TriMetals Mining Inc. Three months ended March 31, 2019 Management's Discussion & Analysis ("MD&A")

# **INTRODUCTION**

The following information, prepared as of May 14, 2019, should be read in conjunction with the condensed interim consolidated financial statements of TriMetals Mining Inc. ("TMI" or the "Company") for the three months ended March 31, 2019 and the audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2018 which have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"). All amounts are expressed in U.S. dollars unless otherwise indicated.

This MD&A contains forward looking statements. For a description of the assumptions made in developing the forward-looking statements and the material factors that could cause the Company's actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements in this MD&A, please see the "Cautionary notes" and the "Risks and uncertainties" sections below.

## GENERAL

The Company is a growth focused mineral exploration company creating value through the exploration and development of the near surface Gold Springs gold-silver project along the Nevada-Utah border. The Company also holds the large scale Escalones copper-gold project located in the world renowned Chilean copper belt and has been seeking compensation based on the fair market value of the expropriated Malku Khota project in Bolivia through an arbitration process which, on November 22, 2018, resulted in the Arbitration Tribunal of the Permanent Court of Arbitration issuing an award in favour of the Company for \$29.1 million (including interest accrued to date).

The Company's approach to business combines the team's track record of discovery and advancement of large projects, key operational and process expertise, and a focus on community relations and sustainable development. Management has extensive experience in the global exploration and mining industry.

The Company's common shares and Class B shares trade on the Toronto Stock Exchange (the "TSX") under the symbols TMI and TMI.B, respectively, and the Company's common shares and Class B shares trade in the US on the OTCQX International Market as TMIAF and TMIBF, respectively. The Class B shares are entitled collectively to 85% of the net cash, if any, (after deducting all costs, taxes and expenses and the third-party funder's portion thereof) received by TMI from award or settlement in relation to the Company's subsidiary South American Silver Limited's arbitration proceeding against Bolivia for the expropriation of the Malku Khota project in 2012. The Class B shares have no interest in the other assets or properties of the Company.

# PROJECTS

# Gold Springs gold-silver project, USA

The Company holds a 100% interest in the 78 square kilometre Gold Springs gold-silver project located on the Nevada-Utah border. In addition to drilling, the Company has completed rock chip sampling, detailed target mapping, soil sampling, stream sediment sampling, and a property-wide LIDAR, aero-magnetic and ZTEM geophysical surveys. The ZTEM geophysical survey identified many structural features related to mineralization, and the Company has developed resources on the Jumbo (the North Jumbo and South Jumbo (Etna) resources), Grey Eagle and Thor trends. Geological work identified 26 surface targets with outcropping gold mineralization, the majority of which correspond to the ZTEM resistivity features.

The gold-silver mineralization at North Jumbo, Etna, Thor and Grey Eagle, remains open to expansion laterally and to depth as the drilling has typically only penetrated the top 150 metres vertically below the surface at Jumbo (maximum drilled depth of 280 metres) and 130 metres below the surface at Grey Eagle (maximum drilled depth of 262 metres).

## 2017 Resource Estimate

The Company contracted Global Resource Engineering, Ltd. who, on March 29, 2017, completed an updated pit-constrained resource estimate for the Jumbo North and Jumbo South (Etna) areas, the Grey Eagle area

and the Thor area, at Gold Springs.	The updated resource includes the assay information from the 2015
and 2016 drill programs.	

Category	Area	Tonnage	Gold		Silver		AuEq*	
			<u>Grade</u> g/t	<u>Troy oz</u> (000)		<u>Troy oz</u> (000)	<u>Grade</u> g/t	<u>Troy oz</u> (000)
Gold Spr	Gold Springs Property-Wide Resource – using a 0.25 g/t gold cutoff							
Measured		13,591	0.58	252	11.11	4,855	0.76	330
Indicated		16,245	0.53	276	9.08	4,741	0.68	353
M&I		29,836	0.55	528	10	9,596	0.71	683
Inferred		4,660	0.46	69	6.49	973	0.57	85
Jumbo T	Jumbo Trend Resource - Jumbo North and Jumbo South (Etna), Utah							
M&I	Jumbo N	16,994	0.5	271	12.12	6,623	0.69	378
M&I	Jumbo S (Etna)	5,312	0.61	104	6.51	1,111	0.71	122
	Total	22,306	0.52	375	10.79	7,735	0.7	500
Inferred	Jumbo N	2,328	0.45	34	7.25	542	0.57	43
Inferred	Jumbo S (Etna)	1,435	0.5	23	5.27	243	0.58	27
	Total	3,763	0.47	57	6.49	786	0.58	5 70
Grey Eag	gle and Thor Re	source, N	evada					
M&I	Grey Eagle	7,175	0.62	142	7.17	1,654	0.73	169
M&I	Thor	355	0.96	11	18.15	207	1.25	14
	Total	7,531	0.63	153	7.69	1,861	0.76	183
Inferred	Grey Eagle	875	0.43	12	6.37	179	0.53	15
Inferred	Thor	23	0.63	0	11.1	8	0.81	1
	Total	898	0.43	13	6.49	187	0.54	16

Numbers have been rounded, which may lead to some numbers not adding up exactly.

*M&I*: measured and indicated. The Inferred resource is in addition to the measured and indicated resource.

\* AuEq: Gold equivalent - reflects gross metal content using a gold/silver price ratio of 61.9 and have not been adjusted for metallurgical recoveries.

The 2017 Resource on the Gold Springs project was derived from the technical report "Amended Technical Report and 2017 Mineral Resource Gold Springs Project" authored by Global Resource Engineering, Ltd. (GRE) and Kurt Katsura, dated March 29, 2017 and filed on SEDAR on July 27, 2017.

# <u>Drilling</u>

TMI completed 28 reverse circulation drill holes in 2017 for a total of 4,625 metres. All drilling was completed within the Jumbo trend as holes were located in and around the South Jumbo resource and in the Central Jumbo area. The geologic mapping and sampling supported by the ZTEM geophysical survey, indicates that the gold-silver bearing structural and geophysical settings that have been drilled at Jumbo may continue for approximately 5.5 kilometres along strike (the "Jumbo Trend"). The goal of the 2017 program was to expand the existing bulk-tonnage, heap-leachable mineral resource which is located around the historic Etna Mine (South Jumbo) and to try and intersect mineralization within the State Section target located in the middle of the Jumbo Trend (Central Jumbo). Results from drill hole SS-17-001 drilled in Central Jumbo includes 21.3 metres @ 1.53 g/t Au and 2.5 g/t Ag. In addition, TMI reports results from the South Jumbo target in the historic Etna Mine area. Highlights from this drilling include 80.8 metres at 0.74 g/t Au and 7.2 g/t Ag in hole E-17-005 and 83.8 metres at 0.64 g/t Au and 6.5 g/t Ag in hole E-17-003, 32.0 metres at 0.53 g/t Au and 10.1 g/t Ag, in hole E-17-013, 29.0 metres at 0.52 g/t Au and 8.2 g/t Ag in home

E-17-014, 39.6 metres at 0.55 g/t Au and 6.4 g/t Ag in hole E-17-015, 82.3 metres at 0.63 g/t Au and 11.6 g/t Ag in hole E-17-016, and 93.0 metres at 0.51 g/t Au and 5.9 g/t Ag in hole E-17-019.

## <u>Jumbo Trend</u>

On March 2, 2017, the Company announced results from 3 holes drilled in the State Section target located in the central portion of the Jumbo trend (Central Jumbo). The best hole (SS-16-001) returned 12.2 metres at 0.79 g/t Au and 5.79 g/t Ag. This hole, located in the central portion of the Jumbo Trend between the North Jumbo resource area and South Jumbo (Etna target) resource area, intersected the mineralized system, again confirming the continuity of the mineralization flanking the 5.5 km long Jumbo Structural Trend resistivity high. Drilling has now indicated the presence of gold mineralization over approximately half of the 5.5 km Jumbo Trend.

On September 8, 2017 the Company announced the first results from the 2017 drill program. These holes were from the Central (SS-17-001 21.3 metres @ 1.53 g/t Au and 2.5 g/t Ag) and South Jumbo target areas which were located to test for the continuity of mineralization within the Jumbo trend and expand the Southern Jumbo resource, including 80.8 metres at 0.74 g/t Au and 7.2 g/t Ag in hole E-17-005 and 83.8 metres at 0.64 g/t Au and 6.5 g/t Ag in hole E-17-003.

On December 8, 2017 the Company announced additional results from the 2017 drill program. These holes were located in the Southern Jumbo area and continued to show the expansion of the resource and outline a higher-grade portion of the system with 16.8 metres at 1.67 g/t Au and 22.1 g/t Ag in hole E-17-017 and 12.2 metres at 1.53 g/t Au and 10.4 g/t Ag in hole E-17-019 reported.

On February 8, 2018 the final holes from the 2017 drill program were reported with hole E-17-016 continuing to demonstrate the high-grade portion of the system as it returned 10.7 metres at 2.02 g/t Au and 25.2 g/t Ag.

## <u>Homestake</u>

On November 2, 2017 the Company announced the acquisition of the historic Homestake patented claim block located 1,000 metres east of the Grey Eagle resource.

On November 16, 2017 the Company announced the first results from surface sampling on the newly acquired Homestake claim block. These results included numerous samples <10 g/t Au and demonstrated the potential to outline higher-grade material within these claims. In 2018 the Company completed detailed mapping of the Homestake claims which, along with additional sampling, has defined a high-priority drill target containing substantial gold grades.

## Metallurgical Testing

Six mini-column (2 feet high) tests were completed in 2015 on six different types of mineralized materials from Grey Eagle and Jumbo. These tests included reagent variations to enhance silver extraction. The metallurgical report received from these tests indicated that, using a simple average, gold recoveries for the Grey Eagle and Jumbo areas were 77% and 68%, respectively. This does not take into account weighting of the recovery by proportion of type of mineralized material. Globally the recovery averaged 73% for gold at Jumbo and 72% at Grey Eagle. Silver recovery averaged 16% and 47% for Grey Eagle and Jumbo, respectively, which after adjusting for weighting by type of mineralized material equates to a 20% recovery at Grey Eagle and 40% at Jumbo. The cause for the lower silver recovery at Grey Eagle is unknown at this time. Additional metallurgical tests were completed to determine the grain size selection for large-column tests. These additional tests known as "bucket" tests were completed on nine types of mineralized materials at four different grain sizes with the largest being one inch. A summary of the results was reported in the PEA in August 2015. These results were used to choose the <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>-inch grain size for the large, full size (2-metre high and 4-inch diameter) cyanide column tests, similar sized material to that which would be used in a "heap leach" mine. Three full size column-tests were completed in 2016 on three different types of mineralized materials from Jumbo using <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>-inch material and covered a wide range of gold grades. Each material type was crushed to a P80 of <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inches, and loaded into the columns. These 3 types of mineralized materials used in the columns, of the 5 Jumbo mineralization types used in the 2015 PEA, represent approximately 73% of the Jumbo resource as presented in the 2015 PEA. The tests were conducted over a long period of time to look at extraction rates over the short term and long term after a "rest period" in which no additional cyanide solution was applied. The results suggest that higher recoveries than those used in the PEA may be possible both in gold and silver.

## **Permitting**

The Company submitted a Plan of Operations ("PoO") to the US Bureau of Land Management ("BLM") Caliente Office of the State of Nevada on May 23, 2013 and to the BLM Cedar City Office of the State of Utah on April 7, 2014. At the time it was submitted, the PoO was the Company's proposal of exploration and resource expansion activities to be conducted in certain target areas of the Gold Springs project. The submission of the PoOs to the BLM offices triggered an Environmental Assessment ("EA") in each State. On March 27, 2014, the BLM Caliente Office of the State of Nevada issued a Finding Of No Significant Impact document ("FONSI") accepting TMI's EA covering the Nevada portion of the Gold Springs project (NR 14-07, April 3, 2014). On September 22, 2015, the BLM Cedar City Office of the State of Utah issued a FONSI accepting TMI's EA covering the Utah portion of the Gold Springs project (NR 15-11, September 29, 2015). The acceptance of the EAs by the BLM offices of both States, along with concurrence by each State's Environmental Departments, means that the Company's exploration and resource expansion activities included in the PoO are authorized to proceed in Nevada and Utah. Archeological studies and mitigation are still required in certain geographical areas covered by each State's respective EA before exploration activities start in these areas. During 2017, the Company completed the cultural mitigation work on most areas within the Jumbo Trend. In 2018 the Company negotiated a programmatic agreement covering the cultural mitigation activities in Utah which will streamline this work in the future. If the proposed exploration and resource expansion activities substantially change from the PoO, or if new areas not covered by the EA are to be disturbed by the activities, additional permitting from the BLM and State offices will be required. The Company submitted an amended PoO on April 13, 2017 to the BLM Cedar City Office of the State of Utah in order to substantially increase the exploration area within Utah. The amended PoO has been accepted and the FONSI was issued on September 20, 2017 by the BLM office in Cedar City. The Company envisions staged exploration and resource expansion activities in the 26 outcropping gold targets that are located in the Gold Springs project. Some of these future activities are included in the PoOs, both current and amended, but others would require further permitting.

## **Escalones copper-gold project, Chile**

The Escalones copper-gold project is located in the central Chilean mining district which includes the nearby El Teniente deposit – the world's largest underground copper mine. The project is accessible by road and is approximately 100 kilometres south-east of Santiago. During 2017, the Company acquired mineral concessions immediately adjacent to the north and north-east of Escalones, increasing the property position controlled by the Company from 9,389 hectares to 16,189 hectares, of which 4,689 hectares are subject to the Boezio Option agreement.

On November 30, 2018 the Company executed a letter of intent (the "LOI") with Wealth Minerals Ltd. (TSXV:WML) ("Wealth Minerals"), a Vancouver BC, Canada based mineral exploration company, with respect to the acquisition of the Company's 100% interest in the Escalones Copper Project in Chile (the "Escalones Copper Project") by a newly formed, copper-focused, subsidiary of Wealth Minerals ("Wealth Copper").

The terms of the LOI for the proposed transaction, as amended, (the "Amended LOIs") are now as follows:

1. Wealth, through its wholly owned British Columbian subsidiary, Wealth Copper, or its wholly owned Chilean subsidiary, Wealth Copper Chile, would acquire 100% of TMI's interest in and to the Escalones Project and related assets (the "Escalones Transaction") in consideration of 25 million common shares of Wealth Copper (the "Consideration Shares"), representing 50% of the issued and outstanding common shares of Wealth Copper, excluding any Wealth Copper shares issued in connection with the

Concurrent Financing (as defined below) and certain cash payments. As a condition of closing of this transaction, Wealth Copper must have entered into a letter of intent with a TSX Venture Exchange listed issuer ("ListedCo") in respect of a reverse take-over transaction (an "RTO") whereby ListedCo would acquire all of the issued and outstanding Wealth Copper shares and continue the business of Wealth Copper (ListedCo, after the closing of the RTO, is referred to as the "Resulting Issuer").

- 2. Concurrently with or prior to closing of the RTO, Wealth Copper and/or ListedCo would complete a private placement to raise aggregate gross proceeds of at least Cdn\$5 million (the "Concurrent Financing").
- 3. Wealth Copper would be required to make the remaining US\$4.4 million in payments to exercise an option on 19 exploitation concessions comprising 46 square km of the Escalones Project which are the subject of an option agreement dated February 26, 2004, as amended. The first US\$400,000 payment is due June 30, 2019.
- 4. In addition to the Cdn\$150,000 deposit paid by Wealth to TMI pursuant to the LOI, Wealth Copper would be required to: (a) pay TMI a cash payment of Cdn\$350,000 upon the closing of the Concurrent Financing; and (b) make an additional cash payment of Cdn\$500,000 on the 12 month anniversary of closing of the Concurrent Financing.
- 5. Immediately after completion of the RTO and the Concurrent Financing, TMI's ownership interest in the Resulting Issuer will not be less than 30%. TMI would be granted the right to participate in certain future equity financings of the Resulting Issuer to allow TMI to maintain its pro rata ownership interest in the equity capital of the Resulting Issuer.
- 6. For so long as Wealth and TMI hold at least 20% of the issued and outstanding shares of the Resulting Issuer, both would have the right to nominate one director to the board of directors of the Resulting Issuer.
- 7. TMI will retain a 2% net smelter returns royalty ("NSR") payable on production from the Escalones Project if the price of copper is greater than USD \$0.75 per pound and a 1% NSR if the copper price is equal to or less than USD \$0.75 per pound, subject to a buy-back right.

The Escalones Transaction is subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions, including (i) the completion of the Concurrent Financing, (ii) satisfactory completion of due diligence by Wealth and TMI; (iii) approval of the Toronto Stock Exchange and the TSX Venture Exchange, as applicable; and (iv) the approval of the board of directors of each of Wealth and TMI and their Chilean subsidiaries.

Wealth Copper has entered into a definitive assignment and assumption agreement with New Energy Metals Corp. ("ENRG") whereby ENRG and its wholly-owned Chilean subsidiary will assign and transfer to Wealth Copper all of its rights, title and interest in and to a unilateral option (the "Cristal Option") to purchase mining concessions agreement dated August 4, 2017 (the "Cristal Option Agreement"), pursuant to which ENRG had the right to acquire a 100% interest in and to the Cristal Copper project located in Region XV of Arica and Parinacota, Chile (the "Cristal Project"). If Wealth Copper were to exercise the Cristal Option, Wealth Copper would grant ENRG's Chilean subsidiary an initial 30% participating interest in the Cristal Project (and the resulting joint venture). Under the Cristal Option Agreement, a total of \$4.4 million is still to be paid to exercise the Cristal Option, with \$200,000 due on August 4, 2019, \$500,000 due on August 4, 2020, \$700,000 due on August 4, 2021, and a further \$3 million due on August 4, 2022. The current holder of the Cristal Project would retain a 3% NSR royalty, and Wealth Copper would have the right of first offer to purchase a 2% NSR royalty for a price of at least \$2 million per percentage point. In addition, the Cristal Project is also subject to an existing 1% NSR royalty in favour of Condor Resources Inc. that can be repurchased in its entirety for a payment of \$1 million.

On March 29, 2019 the Parties extended the date for executing a definitive agreement to being no later than April 30, 2019. The Parties are currently finalizing the terms of the definitive agreement.

**Arbitration claim against the Bolivian government for the expropriation of the Malku Khota project** On October 23, 2012, the Company's wholly-owned Bermudian subsidiary, South American Silver Limited ("SASL"), delivered a formal letter to the State of Bolivia notifying it of an investment dispute between the Company and Bolivia. The dispute has arisen as a result of acts and omissions of the Government of Bolivia including the issuance of Supreme Decree No.1308 on August 1, 2012. The Decree revoked mining concessions held by the Company's Bolivian subsidiary, Compañia Minera Malku Khota S.A. ("CMMK"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of SASL.

On November 22, 2018, an Arbitration Tribunal of the Permanent Court of Arbitration issued an award to SASL for \$18,700,000 in respect of amounts invested and, approximately, a further \$10,400,000 in interest thereon running from August 1, 2012 to present, for a total of approximately \$29,100,000 million (the "Award").

On February 28, 2019, SASL, commenced court proceedings in Washington, DC, seeking a United States court judgment to recognize and enforce the Award in the United States.

SASL is committed to receiving payment of the Award from Bolivia and resolving the dispute in a manner that is mutually beneficial for both parties. However, SASL is willing to take further action to satisfy the Award should Bolivia refuse to pay, or purposely delay its payment. In that regard, SASL has engaged a U.S. based law firm that is leading SASL's effort to domesticate and enforce its Award in the U.S.A.

On April 4, 2019, the Company executed an addendum (the "Addendum") to its 2013 privileged arbitration funding agreement (the "Arbitration Funding Agreement") with its arbitration funder (the "Fund") whereby the Company can elect to receive up to US\$2 million for working capital purposes. The Fund has made such working capital funding facility available to the Company in four semi-annual installments of US\$500,000 each. The first US\$500,000 installment was received on April 9, 2019.

The Company has agreed to repay the Fund the amount of the installments advanced to the Company, plus a variable amount up to the amount of the installments advanced, from the amounts received via settlement with, or otherwise recovered from, the Government of Bolivia ("Bolivia"), and has agreed to pay the Fund a portion of the amount received from a sale, if any, of the Malku Khota project data.

## **RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

During the three months ended March 31, 2019, the Company reported net earnings of \$99,744 (\$0.00 per share) compared to net earnings of \$1,020,731(\$0.01 per share) reported during the three months ended March 31, 2018.

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
General and administrative expenses (excluding share-based payments)	(246,031)	(336,772)
Interest and other income	249	2,078
Accretion and interest on convertible notes	-	(65,252)
Change in value of Class B shares, arbitration award assets and liabilities	404,617	1,454,172
Other	531	(498)
Share-based payments	(59,622)	(32,997)
Net earnings for the period	99,744	1,020,731

The general and administrative expenses are consistent from period to period other than a general decrease during the three months ended March 31, 2019 as the Company continues to reduce costs.

During the 2018 fiscal year, the convertible note holders converted 100% of the outstanding balance of the convertible notes, plus accrued interest. The convertible notes and the security interests provided to secure payment of the convertible notes, were thereby extinguished.

During the fourth quarter of 2018, the arbitration award asset related to the Malku Khota project became a financial instrument. IFRS requires the Company to fair value the arbitration award asset, which had previously been carried at cost as the Malku Khota project. The change in fair value of the Class B shares and the arbitration award assets and liabilities for the three months ended March 31, 2019 resulted in a gain of \$404,617. During the comparable period, the change in fair value of the Class B shares, only, resulted in a gain of \$1,454,172.

## CAPITAL EXPENDITURES AND INVESTING ACTIVITIES

Total exploration spending for the three months ended March 31, 2019 was \$123,103. The costs included \$47,177 incurred at Gold Springs and \$75,926 at Escalones. Refer to the condensed interim financial statements for detailed analysis.

## FINANCING ACTIVITIES

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On March 20, 2019 the Company closed a private placement raising gross proceeds of \$345,414 (Cdn. \$460,000) from the sale of 9,200,000 common shares priced at \$0.05 per share. The Company incurred share issuance costs of \$22,187.

During the three months ended March 31, 2018, the Company completed a private placement for gross proceeds of \$1,490,000 (Cdn. \$1,904,250) through the issuance of 12,694,999 units at a price of Cdn. \$0.15 per unit. Each unit is comprised of one common share and one half of one common share purchase warrant. Each whole warrant entitles the holder to purchase one additional common share of the Company at an exercise price of Cdn. \$0.25 per share for a period of 24 months from the closing date of the private placement.

## SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY RESULTS

The following is selected financial data for the last eight quarters ending with the most recently completed quarter, being the three months ended March 31, 2019:

Three months ended					
	March 31, 2019 \$	December 31, 2018 \$	September 30, 2018 \$	June 30, 2018 \$	
Total revenues	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
Net earnings (loss)	99,744	2,794,321	(2,527,533)	1,303,959	
Net earnings (loss) per share					
- Basic and diluted	0.00	0.01	(0.01)	0.01	
Deferred exploration costs	123,103	24,511	303,088	459,482	

Three months ended					
	March 31 2018 \$	December 31, 2017 \$	September 30, 2017 \$	June 30, 2017 \$	
Total revenues	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
Net earnings (loss)	1,020,732	658,241	(3,038,046)	(1,512,968)	
Net earnings (loss) per share					
- Basic and diluted	-	0.00	(0.02)	(0.01)	
Deferred exploration costs	407,979	202,622	1,130,664	621,699	

During the quarter ended December 31, 2018, due to the arbitration award being granted, the Company derecognized the Malku Khota project and recognized an arbitration award asset, resulting in a \$1,147,249 loss on derecognition. The Company also reported income of \$4,602,641 in relation to the fair value changes in the Class B shares and the arbitration award assets and liabilities.

Net earnings (loss) has been volatile for the quarters ended September 30, 2018 and prior due to the change in fair value of the Company's Class B shares. In this regard, the Company recognized loss of 2,544,395 during Q3 of 2018 (Q2 2018 - income of \$1,720,046, Q1 2018 - income of \$1,454,172, Q4 2017 - income of \$1,506,302 - Q3 2017 - loss of 2,633,162, Q2 2017 - loss of \$905,399)

The Company conducted drilling programs at Gold Springs in Q3 2017.

# LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

The Company's aggregate operating, investing and financing activities during the three months ended March 31, 2019 resulted in a net cash inflow of \$75,585. The Company had a working capital deficit of \$350,096 (\$293,028 as at December 31, 2018).

During the 2018 fiscal year, the Company notified the note holders that the maturity date would expose the Company to undue financial hardship. Accordingly, the maturity date was amended to July 23, 2020. Further, the convertible note holders converted 100% of the outstanding balance of the convertible notes, plus accrued interest, into an aggregate of 33,398,487 common shares of the Company at an amended conversion price of Cdn \$0.07 per common shares, and the convertible notes and the security interests provided to secure payment of the convertible notes, were thereby extinguished.

The Company is dependent upon share issuances to provide the funding necessary to meet its general operating expenses and will require additional financing to continue to explore its mineral properties. The recoverability of amounts shown as mining claims and deferred exploration costs is dependent upon the discovery of economically recoverable reserves, the Company's ability to obtain financing to develop its

mineral properties, and the ultimate realization of profits through future production from, or sale of, the properties. These factors may cast significant doubt upon the Company's ability to continue as a going concern and, therefore, that it may be unable to realize its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of business. The Company's ability to continue as a going concern is dependent upon its ability to obtain the necessary financing to meet its current operating expenses and to continue to explore its mineral properties by methods which could include debt refinancing, equity financing, forward sale agreements, sale of assets and strategic partnerships. Although the Company has been successful in the past in obtaining financing, there is no assurance that it will be able to continue to obtain adequate financing in the future or that such financing will be on terms advantageous to the Company.

# CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS

The Company has the following contractual obligations as at March 31, 2019:

	Less than 1 year	1-3 years	3-5 years	Total due over next 5 years
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Escalones Option Agreement <sup>(1)</sup>	400,000	1,000,000	3,000,000	4,400,000

<sup>(1)</sup> The Company is contractually obliged to make these payments only and as long as it is willing to exercise its option to acquire the Escalones property. The Company has the option to acquire the Escalones property by making total option payments aggregating \$4,400,000, in stages, including a final option payment of \$3,000,000 on June 30, 2022. Once Escalones is acquired and until exploitation begins the Company is required to make annual advance royalty payments of \$200,000 for the first two years (increases to \$300,000 annually thereafter).

## CONTINGENCIES

The Company may be subject to various contingent liabilities that occur in the normal course of operations. The Company is not aware of any pending or threatened proceedings that would have a material adverse effect on the consolidated financial condition or future results of the Company.

Under the terms of the privileged Arbitration Costs Funding Agreement, the Company has given certain warranties and covenants to a third-party funder (the "Fund") and is obliged to pledge at least 35% of the shares of the Company's subsidiary which controls the Escalones property, as security for its obligations.

A large majority of the costs of the arbitration to be incurred by SASL or the Company are payable only in the event of an award in favour of SASL and will be paid out of the proceeds of any such award. These costs include certain fees and other expenses incurred in connection with the arbitration, including the Fund's portion of any recoveries received pursuant to the arbitration proceedings or any settlement with Bolivia, a contingent success fee payable to SASL's lead arbitration counsel, and other commitments. These fees, costs and expenses will be paid out of any such award, thus potentially reducing funds received by SASL by as much as one-third of the amount of any award in its favour.

A large majority of the costs of the arbitration to be incurred by SASL or the Company are payable only in the event there is an award in favour of SASL and will be paid out of the proceeds of any such award. These costs include certain fees and other expenses incurred in connection with the arbitration, including the Fund's portion of any recoveries received pursuant to the arbitration proceedings or any settlement with Bolivia, a contingent success fee payable to SASL's lead arbitration counsel and other commitments. These fees, costs and expenses will be paid out of any such award, thus potentially reducing funds received by SASL. The Company currently estimates that this could be between 35% and 45% of the amount of any award in its favour.

The holders of the Class B Shares have contingent rights to receive a pro-rata share of 85% of the net cash proceeds, if any (after deducting all costs, tax and expenses and the third-party funder's portion thereof), received pursuant to any award or settlement received pursuant to the arbitration proceedings.

# **RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

Key management includes the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer and the remaining directors. The compensation paid or payable to key management for services during the three months ended March 31, 2019 and 2018 is as follows:

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
Directors' fees	12,450	12,675
Professional fees	18,943	18.958
Share-based payments	54,766	40,944
Wages and benefits	26,250	21,663
TOTAL	112,409	92,490

The Company's related parties consist of the Company's officers or companies associated with them and Gowling WLG (Canada) LLP which is a legal firm in which Tina Woodside, a director of the Company, is a partner. The Company incurred the following additional expenditures with related parties during the three months ended March 31, 2019 and 2018 that were charged by related parties. All transactions with related parties have occurred in the normal course of the Company's operations and have been measured at the exchange amounts agreed to by the Company and the related parties.

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
Consulting fees <sup>(1)</sup>	15,892	4,107
Consulting fees - mineral property costs	943	11,612
Professional fees <sup>(2)</sup>	33,408	18,620
Share issue costs	9,892	30,713
TOTAL	60,135	65,052

<sup>(1)</sup> paid to Felipe Malbran, and in 2018 also to a company owned by David Dreisinger (a former officer of the Company), as compensation to serve as officers of the Company.

<sup>(2)</sup> paid to Gowling WLG (Canada) LLP.

Included in accounts payable at March 31, 2019 is an amount of \$256,017 (December 31, 2018 - \$281,499) due to related parties. These amounts are non-interest bearing and have no specific terms of repayment.

## FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Company's financial instruments as at March 31, 2019 consist of cash and cash equivalents, receivables, arbitration award assets, accounts payable and Class B shares and other arbitration award liabilities. Cash and cash equivalents, receivables and accounts payable are classified as amortized cost. The arbitration award assets and Class B shares and other arbitration award liabilities are designated as FVTPL.

## **Fair Value of Financial Instruments**

The Company classified the fair value of the financial instruments according to the following fair value hierarchy based on the amount of observable inputs used to value the instruments:

• Level 1 – Values based on unadjusted quoted prices available in active markets for identical assets or liabilities as of the reporting date.

- Level 2 Values based on inputs, including quoted forward prices for commodities, time value and volatility factors, which can be substantially observed or corroborated in the marketplace. Prices in Level 2 are either directly or indirectly observable as of the reporting date.
- Level 3 Values based on prices or valuation techniques that are not based on observable market data.

The Class B shares are Level 1 fair values. The arbitration award asset and the other arbitration award liabilities are Level 2 fair values, which are derived from the valuation of the Class B shares.

The Company's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks: market risk (including currency risk, fair value interest rate risk, cash flow interest rate risk and price risk), credit risk and liquidity risk. There have been no changes in any risk management policies since December 31, 2018.

# OUTLOOK

The priorities of the Company for 2019 are to:

- Focus the Company's efforts toward the historic Gold Springs project in southern Utah and Nevada, and advance the exploration and geologic understanding of the project to expand the gold resource and mitigate technical risk;
- Complete the proposed transaction with Wealth Minerals Ltd. with respect to the divestiture of the Company's 100% interest in the Escalones Copper Project in Chile to a newly-formed, copper focused, subsidiary of Wealth.
- Engage in discussions with Bolivia to receive payment of the Award and concurrently take further action to satisfy the Award should Bolivia refuse to pay, or purposely delay its payment.
- Actively manage the business of the Company to preserve cash, efficiently and effectively invest in meaningful activities, and pursue accretive and strategic capital raising opportunities.

# **OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS**

The Company has not entered into any material off-balance sheet arrangements such as guarantee contracts, contingent interests in assets transferred to unconsolidated entities, derivative financial obligations, or with respect to any obligations under a variable interest equity arrangement.

# DISCLOSURE CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES AND INTERNAL CONTROLS OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

The Company's management, with the participation of the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer, engaged external consultants to evaluate the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in the rules of the Canadian Securities Administrators ("CSA")) as at December 31, 2018, and have concluded that such disclosure controls and procedures are effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in reports that it files or submits under Canadian securities laws is (i) recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in Canadian securities laws and (ii) accumulated and communicated to the Company's management to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Management is also responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting for the Company. Management has engaged external consultants, who used the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission ("COSO") control framework (2013) to evaluate the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. As of December 31, 2018, management assessed the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting and concluded that such internal control over financial reporting is effective and that there are no material

weaknesses in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that have been identified by management.

As of the date of this report, management is not aware of any change in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

It should be noted that all internal control systems, no matter how well designed, have inherent limitations. Therefore, even those systems determined to be effective can provide only reasonable assurance with respect to financial statement preparation and presentation.

## CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGMENTS

The preparation of the condensed interim and annual consolidated financial statements requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets, liabilities and expenses.

The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis of making judgments about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ significantly from these estimates. The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Significant estimates are made to determine the fair-value of share-based payments, of warrants, and of the arbitration award asset and of the other arbitration award liabilities.

Significant accounting judgements are made in particular with regard to the Company's ability to continue as a going concern and the assessment of impairment to the carrying value of mineral properties.

For further discussion related to critical accounting estimates and judgements, please refer to the Company's annual Management's Discussion and Analysis for the year ended December 31, 2018 available on SEDAR at <u>www.sedar.com</u>.

## **OUTSTANDING SHARE DATA**

The Company has an unlimited number of common shares without par value and up to 127,328,790 Class B shares without par value.

Type of Security	Common shares	Class B
	(number)	(number)
Issued and outstanding – May 14, 2019	239,169,464	116,375,152
Stock options	20,068,333	-
Share purchase warrants <sup>(1)</sup>	27,250,916	-
TOTAL DILUTION	286,488,713	116,375,152

<sup>(1)</sup> A total of 963,496 of the warrants are compensation warrants. Each compensation-warrant entitles the holder to acquire one unit consisting of one common share and one half of one common share purchase warrant, with each whole warrant entitling the holder to purchase an additional common share

## NEW ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

## **IFRS 16, Leases**

IFRS 16, Leases ("IFRS 16") eliminates the classification of leases as either operating or finance leases for a lessee. Instead all leases are capitalized by recognizing the present value of lease payments and

recognizing an asset and a financial liability representing an obligation to make future lease payments. The principles in IFRS 16 provide a more consistent approach to acquiring the use of an asset whether by leasing or purchasing an asset. The new leasing standard results in lease assets previously recorded as operating leases now being recognized as "right of use" assets on the statement of financial position. IFRS 16 is applicable to all entities and will supersede current lease accounting standards under IFRS. IFRS 16 became effective for the Company on January 1, 2019. There was no material impact upon adoption.

#### **RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES**

The Company is exposed to a number of risks and uncertainties that are common to other mineral exploration companies as well as risks associated with its international arbitration. Exploration for and the development of mineral resources involves a high degree of risk. The cost of conducting programs may be substantial and the likelihood of success is difficult to assess. The industry is capital intensive and is subject to variations in commodity prices, market sentiment, inflation and other risks. For further discussion related to risks and uncertainties, please refer to the Company's annual information form and annual Management's Discussion and Analysis for the year ended December 31, 2018 available on SEDAR at <a href="https://www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a>.

#### **Cautionary note regarding forward-looking statements**

Certain statements contained herein constitute "forward-looking information" or "forward-looking statements" under applicable securities laws ("forward-looking statements"). Forward-looking statements look into the future and provide an opinion as to the effect of certain events and trends on the business. Forward-looking statements may include words such as "will", "may", "expand", "continue", "estimated", "potential", "contingent", "develop", "plan", "future", "indications", "further", "could", "would', "expected", "nearing", "believes", "envisions", "ongoing", "possible", "creating", "advancing", "realization" and "pursuing" and similar expressions. This MD&A contains forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are based on current expectations and various estimates, factors and assumptions and involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors. Information concerning mineral resource estimates, preliminary economic assessments, and the interpretation of exploration programs, drill results and metallurgical testing may also be considered as a forward-looking statement, as such information constitutes a prediction of what mineralization might be found to be present and economically mineable if and when a project is actually developed.

Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these statements as the Company's actual results, performance or achievements may differ materially from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements if known or unknown risks, uncertainties or other factors affect the Company's business, or if the Company's estimates or assumptions prove inaccurate. Therefore, the Company cannot provide any assurance that forward-looking statements will materialize. Factors that could cause results or events to differ materially from current expectations expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements, include, but are not limited to, uncertainties associated with the settlement of the arbitration award with Bolivia, management's expectation with regard to the final amount of costs, fees and other expenses and commitments payable in connection with the arbitration, and any inability or delay in the collection of the value of any award or settlement, and risks of the mineral exploration industry which may affect the advancement of the Gold Springs or Escalones projects, including possible variations in mineral resources or grade, recovery rates, metal prices, capital and operating costs, and the application of taxes, availability of sufficient financing to fund further required work in a timely manner and on acceptable terms, availability of equipment and qualified personnel, failure of equipment or processes to operate as anticipated, changes in project parameters as plans continue to be refined; and other risks more fully described in the Company's Annual Information Form filed and publicly available on SEDAR at <u>www.sedar.com</u>. The assumptions made in developing the forward-looking statements include: the ability of the Company to realize value from the settlement of the arbitration award with Bolivia, and the Fund honoring its contractual commitments; the accuracy of current resource estimates and the interpretation of drill, metallurgical testing and other exploration results; the continuing support for mining by local governments in Nevada, Utah and Chile; the availability of equipment and qualified personnel to advance exploration projects; and execution of the Company's existing plans and further exploration and development programs for its projects, which may change due to changes in the views of the Company or if new information arises which makes it prudent to change such plans or programs.

Subject to applicable laws, the Company assumes no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or any other reason. Unless otherwise indicated, forward-looking statements in this MD&A describe the Company's expectations as of May 14, 2019.

Readers are also cautioned that the preliminary economic assessments in this MD&A are preliminary in nature and include inferred mineral resources that are considered too speculative geologically to have the economic considerations applied to them that would enable them to be categorized as mineral reserves and there is no certainty that the results indicated in the preliminary economic assessments will or could be realized. Mineral resources that are not mineral reserves do not have economic viability.

#### Cautionary note regarding reserve and resource estimates

The material in this MD&A has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the securities laws in effect in Canada, which differ from the requirements of U.S. securities laws. Unless otherwise indicated, all resource and reserve estimates included in this MD&A have been prepared in accordance with National Instrument 43-101 Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects ("NI 43-101") and the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy Classification System. NI 43-101 is a rule developed by the Canadian Securities Administrators which establishes standards for all public disclosure an issuer makes of scientific and technical information concerning mineral projects. Canadian standards, including NI 43-101, differ significantly from the requirements of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), and resource and reserve information contained herein may not be comparable to similar information disclosed by U.S. companies. In particular, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the term "resource" does not equate to the term "reserves". Investors should also understand that "inferred mineral resources" have a great amount of uncertainty as to their existence and great uncertainty as to their economic and legal feasibility. It cannot be assumed that all or any part of an "inferred mineral resource" will ever be upgraded to a higher category. The estimation of quantities of resources and reserves is complex, based on significant subjective assumptions and forward-looking information, including assumptions that arise from the evaluation of geological, geophysical, engineering and economic data for a given ore body. This data could change over time as a result of numerous factors, including new information gained from development activities, evolving production history and a reassessment of the viability of production under different economic conditions. Changes in data and/or assumptions could cause reserve estimates to substantially change from period to period. No assurance can be given that the indicated level of mineral will be produced. Actual production could differ from expected production and an adverse change in mineral prices could make a reserve uneconomic to mine. Variations could also occur in actual ore grades and recovery rates from estimates.

## **Other information**

Additional information related to the Company, including the Company's Annual Information Form and press releases, are available for viewing on SEDAR at <u>www.sedar.com</u> and at the Company's website at <u>www.trimetalsmining.com</u>.