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**The effective date of this report is June 7, 2023.**

This Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") contains certain "Forward-Looking Statements." All statements, other than statements of historical fact included herein, including without limitation, statements regarding potential mineralization and resources, exploration and evaluation activities, and future plans of Olivut Resources Ltd. (the "Company" or "Olivut") are forward-looking statements that involve various known and unknown risks and uncertainties and other factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from expected results, including but not limited to changes in future prices of precious minerals, variations in resources and grades, accidents, labour disputes and other risks associated with the exploration and mining industry, delays in obtaining governmental approvals and financing, and the emergence of widespread health emergencies or pandemics, including the effects of the Coronavirus ("COVID-19") pandemic and its impact on the global economy and financial market conditions and the Company's business, employees and consultants, results of operations, financial condition and prospects. Other than as required by applicable laws, the Company does not update or revise any such forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this document or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events. Accordingly, readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements.

This MD&A provides a detailed analysis of the business of the Company and compares the results for the three and the six months ended April 30, 2023 and the comparative periods in 2022. In order to better understand this MD&A, it should be read in conjunction with the unaudited condensed interim financial statements for the quarter ended April 30, 2023 and the annual financial statements of the Company for the year ended October 31, 2022. The Company prepares and files with various Canadian regulatory authorities its financial statements and MD&A in Canadian dollars and in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS").

The Company's news releases and other regulatory filings can be found on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

#### **Description of Business**

The Company is engaged in the acquisition, exploration and evaluation of mineral properties for the purpose of mining diamonds and other precious and base minerals.

As of the date of this report, the Company has a 100% mineral interest in the HOAM Project located in the Mackenzie Region (the "HOAM Project") and a 50% interest in the Seahorse Project (the "Seahorse Project") as described below. Both projects are located in Canada's Northwest Territories.

In addition, the Company has completed in the past, and may, where warranted and subject to available cash, continue to seek opportunities in the future to complete early stage evaluations for precious and base mineral potential in other relatively unexplored regions of the world. Olivut views these opportunities to be worthwhile for its shareholders as a way to provide possible additional upside potential through new exploration of promising terrain. If any such opportunities are investigated, the intent is to focus limited, initial expenditures to evaluate the potential for economic precious and base mineral deposits of meaningful size. The aim of the Company's management and the Company's technical team is to acquire if warranted, in their view, enough new scientific information from early stage analysis to conclude relatively quickly if a new project warrants further corporate commitment.

Further detail is provided under "*Mineral Property and Exploration and Evaluation Activities*".

## **Summary of Quarterly Results**

Management is pleased to report that the Company closed a private placement of common shares in the amount of \$300,000 on January 27, 2023. For further information see “*Liquidity and Capital Resources*” below.

	<b>2023</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter</b> \$	<b>2023</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Quarter</b> \$	<b>2022</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Quarter</b> \$	<b>2022</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter</b> \$
Total interest income	7,784	4,630	4,282	4,300
Net (loss)	(155,094)	(169,627)	(100,764)	(86,537)
Basic and diluted net (loss) per share	(\$0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)

	<b>2022</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter</b> \$	<b>2022</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Quarter</b> \$	<b>2021</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Quarter</b> \$	<b>2021</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter</b> \$
Total interest income	4,338	4,372	4,404	4,410
Net (loss)	(84,362)	(101,279)	(81,770)	(76,353)
Basic and diluted net (loss) per share	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)

## **Results of Operations**

*Three and six months ended April 30, 2023 compared to three and six months ended April 30, 2022.*

The Company’s net loss for the three and six months ended April 30, 2023 was \$155,094 and \$324,721 respectively (2022 - \$84,362 and \$185,641 respectively).

The Company has no active business income. Interest income is primarily earned on cash deposits and the loan receivable, which in the three and six months ended April 30, 2023 amounted to \$7,784 and \$12,414 respectively (2022 - \$4,338 and \$8,710 respectively).

Administrative and general expenses for the three and six months ended April 30, 2023 were basically consistent with the amounts incurred in the three and six months ended April 30, 2022.

Exploration expenses for the three and six months ended April 30, 2023 were \$6,147 and \$10,647 respectively, less a recovery of certain refundable deposits of \$14,498 that were expensed in prior years (2022 - \$5,100 and \$11,134 respectively). The change in exploration expenses period over period is explained below under “*Mineral Property and Exploration and Evaluation Activities*”.

## **Mineral Property and Exploration and Evaluation Activities**

### *The HOAM Project*

The Company has a 100% interest in certain permits in the HOAM project located in the Mackenzie Region, Northwest Territories, Canada. This interest is subject to a 1.5% Net Smelter Return royalty (“NSR”), 50% of which is held by a director and officer of the Company.

The Company relinquishes or acquires land holdings based on the evaluation of technical information. The Company currently has interest in permits totaling approximately 36,800 hectares.

The Company has been very successful in identifying kimberlite occurrences in this previously unexplored area of the Northwest Territories. Twenty-nine kimberlite discoveries have been made to date. Although some of the kimberlites are microdiamond bearing, they do not contain the extremely positive diamond inclusion field indicator mineral populations (including G10 garnets) that were previously found in regional stream sediment and till samples in the HOAM Project area. The presence of these high priority indicator minerals warrants continued exploration to discover their source.

In prior years, a detailed helimag program was undertaken by the Company to assess moderate to high priority anomalies. Twenty-three blocks were flown at 50 metre line spacing. The blocks were selected based on logistical parameters to maximize the amount of data that could be obtained within a limited field budget.

Seventeen targets have been classified as being of moderate to high priority. In addition, as part of the helimag program, a larger block was flown over an area of known kimberlite occurrences to assess regional structures and define weaker magnetic responses. The Company is very pleased with the results from this test area as additional high interest targets have been identified; many of these correlate to structural features. These results have positive implications for exploration within the broader region of the HOAM project area.

In-depth interpretation of the Company's extensive regional airborne geophysical database is ongoing. Modeling of certain targets also has been undertaken. Numerous additional new anomalies have been defined up ice from high interest kimberlite and diamond inclusion field indicator mineral populations. The bedrock sources for these indicator mineral populations have yet to be identified. Based on the encouraging results to date, detailed airborne magnetic surveys will be required over these new anomalies to provide increased definition. It is anticipated that many additional new targets will be added to the current list of priority drill targets.

Numerous targets are drill ready on the HOAM Project and a detailed helimag program is proposed for additional regional geophysical anomalies in order to finalize the drill priority list. Completion of further work programs is contingent on the raising of funds and potential supply chain disruptions and additional related costs arising from the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly on planning and work in the Northwest Territories.

Actual exploration costs on the HOAM Project for the three and six months ended April 30, 2023 were \$5,130 and \$9,630 respectively (2022 - \$5,100 and \$9,600 respectively).

#### *The Seahorse Project*

In July 2018, the Company signed an option agreement (the "Option Agreement") with Talmora Diamond Inc. ("Talmora") to earn 50% in Talmora's Seahorse Project, located in the Northwest Territories, by spending \$1,200,000 (in a combination of cash and in-kind expenses) over two years on exploration expenditures and making a \$200,000 payment to Talmora (the "Option Payment"). The Company has exercised its option to earn 50% of the Seahorse Project in accordance with the terms of the Option Agreement. Olivut and Talmora are joint (50/50) owners of the assets. Olivut is the Operator. Talmora retains a 1% NSR on certain land. The Company and Talmora have not yet entered into a new formal joint venture company structure as contemplated in the Option Agreement.

The Company considers the Seahorse Project to have the potential to host diamondiferous kimberlite bodies of significant size and perhaps other mineral deposits, based on a combination of the recent REE and titanium oxide ("TiO<sub>2</sub>") results; 2019 program results as described below; favourable diamond inclusion field indicator minerals found regionally and locally, including 18 macro diamonds found down-ice in regional samples to the west and northwest; specific geophysical targets; regional and local faults that would favour kimberlite emplacement; occurrence of diamondiferous kimberlites to the north and southeast, as well as other geochemical data in the area.

Olivut successfully completed a helimag geophysical program during 2019. Detailed, low-level, 50 metre line spacing magnetic information was collected and analyzed over multiple anomalies previously identified from regional geophysics.

During August and September 2019, six holes were drilled to test certain regional geophysical targets that had been confirmed and further delineated by the detailed helimag program. The holes were drilled to a maximum depth of 316' (96.3 metres) using a reverse circulation, heli-portable drill.

Beneath tills, each of the holes intersected varying depths of a distinct homogeneous, extremely fine-grained clay that did not appear to be derived from the dolomite country rock that is exposed proximal to the targets. Down hole drilling conditions were exceptionally challenging, as was the recovery of drill sample material, due primarily to the nature of these intersected clays.

Preliminary visual inspection, as well as further microscopic examination of many of the collected samples, could not specifically identify the host rock from which the clay material is derived. Subsequently, samples were collected from each of the six holes and sent for analysis to Saskatchewan Research Council ("SRC").

Whole rock and multi-element geochemical results returned complex chemistry characterized by elevated rare earth element ("REE") content. Further analysis is ongoing to relate these findings to till samples taken down-ice in the general region. Sulphides, including pyrite, galena and sphalerite, as well as mafic silicate minerals were easily identified in many downhole samples.

The Seahorse Project area underwent periods of extreme warming and laterization historically that destroyed silicate indicator minerals as evidenced from regional till sampling results. However, some opaque oxide indicator minerals and diamonds survive this type of weathering.

To determine the potential presence of any kimberlitic indicator minerals ("KIMs"), additional samples from five of the six drill holes, each consisting mostly of the homogeneous clay, were submitted for heavy mineral analysis to SRC in 2019. Chromites, ilmenites (some manganese bearing) and abundant pseudorutile (an alteration product of ilmenite which is common in intensely weathered kimberlite) are present. Although the chromites and ilmenites are not unequivocally kimberlitic, a few definite KIMs (G-9 pyropes and picroilmenites) were recovered from beach sand concentrates taken from a lake in the vicinity of the drill holes.

A surprising result of the heavy mineral analysis is the number of microfossils and the abundance of various forms of pyrite (some replacing organic material and microfossils) found in the concentrates. Also present are spherules (tiny bead-like features) believed to be associated with a meteorite impact. Microfossils and pyrite associated with anoxic (low oxygen) conditions require a different explanation for the origin of the clay than intensely altered kimberlite. Given the results to date, there are a number of possible scenarios that could explain the genesis of these clays and further work is required (which may be undertaken once additional funding is secured - see "*Liquidity and Capital Resources*" below) to obtain more information before arriving at a definite conclusion.

Recently, selected samples were sent to SRC's new REE facility established in 2022 for the purpose of conducting analyses. The Company applied for and was awarded a research grant during late 2022 that covered all costs relating to SRC's more detailed investigation of the REE content of the homogeneous clays intersected during the 2019 drill program. These REE levels are generally higher than, or consistent with, levels of REE detected in clays found to occur over some identified kimberlites in some locations of the world (e.g. western Australia and Namibia). Results received in February 2023 for this evaluation confirmed previous results and warranted further investigations regarding REE potential of materials in the vicinity.

The beach sand that was collected during 2018, analyzed for KIMs and subjected to geochemical analysis, also had elevated REE content. As a result of the recent 2023 SRC REE evaluation of the clays, the beach sand concentrates were treated and are in the process of being microscopically re-examined by Dr. Malcolm McCallum and associate in laboratory facilities located in Loveland, Colorado, in an attempt to determine the source of the REE content. Dr. McCallum's evaluation of the beach sands indicates that heavy minerals such as opaque oxides (rutile, pseudorutile, ilmenite, titanium magnetite, chromite), garnet of various compositions, REE minerals (allanite, monazite), zircon, barite and hypersthene are concentrated in the less than 1mm fraction. A sample of these <1mm concentrates that was recently sent to SRC for additional geochemical analysis reconfirmed elevated REE content.

In addition to elevated REE values, the beach sand also contains significantly elevated TiO<sub>2</sub>, zirconium and barium in heavy mineral concentrates. Consequently, more extensive investigation of these beach sands is warranted.

During the 2023 field season the Company intends to protect its targets within the larger prospecting permit boundaries as current legislation requires. Furthermore, as part of these field operations, and depending on results of the ongoing geochemical evaluations, further sampling is intended to ascertain heavy mineral potential in the immediate vicinity.

The Company will report further details once they are available.

In addition to the drilling program and recent geochemical analyses described above, limited regional prospecting was conducted in 2019. A large gossan zone was identified on the property comprising the Seahorse Project that appears to have a strike length of approximately eight kilometres. Very limited sampling was conducted due to budget and fuel constraints. Some of these samples returned trace amounts of gold which may be significant given the limited number of samples collected. Further work is required (which may be undertaken once additional funding is secured - see "*Liquidity and Capital Resources*" below) to obtain more information before arriving at a conclusion. The linear gossan zone occurs within the dolomite country rock and likely represents a sulphide bearing fault zone.

The Company's interest in the Seahorse Project includes any mineral deposits discovered, whether diamonds or other minerals.

This region has been subjected to no known previous detailed exploration work. Due to its remoteness, the project area must be supplied by small aircraft and helicopter. Although Talmora has been active in the area of the Seahorse Project, prior to Olivut's involvement it had not been able to conduct meaningful exploration due to a lack of financing during the prolonged negative capital market environment for junior exploration companies.

Actual cash exploration costs incurred by the Company on the Seahorse Project for the three and six months ended April 30, 2023, were \$1,017 and \$1,017 respectively (2022 \$Nil and \$1,534 respectively).

Covid-19 and its effects prevented any field work being conducted in 2020, 2021 and 2022 on the HOAM Project and on the Seahorse Project. Completion of further work programs is contingent on the raising of funds and potential supply chain disruptions and additional related costs arising from the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly on planning and work in the Northwest Territories. See also "*Risks and Uncertainties –COVID-19*" below.

Total cash expenditures on exploration and evaluation activities to date on the HOAM Project and the Seahorse Project included the following:

	HOAM Project \$	Seahorse Project <sup>(1)(2)</sup> \$
Project to October 31, 2021	<u>15,070,520</u>	<u>1,240,695</u>
General	600	3,426
Drilling Program	<u>18,000</u>	<u>1,534</u>
For the year ended October 31, 2022	<u>18,600</u>	<u>4,960</u>
Project to October 31, 2022	15,089,120	1,245,655
General	630	-
Sampling	-	1,017
Drilling program	9,000	-
Fees – refund	<u>-</u>	<u>(14,498)</u>
Project to April 30, 2023	<u>15,098,750</u>	<u>1,232,174</u>

Note 1: excludes in-kind expenses incurred in respect of the Seahorse Project

Note 2: includes the Option Payment

Cumulative exploration expenditures made by the Company as at April 30, 2023 total \$17,280,012 (at October 31, 2022 - \$17,283,863), including amounts spent in prior years on other projects where the Company's interests have been terminated.

Additional information is available at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) and the Company's website at [www.olivut.com](http://www.olivut.com).

### **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

As at April 30, 2023, the Company had a cash and cash equivalents balance of \$350,843 to settle accounts payable and accrued liabilities of \$66,747.

All of the Company's financial liabilities have contractual maturities of less than one year except for the promissory note which becomes payable on the day following the one year anniversary of the noteholder requesting repayment.

During the three and six months ended April 30, 2023, cash used in operating activities was \$36,521 and \$144,268 respectively (2022 - \$21,898 and \$134,286 respectively).

The Company's ability to continue operations and fund its business is dependent on management's ability to secure additional financing, the continued deferral of some or all of the President and CEO's salary and the promissory note, and the health and well-being of its key employees and consultants.

On January 27, 2023, the Company issued a total of 6,000,000 common shares at a price of \$0.05 per common share through a non-brokered private placement for aggregate gross proceeds of \$300,000.

The Company must rely on equity financing to meet its ongoing working capital requirements and continuance as a going concern.

Furthermore, on the basis of the Company's current cash position, expected cash expenditures and despite the continued deferral of some or all of the salary of the Company's President and CEO and the continued deferral of the promissory note, the Company believes it will require further equity financing to meet the working capital requirements as prescribed by the TSX Venture Exchange ("TSXV"), as outlined under "*Capital Management*".

The Company will continue to solicit additional funds to enable the Company to continue to operate as a going concern, to continue exploration on its projects, to pay the promissory note and to consider new opportunities. Management carefully monitors its cash balances and may postpone exploration expenses to protect the Company's working capital if equity markets do not permit additional financing.

As at April 30, 2023, the Company did not have any long-term debt or contractual liabilities or obligations other than as reported in the financial statements for the six months ended April 30, 2023.

#### **Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

The Company has not entered into any off-balance sheet transactions.

#### **Transactions with Related Parties**

In addition to salaries and benefits and the promissory note, during the three and six months ended April 30, 2023 a total of \$677 and \$677 respectively (2022 - \$Nil and \$Nil respectively) was spent for exploration expenses, and \$2,400 and \$4,800 respectively (2022 - \$2,400 and \$4,800 respectively) for administrative and general expenses included in the statements of operations was accrued or paid to directors and officers of the Company or persons or companies related to or controlled by them. The directors and officers of the Company or persons or companies related to or controlled by them were also reimbursed at cost for expenses incurred on behalf of the Company.

Amounts owing to the related parties are unsecured and non-interest bearing with no fixed terms of repayment.

#### **Critical Accounting Estimates**

The areas which require management to make significant judgements, estimates and assumptions are described in detail in Note 3 to the audited financial statements for the year ended October 31, 2022.

#### **Changes in Accounting Policies and Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

Please refer to Note 4 to the audited financial statements for the year ended October 31, 2022.

#### **Outstanding Share Data**

As of June 7, 2023, an unlimited number of common shares with no par value are authorized of which 68,840,611 shares are issued and outstanding.

Under the terms of the Company's Share Option Plan, as at June 7, 2023 a total of 5,710,000 options to purchase common shares at exercise prices ranging from \$0.05 to \$0.11 per common share and expiring between December 15, 2024 and June 27, 2032 are outstanding.

## **Commitments and Contingencies**

### 1. Environmental Contingencies

The Company's exploration activities are subject to various federal, provincial and international laws and regulations governing the protection of the environment. These laws and regulations are continually changing and generally becoming more restrictive. The Company believes its operations are materially in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. The Company has made, and expects to make in the future, expenditures to comply with such laws and regulations.

### 2. Management Contracts

The Company is party to a management contract. Minimum contract commitments remaining under the agreement are approximately \$660,000, including \$220,000 due within one year. Upon the occurrence of certain events such as a change of control, the contract requires payment of up to \$1,000,000. As the likelihood of these events taking place is not determinable, the contingent payment has not been reflected in the financial statements for the six months ended April 30, 2023.

### 3. Flow-Through Shares

Pursuant to the issuance of common shares with flow-through tax benefits to the shareholders ("flow-through shares") in prior years, the Company renounced related qualified exploration expenditures for tax purposes.

The Company was required to expend the equivalent amount on qualified exploration expenditures within certain time periods. The Company believes it has expended the entire amount on qualified exploration expenditures within the required time periods.

The Company has indemnified the subscribers of all previous flow-through share offerings against any tax related amounts that may become payable by the subscribers as a result of the Company not meeting the expenditure commitment.

### 4. Litigation

The Company is not involved in any outstanding litigation.

## **Capital Management**

There were no changes in the Company's approach to capital management during the six months ended April 30, 2023. The Company manages its capital structure and makes adjustments to it, based on the funds available to the Company, in order to support the acquisition, exploration and evaluation of mineral properties. The capital of the Company consists of capital stock and equity reserves. The Board of Directors does not establish quantitative return on capital criteria for the Company's management, but rather relies on the expertise of management to sustain future development of the business.

The properties in which the Company currently has an interest are in the exploration stage. Accordingly, the Company is dependent on external financing to fund its activities. In order to carry out the planned exploration and pay for its administrative costs and the promissory note, the Company will spend its existing working capital and raise additional amounts as needed and if reasonably available. The Company will continue to assess new properties and seek to acquire an interest in additional properties if it feels there is sufficient geologic or economic potential and if it has adequate financial resources to do so.

Management reviews its capital management approach on an ongoing basis and believes that this approach, given the relative size of the Company, is reasonable.



The Company is not subject to any capital requirements imposed by a lending institution or regulatory body, other than of the TSXV which requires a minimum activity level defined as exploration spending of \$100,000 during the past two years and adequate working capital or financial resources of the greater of (i) \$50,000 and (ii) an amount required in order to maintain operations and cover general and administrative expenses for a period of six months. As of April 30, 2023, the Company was not compliant with the work program policy of the TSXV as a result of the COVID restrictions and related supply chain issues affecting work in the Northwest Territories throughout much of 2020, 2021 and 2022. The Company anticipates a return to a more normal work environment in the Northwest Territories in 2023. The final impact of this violation is not known and is ultimately dependent on the discretion of the TSXV.

## **Risks and Uncertainties**

The Company's risk management policies and practices have not substantially changed during the six months ended April 30, 2023. The most significant risks and uncertainties facing the Company include, but are not limited to, the following:

### 1. Financial Risk Factors

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

#### *a) Liquidity Risk / Going Concern*

As at April 30, 2023, the Company had a cash and cash equivalents balance of \$350,843 to settle accounts payable and accrued liabilities of \$66,747. All of the Company's financial liabilities have contractual maturities of less than one year, with the exception of an immaterial office equipment lease and the promissory note, which will become payable on the day following the one year anniversary of the noteholder requesting repayment. The Company's ability to continue operations and fund its business is dependent on management's ability to secure additional financing, the continued deferral of some or all of the President and CEO's salary and promissory note and the health and well-being of its key employees and consultants. Although the Company has been successful in the past in obtaining financing, there can be no assurance that additional funding will be available, or available under terms favourable to the Company, or that the President and CEO will continue to elect to defer some or all of her salary and/or repayment of the promissory note. The Company needs equity capital financing in order to explore and evaluate its properties and for working capital requirements and to pay the promissory note. Because of limited working capital and continuing operating losses, the Company's continuance as a going concern is dependent upon its ability to obtain adequate financing and/or to reach profitable levels of operation. Sustained global economic and political uncertainty could result in more costly or limited access to funding sources and there is no assurance that funds will be available on terms acceptable to the Company or at all. All of these factors indicate the existence of material uncertainties that cast significant doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern.

Management of the Company is actively investigating additional financing to enable the Company to continue to operate, including exploration on its projects, to consider new opportunities and to repay the promissory note. Failure to obtain additional financing could result in delay or the indefinite postponement of further exploration and the development of the HOAM and/or Seahorse Projects, as well as the loss of prospecting permits and/or mineral claims and the risk of the Company failing to continue as a going concern.

Further discussion relating to liquidity risk is described above under "*Liquidity and Capital Resources*".

#### *b) Credit Risk*

The Company's credit risk is primarily attributable to cash and cash equivalents, amounts receivable and a loan receivable. The Company has no significant credit risk arising from operations. Cash and cash equivalents consists of bank deposits with Canadian chartered banks and guaranteed investment certificates issued by a Canadian chartered bank. The loan receivable is described in Note 8 to the unaudited condensed interim financial statements for the six months ended April 30, 2023 and is secured by all assets of the borrower.

c) *Market Risk*

i. Interest Rate Risk

The Company periodically monitors its investments in investment grade short-term guaranteed investment certificates issued by its banking institution, and is satisfied with the credit rating of its banks. The Company considers interest rate risk to be minimal. The loan receivable is at a fixed interest rate and it is expected that future financings, if any, would be secured from equity placements rather than debt obligations.

ii. Foreign Currency Risk

The Company's functional currency is the Canadian dollar and major purchases are transacted in Canadian dollars. Management believes that the foreign exchange risk from currency conversions is negligible. The Company does not hold any balances in foreign currencies to give rise to foreign exchange risk.

iii. Price Risk

The Company is exposed to price risk with respect to commodity prices. Although the Company has no influence on commodity prices, it closely monitors commodity prices to determine appropriate courses of action.

d) *Fair Value*

The carrying amounts for cash and cash equivalents, amounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities and promissory note on the statements of financial position approximate fair value because of the limited terms of these instruments. The fair value of the loan receivable approximates carrying value as the interest rate approximates the current rate for similar instruments.

e) *Sensitivity to Financial Risks*

The Company considers interest rate risk to be minimal. The loan receivable, described in Note 8 to the unaudited condensed interim financial statements for the six months ended April 30, 2023, has a fixed interest rate of 7% and the Company does not carry interest bearing debt. It is expected that future financings, if any, would be secured from equity placements rather than debt obligations. Based on the cash and cash equivalents held by the Company as at April 30, 2023, a 1% increase or decrease in the interest rate would generate a respective increase or decrease in interest income of approximately \$4,000 annually.

2. Exploration

The Company's exploration projects are subject to conditions beyond its control that can affect the carrying costs and exploration and evaluation costs for varying lengths of time. Such conditions include environmental hazards, unusual or unexpected geological formations or pressures and periodic interruptions due to inclement or hazardous weather conditions, geopolitical, economic, regulatory conditions, dependence on key employees and consultants as well as regional and global health emergencies. Such risks could result in damage to, or destruction of, mineral properties or facilities, personal injury, environmental damage, delays in exploration programs, monetary losses and possible legal liability. Mineral exploration is highly speculative in nature, involves many risks and frequently is non-productive. There is no assurance that exploration efforts will be successful. Success in establishing marketable mineral reserves is a result of a number of factors, including the quality of management, the Company's level of geological and technical expertise, the quality of land holdings, the availability of suitable employees, contractors, consultants and equipment and other factors.

If mineralization is discovered, it may take several years in the initial phases of drilling until production is possible, during which time the economic feasibility of production may change. Substantial expenditures are required to establish proven and probable reserves through drilling, to determine the optimal recovery process to extract the minerals from the ore and to construct mining and processing facilities. Because of these uncertainties, no assurance can be given that exploration programs will result in the establishment of resources or reserves.

Whether a resource deposit will ultimately be commercially viable depends on a number of factors, including the particular attributes of the deposit such as the deposit's size, financing costs and the prevailing prices for the applicable resource. Also of key importance are government regulations, including those relating to prices, taxes, royalties, land tenure, land use, land treaties and environmental protection, and relations with local communities and Indigenous peoples.

The Company's continued existence is also dependent upon its extensive regional information database, the preservation and confirmation of its interest in the underlying exploration properties, the continued deferral of some or all of the President and CEO's salary and promissory note, the health and well-being of its key employees and consultants and upon the Company's ability to dispose of its interests on an advantageous basis.

The Company relies on equity financings, if available, to meet its ongoing working capital requirements. There currently exists a low level of investor interest for equity financing of junior exploration companies. The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and uncertainty caused by the war in Ukraine may also impact the availability of equity financing, at terms satisfactory to the Company. Failure to obtain additional financing may result in delay or the indefinite postponement of further exploration and development of the HOAM and/or Seahorse Projects, as well as the potential loss of prospecting permits and/or mineral claims.

Although the Company has taken steps to verify title to the properties on which it and/or its joint venture partner (where applicable) is conducting exploration and in which it and/or its joint venture partner (if applicable) has an interest, in accordance with industry standards for the current stage of exploration of such properties, these procedures do not guarantee the Company's or its joint venture partner's (where applicable) title. Property title may be subject to unregistered prior agreements, indigenous land claims and non-compliance with regulatory requirements.

### 3. Licenses and Permits, Laws and Regulations

The Company's exploration activities may require permits from various government authorities, and are subject to extensive federal, provincial and local laws and regulations governing prospecting, exploration, development, production, exports, taxes, labour standards, occupational health and safety, mine safety and other matters. Such laws and regulations are subject to change, can become more stringent and compliance can therefore become more costly. The Company relies on the expertise and commitment of its management team, their advisors, and contractors to ensure compliance with current laws and fosters a climate of open communication and cooperation with regulatory bodies. The Company believes that it and its joint venture partner (if applicable) hold all necessary licenses and permits under applicable laws and regulations and believes it and its joint venture partner (if applicable) are presently complying in all material respects with the terms of such licenses and permits.

There can be no guarantee that the Company or its joint venture partner (if applicable) will be able to maintain or obtain all necessary licenses and permits that may be required to explore and evaluate the properties under exploration, commence construction or operation of mining facilities or to maintain continued operations.

### 4. Climate Change

Execution of the Company's exploration programs are highly dependent on weather conditions in the areas of exploration. The risk of delays or cancellations of exploration programs due to poor weather conditions, possibly related to climate change, including the timing and expense of such delays or cancellations, is currently impossible to predict or measure.

## 5. Pandemics and Health Emergencies

The Company's operations could be significantly adversely affected by the effects of a widespread global outbreak of a contagious disease, such as the outbreak of the respiratory illness caused by COVID-19. The Company cannot accurately predict the impact that such pandemics will have on its operations and the ability of others to meet their obligations with the Company, including uncertainties relating to the ultimate geographic spread of the virus, the severity of the disease, the duration of the outbreak, and the length of travel and quarantine restrictions imposed by governments of affected countries. In addition, a significant outbreak of contagious diseases in the human population could result in a widespread health crisis that could adversely affect the economies and financial markets of many countries, resulting in an economic downturn that could further affect the Company's operations and ability to finance its operations.

COVID-19 restrictions severely impacted the ability of the Company to conduct work in the Northwest Territories, and while the Company believes the risk for business interruption remains moderate due to human capacity and supply chain issues, future impacts may result in changes to the timing and nature of the Company's operating plans.