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**PURE NICKEL INC.**

**CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**November 30, 2016 and 2015**

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## Management's Responsibility for Financial Reporting

To the shareholders of  
**Pure Nickel Inc.**

The accompanying consolidated financial statements of Pure Nickel Inc. and all the information contained in the financial statements are the responsibility of management and have been approved by the Board of Directors. They have been prepared by management in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, consistently applied, which are based upon International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board. Some amounts included in the financial statements correspond to management's best estimates and have been derived with careful judgment. Financial information in the Management's Discussion and Analysis for the year ended November 30, 2016 is consistent with these financial statements.

Management has established a system of internal control that it believes provides reasonable assurance that, in all material respects, transactions are authorized, assets are safeguarded from loss or unauthorized use, and financial records are reliable for the purpose of preparing financial statements. The Board of Directors carries out its responsibilities for the financial statements through the Audit Committee which is composed of three independent directors. The Audit Committee periodically reviews and discusses financial reporting matters with Pure Nickel's auditors, Grant Thornton LLP, as well as with management.

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David R. McPherson,  
Chief Executive Officer

*"Thomas S. Kofman"*  
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January 31, 2017

# Independent auditor's report

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To the Shareholders of  
**Pure Nickel Inc.**

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Pure Nickel Inc., which comprise the consolidated statements of financial position as at November 30, 2016 and 2015, and the consolidated statements of loss and comprehensive loss, consolidated statements of changes in shareholders' equity and consolidated statements of cash flows for the years then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

## **Management's responsibility for the financial statements**

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

## **Auditor's responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements 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. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements.

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

**Opinion**

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of Pure Nickel Inc. as at November 30, 2016 and 2015, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

**Emphasis of Matter**

Without qualifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 2 to the consolidated financial statements which indicates that additional funding will be necessary to advance Pure Nickel Inc.'s ongoing operations. This condition, along with other matters as set forth in Note 2, indicate the existence of a material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt about Pure Nickel Inc.'s ability to continue as a going concern.

*/s/ Grant Thornton LLP*

Mississauga, Canada  
January 31, 2017

Chartered Professional Accountants  
Licensed Public Accountants

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**PURE NICKEL INC.**

(An Exploration Stage Company)

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION****(Expressed in Canadian dollars)**

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			November 30, 2016		November 30, 2015
ASSETS	Notes				
Current assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	7	\$	247,666	\$	1,020,111
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	8		83,573		83,383
Amounts receivable	9		2,247		5,159
Prepaid expenses and deposits			11,815		24,046
Total current assets			345,301		1,132,699
Equipment	10		4,322		6,684
Royalty interest	12		1		1,256,500
Exploration and evaluation properties	11		4		5
Total assets		\$	349,628	\$	2,395,888
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY					
Current liabilities:					
Accounts payable		\$	2,213	\$	33,282
Accrued liabilities			166,167		181,957
Total current liabilities			168,380		215,239
Shareholders' equity:					
Share capital	13		53,541,113		53,541,113
Reserves			14,775		44,123
Accumulated other comprehensive income			1,428,628		926,368
Deficit			(54,803,268)		(52,330,955)
Total shareholders' equity			181,248		2,180,649
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity		\$	349,628	\$	2,395,888

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

Approved on behalf of the board of directors:

"David R McPherson"  
David R. McPherson, Director

"Harry Blum"  
Harry Blum, Director

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**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF LOSS AND COMPREHENSIVE LOSS****(Expressed in Canadian dollars)**

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**For the years ended November 30,**

	Notes	2016	2015
Net proceeds from disposition of mineral property	11	\$ –	\$ 999,999
Expenses:			
Administration and general	15	747,436	1,062,231
Impairment of royalty interest	12	1,266,283	–
Impairment of exploration and evaluation properties	11	1,907	28,668,104
Loss before other income		(2,015,626)	(28,730,336)
Other income:			
Interest income		2,613	3,828
Foreign exchange (loss) gain		(1,360)	23,440
Loss upon dissolution of MAN Alaska LLC	17	(488,131)	–
Net loss for the year		(2,502,504)	(28,703,068)
Other comprehensive income			
Currency translation adjustment		7,601	646,387
Reclassification to profit and loss of accumulated currency translation adjustment related to dissolution of MAN Alaska LLC	17	494,659	–
Total comprehensive loss		(2,000,244)	(28,056,681)
Loss per share – basic and diluted	16	\$ (0.04)	\$ (0.42)

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**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY****(Expressed in Canadian dollars)**

	<u>Reserves</u>		<u>Accumulated</u>		
	<u>Share capital</u>	<u>Share based payments</u>	<u>other comprehensive income- Currency translation</u>	<u>Deficit</u>	<u>Total shareholders' equity</u>
Balance, November 30, 2014 (Note 5)	\$ 53,541,113	\$ 136,202	\$ 279,981	\$ (23,723,614)	\$ 30,233,682
Net loss	-	-	-	(28,703,068)	(28,703,068)
Other comprehensive income	-	-	646,387	-	646,387
Total comprehensive income (loss) for the year	-	-	646,387	(28,703,068)	(28,056,681)
Reallocation of expired and cancelled stock options (Note 13)	-	(95,727)	-	95,727	-
Share-based compensation (Note 14)	-	3,648	-	-	3,648
Balance, November 30, 2015	\$ 53,541,113	\$ 44,123	\$ 926,368	\$ (52,330,955)	\$ 2,180,649
Net loss	-	-	-	(2,502,504)	(2,502,504)
Other comprehensive income	-	-	502,260	-	502,260
Total comprehensive income (loss) for the year	-	-	502,260	(2,502,504)	(2,000,244)
Reallocation of expired and cancelled stock options (Note 13)	-	(30,191)	-	30,191	-
Share-based compensation (Note 14)	-	843	-	-	843
Balance, November 30, 2016	\$ 53,541,113	\$ 14,775	\$ 1,428,628	\$ (54,803,268)	\$ 181,248

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**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS****(Expressed in Canadian dollars)**

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**For the years ended November 30,**

		<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
Operating activities:	Notes		
Net loss for the year		\$ (2,502,504)	\$ (28,703,068)
Interest income		(2,613)	(3,828)
Items not affecting cash:			
Depreciation	10	2,362	2,338
Reclassification to profit and loss of accumulated currency translation adjustment related to dissolution of MAN Alaska LLC	17	494,659	–
Impairment of royalty interest	12	1,266,283	–
Impairment of exploration and evaluation properties	11	1,907	28,668,104
Share-based compensation	14	843	3,648
Other income		–	–
Changes in non-cash working capital items:			
Amounts receivable		2,911	6,466
Prepaid expenses and deposits		12,364	126,493
Accounts payable		(31,069)	19,717
Accrued liabilities		(15,802)	86,354
Total cash flows (used in) provided by operating activities		(770,659)	206,224
Investing activities:			
Capitalized exploration and evaluation property expenditures, net of recoveries	11	(1,906)	(35,037)
Redemption of restricted cash and cash equivalents		–	12,646
Interest income		2,613	3,828
Effect of currency translation on restricted cash and cash equivalents		(190)	(5,989)
Total cash flows provided by (used in) investing activities		517	(24,552)
Translation adjustments on cash and cash equivalents		(2,303)	55,597
(Decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents during the year		(772,445)	237,269
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year		1,020,111	782,842
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year		\$ 247,666	\$ 1,020,111

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**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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**1. NATURE OF OPERATIONS**

Pure Nickel Inc. (the “Company”) is a corporation domiciled in Canada, originally incorporated under the laws of British Columbia, Canada, and subsequently continued under the *Canada Business Corporations Act*. The address of the Company’s registered head office is TD Canada Trust Tower, 161 Bay Street, Suite 2700, Toronto, ON, M5J 2S1.

The Company is in the business of acquiring, exploring and developing mineral properties in Canada and the United States, primarily those containing nickel, platinum group elements (PGEs), copper, gold, silver and associated base and precious metals. The Company is in the process evaluating the properties and has not yet determined whether they contain reserves that are economically recoverable. The Company will be required to obtain additional financing to explore and develop its resource properties.

The Company’s common shares are listed on the TSX Venture Exchange (“TSX-V”) under the symbol “NIC”.

**2. GOING CONCERN**

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”) as applicable to a going concern, which assumes continuity of operations and realization of assets and settlement of liabilities in the normal course of business for the foreseeable future, which is at least, but not limited to, one year from November 30, 2016.

As of the date of these consolidated financial statements, the Company has not yet determined whether any of its exploration and evaluation properties contain economically recoverable reserves. Accordingly, exploration and evaluation properties are recorded at cost on a property-by-property basis, less impairment. The recoverability of the exploration and evaluation costs is dependent upon the existence of economically recoverable reserves, the ability to obtain financing to complete the development of such reserves and meet obligations under various agreements, and future profitable production or, alternatively, upon the Company's ability to recover its costs through a disposition of its exploration and evaluation resource properties.

During the year ended November 30, 2016, the Company had a net loss of \$2,502,504, negative cash flow from operations of \$770,659 and positive working capital, as at November 30, 2016, of \$176,921. The positive working capital balance was primarily due to a cash balance of \$247,666. The Company is subject to risks and challenges similar to companies in a comparable stage of exploration. As a result of these risks, there are material uncertainties which cause doubt as to the Company’s ability to continue as a going concern. There is no assurance that the Company’s funding initiatives will be successful and these consolidated financial statements do not reflect the adjustments to carrying values of assets and liabilities and the reported and consolidated statements of financial position classifications that would be necessary if the going concern assumption was inappropriate. These adjustments could be material. Additional funding will be necessary to advance its exploration and development efforts and discussions are ongoing in monetizing some Company assets to assist this. While the Company has been successful in doing so in the past, there can be no assurance that it will be able to do so in the future.

**3. BASIS OF PREPARATION****(a) Statement of compliance**

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with IFRS as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (“IASB”). The policies applied in these financial statements are based on IFRS and IFRIC (International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee) interpretations in effect as at December 1, 2015, the date the Board of Directors approved these consolidated financial statements for issue. The policies set out below have been consistently applied in the periods presented.

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**3. BASIS OF PREPARATION (continued)****(b) Basis of measurement**

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis.

**(c) Functional and presentation currency**

These consolidated financial statements are presented in Canadian dollars, which is the Company's functional currency. The functional currency for the Company's United States subsidiaries is the United States (US) dollar. The presentation currency for these consolidated financial statements is the Canadian dollar. The functional currency of the Company's subsidiaries is further described in Note 4(h).

**(d) Use of estimates and judgments****(i) Use of estimates**

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the period. The estimates and assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimates are revised and in any future periods affected. The most significant source of estimation uncertainty is related to the valuation of share-based compensation and deferred taxes.

The Company includes an estimate of forfeitures, share price volatility, expected life and risk-free interest rates in the calculation of the expense for share-based compensation. These estimates are based on previous experience and may change for different stock option grants made throughout the life of the stock option plan.

The Company recognizes the deferred tax benefit related to tax assets and tax losses to the extent recovery is probable. Assessing the recoverability of deferred income tax assets requires management to make significant estimates of future taxable profit and expected timing of reversals of existing temporary differences. To the extent that future cash flows and taxable profit differ significantly from estimates, the ability of the Company to realize the deferred tax assets recorded at the balance sheet date could be affected. In addition, future changes in tax laws could limit the ability of the Company to obtain tax deductions in future periods from tax assets and tax losses.

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**3. BASIS OF PREPARATION (continued)****(d) Use of estimates and judgments (continued)****(ii) Critical judgments**

The judgments that management has applied in the application of the Company's accounting policies that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognized in these consolidated financial statements are the policies on exploration and evaluation properties and functional currency.

The Company's accounting policy for exploration costs results in certain items being capitalized according to the expected recoverability of the projects. This policy requires management to make certain assumptions as to future events and circumstances, in particular whether an economically viable extraction operation can be established. Any such assumptions may change as new information becomes available.

The Company considers at the end of each accounting period, whether or not there has been an impairment of the capitalized exploration and evaluation properties. For non-producing exploration and evaluation properties, this assessment is based on whether factors that may indicate the need for a write-down are present. If the Company has determined that the deferred costs of non-producing properties may not be recovered based on current economics or permitting considerations, the Company would be required to write-down the recorded value of its exploration and evaluation properties which would reduce the Company's earnings and net assets.

The Company considers at the end of each accounting period, whether or not there has been an impairment of the capitalized royalty interest. This requires evaluating current market conditions and the ability of the counterparty to settle its obligations.

The functional currency of the Company and its subsidiaries have been assessed by management based upon consideration of the currency and economic factors that influence costs, financing and similar items. Changes to these factors may have an impact on the judgment applied in the determination of the functional currency.

**4. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES****(a) Basis of consolidation**

These consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its wholly-owned United States subsidiaries, Nevada Star Resource Corp. (U.S.) and MAN Alaska LLC. All intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated upon consolidation. Nevada Star Resource Corp. (U.S.) was the sole member of MAN Alaska LLC until April 25, 2016, the date on which MAN Alaska LLC was cancelled. Results of MAN Alaska LLC are included in the consolidated financial statements up to April 25, 2016. See also Note 17.

**(b) Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on account, demand deposits and money market investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and are subject to insignificant changes in value. Funds that are not available for use by the Company are noted as restricted.

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**4. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)****(c) Equipment**

Equipment is recorded at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Depreciation is provided for based on the estimated useful lives of the assets using the declining balance basis at the following annual rates:

Office equipment	20%
Computer hardware	30%

When parts of an item of equipment have different useful lives, they are accounted for as separate items (major components) of equipment and amortized according to their respective useful lives.

**(d) Impairment of exploration and evaluation properties**

The carrying value of exploration and evaluation properties are reviewed at each reporting date for impairment whenever events or circumstances indicate the recoverable amount may be less than the carrying amount. The recoverable amount is the greater of its value-in-use and its fair value less costs of disposal.

Value-in-use is based on estimates of discounted future cash flows expected to be recovered from an asset or the smallest group of assets that largely generates independent cash inflows (cash generating units or "CGUs") through their use. Estimated future cash flows are calculated using estimates of future recoverable reserves and resources, future commodity prices and expected future operating and capital costs. Once calculated, 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.

Fair value less costs of disposal is the amount obtainable from the sale of an asset or CGU in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date, less the costs of disposal. Costs of disposal are incremental costs directly attributable to the disposal of an asset or CGU, excluding finance costs and income tax expense.

An impairment loss is recognized when the carrying value of an asset held for use exceeds its estimated recoverable amount. Impairment losses recognized in respect of CGUs are allocated to reduce the carrying amounts of the other assets in the unit (group of units) on a pro rata basis. Assumptions, such as commodity prices, discount rate, and expenditures, underlying the fair value estimates are subject to risks and uncertainties. Impairment charges are recorded in the reporting period in which determination of impairment is made by management.

Impairment losses recognized in prior periods are assessed at each reporting period 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 depletion or amortization, if no impairment loss had been recognized.

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**4. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)****(e) Exploration and evaluation properties**

All expenditures related to the cost of exploration and evaluation of mineral resources, including acquisition costs for interests in mineral claims are capitalized as exploration and evaluation properties. Exploration and evaluation costs include costs to acquire and maintain rights to explore, geological, geophysical and geochemical studies, sampling, exploratory drilling, analytical testing, assaying, metallurgical work and directly attributable administrative costs.

General exploration costs not related to a specific exploration and evaluation property or those incurred before the Company has a legal right to explore an area are expensed in the period incurred.

Proceeds received from the sale of properties or cash received from option payments are recorded as a reduction of the related exploration and evaluation property asset.

Exploration and evaluation properties are recorded at cost on a property-by-property basis. The recoverability of the amounts shown for exploration and evaluation properties is dependent upon the existence of economically recoverable reserves, the ability to obtain financing to complete the development of such reserves and meet obligations under various agreements, and future profitable production or, alternatively, upon the Company's ability to recover its costs through a disposition of its exploration and evaluation properties. If a project does not prove to be viable, all unrecoverable costs associated therewith would be written off. The amounts shown for exploration and evaluation of the properties do not necessarily represent present or future value. Changes in future conditions could require a material change in the amount recorded for exploration and evaluation.

**(f) Royalty interest**

The Company records its royalty interest at cost, net of impairment charges. Royalty revenues received from the royalty interest are recorded against the capitalized amount when received. Royalty revenues received in excess of the capitalized amount are recorded as revenue on the statement of income (loss) when received. Where a potential impairment is indicated, assessments are performed for each area of interest. Any royalty interest that is not expected to be recovered is charged to the results of operations.

**(g) Financial assets and liabilities**

Purchases and sales of financial assets are recognized on the settlement date, which is the date on which the asset is delivered to or by the Company. Financial assets are derecognized when the rights to receive cash flows from the financial assets have expired or were transferred and the Company has transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership. Financial assets are classified in the following categories at the time of initial recognition based on the purpose for which the financial assets were acquired:

**Loans and receivables***Classification*

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. They are included in current assets, except for those with maturities greater than 12 months after the end of the reporting period, which are classified as non-current assets. Assets in this category are cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash and cash equivalents and amounts receivable and are classified as current assets in the consolidated statements of financial position.

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**4. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)****(g) Financial assets and liabilities (continued)***Recognition and measurement*

Loans and receivables are initially recognized at fair value plus transaction costs and subsequently carried at amortized cost using the effective interest method.

**Impairment of financial assets**

At the end of each reporting period, the Company assesses whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset is impaired. Impairments are measured as the excess of the carrying amount over the fair value and are recognized in the income statement.

**Financial liabilities**

The Company has recognized its accounts payable and accrued liabilities as other financial liabilities. Accounts payable and accrued liabilities are initially recognized at the amount required to be paid less, when material, a discount to reduce the payable to fair value. Accounts payable and accrued liabilities are subsequently measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method. The Company derecognizes a financial liability when its contractual obligations are discharged, cancelled or expire.

**(h) Foreign currency translation****Translation of foreign operations**

The functional currency for the Company and its subsidiaries is the currency of the primary economic environment in which each operates.

Translation of all assets and liabilities from the US dollar functional currency to the presentation currency is performed using the rates prevailing at the balance sheet date. The differences arising upon translation from the functional currency to the presentation currency are recorded as currency translation adjustments in other comprehensive income.

Translation of all income and expenses from the US dollar functional currency to the presentation currency are performed using the average exchange rate for the period with translation gains and losses recorded as currency translation adjustments in other comprehensive income.

**Foreign currency transactions and balances**

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at period end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognized in the statement of loss. Non-monetary items are not retranslated at year-end and are measured at historical cost (translated using the exchange rates at the transaction date).

**(i) Loss per share**

Basic loss per share is computed by dividing the net loss by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Outstanding stock options have not been considered in the computation of diluted loss per share as the result would be anti-dilutive.

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**4. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)****(j) Share-based compensation**

The Company has an equity-settled share-based compensation plan for granting stock options to management, directors, employees and consultants. The Company recognizes compensation expense for this plan at fair value so that the fair value of each option grant is estimated on the date of the grant and amortized over the vesting period, with the resulting amortization credited to reserves. The Company uses the accelerated method (also referred to as graded vesting) for allocating stock option expense over the vesting period. Stock option expense incorporates an expected forfeiture rate. The forfeiture rate is based on past experience and expectations of future forfeitures rates. Adjustments are made if the actual forfeiture rate differs from the expected rate. The fair value of each grant is determined using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model. Consideration paid upon the exercise of stock options is recorded as share capital. See also Note 5.

**(k) Asset retirement obligations**

The Company recognizes liabilities for statutory, contractual or legal obligations associated with the reclamation of exploration and evaluation properties. Initially, a liability for an asset retirement obligation is recognized at its fair value in the period in which it is incurred and the corresponding asset retirement cost is added to the carrying amount of the related asset. The cost is amortized over the economic life of the asset using either the unit-of-production method or the straight-line method, as appropriate. Following the initial recognition of the asset retirement obligation, the carrying amount of the liability is adjusted for changes to the amount or timing of the underlying cash flows needed to settle the obligation. As at November 30, 2016 and 2015, the Company had not incurred any asset retirement obligations related to the exploration of its exploration and evaluation properties.

**(l) Income taxes**

Income tax expense comprises current and deferred income taxes. Income taxes expense is recognized in the consolidated statements of loss except to the extent that it relates to items recognized directly in equity.

*Current income taxes*

Current taxes are the expected taxes payable or recoverable on the taxable income or loss, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date, and any adjustment to income taxes payable in respect of previous years.

*Deferred income taxes*

The Company accounts for income taxes under the asset and liability method. Under this method of tax allocation, deferred income tax assets and liabilities are determined based on differences between the financial statement carrying values and their respective income tax basis (temporary differences).

Deferred income taxes are measured using the tax rates that are expected to be in effect when the temporary differences are likely to reverse, based on the laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date. The effect on deferred income tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is included in earnings in the period in which the change is substantively enacted. The amount of deferred income tax assets recognized is limited to the amount that is probable to be realized.

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**4. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)****(m) Comprehensive income or loss**

Comprehensive income or loss is the change in equity during the period from transactions, events and circumstances other than those under the control of management. It includes all changes in equity during a period except those resulting from investments by shareholders and distributions to shareholders. The Company reports comprehensive income or loss as a separate statement. Comprehensive income or loss represents the change in net equity for the period that arises from unrealized gains and losses on available-for-sale financial instruments and the translation of the Company's subsidiaries' financial statements from their functional currency to the presentation currency. Amounts included in other comprehensive income or loss are shown net of tax.

**5. VOLUNTARY CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING POLICY**

The Company made a voluntary change in accounting policy related to the allocation of expired and canceled warrants and stock options during the year ended November 30, 2015. Previously, the fair value of warrants issued in private placements and the accumulated fair value of stock options recognized as share-based compensation were included in reserves and remained there after they expired or were canceled. The Company now chooses to allocate the fair value of the warrants that expired or were canceled during the period to share capital and the accumulated fair value of stock options that expired or were canceled during the period to deficit.

The Company believes the new accounting policy provides more relevant information as the reserves balances more clearly reflect the stock options and warrants outstanding at the end of the period. In accordance with IAS 8, *Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors*, the change in accounting policy has been made retrospectively.

The effect on the consolidated statement of changes in shareholders' equity as at November 30, 2014 is as follows:

	Amount reported prior to accounting policy change	Impact of accounting policy change	Amount reported after new accounting policy implemented
November 30, 2014			
Share capital	\$ 44,490,220	\$ 9,050,893	\$ 53,541,113
Reserves	12,344,546	(12,208,344)	136,202
Deficit	(26,881,065)	3,157,451	(23,723,614)

**6. NEW ACCOUNTING STANDARDS AND INTERPRETATIONS****Future accounting standards**

Certain pronouncements have been issued by the IASB or IFRIC (IFRS Interpretations Committee) that will be effective for future accounting periods. Many of these updates are not applicable or consequential to the Company and are not included in the list below.



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**6. NEW ACCOUNTING STANDARDS AND INTERPRETATIONS (continued)***IFRS 9 – Financial Instruments*

In July 2014, the IASB issued the final version of International Financial Reporting Standard (“IFRS”) 9, “Financial Instruments”, which replaces IAS 39, “Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement”. IFRS 9 provides guidance on the classification and measurement of financial assets and financial liabilities, establishes an expected credit losses impairment model and a new hedge accounting model with corresponding risk management activity disclosures. The standard is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2018.

*IFRS 15 – Revenue from Contracts with Customers*

IFRS 15 presents new requirements for the recognition of revenue, replacing IAS 18 ‘Revenue’, IAS 11 ‘Construction Contracts’, and several revenue-related Interpretations. The new standard establishes a control-based revenue recognition model and provides additional guidance in many areas not covered in detail under existing IFRSs, including how to account for arrangements with multiple performance obligations, variable pricing, customer refund rights, supplier repurchase options, and other common complexities.

IFRS 15 is effective for reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2018. Management has not yet assessed the impact of IFRS 15 on the consolidated financial statements.

*IFRS 16 – Leases*

IFRS 16 was issued in January 2016. IFRS 16 replaces IAS 17 Leases. IFRS 16 introduces a single lessee accounting model and requires a lessee to recognize assets and liabilities for all leases with a term of more than twelve months, unless the underlying asset is of low value. A lessee is required to recognize a right-of-use asset representing its right to use the underlying asset and a lease liability representing its obligation to make lease payments. IFRS 16 is effective for fiscal periods beginning on or after January 1, 2019 with early adoption permitted. The Company has not yet determined the impact of IFRS 16 on its consolidated financial statements.

**7. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

Cash and cash equivalents include funds in corporate chequing and savings accounts that are accessible on demand, and in an investment savings account that is redeemable with one day’s notice.

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	November 30, 2016	November 30, 2015
Cash	\$ 247,666	\$ 365,849
Investment savings account	–	654,262
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 247,666	\$ 1,020,111

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**8. RESTRICTED CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

Restricted cash and cash equivalents include funds invested in guaranteed investment certificates with maturities of less than three months as security for corporate credit cards. The funds securing the corporate credit cards are restricted and cannot be withdrawn while the credit cards are outstanding.

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**9. AMOUNTS RECEIVABLE**

	November 30, 2016	November 30, 2015
Sales taxes receivable	\$ 2,247	\$ 5,159
Amounts receivable	\$ 2,247	\$ 5,159

**10. EQUIPMENT**

	Office equipment	Computer hardware	Total
<b>Cost</b>			
Balance at November 30, 2014	\$ 3,866	\$ 32,263	\$ 36,129
Additions	-	-	-
Balance at November 30, 2015	\$ 3,866	\$ 32,263	\$ 36,129
Additions	-	-	-
Balance at November 30, 2016	\$ 3,866	\$ 32,263	\$ 36,129
<b>Accumulated depreciation</b>			
Balance at November 30, 2014	\$ 2,909	\$ 24,198	\$ 27,107
Depreciation for the year	177	2,161	2,338
Balance at November 30, 2015	\$ 3,086	\$ 26,359	\$ 29,445
Depreciation for the year	780	1,582	2,362
Balance at November 30, 2016	\$ 3,866	\$ 27,941	\$ 31,807
<b>Net book value</b>			
As at November 30, 2015	\$ 780	\$ 5,904	\$ 6,684
As at November 30, 2016	\$ -	\$ 4,322	\$ 4,322

**11. EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION PROPERTIES**

	United States of America	Saskatchewan	Manitoba		Quebec	Total
	Salt Chuck	Fond du Lac	William Lake	Manibridge	HPM	
<b>Balance November 30, 2015</b>	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 5
<b>Exploration and evaluation costs:</b>						
Claims	-	-	533	26	-	559
Supplies	876	-	471	-	-	1,347
<b>Less:</b>						
Impairment	(877)	-	(1,004)	(26)	-	(1,907)
<b>Balance November 30, 2016</b>	\$ -	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 4

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**11. EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION PROPERTIES (continued)**

	United States of America		Saskatchewan	Manitoba			Quebec		Total
	MAN	Salt Chuck	Fond du Lac	William Lake	Tower	Manibridge	HPM	Raglan	
<b>Balance November 30, 2014</b>	\$ 260,118	\$ 1,787,222	\$ 4,354,373	\$21,074,636	\$ 1	\$ 453,287	\$ 1	\$ 361,518	\$ 28,291,156
<b>Exploration and evaluation costs:</b>									
Claims	–	30,654	–	715	–	26	732	–	32,127
Field accommodations and vehicles	(8,679)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	(8,679)
Other	–	–	–	–	–	–	608	–	608
Supplies	47,626	3,925	–	1,470	–	–	–	–	53,021
Wages and consulting	395	274	292	1,495	–	228	1,381	162	4,227
<b>Less:</b>									
Impairment	(296,074)	(2,121,110)	(4,354,664)	(21,078,315)	–	(453,540)	(2,721)	(361,680)	(28,668,104)
Disposition (Note 11(c)(ii))	–	–	–	–	(1)	–	–	–	(1)
Expenditure recovery	(46,736)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	(46,736)
Effect of exchange rate movement	43,350	299,036	–	–	–	–	–	–	342,386
<b>Balance, November 30, 2015</b>	\$ –	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ –	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ –	\$ 5

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**11. EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION PROPERTIES (continued)****(a) Salt Chuck Property, Alaska, United States**

The Salt Chuck Property consists of mining claims covering approximately 1,082 hectares near the historic Salt Chuck mine on Prince of Wales Island, Alaska. In August 2016 the Company decided not to renew these claims and the property was written off.

**(b) Fond du Lac Property, Saskatchewan, Canada**

Fond du Lac is located in northern Saskatchewan and comprises four contiguous claims covering 19,713 hectares on the northern edge of the Athabasca Basin. This nickel, copper property is currently in the early exploration stage. During 2015, the Fond du Lac Property was written down to \$1 as no substantive exploration expenditures were planned or budgeted. The costs to maintain the claims on this property are minimal as the Company has banked work credits that will be used at renewal.

**(c) Other properties**

In 2007, the Company purchased the property rights for the properties listed below from Falconbridge Limited (now Xstrata Nickel) subject to a 2% net smelter return royalty. In addition, Xstrata has a one-time right to repurchase a 50% working interest in any one of the properties if certain conditions are met. Xstrata also has the right to purchase 100% of the ore produced at market prices.

**(i) William Lake Property, Manitoba, Canada**

The William Lake property is located in central Manitoba and consists of 10,566 hectares. An extensive exploration program was conducted on this nickel and platinum group element (PGE) property during 2008. A re-assay program was completed in 2012 and preliminary target modelling was completed in 2013. During 2015, the William Lake Property was written down to \$1 as no substantive exploration expenditures were planned or budgeted. The costs to maintain the claims on this property are minimal as the Company has banked work credits that will be used at renewal.

**(ii) Tower Property, Manitoba, Canada**

On March 31, 2015, the Company announced it had signed an agreement with Akuna Minerals Inc. ("Akuna") for the sale of the Company's 30% interest in the Tower Property. This sale closed on May 22, 2015. Under the terms of the agreement, Akuna paid the Company \$1,000,000. In addition, upon achievement of nameplate production, as defined in an NI 43-101 feasibility study, Akuna will make a one-time payment to the Company of \$500,000.

**(iii) HPM Property, Quebec, Canada**

The HPM Property is located in Quebec. The property is owned 50% by the Company and 50% by Murchison Minerals Ltd. During 2015, the HPM Property was written down to \$1 as no substantive expenditures had been made on this property in recent periods nor were any planned or budgeted for.

**(iv) Manibrige Property, Manitoba, Canada**

This nickel property is located in the Thompson Nickel Belt in Manitoba, 128 km southwest of Thompson. During 2015, the Manibrige Property was written down to \$1 as no substantive exploration expenditures were planned or budgeted. The costs to maintain the claims on this property are minimal as the Company has banked work credits that will be used at renewal.

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**12. ROYALTY INTEREST**

The Milford Copper Property is currently owned by CS Mining LLC (“CS Mining”). The Company holds a 1% net smelter royalty on all CS Mining’s Milford properties which are shared with another party. Under the agreement, royalty payments are shared on a pro-rata basis, with the Company’s royalty capped at US\$5,000,000 (\$6,714,500) and the other party’s royalty capped at US\$3,000,000 (\$4,028,700).

The Company was previously informed by CS Mining that the property has been in production and there are royalties owing. To date, the Company has not yet received payment of these royalty amounts. On June 2, 2016 a group of creditors of CS Mining filed a petition for involuntary Chapter 11 bankruptcy and on June 3, 2016 two of CS Mining’s owners filed an action against the other owners of the company. Subsequently, CS Mining converted the involuntary bankruptcy to voluntary Chapter 11 bankruptcy. Debtor-in-possession (DIP) financing has been approved by the bankruptcy court. The Company continues to monitor the proceedings and will assert the Company’s interests to ensure the royalty is protected. As a result of the bankruptcy filing by CS Mining, the timing of the royalty payments is uncertain, therefore the royalty was written down to \$1.

	Royalty interest
Balance, November 30, 2014	\$ 1,010,195
Effect of exchange rate movements	246,305
Balance, November 30, 2015	1,256,500
Impairment of royalty interest	(1,266,283)
Effect of exchange rate movements	9,784
Balance, November 30, 2016	\$ 1

**13. SHARE CAPITAL**

Share capital consists of unlimited authorized common shares without par value. 68,144,874 common shares are issued and outstanding at November 30, 2016 (November 30, 2015 – 68,144,874).

**Reserves**

Reserves include (i) the accumulated fair value of outstanding stock options recognized as share-based compensation, and (ii) the fair value of outstanding warrants issued in private placements and for share issue costs. Reserves are increased by the fair value of these items as they vest and are reduced by corresponding amounts when the options or warrants expire or are exercised or cancelled.

**14. SHARE-BASED COMPENSATION**

The Company has a common share option plan for designated directors, officers, employees and consultants. Pursuant to the plan, option awards are recommended by the Compensation Committee of the Board and then reviewed by the Board of Directors. Under the plan, options on common shares may be issued for up to a cumulative amount that may not exceed 10% of shares outstanding.

The exercise price for each option granted under the plan is based upon the five-day weighted average market price at the date of the grant but shall not be lower than the discounted market price, as defined by the TSX Venture Exchange Corporate Finance Manual. The term may not exceed ten years from the date of the grant of the option. The specific terms including vesting period and term of the option are set by the board of directors.

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**14. SHARE-BASED COMPENSATION (continued)**

Stock option activity since November 30, 2014 is presented below:

	Number of shares	Weighted average exercise price \$
Outstanding, November 30, 2014	5,065,000	0.06
Forfeited	(215,000)	(0.04)
Expired	(1,700,000)	(0.09)
Outstanding, November 30, 2015	3,150,000	0.04
Expired	(1,550,000)	(0.035)
Outstanding, November 30, 2016	1,600,000	0.05

The following stock options are outstanding and exercisable at November 30, 2016:

Grant date	Options outstanding			Options exercisable		
	Exercise price \$	Number of shares	Weighted average remaining contractual life in years	Weighted average exercise price \$	Number of shares	Weighted average exercise price \$
October 23, 2014	0.05	1,600,000	0.9	0.05	1,600,000	0.05
		1,600,000	0.9	0.05	1,600,000	0.05

Stock options outstanding at November 30, 2016 expire October 23, 2017.

During the year ended November 30, 2016, the Company recognized \$843 of share-based compensation expense (November 30, 2015 – \$3,648), which has been recorded in the consolidated statement of loss.

**15. ADMINISTRATION AND GENERAL EXPENSES**

Included in administration and general expenses are the following:

	November 30, 2016	November 30, 2015
Accounting, audit and legal fees	\$ 34,335	\$ 95,464
Consulting	9,202	116,565
Depreciation	2,362	2,337
Directors' fees	79,563	56,062
Investor relations	–	39
Occupancy costs	40,456	55,851
Office and miscellaneous	57,580	79,864
Regulatory, filing and transfer agent fees	20,159	33,044
Salaries and benefits	488,565	559,987
Share-based compensation	843	3,648
Travel	14,371	59,370
Total administration and general expenses	\$ 747,436	\$ 1,062,231

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**16. LOSS PER SHARE**

The weighted average number of shares outstanding used in the computation of loss per share for the year ended November 30, 2016 was 68,144,874 (November 30, 2015 – 68,144,874). Outstanding stock options have not been considered in the computation of diluted loss per share as the result is anti-dilutive.

**17. DISSOLUTION OF SUBSIDIARY**

On April 25, 2016, the Company applied for and received a certificate of cancellation for MAN Alaska LLC. The Company recognized a gain on the dissolution of \$6,528. MAN Alaska LLC was a United States subsidiary with the United States dollar as its functional currency. Upon dissolution, the cumulative amount of the foreign currency translation adjustment recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in a separate component of equity was reclassified from equity to profit and loss at the time the gain was recognized. The cumulative amount of the foreign currency translation adjustment for MAN Alaska LLC at the date of dissolution totalled \$494,659. This resulted in a net loss of \$488,131.

**18. INCOME TAXES**

In assessing the realization of the Company's deferred income tax assets, management considers whether it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred income tax assets will not be realized. The ultimate realization of deferred tax assets is dependent upon the generation of taxable income during the periods in which those temporary differences become deductible. Management considers the scheduled reversal of deferred income tax liabilities, projected future taxable income, and tax planning strategies in making this assessment. The amount of deferred income tax assets considered realizable could change materially in the near term based on deferred taxable income generated during the carry-forward period.

**(a) Income Tax Reconciliation**

Income tax recovery presented in the consolidated statements of loss differs from the amounts that would be computed by applying the combined Canadian federal and provincial income tax rate of 26.5% (November 30, 2015 – 26.5%) and the United States 40% (November 30, 2015 – 40%) to loss before income taxes as follows:

	November 30, 2016	November 30, 2015
Income tax recovery expected at statutory rates	\$ 663,000	\$ 7,606,000
Non-deductible differences	–	(1,000)
Tax losses for which no deferred tax asset was recognized	(663,000)	(7,605,000)
Income tax recovery	\$ –	\$ –

The following temporary differences have not been recognized in the Company's consolidated financial statements:

	November 30, 2016	November 30, 2015
Non-capital tax losses carried forward	\$ 17,472,000	\$ 16,460,000
Exploration and development expenses	28,162,000	28,665,000
Other	663,000	667,000
	\$ 46,297,000	\$ 45,792,000

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**18. INCOME TAXES (continued)****(b) Non-capital losses**

As at November 30, 2016, the Company has non-capital losses carried forward for income tax purposes available to reduce taxable income in future years of approximately \$17,472,000 expiring as follows:

	\$
2025	178,000
2026	381,000
2027	3,985,000
2028	1,331,000
2029	1,231,000
2030	1,166,000
2031	1,210,000
2032	1,815,000
2033	993,000
2034	1,724,000
2035	2,446,000
2036	1,012,000
	<hr/> 17,472,000 <hr/>

**(c) Exploration expenditures**

Under the Income Tax Act, the Company can accumulate its resource related exploration expenses and development expenses (as defined by Canada Revenue Agency), carry them forward indefinitely and use them to reduce taxable income in the future. As of November 30, 2016, the Company has Cumulative Canadian Exploration expenses (CCEE) of \$28,162,000 (2015 - \$28,161,000) and Cumulative Canadian Development expenses (CCDE) of \$nil (2015 - \$233,000).

**19. RELATED PARTY BALANCES AND TRANSACTIONS****(a) Compensation awarded to key management personnel**

Key management personnel include the Company's directors, chief executive officer and chief financial officer. Compensation expenses for key management personnel include:

	Year ended November 30, 2016	Year ended November 30, 2015
Salaries and other short term benefits	\$ 386,550	\$ 386,731
Directors' fees	79,562	56,062
Share-based compensation	562	2,307
	<hr/> \$ 466,674	<hr/> \$ 445,100 <hr/>



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**19. RELATED PARTY BALANCES AND TRANSACTIONS (continued)****(b) Transactions with related parties**

During the year ended November 30, 2016, the Company incurred legal expenses with a firm of which a director of the Company was a partner, of \$nil (November 30, 2015 - \$983). The balance and transactions were in the normal course of operations.

The Company has no plans or arrangements in respect of remuneration received or that may be received by the named executive officers of the Company in the most recently completed financial year or current financial year in respect of compensating such officers in the event of termination of employment (as a result of resignation, retirement, change of control, etc.) or a change in responsibilities following a change of control; except for an employment agreement with the President and CEO of the Company, which provides that in the event of termination without cause or if a terminating event occurs because of a change in control (or similar event, as defined in the contract), the President and CEO will receive a minimum of 24 months' salary, any variable compensation that would have been paid during the notice period, plus \$100,000.

**20. SEGMENTED INFORMATION**

The Company operates in one segment being the acquisition, exploration and development of exploration and evaluation properties. The Company has exploration and evaluation properties located in two geographical areas, Canada and the United States of America.

November 30, 2016	Canada	United States of America	Total
Current assets	\$ 170,009	\$ 175,292	\$ 345,301
Equipment	4,322	–	4,322
Royalty interest	–	1	1
Exploration and evaluation properties	4	–	4
	\$ 174,335	\$ 175,293	\$ 349,628
Current liabilities	\$ 164,669	\$ 3,711	\$ 168,380
November 30, 2015	Canada	United States of America	Total
Current assets	\$ 833,229	\$ 299,470	\$ 1,132,699
Equipment	6,684	–	6,684
Royalty interest	–	1,256,500	1,256,500
Exploration and evaluation properties	4	1	5
	\$ 839,917	\$ 1,555,971	\$ 2,395,888
Current liabilities	\$ 213,049	\$ 2,190	\$ 215,239

Operating expenses in each year are presently wholly attributable to the corporate office.

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**21. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS****(a) Classification of financial instruments**

Financial assets and liabilities in the statements of financial position are as follows:

November 30, 2016	Loans and receivables	Other financial liabilities
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 247,666	\$ —
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	83,573	—
Amounts receivable	2,247	—
Accounts payable	—	2,213
Accrued liabilities	—	166,167

  

November 30, 2015	Loans and receivables	Other financial liabilities
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,020,111	\$ —
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	83,383	—
Amounts receivable	5,159	—
Accounts payable	—	33,282
Accrued liabilities	—	181,957

**(b) Fair value**

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell a financial asset or paid to transfer a financial liability in an orderly transaction between arm's length market participants at the measurement date. The fair value hierarchy establishes three levels to classify the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value:

- Level 1: quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2: inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly
- Level 3: unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

The fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to Level 1 inputs and the lowest priority to Level 3 inputs.

The Company has various financial instruments comprised of cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash and cash equivalents, amounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities. The carrying values of these financial instruments approximate their fair value due to their short-term maturities.

**(c) Credit risk**

The following assets are exposed to credit risk: cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash and cash equivalents and amounts receivable. The Company maintains all of its cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash and cash equivalents invested in demand deposits and short-term instruments at a major Canadian financial institution and a major United States of America financial institution. Most of these amounts are not insured but depend upon the general creditworthiness of the institution. The Company believes that exposure to credit risk is low.

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**21. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)****(d) Liquidity risk**

The Company has no debt and almost all of its financial assets are liquid, therefore has very limited exposure to liquidity risk of its financial assets.

**(e) Interest rate risk**

The Company is not exposed to significant interest rate risk due to the short-term maturity of its monetary assets and liabilities.

**(f) Currency risk**

As the Company operates in the United States, some of the Company's assets, liabilities, and transactions are denominated in United States funds. Fluctuation in the exchange rates between the United States dollar and the Canadian dollar could have a material effect on the Company's business, financial condition and results of operations.

At November 30, 2016, the Company had net monetary assets denominated in United States funds of \$212,000 (US\$158,000). Based upon the balance as at November 30, 2016, an increase of 15% in the U.S. to Canadian dollar exchange would result in a decrease in the net loss and comprehensive loss of \$32,000, and a reduction of 15% would result in an increase in the net loss and comprehensive loss of \$32,000. Management believes that it is not likely but it is possible that the exchange rate could fluctuate by more than 15% within the next 12 months.

**22. CAPITAL MANAGEMENT**

The Company considers all of the components of shareholders' equity to be capital. The Company's objectives in managing capital are to safeguard its ability to operate as a going concern and to generate a superior return to shareholders. The Company has no debt and does not expect to enter into debt financing. It expects to finance exploration activity through joint ventures, sales of property interests, and by raising additional share capital when market conditions are suitable. The Company and its subsidiaries are not subject to externally imposed capital requirements. There were no changes to the Company's approach to capital management during the year.

**23. COMMITMENTS**

The Company has a month to month commitment under an operating lease for office space. Included in administration and general expenses for the year ended November 30, 2016 is \$40,456 of operating lease expenses (November 30, 2015- \$55,851).

Future minimum lease payments as at November 30, 2016 are as follows:

2017	\$ 3,311
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