

Management's Discussion & Analysis For the year ended December 31, 2016

Dated: March 29, 2017

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The following Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") focuses on the financial condition and results of operations of MAG Silver Corp. ("MAG" or the "Company") for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015. It is prepared as of March 29, 2017 and should be read in conjunction with the audited annual consolidated financial statements of the Company for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, together with the notes thereto which are available on SEDAR and EDGAR or on the Company website at <a href="https://www.magsilver.com">www.magsilver.com</a>.

All dollar amounts referred to in this MD&A are expressed in thousands of United States dollars ("US\$") unless otherwise stated. The functional currency of the parent and the functional currency of its Mexican subsidiaries and investment in associate is the US\$.

The common shares of the company trade on the Toronto Stock Exchange and on the NYSE MKT both under the symbol MAG. The Company is a reporting issuer in the Provinces of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland and Labrador and is a reporting "foreign issuer" in the United States of America. The Company believes it is a Passive Foreign Investment Company ("PFIC"), as that term is defined in Section 1297 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and believes it will be a PFIC for the foreseeable future. Consequently, this classification may result in adverse tax consequences for U.S. holders of the Company's common shares. For an explanation of these effects on taxation, U.S. shareholders and prospective U.S. holders of the Company's common shares are encouraged to consult their own tax advisers.

#### **Qualified Person**

Unless otherwise specifically noted herein, all scientific or technical information in this MD&A, including assay results and reserve estimates, if applicable, were based upon information prepared by or under the supervision of Dr. Peter Megaw, Ph.D., C.P.G., a certified professional geologist who is a "Qualified Person" for purposes of National Instrument 43-101, *Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects* ("National Instrument 43-101" or "NI 43-101"). Dr. Megaw is not independent as he is an officer and a paid consultant of the Company (see *Related Party Transactions* below).

#### **Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements**

Certain information contained in this MD&A, including any information relating to the Company's future oriented financial information are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and applicable Canadian securities laws (collectively "forward-looking statements"). All statements in this MD&A, other than statements of historical facts are forward-looking statements, including statements that address estimates of the anticipated impact of the exploration drilling results, future production levels, expectations regarding mine production and development programs and capital costs, expected trends in mineral prices and statements that describe future plans, objectives or goals. Forward-looking statements are often, but not always, identified by the use of words such as "seek", "anticipate", "plan", "continue", "estimate", "expect", "may", "will", "project", "predict", "potential", "targeting", "intend", "could", "might", "should", "believe" and similar expressions. These forwardlooking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause actual results or events to differ materially from results projected in such forward-looking statements, including, but not limited to, changes in commodities prices, changes in mineral production performance, exploitation and exploration successes, continued availability of capital and financing, and general economic, market or business conditions, political risk, currency risk, capital cost inflation and those other risks and uncertainties identified under the heading "Risks and Uncertainties" in this MD&A and other risk factors and forwardlooking statements listed in the Company's most recently filed Annual Information Form dated March 29,

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2017 ("AIF"). The AIF is deemed to be incorporated by reference into this MD&A, and we direct the reader to read the AIF in conjunction with this MD&A, in order to have a better understanding of the Company's business and the associated risks facing the business.

Although the Company believes the expectations expressed in such forward-looking statements are based on what the Company's management considers to be reasonable assumptions, based on the information currently available to it, such statements are not guarantees of future performance and actual results or developments may differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements. Assumptions have been made including, but not limited to, the Company's ability to carry on its various exploration and development activities including project development timelines, the timely receipt of required approvals and permits, the price of the minerals the Company produces, the costs of operating, exploration and development expenditures, the impact on operations of the Mexican Tax Regime, and the Company's ability to obtain adequate financing. The Company cannot assure you that actual events, performance or results will be consistent with these forward-looking statements, and management's assumptions may prove to be incorrect. The forward-looking statements in this MD&A speak only as of the date hereof and we do not assume any obligation to update forward-looking statements if circumstances or management's beliefs, expectations or opinions should change other than as required by applicable law. There is no certainty that any forward-looking statement will come to pass and investors should not place undue reliance upon forward-looking statements. More information about the Company including its AIF and recent financial reports is available on SEDAR at www.sedar.com and on the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's EDGAR website at www.sec.gov.

### Cautionary Note to Investors Concerning Estimates of Indicated and Inferred Mineral Resources

This MD&A uses the terms "Indicated Mineral Resources" and "Inferred Mineral Resources". MAG advises investors that although these terms are recognized and required by Canadian regulations (under National Instrument 43-101 Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects), the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission does not recognize these terms. Investors are cautioned not to assume that any part or all of the mineral deposits in these categories will ever be converted into reserves. In addition, "Inferred Mineral Resources" have a great amount of uncertainty as to their existence. It cannot be assumed that all or any part of an Inferred Mineral Resource will ever be upgraded to a higher category. Under Canadian rules, estimates of Inferred Mineral Resources are considered too speculative geologically to have the economic considerations applied to them to enable them to be categorized as mineral reserves and, accordingly, Inferred Mineral Resources may not form the basis of feasibility or pre-feasibility studies, or economic studies except for a "Preliminary Economic Assessment" as defined under NI 43-101. Investors are cautioned not to assume that part or all of an Inferred Resource exists, or is economically or legally mineable.

### 1. DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS

The Company is a Vancouver-based mineral exploration and development company that is focused on the acquisition, exploration and development of district scale projects located within the Mexican silver belt. The Company's principal asset is the Company's 44% interest in the Juanicipio joint venture (the "Juanicipio Property") located in Mexico. The Company also owns a 100% interest in the Cinco de Property, also located in Mexico.

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### Juanicipio Property

The Company owns 44% of Minera Juanicipio S.A. de C.V. ("Minera Juanicipio"), a Mexican incorporated joint venture company, which owns the high-grade Juanicipio Property, located in the Fresnillo District, Zacatecas State, Mexico. Both exploration and development of the Juanicipio Property are being carried out by the project operator, Fresnillo plc ("Fresnillo"), which holds the remaining 56% interest in the joint venture.

The major asset associated with the Juanicipio Property is a high-grade silver-gold-lead-zinc epithermal vein deposit. Exploration and development programs for the Juanicipio Property are designed by the Minera Juanicipio Technical Committee, and approved by the Minera Juanicipio Board of Directors. The Company's share of costs is funded primarily through its 44% interest in Minera Juanicipio, and to a lesser extent, incurred directly by the Company to cover expenses related to parallel technical studies and analyses commissioned by the Company, as well as direct project oversight. Minera Juanicipio is governed by a shareholders agreement and corporate by-laws, pursuant to which each shareholder is to provide funding pro rata to its interest in Minera Juanicipio, and if either party does not fund pro rata, their ownership interest will be diluted in accordance with the shareholders agreement.

Underground development commenced at the Juanicipio Property on October 28, 2013. The development program is based on recommendations made to Minera Juanicipio in a 2012 Preliminary Economic Assessment carried out by AMC Mining Consultants (Canada) Ltd. ("AMC") (see Press Release dated June 14, 2012) ("2012 PEA"). The 2012 PEA was subsequently superseded in 2014 by Roscoe Postle Associates Inc. ("RPA") in their amended and restated NI 43-101 Technical Report documenting a 2014 updated Mineral Resource estimate, filed on SEDAR on July 3, 2014 (the "Juanicipio Technical Report") (see Press Release dated May 27, 2014).

The Juanicipio Technical Report defines Juanicipio as an economically robust, high-grade underground silver project exhibiting minimal financial or development risks that will produce an annual average of 15.1 million payable ounces of silver over the first full six years of commercial production and 10.3 million payable ounces per year over a 14.8 year total mine life. The PEA within the Juanicipio Technical Report was based on a resource estimate and model developed by Strathcona Mineral Services ("Strathcona") dated November 2011. As a point of definition, the Valdecañas Vein is an en echelon system comprised of overlapping East and West Veins – the term "Valdecañas Vein" is used to refer to this en echelon system at times. The 2014 Juanicipio Technical Report included an updated Juanicipio resource based on in-fill drill results from a 2012-2013 drill program, and manually divided the resource into the Bonanza Grade Silver Zone ("BGS Zone") and the Deep Zone. The BGS Zone resource veins have a similar footprint as prior resource estimates (see Press Releases dated November 10, 2011 and December 19, 2011), with the higher drill density converting a significant proportion of the previous Inferred Resource into the Indicated category. With minimal change to the BGS Zone footprint, the Juanicipio Technical Report stated that the results of the 2012 PEA remained a reasonable representation of the property's economic potential.

The economic analysis in the Juanicipio Technical Report is preliminary in nature and is based, in part, on 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. There is no certainty that a Preliminary Economic Assessment will be realized.

With additional drilling success since the Juanicipio Technical Report was issued in 2014, a new resource estimate, along with various mine design upgrades, are planned to be incorporated into a revised mine plan

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and a new MAG technical report for the project, expected to be completed in the second quarter of 2017 (see Outlook below).

Exploration results from drilling in the first quarter of 2015 on the Valdecañas Vein included four new exploration step-out holes (P1-P4) targeted approximately 100 metres below the existing Indicated and Inferred Resources reported in the Juanicipio Technical Report. The four holes were drilled on nominal 150 metre centres over a strike length of approximately 500 metres below the en echelon overlap zone between the East and West Valdecañas Veins and included the three widest and deepest intercepts to date on the property (see Press Release dated April 23, 2015). This new "Deep Zone" was expanded through drilling in 2016 with twelve step-out holes, ranging in depth from 850 to over 1,200 metres. Results and assays for these holes, confirming and extending the wide high-grade mineralization in the Deep Zone discovery, were released in 2016 (see Press Release dated August 15, 2016). The holes demonstrate continuous high-grade, multi-stage precious and base metals mineralization over a strike length exceeding 800 metres and to a depth of 200 to 300 metres beneath both the East and the West Vein Bonanza Zones as defined by the current resource estimate in the Juanicipio Technical Report. The discovery of the "Anticipada Vein" which lies 100 metres into the hangingwall of the Deep Zone East, was also announced in the year ended December 31, 2016 (see Press Release dated August 15, 2016). Drilling of the Deep Zones continued through year-end, and the zone effectively remains open to depth and laterally along its entire strike length to the joint venture boundary in both directions (see "Exploration - Juanicipio Property" below).

### Cinco de Mayo Property

The Company owns 100% of the mineral concessions comprising the Cinco de Mayo Property. The property is located approximately 190 kilometres northwest of the city of Chihuahua, in northern Chihuahua State, Mexico, and covers approximately 25,113 hectares. The primary concessions of the Cinco de Mayo Property were acquired by way of an option agreement dated February 26, 2004, and the property remains subject to a 2.5% net smelter returns royalty (see Related Party Transactions below). The project consists of four major mineralized zones: the Upper Manto silver-lead-zinc inferred resource; the Pegaso deep discovery; the non-core Pozo Seco high grade molybdenum-gold resource; and the surrounding Cinco de Mayo exploration area.

The Company has been unable to negotiate a renewed surface access agreement with the local Ejido controlling the surface access to key portions of the property, and an impairment was recognized in the year ended December 31, 2016 (see 'Exploration and Evaluation Assets' below).

The Company continues to believe that the Cinco de Mayo Property has significant geological potential and will continue to maintain its mineral concessions in good standing. Efforts to restore the surface access will continue, although the Company has no current plans to conduct any geological exploration programs on the property.

### . HIGHLIGHTS

✓ At Juanicipio, as a result of the significant mineralized discoveries beneath the Bonanza zone, Fresnillo plc and the Company have been considering alternate mine plans and other project enhancements to maximize the value of both the Bonanza Zone and the new Deep Zone. Considerations include increasing the processing plant nameplate capacity from 2,650 tonnes per

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day to 4,000 tonnes per day and sinking an internal shaft (or winze) to access the deeper zone sooner.

- ✓ Fresnillo has indicated that permitting based on the upgraded design has already commenced, and that they expect their Board to give formal project approval in the second quarter 2017. For MAG, a new resource estimate and these design upgrades are planned to be incorporated into a revised mine plan and a new MAG technical report for the project, expected to be completed in the second quarter of 2017 concurrent with the project approval.
- ✓ Drilling to further delineate the extent of the new Valdecañas Deep Zone was ongoing throughout the year, and assays released during the year (see Press Release August 15, 2016) and subsequent to year end (see Press Release February 14, 2017). The results from these drilling campaigns have:
  - confirmed that continuous mineralization extends below the Valdecañas Bonanza Grade mineralization in both the East and West Veins;
  - revealed a substantial widening of this deeper mineralization into a well-defined dilatant zone; and,
  - resulted in the discovery of the new "Anticipada Vein", within the vein system.
- ✓ A 20,000 metre 2017 exploration drill program for Minera Juanicipio is expected to be approved at the next Technical Committee Meeting.
- ✓ Advancement of the underground ramp decline at the Juanicipio Property continues to progress at rates exceeding those envisioned in the Juanicipio Technical Report, with the ramp having reached the uppermost reaches of the Valdecañas Vein in December 2016 and footwall development has commenced.
- ✓ In March 2016, the Company closed a \$65,006 bought deal financing along with a fully exercised over-allotment option (additional gross proceeds of \$9,751), for total gross proceeds of \$74,757.
- ✓ The Company remains well funded, with cash, cash equivalents, and term deposits totaling \$138,347 as at December 31, 2016.

#### 3. FINANCING ACTIVITIES

#### **Financing**

On March 1, 2016, the Company closed a bought deal public offering and issued 8,905,000 common shares at \$7.30 per share, for gross proceeds of \$65,006. On March 4, 2016, the underwriters exercised in full an associated 15% over-allotment option, and the Company issued an additional 1,335,750 common shares for additional gross proceeds of \$9,751. Total gross proceeds were \$74,757, and the Company paid commission to the underwriters of \$3,497 and legal and filing costs totaled an additional \$606, resulting in net proceeds of \$70,654. As outlined in the public offering document, the Company intends to use the net proceeds of the offering primarily to fund development and exploration expenditures at the Juanicipio Property and for working capital and general corporate purposes (see "Liquidity and Capital Resources" below).

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### . DEVELOPMENT AND EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES

#### Underground Development – Juanicipio Property

According to the Juanicipio Technical Report timeline, the first 33 months of development focuses primarily on the ramp decline advancing towards the main Valdecañas Vein of the property. To date, the entry portal, surface explosives magazines, surface offices and associated infrastructure have been completed, and the ramp decline is currently advancing with drilling and blasting. The ramp and ancillary passage development advance rate remains at or exceeding the levels envisioned in the Juanicipio Technical Report (115 metres per month). The ramp reached the uppermost reaches of the Valdecañas Vein in December 2016, passing, as designed, through a zone of weak mineralization that lies between the two uppermost "lobes" of the BGSZ. Footwall development has commenced and construction of additional ventilation raises and surface installations continues.

#### Exploration – Juanicipio Property

Deep Drilling Program

In 2015, Fresnillo and MAG agreed to an additional 10,000 metre, nine hole, \$1,500 (MAG's 44% share was \$660) 2015 and 2016 drill program to further trace the extent of the new Valdecañas Deep Zone and expand the mineralization hit in holes P1-P4 in 2015 (see Press Release of April 23, 2015). As well, a portion of the 2015 exploration budget for surface drill holes that was pending permitting was reallocated to underground drilling beneath the East Valdecañas Vein to test it at depths comparable to Holes P1-P4 drilled under the Valdecañas West Vein. A drill station was carved out along the decline at approximately 2,000 metres down ramp. The surface and underground drilling commenced in November 2015 and was completed in June, 2016.

Twelve step-out exploration holes, ranging in depth from 850 to over 1,200 metres were completed, and as expected with such depth, several holes required multiple attempts to reach target depths. Assays for these holes were released in the third quarter (see Press Release dated August 15, 2016). The drill results of these holes confirm and extend the wide high-grade mineralization from the Deep Zone discovery announced April 23, 2015. The holes demonstrate continuity of high-grade, multi-stage precious and base metals mineralization now beneath both the East and the West Vein Bonanza Zones. Mineralization is traceable over a strike length exceeding 800 metres and to a depth of 200 to 300 metres beneath the current resource estimate (see Press Release dated May 27, 2014). Mineralization widths range from approximately 5 metres to over 29 metres with the thickest intercepts occurring where the dip of the veins steepen creating thickened "dilatant zones" that remain open to depth and laterally to the joint venture boundaries: approximately 300 metres to the west and 700 metres to the east.

### Deep Zone East

The best intercept in the discovery and extension of the Deep Zone in the East Valdecañas Vein is in hole VM2, the deepest and eastern most hole in the East Vein. VM2 intercepted 36.45 metres (29.85 metres true width) grading 235 g/t (6.87 ounces per ton "opt") silver, 0.50 g/t gold, 4.76% lead, 5.79% zinc, 0.99% copper; including 8.80 m (true width of 7.21 metres) carrying 475 g/t (13.86 opt) silver; 0.66 g/t gold, 1.91% lead, 5.27% zinc and 2.38% copper. Higher grade zones within the overall intercept include very high-grade lead (>40%) and high-grade silver (1,290 g/t) associated with the highest copper values (6.79%) reported to date on the property.

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### Deep Zone West

P6 is the best new hole in the Deep Zone West cutting 29.90 metres (22.90 metres true width) grading 119 g/t (3.47 opt) silver, 1.13 g/t gold, 4.18% lead, 11.89% zinc and 0.27% copper; including 3.75 metres (2.87 metres true width) grading 292 g/t (8.52 opt) silver, 4.48 g/t gold, 13.24% lead, 24.92% zinc and 0.55% copper. This hole is a 100 metre offset to Hole P3, the best hole of the previous program.

### Anticipada Vein

The drilling also resulted in the discovery of the "Anticipada Vein," a newly recognized vein of unclear geometry lying about 100 metres into the hanging wall of the East Vein. It has been cut in five holes and swells from 1.15 metres (0.8 metres true width) in Hole VM2 to 10.40 metres (6.68 metres true width) in Hole P13 where it grades 105 g/t (3.06 opt) silver, 2.69 g/t gold, 3.59% lead, 10.79% zinc and 0.23% copper. It remains open in several directions.

The combined Deep Zone displays strong base metal mineralization stages cut by later quartz veining stages. In some holes, swarms of barren quartz veinlets extend for tens of metres around the mineralized zones. There are significant orientation differences between the various vein stages suggesting structural complexity not seen higher in the system. The interpretation of increased structural complexity is reinforced by the geometry of the Anticipada Vein. The narrowness of the intercepts in Holes P7 and P9 appears to indicate downward flattening of the vein. Although less well constrained, changes in vein strike may explain the widening of the vein to the east and west of the overlap zone between the East and West Veins. Notably, the overlap zone also appears to coincide with the zone of broadest skarn alteration, which exceeds 200 metres wide in Hole P12. The highest copper values appear to fall around the edges of the skarn zone. These geologic data continue to support the concept that the overlap zone coincides with a major ore-fluid upwelling zone (see Press Release dated August 15, 2016).

During the year, the Joint Venture Technical Committee approved a supplemental \$1,200 budget (MAG's 44% share is \$528) for additional 2016 deep and shallow in-fill drilling as well as protection and exploration holes along and ahead of the path of the decline as it approached the Valdecañas Vein. The supplemental drill program was for a combined 8,900 metres of surface and underground drilling, with assays released subsequent to the year end on February 14, 2017. The Company reported on 13 exploration and infill drill holes that further extend wide, high-grade mineralization in the Deep Zones of the Valdecañas Vein System (see Press Release of February 14, 2017).

The Deep Zone West has now been traced over 550 meters in strike length, almost to the western claim boundary, with vein widths ranging from 11.4 meters to 26.5 meters and a minimum vertical height of 200 meters. The best hole from this zone is P17 which cut 9.70 meters (true width) grading 120 g/t (3.51 opt) silver, 2.46 g/t gold, 5.55% lead, 5.08% zinc, 0.21% copper. The Deep Zone East is continuous over 750 meters of strike length with widths ranging from 5.6 meters to 29.9 meters over a vertical extent up to 300 meters and appears more irregular than the Deep Zone West. Both Deep Zones show elevated gold with the highest gold appearing in Hole VM6 in the Deep Zone East, which cut 5.20 meters (true width) grading 333 g/t (9.72 opt) silver, 16.87 g/t gold; 4.47% lead, 3.77% zinc, 1.04% copper, including: 1.44 meters (true width) grading 854 g/t (24.91 opt silver); 54.67 g/t gold, 3.21% lead, 2.72% zinc, 2.28% copper.

Significantly, the recently discovered Anticipada Vein, which lies in the hangingwall of the Deep Zone East has also been extended to over 700 meters in length, with widths ranging from 2.0 meters to 12.8 meters and a vertical extent of 100 meters to 350 meters. The best Anticipada intercept was Hole VM6 which cut 5.60 meters (true width) grading 177 g/t (5.15 opt) silver, 7.36 g/t gold, 2.39% lead, 6.31% zinc

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and 0.12% copper, including: 3.15 meters (true width) grading 283 g/t (8.25 opt silver); 12.62 g/t gold, 3.62% lead, 8.42% zinc, 0.17% copper.

Drilling results to date from the Deep Zone show the typical thickening and complementary thinning of a classic "dilatant zone" stemming from steepening and flattening of the veins. The horizontally-elongated dilatant zone in the Deep Zone West remains consistently wide (9.7m to 26.5m) towards the western property boundary with considerable room for expansion downwards and along strike to depth. The Deep Zone East-Anticipada Vein geometries appear more complex, with the Deep Zone East becoming less consistent eastward while Anticipada becomes stronger in the same direction. The emerging relationships indicate that Anticipada may be the dominant site of deep mineralization towards the east.

Qualified Person: Dr. Peter Megaw, Ph.D., C.P.G., has acted as the qualified person as defined in National Instrument 43-101 for this disclosure and supervised the preparation of the technical information in this MD&A. Dr. Megaw has a Ph.D. in geology and more than 35 years of relevant experience focused on silver and gold exploration in Mexico. He is a Certified Professional Geologist (CPG 10227) by the American Institute of Professional Geologists and an Arizona Registered Geologist (ARG 21613). Dr. Megaw is not independent as he is Chief Exploration Officer (CXO) and a Shareholder of MAG and is a vendor of projects, other than Juanicipio, whereby he may receive royalties. Dr. Megaw is satisfied that the results are verified based on an inspection of the core, a review of the sampling procedures, the credentials of the professionals completing the work and the visual nature of the silver and base metal sulphides within a district where he is familiar with the style and continuity of mineralization.

Quality Assurance and Control: The samples are shipped directly in security-sealed bags to ALS-Chemex Laboratories preparation facility in Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico (Certification ISO 9001). Samples shipped also include intermittent standards and blanks. Pulp samples are subsequently shipped to ALS-Chemex Laboratories in North Vancouver, Canada for analysis. Two extra pulp samples are also prepared and are analyzed (in progress) by SGS Laboratories (Certification ISO 9001) and Inspectorate Laboratories (Certification ISO 9001) (or other recognized lab). The bulk reject is subsequently sent to CIDT (Center for Investigation and Technical Development) of Peñoles in Torreon, Mexico for metallurgical testing where a fourth assay for each sample is analyzed and a calculated head grade is received on the basis of a concentrate balance. The CIDT also does a full microscopic, XRF and XRD mineralogical analysis.

### 5. OUTLOOK

The Company intends to enhance its project portfolio through successful exploration and project development. Although the Company's working capital position remains strong, the Company continues to execute its business plan prudently, with an on-going focus on high-grade, district scale potential properties.

### Minera Juanicipio

To date, the Juanicipio Technical Report has provided the framework on which the Technical Committee guides the continued advancement of the project. However, an engineering review of the impact of the significant drill results coming from Deep Zone is currently underway with an objective of determining whether aspects of the Bonanza Zone development should be modified to accommodate possible future production from this zone. Fresnillo and the Company have been considering alternate mine plans and other enhancements to the development of the Juanicipio Project from what is set out in the Juanicipio Technical Report. Considerations include increasing the processing plant nameplate capacity from 2,650

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tonnes per day to 4,000 tonnes per day and sinking an internal shaft (or winze) to access the deeper zone sooner. In addition, a new resource estimate incorporating further drilling is expected to be incorporated into the mine plan. These changes, if approved by Minera Juanicipio, could result in an incremental increase in capital cost, a delay in the start-up of commercial production and an impact on the expected mine life of the project.

Although Minera Juanicipio has not formally made a "production decision," Fresnillo, the project operator, had repeatedly publicly reported that it expected Juanicipio would be in production by the second half of 2018. Recently, Fresnillo indicated that the changes in design scope were expected to slide the anticipated project start-up from the second half of 2018 to the first half of 2019. Although the Company believes this timeline laid out by the project operator is reasonable in the context of the Juanicipio Technical Report and proposed scope changes, the actual schedule to production is still under review by Minera Juanicipio. There are no assurances that production will be achieved by that date, or at all.

Fresnillo has indicated that permitting based on the upgraded design has already commenced, and that it expects its Board to give formal project approval in the second quarter 2017. For MAG, the new resource estimate and these design upgrades are expected to be incorporated into a revised mine plan and a new MAG technical report for the project, expected to be completed in the second quarter of 2017 concurrent with the project approval.

On the exploration front, expected to be approved at the next JV Technical Committee meeting, Fresnillo plc has also reported a 20,000-metre exploration drill program for Minera Juanicipio in 2017. Dr. Peter Megaw, the Company's Chief Exploration Officer and the MAG exploration team have been involved with Fresnillo in selecting drill targets for the expected 2017 programs.

Currently, there are three drill rigs on the property, two drilling from surface, and one drilling from underground.

### Cinco de Mayo

The Company continues to believe that the Cinco de Mayo Property has significant geological potential and will continue to maintain its mineral concessions in good standing. Efforts to restore the surface access will continue, but the Company has no current plans to conduct any geological exploration programs on the property.

#### 6. INVESTMENT IN ASSOCIATE

### Minera Juanicipio

Minera Juanicipio, S.A. de C.V. ("Minera Juanicipio") is the corporate entity through which the Company holds its Investment in Associate.

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|   | Year ended Decembe |           |  |
|---|--------------------|-----------|--|
| (In thousands of US dollars)                              | 2016               | 2015      |  |
| Joint venture oversight expenditures incurred 100% by MAG | \$<br>262 \$       | \$ 212    |  |
| Cash contributions to Minera Juanicipio                   | 7,137              | 4,796     |  |
| Total for the current year                                | 7,399              | 5,008     |  |
| Equity pick up of current loss for the year               | (1,327)            | (1,366)   |  |
| Balance, beginning of year                                | 31,240             | 27,598    |  |
| Balance, end of year                                      | \$<br>37,312 \$    | \$ 31,240 |  |

During the year ended December 31, 2016, the Company incurred oversight expenditures on the Juanicipio Property of \$262 (December 31, 2015: \$212) and made joint venture advances to Minera Juanicipio of \$7,137 (December 31, 2015: \$4,796).

Total Juanicipio Property expenditures incurred directly by Minera Juanicipio for the year ended December 31, 2016 amounted to approximately \$14,821 (December 31, 2015: \$9,791).

In the year ended December 31, 2016 the Company recorded a 44% equity loss from its Investment in Associate of \$1,327 (December 31, 2015: \$1,366). The equity loss pick up from Minera Juanicipio is a result of the weakening of the Mexican Peso relative to the US\$, and the Company's related 44% share of a foreign exchange loss and deferred tax expense.

#### 7. EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION ASSETS

The Company's exploration and evaluation assets consist of the Cinco de Mayo and Guigui properties:

| For the year ended                        | <b>December 31, 2016</b> Dec 3 |          |    | 31, 2015 |      |                     |    |        |       |  |
|---|--------------------------------|----------|----|----------|------|---------------------|----|--------|-------|--|
| (In thousands of US dollars)              | Cinco                          | de Mayo  | G  | Guigui   |      | Guigui <b>Total</b> |    | tal    | Total |  |
| Exploration and evaluation assets         |                                |          |    |          |      |                     |    |        |       |  |
| Acquisition costs of mineral & surface    |                                |          |    |          |      |                     |    |        |       |  |
| rights                                    | _\$                            | _        | \$ | -        | \$   | -                   | \$ | 157    |       |  |
| Camp costs, travel & transport            |                                | 88       |    | 3        |      | 91                  |    | 248    |       |  |
| Drilling & drilling preparation           |                                | -        |    | -        |      | -                   |    | 365    |       |  |
| Geological, geochemical & geophysical     |                                | 39       |    | 28       |      | 67                  |    | 248    |       |  |
| Land taxes and gov't fees                 |                                | 253      |    | 83       |      | 336                 |    | 363    |       |  |
| Legal, community and other consultation c | os                             | 590      |    | 3        |      | 593                 |    | 944    |       |  |
| Total for the year                        |                                | 970      |    | 117      | 1    | 1,087               |    | 2,325  |       |  |
| Balance, January 1, 2016                  |                                | 48,859   |    | 3,947    | 52   | 2,806               |    | 50,481 |       |  |
| Less: Impairment                          |                                | (49,829) |    | (4,064)  | (53, | ,893)               |    |        |       |  |
| Balance, December 31, 2016                | \$                             | -        | \$ | -        | \$   | -                   | \$ | 52,806 |       |  |

#### Cinco de Mayo Property

The Company owns 100% of the mineral concessions comprising the Cinco de Mayo Property located in northern part of Chihuahua State, Mexico. In late 2012, certain members of the local Ejido challenged the Company's surface right access to the property and have since prevented the Company from obtaining the

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surface access permission required as part of a Federal Government exploration permit process. The Company has undertaken various activities since then in an attempt to regain access to the property. In the year ended December 31, 2016, the Company incurred exploration and evaluation expenditures of \$970 (December 31, 2015: \$1,531) on the property. In addition to land taxes of \$228 (December 31, 2015: \$263), the main expenditures and focus of work has been preparations for negotiations with the local Ejido which has included meetings with State and Federal authorities, and with several legal and Community Relations advisors in Mexico.

During the year, the Company failed to make the progress that had been previously anticipated at December 31, 2015. The Ejido leadership has not agreed to meet with the Company to discuss a basis of a possible resolution, and they have not organized a formal Ejido Assembly to provide their members an opportunity to re-establish the Company's surface access to the property. As well, while the Company has succeeded in gaining support from both the Federal and State Governments to advance its efforts, progress towards an access resolution has been very slow.

Management and the Board of Directors considered alternative options for the property during strategy sessions held in early 2017. With the continuing Ejido impasse, the Company has concluded that as at December 31, 2016, the likelihood of regaining surface access is indeterminable. The Company has therefore recognized an impairment charge of \$49,829 (\$44,891 after tax) in the year ended December 31, 2016 relating to the property.

The Company continues to believe that the Cinco de Mayo Property has significant geological potential and will continue to maintain its mineral concessions in good standing. Efforts to restore the surface access will continue, although the Company has no current plans to conduct any geological exploration programs on the property.

#### Guigui Property

The Guigui project is a 100% interest in a 4,500-hectare property in the Santa Eulalia Mining District of Chihuahua, Mexico, and is subject to a royalty of 2.5% of the net smelter returns obtained from the property. The Company filed for and obtained an additional 3,800 hectare "Guiguito" concession in 2013, and the combined property now consists of roughly 8,300 hectares.

In the year ended December 31, 2016, the Company incurred exploration and evaluation costs of \$117 (December 31, 2015: \$794) on the Guigui property, consisting primarily of holding costs.

A review of the exploration results on the property failed to meet the Company's criteria for continued exploration, and therefore an impairment charge of \$4,064 (\$3,838 after tax) was recognized against the Guigui Property during the year ended December 31, 2016.

### 8. SELECTED ANNUAL INFORMATION

The following table summarizes selected financial data for the Company's three most recently completed financial years. The information set forth below should be read in conjunction with the consolidated audited financial statements and related notes thereto. All figures are reported under International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

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|                             | Year ended<br>Dec. 31, 2016 | Year ended<br>Dec. 31, 2015 | Year ended Dec. 31, 2014 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Revenues <sup>(1)</sup>     | \$1,115                     | \$289                       | \$238                    |
| Net Loss <sup>(2)</sup>     | (\$55,846)                  | (\$16,829)                  | (\$16,133)               |
| Net Loss per Share          | (\$0.71)                    | (\$0.24)                    | (\$0.25)                 |
| Total Assets <sup>(3)</sup> | \$177,240                   | \$160,264                   | \$169,523                |
| Long Term Debt              | Nil                         | Nil                         | Nil                      |
| Dividends <sup>(4)</sup>    | Nil                         | Nil                         | Nil                      |

#### Notes:

- (1) The Company's only source of revenue during the years ending December 31, 2014 to 2016 was interest income from term deposits and cash deposits in high interest savings accounts held by the Company. The amount of interest earned correlates directly to the amount of cash on hand during the year referenced and prevailing interest rates. The Company does not have any operating revenues.
- (2) The Company's normal course of business is to explore and evaluate its mineral properties as appropriate. The loss variation above reflects, amongst other things, the periodic impairment of exploration and evaluation assets (a non-cash charge), share based payment expense (a non-cash charge), and fluctuations in activity levels. The current year's net loss includes a \$53,893 impairment of exploration and evaluation assets (see "Review of Financial Results" below) compared to a \$4,292 write off of an option to acquire a mineral property in 2015, and \$6,418 impairment of exploration and evaluation assets in 2014. The current year's net loss also includes share based payment expense of \$2,263 compared to \$3,090 and \$3,502 in 2015 and 2014 respectively.
- (3) Included in 'Total Assets' at the end of 2016, the Company held \$138,347 in cash, cash equivalents and term deposits, compared to \$75,424 at December 31, 2015 and \$86,280 at December 31, 2014. In the year ended December 31, 2016 the Company closed a bought deal financing for total gross proceeds of \$74,757; no financings were completed in the year ended December 31, 2015, and in the year ended December 31, 2014 the Company closed a bought deal financing for total gross proceeds of \$80,017. Included in 'Total Assets' at the end of 2016, the Company had nil exploration and evaluation assets compared to \$52,806 at December 31, 2015 and \$50,480 at December 31, 2014.
- (4) The Company has not declared or paid dividends on its common shares, and has no intent on paying dividends in the near future, as it anticipates that all available funds will be used to finance the operations and growth of its business.

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### . REVIEW OF FINANCIAL RESULTS

|   | Year ended December 31, |           |    |           |
|---|-------------------------|-----------|----|-----------|
|   |                         | 2016      |    | 2015      |
| EXPENSES  |                         |           |    |           |
| Accounting and audit                            | \$                      | 615       | \$ | 469       |
| Amortization                                    |                         | 23        |    | 16        |
| Filing and transfer agent fees                  |                         | 182       |    | 184       |
| Foreign exchange loss                           |                         | 36        |    | 2,135     |
| General office expenses                         |                         | 719       |    | 651       |
| Legal   |                         | 256       |    | 344       |
| Management compensation and consulting fees     |                         | 2,397     |    | 1,965     |
| Property investigation costs                    |                         | 257       |    | 217       |
| Impairment of exploration and evaluation assets |                         | 53,893    |    | -         |
| Option to acquire mineral interest written off  |                         | -         |    | 4,292     |
| Share based payment expense                     |                         | 2,263     |    | 3,090     |
| Shareholder relations                           |                         | 515       |    | 526       |
| Travel  |                         | 250       |    | 289       |
|   |                         | 61,406    |    | 14,178    |
| Interest income                                 |                         | 1,115     |    | 289       |
| Gain on sale of availalable-for-sale securities |                         | 1,152     |    | -         |
| Gain on warrants (mark-to-market)               |                         | 44        |    | -         |
| Impairment of available-for-sale securities     |                         | -         |    | (92)      |
| Equity pick up from associate                   |                         | (1,327)   |    | (1,366)   |
| Loss for the year before income taxes           | \$                      | ( 60,422) | \$ | ( 15,347) |
| Deferred income tax recovery (expense)          |                         | 4,576     |    | (1,482)   |
| Loss for the year                               | \$                      | ( 55,846) | \$ | ( 16,829) |

#### Year Ended December 31, 2016 vs. Year Ended December 31, 2015

The Company's net loss for the year ended December 31, 2016 increased to \$55,846 from \$16,829 in the comparable prior period primarily due to the impairments recognized on the Cinco de Mayo and Guigui properties totaling \$53,893 (see "Exploration and Evaluation Assets" above) compared to a \$4,292 write off of an option to acquire a mineral property in 2015.

A foreign exchange loss of \$36 was recorded in the year ended December 31, 2016 compared to a \$2,135 loss in the same period last year. The current period's foreign exchange loss resulted primarily from holding some Peso denominated monetary assets while the Peso weakened against the US\$, while in the prior period, the foreign exchange loss resulted from holding Canadian dollar ("C\$") cash while the C\$ weakened against the US\$. A portion of the Company's monetary assets are used to fund Canadian dollar and Mexican Peso expenditures and are held in those respective currencies, and subject to foreign exchange risk.

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Management compensation and consulting fees in the year ended December 31, 2016 increased to \$2,397 (December 31, 2015: \$1,965), as the Company employed an additional staff member and more directors took fees in cash over deferred share units ("DSUs") as compared to the prior year.

Share based payment expense (a non-cash item) on equity incentive grants decreased in the year ended December 31, 2016 and amounted to \$2,263 (December 31, 2015: \$3,090). The Company granted 227,773 stock options in the year ended December 31, 2016 (December 31, 2015: 701,250) and recorded \$796 (December 31, 2015: \$1,569) of share based payment expense relating to stock options vesting to employees and consultants in the period. The Company granted no RSUs and 69,085 PSUs in the year ended December 31, 2016 (December 31, 2015: 19,960 RSUs and 81,892 PSUs) and recorded a share based payment expense of \$505 (December 31, 2015: \$274) relating to RSUs and PSUs vesting to employees and consultants in the period. In the year ended December 31, 2016, \$962 of share based payment expense (December 31, 2015: \$1,247) was also recorded on 63,287 DSUs (December 31, 2015: 123,932) granted under the Company's DSU plan and an additional 9,477 DSUs (December 31, 2015: 53,137) granted to two directors who elected to receive their retainer and meeting fees for the period in DSUs rather than in cash. The fair value of all stock option share-based payment expense is estimated using the Black-Scholes-Merton option valuation model. The fair value of deferred and restricted share units is based on the fair market value of a common share equivalent on the date of grant. The fair value of the portion of performance share units with market condition is determined using the Monte Carlo pricing model.

Other expenses incurred during the year ended December 31, 2016 included accounting and audit of \$615 (December 31, 2015: \$469), amortization of \$23 (December 31, 2015: \$16), filing & transfer agent fees of \$182 (December 31, 2015: \$184), general office expenses of \$719 (December 31, 2015: \$651), legal of \$256 (December 31, 2015: \$344), new property investigation costs of \$257 (December 31, 2015: \$217), shareholder relations expenses of \$515 (December 31, 2015: \$526) and travel of \$250 (December 31, 2015: \$289), were all either comparable with the prior period's expense or the change was not significant to the overall operations during the period.

In other income and expenses during the year ended December 31, 2016, the Company earned interest income on its cash, cash equivalents and term deposits of \$1,115 (December 31, 2015: \$289), and realized a gain of \$1,152 (December 31, 2015: nil) on the sale of available-for-sale securities previously held for strategic reasons. In the current and prior year, the Company also recorded its 44% equity loss from Minera Juanicipio as described above in Investment in Associate.

A deferred (non-cash) tax recovery of \$4,576 (December 31, 2015: \$1,482 deferred tax expense) was recognized in the year ended December 31, 2016, primarily due to the impairment of Exploration and Evaluation assets in the year.

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#### Other Comprehensive Income (Loss):

|  |    | Year ended l | Decem | iber 31,  |
|--|----|--------------|-------|-----------|
| In thousands of US dollars                                     |    | 2016         |       | 2015      |
| Loss for the year  | \$ | ( 55,846)    | \$    | ( 16,829) |
| OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)                              |    |              |       |           |
| Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss: |    |              |       |           |
| Unrealized gain (loss) on marketable securities, net of tax    |    | 1,198        |       | (22)      |
| Reclassification to gain on sale of marketable securities      |    | (1,152)      |       |           |
| Total comprehensive income (loss)                              | \$ | (55,800)     | \$    | (16,851)  |

In Other Comprehensive Income and Loss ("OCI") during year ended December 31, 2016, the Company recorded an unrealized gain of \$1,198 (December 31, 2015: \$22 unrealized loss) on available-for-sale securities it had strategically acquired. Upon the sale and disposition of certain available-for-sale securities in the year ended December 31, 2016, \$1,152 was reclassified from OCI to gain on sale of available-for-sale securities.

### 10. SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY RESULTS

The following table sets forth selected quarterly financial information for each of the last eight quarters (as determined under International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IFRS")) (expressed in US\$000's except Net Loss per Share):

| Quarter Ending     | Revenue <sup>(1)</sup> | Net Loss <sup>(2)</sup> | Net Loss per<br>Share |
|--------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| December 31, 2016  | \$351                  | \$(50,337)              | \$(0.62)              |
| September 30, 2016 | \$348                  | \$(1,985)               | \$(0.02)              |
| June 30, 2016      | \$303                  | \$(2,227)               | \$(0.03)              |
| March 31, 2016     | \$113                  | \$(1,297)               | \$(0.02)              |
| December 31, 2015  | \$64                   | \$(10,169)              | \$(0.15)              |
| September 30, 2015 | \$66                   | \$(1,988)               | \$(0.03)              |
| June 30, 2015      | \$68                   | \$(2,136)               | \$(0.03)              |
| March 31, 2015     | \$92                   | \$(2,536)               | \$(0.04)              |

#### Notes:

- (1) The Company's only source of revenue during the quarters listed above was interest earned on bank cash, cash equivalent and term deposit balances. The amount of interest revenue earned correlates directly to the amount of cash and term deposits on hand during the period referenced and prevailing interest rates. At this time, the Company has no operating revenues.
- (2) Net losses by quarter are often materially affected by the timing and recognition of large non-cash expenses (specifically share based payments, exploration and evaluation property impairments, and deferred tax expense) as described in "Review of Financial Results" above.

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### 11. FOURTH QUARTER

The Company's net loss for the three months ended December 31, 2016 increased to \$50,337 (December 31, 2015: \$10,169) as the Company recognized an impairment on its Cinco de Mayo and Guigui properties totaling \$53,893 in the quarter ended December 31, 2016 (see "Exploration and Evaluation Assets" above) compared to a \$4,292 write-off of an option to acquire a mineral property in 2015.

Management compensation and consulting fees in the quarter ended December 31, 2016 increased to \$1,104 (December 31, 2015: \$824), as the Company employed an additional staff member and more directors took fees in cash over deferred share units ("DSUs") as compared to the comparable prior quarter.

The Company granted 227,773 stock options, 69,085 performance share units ("PSUs") and 2,409 deferred share units ("DSUs) in the quarter ended December 31, 2016 (December 31, 2015: 432,500 stock options, 81,892 PSUs and 88,316 DSUs), and recorded share based payment expense (a non-cash item) of \$267 in the current quarter (December 31, 2015: \$1,348). The fair value of all stock option share-based payment expense is estimated using the Black-Scholes-Merton option valuation model. The fair value of deferred and restricted share units is based on the fair market value of a common share equivalent on the date of grant. The fair value of the portion of performance share units with market condition is determined using the Monte Carlo pricing model.

Other expenses incurred during the quarter ended December 31, 2016 included accounting and audit of \$393 (December 31, 2015: \$263), amortization of \$9 (December 31, 2015: \$4), filing & transfer agent fees of \$6 (December 31, 2015: \$19), foreign exchange loss of \$194 (December 31, 2015: \$423), general office expenses of \$165 (December 31, 2015: \$125), property investigation costs of \$73 (December 31, 2015: \$30), Legal and shareholder relations expenses of \$125 (December 31, 2015: \$352) and travel of \$65 (December 31, 2015: \$70), were all either comparable with the prior period's expense or the change was not significant to the overall operations during the period.

In other income and expenses during the quarter ended December 31, 2016, the Company earned interest income on its cash, cash equivalents and term deposits of \$351 (December 31, 2015: \$63). The Company also recorded a 44% equity loss pick up from its Investment in Associate, amounting to \$308 in the quarter ended December 31, 2016 (December 31, 2015: \$1,001). The equity loss pick up relates to the Company's 44% share of a foreign exchange loss and a deferred income tax expense incurred within Minera Juanicipio.

The Company recorded a deferred tax recovery of \$5,870 for the quarter ended December 31, 2016 (December 31, 2015: \$1,482 deferred tax expense) related primarily to the impairment of Exploration and Evaluation assets in the quarter.

### 12. CASH FLOWS

The following table summarizes cash flow activities for the year ended December 31, 2016:

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|   | Year ended December 31, |          |          |         |  |
|---|-------------------------|----------|----------|---------|--|
| (In thousands of US dollars)                                  |                         | 2016     | <b>-</b> | 2015    |  |
| Operations  | \$                      | (4,084)  | \$       | (4,359) |  |
| Changes in non-cash working capital                           |                         | (356)    |          | 688     |  |
| Operating activities  |                         | (4,440)  |          | (3,671) |  |
| Investing activities  |                         | (62,922) |          | (8,266) |  |
| Financing activities  |                         | 75,313   |          | 2,597   |  |
| Change in cash and cash equivalents during the year           |                         | 7,951    |          | (9,340) |  |
| Effects of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents | 3                       | (28)     |          | (1,516) |  |
| Cash, beginning of year                                       |                         | 75,424   |          | 86,280  |  |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of year                        | \$                      | 83,347   | \$       | 75,424  |  |
| Term deposits, end of year                                    | \$                      | 55,000   | \$       |         |  |

### **Operating Activities**

During the year ended December 31, 2016, the Company used \$4,084 in cash for operations, compared to \$4,359 in the year ended December 31, 2015. The Company's non-cash working capital in the year ended December 31, 2016, increased by \$356 (December 31, 2015: decreased by \$688).

#### **Investing Activities**

During the year ended December 31, 2016, the Company invested cash of \$62,922 compared to \$8,266 in the year ended December 31, 2015. The primary investment of cash in the year ended December 31, 2016 was the purchase of term deposit with an initial maturity in excess of 90 days totaling \$55,000 (December 31, 2015: nil). The Company also used cash to fund advances to Minera Juanicipio, which combined with MAG's Juanicipio expenditures on its own account, totaled \$7,363 in the year ended December 31, 2016 (December 31, 2015: \$5,009). The Company makes cash advances to Minera Juanicipio as 'cash called' by operator Fresnillo, based on approved joint venture budgets. In the year ended December 31, 2016, the Company also expended \$1,323 (December 31, 2015: \$2,107) on its other exploration and evaluation properties.

#### Financing Activities

During the year ended December 31, 2016, the Company's net cash from financing activities amounted to \$75,313, compared to \$2,597 in the year ended December 31, 2015.

As discussed in "Financing Activities" above, on March 1, 2016, the Company closed a bought deal public offering and issued 8,905,000 common shares at \$7.30 per share, for gross proceeds of \$65,006. On March 4, 2016, the underwriters exercised in full an associated 15% over-allotment option, and the Company issued an additional 1,335,750 common shares for additional gross proceeds of \$9,751. Total gross proceeds were \$74,757, and combined net proceeds amounted to \$70,654.

In the year ended December 31, 2016, 691,705 stock options, were exercised for cash proceeds of \$4,659 (December 31, 2015: 424,900 stock options were exercised for cash proceeds of \$2,597). During the year

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ended December 31, 2016, an additional 1,125,001 stock options were exercised under a less dilutive cashless exercise provision of the plan (December 31, 2015: 504,785), whereby 325,671 shares were issued in settlement of the stock options (December 31, 2015: 121,150), and the remaining 799,330 options were cancelled (December 31, 2015: 383,635).

### 13. FINANCIAL POSITION

The following table summarizes the Company's financial position as at:

| (In thousands of US dollars)      | December 31, 2016 |    | December 31, 2015 |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|----|-------------------|
|                                   | <b></b>           |    | <b>5.101</b>      |
| Cash and cash equivalents         | \$ 83,3           | 47 | \$ 75,424         |
| Term deposits                     | 55,0              | 00 | -                 |
| Other current assets              | 1,52              | 27 | 756               |
| Total current assets              | 139,8             | 74 | 76,180            |
| Equipment                         | :                 | 54 | 38                |
| Investment in associate           | 37,3              | 12 | 31,240            |
| Exploration and evaluation assets |                   | -  | 52,806            |
| Total assets                      | \$ 177,2          | 40 | \$ 160,264        |
|                                   |                   |    |                   |
| Total current liabilities         | \$ 7:             | 33 | \$ 957            |
| Deferred income taxes             | 5                 | 89 | 5,165             |
| Total liabilities                 | 1,33              | 22 | 6,122             |
| Total equity                      | 175,9             | 18 | 154,142           |
| Total liabilities and equity      | \$ 177,2          | 40 | \$ 160,264        |

Total current assets increased from \$76,180 at December 31, 2015 to \$139,874 December 31, 2016. The increase is primarily due to the funds raised from the bought deal financing which closed in the first quarter of 2016 (as referred to above in "Financing Activities"). Cash, cash equivalents and term deposits totaled \$138,347 at December 31, 2016 compared to \$75,424 at December 31, 2015. Other current assets as at December 31, 2016 included investments of \$718 (December 31, 2015: \$279), prepaid expenses of \$181 (December 31, 2015: \$150) and accounts receivable of \$628 (December 31, 2015: \$327). The accounts receivable is comprised primarily of interest receivable earned on its cash, cash equivalents and term deposits.

The increase from December 31, 2015 to December 31, 2016 in Investment in Associate from \$31,240 to \$37,312 reflects the Company's ongoing investment in Minera Juanicipio as discussed in "Investing Activities" above. The decrease from December 31, 2015 to December 31, 2016 in Exploration and Evaluation assets from \$52,806 to nil, reflects the impairments of the Cinco de Mayo and Guigui Properties in the current year ended December 31, 2016.

Current liabilities at December 31, 2016 amounted to \$733 (December 31, 2015: \$957) and are attributable to accrued exploration and administrative expenses. The deferred income tax liability decreased to to \$589 at December 31, 2016 (December 31, 2015 \$5,165) primarily as a result of deferred tax recovery recognized in the year and explained above in the "Review of Financial Results."

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The variation in total equity is due primarily to the aforementioned public offering completed during the year ended December 31, 2016.

### 14. LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

As at December 31, 2016, the Company had working capital of \$139,141 (December 31, 2015: \$75,223) including cash, cash equivalents and term deposits of \$138,347 (December 31, 2015: \$75,424). The Company currently has no debt and has sufficient working capital to maintain all of its properties and currently planned programs for a period in excess of the next year. Although the Company believes it is fully funded for its share of the Juanicipio development as envisioned under the Juanicipio Technical Report (see *Funding of the Juanicipio Development* below), the Company may require additional capital in the future to meet its project related expenditures, including its cash calls on the Juanicipio project in light of the scale and scope changes currently being considered.

### Funding of the Juanicipio Development

The Juanicipio Technical Report estimated total project capital costs of \$302,000 inclusive of capitalized operating costs (MAG's 44% share is \$132,880) over 3.5 years from the start of development. As the first 33 months of development, as envisioned under the Juanicipio Technical Report, are primarily focused on the ramp decline, the majority of the capital costs are not expected to be incurred until the latter part of the development schedule. The larger capital expenditures items associated with the mine development have not yet been approved by Minera Juanicipio.

To December 31, 2016, approximately \$35,675 of the Juanicipio development has been funded by the joint venture partners (MAG's share funded to December 31, 2016 is approximately \$15,697), leaving approximately \$266,325 (MAG's 44% share is approximately \$117,183) of remaining mine development expenditures to complete the Juanicipio mine according to the Juanicipio Technical Report. In addition, as at December 31, 2016, Minera Juanicipio had cash on hand of \$3,573 available to fund expenditures. Given the progress to date, and the Company's cash, cash equivalents and term deposits on hand (\$138,347) as at December 31, 2016), the Company believes that it has enough cash to fully fund its 44% share of cash calls for the Juanicipio mine development as envisioned in the Juanicipio Technical Report.

In addition, the Preliminary Economic Assessment set out in the Juanicipio Technical Report is preliminary in nature and includes 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 Preliminary Economic Assessment set out in the Juanicipio Technical Report will be realized. As a result, there are additional risks in commencing and completing construction based upon the Juanicipio Technical Report including additional risks as to capital and operating costs, development time, mineral recovery and financial viability. There is also no guarantee that the construction will be completed or, if completed, that production will begin or that financial results will be consistent with the Juanicipio Technical Report.

As noted in the Outlook above, given the potential size of the additional mineralized zones, the Joint Venture partners, led by JV Operator Fresnillo plc, have been considering project design enhancements to maximize the value of both the Bonanza Zone and the new deeper zone. Considerations include increasing the processing plant nameplate capacity from 2,650 tonnes per day to 4,000 tonnes per day and sinking an internal shaft (or winze) to access the deeper zone sooner. These changes in design scope could result in an

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incremental increase in the project capital cost and slide the anticipated project start-up from the second half of 2018 to the first half of 2019.

The new resource estimate, the design upgrades and the associated capital requirements will be incorporated into a revised mine plan and a new MAG technical report for the project, expected to be completed in the second quarter of 2017 concurrent with the project approval. Accordingly, the complete development of the Juanicipio Project may require capital exceeding the Company's cash on hand resources, and the Company may need to raise significant additional capital in the future under such circumstances. Future liquidity may therefore depend upon the Company's ability to arrange debt or additional equity financings. The inability of the Company to fund its 44% share of cash calls would result in dilution of the Company's ownership interest in Minera Juanicipio, in accordance with the shareholders agreement.

#### Actual vs Expected Use of Proceeds – Prior Financings

In the Company's Short Form Prospectus dated July 9, 2014 and in its February 23, 2016 Prospectus Supplement to a Short Form Base Shelf Prospectus (collectively, the "Offering Documents"), the Company provided the expected use of proceeds with respect to each offering. The table below provides a comparison of the Company's estimated actual use of proceeds to date, as compared to the use of proceeds presented in the Offering Documents:

| Intended Use of Proceeds                            | Expected Use of Proceeds July 9, 2014 (000s of \$C) | Estimated Actual Use of<br>Net Proceeds to date (1)<br>(000s of \$C) | Expected est of Froteens | Estimated Actual Use<br>of Net Proceeds to date<br>(000s of \$US) |
|---|---|--|--------------------------|---|
| Exploration expenditures at the Juanicipio Property | \$3,000   | \$3,350 (2)  | \$5,000                  | \$1,903   |
| Development expenditures at the Juanicipio Property | \$71,470  | \$19,024 <sup>(3)</sup>  | \$50,000                 | \$ - <sup>(3)</sup>   |
| Development contingency at the Juanicipio Property  | \$ -  | <b>\$</b> -  | \$7,500                  | \$ -  |

<sup>(1)</sup> Cash calls advanced to the Juanicipio Property are made in U.S. dollars and for the purposes of the July 9, 2014 analysis, have been converted to C\$ based on the closing U.S.\$/C\$ exchange rate on the day the funds were advanced to Minera Juanicipio.

### 15. CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS

The following table discloses the contractual obligations of the Company (as at the date of this MD&A) for optional mineral property acquisition payments, optional exploration work and committed lease obligations for office rent and equipment. Based on exploration results, the Company will select at its discretion, only certain properties to complete option and purchase arrangements on.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>(2)</sup> After reviewing exploration results of four new deep exploration holes in 2015, Fresnillo and MAG agreed to an additional 10,000 metre U.S.\$1,500 (MAG's 44% share is US\$660) drill program to further delineate the extent of the new deep zone. This drill program was funded by the Joint Venture partners in September 2015, but was not anticipated in the 2014 offering.

<sup>(3)</sup> As the first 33 months of development focuses primarily on ramp decline, the majority of the capital expenditures are yet to be incurred, and are expected to be incurred in the latter part of the development schedule (2017-2018).

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|   | Т  | otal | Less tl | han 1 year | 1-3 Years | 3-5 Years |
|---|----|------|---------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| Property Option Payments, Exploration and |    |      |         |            |           |           |
| Development Expenditures – Total (1)      | \$ | -    | \$      | - 5        | \$ -      | \$<br>-   |
| Office Lease                              |    | 363  |         | 129        | 234       | -         |
| Total Obligations                         | \$ | 363  | \$      | 129        | \$ 234    | \$<br>-   |

<sup>(1)</sup> Although the Company makes cash advances to Minera Juanicipio as cash called by operator Fresnillo (based on annual Minera Juanicipio budgets), they are not contractual obligations. The Company intends, however, to continue to fund its share of cash calls and avoid dilution of its ownership interest.

Other contractual obligations include: a 2.5% NSR royalty on the Cinco de Mayo property under the terms of an agreement dated February 26, 2004, whereby the Company acquired a 100% interest in the property; and a 2.5% NSR royalty on the Guigui mining concessions.

The Company may provide guarantees and indemnifications in conjunction with transactions in the normal course of operations. These are recorded as liabilities when reasonable estimates of the obligations can be made. Indemnifications that the Company has provided include an obligation to indemnify directors and officers of the Company for potential liability while acting as a director or officer of the Company, together with various expenses associated with defending and settling such suits or actions due to association with the Company. The Company has a comprehensive director and officers liability insurance policy that could mitigate such costs if incurred.

#### 16. SHARE CAPITAL INFORMATION

The Company's authorized capital consists of an unlimited number of common shares without par value. As at March 29, 2017, the following common shares, stock options, RSUs and DSUs were outstanding:

|                                     | Number of<br>Shares | Exercise Price or Conversion Ratio | Remaining<br>Life  |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Capital Stock                       | 80,755,843          |                                    |                    |
| Stock Options                       | 2,166,772           | \$5.35 - \$17.55                   | 0.4 to 4.7 years   |
| Performance Share Units("PSUs") (1) | 140,203 (1)         | 1:1                                | 3.7 to 4.7 years   |
| Restricted Share Units("RSUs")      | 46,520              | 1:1                                | 2.3 to 3.2 years   |
| Deferred Share Units ("DSUs")       | 373,305             | 1:1                                | n/a <sup>(2)</sup> |
| Fully Diluted                       | 83 482 643          |                                    |                    |

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes 69,085 PSUs where vesting is subject to a market price performance factor measured over a three-year performance period, resulting in a PSU payout range from 0% (nil PSUs) to 200% (138,170 PSUs).

<sup>(2)</sup> To be share settled, but no common shares are to be issued in respect of a participant in the DSU Plan prior to such eligible participant's termination date.

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#### 17. OTHER ITEMS

The Company is unaware of any undisclosed liabilities or legal actions against the Company and the Company has no legal actions or cause against any third party at this time other than the claims of the Company with respect to its purchase of 41 land rights within the Cinco de Mayo property boundaries, and the associated efforts to regain surface access with the local Ejido. Any resolution to this situation will include a comprehensive CSR program to coincide with the next phases of the Company's exploration activity.

The Company is unaware of any condition of default under any debt, regulatory, exchange related or other contractual obligation.

#### Tax Law for the State of Zacatecas.

On December 31, 2016, the Government of the State of Zacatecas, Mexico published the Tax Law for the State of Zacatecas (Ley de Hacienda del Estado de Zacatecas, the "Zacatecas Tax Law"), which came into effect on January 1, 2017.

As provided for in the Zacatecas Tax Law, certain so called "environmental duties" were established for operations carried out within the State of Zacatecas, Mexico. Minera Juanicipio's operations are located in the State of Zacatecas, and this new tax law will apply to the Juanicipio development once it is in production, the effects of which have not been quantified. Managements' assessment of this tax however, is that it will not have an impact on the viability of the Juanicipio Project.

#### Value Added Tax ("VAT") also known as "IVA"

In Mexico, VAT is charged on the sale of goods, rendering of services, lease of goods and importation of goods and services at a rate of 16%. Exports and other specified items may be subject to a 0% rate. Proprietors selling goods or services must collect VAT on behalf of the government. Goods or services purchased incur a credit for VAT paid. The resulting net VAT is then remitted to, or collected from, the Government of Mexico through a formalized filing process.

The Company has traditionally held a VAT receivable balance due to the expenditures it incurs whereby VAT is paid to the vendor or service provider. Collections of these receivables from the Government of Mexico often take months and sometimes years to recover, but the Company has to date been able to recover all of its VAT paid. However, amendments to Mexican VAT legislation took effect January 1, 2017, and may impact the Company's ability to recover VAT paid after January 1, 2017 (no impact on VAT paid up to and including December 31, 2016). Although still subject to interpretation and confirmation of intent, it now appears that companies in a pre-operative/exploration stage should not apply for VAT refunds until the company has taxable sales; or in the alternative, if VAT credits are filed for and recovered and the exploration activities later cease without success, the Company may have to refund the tax authorities for the amounts previously recovered on an inflation adjusted basis.

These changes may effectively increase the non-Juanicipio administrative and exploration costs of the Company conducting business in Mexico by 16% in 2017 and beyond. However, the changes are not expected to have any impact on Minera Juanicipio and its ability to recover VAT paid, given the expectation it will be in production by 2019.

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### 18. TREND INFORMATION

As both the price and market for silver are volatile and difficult to predict, a significant decrease in the silver price could have an adverse material impact on the Company's operations and market value.

The nature of the Company's business is demanding of capital for property acquisition costs, exploration commitments, development and holding costs. The Company's liquidity is affected by the results of its own acquisition, exploration and development activities. The acquisition or discovery of an economic mineral deposit on one of its mineral properties may have a favourable effect on the Company's liquidity, and conversely, the failure to acquire or find one may have a negative effect. In addition, access to capital to fund exploration and development companies remains difficult in current public markets, which could limit the Company's ability to meet its objectives.

Surface rights in Mexico are often owned by local communities or "Ejidos" and there has been a recent trend in Mexico of increasing Ejido challenges to existing surface right usage agreements. The Company has already been impacted by this recent trend at its Cinco de Mayo property. Any further challenge to the access to any of the properties in which the Company has an interest may have a negative impact on the Company, as the Company may incur delays and expenses in defending such challenge and, if the challenge is successful, the Company's interest in a property could be materially adversely affected. Also see "Risks and Uncertainties" below.

Apart from these and the risks referenced below in "Risks and Uncertainties," management is not aware of any other trends, commitments, events or uncertainties that would have a material effect on the Company's business, financial condition or results of operations.

#### 19. RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Company's securities should be considered a highly speculative investment and investors are directed to carefully consider all of the information disclosed in the Company's Canadian and U.S. regulatory filings prior to making an investment in the Company, including the risk factors discussed under the heading "Risk Factors" in the Company's most recent Annual Information Form ("AIF") dated March 29, 2017 available on SEDAR at <a href="https://www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a> and <a href="https://www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a> and <a href="https://www.sedar.com">www.sec.gov</a>.

The volatile global economic environment has created market uncertainty and volatility in recent years. The Company remains financially strong and will monitor the risks and opportunities of the current environment carefully. These macro-economic events have in the past, and may again, negatively affect the mining and minerals sectors in general. The Company will consider its business plans and options carefully going forward.

In the normal course of business, the Company enters into transactions for the purchase of supplies and services denominated in Canadian dollars or Mexican Pesos. The Company also has cash and other monetary assets and liabilities denominated in Canadian dollars and Mexican Pesos. As a result, the Company is subject to foreign exchange risk from fluctuations in foreign exchange rates (see Note 11(c) in the unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements of the Company as at December 31, 2016).

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# 20. OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS

The Company has no off-balance sheet arrangements.

### 21. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Company does not have offices or direct personnel in Mexico, but rather is party to a Field Services Agreement, whereby it has contracted administrative and exploration services in Mexico with MINERA CASCABEL S.A. de C.V. ("Cascabel") and IMDEX Inc. ("IMDEX"). Dr. Peter Megaw, the Company's Chief Exploration Officer, is a principal of both IMDEX and Cascabel, and is remunerated by the Company through fees to IMDEX. In addition to corporate executive responsibilities with MAG, Dr. Megaw is responsible for the planning, execution and assessment of the Company's exploration programs, and he and his team developed the geologic concepts and directed the acquisition of all the Company's projects, including the Juanicipio Project and the Cinco de Mayo Property.

During the year, the Company incurred expenses with Cascabel and IMDEX as follows:

|   | Year ended Dec 31, |    |       |  |
|---|--------------------|----|-------|--|
|   | 2016 2015          |    |       |  |
| Fees related to Dr. Megaw:              |                    |    |       |  |
| Exploration and marketing services      | \$<br>346          | \$ | 398   |  |
| Travel and expenses                     | 59                 |    | 112   |  |
| Other fees to Cascabel and IMDEX:       |                    |    |       |  |
| Administration for Mexican subsidiaries | 121                |    | 121   |  |
| Field exploration services              | 565                |    | 1,002 |  |
|   | \$<br>1,091        | \$ | 1,633 |  |

All transactions are incurred in the normal course of business, and are negotiated on terms between the parties which are believed to represent fair market value for all services rendered. A portion of the expenditures are incurred on the Company's behalf, and are charged to the Company on a "cost + 10%" basis typical of industry standards. The services provided do not include drilling and assay work which are contracted out independently from Cascabel & IMDEX. Included in trade and other payables at December 31, 2016 is \$255 related to these services (December 31, 2015: \$356).

The Company is obligated to a 2.5% NSR royalty on the Cinco de Mayo property payable to the principals of Cascabel under the terms of an option agreement dated February 26, 2004, whereby the Company acquired a 100% interest in the property from Cascabel, and under the terms of assignment agreements entered into by Cascabel with its principals. The Company is also obligated to a 2.5% NSR royalty to Cascabel on the Guigui mining concessions.

Upon the retirement of Dan MacInnis, former President & Chief Executive Officer, on October 15, 2013, the Company had entered into a consulting contract with a private company controlled by Mr. MacInnis who remains a director of the Company. As the contract expired on December 31, 2015 and was not renewed in 2016, no consulting fees were paid in the year ended December 31, 2016 (December 31, 2015: C\$11) and there are no payables related to such services as at December 31, 2016 (December 31, 2015: nil).

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Any amounts due to related parties arising from the above transactions are unsecured, non-interest bearing and are due upon receipt of invoices.

The immediate parent and ultimate controlling party of the consolidated group is MAG Silver Corp. (incorporated in British Columbia, Canada).

The details of the Company's significant subsidiaries and ownership interests are as follows:

### Significant subsidiaries of the Company are as follows:

|                                   |                          |                    | MAG' effective interest |          |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|----------|
| Name                              | Country of Incorporation | Principal Activity | 2016 (%)                | 2015 (%) |
| Minera Los Lagartos, S.A. de C.V. | Mexico                   | Exploration        | 100%                    | 100%     |
| Minera Pozo Seco S.A. de C.V.     | Mexico                   | Exploration        | 100%                    | 100%     |
| Minera Sierra Vieja S.A. de C.V.  | Mexico                   | Exploration        | 100%                    | 100%     |

Balances and transactions between the Company and its subsidiaries, which are related parties of the Company, have been eliminated on consolidation and are not disclosed in this note.

Minera Juanicipio, S.A. de C.V. ("Minera Juanicipio"), created for the purpose of holding and operating the Juanicipio Property, is held 56% by Fresnillo plc ("Fresnillo") and 44% by the Company. Fresnillo is the operator of Minera Juanicipio, and with its affiliates, beneficially owns 12% of the common shares of the Company as at December 31, 2016, as publicly reported. Minera Juanicipio is currently governed by a shareholders agreement. All costs relating to the project and Minera Juanicipio are required to be shared by the Company and Fresnillo pro-rata based on their ownership interests in Minera Juanicipio.

|   | Year ended December 31, |          |       |  |
|---|-------------------------|----------|-------|--|
|   | 2016                    |          | 2015  |  |
|   |                         |          |       |  |
| Salaries and other short term employee benefits | \$                      | 1,412 \$ | 1,438 |  |
| Share based payments                            |                         | 1,507    | 1,751 |  |
|   | \$                      | 2,919 \$ | 3,189 |  |

*Key management personnel* are those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Company, directly or indirectly, and consists of its Directors, the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer.

### 22. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB"), requires Management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures during the reporting period. Management has identified (i) mineral property acquisition and exploration deferred costs, (ii) provision for reclamation and closure, (iii) deferred income tax provision (iv) share based payments and (v) financial instruments, as the main estimates for the following discussion. Please refer to Note 2 of the Company's consolidated financial statements as at December 31, 2016 for a description of all of the significant accounting policies.

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Under IFRS, the Company defers all costs relating to the acquisition and exploration of its mineral properties ("exploration and evaluation" assets). Any revenues received from such properties are credited against the costs of the property. When commercial production commences on any of the Company's properties, any previously capitalized costs would be charged to operations using a unit-of-production method. The Company reviews when events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying values of its properties to assess their recoverability and when the carrying value of a property exceeds the estimated net recoverable amount, provision is made for impairment in value. IFRS also allows the reversal of impairments if conditions that gave rise to those impairments no longer exist.

The existence of uncertainties during the exploration stage and the lack of definitive empirical evidence with respect to the feasibility of successful commercial development of any exploration property do create measurement uncertainty concerning the estimate of the amount of impairment to the value of any mineral property. The Company relies on its own or independent estimates of further geological prospects of a particular property and also considers the likely proceeds from a sale or assignment of the rights before determining whether or not impairment in value has occurred.

Reclamation and closure costs have been estimated based on the Company's interpretation of current regulatory requirements, however changes in regulatory requirements and new information may result in revisions to estimates. The Company recognizes the fair value of liabilities for reclamation and closure costs in the period in which they are incurred. A corresponding increase to the carrying amount of the related assets is generally recorded and depreciated over the life of the asset.

The deferred income tax provision is based on the liability method. Deferred taxes arise from the recognition of the tax consequences of temporary differences by applying enacted or substantively enacted tax rates applicable to future years to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts and the tax bases of certain assets and liabilities. The Company records only those deferred tax assets that it believes will be probable, that sufficient future taxable profit will be available to recover those assets.

Under IFRS 2 - Share-based Payments, stock options are accounted for by the fair value method of accounting. Under this method, the Company is required to recognize a charge to the statement of loss based on an option-pricing model based on certain assumptions including dividends to be paid, historical volatility of the Company's share price, an annual risk free interest rate, forfeiture rates, and expected lives of the options. The fair value of performance share units awarded with market price conditions is determined using a risk-neutral asset pricing model, based on certain assumptions including dividends to be paid, historical volatility of the Company's share price, a risk free interest rate, and correlated stock returns.

Under IAS 39 – *Financial Instruments*, the Company is required to value warrants that meet the definition of derivatives at fair value with unrealized gains and losses recognized in the statement of loss. To measure fair value, warrants listed on a recognized exchange are valued at the latest available closing price. Warrants not listed on a recognized exchange, but where a secondary market exists, are valued at independent broker prices (if available) traded within that secondary market. If no secondary market exists, the warrants are valued using the Black Scholes option pricing model.

#### 23. CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

The Company has reviewed new accounting pronouncements that have been issued but are not yet effective at December 31, 2016. These include:

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**IFRS 2** *Share-based payments.* In June 2016, the IASB issued amendments to IFRS 2 Share-based Payment to address certain issues related to the accounting for cash settled awards and the accounting for equity settled awards that include 'net settlement feature' in respect of employee withholding taxes. The amendments apply for annual periods on or after January 1, 2018 with early adoption permitted. The Company will adopt this standard on the effective date, and is currently evaluating the impact this standard may have on its consolidated financial statements.

**IAS 7** Statements of cash flows. In January 2016, the IASB issued amendments to IAS 7 to be applied prospectively for annual periods on or after January 1, 2017 with early adoption permitted. The amendments require disclosure of information enabling users of financial statements to evaluate changes in liabilities arising from financing activities. The Company will adopt these amendments on the effective date, and they are not expected to have a significant impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

**IFRS 9** *Financial Instruments*. In July 2014, the IASB issued the final version of IFRS 9 which replaced IAS 39 *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement*. The new standard replaces the current classification and measurement criteria for financial assets and liabilities with only two classification categories: amortized cost and fair value. The standard is effective for annual periods beginning on or after of January 1, 2018, with early adoption permitted. The Company will adopt this standard on the effective date and is currently evaluating the impact this standard may have on its consolidated financial statements.

**IAS 12** *Income taxes*. In January 2016, the IASB issued Recognition of Deferred Tax Assets for Unrealised Losses (Amendments to IAS 12). The amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2017 with early adoption permitted. The amendments clarify that unrealized losses on debt instruments measured at fair value in the financial statements but at cost for tax purposes can give rise to deductible temporary differences. The Company currently does not have debt instruments and the amendments are not expected to have a significant impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

**IFRS 15** *Revenue from Contracts with Customers.* The final standard on revenue from contracts with customers was issued on May 8, 2014. In July 2015, the IASB determined that the revised effective date for IFRS 15 would be for annual reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2018, with earlier application permitted. Entities have the full option of using either a full retrospective or a modified retrospective approach to adopt the guidance. The Company's only source of revenue in the current and prior periods is interest income from high interest savings accounts and term deposits, but the Company is currently evaluating the impact this standard may have on its consolidated financial statements once revenue from contracts with customers is generated.

**IFRS 16** Leases. In January 2016, the IASB published a new accounting standard, IFRS 16 – Leases (IFRS 16) which replaces IAS 17 – Leases and its associated interpretative guidance. IFRS 16 applies a control model to the identification of leases, distinguishing between a lease and a service contract on the basis of whether the customer controls the asset being leased. For those assets determined to meet the definition of a lease, IFRS 16 introduces significant changes to the accounting by lessees, introducing a single, onbalance sheet accounting model that is similar to current finance lease accounting, with limited exceptions for short-term leases or leases of low value assets. Lessor accounting remains similar to current accounting practice. The standard is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2019, with early application permitted for entities that apply IFRS 15. The Company will adopt this standard on the effective date, and is currently evaluating the impact this standard may have on its consolidated financial statements.

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**IFRIC 22** Foreign currency transactions and advance consideration. In December 2016, the IASB issued IFRS interpretation, IFRIC 22 which clarifies the date of the transaction for the purpose of determining the exchange rate to use on initial recognition of the related asset, expense or income, when a related non-monetary asset or non-monetary liability arising from the payment or receipt of advance consideration in a foreign currency is derecognized. The standard is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2018 with early application permitted. The Company will adopt this standard on the effective date and is currently evaluating the impact this standard may have on its consolidated financial statements.

### 24. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

#### Disclosure Controls and Procedures

The Company maintains a set of disclosure controls and procedures designed to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed in the reports that it is required to file or submit under applicable securities laws is recorded, processed, summarized and reported in the manner specified by such laws. The Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer have evaluated, or caused to be evaluated under their supervision, the design and effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures as of December 31, 2016 through inquiry and review, as well as by drawing upon their own relevant experience. The Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer have concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures are effective as at December 31, 2016.

### Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

The Company also maintains a system of internal controls over financial reporting, as defined by National Instrument 52-109 - *Certification of Disclosure in Issuers' Annual and Interim Filings* in order to provide reasonable assurance that assets are safeguarded and financial information is accurate and reliable and in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards. The Company retains a third party specialist annually to assist in the assessment of its internal control procedures. The Board of Directors approves the financial statements and MD&A before they are publicly filed, and ensures that management discharges its financial responsibilities. The consolidated financial statements and MD&A for the year ended December 31, 2016 were approved by the Board on March 27, 2017. The Board's review is accomplished principally through the Audit Committee, which is composed of independent non-executive directors. The Audit Committee meets periodically with management and auditors to review financial reporting and control matters. The Board of Directors has also appointed a compensation committee composed of non-executive directors whose recommendations are followed with regard to executive compensation. From time to time the board may also form special sub-committees, which must investigate and report to the Board on specific topics.

The Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have evaluated, or caused to be evaluated under their supervision, the design and effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2016 and have concluded that the Company's internal control over financial reporting is effective.

There have been no changes in internal controls over financial reporting during the year ended December 31, 2016 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

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### 25. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent to December 31, 2016 the Company:

- 1. Issued 12,400 common shares pursuant to the exercise of stock options with an exercise price of C\$9.28 for proceeds of C\$115; and,
- 2. Issued 39,239 common shares pursuant to the exercise of 75,000 stock options with an exercise price of C\$9.15 exercised under a less dilutive cashless exercise provision of the plan, whereby 39,239 shares were issued in settlement of the stock options, and the remaining 35,761 options were cancelled.

# 26. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information on the Company is available for viewing under MAG's profile on the SEDAR website at <a href="https://www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a> and on SEC's EDGAR website at <a href="https://www.sec.gov">www.sec.gov</a>.