to verify title to the mining properties in which it holds an interest, in accordance with industry practices for the current stage of exploration and development of such properties, these procedures do not guarantee the validity of the Company's titles. Property titles may be subject to unregistered prior agreements and non-compliance with regulatory requirements.

#### *Disposal of interest in connection with option agreement*

On the disposal of interest in connection with an option agreement, the Company does not recognize expenses related to the exploration and evaluation performed on the property by the acquirer. In addition, the considerations received directly from the acquirer are credited against the costs previously capitalized to the property, and the surplus is recognized as a gain on the disposal of exploration and evaluation assets or the sale of a written-off property option in profit or loss.

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## 3. Summary of accounting policies (continued)

### 3.6. Credit on duties refundable and refundable tax credit for resources

The Company is entitled to a credit on duties refundable under the Mining Duties Act. This credit on duties refundable on exploration costs incurred in the Province of Quebec is recognized as a tax recovery on income. In accordance with IAS 12- *Income tax*, the credits on duties are applied against the deferred income taxes in the statement of financial position when the Company expects to continue holding the mining property once ready for production.

Furthermore, the Company is entitled to a refundable tax credit for resources for mining companies on qualified expenditures incurred. The refundable tax credit for resources may reach 28% of qualified expenditures incurred. In accordance with IAS 20- *Accounting for government grants and disclosure of government assistance*, this tax credit is accounted against the qualified expenditures.

### 3.7. Income and mining taxes

The income and mining tax expense is composed of current and deferred taxes. Taxes are recognized in the statement of loss unless they relate to items carried in other comprehensive income or directly in shareholders' equity.

#### *Current income taxes and mining taxes*

Current income tax and mining tax assets and/or liabilities comprise those obligations to, or claims from, tax authorities relating to the current or prior reporting periods that are unpaid at the reporting date. The current income tax expense is based on the income for the period adjusted for non-taxable or non-deductible items. The mining tax expense is based on the income for the period for each mining site under production adjusted for non-taxable or non-deductible items. Calculation of current income tax and mining taxes is based on tax rates and tax laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period. Management regularly examines positions in tax returns where tax regulations are subject to interpretation.

#### *Deferred income taxes and deferred mining taxes*

Deferred income taxes is recognized in respect of temporary differences between the tax basis of the assets and liabilities and their carrying amount in the statement of financial position. Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are calculated, on an undiscounted basis, at tax rates that are expected to apply to their respective period of realization, provided they are enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period.

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### 3. Summary of accounting policies (continued)

#### 3.7. Income and mining taxes (continued)

##### *Deferred income taxes and mining taxes liabilities*

Deferred income taxes and mining taxes liabilities are generally recognized for all temporary taxable differences.

##### *Deferred income taxes and mining taxes assets*

Deferred income taxes and mining taxes assets are recognized to the extent that it is probable they will be able to be utilized against future taxable income.

Deferred income taxes and mining taxes assets are examined at the end of the reporting period and reduced when it is no longer probable that taxable income will be sufficient to recover some or all of the deferred tax assets.

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are not recognized for temporary differences resulting from the initial recognition of assets and liabilities acquired other than in a business combination.

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are offset only when the Company has a right and intention to offset current tax assets and liabilities from the same taxation authority.

Changes in deferred tax assets or liabilities are recognized as a component of the tax expense or recovery in the statement of loss, except where they relate to items that are recognized in other comprehensive income or directly in equity, in which case the related deferred tax is also recognized in other comprehensive income or equity, respectively.

#### 3.8. Basic and diluted earnings per share

Basic earnings per share are calculated by dividing the earnings attributable to holders of common shares by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. The Company uses the treasury method to calculate the diluted net loss per share. The diluted net loss per share is calculated by adjusting earnings attributable to common shareholders, and the weighted average number of common shares outstanding, for the effects of all dilutive potential common shares. The calculation considers that share options and warrants have been converted into potential common shares at the average market value during the presentation period.

The warrants and stock options have been excluded from the calculation of the diluted weighted average number of common shares since the Company incurred a net loss and their effect would have been anti-dilutive.

#### 3.9. Cash reserved for exploration

The Company raises flow-through funds for exploration under subscription agreements which require the Company to incur prescribed resource expenditures. These funds must be used for qualifying exploration expenditures for a pre-determined period. If the Company does not incur the resource expenditures, within a pre-determined timeframe, then it will be required to indemnify these shareholders for any tax and other costs payable by them.

#### 3.10. Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are comprised of cash, cash reserved for exploration and short-term investments with maturity dates of less than three months from the date of acquisition.

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## 3. Summary of accounting policies (continued)

### 3.11. Impairment of long-lived assets

#### Non-financial assets

The carrying amounts of property, plant and equipment are reviewed at each reporting date to determine whether there is any indication of impairment.

The carrying amounts of mining properties and exploration and evaluation assets are assessed for impairment at the end of each reporting period or when indicators of impairment exist, typically when one of the following circumstances applies:

- Exploration rights have expired or will expire in the near future and it is not expected that they will be renewed;
- No future substantive exploration expenditures are budgeted;
- No commercially viable quantities discovered and exploration and evaluation activities will be discontinued;
- Exploration and evaluation assets are unlikely to be fully recovered from successful development or sale.

At each reporting date, the entity performs an assessment of potential indicators of impairment. If such an indicator exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated.

The recoverable amount of an asset or cash-generating unit is the greater of its value in use and its fair value less costs of disposal. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset. For the purpose of impairment testing, assets that cannot be tested individually are grouped together into the smallest group of assets that generates cash inflows from continuing use, that are largely independent of the cash inflows of other assets or groups of assets (the "cash-generating unit", or "CGU"). The level identified by the Company for the purposes of testing exploration and evaluation assets for impairment corresponds to each mining property.

Mining properties and exploration and evaluation assets are also assessed for impairment upon the transfer of exploration and evaluation assets to development assets regardless of whether facts and circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of the exploration and evaluation assets is in excess of their recoverable amount.

An impairment loss is recognized if the carrying amount of an asset or its CGU exceeds its estimated recoverable amount. Impairment losses are recognized in profit or loss. Impairment losses recognized in respect of CGUs are allocated to the assets in the unit (group of units) on a pro-rata basis.

Impairment losses recognized in prior periods are assessed at each reporting date for any indications that the loss has decreased or no longer exists. An impairment loss is reversed if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the recoverable amount. An impairment loss is reversed only to the extent that the asset's carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation or amortization, if no impairment loss had been recognized.

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### 3. Changes to accounting policies (continued)

#### 3.12. Equity

Share capital represents the amount received on the issue of shares, less issuance costs, net of any underlying income tax benefit from these issuance costs.

##### Unit placements

The proceeds of unit issuances are allocated to the shares and warrants by using the Black-Scholes model to calculate the fair value of warrants and the residual amount to the shares.

##### Flow-through financing

Canadian tax law allows a company to issue investment securities to investors for whom tax deductions for exploration expenses may be claimed by investors and not by the Company. These securities are called flow-through shares. The Company finances a portion of its exploration programs through the issuance of flow-through shares. On the issue date of the shares, the Company allocates the issue proceeds between the share capital and the obligation to remit tax deductions, which is recognized as a flow-through share liability. The Company estimates the fair value of the flow-through share liability using the residual method, deducting the market price of a common share at the price of a flow-through share on the closing date of the financing. A corporation may waive tax deductions based on what is known as the "general method" or the "retrospective method". When the waiver of tax deductions is made according to the general method, which the Company intends to make the waiver and capitalizes the expenses in the current year, then the Company records a deferred tax liability, with an expense of deferred tax. At this point, the obligation is reduced, with a tax recovery as a counterpart. When tax deductions are retrospectively waived, the Company records a deferred tax liability, with a deferred tax expense when the expenditures are made and capitalized. At this point, the obligation is reduced to zero, with a tax recovery as consideration. The Company uses the general method.

##### Warrants

Warrants are classified as equity as they are derivatives over the Company's own equity that will be settled only by the Company exchanging a fixed amount of cash for a fixed number of the Company's own equity instruments.

##### Other components of equity

Contributed surplus includes charges related to share options until such options are exercised.

The deficit includes all current and prior years' retained profits or losses.

#### 3.13. Presentation and functional currency

The financial statements are presented in Canadian dollars, which is also the functional currency of the Company.

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### 3. Changes to accounting policies (continued)

#### 3.14. Financial instruments

##### *Classification and valuation of financial assets*

On initial recognition, a financial asset is classified as measured at: amortised cost; fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI); or fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL). The classification of financial assets is generally based on the business model in which a financial asset is managed and its contractual cash flow characteristics. Derivatives embedded in contracts where the host is a financial asset in the scope of the standard are never separated. Instead, the hybrid financial instrument as a whole is assessed for classification.

A financial asset is measured at amortised cost if it meets both of the following conditions and is not designated as at FVTPL:

- it is held within a business model whose objective is to hold assets to collect contractual cash flows; and
- its contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

A financial asset is measured at FVOCI if it meets both of the following conditions and is not designated as at FVTPL:

- it is held within a business model whose objective is achieved by both collecting contractual cash flows and selling financial assets; and
- its contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

On initial recognition of an equity investment that is not held for trading, the Company may irrevocably elect to present subsequent changes in the investment's fair value in OCI. This election is made on an investment-by-investment basis.

All financial assets not classified as measured at amortised cost or FVOCI as described above are measured at FVTPL. This includes all derivative financial assets. On initial recognition, the Company may irrevocably designate a financial asset that otherwise meets the requirements to be measured at amortised cost or at FVOCI as at FVTPL if doing so eliminates or significantly reduces an accounting mismatch that would otherwise arise.

A financial asset (unless it is a trade receivable without a significant financing component that is initially measured at the transaction price) is initially measured at fair value plus, for an item not at FVTPL, transaction costs that are directly attributable to its acquisition.

The Company made the irrevocable election to designate its investment in marketable securities as financial assets measured at FVOCI. As a result, changes in fair value will be recorded in other comprehensive income. When the financial asset will be derecognized, the accumulated gains and losses previously recognized in other comprehensive income will not be reclassified to net income as a reclassification adjustment.

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### 3. Changes to accounting policies (continued)

#### 3.14. Financial instruments (continued)

##### *Classification and measurement of financial liabilities*

Financial liabilities are classified into the following categories:

A financial liability is subsequently measured at amortized cost using the effective interest rate method. The Company currently classifies its trade and other payables and its borrowings as financial liabilities measured at amortized cost.

Financial liabilities at fair value are initially measured at their fair value and are revalued at each closing date, any variation being recognized in net income.

The Company derecognizes a financial liability when its contractual obligations are discharged, canceled or expired.

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset, and the net balance is presented in the statements of financial position, if and only if, the Company has an established right to offset the amounts recognized and if it intends either to settle the net amount, or realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

The following table summarizes the classification of different financial assets and liabilities.

Asset/Liability	Classification under IFRS 9
Cash and cash equivalents	Amortized cost
Other short-term financial assets	Fair value through other comprehensive income
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	Amortized cost
Loan	Amortized cost

#### 3.15. Leases

When entering into a contract, the Company assesses whether the contract contains a lease contract.

The Company recognizes an asset for the right of use and a rental obligation at the start date of the rental. The right of use asset is initially measured at cost, and subsequently at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses, and adjusted to take into account certain revaluations of the rental obligation. Right-of-use assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease and are recognized between mining assets and deferred exploration costs and the statements of loss and comprehensive loss, depending on their use.

The rental obligation is initially measured at the present value of the rental payments that have not been paid by the commencement date, discounted using the interest rate implicit in the rental agreement or, if this rate cannot be readily determined, at the Company's marginal borrowing rate. Generally, the Company uses its marginal borrowing rate as the discount rate. The rental obligation is then increased by the interest charge on the rental obligation and decreased by the rental payments made. It is reassessed when there is a change in future lease payments resulting from a change in index or rate, a change in the estimate of the amount likely to be paid for a guarantee of residual value or, where appropriate, changes in the assessment to determine whether a purchase or extension option is reasonably certain to be exercised or a termination option is reasonably certain not to be exercised.

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### 3. Changes to accounting policies (continued)

#### 3.15. Leases (continued)

The Company has chosen to apply the following optional exemptions available under IFRS 16: the exclusion of agreements with a term of 12 months or less or where the underlying asset is of low value, and the option not to separate the rental components of the non-rental components.

The Company has used its judgment to determine the term of the contract for certain leases for which an option to renew exists. The assessment of whether the Company is reasonably certain to exercise this option has an impact on the duration of the lease, which has a significant impact on the amount of the lease obligation and the right of ownership assets. use accounted for.

#### 3.16. Accounting estimates and critical judgments

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates, assumptions and judgments with respect to future events. These estimates and judgments are constantly challenged. They are based on past experience and other factors, in particular, forecasts of future events that are reasonable in the circumstances. The actual results are likely to differ from the estimates, assumptions and judgments made by management, and will seldom equal the estimated results.

The following paragraphs describe the judgments in applying accounting policies.

##### **Critical judgments:**

###### *Impairment of assets*

An impairment loss is recognized when the carrying amount of an asset is not recoverable and exceeds its recoverable value. Management regularly reviews the impairment assessment of its mining assets and deferred exploration costs. Each year, the Company performs an assessment of potential indicators of impairment. If there is such an indicator, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated (note 3.10).

###### *Income taxes and deferred mining taxes*

The measurement of income taxes payable and deferred income tax assets and liabilities requires management to make judgments in interpreting and applying the relevant tax laws. The actual amount of income taxes only becomes final upon filing and acceptance of the tax return by the relevant authorities, which occurs subsequent to the issuance of the financial statements.

### 4. New accounting method

As of the date of approval of these consolidated financial statements, several new standards, amendments to existing standards and interpretations of existing standards had been issued by the IASB but were not yet effective. None of these standards or amendments to existing standards have been early adopted by the Company. Management expects that all relevant pronouncements will be adopted on the first fiscal year beginning on or after their effective date. New standards, amendments and interpretations not adopted for the current fiscal year have not been disclosed, since they should not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

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### 5. Cash and cash equivalents

As at December 31, 2022 and 2021, cash and cash equivalents included an account bearing interest and an account without interest, as shown below:

	December 31, 2022		December 31, 2021	
	\$	Interest rate	\$	Interest rate
Account bearing interest	6,729,014	0.60%-4.05%	6,092,383	0.20%-0.60%
Account without interest	244,501	-	108,403	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,973,515</b>		<b>6,200,786</b>	

Cash and cash equivalents include \$3,107,418 (\$2,592,066 as at December 31, 2021) of funds to be incurred in eligible exploration expenses before December 31, 2023.

### 6. Other short-term financial assets

Marketable securities of a quoted mining exploration company, at fair value

	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021
	\$	\$
Balance at the beginning of the year	80,500	-
Additions (note 9)	42,500	133,000
Change of value	(82,200)	(52,500)
Balance at the end of the year	<b>40,800</b>	<b>80,500</b>

### 7. Receivables

	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021
	\$	\$
Credit on mining rights refundable and refundable tax credit for resources	38,949	28,276
Commodity taxes	320,827	96,031
	<b>359,776</b>	<b>124,307</b>

### 8. Right-of-use assets

	Building	Other equipment	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Balance as at December 31, 2020	108,104	3,736	111,840
Depreciation	(33,264)	(3,736)	(37,000)
Balance as at December 31, 2021	74,840	-	74,840
Depreciation	(33,262)	-	(33,262)
<b>Balance as at December 31, 2022</b>	<b>41,578</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>41,578</b>

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## 9. Mining asset and deferred exploration costs

	Chimo Mine	East Cadillac	Wilson <sup>(b)</sup>	Benoist	Fenton <sup>(c)</sup>	Total
<i>Ownership interest</i>	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Mining assets</b>						
Balance as at December 31, 2021	457,024		72,000	737,723	724,644	1,991,391
Additions (note 1)	-	6,889,749	-	-	-	6,889,749
<b>Balance as at December 31, 2022</b>	<b>457,024</b>	<b>6,889,749</b>	<b>72,000</b>	<b>737,723</b>	<b>724,644</b>	<b>8,881,140</b>
<b>Deferred exploration costs</b>						
Balance as at December 31, 2021	12,785,792	-	801,647	9,168,837	2,000,802	24,757,078
<b>Additions</b>						
Geology	87,723	215,175	-	13,667	45,160	361,725
Drilling	19,047	3,067,466	-	1,106	863	3,088,482
Geochemistry	-	95,460	-	(2,480)	-	92,980
Exploration office expenses	978	3,312	-	-	796	5,086
Geophysics	-	-	-	-	32,443	32,443
Surveying and access roads	4,564	67,651	-	-	-	72,215
Core shack rental and maintenance	297	2,551	-	252	214	3,314
Duties, taxes and permits	366,818	93,099	2,710	2,753	4,975	470,355
Depreciation of exploration leasehold improvements	334	1,183	-	-	188	1,705
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	2,193	8,509	-	-	1,776	12,478
Interest on lease obligations	267	970	-	-	18	1,255
Share-based payments - employees (note 12)	7,639	31,554	-	-	133	39,326
Option sale on properties (note 9 (b))	-	-	(181,500)	-	-	(181,500)
	489,860	3,586,930	(178,790)	15,298	86,566	3,999,864
Tax credits	3,000	(8,852)	-	(3,000)	-	(8,852)
<b>Additions during the year</b>	<b>492,860</b>	<b>3,578,078</b>	<b>(178,790)</b>	<b>12,298</b>	<b>86,566</b>	<b>3,991,012</b>
<b>Total deferred exploration costs as at December 31, 2022</b>	<b>13,278,652</b>	<b>3,578,078</b>	<b>622,857</b>	<b>9,181,135</b>	<b>2,087,368</b>	<b>28,748,090</b>
<b>Total mining asset and deferred exploration costs as at December 31, 2022</b>	<b>13,735,676</b>	<b>10,467,827</b>	<b>694,857</b>	<b>9,918,858</b>	<b>2,812,012</b>	<b>37,629,230</b>

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The Company is subject to royalties on certain properties.

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## 9. Mining assets and deferred exploration costs (continued)

	Chimo Mine	Wilson <sup>(b)</sup>	Benoist	Fenton <sup>(c)</sup>	Total
<i>Ownership interest</i>	100%	100%	100%	100%	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Mining assets</b>					
Balance as at December 31, 2020	457,024	72,000	737,723	24,644	1,291,391
Additions	-	-	-	700,000	700,000
<b>Balance as at December 31, 2021</b>	<b>457,024</b>	<b>72,000</b>	<b>737,723</b>	<b>724,644</b>	<b>1,991,391</b>
<b>Deferred exploration costs</b>					
Balance as at December 31, 2020	12,479,389	1,092,447	2,868,318	1,527,325	17,967,479
<b>Additions</b>					
Geology	90,130	-	171,052	74,651	335,833
Drilling	325	-	5,561,621	206	5,562,152
Geochemistry	-	-	280,359	15,088	295,447
Exploration office expenses	358	-	5,612	-	5,970
Engineering	144,959	-	-	-	144,959
Geophysics	-	-	116,151	293,788	409,939
Stipping	-	-	-	14,344	14,344
Surveying and access roads	-	-	20,468	74,146	94,614
Core shack rental and maintenance	199	-	3,112	-	3,311
Duties, taxes and permits	62,919	200	34,039	1,254	98,412
Depreciation of exploration leasehold improvements	100	-	1,560	-	1,660
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	1,040	-	16,292	-	17,332
Interest on lease obligations	160	-	2,510	-	2,670
Share-based payments - employees (note 12)	7,287	-	114,167	-	121,454
Option sale on properties (note 9 (b))	-	(291,000)	-	-	(291,000)
Total deferred exploration costs during the year	307,477	(290,800)	6,326,943	473,477	6,817,097
Tax credits	(1,074)	-	(26,424)	-	(27,498)
<b>Additions during the year</b>	<b>306,403</b>	<b>(290,800)</b>	<b>6,300,519</b>	<b>473,477</b>	<b>6,789,599</b>
<b>Total deferred exploration costs as at December 31, 2021</b>	<b>12,785,792</b>	<b>801,647</b>	<b>9,168,837</b>	<b>2,000,802</b>	<b>24,757,078</b>
<b>Total of mining assets and deferred exploration costs as at December 31, 2021</b>	<b>13,242,816</b>	<b>873,647</b>	<b>9,906,560</b>	<b>2,725,446</b>	<b>26,748,469</b>

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## 9. Mining assets and deferred exploration costs (continued)

- (a) On May 12, 2021, an option agreement with Delta Resources Limited ("Delta") was signed, Delta has the option to acquire 100% of the interests of the Dollier property, located 30 km south of the municipality of Chibougamau . During the 4 years option period, Delta will have the exclusive right to acquire 100% interest by issuing the Company a total of 600,000 common shares of Delta and incurring expenses of at least \$1,000,000 on the Dollier property.

Upon signing of the agreement, the Company received \$10,000 in cash and 100,000 common shares of Delta with a fair value of \$42,000. All the shares issued to the Company, within the framework of the agreement, will be subject to a statutory holding period of 4 months. In the event Delta acquires a 100% interest in the Dollier property, the Company will retain a production royalty of 2% NSR on the Dollier property, of which 1% will be redeemable for an amount of \$2,000,000 and the other 1% will be redeemable, by Delta, for an amount of \$15,000,000.

On the first anniversary date, May 25, 2022, the Company received 100,000 common shares of Delta with a fair value of \$11,000. This amount was recorded in the Interim Condensed Consolidated Statements of loss and comprehensive loss as the sale of a written-off property option.

The property Dollier was written off during the year ended December 31, 2015.

- (b) On April 26, 2021, an option agreement with Hawkmoon Resources Corporation ("Hawkmoon") was signed, Hawkmoon has the option to acquire 100% of the interests of the Wilson property, located 15 km east of the municipality of Lebel-sur-Quévillon . During the 5 years option period, Hawkmoon will have the exclusive right to acquire 100% interest by paying the Company an amount totaling \$1,000,000 in cash, issuing to the Company a total of 5,000,000 common shares of Hawkmoon, incurring expenses of at least \$6,000,000 and completing at least 24,000 m of diamond drilling on the Wilson property.

Upon signing of the agreement, the Company received an amount of \$200,000 in cash and 700,000 common shares of Hawkmoon with a fair value of \$91,000. The amount of \$291,000 has been recorded as a reduction of the cost of the asset during the year ended December 31, 2021. All the shares issued to the Company, within the framework of the agreement, will be subject to a statutory holding period of 4 months. In the event Hawkmoon earns a 100% interest in the Wilson property, the Company will retain a production royalty of 2% NSR on the Wilson property, of which 1% will be redeemable for an amount of \$4,000,000.

On the first anniversary date, April 22, 2022, the Company received an amount totaling \$150,000 in cash and 700,000 common shares of Hawkmoon with a fair value of \$31,500. The amount of \$181,500 was recorded as a reduction of the cost of the asset during the year ended December 31, 2022.

- (c) On April 13, 2021, the Company acquired from SOQUEM Inc. ("SOQUEM") all of SOQUEM's rights and interests (i.e., 50%) in a group of 14 mining claims located 50 km southwest of Chapais in consideration of \$700,000 payable as follows: (a) an amount of \$300,000 in cash and (b) the issuance of 1,261,431 common shares of the Company with a fair value of \$400,000.

In addition, SOQUEM transferred to the Company all of its rights and interests in a group of contiguous claims, thereby allowing the Company to hold 100% of the Fenton Property. In exchange, the Company granted SOQUEM a 1% net smelter return ("NSR") royalty on the property (the "Fenton Royalty"), which can be bought back at any time by the Company for an amount of \$1,000,000. The Company has a right of first refusal with respect to any future disposition to a third party by SOQUEM of the Fenton Royalty, subject to certain exceptions.

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## 9. Mining assets and deferred exploration costs (continued)

In addition, as part of this transaction, the Company has agreed to transfer to SOQUEM all of its rights and interests in a group of 39 claims comprising the Cadillac Extension Property. SOQUEM granted the Company a 1% NSR royalty on the property (the "Cadillac Extension Royalty"), which may be bought back at any time by SOQUEM for a consideration of \$1,000,000. SOQUEM has a right of first refusal with respect to any future disposition to a third party by the Company of the Cadillac Extension Royalty, subject to certain exceptions. The Cadillac Extension Property was written off during the year ended December 31, 2018.

## 10. Lease obligations

	<b>December 31,</b>	December 31,
	<b>2022</b>	2021
	\$	\$
Lease obligations included in the statement of financial position		
Balance at the beginning of the period	<b>79,989</b>	117,150
Interests	<b>2,335</b>	3,649
Payments	<b>(37,080)</b>	(40,810)
Balance at the end of the period	<b>45,244</b>	79,989
Current portion of lease obligations	<b>(36,030)</b>	(39,416)
<b>Lease obligations</b>	<b>9,214</b>	40,573
Maturity analysis – contractual undiscounted cash flows		
Less than one year	37,080	37,080
One to five years	9,270	46,350
<b>Total undiscounted lease obligations</b>	<b>46,350</b>	83,430

## 11. Loan

Loan of \$60,000 from the Canadian Small Business Emergency Account, interest free, repayable by December 31, 2023 with 33.33% write-off of the loan, up to \$20,000, conditional on repaying the loan at maturity by the Company. The Company recognized a gain related to this loan of \$20,000 during the year ended December 31, 2020, because it considers reasonable that the conditions required to recognize the gain will be met.

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## 12. Share capital

Authorized

Unlimited number of common shares, without par value, voting and participating

	December 31, 2022		December 31, 2021	
	Number	Amount	Number	Amount
		\$		\$
<b>Balance, beginning of the period</b>	<b>218,145,393</b>	<b>43,928,692</b>	215,883,962	43,304,392
Shares issued and paid				
Acquisition of East-Cadillac Property (Note 1)	46,273,265	6,709,623	-	-
Flow-through private placements (a) (b)	36,401,386	4,326,165	-	-
Renouncement of tax deductions on flow-through shares (a) (b)	-	(875,033)	-	-
Private placement (c)	14,000,000	1,376,200	-	-
Exercise of options (d)	-	-	1,000,000	224,300
Acquisition of properties (Note 9 (c))	-	-	1,261,431	400,000
	<b>96,674,651</b>	<b>11,536,955</b>	2,261,431	624,300
Share issue expenses (Note 1 and (a)(b) (c))	-	(336,604)	-	-
<b>Balance, at end of the period</b>	<b>314,820,044</b>	<b>55,129,043</b>	218,145,393	43,928,692

(a) Issuance of flow-through shares on October 28, 2022

On October 28, 2022, the Company completed a non-broker private placement. The Company issued 22,501,333 flow-through shares at a price of \$0.12 per share for gross proceeds of \$2,700,160. In connection with the offering, the agent received a cash fee equal to 3% of the gross proceeds of the offering and shares equal to 3% of the gross proceeds of the offering, which represents 900,053 shares for a value of \$81,005. Share issue expenses totalling \$182,336 were applied against the share capital.

The Company also renounced the tax deduction related to the flow-through shares, which reduced share capital by \$562,533. The consideration is presented as a liability related to flow-through shares.

(b) Issuance of flow-through shares on October 18, 2022

On October 18, 2022, the Company completed a non-broker private placement. The Company issued 12,500,000 flow-through shares at a price of \$0.12 per share for gross proceeds of \$1,500,000. In connection with the offering, the agent received a cash fee equal to 3% of the gross proceeds of the offering and shares equal to 3% of the gross proceeds of the offering, which represents 500,000 shares for a value of \$45,000. Share issue expenses totalling \$104,515 were applied against the share capital.

The Company also renounced the tax deduction related to the flow-through shares, which reduced share capital by \$312,500. The consideration is presented as a liability related to flow-through shares.

(c) On May 20, 2022, the Company completed a private placement amounting to \$1,820,000. The Company issued a total of 14,000,000 units (the "units") at a price of \$0.13 per unit, each unit consisting of one common share with a value of \$0.10 per share and one half-warrant with a value of \$0.03, each entitling its holder to subscribe for one common share at a price of \$0.16 for a period of 36 months following the closing date. The warrants were valued at \$443,800 using the Black-Scholes model. Issuance costs of \$26,327 were applied against share capital.

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## 12. Share capital (continued)

- (d) During the year ended December 31, 2021, the Company issued 1,000,000 common shares at a price of \$0.125 per share, for total proceeds of \$125,000 following the exercise of the options. The fair value of the common shares under the options ranged from \$0.27 to \$0.30 at the time of exercise.

### Share Option Plan

The Company has a share option plan that has been approved by the shareholders. The maximum number of common shares which may be reserved under the plan is limited to 10% of the number of common shares issued and outstanding (on a non-diluted basis). The options granted to any optionnee cannot exceed 5% of the issued and outstanding common shares. The options are vested over a period of 12 months and are exercisable over a maximum of five years.

The following table summarizes the information about the outstanding share options:

	December 31, 2022		December 31, 2021	
	Number	Weighted average exercise price	Number	Weighted average exercise price
		\$		\$
<b>Outstanding - Beginning</b>	<b>16,400,000</b>	<b>0.20</b>	16,350,000	0.18
Granted-employees	4,750,000	0.12	1,850,000	0.31
Granted-consultants	150,000	0.15	200,000	0.31
Exercised	-	-	(1,000,000)	0.13
Expired	(3,075,000)	0.25	(1,000,000)	0.18
<b>Outstanding - End of the year</b>	<b>18,225,000</b>	<b>0.17</b>	16,400,000	0.20
<b>Exercisable - End of the year</b>	<b>14,575,000</b>	<b>0.19</b>	15,375,000	0.20

The following table summarizes certain information for share options outstanding and exercisable:

Exercise price	Outstanding options December 31, 2022			Exercisable options December 31, 2022		
	Number of options	Weighted average remaining life (years)	Weighted average exercise price	Number of options	Weighted average remaining life (years)	Weighted average exercise price
			\$			\$
\$0.01 to \$0.105	2,400,000	4.96	0.09	-	-	-
\$0.115 to \$0.215	11,675,000	2.06	0.15	10,425,000	1.78	0.16
\$0.22 to \$0.315	4,150,000	3.18	0.27	4,150,000	3.18	0.27
\$0.085 to \$0.305	18,225,000	2.70	0.17	14,575,000	2.18	0.19

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The weighted average fair value of share options granted was estimated using the Black-Scholes model at \$0.06 (\$0.16 in 2021) per option using the following assumptions:

	2022	2021
Risk-free interest rate	3.24%	0.75%
Expected volatility	61%	63%
Dividend yield	Nil	Nil
Weighted average expected life	5 years	5 years

During the year ended December 31, 2022, the share-based payment expense was \$225,994 (\$563,028 in 2021). An amount of \$186,668 was presented in the statement of loss (\$441,574 in 2021) and an amount of \$39,326 was presented in mining assets and deferred exploration costs (\$121,454 in 2021).

### Warrants

The following table presents the changes that occurred during the period:

	December 31, 2022			December 31, 2021		
	Number	Weighted average exercise price \$	Weighted average remaining contractual life (years)	Number	Weighted average exercise price \$	Weighted average remaining contractual life (years)
<b>Outstanding - Beginning</b>	-	-	-	1,306,692	0.43	0.61
Granted-private placements	7,000,000	0.16	2.39	-	-	-
Expired	-	-	-	(1,306,692)	0.43	-
<b>Outstanding - End</b>	<b>7,000,000</b>	<b>0.16</b>	<b>2.39</b>	-	-	-

<sup>(1)</sup> At issuance, the warrants are subject to a 4 month and 1 day statutory hold period. These warrants have a maximum term of 36 months following their date of issue.

The outstanding warrants are as follows:

<u>Maturity date</u>	<u>Exercise price</u> \$	<u>Number</u>
May 2025	0.16	7,000,000

The weighted average fair value of warrants granted, was estimated on the grant date using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model at \$0.06 per warrant using the following assumptions:

	2022
Risk-free interest rate	2.47%
Expected volatility	64%
Dividend yield	nil
Weighted average expected life	3 years

The warrants were valued at \$443,800 using the Black-Scholes model.

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## 13. Employee remuneration

Employee benefits recognized are detailed below:

	<b>December 31, 2022</b>	December 31, 2021
	\$	\$
Salaries and fees	<b>861,479</b>	640,764
Fringe benefits	<b>42,200</b>	50,614
Share-based payments-employees	<b>212,237</b>	535,533
Defined contribution pension plan	<b>55,624</b>	36,559
	<b>1,171,540</b>	1,263,470
Less: salaries and share-based payments-employees capitalized in exploration and evaluation assets	<b>(378,117)</b>	(388,048)
Employee benefits	<b>793,423</b>	875,422

Employee benefits expense is allocated to the following items:

	<b>December 31, 2022</b>	December 31, 2021
	\$	\$
Salaries	<b>536,426</b>	449,456
Share-based payments-employees	<b>172,911</b>	414,079
Road shows and gold shows	<b>38,461</b>	8,843
Training and travel	<b>3,566</b>	3,044
Other exploration costs	<b>42,059</b>	-
	<b>793,423</b>	875,422

## 14. Financial expenses

	<b>December 31, 2022</b>	December 31, 2021
	\$	\$
Interest and bank charges	<b>11,493</b>	17,233
Interests on lease obligations	<b>809</b>	979
Total of financial expenses	<b>12,302</b>	18,212

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## 15. Cash flows

Additional information	<b>December 31, 2022</b>	December 31, 2021
	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>
<b>Items not affecting cash and cash equivalents related to operating, financing and investing activities</b>		
Shares issued for the acquisition of mining properties	<b>6,709,263</b>	400,000
Variation of deferred exploration costs included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	<b>607,670</b>	(126,913)

## 16. Financial Instruments

### Objectives and policies for managing financial risks

The Company is exposed to various financial risks resulting from its operations and investing activities. The directors and officers of the Company manage these risks.

The Company does not enter into speculative derivative financial instruments.

### Financial risks

The following paragraphs describe the main financial risks the Company is exposed to and its risk management policies.

#### Interest risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that a financial instrument's fair value or future cash flows will fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates. Cash equivalents bear interest at a fixed rate. In relation to these, the Company is exposed to a limited extent to a change in fair value because they are redeemable at any time, or the Company plans to use them in the short term for its operations. The Company's exposure to cash flow risk related to the interest rate of its loan is limited since it does not bear interest.

#### Liquidity risks

The Company establishes cash forecasts to ensure it has the necessary funds to fulfill its obligations. Obtaining additional funds makes it possible for the Company to continue its operations. While it has been successful in doing so in the past, there is no assurance that it will be able to do so in the future.

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## 16. Financial Instruments (continued)

### Liquidity risk analysis

Liquidity risk management serves to maintain a sufficient amount of cash and to ensure that the Company has financing sources such as private and public investments for a sufficient amount.

Over the fiscal year, the Company has financed its exploration expense commitments, working capital requirements and acquisitions through private and flow-through financings.

All financial liabilities mature in less than 12 months.

### Sensitivity to credit risk

The Company's exposure to credit risk is limited to the carrying value of its financial assets at the date of presentation of the financial information as disclose below:

	<u>December 31, 2022</u>	<u>December 31, 2021</u>
	\$	\$
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>6,973,515</u>	<u>6,200,786</u>

The Company's financial assets are not secured by collateral or other credit enhancements.

The credit risk for cash and cash equivalents and cash reserved for exploration is considered negligible, since the counterparties are reputable financial institutions with high quality external credit ratings.

### Fair value of financial instruments

The Company discloses the fair value hierarchy by which the financial instruments are evaluated and assigned to the following levels. Level 1 features a valuation based on quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities. Level 2 includes inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. Level 3 includes inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data. Marketable securities of a quoted mining exploration company are classified under Level 1.

The carrying amount of cash and cash equivalents, accounts payables and accrued liabilities and loan approximate fair value based on the close date.

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## 17. Deferred income and mining taxes

The reconciliation of the income tax expense, calculated using the statutory income tax rates of the federal government and the Province of Quebec, to the income tax expense as per the financial statements, is as follows:

	<b>December 31, 2022</b>	December 31, 2021
	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>
Loss before income and mining taxes	<b>(1,452,179)</b>	(1,350,626)
Recovery of combined federal and provincial income tax at 26.5% (26.5% as at December 31, 2021)	<b>(384,827)</b>	(357,916)
Deferred taxes related to exploration and evaluation assets funded by flow-through shares	<b>1,409,806</b>	2,618,206
Non-deductible expenses for income tax purposes	<b>53,603</b>	118,616
Share issue expenses not affecting earnings	<b>(89,200)</b>	-
Change in unrecognised tax benefits	<b>2,991,441</b>	(1,279,962)
Adjustment from previous years	<b>247,769</b>	(1,365)
Permanent portion of capital loss	-	(13,913)
Tax attributes following the liquidation of a subsidiary	<b>(3,621,758)</b>	-
Other	<b>37,971</b>	(17,577)
	<b>644,805</b>	1,066,089
Mining taxes	<b>(1,821)</b>	-
Flow-through premium	<b>(1,041,442)</b>	(2,126,270)
Deferred income and mining taxes	<b>(398,458)</b>	(1,060,181)

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## 17. Deferred income and mining taxes (continued)

The Company has accumulated, for federal and provincial income tax purposes, non-capital losses which can be applied against future years' taxable income and which will expire as follows:

Year	December 31, 2022	
	Federal	Provincial
	\$	\$
2025	8,387	7,530
2026	5,699	4,765
2027	524,066	521,001
2028	725,416	718,518
2029	724,776	720,746
2030	955,459	952,206
2031	792,271	777,709
2032	1,114,872	1,100,591
2033	865,813	842,225
2034	808,358	800,904
2035	697,789	694,214
2036	584,553	580,931
2037	1,557,695	1,557,695
2038	1,337,806	1,337,806
2039	1,226,535	1,226,535
2040	1,451,483	1,451,483
2041	1,448,595	1,446,228
2042	1,572,581	1,572,581
	<b>16,402,154</b>	<b>16,313,668</b>

### Deferred tax asset unrecognized

Deferred tax assets have not been recognized as it is not probable that future taxable profits will be available and against which unused tax losses and unused tax credits could be charged. Deferred tax assets have not been recognized in respect of:

	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021
	\$	\$
Non-capital losses	<b>3,875,109</b>	883,668

Deferred tax assets related to share issue costs in the amount of \$155,942 (\$133,784 as at December 31, 2021) have been recognized.

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## 17. Deferred income and mining taxes (continued)

Significant components of the Company's deferred tax assets and liabilities are as follows:

	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021
	\$	\$
Property, plant and equipment	73,977	57,058
Right-of-use assets	972	1,364
Non-capital losses	461,286	3,035,465
Financial assets at fair value	55,414	44,523
Share issue cost	155,942	133,784
	<u>747,591</u>	<u>3,272,194</u>
Deferred tax assets		3,272,194
	<u>(4,776,270)</u>	<u>(6,677,851)</u>
Mining assets and deferred exploration expenses		(6,677,851)
	<u>(4,028,679)</u>	<u>(3,405,657)</u>
Deferred tax liabilities		(3,405,657)

### Change in deferred tax

	Balance December 31, 2021	Recognized in profit or (loss)	Balance December 31, 2022
	\$	\$	\$
Property, plant and equipment	57,058	16,919	73,977
Right-of-use assets	1,364	(392)	972
Deferred exploration costs	(6,677,851)	1,901,581	(4,776,270)
Financial assets at fair value	44,523	10,891	55,414
Share issue cost	133,784	22,158	155,942
Non-capital losses	3,035,465	(2,574,179)	461,286
	<u>(3,405,657)</u>	<u>(623,022)</u>	<u>(4,028,679)</u>
Total		(623,022)	(4,028,679)

### Change in deferred tax

	Balance December 31, 2020	Recognized in profit or (loss)	Balance December 31, 2021
	\$	\$	\$
Property, plant and equipment	56,443	615	57,058
Right-of-use assets	1,407	(43)	1,364
Deferred exploration costs	(4,074,674)	(2,603,177)	(6,677,851)
Financial assets at fair value	-	44,523	44,523
Share issue cost	267,902	(134,118)	133,784
Non-capital losses	1,409,354	1,626,111	3,035,465
	<u>(2,339,568)</u>	<u>(1,066,089)</u>	<u>(3,405,657)</u>
Total		(1,066,089)	(3,405,657)

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## 18. Contingencies and commitments

The Company is partially financed through the issuance of flow-through shares. However, there is no guarantee that its expenses will qualify as Canadian exploration expenses, even if the Company is committed to taking all the necessary measures in this regard. Refusal of certain expenses by the tax authorities would have a negative tax impact for investors. Moreover, tax rules regarding flow-through placements set deadlines for carrying out the exploration work no later than the first of the following dates:

- Two years following the flow-through placements; or
- one year after the Company has renounced the tax deductions relating to the exploration work.

If the Company does not incur eligible exploration expenditures it will be required to indemnify the holders of such shares against all taxes and other expenses incurred as a result of the Company not incurring the required exploration expenses.

During the year ended December 31, 2022, the Company received an amount of \$4,200,160 from flow-through financings. From flow-through financings received in 2022, an amount of \$1,092,742 was used for deferred exploration costs as at December 31, 2022.

During the year ended December 31, 2021, the Company did not received any amount from flow-through financings . From flow-through financings received in 2020, an amount of \$6,772,560 was used for deferred exploration costs as at December 31, 2021.

The Company renounced tax deductions related to flow-through financings and a liability related to flow-through shares issued in 2022, totaling \$875,033 was recorded as liability related to flow-through shares at the time of issuance. Management was required to incur eligible exploration expenditures before December 31, 2023. As at December 31, 2022, the flow-through share liability was \$647,378 (\$813,787 as of December 31, 2021).

## 19. Transactions with key management personnel

The Company's key management personnel are members of the Board of Directors, the president, the vice-president and chief financial officer. The remuneration of key management personnel includes the following expenses:

	<b>December 31, 2022</b>	December 31, 2021
	<b>\$</b>	\$
Short-term employee benefits		
Salaries and fees including bonuses and benefits	<b>720,137</b>	542,402
Social security costs and contributions to the pension plan	<b>77,997</b>	64,812
Total short-term employee benefits	<b>798,134</b>	607,214
Share-based payments-employees	<b>193,476</b>	471,807
Total remuneration	<b>991,610</b>	1,079,021

During the year ended December 31, 2022, no key management personnel exercised share options granted through the share-based payment plans (500,000 options in 2021).

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## 20. Capital disclosures

The Company's objectives in managing its capital are to ensure sufficient liquidity to pursue its organic growth strategy and undertake selective acquisitions. The Company manages its capital structure and makes adjustments to it in light of changes in economic conditions and the risk characteristics of the underlying assets. In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Company may issue new shares and acquire or sell mining properties to improve its financial performance and flexibility.

The Company's capital is composed of shareholders' equity. The Company's primary uses of capital are to finance exploration expenditures and acquire properties. To effectively manage the Company's capital requirements, the Company has in place a rigorous planning and budgeting process to help determine the funds required to ensure the Company has appropriate liquidity to meet its operating and growth objectives.

The Company expects that its current capital resources and its ability to obtain additional financing will support further exploration and development of its mineral properties for the next 12 months.

The Company is not subject, with regards to external rules, to any requirements regarding its capital, unless the Company completes a flow-through financing for which the cash must be reserved for exploration. As of December 31 2022, the Company has \$3,107,418 cash reserved for exploration (\$2,592,066 as of December 31, 2021).