# NorthWestcopper

**Condensed Interim Consolidated Financial Statements** 

For the three and six months ended June 30, 2022, and four and seven months ended June 30, 2021

(Expressed in Canadian Dollars)

(Unaudited)

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	Notes	June 30, 2022	Dece	ember 31, 2021
ASSETS				
Current assets				
Cash		\$ 15,947,019	\$	24,682,958
Short term investments		30,000		30,000
Receivables	5	883,993		762,267
Marketable securities	7(c)	104,192		-
Prepaid expenses		1,120,159		213,227
· · ·		18,085,363		25,688,452
Non-current assets				
Investment in joint venture	4	-		11,648,360
Property, plant and equipment	6	172,283		223,682
Exploration and evaluation assets	7	78,133,035		56,001,281
Deposits	8,11	567,138		362,896
		78,872,456		68,236,219
TOTAL ASSETS		\$ 96,957,819	\$	93,924,671
LIABILITIES Current liabilities				
Trade payables and accrued liabilities	11	\$ 2,969,765	\$	1,301,499
Payable to POSCO	4	3,000,000		-
Flow-through share premium liability	10	3,393,235		5,649,804
Term loan payable		27,600		-
Current portion of lease payable	9	109,676		105,390
		9,500,276		7,056,693
Non-current liabilities				
Closure and reclamation	8	133,493		133,493
Lease payable	9	28,813		84,744
Term loan payable		-		25,080
TOTAL LIABILITIES		9,662,582		7,300,010
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY				
Share capital	10	133,941,808		125,979,616
Share-based payment reserve	10	20,758,659		19,399,425
Equity portion of convertible debenture		52,837		52,837
Deficit		(67,458,067)		(58,807,217)
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		87,295,237		86,624,661
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		\$ 96,957,819	\$	93,924,671

Nature of operations and going concern (Note 1), Subsequent events (Notes 11 and 14)

Approved by the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors on August 18, 2022:

"Sean Tetzlaff", Director

"Teodora Dechev", Director

See accompanying notes to the condensed interim consolidated financial statements.

	Notes	Three months ended June 30, 2022		Four months ended June 30 2021 Restated (Note 2e)		•	months ended June 30, 2022	er	even months nded June 30 2021 ated (Note 2e)
Expenses									
Exploration and evaluation expenditures	7	\$	6,973,985	\$	727,210	\$	8,127,231	\$	780,857
Share-based payments	10		587,742		2,367,064		1,556,179		2,368,220
Salaries, management consulting and									
director fees	11		391,057		1,157,395		801,227		1,361,355
Investor relations			173,771		136,551		290,660		149,211
Office and miscellaneous			117,694		135,102		242,941		149,851
Professional fees			140,195		202,023		227,687		245,007
Depreciation	6		28,578		7,993		57,157		16,463
Transfer agent and filing fees			39,519		61,276		55,927		89,129
			(8,452,541)		(4,794,614)		(11,359,009)		(5,160,093)
Other Items									
Recognition of flow-through share premium	10		1,923,178		448,156		2,256,569		453,854
Other income			-		-		-		137,593
Management income			-		50,138		8,862		93,105
Interest income			29,615		8,231		36,473		8,973
Gain on option of mineral property	7		-		-		753,801		-
Loss on settlement of debt	10		-		(64,095)		-		(64,095)
Loss on marketable securities			(157,624)		-		(149,609)		-
Gain of disposition of lease asset			-		-		-		1,945
Finance expense			(47,749)		(57,777)		(92 <i>,</i> 667)		(70,745)
Share of joint venture loss	4		-		(1,240,731)		(105,270)		(1,630,143)
			1,747,420		(856,078)		2,708,159		(1,069,513)
Net loss and comprehensive loss for the perio	od	\$	(6,705,121)	\$	(5,650,692)	\$	(8,650,850)	\$	(6,229,606)
Loss per share – basic and diluted		\$	(0.04)	\$	(0.05)	\$	(0.06)	\$	(0.05)
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding	5		155,886,181		121,974,589		152,059,503		117,338,740

# NorthWest Copper Corp. Condensed Interim Consolidated Statement of Changes in Shareholders' Equity (Expressed in Canadian Dollars) (Unaudited)

		Share	capital						
	Notes	Number of shares	Amount	9	Share-based payment reserve	cc	Equity portion of onvertible ebentures	Deficit	Total Shareholders' Equity
Balance at November 30, 2020 Restated (Note 2e)		55,200,164	\$ 44,643,270	\$	8,869,704	\$	52,837	\$ (41,899,587)	\$ 11,666,224
Shares issued to former Sun Metals shareholders	4	55,323,061	55,323,061		-		-	-	55,323,061
Warrants issued to former Sun Metals securityholders	4	-			7,805,369		-	-	7,805,369
Stock options issued to former Sun Metals securityholders	4	-			1,181,385		-	-	1,181,385
Shares issued for cash - financing	10	3,750,000	3,000,000		-		-	-	3,000,000
Shares issued for cash - flow-through financing	10	5,000,000	5,000,000		-		-	-	5,000,000
Shares issued for cash - charity flow-through financing	10	4,550,000	5,005,000		-		-	-	5,005,000
Share issuance costs	10	-	(916,162)		-		-	-	(916,162)
Flow-through premium liability	10	-	(2,548,000)						(2,548,000)
Shares issued for debt		164,095	164,095		-		-	-	164,095
Shares issued for cash - exercise of warrants	10	1,173,026	649,255		-		-	-	649,255
Shares issued for cash - exercise of stock options	10	1,422,500	295,900		-		-	-	295,900
Reallocation of fair market value of warrants exercised			545,015		(545,015)		_		_
Reallocation of fair market value of stock options		-	545,015		(545,015)		-	-	-
exercised		_	203,311		(203,311)		_	_	_
Share-based payments	10	_	203,311		2,368,220				2,368,220
Net loss for the period	10	-	-		2,308,220		-	(6,229,606)	(6,229,606)
Balance at June 30, 2021 Restated (Note 2e)		126,582,846	\$111,364,745	\$	19,476,352	\$	52 <i>,</i> 837	\$ (48,129,193)	\$ 82,764,741
Balance at December 31, 2021		145,359,629	\$125,979,616	\$	19,399,425	Ś	52,837	\$ (58,807,217)	\$ 86,624,661
Shares issued for cash - exercise of warrants	10	552,446	287,272		-		-	-	287,272
Shares issued for cash - exercise of stock options	10	475,000	153,300		-		-	-	153,300
Reallocation of fair market value of warrants									
exercised	10	-	85,915		(85,915)		-	-	-
Reallocation of fair market value of stock options	-		,		· //				
exercised	10	-	111,030		(111,030)		-	-	-
Shares issued to acquire remaining JV interest	4	11,129,523	7,324,675				-	-	7,324,675
Share-based payments	10	,,			1,556,179		-	-	1,556,179
Net loss for the period	-	-	-		-		-	(8,650,850)	(8,650,850)
Balance at June 30, 2022		157,516,598	\$133,941,808	\$	20,758,659	\$	52 <i>,</i> 837	\$ (67,458,067)	\$ 87,295,237

See accompanying notes to the condensed interim consolidated financial statements.

# NorthWest Copper Corp. Condensed Interim Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (Expressed in Canadian Dollars)

(Unaudited)

		Six months ended June 30, 2022		Seven months ended June 30 2021	
	Notes			Rest	ated (Note 2e)
Operating estivities					
Operating activities		ć		ć	(6,220,606)
Net loss		\$	(8,650,850)	\$	(6,229,606)
Adjustments for non-cash items:	<i>c</i>		50.045		40.054
Depreciation	6		59,945		19,354
Share of joint venture loss	4		105,270		1,630,143
Finance expense			92,667		70,745
Interest income			(36 <i>,</i> 473)		(8,973)
Management income			-		(93,105)
Loss on settlement of debt			-		64,095
Recognition of flow-through share premium	10		(2,256,569)		(453 <i>,</i> 854)
Share-based payments	10		1,556,179		2,368,220
Gain on option of mineral property			(753,801)		-
Loss on marketable securities			149,609		-
Gain on disposition of lease asset			-		(1,945)
Changes in					
Receivables			220,546		(1,536,666)
Prepaid expenses			(894,410)		(276,661)
Trade payables and accrued liabilities			1,497,574		(424,399)
Net cash flows used in operating activities			(8,910,313)		(4,872,652)
Investing activities Cash acquired from Kwanika	4		90 19E		
Cash acquired from Sun Metals	4 3		89,185		- 9,481,375
Cash transaction costs - Sun Metals	5		-		(633,686)
	4		- (179.900)		
Investment in joint venture	4 7		(178,800) (2,372)		(150,000)
Exploration and evaluation assets	/		• • •		1,594
Deposits			(143,742)		20,962
Interest received			36,473		8,231
Property, plant and equipment			(8,546)		(10,074)
Net cash flows (used in) provided by investing a	ctivities		(207,802)		8,718,402
Financing activities Proceeds on issuance of common shares	10				12 005 000
Share issuance costs	10		-		13,005,000
	10		-		(916,162)
Proceeds from exercise of options Proceeds from exercise of warrants	10		153,300		295,900
Proceeds from exercise of warrants Short-term loan	10		287,272		649,255
			-		(30,000)
Lease payable repayments			(58,396)		(6,991)
Net cash flows provided by financing activities			382,176		12,997,002
Net change in cash and cash equivalents			(8,735,939)		16,842,752
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning			24,682,958		221,043
Cash and cash equivalents, ending		\$	15,947,019	\$	17,063,795

See accompanying notes to the condensed interim consolidated financial statements.

# 1. Nature of operations and going concern

NorthWest Copper Corp. (the "Company" or "NorthWest"), formerly Serengeti Resources Inc., was incorporated on March 5, 1973, under the laws of the Province of British Columbia, Canada, and its principal activity is the acquisition and exploration of mineral properties in Canada. On March 5, 2021, the Company changed its name to NorthWest Copper Corp. and commenced trading on the TSX-V under the new symbol "NWST".

The head office and principal address of the Company is 1055 West Hastings Street, Suite 1900, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, V6C 2E9. The Company's registered and records office address is #2200 – 885 West Georgia Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, V6C 3E8.

On March 5, 2021, the Company consolidated all the issued and outstanding common shares on a two for one basis (the "Consolidation"). The Consolidation reduced the common shares issued and outstanding at March 5, 2021, from 112,153,368 pre-consolidated to 56,076,589 post-consolidated common shares. All share, and per share information, including options and warrants, have been amended retrospectively in these condensed interim consolidated financial statements to reflect the share consolidation.

# Going concern

These condensed interim consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the assumption that the Company will continue as a going concern, meaning it will continue in operation for the foreseeable future and will be able to realize assets and discharge liabilities in the ordinary course of operations. At June 30, 2022, the Company had not achieved profitable operations, had a net loss of \$8,650,850 for the six months ended June 30, 2022 (seven months ended June 30, 2021 - \$6,229,606) and accumulated losses of \$67,458,067 (December 31, 2021 - \$58,807,217) since inception, all of which indicate a material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. The Company's ability to continue as a going concern is dependent on its ability to raise sufficient funds through equity capital or borrowings to meet its expenditure and obligations. Although the Company has been successful in the past in raising funds to continue operations, there is no assurance it will be able to do so in the future. Failure to obtain additional funding on a timely basis may cause the Company to postpone exploration and/or evaluation plans or substantially reduce its operations.

Since March 2020, the outbreak of the novel strain of coronavirus, specifically identified as "COVID- 19", has resulted in governments worldwide enacting emergency measures to combat the spread of the virus. These measures, which include the implementation of travel bans, quarantine periods and social distancing, have caused material disruption to businesses globally and have resulted in significant volatility in global equity and commodity markets. The duration and ultimate impact of the COVID-19 outbreak is unknown at this time however it could adversely impact the Company's ability to carry out its plans and raise capital. It is not possible to reliably estimate the length and severity of these developments and the impact on the financial results and condition of the Company and its operations in future periods.

# 2. Basis of preparation

# (a) Statement of compliance

The Company prepares their annual financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB"). These condensed interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standards 34, Interim Financial Reporting ("IAS 34").

These condensed interim consolidated financial statements do not include all of the information required for full IFRS financial statements and therefore should be read in conjunction with the Company's most recent consolidated financial statements as at and for the ten-month period ended December 31, 2021.

# 2. Basis of preparation (cont'd)

These condensed interim consolidated financial statements have been prepared using accounting policies consistent with those used in the Company's most recent consolidated audited financial statements as at December 31, 2021.

These consolidated financial statements are presented in Canadian dollars, which is the functional currency of the Company and its subsidiaries.

# (b) Change in Year End

During the ten months ended December 31, 2021, the Company changed its fiscal year end to December 31, from February 28. The Company's interim periods are the three and six months ended June 30, 2022, and the interim comparative periods are the four and seven months ended June 30, 2021.

# (c) Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its Canadian controlled entities. All intercompany transactions, balances and unrealized gains and losses are eliminated on consolidation. Subsidiaries are all entities over which the Company has control. NorthWest controls an entity when the Company is exposed to, or has rights to, variable returns from its involvement with the entity and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the entity. Subsidiaries are fully consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the Company. They are deconsolidated from the date that control ceases. Details of controlled entities are as follows:

		Percentag	e owned
	Province of	June 30,	December 31,
	incorporation	2022	2021
Kwanika Copper Corp.*	British Columbia	93.19%	68.98%
Sun Metals Corp. ("Sun Metals")	British Columbia	100%	100%
Tsayta Resources Corporation**	British Columbia	100%	100%
0790202 BC Ltd.***	British Columbia	100%	100%

\* At December 31, 2021, Kwanika Copper Corp. was classified as a joint venture. Following the close of the share purchase agreement ("SPA") in February 2022, the Company has assessed it has control over the entity. The Company is in the process of closing the purchase of the remaining 6.81% and has reflected a liability of \$3 million for this purchase. See Note 4 for further details.

\*\*Subsidiary of Sun Metals, holds the Stardust, Lorraine, and Okeover projects.

\*\*\*This company is inactive.

#### (d) Significant accounting judgments, estimates and assumptions

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires management to make certain estimates, judgments and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported revenues and expenses during the year.

Although management uses historical experience and its best knowledge of the amount, events or actions to form the basis for judgments and estimates, actual results may differ from these estimates. Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimates are revised and in any future periods affected.

In preparing these condensed interim consolidated financial statements, the significant judgements made by management in applying the Company's accounting policies and the key sources of estimation uncertainty were the same as those that applied to, and disclosed in, the audited consolidated financial statements for the period ended December 31, 2021.

# 2. Basis of preparation (cont'd)

# (e) Change in Accounting Policy

# **Exploration and Evaluation Expenditures**

As disclosed in the Company's consolidated financial statements as at December 31, 2021, in order to enhance the relevance of the Company's financial to the economic decision-making needs of users and improve comparability with our peers, the Company voluntarily changed its accounting policy with respect to mineral properties and capitalized exploration expenditures, consistent with the guidance provided in IFRS 6 – Exploration and Evaluation of Mineral Resources and IAS 8 – Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors. In prior periods the Company's policy was to capitalize exploration and evaluation expenditures. The Company elected to change this accounting policy to expense exploration expenditures as incurred, effective with the presentation of the December 31, 2021, consolidated financial statements, on a retrospective basis.

The change in accounting policy required full retrospective application and was applied consistently to both the Company's exploration and evaluation assets and the exploration and evaluation assets which were held through the Company's investment in a joint venture.

For the four months ended June 30, 2021, the following adjustments were recorded to the condensed interim consolidated statement of loss and comprehensive loss:

	Ası	previously reported	t of change accounting policy	As currently reported
Exploration and evaluation				
expenditures	\$	-	\$ (727,210)	\$ (727,210)
Share of joint venture loss		(5,601)	(1,235,130)	(1,240,731)
Loss and comprehensive loss	(3	3,688,352)	(1,962,340)	 (5,650,692)
Loss per share – basic and				
diluted	\$	(0.03)	\$ (0.02)	\$ (0.05)

For the seven months ended June 30, 2021, the following adjustments were recorded to the condensed interim consolidated statement of loss and comprehensive loss:

			Effe	ct of change		
	As p	previously	of	faccounting	1	As currently
		reported		policy		reported
Exploration and evaluation						
expenditures	\$	-	\$	(780,857)	\$	(780,857)
Share of joint venture loss		(35,056)		(1,595,087)		(1,630,143)
Loss and comprehensive loss	(3	3,853,662)		(2,375,944)		(6,229,606)
Loss per share – basic and						
diluted	\$	(0.03)	\$	(0.02)	\$	(0.05)

For the seven months ended June 30, 2021, the following adjustments were recorded to the condensed interim consolidated statement of cash flows:

# 2. Basis of preparation (cont'd)

			Effe	ect of change	
		As previously	o	faccounting	As currently
		reported		policy	reported
Net loss for the period	\$	(3,853,662)	\$	(2,375,944)	\$ (6,229,606)
Share of joint venture loss		35,056		1,595,087	1,630,143
Net cash flows used in operating					
activities		(4,091,795)		(780,857)	(4,872,652)
Exploration and evaluation assets		(779,263)		780,857	1,594
Net cash flows provided by investing					
activities	Ş	5 7,937,545	\$	780,857	\$ 8,718,402

#### 3. Acquisition of Sun Metals Corp.

Pursuant to a plan of arrangement under the Business Corporations Act British Columbia (the "Arrangement"), on March 5, 2021, the Company acquired all of the issued and outstanding common shares of Sun Metals Corp. ("Sun Metals"), following which Sun Metals became a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company.

Pursuant to the terms of the Arrangement, shareholders of Sun Metals received 0.215 (the "Post-Consolidation Exchange Ratio") of a common share of NorthWest for every Sun Metals common share held, all outstanding stock options of Sun Metals were exchanged for stock options to purchase NorthWest common shares on the basis of the Post-Consolidation Exchange Ratio and all unexercised Sun Metals share purchase warrants were exchanged for warrants to purchase NorthWest common shares on the basis of the Post-Consolidation Exchange Ratio and all unexercised Sun Metals share purchase warrants were exchanged for warrants to purchase NorthWest common shares on the basis of the Post-Consolidation Exchange Ratio. Upon closing of the Arrangement, the Company issued 55,323,061 common shares, 2,866,523 stock options with a weighted average exercise price of \$1.09, and 15,423,541 share purchase warrants with a weighted average exercise price of \$1.05.

The Company determined that Sun Metals was not a business in accordance with the definition in *IFRS 3 Business Combinations* at the date of acquisition and therefore has accounted for the acquisition as an asset acquisition rather than a business combination. The following table provides details of the fair value of the consideration given and the fair value of the assets and liabilities acquired as a result of the Arrangement:

Purchase Consideration	
55,323,061 common shares	\$ 55,323,061
15,423,541 share purchase warrants	5,824,943
2,866,523 stock options	1,046,386
Transaction costs	733,686
	\$ 62,928,076
Net Assets Acquired	
Cash	\$ 9,481,375
Working capital	(1,497,180)
Deposits	214,636
Property, plant & equipment	31,635
Exploration & evaluation assets	55,287,616
Other long-term liabilities	(590,006)
	\$ 62,928,076

# 4. Kwanika Copper Corporation

On December 29, 2021, the Company entered into an SPA with POSCO whereby NorthWest will purchase all of POSCO's remaining interest in Kwanika Copper Corporation ("KCC") for total consideration of \$11 million, payable in common shares of NorthWest. KCC's primary asset is the Kwanika Project (Note 7c) and was previously presented as an equity accounted for joint venture.

On February 23, 2022, following receipt of all required approvals, the Company completed the first issuance of shares ("Tranche 1") to POSCO pursuant to the SPA by issuing 5,194,805 common shares with a fair value of \$3,324,675 (at a deemed value of \$4,000,000). As part of the Tranche 1 closing, the shareholder joint venture agreement among the parties has been terminated and any interest or rights of POSCO with respect to the Kwanika Project under the shareholder joint venture agreement, including offtake rights, terminated.

On April 25, 2022, the Company completed the second issuance of shares ("Tranche 2") to POSCO pursuant to the SPA by issuing 5,934,718 common shares with a fair value of \$4,000,000. All common shares issued under the SPA are subject to a hold period of four months and one day from the date of issuance.

Pursuant to the terms of the SPA, NorthWest is obligated to issue to POSCO a further \$3 million in common shares ("Tranche 3") as follows:

Tranche	Expected Date of Issue	Value (C\$)	NWST Share Price (C\$)
Tranche 3	Q3 2022	\$3,000,000	\$0.415

At June 30, 2022, the Company has recorded a liability for the remaining \$3 million to be paid to POSCO in the form of common shares to be issued. The close of the final tranche is pending Korean government approval, expected to be received in Q3 2022.

Following the first close of the SPA and the dissolution of the shareholder joint venture agreement in February 2022, the Company has assessed it has control over KCC and have consolidated from such point, resulting in the Company consolidating KCC's working capital of \$0.1 million and interest in the Kwanika Project of \$16.4 million.

The fair value of the total consideration of \$10.3 million exceeded POSCO's share of the net assets of KCC at the time of the transaction by \$5.7 million and this has been recorded as an addition to the cost of the Kwanika mineral property in the Company's consolidated statement of financial position.

During the period January 1, 2022, to February 23, 2022, NorthWest incurred \$178,800 in costs on behalf of KCC. Following approval of the funding request by the KCC board, the amount owing from KCC to NorthWest was settled in common shares of KCC. During the same period, KCC's net loss was \$146,075, of which \$145,574 was exploration and evaluation expenditures. NorthWest Copper recorded \$105,270 as a joint venture loss for the three months ended March 31, 2022, being 72.07% of KCC's loss prior to consolidation (four and seven months ended June 30, 2021, \$1,240,731, 68.98% and \$1,630,143, 68.98% respectively). All expenses of KCC since February 23, 2022, which are comprised principally of exploration and evaluation expenditures, are consolidated and recorded in the appropriate line items within the statement of loss.

Changes in the investment in joint venture for the three months ended March 31, 2022, and period ended December 31, 2021, are as follows:

# 4. Kwanika Copper Corporation (cont'd)

Balance February 28, 2021 Restated (Note 2e)	\$ 10,714,450
Additional investment in joint venture	1,669,100
Costs incurred on behalf of KCC	2,668,298
Share of joint venture loss from March 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021	(3,185,527)
68.98% of management fee income earned from joint venture from March 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021	(217,961)
Balance December 31, 2021	11,648,360
Additional investment in joint venture	343,100
Share of joint venture loss from January 1, 2022 to February 23, 2022	(105,270)
Elimination on consolidation	(11,886,190)
Balance March 31, 2022 and June 30, 2022	\$ -

# 5. Receivables

	June 30,	D	ecember 31,
	2022		2021
Exploration costs receivable from Fjordland	\$ -	\$	48,836
BC METC receivable	87,995		87,995
Goods and services tax receivable	281,484		382,914
Consideration receivable from Alpha (Note 7c)	500,000		-
Other receivables	14,514		242,522
	\$ 883,993	\$	762,267

# 6. Property, plant and equipment

			F	urniture and	
	L	eased Office		Equipment	Total
Cost					
Balance December 31, 2021	\$	223,437	\$	74,423	\$ 297,860
Additions		-		8,546	8,546
Balance June 30, 2022	\$	223,437	\$	82,969	\$ 306,406
Accumulated depreciation					
Balance December 31, 2021		35,749		38,429	74,178
Additions		53,624		6,321	59,945
Balance June 30, 2022	\$	89,373	\$	44,750	\$ 134,123
Net book value					
Balance December 31, 2021	\$	187,688	\$	35,994	\$ 223,682
Balance June 30, 2022	\$	134,064	\$	38,219	\$ 172,283

For the three and six months ended June 30, 2022, depreciation of \$1,394 and \$2,788, respectively (four and seven months ended June 30, 2021 - \$2,891) has been included in exploration and evaluation expenditures in the consolidated statements of loss.

# 7. Exploration and evaluation assets and expenditures

#### a) Acquisition Costs

Details of the Company's acquisition costs related to its projects are as follows:

	Milligan							
	West	Top Cat	East Niv	Kwanika	Stardust	Lorraine	Other	Total
Balance - February 28, 2021	43,111	114,502	41,748	-	-	-	419,298	618,659
Additions	-	60,000	35,006	-	-	-	-	95,006
Acquisition of Sun Metals								
(Note 1)	-	-	-	-	52,635,218	2,652,398	-	55,287,616
Balance - December 31, 2021	\$ 43,111	\$ 174,502	\$ 76,754	\$-	\$ 52,635,218	\$ 2,652,398	\$ 419,298	\$ 56,001,281
Consolidation on acquisition								
of control (Note 4)	-	-	-	22,129,382	-	-	-	22,129,382
Additions	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,372	2,372
Balance - June 30, 2022	\$ 43,111	\$ 174,502	\$ 76,754	\$ 22,129,382	\$ 52,635,218	\$ 2,652,398	\$ 421,670	\$ 78,133,035

#### b) Exploration and Evaluation Expenditures

The nature of exploration expenditures during the three and six months ended June 30, 2022, and four and seven months ended June 30, 2021, are as follows:

		ee months led June 30, 2022		ur months ed June 30, 2021	-	ix months led June 30, 2022		en months ed June 30, 2021
Admin	\$	46,931	\$	44,792	Ś	74,129	\$	49,513
Aircraft	Ŧ	455,217	Ŧ	85,895	Ŧ	455,217	Ŧ	85,895
Camp and operations		2,471,210		37,112		2,798,572		42,229
Consulting		-		115,164		-		158,973
Drilling and assaying		1,851,118		5 <i>,</i> 693		2,149,243		5,693
Environmental		94,362		23,210		148,457		23,210
Geophysics		891,435		2,738		958 <i>,</i> 982		2,738
Resource studies		304,909		90,169		461,035		90,169
Salaries		761,537		317,659		1,056,074		317,659
Travel and accommodation		97,266		4,778		114,142		4,778
Costs recovered		-		-		(88,620)		-
Total	\$	6,973,985	\$	727,210	\$	8,127,231	\$	780,857

\*Camp and operations expenditures include lodging, meals, fuel, supplies and road maintenance

Details of the Company's exploration and evaluation expenditures, by exploration project, which have been cumulatively expensed in the statements of loss and comprehensive loss from the date of acquisition, are as follows:

	Milligan							
	West	Top Cat	East Niv	Kwanika <sup>1</sup>	Stardust	Lorraine	Other	Total
Balance - December 31, 2021	\$ 581,447	\$ 437,130	\$ 3,899,352	\$ -	\$ 942,813	\$ 1,743,503	\$ 824,864	\$ 8,429,108
Costs incurred during period:								-
Admin	-	-	17,610	20,630	19,612	16,277	-	74,129
Aircraft	-	-	155,851	297,559	-	1,808	-	455,217
Camp and operations	-	-	251,922	1,157,632	828,599	546,929	13,491	2,798,572
Consulting	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Drilling and assaying	3,173	-	83,159	1,952,662	9,681	95,374	5,194	2,149,243
Environmental	-	-	55,121	23,845	43,716	25,775	-	148,457
Geophysics	-	-	5,220	845,364	47,156	61,242	-	958,982
Resource studies	-	-	-	233,756	227,279	-	-	461,035
Salaries	2,550	10,418	49,312	655,335	216,846	74,556	47,058	1,056,074
Travel and accommodation	-	-	4,002	110,140	-	-	-	114,142
Costs recovered	-	-	-	-	-	-	(88,620)	(88,620)
	5,723	10,418	622,197	5,296,923	1,392,888	821,961	(22,878)	8,127,231
Balance - June 30, 2022	\$ 587,170	\$ 447,547	\$ 4,521,548	\$ 5,296,923	\$ 2,335,701	\$ 2,565,464	\$ 801,987	\$ 16,556,340

<sup>1</sup> Excludes expenditures prior to consolidation on February 23, 2022

	Milligan						
	West	Top Cat	East Niv	Stardust	Lorraine	Other	Total
Balance - November 30, 2020	\$ 525,402	\$373,198	\$ 336,250	\$ -	\$-	\$ 170,040	\$ 1,404,890
Costs incurred during period:							-
Admin	-	2,360	11,370	16,648	-	19,135	49,513
Aircraft	-	-	20,876		65,019	-	85,895
Assaying	-	-	3,252	2,441	-	-	5,693
Camp and operations	-	1,593	28,673	2,040	8,281	1,642	42,229
Consulting	56	13,069	40 <i>,</i> 806	32,318	51,768	20,956	158,973
Environmental	-	-	6,816	16,394	-	-	23,210
Geophysics	-	-	1,125	1,613	-	-	2,738
Salaries	1,952	42,309	34,941	20,620	129,714	88,123	317,659
Survey	-	-	90,169	-	-	-	90,169
Travel and accommodation	-	-	2,834	-	1,944	-	4,778
	2,008	59,331	240,862	92,074	256,726	129,856	780,857
Balance - June 30, 2021	\$ 527,410	\$432,529	\$ 577,112	\$ 92,074	\$ 256,726	\$ 299,896	\$ 2,185,747

#### 7. Exploration and evaluation assets and expenditures (cont'd)

#### c) Exploration projects

(i) Stardust Project

The Company owns 100% of the Stardust Project, a carbonate replacement deposit located in north-central British Columbia.

(ii) Kwanika Project

The Kwanika Project is a porphyry deposit located in north-central British Columbia. Pursuant to the SPA (Note 4), the Company is purchasing POSCO's remaining interest in KCC, the company which owns the Kwanika Project.

(iii) East Niv

The Company acquired East Niv, located in British Columbia, by staking in 2018. In 2021, the Company staked an additional 16 claims.

(iv) Lorraine Project

The Lorraine project comprises two contiguous properties in British Columbia, the Lorraine-Jajay and the Tam-Misty properties. The Company owns 100% of the Lorraine-Jajay property, and the Company owns 90% of the adjacent Tam-Misty property, with Commander Resources holding a 10% carried interest. The Tam-Misty property is subject to a 3% NSR royalty, which can be reduced to 1% NSR royalty.

Pursuant to the terms of an agreement between the Company's subsidiary Sun Metals and Teck Resources Limited ("Teck" and the "Teck Agreement" respectively), dated November 26, 2020, Sun Metals acquired Teck's 51% joint venture interest in the Lorraine Project in exchange for \$1,500,000 that was payable in cash or common shares over a two-year period. At the date of acquisition of Sun Metals, \$1,000,000 remained payable in two tranches to Teck. On November 25, 2021, the Company issued 555,672 common shares with a fair value of \$500,000 to Teck to settle one of the two remaining tranches.

The Company is to make the final payment of \$500,000 to Teck, in cash or common shares, on November 25, 2022, and such amount has been included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities at June 30, 2022.

# 7. Exploration and evaluation assets and expenditures (cont'd)

The Company may also make the following contingent milestone payments to Teck in either cash or common shares of the Company:

- \$500,000 upon a Preliminary Economic Assessment;
- \$2,000,000 upon a Feasibility Study; and
- \$5,000,000 upon a construction decision.

Such contingent amounts are not accrued at June 30, 2022, and will be recorded only at such date that meeting the associated milestone is reasonably certain.

Pursuant to the terms of the acquisition, Teck has also retained a 1.0% net smelter return ("NSR") royalty on all claims that are not already burdened by a royalty and a 0.25% NSR royalty on all claims that are subject to existing royalties. Additionally, if the Company sells or options all or a portion of the property to a third party at any time during a 60-month period commencing from the date of the Teck Agreement, the Company will pay to Teck 20% of the sale proceeds, net of exploration expenses incurred on the property by the Company following closing.

(v) Milligan West

The Company owns a 56.3% interest in the Milligan West property, an unincorporated joint venture with Fjordland Exploration Inc., an arm's-length company also listed on the TSX-V. The Company is entitled to act as Operator for so long as its interest is 50% or more.

(vi) Top Cat

On July 12, 2019, the Company optioned the Top Cat claims, and may earn a 100% interest by:

- Making staged cash payments totaling \$340,000 over 5 years; \$18,000 of which was paid on signing. On November 7, 2019, the Company issued 41,666 shares at a fair value of \$18,333 in lieu of cash payment pursuant to the option agreement. On July 13, 2020, the Company paid \$22,000, and on July 20, 2021, paid \$25,000;
- Issuing a total of 750,000 common shares in stages over a 5-year period. On August 2, 2019, 50,000 shares with a fair value of \$27,000 were issued upon TSX-V approval of the option agreement. On July 13, 2020, the Company issued 50,000 shares with fair value of \$28,000, and on July 20, 2021, the Company issued 50,000 shares with a fair value of \$35,000);
- Incurring a total of \$1,250,000 in exploration expenditures over a 5-year period with a minimum of \$100,000 to be spent before the first anniversary of the agreement, which expenditure was made;
- Granting the optionors a 3% NSR on the property, subject to the Company's right to purchase a 2% NSR for \$2,000,000 at any time prior to the first anniversary of commercial production.
- (vii) Net Smelter Return Royalties ("NSR's") Thor Marmot and Deer Lake Properties

During the year ended February 28, 2019, the Company acquired NSRs of 0.75% on each of the Thor Marmot and Deer Lake Properties located in the Kemess and Kamloops Mining Districts from Electrum and received a payment of \$10,000 in exchange for Portable Assessment Credits that the Company transferred to Electrum for the maximum allowable five-year period.

(viii) Okeover Property

On March 11, 2022, the Company received 267,159 common shares with a fair value of \$253,801 (and a deemed value of \$250,000) from Alpha Copper Corp. ("Alpha"), a CSE-listed company (the "Alpha

# 7. Exploration and evaluation assets and expenditures (cont'd)

Shares"), representing the first payment under a property option agreement dated January 13, 2022, among Eastfield Resources Ltd., Alpha and the Company (the "Option Agreement").

Pursuant to the terms of the Option Agreement, Alpha may acquire a 100% interest in the Okeover property, subject to 2% NSR to be retained by the Company (the "NSR Royalty"), by issuing the following additional common shares and incurring the following expenditures:

- 1. Issuing common shares with a value of \$500,000 on or before March 11, 2023;
- 2. Issuing common shares with a value of \$750,000 on or before March 11, 2024;
- 3. Issuing additional common shares such that NorthWest holds a 10% interest in Alpha on or before March 11, 2025; and
- 4. Incurring staged expenditures of not less than \$5,000,000 on or before March 11, 2025.

The issuance of the next \$500,000 in common shares and the first \$500,000 in expenditures are obligations of Alpha pursuant to the Option Agreement. The Company has recorded a receivable for the next \$500,000 in shares at June 30, 2022. The NSR Royalty will entitle the Company to a 2% royalty on the sale of all ores, doré, concentrates, metals, minerals and mineral by-products that are produced or extracted by or on behalf of Alpha from the Property, which may be bought down by Alpha by one half with a cash payment of \$1,000,000.

As there was no capitalized cost associated with the Okeover property, the value of the Alpha Shares received, and the committed receivable was recorded as a gain on option of mineral property in the statement of loss during the 3 months ended March 31, 2022. The Alpha Shares are classified as fair value through profit and loss financial instruments and are recorded as a marketable security in the statement of financial position, with gains and losses resulting from the change in fair value recorded in the loss for the period. The fair value of the Alpha Shares at June 30, 2022, was \$104,192, which was determined by reference to their quoted closing market price at the reporting date.

(ix) Other Properties

The Company also holds a 100% interest in several other properties located in British Columbia, including the Arjay, Tchentlo and Croy-Bloom properties.

# 8. Reclamation deposits and closure and reclamation provision

The Company has posted bonds and investment certificates to provide for certain potential current and future reclamation liabilities as agreed with the Province of British Columbia – Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources. The deposits are considered long-term, regardless of their term, as the funds will remain on deposit until any potential obligation is extinguished.

	J	une 30,
		2022
Balance, beginning	\$	250,396
Additional reclamation deposits required		143,742
Reclamation deposits acquired from Sun Metals		-
Reclamation deposits on consolidation of Kwanika		60,500
Balance, ending	\$	454,638

# 8. Reclamation deposits and closure and reclamation provision (cont'd)

The Company has recorded a provision for closure and reclamation related primarily to its Stardust Project in the amount of \$133,493, being the best estimate of the costs required in relation to disturbances to date. As the Company does not have a set timeline as to when any such reclamation activities will occur it has recognized the full amount of the provision and has not discounted the provision. The Company does not expect to incur any reclamation costs in the next year.

#### 9. Leases

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

The Company's previously leased office was amortized on a straight-line basis over the lease term. On January 1, 2021, the Company revised the lease termination date of the office space being leased to May 31, 2021, and the lease asset and lease liability were revalued to reflect changes in the future lease payments. As a result of the revaluations, the Company recorded a reduction of \$25,303 in the lease liability, a reduction of \$23,357 in the lease asset and a gain on disposition of the lease asset of \$1,945 during the four and seven months ended June 30, 2021.

The Company's current lease with respect to its head office premises is paid to Oxygen pursuant to the Oxygen Agreement (Note 11):

	June 30	[	December 31,
	2022		2021
Current portion	\$ 109,676	\$	105,390
Long term portion	28,813		84,744
	\$ 138,489	\$	190,134

	J	une 30
		2022
Balance, beginning	\$	190,134
Principal payments		(58,396)
Recognition of liability		-
Finance charge		6,751
Balance, ending	\$	138,489

Minimum lease payments in respect of the above head office lease liability and the effects of discounting are as follows:

	Up to	1 year	1	- 3 years	 Total
Minimum lease payments	\$ 1:	16,792	\$	29,198	\$ 145,990
Finance Charge	(	7,116)		(385)	(7,501)
Total Payments	\$ 10	09,676	\$	28,813	\$ 138,489

Total undiscounted lease payments exclude leases that are classified as short-term and leases for low value assets, which are not recognized as lease liabilities. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2022, the Company recognized \$3,118 and \$6,751, respectively, in interest expense on lease liabilities (four and seven months ended June 30, 2021 - \$1,914 and \$1,914 respectively). The Company's lease with respect to its head office premises includes variable payments that do not depend on an index or rate. As such, these payments have been excluded from the lease liability. The Company expensed \$36,460 and \$57,204, respectively, of variable lease payments for the three and six months ended June 30, 2021 – \$nil and \$nil respectively).

# 10. Share capital and reserves

#### Authorized share capital

An unlimited number of common shares without par value and 20,000,000 preferred shares.

#### Issued share capital

#### Six months ended June 30, 2022

At June 30, 2022, there were 157,516,598 issued and fully paid common shares, and nil preferred shares.

- i) On February 23, 2022, the Company issued 5,194,805 common shares with a fair value of \$3,324,675 pursuant to the SPA with POSCO (Note 4).
- ii) On April 25, 2022, the Company issued 5,934,718 common shares with a fair value of \$4,000,000 pursuant to the SPA with POSCO (Note 4).
- iii) During the six months ended June 30, 2022, 475,000 stock options were exercised for gross proceeds of \$153,300 and 552,446 warrants were exercised for gross proceeds of \$287,272. The weighted average share price on the date the stock options were exercised during the period was \$0.65 and the weighted average share price on the date the warrants were exercised during the period was \$0.70.

# Seven months ended June 30, 2021

At June 30, 2021, there were 126,582,846 issued and fully paid common shares, and nil preferred shares.

- i) Upon closing of the Arrangement with Sun Metals on March 5, 2021 (Note 3) the Company issued 55,323,061 common shares with a fair value of \$55,323,061.
- ii) On March 5, 2021, the Company issued 164,095 common shares in the capital of the Company at a deemed value of \$0.61 per share in settlement of \$100,000 of debt owing to an arm's length creditor. The fair value of the services, being \$100,000, has been capitalized as a transaction cost of the Sun Metals acquisition (Note 3). As the fair value of the common shares at the date of settlement was \$164,095, the Company recorded a loss on debt settlement of \$64,095.
- iii) On March 31, 2021, the Company closed a private placement offering for aggregate proceeds of \$13,005,000, consisting of:
  - 3,750,000 common shares at a price of \$0.80 per share;
  - 5,000,000 flow-through common shares at a price of \$1.00 per share; and
  - 4,550,000 charity flow-through common shares at a price of \$1.10 per share.

Flow-through premiums totaling \$2,548,000, being the difference between the flow-through common shares and the charity flow-through common shares subscription prices and the market price of the Company's common shares on the date of issue, related to the sale of the associated tax benefits of the qualifying resource expenditures have been recorded as a flow-through premium liability in the consolidated statement of financial position. In connection with the private placement the Company paid commissions, legal fees and filing fees totaling \$916,162.

iv) During the seven months ended June 30, 2021, 1,422,500 stock options were exercised for gross proceeds of \$295,900 and 1,173,026 warrants were exercised for gross proceeds of \$649,255. The weighted average share price on the date the stock options were exercised during the period was \$0.76 and the weighted average share price on the date the warrants were exercised during the period was \$0.76.

#### Warrants

The changes in warrants during the six months ended June 30, 2022, are as follows:

	June 30,	2022	
		Wei	ighted
		av	/erage
	Number of	ex	ercise
	warrants		price
Warrants outstanding, beginning	14,802,384	\$	1.06
Warrants exercised	(552,446)		0.52
Warrants expired	(771,932)		0.56
Warrants outstanding, ending	13,478,006	\$	1.11

Warrants outstanding at June 30, 2022, are as follows:

Expiry date	Exercise price	Number of warrants
December 17, 2022	\$0.84	8,852,625
May 2, 2023	\$1.63	4,625,381
		13,478,006

The fair value of issued share purchase warrants were calculated using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. For all grants, the assumed dividend yield and forfeiture rate were nil and nil, respectively. Other conditions and assumptions for share purchase warrants granted during the seven months ended June 30, 2021 were as follows:

Expected life of warrants in years	0.2-2.2
Annualized volatility <sup>1</sup>	59.9%-75.3%
Risk-free interest rate	0.2%
Weighted average Black-Scholes fair value	\$0.38

<sup>1</sup> Volatility was determined using the average historic volatility of the Company's share price over the same period of time as the expected life of the warrant.

#### Stock options

The Company has adopted an incentive stock option plan, which provides that the Board of Directors of the Company may from time to time, in its discretion, and in accordance with TSX-V policies, grant to directors, officers, employees and consultants of the Company, non-transferable stock options to purchase common shares. Such options may be exercisable for a period of up to five years from the date of grant. On February 26, 2021, the Company's shareholders approved a 10% rolling plan, which was subsequently adopted by the Board of Directors on March 5, 2021, and re-approved by the shareholders on June 24, 2022.

The changes in stock options during the six months ended June 30, 2022, are as follows:

	June 30, 2022			
		Weighted average exercise price		
	Number of options			
Options outstanding, beginning	12,533,540	\$	0.82	
Options granted	550,000	·	0.66	
Options exercised	(475,000)		0.32	
Options expired	(411,725)		1.13	
Options forfeited	(288,333)		0.87	
Options outstanding, ending	11,908,482	\$	0.82	
Options exercisable, ending	7,680,148	\$	0.82	

Details of options outstanding as at June 30, 2022, are as follows:

Weighted average exercise price	Weighted average contractual life	Number of options outstanding	Number of options exercisable
\$0.30 - \$0.60	1.68 years	1,504,490	1,504,490
\$0.61 - \$0.90	3.95 years	9,355,867	5,127,533
\$1.17 - \$2.14	1.00 years	1,048,125	1,048,125
	3.40 years	11,908,482	7,680,148

The fair value of options granted was determined using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. For all grants, the assumed dividend yield and forfeiture rate were nil and nil, respectively. Other weighted average assumptions for the options granted in the six months ended June 30, 2022, and seven months ended June 30, 2021, were as follows:

		Options Granted in	Options Granted in
	Options Granted in	Connection with	the Seven Months
	the SIx Months Ended	Acquisition of Sun	Ended June 30,
	June 30, 2022	Metals	2021
Expected life of options in years	5	0.25-4.27	5
Annualized volatility <sup>1</sup>	85.0%-85.5%	65.2%-100.9%	92.7%-94.1%
Risk-free interest rate	0.2%-0.3%	0.2%	0.9%
Weighted average Black-Scholes fair value	\$0.44	\$0.37	\$0.64

<sup>1</sup> Volatility was determined using the average historic volatility of the Company's share price over the same period of time as the expected life of the option.

Stock options granted are typically subject to vesting provisions whereby one third vest one year from the grant date, one third vest two years from the grant date, and one third vest three years from the grant date. The following option grant is subject to alternate vesting provisions:

1. The 400,000 options granted on March 14, 2022, were granted to a non-executive director and vested immediately.

The Company recorded share-based payment expense related to stock options for the three and six months ended June 30, 2022, of \$304,899 and \$914,593, respectively (four and seven months ended June 30, 2021 - \$1,118,167 and \$1,119,323).

# Deferred Share Units ("DSU")

The Company has established a deferred share unit plan (the "DSU Plan") whereby the board of directors may, from time to time, grant DSUs to non-employee directors of the Company. The DSUs vest immediately and can be redeemed by the holder for no consideration during the period commencing immediately following a termination of the holders' position as a director and ending on the 90th day following such termination date.

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

	Number of
Outstanding balance – December 31, 2021	DSUs
and June 30, 2022	1,000,000

DSU expense for the three and six months ended June 30, 2022, was \$nil (four and seven months ended June 30, 2021 - \$900,000).

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

The Company has established a restricted share unit plan (the "RSU Plan") whereby the board of directors may, from time to time, grant RSUs to employees, consultants or directors of the Company. The board of directors may determine the time during which the RSUs shall vest and the method of vesting, or that no vesting restriction shall exist.

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

	Number of RSUs
Outstanding balance – December 31, 2021	3,350,000
Forfeited	(75,000)
Granted	50,000
Outstanding balance – June 30, 2022	3,325,000

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

RSU expense for the three and six months ended June 30, 2022, was \$282,843 and \$641,586, respectively (four and seven months ended June 30, 2021 - \$348,897).

The current combined maximum number of common shares authorized for issue under the RSU and DSU plans is 5,510,964.

#### Reserves

The share-based payment reserve comprises share-based payments and warrant payments. When stock options or warrants are exercised, the corresponding amount is transferred to share capital. When stock options and warrants expire, the corresponding amount remains in share-based payment reserve.

#### Flow-through premium liability

For the purposes of calculating any premium related to the issuances of the flow-through shares, the Company compares the market price of its shares to the subscription price of flow-through shares to determine if there was a premium paid on the flow-through shares. As a result, the Company's flow-through liability on issuance of flow-through shares in connection with private placements is as follows:

	June 30			
	2022			
Balance, beginning	\$	5,649,804		
Additions		-		
Recognition of flow-through share premium		(2,256,569)		
Balance, ending	\$	3,393,235		

As at June 30, 2022, the Company is committed to incur qualifying Canadian exploration expenditures (as defined by the Income Tax Act (Canada)), on a best-efforts basis, of approximately \$11,775,000 in connection with its December 2, 2021, flow-through offering by December 31, 2022 (June 30, 2021 - \$7,530,000 in connection with its March 31, 2021, flow through offering by December 31, 2021). If the Company does not spend these funds in compliance with the Government of Canada flow-through regulations, it may be subject to litigation from various counterparties. The Company intends to fulfill its flow-through commitments within the given time constraints.

# 11. Related party transactions

In addition to balances and transactions disclosed in Note 9 to these condensed interim consolidated financial statements, the Company has the following related party balances and transactions as at June 30, 2022, and December 31, 2021, and for the six months ended June 30, 2022, and seven months ended June 30, 2021.

# **Related party balances**

Oxygen Capital Corp ("Oxygen") is a private company owned by two directors of the Company and provides technical and administrative services to the Company under a Technical and Administrative Services Agreement dated September 1, 2021 (the "Oxygen Agreement") at cost, including providing some staffing who are seconded to the Company, office facilities and other administrative functions. As at June 30, 2022, Oxygen holds a refundable security deposit of \$112,500 on behalf of the Company (December 31, 2021 - \$112,500) which is recorded as a long-term deposit in the statement of financial position as there is no expectation such deposit will be refunded within the next year.

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

During the three and six months ended June 30, 2022, a total of \$54,175 and \$134,686, respectively, was paid or accrued to Oxygen as a reimbursement of costs incurred by Oxygen on behalf of the Company (four and seven months ended June 30, 2021 – \$159,495 and \$159,495, respectively). Such amount includes the reimbursement of lease related expenses disclosed in Note 9. As at June 30, 2022, the Company has a payable amount to Oxygen of \$18,809 (December 31, 2021 – \$27,954). This amount was paid subsequent to June 30, 2022.

# 11. Related party transactions (cont'd)

#### Key management personnel compensation - paid or accrued

Key management includes the members of the Board of Directors, the President and Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer, the Vice President, Exploration and the Vice President, Sustainability. The aggregate total compensation paid or payable to key management for services is as follows:

		nree Months ded June 30, 2022	Fo	ur Months ended June 30, 2021	eı	Six Months nded June 30, 2022	Sev	en Months ended June 30, 2021
Salaries and management consulting fees <sup>1</sup>	\$	234,167	\$	480,302	\$	445,417	\$	601,424
Termination payment - D.Moore <sup>2</sup>	·	-		431,654		-		434,654
Director fees <sup>3</sup>		86,250		140,000		164,167		159,000
Non-cash share-based payments		393,436		2,082,437		1,101,529		2,082,437
	\$	713,853	\$	3,134,393	\$	1,711,113	\$	3,277,515

<sup>(1)</sup> The seven months ended June 30, 2021, includes \$160,000 of bonuses relating to completion of the Arrangement (Note 3)

<sup>(2)</sup> David Moore's total termination payment was \$513,216.

<sup>(3)</sup> The seven months ended June 30, 2021, includes \$65,000 of bonuses relating to completion of the Arrangement

#### 12. Segmented information

The Company conducts its business in a single operating segment which is the mineral exploration business in Canada. The Company's exploration and evaluation assets are located in Canada.

#### 13. Financial instruments

The Company's financial instruments consists of cash, short term investments, receivables, marketable securities, deposits, trade payables, payable to POSCO and term loan payable, with the carrying amounts presented in the statement of financial position approximating their respective fair values because of the relatively short-term nature of the instruments.

There are three levels of the fair value hierarchy as follows:

- Level 1: Values based on unadjusted quoted prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for identical unrestricted assets or liabilities.
- Level 2: Values based on quoted prices in markets that are not active or model inputs that are observable either directly or indirectly for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.
- Level 3: Values based on prices or valuation techniques that require inputs that are both unobservable and significant to the overall fair value measurement.

The Alpha Shares (Note 7(c)(viii)) are a financial instrument measured at fair value through profit and loss using Level 1 inputs as Alpha Copper is listed on the CSE market. Other than the impact of the change in Alpha's share price, no factors affecting the fair value of the Alpha Shares in the time from the initial recognition to the period end were identified. Other than the Alpha Shares, the Company does not have any financial instrument assets or liabilities measured and recognized in the statement of financial position at fair value.

The Company is exposed in varying degrees to a variety of financial instrument related risks. The Board of Directors approves and monitors the risk management processes, inclusive of documented investment policies, counterparty limits, and controlling and reporting structures. The type of risk exposure and the way in which such exposure is managed is summarized as follows:

# **13.** Financial instruments (cont'd)

#### Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will fail to discharge an obligation and cause the other party to incur a financial loss. The Company is exposed to credit risk is on its cash, short-term investments, receivables and deposits. The majority of cash and short-term investments is deposited in bank accounts at a major bank in Canada for which there is low credit risk. As most of the Company's cash and cash equivalents are held by one bank there is a concentration of credit risk. This risk is managed by using a major bank that is a high credit quality financial institution as determined by rating agencies.

The Company is also exposed to credit risk with respect to receivables and deposits. To reduce credit risk, the Company regularly reviews the collectability of its amounts receivable and establishes an allowance based on its best estimate of potentially uncollectible amounts. The Company historically has not had difficulty collecting its amounts receivable and has no provision for credit loss recorded at June 30, 2022, or December 31, 2021. The Company's deposits are with the government or financial institutions for reclamation and with a related party for which credit risk is assessed as low.

# Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The Company has a planning and budgeting process in place to help determine the funds required to support the Company's normal operating requirements on an ongoing basis. The Company aims to have sufficient funds to meet its short-term business requirements, taking into account its anticipated cash flows from its ability to raise equity capital or borrowings sufficient funds and its holdings of cash and cash equivalents. See Note 1 Going Concern.

The Company's cash and short-term investments are liquid and available to meet the Company's ongoing obligations. The contractual maturities of the Company's trade payables and accrued liabilities are less than one year and the contractual maturities of the Company's lease obligations are disclosed in Note 9. The Company's term loan is in relation to the Canadian government's COVID-19 financial assistance program. The loan is due on December 25, 2025. The loan is interest free until December 31, 2023, and bears interest at 5% per annum thereafter. If at least 75% of the loan principal is paid on or before December 31, 2023, the balance of the loan will be forgiven.

#### Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The Company is primarily exposed to interest rate risk with respect to interest earned on cash. A 1% change in the interest rate during the six months ended June 30, 2022, or seven months ended June 30, 2021, would not have had a material impact on the Company.

# **Capital Management**

The Company's policy is, if permitted by market conditions, to maintain a strong capital base so as to support investor and creditor confidence and support future development of the business. The capital structure of the Company consists of equity, comprising share capital and reserves net of accumulated deficit. The Company's objectives when managing capital are to safeguard the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, so that it can continue to explore its mineral property interests and continue its operations for the benefit of its shareholders. There were no changes in the Company's approach to capital management during the period. The Company is not subject to any externally imposed capital requirements.

# 14. Subsequent events

# Share capital transactions

- a) On July 13, 2022, the Company issued 100,000 shares with a fair value of \$25,500 and made a cash payment of \$60,000 pursuant to the option agreement on the Top Cat project (Note 7).
- b) On July 25, 2022, 200,000 DSUs were exercised by a former Director, resulting in the issuance of 200,000 common shares.
- c) Subsequent to June 30, 2022, 488,807 vested stock options with a weighted average exercise price of \$0.88 expired due to employee and consultant departures.