



RUBICON

RUBICON MINERALS CORPORATION

Consolidated Financial Statements

(Stated in Canadian Dollars)

December 31, 2009

and

December 31, 2008

RUBICON MINERALS CORPORATION

MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING

Management of Rubicon Minerals Corporation is responsible for the integrity and fair presentation of the financial information contained in this annual report which has been approved by the Board of Directors. Where appropriate, the financial information, including financial statements, reflects amounts based on the best estimates and judgments of management. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in Canada and reconciled to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States as set out in note 20. Financial information presented elsewhere in the annual report is consistent with that disclosed in the financial statements.

The Board of Directors oversees management's responsibility for financial reporting and internal control systems through an Audit Committee, which is composed entirely of independent directors. The Audit Committee meets periodically with management and the independent auditors to review the scope and results of the annual audit and to review the financial statements and related financial reporting and internal control matters before the financial statements are approved by the Board of Directors and submitted to the shareholders.

De Visser Gray LLP has audited our financial statements in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in Canada and the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), and has expressed their opinion in the auditors' report.

"David Adamson"

David Adamson
President and Chief Executive Officer

"Robert Lewis"

Robert Lewis
Chief Financial Officer

AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Shareholders of Rubicon Minerals Corporation

We have audited the consolidated balance sheets of Rubicon Minerals Corporation as at December 31, 2009 and 2008 and the consolidated statements of operations and deficit, comprehensive loss and cash flows for each of the years in the three year period ended December 31, 2009. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in Canada and the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In our opinion, these consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as at December 31, 2009 and 2008 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the years in the three year period ended December 31, 2009 in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

We have also audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2009, based on the criteria established in *Internal Control – Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission and our report dated March 29, 2010 expressed an unqualified opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting

"De Visser Gray LLP"

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

Vancouver, British Columbia
March 29, 2010

RUBICON MINERALS CORPORATION

MANAGEMENT'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting. Any system of internal control over financial reporting, no matter how well designed, has inherent limitations. Therefore, even those systems determined to be effective can provide only reasonable assurance with respect to financial statement preparation and presentation.

Management has a process in place to evaluate internal control over financial reporting based on the criteria established in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework*, by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). Based on that evaluation, management has concluded that internal control over financial reporting was effective as of December 31, 2009. De Visser Gray LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm of Chartered Accountants, appointed by the shareholders, have performed an audit on the effectiveness of our internal controls over financial reporting, as of December 31, 2009 and their report is attached.

“David Adamson”

David Adamson
President and Chief Executive Officer

“Robert Lewis”

Robert Lewis
Chief Financial Officer

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders of Rubicon Minerals Corporation

We have audited the internal control over financial reporting of Rubicon Minerals Corporation (the "Company") as of December 31, 2009, based on the criteria established in the Internal Control-Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). The Company's management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting, and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in the accompanying Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audit included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk, and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed by, or under the supervision of, the company's principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, and effected by the company's board of directors, management, and other personnel to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

In our opinion, the Company maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2009, based on the criteria established in the Internal Control-Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO).

We have also audited, in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards and the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2009 of the Company and our report dated March 29, 2010 expressed an unqualified opinion on those financial statements.

"De Visser Gray LLP"

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

Vancouver, British Columbia
March 29, 2010

RUBICON MINERALS CORPORATION

Consolidated Balance Sheets
(Stated in Canadian Dollars)

| | As at December 31 | |
|--|-------------------|-----------------------|
| | 2009 | 2008 |
| | | Restated (Note 19) |
| Assets | | |
| Current assets | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 2,377,399 | \$ 18,753,749 |
| Temporary investments (note 6) | 125,418,231 | 4,011,587 |
| Marketable securities (note 7) | 66,532 | 73,380 |
| Amounts receivable | 1,108,511 | 188,461 |
| Prepaid expenses and supplier advances | 333,343 | 109,757 |
| | 129,304,016 | 23,136,934 |
| Other investments (note 8) | 1,127,819 | 652,961 |
| Buildings and equipment (note 9) | 987,245 | 177,115 |
| Mineral property costs (note 10) (Schedule) | 114,209,833 | 82,862,073 |
| Reclamation deposits (note 11) | 498,000 | 5,000 |
| | \$ 246,126,913 | \$ 106,834,083 |
| Liabilities | | |
| Current liabilities | | |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | \$ 4,038,999 | \$ 793,393 |
| Corporate income tax payable | - | 22,603 |
| | 4,038,999 | 815,996 |
| Future income taxes (note 14) | 13,391,328 | 15,525,226 |
| Shareholders' equity | | |
| Share capital (note 12(a)) | 246,391,590 | 109,912,429 |
| Contributed surplus (note 12(d)) | 5,750,527 | 4,012,933 |
| Deficit | (22,659,689) | (22,103,360) |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss (note 13) | (785,842) | (1,329,141) |
| | 228,696,586 | 90,492,861 |
| | \$ 246,126,913 | \$ 106,834,083 |

See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements

Commitments (Note 16)
Subsequent events (Note 18)

Approved by the Board of Directors:

"David Adamson"
David Adamson, Director

"John R. Brodie"
John R. Brodie, FCA, Director

RUBICON MINERALS CORPORATION

Consolidated Statements of Operations and Deficit

(Stated in Canadian Dollars)

| | For the years ended December 31 | | |
|---|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 |
| | | Restated (Note 19) | Restated (Note 19) |
| Expenses | | | |
| Amortization | \$ 64,878 | \$ 70,391 | \$ 52,304 |
| Consulting | 9,207 | 74,259 | 85,569 |
| General mineral exploration | 212,265 | 232,932 | 189,027 |
| Investor relations | 657,820 | 630,626 | 397,115 |
| Office | 253,213 | 174,387 | 270,288 |
| Part XII.6 tax on flow-through | 26,102 | 159,279 | - |
| Professional fees | 211,488 | 200,085 | 353,126 |
| Rent | 101,213 | 81,308 | 54,586 |
| Re-organization costs | - | - | 64,691 |
| Salaries | 1,231,694 | 944,150 | 1,032,130 |
| Stock-based compensation (note 12(b)) | 1,638,405 | 659,806 | 576,605 |
| Transfer agent and regulatory filing fees | 150,899 | 121,161 | 130,141 |
| Travel and accommodation | 136,026 | 138,534 | 122,457 |
| Write-off of mineral property costs | - | - | 224,696 |
| Loss before other items | (4,693,210) | (3,486,918) | (3,552,735) |
| Foreign exchange gains (losses) | 2,132,034 | (2,894,204) | 2,142,247 |
| Interest and other income | 214,243 | 732,798 | 941,330 |
| Option and administration fees received in excess of property costs | 249,070 | 578,664 | 317,801 |
| Gain (loss) on sale of investments | (96,721) | (222,491) | 7,822 |
| Other (losses) and gains | 566 | (357,343) | 128,779 |
| Loss on disposal of equipment | (4,024) | (4,475) | - |
| Loss on equity investment | - | - | (75,938) |
| Loss before income taxes | (2,198,042) | (5,653,969) | (90,694) |
| Current income tax expense | (3,902) | (22,603) | (7,000) |
| Future income tax recovery (note 14) | 1,645,615 | 3,276,809 | 23,560 |
| Net loss for the year | (556,329) | (2,399,763) | (74,134) |
| Deficit, beginning of the year | (22,103,360) | (19,703,597) | (19,629,463) |
| Deficit, end of the year | \$ (22,659,689) | \$ (22,103,360) | \$ (19,703,597) |
| Net loss per common share | \$ (0.00) | \$ (0.02) | \$ (0.00) |
| Fully diluted loss per common share* | \$ (0.00) | \$ (0.02) | \$ (0.00) |
| Weighted average number of common shares outstanding | 186,958,831 | 148,878,778 | 118,158,856 |
| Fully diluted weighted average number of common shares outstanding* | 186,958,831 | 148,878,778 | 118,158,856 |

* The exercise of options and warrants, in all years, would have been anti-dilutive and so has been excluded from the calculation of fully diluted common shares.

See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements

RUBICON MINERALS CORPORATION

Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Loss

(Stated in Canadian Dollars)

| | For the years ended December 31 | | |
|--|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 |
| | | Restated (Note 19) | Restated (Note 19) |
| Net loss for the year | \$ (556,329) | \$ (2,399,763) | \$ (74,134) |
| Other comprehensive income (loss) in the year | | | |
| Fair value adjustment on available for sale financial instruments: | | | |
| Temporary investments | (75,432) | 25,021 | (19,852) |
| Other investments and marketable securities | 522,010 | (2,407,906) | 368,727 |
| Less realized (gains) and losses on other investments and marketable securities reclassified to net income | 96,721 | 222,491 | (7,822) |
| Less impairment losses on other investments and marketable securities reclassified to net income | - | 281,647 | - |
| | 618,731 | (1,903,768) | 360,905 |
| Other comprehensive income (loss) in the year | 543,299 | (1,878,747) | 341,053 |
| Comprehensive income (loss) for the year | (13,030) | (4,278,510) | 266,919 |
| Adjustment to accumulated other comprehensive income on adoption of new standard | - | - | 208,553 |
| Accumulated comprehensive loss, beginning of the year | (23,432,501) | (19,153,991) | (19,629,463) |
| Accumulated comprehensive loss, end of the year | \$ (23,455,531) | \$ (23,432,501) | \$ (19,153,991) |

See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements

RUBICON MINERALS CORPORATION

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

(Stated in Canadian Dollars)

| | For the years ended December 31 | | |
|---|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 |
| | | Restated (Note 19) | Restated (Note 19) |
| Cash Provided by (Used for): | | | |
| Operating Activities | | | |
| Net loss for the year | \$ (556,329) | \$ (2,399,763) | \$ (74,134) |
| Adjustment for items which do not involve cash: | | | |
| Amortization | 64,878 | 70,391 | 52,304 |
| Stock-based compensation | 1,638,405 | 659,806 | 576,605 |
| Write-off of mineral property costs | - | - | 224,696 |
| (Gain) loss on sale of investments | 96,155 | 222,491 | (176,201) |
| Foreign exchange (gains) | (2,132,034) | 2,894,204 | (2,142,247) |
| Other (gains) and losses | 4,024 | 342,788 | - |
| Loss on equity investment | - | - | 75,938 |
| Option receipt in excess of property costs | (109,813) | - | - |
| Interest and other income | 64,639 | 43,458 | 135,318 |
| Future income tax recovery | (1,645,615) | (3,276,809) | (23,560) |
| | (2,575,690) | (1,443,434) | (1,351,281) |
| Changes in non-cash working capital components: | | | |
| Prepaid expenses | (223,586) | (66,259) | (14,750) |
| Amounts receivable | (937,451) | 454,865 | (157,694) |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | 640,418 | (147,039) | 66,749 |
| Corporate income taxes payable | (22,603) | (51,397) | (78,000) |
| | (3,118,912) | (1,253,264) | (1,534,976) |
| Investing Activities* | | | |
| Temporary investments | (121,546,149) | 11,052,489 | (11,218,285) |
| Mineral property costs | (27,611,890) | (16,893,521) | (11,415,083) |
| Reclamation deposits | (493,000) | - | - |
| Recovery of property costs incurred | 137,683 | 1,392,438 | 2,844,874 |
| Management and administration fees received | - | 7,193 | 163,789 |
| Purchase of investments and equipment | (960,010) | (94,195) | (144,830) |
| Proceeds of sale of investments and equipment | 163,813 | 193,060 | 1,659,211 |
| | (150,309,553) | (4,342,536) | (18,110,324) |
| Financing Activities* | | | |
| Common shares issued | 144,544,906 | 10,298,529 | 27,737,051 |
| Share issue costs | (7,492,791) | (740,289) | (534,122) |
| | 137,052,115 | 9,558,240 | 27,202,929 |
| Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | (16,376,350) | 3,962,440 | 7,557,629 |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the year | 18,753,749 | 14,791,309 | 7,233,680 |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of the year | \$ 2,377,399 | \$ 18,753,749 | \$ 14,791,309 |

*Supplemental Disclosure of Non-Cash Investing and Financing Activities – Refer to Note 17.
See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements

RUBICON MINERALS CORPORATION

Consolidated Statements of Mineral Property Costs

(Stated in Canadian Dollars)

| | Balance December 31 2007 | Gross Expenditures 2008 | Recovery 2008 | Balance December 31 2008 | Gross Expenditures 2009 | Recovery 2009 | Balance December 31 2009 |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|
| CANADA | | | | | | | |
| ONTARIO | | | | | | | |
| RED LAKE MINING DIVISION | | | | | | | |
| Phoenix Gold Project | | | | | | | |
| Acquisition and option payments | \$ 3,726,540 | \$ 328,744 | \$ - | \$ 4,055,284 | \$ 561,229 | \$ - | \$ 4,616,513 |
| Exploration costs: | | | | | | | |
| Geological and geochemical | 1,831,786 | 333,167 | - | 2,164,953 | 1,299,196 | - | 3,464,149 |
| Drilling | 8,518,334 | 10,795,895 | - | 19,314,229 | 10,815,628 | - | 30,129,857 |
| Geophysical | 101,147 | 355,115 | - | 456,262 | 57,435 | - | 513,697 |
| Travel and accommodation | 208,505 | 96,635 | - | 305,140 | 97,632 | - | 402,772 |
| Other | 92,902 | 16,833 | - | 109,735 | 622,979 | - | 732,714 |
| Underground exploration | - | 734,849 | - | 734,849 | 16,966,760 | - | 17,701,609 |
| Amortization | - | - | - | - | 80,979 | - | 80,979 |
| | 14,479,214 | 12,661,238 | - | 27,140,452 | 30,501,838 | - | 57,642,290 |
| Other Red Lake Properties | | | | | | | |
| Acquisition and option payments | 604,501 | 180,563 | (174,996) | 610,068 | 166,844 | (120,282) | 656,630 |
| Exploration costs: | | | | | | | |
| Geological and geochemical | 1,813,207 | 109,308 | (49,061) | 1,873,454 | - | - | 1,873,454 |
| Drilling | 2,990,408 | 1,395,980 | (296,199) | 4,090,189 | 51,204 | - | 4,141,393 |
| Geophysical | 297,229 | 64,421 | - | 361,650 | 165,862 | - | 527,512 |
| Travel and accommodation | 136,975 | 21,109 | (300) | 157,784 | - | - | 157,784 |
| Other | 54,704 | 21,096 | - | 75,800 | 1,258 | - | 77,058 |
| Administration fees (earned) | (717,234) | - | (7,191) | (724,425) | - | - | (724,425) |
| | 5,179,790 | 1,792,477 | (527,747) | 6,444,520 | 385,168 | (120,282) | 6,709,406 |
| UNITED STATES OF AMERICA | | | | | | | |
| ALASKA | | | | | | | |
| Alaska Properties | | | | | | | |
| Acquisition and option payments | 37,200,284 | - | - | 37,200,284 | - | - | 37,200,284 |
| Exploration costs: | | | | | | | |
| Geological and geochemical | 777,287 | 1,037,621 | - | 1,814,908 | 38,155 | - | 1,853,063 |
| Drilling | 1,800,184 | 571,325 | - | 2,371,509 | - | - | 2,371,509 |
| Travel and accommodation | 8,320 | 17,910 | - | 26,230 | - | - | 26,230 |
| Claim rental | 423,960 | 401,295 | - | 825,255 | 425,168 | - | 1,250,423 |
| | 40,210,035 | 2,028,151 | - | 42,238,186 | 463,323 | - | 42,701,509 |

See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements

RUBICON MINERALS CORPORATION

Consolidated Statements of Mineral Property Costs *(continued)*

(Stated in Canadian Dollars)

| | Balance December 31 2007 | Gross Expenditures 2008 | Recovery 2008 | Balance December 31 2008 | Gross Expenditures 2009 | Recovery 2009 | Balance December 31 2009 |
|--|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|
| UNITED STATES OF AMERICA <i>(continued)</i> | | | | | | | |
| NEVADA | | | | | | | |
| Nevada Properties | | | | | | | |
| Acquisition and option payments | \$ 6,176,343 | \$ 1,192 | \$ - | \$ 6,177,535 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 6,177,535 |
| Exploration costs | | | | | | | |
| Geological and geochemical | 79,449 | 217,528 | - | 296,977 | 110,444 | - | 407,421 |
| Geophysics | 31,809 | 530,849 | - | 562,658 | 7,269 | - | 569,927 |
| Other | 418 | 1,327 | - | 1,745 | - | - | 1,745 |
| | 6,288,019 | 750,896 | - | 7,038,915 | 117,713 | - | 7,156,628 |
| Mineral Property Costs | \$ 66,157,058 | \$ 17,232,762 | \$ (527,747) | \$ 82,862,073 | \$ 31,468,042 | \$ (120,282) | \$ 114,209,833 |

Mineral Property Costs Written-off

The composition of the write-off figures by property classification is as follows:

| | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|--|--------------|------------|------------|
| Other Red Lake Properties | \$ 224,696 | \$ - | \$ - |
| Total costs written-off | 224,696 | - | - |
| Aggregate cost recoveries and administration fees received | 3,342,060 | 527,747 | 120,282 |
| Total write-offs and recoveries | \$ 3,566,756 | \$ 527,747 | \$ 120,282 |

See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements

RUBICON MINERALS CORPORATION

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

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1. NATURE AND CONTINUANCE OF OPERATIONS

The Company is incorporated in British Columbia, Canada and has been primarily involved in the acquisition and exploration of mineral property interests in Canada and the United States. At the date of these financial statements, the Company has not been able to identify a known body of commercial grade ore on any of its properties. The ability of the Company to recover the costs it has incurred to date on these properties is dependent upon the Company being able to identify a commercial ore body, to finance its exploration and development costs and to resolve any environmental, regulatory, or other constraints which may hinder the successful development of the property. Although the Company is unaware of any defects in its title to its mineral properties, no guarantee can be made that none exist. The Company is in the development stage with no source of operating revenue and is dependent upon equity financing to maintain its current operations.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting and Consolidation

These consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") in Canada. As described in note 19, these principles differ in certain respects from principles and practices generally accepted in the United States ("US") and requirements promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission. Summarized below are those policies considered particularly significant to the Company. References to the Company included herein are inclusive of the accounts of the parent company and its 100% owned subsidiaries, 1304850 Ontario Inc., 0691403 BC Ltd., Rubicon Alaska Holdings Inc., Rubicon Alaska Corp., Rubicon Minerals Nevada Inc. and Rubicon Nevada Corp. The investment in Constantine Metal Resources Ltd. was accounted for on the equity basis until July 2007 when it ceased to qualify as an equity accounted investment. All inter-company balances have been eliminated.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of any contingent assets and liabilities as at the date of the financial statements, as well as the reported amounts of revenues earned and expenses incurred during the period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

The Company's investments in marketable securities are items that, due to expected market volume and price fluctuations, may yield net realizable values that are materially different from their current book values at any point in time. Other items involving substantial measurement uncertainty are the carrying costs of mineral property interests, the determination of stock-based compensation and the determination of future income tax liability and valuation allowances.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are comprised of cash and short-term notes and bank deposits with an original maturity of three months or less. Cash and cash equivalents are designated as available for sale and are carried at fair value.

Marketable Securities

Marketable securities include the Company's investments in shares of public companies for which there are no intention to hold for periods of longer than one year. These investments have been categorized as available for sale financial instruments and are carried at fair value. Adjustments to fair value are recorded in other comprehensive income unless there is a loss in value that is other than temporary, in which case the adjustment to fair value is included in income and not reversed on future fair value changes.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES *(continued)*

Investments

The Company's investments in shares receivable of Africo Resources Ltd. and other public company shares and have been categorized as available for sale financial instruments and as such are carried at fair value. These investments are considered non-current assets as the Company intends to hold them for a period of greater than one year. Adjustments to fair value are recorded in other comprehensive income unless there is a loss in value that is other than temporary, in which case the adjustment to fair value is included in income and not reversed on future fair value changes.

Buildings and Equipment

Buildings and equipment are recorded and amortized over their estimated useful economic lives using the declining balance method at annual rates of between 5% and 50% and straight line over the remaining period of the lease plus one renewal period for leasehold improvements.

Mineral Property Costs

Acquisition, option payments and direct exploration costs are deferred until the properties are placed into production, sold or abandoned, at which time these deferred costs will either be amortized on a unit-of-production basis, charged to operations if sold, or written-off.

Mineral property cost includes any cash consideration and advance royalties paid, and the fair market value of shares issued, if any, on the acquisition of mineral property interests. Properties acquired under option agreements, whereby payments are made at the sole discretion of the Company, are recorded in the accounts when the payments are made.

The recorded amounts of property claim acquisition, option payments and direct exploration costs represent actual expenditures incurred and are not intended to reflect present or future values.

The Company reviews capitalized costs on its property interests on a periodic and annual basis for impairment in value based upon current exploration results and upon management's assessment of the future probability of profitable revenues from the property or from the sale of the property. Management's assessment of the property's estimated current fair market value may also be based upon a review of other property transactions that have occurred in the same geographic area as that of the property under review.

Administration and management fees earned, which generally range from 8% to 10% of the allowable expenditures associated with exploration on certain properties, are offset against the historical costs deferred on those properties. Administrative costs are expensed as incurred. Fees earned in excess of deferred costs are recorded into income.

Reclamation Deposits

The Company maintains cash deposits, or letters of credit secured by cash deposits, as required by regulatory bodies as assurance for the funding of reclamation costs. These funds are restricted to that purpose and are not available to the Company until the reclamation obligations have been fulfilled. Reclamation deposits are designated as available for sale, are recorded at fair value and are classified as non-current assets.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Asset Retirement Obligations

The fair value of a liability for an asset retirement obligation is recognized on a discounted cash flow basis when a reasonable estimate of the fair value of the obligation can be made. The asset retirement obligation is recorded as a liability with a corresponding increase to the carrying amount of the related long-lived asset. Subsequently, the asset retirement cost is allocated to expense using a systematic and rational method and is adjusted to reflect period-to-period changes in the liability resulting from the passage of time and from revisions to either expected payment dates or the amounts comprising the original estimate of the obligation. In January, 2009, the Company filed a closure plan with the government of Ontario which created closure obligations on the Phoenix property, see note 11.

Foreign Currency Translation

The Canadian dollar is the functional currency of all of the Company's operations which are classified as integrated for foreign currency translation purposes, and under this method translation gains or losses are included in the determination of net income or loss. Monetary assets and liabilities have been translated into Canadian dollars at the exchange rate in effect at balance sheet date. Non-Monetary assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses have been translated into Canadian dollars at the rate of exchange prevailing on the respective dates.

Comprehensive Income

Comprehensive income is the change in equity (net assets) of an enterprise during a reporting period from transactions and other events and circumstances from non-owner sources. It includes all changes in equity during a period except those resulting from investments by owners and distributions to owners. The statement of comprehensive income or loss includes unrealized gains and losses for classifications of financial instruments, that do not require such gains and losses to be included in net income.

Financial Instruments

The Company's financial instruments consist of cash, cash equivalents, temporary investments, marketable securities, amounts receivable, other investments, reclamation deposits and accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

Cash, cash equivalents, temporary investments, marketable securities, other investments and reclamation deposits have been classified as available-for-sale and are re-valued to market at each period end. Unrealized gains and losses on re-valuation are recorded to other comprehensive income. Upon realization, gains and losses are transferred to income.

Amounts receivable, are classified as loans and receivables and are carried at amortized cost. Accounts payable and accrued liabilities are classified as other liabilities and are carried at amortized cost. These instruments have fair values which approximate their cost due to their short-term nature.

Equity accounted investments are not considered to be financial instruments.

Share Capital

Common shares issued for non-monetary consideration are recorded at the fair market value based upon the trading price of the Company's shares on the Toronto Stock Exchange on the date of the agreement to issue the shares.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Stock-based Compensation

All stock and stock option based awards made to employees and consultants are recognized in these consolidated financial statements and measured using a fair value based method. The associated compensation expense is allocated to operations or capitalized to mineral property costs, depending on the nature of the services performed.

Consideration received on the exercise of stock options and compensation options and warrants is recorded as share capital. The related contributed surplus originally recognized when the options or warrants were earned, is transferred to share capital.

Income Taxes

The Company uses the liability method of accounting for taxes. Under this method the Company accounts for tax consequences of the differences in the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities and their tax bases using tax rates expected to apply when these temporary differences are expected to be settled. When the future realization of income tax assets does not meet the test of being more likely than not to occur, a valuation allowance in the amount of the potential future benefit is taken and no net asset is recognized. The Company has taken a valuation allowance against all such potential tax assets.

Flow-through Shares

The Company follows the guidance of the CICA provided in Abstract #146 issued by its Emerging Issues Committee. Canadian tax legislation permits a company to issue securities referred to as flow-through shares whereby the investor may claim the tax deductions arising from the related resource expenditures. On the date that the Company files the renunciation documentation with the tax authorities to renounce the tax credits associated with the exploration expenditures and the Company has reasonable assurance that the expenditures will be completed, a future income tax liability is recognized and shareholders' equity is reduced.

If the Company has sufficient unused tax loss carry-forwards to offset all or part of this future income tax liability and no future income tax assets have been previously recognized for these carry-forwards, a portion, of such unrecognized losses, is recorded as income up to the amount of the future income tax liability that was previously recognized on the renounced expenditures.

Net income (loss) per common share

Net income (loss) per common share has been calculated using the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding during each year. The dilutive effect of outstanding options and warrants are reflected in fully diluted net income (loss) per share by the application of the treasury method which assumes conversion, exercise or contingent issuance of securities only when such conversion, exercise or issuance would have a dilutive effect on net income (loss) per share. The effect of potential issuances of shares under options and warrants would be anti-dilutive if a loss is reported, and therefore basic and diluted losses per share are the same.

Comparative Figures

Certain of the 2008 figures have been reclassified to conform to the current year financial statement presentation. The reclassifications consist of separately identifying reclamation deposits which were previously classified as accounts receivable in 2008 and combining investments in companies spun-off with other investments.

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3. CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Goodwill and Intangible Assets

Effective January 1, 2009, the Company adopted new CICA Handbook section 3064 which replaces CICA Handbook Section 3062, *Goodwill and Other Intangibles*. This standard provides guidance on the recognition, measurement, presentation and disclosure of goodwill and intangible assets. Consequentially, references to deferred costs were removed from CICA Accounting Guideline 11, *Enterprises in the Development Stage*. Adoption of this standard did not have an effect on the Company's financial statements.

Credit Risk and Fair Value of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities

Effective January 1, 2009, the Company adopted new CICA Emerging Issues Committee guidance in EIC-173, Credit Risk and the Fair Value of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities. The EIC provides guidance on how to take into account credit risk of an entity and counterparty when determining the fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities, including derivative instruments. Adoption of this guidance did not have an effect on the Company's financial statements.

Mining Exploration Costs

Effective March 27, 2009, the Company adopted new CICA Emerging Issues Committee guidance in EIC-174, "Mining Exploration Costs". The EIC provides guidance on the capitalization and impairment review of exploration costs. Adoption of this guidance did not have an effect on the Company's financial statements.

Financial Instruments Disclosures

In May 2009, the CICA amended Section 3862, Financial Instruments - Disclosures, to include additional disclosure requirements about fair market value measurements for financial instruments and liquidity risk disclosures. These amendments require a three-level hierarchy that reflects the significance of the inputs used in making the fair value measurements. See note 5.

Canadian Pronouncements affecting Future Accounting Policies

The following pronouncements recently issued by the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants ("CICA") will likely impact the Company's future accounting policies:

(a) Business Combinations

In January 2009, the CICA issued Handbook Sections 1582 – Business Combinations, 1601 – Consolidated Financial Statements, and 1602 – Non-Controlling Interests. These standards are effective January 1, 2011. Section 1582 replaces Section 1581 – Business Combinations and establishes standards for the accounting for business combinations that is equivalent to the business combination accounting standard under International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"). Sections 1601 and 1602 replace Section 1600 – Consolidated Financial Statements. Section 1601 provides revised guidance on the preparation of consolidated financial statements and Section 1602 addresses accounting for non-controlling interests in consolidated financial statements subsequent to a business combination.

(b) International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS")

In February 2008 the Canadian Accounting Standards Board announced 2011 as the changeover date for publicly-listed companies to use IFRS, replacing Canadian generally accepted accounting principles. The specific implementation is set for interim and annual financial statements relating to fiscal years beginning on or after January 1, 2011. The transition date of January 1, 2011 will require restatement for comparative purposes of amounts reported by the Company for the year ended December 31, 2010. The Company expects the transition to IFRS to impact accounting policies, financial reporting and information technology systems and processes.

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4. CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

The Company's objectives for the management of capital are to safeguard the Company's ability to continue as a going concern including the preservation of capital and to achieve reasonable returns on invested cash after satisfying the objective of preserving capital.

The Company considers its cash, cash equivalents, and temporary investments to be its manageable capital. The Company's policy is to maintain sufficient cash and investment balances to cover operating and exploration costs over a reasonable future period, generally two years. The Company accesses capital markets as necessary and may also acquire additional funds where advantageous circumstances arise.

Excess cash investments are restricted to securities issued by the federal or provincial governments of Canada. The Company currently has no externally imposed capital requirements.

5. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Fair value hierarchy

Financial instruments recognized at fair value on the consolidated balance sheets must be classified into one of the three following fair value hierarchy levels:

- Level 1 – measurement based on quoted prices (unadjusted) observed in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;
- Level 2 – measurement based on inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1, that are observable for the asset or liability;
- Level 3 – measurement based on inputs that are not observable (supported by little or no market activity) for the asset or liability.

The Company's financial instruments carrying amounts and fair values by categories and levels per the fair value hierarchy are as follows:

| | Fair Value Level | 2009 | | 2008 | |
|--|------------------|----------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|--|
| | | Available for sale at fair value | Loans and receivables/ other financial liabilities at amortized cost | Available for sale at fair value | Loans and receivables/ other financial liabilities at amortized cost |
| Financial assets: | | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 1 | \$ 2,377,399 | \$ - | \$ 18,753,749 | \$ - |
| Temporary investments | 1 | 125,418,231 | - | 4,011,587 | - |
| Marketable securities | 1 | 66,532 | - | 73,380 | - |
| Amounts receivable | | - | 1,108,510 | - | 188,461 |
| Other investments | 1 | 1,127,819 | - | 652,961 | - |
| Reclamation deposits | 2 | 498,000 | - | 5,000 | - |
| | | \$ 129,487,981 | \$ 1,108,510 | \$ 23,496,677 | \$ 188,461 |
| Financial liabilities: | | | | | |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | | \$ - | \$ 4,038,999 | \$ - | \$ 793,393 |
| | | \$ - | \$ 4,038,999 | \$ - | \$ 793,393 |

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5. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

Financial instrument risks

The Company's financial instruments are exposed to the following risks:

Credit Risk

The Company's primary exposure to credit risk is the risk of non-payment of cash equivalents and temporary investments amounting to \$127.8 million at December 31, 2009, in Canadian federal government treasury bills. As the Company's policy is to limit excess cash investments to Canadian federal and provincial government instruments, the credit risk is considered by management to be negligible.

The Company's credit risk exposure from amounts receivable at December 31, 2009, amounted to \$1,108,510. This balance includes amounts due and accrued from the Canadian government of \$1,056,520 for GST refunds and \$51,990 of miscellaneous receivable items. Consequently, management considers the credit risk to be negligible.

Liquidity Risk

The Company's only liquidity risk from financial instruments is its need to meet operating accounts payable requirements. The Company maintains sufficient cash balances to meet these needs.

Foreign Exchange Risk

The Company's only foreign exchange risk from financial instruments is its exposure to US Dollar exchange rate changes on accounts payable arising from US exploration expenditures in Alaska and Nevada. Due to the short term nature of these liabilities, the risk is not considered material by management and no hedging is considered necessary. A reasonably possible change in US exchange rates, during the period would have had no material effect on net income or other comprehensive income.

Interest Rate Risk

The Company is exposed to interest rate risk on its cash equivalent and temporary investments. The majority of these investments are in discounted instruments with pre-determined fixed yields. Interest rate movements will affect the fair value of these instruments so the Company manages maturity dates of these instruments to match cash flow needs. Unrealized gains and losses are reported in other comprehensive income.

A difference in interest rates of 1.0%, on the December 31, 2009 balance of cash investments, over a year period, would result in a change to net income of approximately \$1,278,000.

Price Risk

The Company is exposed to price risk on its portfolio of junior mining company shares which include significant investments in shares received from the spin out of assets previously held by the Company. Due to the volatility of this class of shares, the risk of value change is significant. The Company's policy to manage this risk is to liquidate sufficient shareholdings to cover cost outlays as soon as possible, market conditions permitting and thereafter liquidate the balance when market conditions are favourable. Unrealized gains and losses are reported in other comprehensive income.

The Company's "Investment in Companies Spun Off" (note 8) largely consists of the right to receive the proceeds on exercise of Africo Resources Ltd. options granted to Rubicon personnel at the December 2006 plan of arrangement. Where these options expire or are forfeited, Rubicon will receive the underlying Africo shares at no cost. As such, this investment is exposed to the same price risk as an investment in Africo shares would. However, the maximum value to be received per

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5 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

option is the exercise price. No early liquidation of this asset is possible. Unrealized gains and losses on the Africo share value portion are reported in other comprehensive income.

Management considers the historical volatility of shares held to be an indicator of a reasonably possible change in value. If the market prices for all shares held by the Company and the Africo shares underlying the Africo share rights, as described above, at period end, had increased or decreased by the weighted average volatility of 96% annually, then there would have been an increase or decrease in other comprehensive income of approximately \$1,082,000

6. TEMPORARY INVESTMENTS

Temporary investments consists of several Government of Canada T-Bills maturing at various dates in 2010, with an aggregate carrying value and market value of \$125,418,231 at December 31, 2009 (\$4,011,587– December 31, 2008) and effective interest rates ranging from 0.14% to 0.46% Market value is determined from broker quotations.

7. MARKETABLE SECURITIES

Marketable securities consist of investments in public company shares and have an aggregate carrying value and fair value of \$66,532 (2008 - \$73,380) at year end. Market values were based on quoted prices in an active market.

8. OTHER INVESTMENTS

| | December 31, 2009 | | December 31, 2008 | |
|--|---------------------------|-----------|---------------------------|---------|
| | Carrying and Market Value | | Carrying and Market Value | |
| Investments in companies spun-off (1) | \$ | 168,694 | \$ | 153,400 |
| Investments in other public company shares (2) | | 959,125 | | 499,561 |
| | \$ | 1,127,819 | \$ | 652,961 |

(1) Investment in companies spun-off consists of the net value of rights and obligations outstanding from options issued or revised at the December 2006 plan of arrangement. The December 31, 2009, carrying value and fair value of \$168,694 is attributable to the right to receive the proceeds from any exercise of Africo options or the underlying Africo shares.

(2) Other investments in public company shares have aggregate carrying and market value of \$959,125 at December 31, 2009. Market values were based on quoted prices in an active market. These shares were received as payments pursuant to mineral property option agreements and pursuant to prior year spin-out transactions.

9. BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT

| | December 31 2009 | | | December 31 2008 | | |
|------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|----------------|------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| | Cost | Accumulated Amortization | Net Book Value | Cost | Accumulated Amortization | Net Book Value |
| Computer equipment | \$ 204,193 | \$ 84,132 | \$ 120,061 | \$ 137,425 | \$ 66,002 | \$ 71,423 |
| Furniture and fixtures | 164,569 | 73,267 | 91,302 | 105,736 | 57,664 | 48,072 |
| Software | 191,757 | 111,012 | 80,745 | 113,294 | 70,422 | 42,872 |
| Leasehold improvements | 12,291 | 9,218 | 3,073 | 12,291 | 5,531 | 6,760 |
| Field equipment | 263,219 | 27,920 | 235,299 | 8,876 | 888 | 7,988 |
| Trucks | 70,459 | 10,569 | 59,890 | - | - | - |
| Buildings | 411,352 | 14,477 | 396,875 | - | - | - |
| | \$ 1,317,840 | \$ 330,595 | \$ 987,245 | \$ 377,622 | \$ 200,507 | \$ 177,115 |

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10. MINERAL PROPERTY INTERESTS

The following is a summary of the Company's principal property interests, segregated by geographical location. It is not a comprehensive listing of all past or present property interests.

CANADA

ONTARIO

RED LAKE MINING DIVISION

Phoenix Gold Project

Pursuant to the terms of two separate agreements in 2002, the Company acquired an aggregate of 16 patented claims, 25 licences of occupation, and one mineral lease.

i) Water Claims Agreement

The Company holds a 100% interest in the "Water Claims" portion of the Phoenix Gold Project (25 licences of occupation and one mineral lease). These claims are subject to a NSR royalty of 2%, for which advance royalties of US\$50,000 are due annually (to a maximum of US\$1,000,000 prior to commercial production).

The Company has the option to acquire a 0.5% NSR royalty for US\$675,000 at any time. Upon a positive production decision the Company would be required to make an additional advance royalty payment of US\$675,000, which would be deductible from commercial production royalties as well as amounts paid pursuant to the maximum US\$1,000,000 in advance royalty payments described above.

ii) Land Claims Agreement

The Company holds a 100% interest in the "Land Claims" portion of the Phoenix Gold Project (16 patented claims). These claims are subject to a sliding scale NSR royalty of 2-3%, for which advance royalties of Cdn\$75,000 are due annually (to a maximum of Cdn\$1,500,000 prior to commercial production). The Company has the option to acquire a 0.5% NSR royalty for Cdn\$1,000,000 at any time. Upon a positive production decision the Company would be required to make an additional advance royalty payment of Cdn\$1,000,000, which would be deductible from commercial production royalties as well as amounts paid pursuant to the maximum Cdn\$1,500,000 in advance royalty payments described above.

The Company holds a 100% interest in the surface rights to the Land Claims.

Other Red Lake Properties

i) Adams Lake Property

The Company holds a 100% interest in 35 unpatented claims (236 units) in the Balmer and Bateman townships.

ii) Advance Property

The Company holds a 100% interest in 13 patented mining claims (approximately 39 ha) in the Todd Township.

iii) DMC Property

The Company holds a 100% interest in 130 unpatented claims (263 units) which are subject to several underlying agreements. An option agreement, signed in 2005, with Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd., for a 51% interest in certain of the DMC claims was terminated in 2008.

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iv) East Bay Property

The Company holds a 100% interest in 43 unpatented claims (123 units) located in the Bateman and Blackbear townships.

v) Humlin Property

The Company holds a 100% interest in 31 unpatented mining claims (294 units) located in Fairlie Township. An option agreement, signed in 2006, with Solitaire for a 55% interest in the property was terminated in 2008.

vi) McCuaig JV Property

The Company holds a 60% interest in 3 unpatented claims (10 units) in Dome Township.

vii) Red Lake North Property

The Red Lake North Property, including the Sidace Lake area claims, is comprised of 48 unpatented claims (337 units) in the Black Bear Lake, Coli Lake and Sobeski Lake areas.

Option Agreement with Solitaire Minerals Corporation (“Solitaire”)

Pursuant to an option agreement signed during 2006 and amended during 2009, the Company optioned a 55% interest in 45 unpatented mining claims from the Red Lake North Property to Solitaire. Pursuant to the terms of the agreement Solitaire has paid \$5,000 cash and issued 50,000 common shares and must incur \$2,500,000 (\$751,000 outstanding) of exploration expenditures before May of 2011.

viii) Slate Bay Property

The Company holds a 100% interest in 30 unpatented claims (153 units) located in the McDonough, Dome and Graves townships.

ix) West End Property

The Company holds a 100% interest in 19 unpatented claims and a 50% interest in 4 unpatented claims (87 units in total) in the Ball, Todd and Hammell Lake townships.

Option Agreement with Halo Resources Ltd. (“Halo”)

During 2008, the Company optioned a 60% interest in the West End Property to Halo. Under the terms of the letter agreement, Halo must incur \$1 million of exploration expenditures on the property over 4 years and make option payments to the Company amounting to \$120,000 over 4 years. Halo will then have the right to earn an additional 15% by funding a bankable feasibility study.

x) Wolf Bay Property

The Company holds a 100% interest in 5 unpatented mining claims and a 50% interest in 18 unpatented mining claims (108 units in total) in the Todd and Hammell Lake townships.

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10. MINERAL PROPERTY INTERESTS (continued)

West End Red Lake Option

An option agreement, signed in 2002, with Redstar Resources Ltd., for a 70% interest in certain claims in the West End and Wolf Bay properties, was terminated in 2007.

xi) Manitou Property

During 2007, the Company returned the Manitou property to the vendor and wrote off costs of \$231,831 incurred to that time.

xii) English Royalty Division (“ERD”)

The Company holds ownership or royalty interests in 51 properties (2008 – 60, 2007 – 63) designated as the English Royalty Division. These properties, included in the ERD, are not explored by the Company but are held for the purpose of earning option and possible royalty income and deriving potential increases in value from successful exploration by optionees. The Company continues to add properties to the ERD with new option agreements and drop properties that it is unable to option after reasonable efforts.

During 2009, the Company recorded cash and share receipts (before costs) of \$195,434 (2008 - \$712,523, 2007 – \$885,500) from ERD options. As the Company has now recovered all costs of acquisition and maintenance of these properties they are carried at \$nil.

ALASKA, USA

Alaska Properties

Pursuant to the McEwen Agreement which closed on May 18, 2007, the Company acquired 100% of the outstanding shares of McEwen Capital Corp. (renamed Rubicon Alaska Holdings Inc. and hereinafter referred to as “RAH Inc.”). The results of RAH Inc.’s operations have been included in the consolidated financial statements since February 24, 2007, the date of the Letter of Intent and the date the Company commenced financing the operations of the acquisition. The aggregate purchase price was \$22 million consisting of 31,428,571 common shares of the Company at a deemed price of \$0.70 per share. The share value was determined based on the average closing price of the Company’s shares on the TSX on the 5 days prior to date of the Letter of Intent. In addition, the Company incurred \$426,387 in acquisition costs which were capitalized with the purchase.

The following table summarizes the assets acquired and liabilities assumed on the date of the acquisition:

| | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| Mineral properties | \$ 37,155,461 |
| Future income tax liability | (14,729,074) |
| Total cost | \$ 22,426,387 |
| Consisting of: | |
| Common shares issued at \$0.70 | \$ 22,000,000 |
| Other acquisition costs | 426,387 |
| Total cost | \$ 22,426,387 |

The sole assets of RAH Inc. consisted of two mineral claim groups in the Goodpaster Mining District of Alaska. At the date of the acquisition, RAH Inc. had tax deductible mineral pools of approximately \$1.2 million and therefore the Company recorded a future tax liability of \$14,729,074 inherent in the purchase.

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The two claim groups are further described as follows:

i) New Horizon Claims

Pursuant to the McEwen Agreement, the Company acquired a 100% interest in the New Horizon Claims covering approximately 330,000 acres in the Goodpaster Mining District of Alaska. These claims had been previously acquired by RAH Inc. through staking. During 2008, the area held was reduced to 195,280 acres.

ii) Kiska (formerly Rimfire) Option Properties

Pursuant to the McEwen Agreement, the Company acquired an option granted by Kiska Metals Corporation ("Kiska", formerly Rimfire Minerals Corporation) to acquire up to a 70% interest, subject to underlying royalties, in certain mineral claims, covering approximately 185,520 acres, in the Goodpaster Mining District of Alaska. Pursuant to the terms of this option agreement, the Company can earn a 60% interest in the property by expending US\$4.8 million on the property over a five and half year period as follows (including expenditures made prior to the acquisition):

- (a) US \$750,000 before November 27, 2007 (incurred);
- (b) an aggregate of US \$1,500,000 on or before November 27, 2008 (incurred);
- (c) an aggregate of US \$2,250,000 on or before November 27, 2009 (incurred);
- (d) an aggregate of US \$3,000,000 on or before November 27, 2010;
- (e) an aggregate of US \$3,800,000 on or before November 27, 2011; and
- (f) an aggregate of US \$4,800,000 on or before November 27, 2012.

The Company may earn a further 10% interest by completing a feasibility study and at Kiska's election, may obtain an additional 5% interest by providing a project financing loan repayable from Rimfire's cash flows from production.

All commitments under the McEwen agreement for exploration expenditures on the Alaska properties were completed in 2008. There are no further commitments under this agreement.

NEVADA-UTAH, USA

Nevada – Utah Properties

Pursuant to the McEwen Agreement, the Company acquired mineral rights on an approximate 225,000 acre land package, predominantly in Elko County, Nevada and extending into Box Elder County Utah for 8,571,429 common shares of the Company, valued at \$0.70 per share for total consideration of \$6 million. In addition the Company incurred \$106,182 of acquisition costs which were capitalized with the acquisition. The majority of the mineral rights are 100% owned subject to certain royalty interests.

All commitments under the McEwen agreement for exploration expenditures on the Nevada properties were completed in 2008.

11. ASSET RETIREMENT OBLIGATIONS

The Company's asset retirement obligations consist of reclamation and closure costs for its Phoenix Gold project which is currently at the advanced exploration stage. Reclamation and closure activities related to this project will include land rehabilitation, demolition of buildings and processing facilities, ongoing care and maintenance and other costs. In February of 2009, the Company filed a Closure Plan with the Ontario Ministry of Northern Mines and Development ("MNDM") which included an independent estimation of closure costs, if currently implemented, which amounted to \$493,000. Upon filing the closure plan, a deposit in the same amount was made with the MNDM as financial assurance for completion of the closure plan when required. Additional deposits will be required if closure amount estimates increase.

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The present value of this asset retirement obligation is currently immaterial to recognize due to (i) the Company's current intention to continue to hold and utilize the Phoenix property and related facilities for a period extending beyond 50 years and (ii) the Company has no legal requirement or intention to implement its closure plan during this extended holding period. Should management's intention's change or closure plans and cost estimates change, the Company may be required to recognize an asset retirement obligation on the consolidated balance sheet at that time.

12. SHARE CAPITAL

a) Authorized share capital consists of unlimited common shares without par value.

Issued share capital consists of the following:

| | 2009 | | 2008 | | 2007 | |
|-------------------------------|------------------|-------------|------------------|-------------|------------------|-------------|
| | Number of Shares | \$ | Number of Shares | \$ | Number of Shares | \$ |
| Balance, beginning of year | 156,151,871 | 109,912,429 | 147,871,501 | 103,572,229 | 76,810,525 | 47,991,901 |
| Public offering(2), (3) | 18,975,000 | 81,398,435 | - | - | - | - |
| Private placements (1), (3) | 25,000,000 | 37,445,025 | 8,166,670 | 9,460,640 | 26,265,462 | 24,165,197 |
| Mineral properties | - | - | - | - | 40,000,000 | 28,000,000 |
| Stock options exercised (4) | 2,408,300 | 3,255,186 | 113,700 | 155,349 | 1,547,374 | 1,476,765 |
| Warrants exercised | 10,682,843 | 16,024,265 | - | - | 3,152,792 | 1,451,905 |
| Flow-through renunciation (5) | - | (1,643,750) | - | (3,275,789) | - | - |
| Agent share commissions | - | - | - | - | 393,262 | 700,006 |
| Shares returned | - | - | - | - | (297,914) | (213,545) |
| Balance, end of year | 213,218,014 | 246,391,590 | 156,151,871 | 109,912,429 | 147,871,501 | 103,572,229 |

- (1) On March 5, 2009, the Company closed a \$40 million private placement financing and issued 25 million common shares at \$1.60 per share. A commission of \$2.2 million (5.5%) was paid to the underwriters.
- (2) On November 12, 2009, the Company closed an \$86 million public offering and issued 18.975 million common shares at \$4.55 per share. A commission of \$4.0 million (4.6%) was paid to the underwriters.
- (3) Proceeds are net of total issue costs for both financings, of \$7,492,791 including commissions (2008 - \$740,289, 2007 -1,234,128). Nil (2008 - 4,870,370, 2007 - 4,651,200) shares were issued under flow-through share purchase agreements.
- (4) Inclusive of the original \$1,070,796 (2008 - \$57,750, 2007 - \$377,399) fair value of these options re-allocated from contributed surplus to share capital on exercise.
- (5) On February 28, 2009 the Company renounced \$6.6 million of exploration expenditures to flow-through share investors and recorded the effect of the reduction in future tax deductible expenses against share capital.

b) Stock Options

The Corporation has an incentive stock option plan authorizing the Company to issue up to 8.5% of the number of issued and outstanding shares as incentive stock options to directors, officers, employees and consultants of the Company (up to 18,123,531 options at December 31, 2009). No specific vesting terms are required. The term of each grant shall be no greater than 10 years from the date of grant. The option price shall be no less than the fair market value of the Company's shares on the date of the grant.

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12. SHARE CAPITAL (continued)

b) Stock Options (continued)

The following is a summary of the changes in the Company's outstanding stock options.

| | 2009 | | 2008 | | 2007 | |
|--------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|
| | Number of Shares | Weighted Average Exercise Price | Number of Shares | Weighted Average Exercise Price | Number of Shares | Weighted Average Exercise Price |
| | | \$ | | \$ | | \$ |
| Balance at beginning of year | 4,733,300 | 0.93 | 3,328,250 | 0.87 | 3,798,748 | 0.73 |
| Granted | 3,485,000 | 1.80 | 1,617,500 | 1.03 | 1,260,000 | 1.09 |
| Exercised | (2,408,300) | 0.91 | (113,700) | 0.86 | (1,547,374) | 0.71 |
| Expired/cancelled | (55,000) | 1.31 | (98,750) | 1.10 | (183,124) | 0.86 |
| Outstanding at end of year (1) | 5,755,000 | 1.46 | 4,733,300 | 0.93 | 3,328,250 | 0.87 |
| Exercisable at end of year | 3,792,500 | 1.12 | 3,965,800 | 0.91 | 2,600,750 | 0.77 |

(1) At December 31, 2009, the weighted-average remaining contractual life of stock options outstanding is 3.39 years (2008 – 2.60 years, 2007 – 2.91 years).

The fair value of stock options included in the expense figures, has been estimated using the Black-Scholes Option Pricing Model based on the following weighted average assumptions:

| | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 |
|-----------------------------|------------|---------|---------|
| Risk-free interest rate (%) | 2.01% | 3.67% | 4.13% |
| Expected life (years) | 4.24 Years | 5 years | 5 years |
| Expected volatility (%) | 66% | 64% | 64% |
| Expected dividend yield (%) | 0% | 0% | 0% |

The weighted average grant-date fair value of options granted during 2009 was \$1.01 (2008 - \$0.59, 2007 - \$0.63).

Option pricing models require the input of highly subjective assumptions, particularly as to the expected price volatility of the stock. Changes in these assumptions can materially affect the fair value estimate and therefore it is management's view that the existing models do not necessarily provide a single reliable measure of the fair value of the Company's stock option grants.

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12. SHARE CAPITAL (continued)

c) Summary of stock options and warrants outstanding:

| December 31, 2009 | | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Type of Issue | Number Outstanding | Weighted Average Price | Weighted Average Life |
| Stock Options | | \$ | Years |
| | 150,000 | 0.48 | 0.70 |
| | 200,000 | 0.56 | 0.95 |
| | 720,000 | 0.74 | 2.04 |
| | 20,000 | 0.76 | 3.80 |
| | 1,180,000 | 1.04 | 3.12 |
| | 2,350,000 | 1.31 | 4.01 |
| | 20,000 | 1.46 | 3.35 |
| | 40,000 | 1.68 | 2.67 |
| | 125,000 | 1.89 | 4.29 |
| | 150,000 | 1.90 | 2.50 |
| | 75,000 | 2.14 | 4.25 |
| | 100,000 | 2.55 | 2.29 |
| | 200,000 | 3.12 | 4.53 |
| | 145,000 | 3.13 | 4.44 |
| | 30,000 | 4.36 | 4.83 |
| | 50,000 | 4.47 | 4.73 |
| | 200,000 | 4.53 | 4.93 |
| Total Stock Options | 5,755,000 | 2.12 | 3.99 |

The Company has no warrants outstanding at year end.

d) Summary of changes in contributed surplus:

| | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Balance at beginning of year | \$ 4,012,933 | \$ 3,082,261 | \$ 2,547,075 |
| Stock-based compensation – administration | 1,638,405 | 761,890 | 576,606 |
| Stock-based compensation – mineral property costs | 1,169,985 | 209,941 | 335,979 |
| Stock-based compensation - options granted by spin-out companies | - | 16,591 | - |
| Fair value of stock options allocated to shares issued on exercise | (1,070,796) | (57,750) | (377,399) |
| Balance at end of year | \$ 5,750,527 | \$ 4,012,933 | \$ 3,082,261 |

13. ACCUMULATED OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

| | 2009 | 2008 |
|--|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), January 1 | \$ (1,329,141) | \$ 549,606 |
| Other comprehensive income (loss) for the year | 543,299 | (1,878,747) |
| Accumulated other comprehensive (loss), December 31 | \$ (785,842) | \$ (1,329,141) |

Components of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), December 31

| | | |
|--|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Unrealized gains (losses) on temporary investments | \$ (70,262) | \$ 5,169 |
| Unrealized (losses) on marketable securities and other investments - public company shares | (715,580) | (1,334,310) |
| | \$ (785,842) | \$ (1,329,141) |

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14. INCOME TAXES

Current income tax payable in the amount of \$nil (2008 - \$22,603) represents an estimated current liability of the Company's wholly-owned subsidiary, 1304850 Ontario Inc.

A reconciliation of income taxes at statutory rates is as follows:

| | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 |
|---|-------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| | | Restated Note 19 | Restated Note 19 |
| Net loss for the year, before taxes | (2,198,042) | (5,653,969) | (90,694) |
| Expected income tax recovery | (725,354) | (1,724,460) | (30,927) |
| Net adjustment for current, deductible and non-deductible amounts | (824,715) | 930,654 | (534,215) |
| Unrecognized benefit of future tax assets | - | - | 548,582 |
| Valuation allowance | (91,644) | (2,460,400) | - |
| Income tax recoveries, net | (1,641,713) | (3,254,206) | (16,560) |

The significant components of the Company's future income tax assets (liabilities) are as follows:

| | 2009 | 2008 |
|--|--------------|---------------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| | | Restated Note 19 |
| Future income tax assets (liabilities): | | |
| Net mineral property carrying amounts in excess of tax pools | (19,865,008) | (20,343,028) |
| Equipment and intangible tax pools in excess of carrying value | 330,263 | 338,020 |
| Investment tax base in excess of carrying value | 93,062 | 210,080 |
| Share issue cost pool | 1,865,695 | 387,853 |
| Tax loss carry-forwards | 5,249,437 | 4,346,019 |
| | (12,326,551) | (15,061,056) |
| Valuation allowance | (1,064,777) | (464,170) |
| Net future tax liabilities | (13,391,328) | (15,525,226) |

The Company has non-capital losses of approximately \$18 million (2008 - \$14 million, 2007 - \$12 million), which are available to reduce future taxable income and which expire between 2010 and 2029. Subject to certain restrictions the Company also has mineral property expenditures of approximately \$54 million (2008 - \$30 million, 2007 - \$11 million) available to reduce taxable income in future years.

15. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

For the twelve months ended December 31, 2009, the Company paid legal fees to a law firm, of which a partner is a director of the Company, aggregating to \$810,448 (2008 - \$198,422, 2007 - \$913,422). The fees are recorded within professional expenses, mineral property acquisition costs, investments and share issue costs in these financial statements. As at December 31, 2009, this law firm is owed \$5,000 (2008 - \$19,500). All these transactions were recorded at their fair value amounts and were incurred in the normal course of business.

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16. COMMITMENTS

- a) At December 31, 2009, the Company has \$67,849 in remaining lease payments for the use of its Vancouver office to September, 2010.
- b) The Company is required to make certain cash payments and incur exploration costs to maintain its mineral properties in good standing. These payments and costs are at the Company's discretion and are based upon available financial resources and the exploration merits of the mineral properties which are evaluated on a periodic basis.

17. SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF NON-CASH INVESTING AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES

During the twelve months ended December 31, 2009, the Company received common shares of other companies valued at \$109,813 (2008 - \$183,340, 2007 - \$11,722) pursuant to the terms of property and joint venture agreements. The Company has excluded from its investing cash flows \$2,873,019 (2008 - \$267,830, 2007 - \$814,882) in accounts payable relating to mineral property costs. Other non-cash investments included \$1,169,985 (2008 - \$209,940, 2007 - \$89,688) recorded in property expenditures for stock based compensation awarded to personnel working on mineral properties and \$80,979 (2008 - \$nil, 2007 - \$nil) recorded in property expenditures for amortization.

| | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 |
|---|------------|------------|------------|
| During the year, the Company paid and received the following: | | | |
| Interest received | \$ 149,604 | \$ 689,250 | \$ 794,476 |
| Interest paid | \$ 2,525 | \$ 22,351 | \$ 744 |
| Income taxes paid | \$ 26,505 | \$ 74,000 | \$ 85,000 |

18. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent to the year end, the Company granted 2,604,000 incentive stock options to employees, directors and contractors at an exercise price equal to the market value on issue, averaging \$5.20, with an expiry term of 5 years.

Subsequent to the year end, 132,500 incentive stock options were exercised for proceeds of \$171,375.

19. RESTATEMENT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

During 2009, the Company undertook a review of previously issued financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2008. As a result of the items arising from this review, the Company determined that the following amendments should be reflected in a set of restated financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2008.

The Company recalculated the foreign exchange gain or loss on translation of future income tax liabilities arising in subsidiaries with assets located in foreign jurisdictions and recorded the following:

- a) A foreign exchange loss for the year ended December 31, 2008 of \$2,894,204 and an increase in future income tax liabilities of \$751,957.
- b) A foreign exchange gain for the year ended December 31, 2007 of \$2,142,247 and a reduction in future income tax liabilities of \$2,142,247.

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19. RESTATEMENT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

The effects of the above changes on the Company's restated financial statements are summarized as follows:

| | Reference | As previously reported | Adjustment | As restated |
|---|-------------|------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Balance sheet – December 31, 2008 | | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Future income tax liability | (a) and (b) | 14,774,288 | 751,957 | 15,525,226 |
| Deficit | (a) and (b) | (21,351,403) | (751,957) | (22,103,360) |
| For the year ended December 31, 2008: | | | | |
| Statement of operations and deficit | | | | |
| Foreign exchange (loss) | (a) | - | (2,894,204) | (2,894,204) |
| Net income (loss) for the year | (a) | 494,441 | (2,894,204) | (2,399,763) |
| Deficit, beginning of the year | (b) | (21,845,844) | 2,142,247 | (19,703,597) |
| Deficit, end of the year | (a) and (b) | (21,351,403) | (751,957) | (22,103,360) |
| Income (loss) per share | (a) | 0.00 | (0.02) | (0.02) |
| Statement of comprehensive loss | | | | |
| Comprehensive loss | (a) | (1,384,306) | (2,894,204) | (4,278,510) |
| Accumulated comprehensive loss, beginning of the year | (b) | (21,296,238) | (2,142,247) | (19,153,991) |
| Accumulated comprehensive loss, end of the year | (a) and (b) | (22,680,544) | (751,957) | (23,432,501) |

For the year ended December 31, 2007:

Statement of operations and deficit

| | | | | |
|--------------------------|-----|--------------|-----------|--------------|
| Foreign exchange gain | (b) | - | 2,142,247 | 2,142,247 |
| Net (loss) for the year | (b) | (2,216,381) | 2,142,247 | (74,134) |
| Deficit, end of the year | (b) | (21,845,844) | 2,142,247 | (19,703,597) |
| Loss per share | (b) | (0.02) | 0.02 | (0.00) |

Statement of comprehensive loss

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| | | | | |
|---|-----|--------------|-----------|--------------|
| Comprehensive income (loss) | (b) | (1,875,328) | 2,142,247 | 266,919 |
| Accumulated comprehensive loss, end of the year | (b) | (21,296,238) | 2,142,247 | (19,153,991) |

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20. DIFFERENCES BETWEEN CANADIAN AND UNITED STATES GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES (GAAP)

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles ("Canadian GAAP"). Material variations in the accounting principles, practices and methods used in preparing these financial statements from principles, practices and methods accepted in the United States ("U.S. GAAP"), and that impact financial statement line items, are described below.

a) Mineral property interests and deferred exploration costs

Under Canadian GAAP, costs to maintain property rights (including property options) and related exploration costs incurred on those properties may be deferred and subsequently carried at cost prior to a Company having obtained the necessary data to complete a positive feasibility study, including the preparation of a cash flow projection in respect to the recoverability of those costs. Accordingly, while the Company's projects remain at a pre-feasibility stage of development, management has elected under Canadian GAAP to defer all maintenance and exploration costs incurred on them until a property is abandoned, sold, or upon management determining there to be an impairment in value. Under U.S. GAAP, prior to the point in time that a positive feasibility report has been completed in respect to a property, such costs must be expensed as incurred.

b) Flow-through shares

Under Canadian income tax legislation, the Company is permitted to issue shares whereby the Company agrees to incur qualifying expenditures (as defined under the Canadian Income Tax Act) and renounce the related income tax deductions to the investors. Under Canadian GAAP, flow-through shares are accounted for as part of the issuance of capital stock at the price paid for the shares, net of any future income tax liability ("FIT"). Under US GAAP, SFAS 109 ASC Topic 740, "Accounting for Income Taxes" (SFAS109), the proceeds should be allocated between the offering of the shares and the sale of tax benefits when the shares are offered. The allocation is made based on the difference between the quoted price of the shares and the amount the investor pays for the flow-through shares. A liability is recognized initially for the premium paid by the investors.

For US GAAP purposes, the difference between the future income tax liability on renunciation and the premium is recorded as a future income tax expense. For US GAAP purposes the Company does not have temporary differences as a result of the requirement that all such costs related to mineral properties generally be expensed as described in (a) above; therefore all future income taxes related to renouncements for Canadian GAAP are reversed through the statements of operations for US GAAP purposes.

The reconciling items disclosed herein are in respect to both the recognition of the tax benefit sale under U.S. GAAP and to the reversal of the required Canadian GAAP treatment of flow-through share issuances and renunciations.

Also, notwithstanding there is no specific contractual restrictions or requirements to segregate the funds received for the flow-through shares, funds that are unexpended at the consolidated balance sheet dates are considered to be restricted funds and are not considered to be cash or cash equivalents under the SEC staff interpretation of US GAAP. Such amounts would be required to be disclosed separately in a consolidated balance sheet prepared in accordance with US GAAP. As at December 31, 2009 unexpended flow-through funds were nil (2008 -\$5,730,041; 2007 - \$9,984,996).

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c) Investment in companies spun-off

Under US GAAP certain elements of the warrants and options spun off pursuant to the POA transaction of December 2006, would be accounted for differently from their treatment in these financial statements. Specifically the Company would generally be required to present all assets acquired and liabilities assumed at their gross amounts, with no right of offset. A significant liability would be recorded in respect to obligations related to transferred share purchase warrants, an amount included in equity under Canadian GAAP. This liability was extinguished during 2007 as all warrants were exercised. Further, the Company would also record certain items in Operations and Other Comprehensive Income under US GAAP relating to certain fair value adjustments required to be made at December 31, 2006.

d) Income taxes

In June 2006, FASB issued Financial Interpretation No. 48 (ASC 740), Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes - An Interpretation of SFAS Statement No. 109. This interpretation provides guidance on recognition and measurement of uncertainties in income taxes and is effective for the Corporation's fiscal year end. The adoption of this Interpretation did not have a significant effect on the Corporation's results of operations or financial position.

e) Exploration stage company

Pursuant to US GAAP and the guidance of the SEC, the Corporation would be subject to the disclosure requirements applicable to a development stage enterprise as the Corporation is devoting its efforts to establishing commercially viable mineral properties. However, the identification of the Corporation as such for accounting purposes does not impact the measurement principles applied to these financial statements.

f) Recently adopted accounting standards

In July 2009, US GAAP switched to a new codification scheme aimed to simplify US GAAP accounting research. The statement is effective for financial statements issued for interim and annual periods ending after September 15, 2009 and is adopted by the Corporation in these 2009 annual financial statements.

In May 2009, the FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 165 (ASC Subtopic 855-10), Subsequent Events, ("SFAS 165"). The statement is effective for financial statements ending after June 15, 2009. SFAS 165 establishes general standards of accounting for and disclosure of subsequent events that occur after the balance sheet date. The adoption of this standard on January 1, 2009 did not impact the Corporation's financial statements.

In December 2007, the FASB issued a revised standard on accounting for business combinations, SFAS-141R (ASC Topic 805). The statement is effective for periods beginning on or after December 15, 2008. SFAS-141R requires fair value measurement for all business acquisitions, including pre-acquisition contingencies. The standard also expands the existing definition of a business and removes certain acquisition related costs from the purchase price consideration. The provisions of SFAS-141R are effective for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2009. The adoption of this standard did not impact the Corporation's financial statements.

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS-160 (ASC Topic 805), "Non-controlling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements" ("SFAS-160"), which specifies that non-controlling interests are to be treated as a separate component of equity, not as a liability or other item outside of equity. Because non-controlling interests are an element of equity, increases and decreases in the parent's ownership interest that leave control intact are accounted for as capital transactions. The statement is effective for business combinations entered into on or after December 15, 2008, and is to be applied prospectively to all non-controlling interests, including any that arose before the effective date. The adoption of this standard on January 1, 2009 did not impact the Corporation's financial statements.

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g) Consolidated statement of cash flows

Pursuant to US GAAP and the guidance of the SEC, the Corporation would be subject to the disclosure requirements applicable to a development stage enterprise as the Corporation is devoting its efforts to establishing commercially viable mineral properties. However, the identification of the Corporation as such for accounting purposes does not impact the measurement principles applied to these financial statements.

The Corporation has included a subtotal in cash flows from operating activities. Under US GAAP, no such subtotal would be disclosed.

For Canadian GAAP, cash flows relating to mineral property costs are reported as investing activities. For US GAAP, these costs would be characterized as operating activities.

h) Recently issued pronouncements

In August 2009, FASB amended SFAS 157 (Codified within ASC 820). The amendments address the impact of transfer restrictions on the fair value of a liability and the ability to use the fair value of a liability that is traded as an asset as an input to the valuation of the underlying liability. The amended standard also clarifies the application of certain valuation techniques. This standard is effective for interim and annual periods beginning after August 26, 2009. This standard is not expected to affect the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In June 2009, FASB issued SFAS 167, "Amendments to FASB Interpretation No. 46(R)" ("SFAS 167", not yet included in Codification). SFAS 167 eliminates FASB Interpretation 46(R)'s exceptions to consolidating qualifying special-purpose entities, contains new criteria for determining the primary beneficiary, and increases the frequency of required reassessments to determine whether a company is the primary beneficiary of a variable interest entity. SFAS 167 also contains a new requirement that any term, transaction, or arrangement that does not have a substantive effect on an entity's status as a variable interest entity, a company's power over a variable interest entity, or a company's obligation to absorb losses or its right to receive benefits of an entity must be disregarded in applying FASB Interpretation 46(R)'s provisions. The elimination of the qualifying special-purpose entity concept and its consolidation exceptions means more entities will be subject to consolidation assessments and reassessments. SFAS 167 is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2009, and for interim periods within that first period, with earlier adoption prohibited. This standard is not expected to affect the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In June 2009, the FASB issued SFAS 166, "Accounting for Transfers of Financial Assets — an amendment of FASB Statement No. 140" ("SFAS 166", not yet included in Codification). SFAS 166 eliminates the concept of a qualifying special-purpose entity, creates more stringent conditions for reporting a transfer of a portion of a financial asset as a sale, clarifies other sale-accounting criteria, and changes the initial measurement of a transferor's interest in transferred financial assets. SFAS 166 will be effective for transfers of financial assets in fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2009 and in interim periods within those fiscal years with earlier adoption prohibited. This standard is not expected to affect the Company's consolidated financial statements.

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The impact of these differences in respect to these financial statements is quantified below as they apply to financial statement line items

| Balance Sheets | Note reference | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 |
|---|-------------------|--------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | | | Restated Note 19 | Restated Note 19 |
| | | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Investments - companies spun off - Canadian GAAP | | 168,694 | 153,400 | 439,629 |
| Net fair value and related adjustments | (c) | - | - | 118,675 |
| Investment in companies spun off - US GAAP | | 168,694 | 153,400 | 558,304 |
| | | | | |
| Mineral property costs - Canadian GAAP | | 114,209,833 | 82,862,073 | 66,157,058 |
| Mineral property costs expensed under US GAAP | (a) | (70,833,206) | (39,485,446) | (22,780,431) |
| Mineral property costs - US GAAP | | 43,376,627 | 43,376,627 | 43,376,627 |
| | | | | |
| Other liabilities - Canadian GAAP | | - | - | - |
| Aggregate liabilities assumed on spin-off transaction | (c) | 5,289 | 13,753 | 270,619 |
| Other liabilities - US GAAP | | 5,289 | 13,753 | 270,619 |
| | | | | |
| Flow-through share tax liability – Canadian GAAP | | - | - | - |
| Future tax related to premium on flow-through financing | (b) | - | 1,217,593 | 1,789,652 |
| Flow-through share tax liability – US GAAP | | - | 1,217,593 | 1,789,652 |
| | | | | |
| Share capital - Canadian GAAP | | 246,391,590 | 109,912,429 | 103,572,229 |
| Adjustment to reverse entry for spin-off of Paragon assets | (a) | 6,979,704 | 6,979,704 | 6,979,704 |
| Future tax related to premium on flow-through financing | (b) | (3,007,245) | (3,007,245) | (1,789,652) |
| Adjustment to reinstate Canadian GAAP FIT recovery to share capital | (b) | 6,440,882 | 4,797,132 | 1,521,343 |
| Share capital – US GAAP | | 256,804,931 | 118,682,020 | 110,283,624 |
| | | | | |
| Opening deficit - Canadian GAAP | | 22,103,360 | 19,703,597 | 19,629,463 |
| Net historical adjustments - US GAAP | (a) | 49,486,380 | 31,344,049 | 23,016,331 |
| Opening deficit - US GAAP | | 71,589,740 | 51,047,946 | 42,645,794 |
| | | | | |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) – Canadian GAAP | | (785,842) | (1,329,141) | 549,606 |
| Adjustment to reflect net fair value measurements at each year end. | (c) | - | - | (89,373) |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) - US GAAP | | (785,842) | (1,329,141) | 460,233 |

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| Operations Statements | Note reference | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 |
|--|-------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | | | Restated Note 19 | Restated Note 19 |
| | | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| FIT recovery - Canadian GAAP | | 1,645,615 | 3,276,809 | 23,560 |
| Adjustments to FIT recoveries | (b) | (426,157) | (1,486,137) | - |
| FIT (expensed) recovery under US GAAP | | 1,219,458 | 1,790,672 | 23,560 |
| Stock-based compensation expense - Canadian GAAP | | 1,638,418 | 659,806 | 576,605 |
| Adjustment to fair value certain spin-off related items | (c) | (8,461) | (256,869) | 151,944 |
| Stock-based compensation expense - US GAAP | | 1,629,957 | 402,937 | 728,549 |
| Mineral property costs written off - Canadian GAAP | | - | - | 224,695 |
| Under US GAAP such expenses not initially capitalized | (a) | - | - | (224,695) |
| Mineral property costs written off under US GAAP | | - | - | - |
| Mineral property costs expensed - Canadian GAAP | | 212,265 | 232,932 | 189,027 |
| Under Canadian GAAP policy such costs initially deferred | (a) | 31,347,760 | 16,705,015 | 7,068,153 |
| Net mineral property costs expensed – US GAAP | | 31,560,025 | 16,937,947 | 7,257,180 |
| Statements of Cash Flows | Note reference | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 |
| | | | Restated Note 19 | Restated Note 19 |
| | | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Cash provided by (used in) operating activities, under Canadian GAAP | | (3,118,912) | (1,253,264) | (1,534,976) |
| Adjustment for mineral properties and deferred exploration | (g) | (27,611,890) | (16,893,521) | (11,415,083) |
| Cash used in operating activities, under US GAAP | | (30,730,802) | (18,146,785) | (12,950,059) |
| Cash provided by (used in) investing activities, under Canadian GAAP | | (150,309,553) | (4,342,536) | (18,110,324) |
| Adjustment for mineral properties and deferred exploration | (g) | 27,611,890 | 16,893,521 | 11,415,083 |
| Cash provided by (used in) investing activities, under US GAAP | | (122,697,663) | 12,550,985 | (6,695,241) |

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| Statements of Cash Flows | Note reference | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 |
|--|-------------------|-------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| | | \$ | Restated Note 19 \$ | Restated Note 19 \$ |
| Cash provided by financing activities, under Canadian GAAP | | 137,052,115 | 9,558,240 | 27,202,929 |
| Change in restricted cash from issuance of flow-through shares | (b) | - | 4,254,955 | (9,984,996) |
| Cash provided by financing activities, under US GAAP | | 137,052,115 | 13,813,195 | 17,217,933 |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of year, Canadian GAAP | | 2,377,398 | 18,753,749 | 14,791,309 |
| Restricted cash from issue of flow-through shares | (b) | - | (5,730,041) | (9,984,996) |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of year, US GAAP | | 2,377,398 | 13,023,708 | 4,806,313 |

The following is comparative disclosure of the application of US GAAP as described above to certain other line items in these consolidated financial statements:

| | 2009 | | 2008 | | 2007 | |
|--|------------------|---------------|------------------|--------------|------------------|-------------|
| | Canadian GAAP | US GAAP | Restated Note 19 | | Restated Note 19 | |
| | | | Canadian GAAP | US GAAP | Canadian GAAP | US GAAP |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Total assets | 246,126,912 | 175,293,706 | 106,834,083 | 67,348,637 | 101,017,670 | 78,355,914 |
| Total liabilities | 18,810,404 | 17,435,616 | 16,341,222 | 17,572,568 | 13,517,171 | 15,557,442 |
| Total shareholders' equity | 227,316,508 | 157,858,091 | 90,492,861 | 49,776,069 | 87,500,499 | 62,778,472 |
| Net income (loss) | (2,211,452) | (32,321,785) | (2,399,763) | (20,334,046) | (74,134) | (7,069,536) |
| Income (loss) per share | (0.00) | (0.17) | (0.02) | (.14) | (0.00) | (0.06) |
| Net cash flows to operating activities | 3,118,912 | 30,730,802 | 1,253,264 | 18,146,785 | 1,534,976 | 12,950,059 |
| Net cash flows (to)from investing activities | (150,309,553) | (122,697,663) | (4,342,536) | 12,550,985 | (18,110,324) | (6,695,241) |
| Net cash flows from financing activities | 137,052,114 | 137,052,114 | 9,558,240 | 13,813,195 | 27,202,929 | 17,217,933 |



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RUBICON MINERALS CORPORATION

Management's Discussion & Analysis

For the Year Ended December 31, 2009

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INTRODUCTION

This Management Discussion and Analysis (“MD&A”) dated March 29, 2010 includes financial information from, and should be read in conjunction with, the audited consolidated financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009. Please refer to the cautionary notices at the end of this MD&A, especially in regard to forward looking statements. Rubicon Minerals Corporation (“Rubicon” or the “Company”) reports its financial position, results of operations and cash flows in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles (“GAAP”) in Canadian dollars.

Rubicon is a Canadian based mineral exploration-stage company that explores for commercially viable gold and base metal deposits. In addition, the Company selectively invests in other mineral exploration and resource companies which the Company deems to be of merit.

The Company’s key asset is the Phoenix Gold Project located in the Red Lake gold camp, in the Province of Ontario. In addition, the Company has acquired significant land packages in Alaska, USA and Nevada, USA. The Company does not have any assets or mineral properties that are in production or that contain a reserve.

The Company is a reporting issuer in all the provinces of Canada as well as with the SEC in the United States. The Company’s common shares trade on the TSX in Canada under the symbol ‘RMX’ and on the NYSE Amex Equities Exchange in the United States under the symbol ‘RBY’.

GENERAL HIGHLIGHTS

Overall Objectives

The Company plans to complete approximately 158,000 metres of drilling before the end of the first quarter of 2011. Approximately two-thirds of this drilling will be directed at expanding and further testing the limits of the F2 Gold Zone, which is part of the Phoenix Gold Project. The remainder will be used for infill and delineation drilling on one or more zones within the overall Phoenix Gold Project. To this end, approximately 750 metres of underground development will be required to provide underground access to key target areas. This is planned to be completed during 2010. Based on the results of drilling, the Company will evaluate plans for follow up sampling including bulk sampling. In conjunction with these programs, the Company is evaluating, and will procure where possible, permits to allow it to update its current Closure Plan and provision of grid power to the Phoenix Gold Project. The Company will also carry out during 2010 an assessment of capital requirements that may be required to allow the project to proceed into the mining phase.

Activities during 2009

Rubicon continued to drill from surface (land and barge based drills) at its Phoenix Gold Project throughout the year and initiated drilling from underground with two drill rigs in early July. The Company drilled a total of 71,639 metres on the Phoenix Gold Project (66,033 metres at the F2 Gold Zone) during the year, which represents about 63% of the March 2009 to March 2010 drilling plans. Positive results continued the trend established in 2008, confirming further expansion of the F2 Gold Zone.

To lead the underground development, the Company secured the services of Claude Bouchard, P.Eng. as Vice President, Operations. Mr. Bouchard has over 25 years experience in the industry including mine management positions with FNX Mining Company Inc. and Falconbridge Ltd. For more information, see our news release dated April 15, 2009.

On March 5th, the Company closed a \$40 million bought deal private placement financing for common shares. As a result, the Company announced plans to expand and accelerate its 2009 exploration program to 80,000 metres with further emphasis on underground drilling and associated development work (see news releases of March 5th and March 30th). During May, the Company received an additional \$16.4 million from the exercise of warrants. This was followed in July by the Company’s announcement of plans for up to an additional 20,000 metres of drilling property wide to test additional drill targets (budget of \$5 million). During the summer of 2009 the Company assessed its plans for the Phoenix Gold Project based on successful results received to that time. As confirmed in its National Instrument 43-101 (“NI 43-101”) compliant technical report, it was determined that an expanded scope and budget was warranted. Accordingly, on November 12, 2009, the Company closed a public offering for net proceeds

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of \$82 million. The use of proceeds included an additional 120,000 metres of drilling on the F2 Gold Zone during the period 2010 and 2011 and included underground excavation (drifting) to directly access parts of the gold system. The Company plans to take a bulk sample as part of the program (see the short form prospectus filed on SEDAR, November 5, 2009).

To lead the legal function, Rubicon secured the services of Glenn Kumoi as Vice President General Counsel and Corporate Secretary. Mr. Kumoi has 20 years of experience in the practice of law, with 12 years of Canadian and international experience leading the legal function at public companies. For more information, see our news release dated December 08, 2009.

During the year, Rubicon was added to the S&P/TSX Global Mining Index and on December 21st was added to the prestigious S&P/TSX Composite Index. For more information, see our news releases dated September 16 and December 14, 2009.

Subsequent to the year end, the Company signed an exploration accommodation agreement with the Lac Seul First Nation securing their support for the Phoenix Gold project in return for certain benefits and accommodations. For more information, see our news release dated January 21, 2010.

EXPLORATION HIGHLIGHTS

Red Lake Exploration

100% Controlled Projects

Phoenix Gold Project

Rubicon holds a 100% interest in the Phoenix Gold Project which is comprised of 25 Licenses of Occupation, one Mining Lease, and 16 Patented Claims that cover approximately 505.43 contiguous hectares, subject to paying certain advance annual royalty payments and a net smelter royalty on any future production from the property. The Phoenix Gold Project is underlain by a north northeast trending, west-dipping belt of deformed and intermixed metasediments, basaltic volcanics and ultramafic rocks which define the “East Bay Trend”. The rocks are Archean in age and part of the Balmer Sequence. A strong NNE trending structural fabric through the area, which is considered part of the East Bay Deformation Zone is variably affected by later, NW-SE trending cross cutting regional structures.

2009 Exploration

Drilling

During 2009, the Company drilled a total of 71,639 metres on the Phoenix Gold Project. The majority of this drilling was focused on the newly discovered “F2 Gold Zone” announced on March 12, 2008.

Mineralization within the F2 Gold Zone occurs in a major ultramafic-mafic structural setting which is considered similar to major deposits in the Red Lake gold district. The F2 Gold Zone is currently drilled to 1,437 metres below surface and remains open at depth. The zone is located approximately 450 metres southeast of the existing exploration shaft which is currently being extended from its former depth of 130 metres. Underground drilling from the 122 metre level commenced June 28, 2009. Gold in the F2 Gold Zone is best developed within mafic volcanics as multiple and complex quartz veins, breccias and silica replacement zones that typically contain visible gold and trace to 3% sulphides. Results to date indicate that sub-parallel, high-grade gold lenses or shoots are developed within a robust structural corridor that also hosts thick, lower grade intervals. Additional drilling is required to gain a better understanding of gold distribution, geometry and controls on mineralization within the F2 Gold Zone.

Since discovering the F2 Gold Zone in late February 2008, significant gold mineralization has now been intersected to a vertical depth of 4,715 feet (1,437 metres) and over an interpreted strike length of 3,368 feet (1,025 metres). For more information, see the Company’s news releases and its website (www.rubiconminerals.com). Drilling is ongoing. Currently, exploration is being carried out by two to four drill rigs on the ice of East Bay and three underground set-ups. Typically, ice-base drilling is usually concluded by the end of March due to the impending spring ice ‘break-up’, at which point the drill rigs can continue drilling from land and then barge set-ups post spring thaw. It is planned to increase the focus on underground drilling during 2010 by increasing the number of underground drill rigs to five.

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Two NI 43-101 Technical Reports were filed during the year. The first, filed in January 2009 recommended a \$14 million multi-phase drilling and shaft sinking program. Following the \$40 million financing in March 2009, this program was expanded to a \$25 million drill program (see news release dated March 30th, 2009) including an 80,000 metre drill program and up to 20,000 metre property wide regional program. A second updated NI 43-101 Technical Report was filed in October 2009 and recommended a \$54.4 million further expanded program to include underground development and additional drilling (see “General Highlights – Overall Objectives”).

Permitting Summary

During 2009, Rubicon completed the previously reported Phase I dewatering and shaft rehabilitation. In addition, Rubicon submitted a Closure Plan to the Government of Ontario to allow underground exploration which was accepted for filing in February 2009. Rubicon has now extended the existing three compartment shaft to the 305 metre level and is advancing its underground development and drill programs pursuant to the November 12, 2009 \$ net \$82 million financing.

Rubicon is required to comply with all permits in hand which includes the obligation to continue to consult with local communities, including First Nations.

Other Red Lake projects

Rubicon’s strategy in Red Lake is predicated on its control of major ultramafic trends in this important gold-producing district. Ultramafic units are important because there is a close empirical relationship in Red Lake between ultramafic rocks and gold deposits as detailed in numerous public domain articles and publications. As such, all of Rubicon’s current land holdings in Red Lake projects are considered strategic to our plans. While the current focus of the Company is on exploration at its Phoenix Gold Project, high geological potential and numerous gold zones are known to exist elsewhere on the Company’s regional land holdings. These provide an important and unique pipeline of future exploration projects in Red Lake for the Company.

Adams Lake Property

The Adams Lake property comprises 35 unpatented mining claims (236 units) located approximately 5 kilometres east of the Red Lake mine complex. Titan 24 geophysical surveys support the presence of large structures extending to depth that are thought to be similar to structures which host gold mineralization elsewhere in this prolific gold district. The Company conducted a two-hole reconnaissance program at Adams Lake in 2008. The drilling confirmed the presence of prospective Balmer rocks and validated the Titan 24 survey in the area below iron formation located close to the Balmer formation contact. The Company believes these results confirm the presence of prospective units in a major fold closure at Adams Lake. Due to the focus on the Phoenix Gold Project, drilling at Adams Lake was curtailed to allow maximum resources to be directed to the F2 Gold Zone discovery.

East Bay Property

The East Bay Property comprises 43 unpatented mining claims (123 units) that occupies four-kilometres of strike length of the East Bay Trend, immediately adjacent to, and on strike with, the GAZ zone (an inferred resource of 1.4 million tonnes grading 8.0 g/t gold controlled by Goldcorp/Premier Gold Source: Premier Gold News Releases). The East Bay claims are underlain by the East Bay ultramafic body, an important unit associated with gold elsewhere along the trend, including at the Phoenix Gold Project. East Bay is considered strategic and a priority target. Exploration plans for East Bay in 2009 were postponed to allow maximum resources to be directed to the F2 Gold Zone discovery. Subsequent to the 2009 fall net \$82 million financing, a Titan 24 survey was completed on the East Bay property.

DMC Property

The DMC property comprises 130 contiguous unpatented mining claims (263 units) located 7.5 kilometres northwest of the Red Lake mine complex and covers over 17 kilometres strike length of the northeast-trending Red Lake Greenstone Belt (“RLGB”). The property was subject to an option agreement with Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd. (“Agnico”) at the beginning of 2008, but was returned 100% to the Company during February. The property is considered strategic to the Company and a Titan 24 geophysical survey covering the core of the DMC property was completed in April, 2009. This survey technique has the potential to provide targeting information from surface to

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up to one kilometre below surface. At the Company's Phoenix Gold Project, similar Titan 24 surveys are correlated with the F2 Gold Zone mineralized sequence. Rubicon views Titan 24 geological surveys as a potentially useful tool to identify new targets beyond the Phoenix Gold Project itself. The results of the Titan 24 survey were evaluated in the fall of 2009 and used as a targeting tool for a 2010 planned 10,000 metre winter drill program currently on going on the DMC property. Additional Titan 24 surveys were completed subsequent to the close of the net \$82 million financing that was completed in the fall of 2009.

Humlin Property

The Humlin Property comprises 31 unpatented mining claims (294 units) located in Fairlie Township. No work was conducted on the property in 2009.

Slate Bay Property

The Company has a 100% interest in 30 unpatented mining claims (153 units) located in McDonough and Graves Township. Approximately \$500,000 in exploration work has been completed on the property since 2001. Slate Bay, located in the core of Red Lake, is a large property with extensive gold-bearing highly prospective Balmer stratigraphy, which includes key mafic-ultramafic contacts in proximity to a regional scale angular unconformity. The setting is analogous to that at the producing mines in the camp. Subsequent to the net \$82 million financing that closed in the fall of 2009, a Titan 24 survey was completed on the property.

Wolf Bay Property

The Wolf Bay Property comprises 23 unpatented mining claims located in the Todd and Hammell Lake Townships of west Red Lake. The property is currently inactive.

Advance Property

The Advance Property comprises 13 patented mining claims (approximately 39 ha) in the Todd Township of west Red Lake. The property is southwest of, and contiguous to, the Newman Todd Property currently being drilled by Redstar Gold Corporation. The property is inactive but remains a prospective target.

Partnered Projects

McCuaig JV Property

The McCuaig Property comprises three unpatented mining claims (10 claim units) seven kilometres northwest of the Red Lake mine complex and is a Joint Venture between Rubicon (60%) and Golden Tag Resources (40%). The property is strategically located in the heart of the Red Lake gold camp and is underlain in part by the Balmer stratigraphy of the ("RLGB"). The geological setting is considered to be analogous to the Bruce Channel mineralization previously being explored on the adjacent Gold Eagle Mines property (now controlled by Goldcorp Inc.) and to the setting of the major gold deposits of the camp hence is well located for future exploration. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company's focus at the Phoenix Gold Project meant that no work was carried out in 2008 and 2009. Subsequent to the net \$82 million financing that closed in the fall of 2009, a Titan 24 survey was completed on the McCuaig Property in conjunction with surveys completed over the adjacent DMC Property.

Red Lake North Property

The Company has optioned a 55% interest in its 48 unpatented mining claims (337 units) known as the Red Lake North Project located in Bateman, Black Bear, Coli Lake and McDonough Townships to Solitaire Minerals Corporation ("Solitaire"). Solitaire is required to spend \$751,000 by May 1, 2011 (as amended in 2009) in order to maintain its option in good standing, at which time if all payments are made Solitaire will have earned a 60% interest in the project. The main focus of exploration on the property is in the area referred to as the Sidace Area claims.

Sidace area claims:

This area of the Red Lake North Property is situated adjacent to the Main Discovery Zone ("MDZ") located on the Goldcorp/Planet Exploration Inc. property (see Planet Exploration's news releases). The style of mineralization reported on the adjacent property is consistent with locally thick gold zones developed within folded quartz-sericite schist which are reported to exhibit an increase in both gold grade and thickness with

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depth. In early 2008 a drill hole was completed to a depth of 2,269 metres to test the down-dip extension of the MDZ. Assays returned from a 50.4 metre section of sericite-bearing schist indicate a thick section of elevated gold (0.74 g/t over 36.1 metres) including 3.42 g/t gold over 4.6 metres and individual assays up to 7.7 g/t gold over 1.0 metre. This stratigraphy is interpreted to be the equivalent of the stratigraphy host to the MDZ on adjacent claims. Partner Solitaire has elected not to drill a recommended follow-up deep drill hole at Sidace but it has met its expenditure commitment required to May 2009.

Westend Property

During the year, the Company optioned a 60% interest in 30 unpatented mining claims (153 units) known as the Westend Project located in Ball Township to Halo Resources Ltd. (“Halo”). Under the terms of the Letter Agreement dated July 10, 2008, Halo must incur \$1 million in expenditures on the property over four years including \$75,000 firm in Year 1 (completed), make an initial cash payment of \$20,000 (completed) and issue to the Company 50,000 shares of Halo (completed) to earn a 60% interest in the property. Halo is required to complete \$225,000 in exploration expenditures before July 31, 2010 to maintain the option.

English Royalty Division

The English Royalty Division refers to Rubicon’s active program of acquiring mineral properties for the purpose of optioning out to other mining exploration companies. As such, it provides the Company with an ongoing revenue stream of cash and shares and a residual royalty position in all the properties acquired.

During the year ended December 31, 2009, the Company spent \$111,144 on acquisition and maintenance costs and recovered \$360,214 in cash and shares.

Exploration Accommodation Agreement

On January 21, 2010, the Company signed an Exploration Accommodation Agreement with the Lac Seul First Nation (“LSFN”) covering Rubicon’s exploration properties within lands considered by LSFN to be their traditional territory. The LSFN has agreed to support Rubicon’s exploration work within their traditional territory and in turn, Rubicon will respect the LSFN concerns over land usage, endeavor to provide work and business opportunities to band members and provide other benefits to the LSFN based on exploration expenditures. For more information see our news release dated January 21, 2010.

Qualified Person

The 2009 exploration work in Red Lake is supervised by Terry Bursey, P.Ge., Regional Exploration Manager and the Qualified Person under the definition of NI 43-101. Assays were conducted by SGS Minerals Services using standard fire assay on a 30 gram (1 assay ton) sample with a gravimetric finish procedure. Standards, blanks and check assays were included at regular intervals in each sample batch. Independent lab check assays were performed by ALS Chemex. Gold standards were prepared by CDN Resource Laboratories Ltd.

ALASKA EXPLORATION

Pursuant to its obligations under the McEwen agreement (the “McEwen Transaction”; see our news releases dated February 26, 2007 and May 22, 2007), Rubicon has carried out a total of Cdn\$5.1 million worth of exploration since May 2009 on its land holdings, located in the Pogo area of Alaska. This includes US\$2.6 million on claims under option from Rimfire Minerals Corporation. The Company has therefore met all current and future exploration obligations for Alaska pursuant to the McEwen Transaction. Additional work will be required to keep the Rimfire option in good standing but all requirements have been satisfied up until 2011.

The Alaska claims are at an early stage of exploration and accordingly, work has focused on mapping and prospecting of this large area to identify and prioritize targets for follow-up. The 2008 program also included a minor diamond drilling program testing priority areas. Prospecting of the ER claims, under option from Rimfire, led to the discovery of intermittently exposed sub-cropping surface mineralization hosted by quartz rich breccias and elevated gold mineralization, however subsequent drilling failed to return significant gold values.

Due to the F2 Gold Zone discovery, the Company has elected to reduce its 2009-2010 exploration in Alaska but it continues to view its holdings as prospective for new high grade gold discoveries in the area.

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The Alaska projects are under the supervision of Curt Freeman, MS., P.Geo., Independent Consultant and Qualified Person as defined by NI 43-101.

NEVADA EXPLORATION

Rubicon holds a 225,000 acre land package in Elko County, Northeastern Nevada which it acquired pursuant to the McEwen Transaction. Exploration of this property is in the preliminary stage.

To the end of December 2009, the Company has expended Cdn\$980,000 on exploration on the property and has met all current and future exploration obligations pursuant to the McEwen Transaction.

Due to the F2 Gold Zone discovery, the Company has elected to reduce its 2009-2010 exploration in Nevada but it continues to view its holdings as prospective for bulk mineable gold discoveries in the area.

RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The success of the Company depends upon a number of factors, many of which are beyond the control of Rubicon. Typical risk factors and uncertainties, among others, include political risks, financing risks, title risks, commodity prices, exchange rate risks, operating and environmental hazards encountered in the exploration, development and mining business and changing laws and public policies. Risk factors are more fully described in our 2009 Annual Information Form, on file at www.sedar.com.

RESTATEMENT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

During 2009, the Company undertook a review of previously issued financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2008. As a result of the items arising from this review, the Company determined that the following amendments should be reflected in a set of restated financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2008.

The Company recalculated the foreign exchange gain or loss on translation of future income tax liabilities arising in subsidiaries with assets located in foreign jurisdictions and recorded the following:

- a) A foreign exchange loss for the year ended December 31, 2008 of \$2,894,204 and an increase in future income tax liabilities of \$751,957.
- b) A foreign exchange gain for the year ended December 31, 2007 of \$2,142,247 and a reduction in future income tax liabilities of \$2,142,247.

See note 19 to the consolidated financial statements for further details.

SELECTED ANNUAL INFORMATION (based on Canadian GAAP)

| Fiscal Year ended | 2009 | 2008 Restated | 2007 Restated |
|---|---------------|------------------|------------------|
| Interest and miscellaneous income | \$214,243 | \$732,798 | \$941,330 |
| Gain (loss) on sale of investments | \$(96,721) | \$(222,491) | \$7,822 |
| Net income (loss) | \$(556,329) | \$(2,399,763) | \$(74,134) |
| Basic and diluted net income (loss) per share | \$(0.00) | \$(0.02) | \$(0.00) |
| Total assets | \$246,126,913 | \$106,834,083 | \$101,017,670 |
| Total long-term financial liabilities | \$13,391,328 | \$15,525,226 | \$12,632,041 |
| Cash dividends | \$Nil | \$Nil | \$Nil |

The major factors that caused significant variations in net loss were salaries, stock-based compensation, foreign exchange gains and losses, interest income, option receipts and the recording of tax recoveries from the renunciation of exploration expenditures to flow-through share holders. None of these factors have identifiable trends. The 2009 increase in income from 2008 was largely due to a \$2.1 million foreign exchange gain in 2009 compared to a \$2.9 million foreign exchange loss in 2008, future tax recovery in 2008 that was \$1.6 million greater than in 2009 and an increase of \$1.0 million in stock-based compensation..

OPERATING RESULTS

Fiscal year ended December 31, 2009 compared to Fiscal year ended December 31, 2008 (as restated)

For the fiscal year 2009, the Company incurred a loss of \$0.6 million (\$0.00 loss per share) compared to a loss of \$2.4 million (\$0.02 per share) incurred in the fiscal year 2008, a difference from income to loss of \$1.8 million. The main factors in this decrease in income was a \$2.1 million foreign exchange gain in 2009 compared to a \$2.9 million foreign exchange loss in 2008, a reduction of \$1.6 million in income recorded for future tax benefits arising from current losses and flow through renunciations, a \$0.5 million reduction in interest income, and an increase of \$1.0 million in stock-based compensation.

For the fiscal year 2009, the Company recorded Other Comprehensive Income (“OCI”) of \$0.5 million compared to a loss of \$1.9 million in the prior year a difference of \$2.4 million. Comprehensive loss (the total of the net loss or income and the other comprehensive income or loss) for the fiscal year 2009 was \$13,034 compared to \$4,278,510 million in the prior year comparative period, a decrease in comprehensive loss of \$4,265,480.

The decrease in income in 2009 as compared to 2008 was due to the net effect of some expense categories increasing and some decreasing. Significant items making up this change were as follows:

- Foreign exchange gains were higher by \$5.0 million due to the effect of exchange rate changes on the Company’s future income tax liability related to assets that have a US dollar tax basis.
- Salaries were higher by \$287,544 due to increased staff and bonus payouts.
- Interest income was lower by \$518,555 due to lower interest rates in the current period.
- Option receipts in excess of property costs, which represent amounts received from optionees of the Company’s properties was lower by \$329,594 mainly due to decreased activity by the Company’s English Royalty Division. This largely reflected a reduction in the market for grass roots exploration projects.
- Other gains and losses improved by \$357,909. The losses in 2008 were due to impairment write-offs taken on junior mining stocks. An analysis of the Company’s stock portfolio in junior mining companies did not result in any impairment losses being recorded in 2009.
- The future income tax recovery flowing from current losses and the renunciation of flow-through share expenditures was lower by \$1.6 million due to the smaller flow through financing in 2008 (renounced in 2009) compared to 2007 (renounced in 2008).
- Other comprehensive income for the fiscal year 2009 was \$0.5 million compared to other comprehensive loss of \$1.9 million in 2008. The OCI in the current period was mainly caused by the increase in value of the Company’s investments in junior mining stocks. These gains represent unrealized valuation gains.

Fiscal year ended December 31, 2008 (as restated) compared to Fiscal year ended December 31, 2007 (as restated)

For the fiscal year 2008, the Company incurred a net loss of \$2,399,763 (\$0.02 per share) compared to a net loss of \$74,134 (\$0.00 per share) incurred in the fiscal year 2007, an increase in net loss of \$2,325,629. The main factor in this increase in loss was the change from foreign exchange gain to loss of \$5.0 million due to the effect of exchange rate changes on the Company’s future income tax liability related to assets that have a US dollar tax basis. Offset against this was the recording of a recovery of future income taxes of \$3.3 million in the first quarter, on the renunciation of flow-through share expenditures. Flow-through shares create a future tax liability when renounced, as the income tax benefits are given to the investors. Where the Company has unrecognized past tax losses these losses can now be set off against the liability and the foregone benefit reinstated.

For the fiscal year 2008, the Company recorded a loss in OCI of \$1.9 million compared to a gain of \$0.3 million in the prior year a difference of \$2.2 million. Comprehensive loss (the total of the net loss or income and the other comprehensive income or loss) for the fiscal year 2008 was \$4.3 million compared to comprehensive income of \$0.3 million in the prior year comparative period, an increase in comprehensive loss of \$4.6 million. The increase in net loss in 2008 as compared to 2007 was due to the net effect of some expense categories increasing and some decreasing. Significant items making up this change were as follows:

- The change from foreign exchange gain to loss of \$5.0 million due to the effect of exchange rate changes on the Company’s future income tax liability related to assets that have a US dollar tax basis.
- Investor relations expenses were higher by \$233,511 due to increased investor related activities such as analyst tours.

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- Part XII.6 tax on flow-through was higher by \$159,279 due to interest related costs from the November 2007 flow-through financing
- Professional fees were lower by \$153,041 due to the prior year’s final plan of arrangement (December 2006) costs and legal costs related to the McEwen Transaction of May 2007.
- Property write-offs were down by \$224,696 as no properties were dropped in 2008.
- Interest and other income was lower by \$208,532 due to lower interest rates, lower cash balances from which interest was earned in the current period and a reduction in other income due to the fall in value of the Paragon option asset.
- Option receipts in excess of property costs, which represent amounts received from optionees of the Company’s properties was higher by \$260,863. This line item is now mostly ERD option receipts in excess of acquisition costs.
- Losses on sale of investments were higher by \$230,313 as the Company sold shares received primarily from various optionees through the ERD. Acquisition of these shares requires minimal cash outlay and the losses are based on the difference in share price from the date of the receipt of the share to the share price on the date of the sale of the share. Many shares received from optionees have hold periods preventing immediate sale. The losses are mainly attributable to the overall decline in prices of junior mining shares in the period.
- The future income tax recovery of \$3.3 million arose from the renunciation of flow-through share expenditures and offsetting this liability against previously unrecognized tax losses.
- Other comprehensive loss for the fiscal year 2008 was \$1.9 million compared to other comprehensive income of \$0.3 million in 2007. The OCI loss in the current period was mainly caused by the drop in value of the Company’s investments in junior mining stocks. These losses represent unrealized valuation losses.

USE OF PROCEEDS FROM FINANCINGS

| Planned Use of Proceeds as Previously Disclosed | Actual Use of Proceeds to December 31, 2009 |
|--|---|
| November 18, 2008 Financing | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$6.6 million to be used to incur eligible Canadian Exploration Expenses on the Phoenix Gold Property. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All funds have been applied as committed. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$3.6 million to be used for general and administrative and working capital purposes. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All funds have been applied as committed. |
| March 5, 2009 Financing | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$25 million to be used for exploration and development of the Phoenix Gold Property (Phase I). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$22.9 million has been used for exploration and development of the Phoenix Gold Property. \$2.1 million remains to be spent |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$15 million to be used for exploration and development of the Phoenix Gold Property and general and administrative and working capital purposes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$2.9 million has been used for G&A and working capital. \$12.1 million remains to be spent. |
| November 12, 2009 Financing | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$58 million on exploration on the Phoenix Gold Property (Phase II). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$0.6 million has been used for exploration and development of the Phoenix Gold Property. \$57.4 million remains to be spent. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$5.2 million on exploration on other Red Lake properties and Red Lake administration. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$40,000 has been used for exploration and development on other Red Lake properties. \$5.16 million remains to be spent. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$22.8 million on working capital or other exploration. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$4.9 million has been applied to financing expenses. \$17.9 million remains to be spent. |

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SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY RESULTS (Based on Canadian GAAP)

| Quarter | 2009 Fourth | 2009 Third (Restated) | 2009 Second (Restated) | 2009 First (Restated) | 2008 Fourth (Restated) | 2008 Third (Restated) | 2008 Second (Restated) | 2008 First (Restated) |
|--|----------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Interest and other income | 63,587 | 45,787 | 52,567 | 52,302 | 215,364 | 161,382 | 67,762 | 293,438 |
| Gain (loss) on sale of investments | (3,338) | 2,382 | (72,341) | (23,424) | (85,912) | (111,252) | 7,744 | - |
| Net (income) loss | 1,249,415 | (76,195) | (154,284) | (462,607) | 2,808,473 | 1,097,944 | 994,035 | (2,500,689) |
| Basic and fully diluted net loss (income) per share | (0.01) | (0.01) | (0.00) | (0.00) | 0.02 | 0.01 | 0.01 | (0.02) |

Overall, quarterly losses have increased due to increased administration costs to support an expanding exploration program. In the first quarter of 2009 a \$2.0 million tax recovery was recorded on renunciation of flow-through share exploration expenditures. Other factors generally causing significant variations were salaries, stock-based compensation, interest income, and option receipts. These other factors do not have identifiable trends.

FOURTH QUARTER

For the three month period ended December 31, 2009, the Company had a net loss of \$1,249,415 (\$0.01 per share) compared to a net loss of \$2,808,473 (\$0.02 per share) incurred in the three months ended December 31, 2008, a decrease in loss of \$1,559,058. The main factor in this decrease in loss was the change in foreign exchange gains and losses by \$2.2 million, from a loss to a gain, caused by exchange rate changes on the Company's foreign denominated future tax liabilities. This gain was offset in part by increased salary and stock-based compensation expense. During the three month period, the Company had OCI of \$225,096 compared to an OCI loss of \$1,960,352 in the prior year. This was caused by the increase in value of the Company's investments in junior mining stocks in the current quarter.

During the 4th quarter the Company closed a net \$82 million financing as described below under liquidity.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Liquidity and Capital Resources – December 31, 2009.

The Company had working capital of \$125.3 million at the 2009 year end compared to \$22.3 million at 2008 year end. Working capital was higher mainly due to the \$40 million (March 2009) and net \$82 million (November 2009) financing offset by exploration expenditures of \$27.6 million. Details of the financing are described under "Financing Cash Flows" below

Operating Cash Flows – Year ended December 31, 2009.

Cash used in operations of \$2.6 million, before working capital changes, were higher than cash used in the prior year of \$1.4 million reflecting the increased administration activity by the Company.

Investing Activities – Year ended December 31, 2009.

The Company had a cash outflow of \$150 million on investing which included \$121 million of funds transferred to temporary investments (T-Bills of greater than 90 day terms) and \$28 million cash on mineral property acquisition and exploration (\$17 million - 2008).

Financing Cash Flows – Year ended December 31, 2009.

Financing inflows of \$144.5 million reflected the \$40 million (gross) private placement financing that closed in March 2009 and the net \$82 million public offering that closed in November 2009, \$2.2 million from the exercise of employee options and \$16 million from the exercise of the warrants issued under the McEwen Transaction. These warrants have all now been exercised or expired.

FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Company's financial instrument policies are described in note 5 to the financial statements. Note 8 to the financial statements lists the financial instrument fair values by category and discusses risk factors and exposures. Overall, the Company's only significant exposure is its cash and short-term cash investment balances. The Company's paramount concern with respect to these balances is preservation of capital and therefore, during the year, authorized investments were restricted to instruments of the Government of Canada or the Provinces of Canada. The Company has no exposure to asset-backed commercial paper.

OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS

The Company does not have any off-balance sheet arrangements other than those as disclosed under commitments in note 13 of the consolidated financial statements of the Company and the asset retirement obligations described below.

ASSET RETIREMENT OBLIGATIONS

The Company has an obligation to close and rehabilitate its exploration sites upon abandonment. At the Phoenix Gold Project, a survey was completed in the first quarter, to estimate the current cost to rehabilitate the site, if it were abandoned today. The total cost was estimated to be \$493,000 and this amount was deposited with the Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines. No amount was recorded on the balance sheet for this obligation as a reasonable estimate of the likely date of asset retirement could not be determined and therefore a discounted amount of future cash flows could not be calculated. If such a calculation could be made, the result would be the recording of a liability at the discounted amount and therefore it would be significantly less than the current cost estimate of \$493,000.

COMMITMENTS

At December 31, 2009, the Company has \$67,849 (2008 - \$144,295) in remaining lease payments for the use of its Vancouver office to September 2010.

The Company is required to make certain cash and share option payments and incur exploration costs to maintain its mineral properties in good standing. These payments and costs are at the Company's discretion and are based upon available financial resources and the exploration merits of the mineral properties which are evaluated on a periodic basis.

TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

Legal services

David R. Reid is a director of the Company and a partner at the law firm Davis LLP. As of fiscal year 2009, the Company paid legal fees to Davis LLP, aggregating to \$810,448 (2008 - \$198,442). As at December 31, 2009, Davis LLP is owed \$5,000 (2007 - \$19,500). All transactions were recorded at their fair value amounts and were incurred in the normal course of business.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES

The Company's accounting policies are described in detail in Note 2 of the consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2009. The Company considers the following policies to be most critical in understanding its financial results:

Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management of the Company to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. These estimates are based on past experience, industry trends and known commitments and events. By their nature, these estimates are subject to measurement uncertainty and the effects on the financial statements of

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changes in such estimates in future periods could be significant. Actual results will likely differ from those estimates.

Carrying value of mineral property costs

The Company has capitalized the cost of acquiring mineral property interests and on-going exploration and maintenance costs. Capitalized property costs are expensed in the period in which the Company determines that the mineral property interests have no future economic value. Capitalized property costs may also be written down if future cash flow, including potential sales proceeds and option payments, related to the property are estimated to be less than the carrying value of the property. The Company reviews the carrying value of its mineral properties periodically, and whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable, reductions in the carrying value of each property would be recorded to the extent that the carrying value of the investment exceeds the property's estimated fair value.

Stock-based compensation

The Company has adopted the fair value based method of accounting for stock option and compensatory warrant awards granted to directors, employees and consultants. Under this method, the fair value of stock options is calculated at the date of grant or vesting and is expensed, capitalized or recorded as share issue costs over the vesting period, with the offsetting credit to contributed surplus. If the stock options are exercised, the proceeds are credited to share capital.

The Company uses the Black-Scholes option pricing model to calculate the fair value of stock options and compensatory warrants granted. This model is subject to various assumptions. The assumptions the Company makes will likely change from time to time. The methodology, the Company uses, to determine fair value is based on historical information, as well as anticipated future events.

Future Income Taxes

The determination of our future tax assets and liabilities involves significant management estimation and judgment involving a number of assumptions. In determining these amounts we interpret tax legislation in a variety of jurisdictions and make estimates of the expected timing of the reversal of temporary taxable and deductible timing differences. We also make estimates, of our future earnings, which affect the extent to which potential future tax benefits may be used. We are subject to assessment by various taxation authorities, which may interpret tax legislation in a manner different from our view. These differences may affect the final amount or the timing of the payment of taxes. When such differences arise we make provision for such items based on our best estimate of the final outcome of these matters.

CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES INCLUDING INITIAL ADOPTION

Goodwill and Intangible Assets

Effective January 1, 2009, the Company adopted new CICA Handbook section 3064 which replaces CICA Handbook Section 3062, *Goodwill and Other Intangibles*. This standard provides guidance on the recognition, measurement, presentation and disclosure of goodwill and intangible assets. Consequentially, references to deferred costs were removed from CICA Accounting Guideline 11, *Enterprises in the Development Stage*. Adoption of this standard did not have an effect on the Company's financial statements.

Credit Risk and Fair Value of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities

Effective January 1, 2009, the Company adopted new CICA Emerging Issues Committee guidance in EIC-173, Credit Risk and the Fair Value of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities. The EIC provides guidance on how to take into account credit risk of an entity and counterparty when determining the fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities, including derivative instruments. Adoption of this guidance did not have an effect on the Company's financial statements.

Mining Exploration Costs

Effective January 1, 2009, the Company adopted new CICA Emerging Issues Committee guidance in EIC-174, “Mining Exploration Costs”. The EIC provides guidance on the capitalization and impairment review of exploration costs. Adoption of this guidance did not have an effect on the Company’s financial statements.

New Accounting Pronouncements

The following pronouncements recently issued by the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants (“CICA”) will likely impact the Company’s future accounting policies:

Business Combinations

In January 2009, the CICA issued Handbook Sections 1582 – Business Combinations, 1601 – Consolidated Financial Statements, and 1602 – Non-Controlling Interests. These standards are effective January 1, 2011. Section 1582 replaces Section 1581 – Business Combinations and establishes standards for the accounting for business combinations that is equivalent to the business combination accounting standard under International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”). Sections 1601 and 1602 replace Section 1600 – Consolidated Financial Statements. Section 1601 provides revised guidance on the preparation of consolidated financial statements and Section 1602 addresses accounting for non-controlling interests in consolidated financial statements subsequent to a business combination.

International Financial Reporting Standards

In February 2008, the Canadian Accounting Standards Board announced 2011 as the changeover date for publicly-listed companies to use IFRS, replacing Canadian generally accepted accounting principles. The specific implementation is set for interim and annual financial statements relating to fiscal years beginning on or after January 1, 2011. The changeover date of January 1, 2011 will require restatement for comparative purposes of amounts reported by the Company for the year ended December 31, 2010. The SEC has indicated that foreign private issuers, like the Company, will no longer have to append US GAAP reconciliations to their SEC filings upon their conversion to IFRS.

The key elements, timing and status of the Company’s changeover plan are outlined below:

1. Develop internal knowledge to manage changeover, design systems and produce IFRS reports.

Senior accounting staff have commenced upgrading their knowledge and will continue throughout the process. A major CA firm has been engaged to provide advice and improve the quality of the conversion.

2. Review accounting policy changes that are required or are optional under IFRS on conversion and make choices where necessary.

An internal review has been completed of major differences between IFRS and Canadian GAAP, where it is likely to affect Rubicon. It is felt at this stage that further review is needed with the Company’s advisors before conclusions can be published. It is expected that this review will be completed in the second quarter. When these changes and proposed decisions have been made, the audit committee and board will be provided with the knowledge to evaluate the proposed changes.

3. Prepare 2010 opening balance sheets and reconciliations of 2010 interim and year end statements to Canadian GAAP statements of the same periods.

The target will be to prepare these statements as soon as practicable through 2010. It is expected that draft opening balance sheets will be prepared during the second quarter.

4. Review accounting software and other information technology issues for IFRS compliance.

Software is planned to be compliant before the transition date of January 1, 2010. Meetings have been held with software vendors and an implementation decision is expected to be made in the second quarter.

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5. Review internal control implication of new policies and changeover.

Internal control implications are targeted to be determined before the changeover date of January 1, 2011. A review of conversion risks has been completed and control procedures implemented.

6. Review disclosure controls and procedures in light of change to IFRS.

Disclosure controls and procedures implications will be determined before the changeover date of January 1, 2011. Procedures have been implemented to ensure compliant disclosures of pre-conversion progress.

7. Review business implications of conversion such as compensation formulas, key performance indicators and contract requirements.

Target completion date is mid 2010. Business implications will be reviewed following completion of policy change review. No significant implications are anticipated as the key performance indicators of the business are not based on financial results of operations. There are no compensation formulas based on financial results nor does that Company have any contractual requirements for financial condition.

It is expected that policy changes implemented pursuant to IFRS may have a material effect on the Company's financial statements.

OUTSTANDING SHARE DATA

As at March 29, 2010, the Company had the following common shares and stock options outstanding:

| | |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Common shares | 213,350,514 |
| Stock options ¹ | 8,226,500 |
| Fully diluted share capital | 221,577,014 |

Note:

1. Each option entitles the holder to acquire one common share of the Company

DISCLOSURE CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

The CEO and CFO have evaluated the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures and have concluded, based on their evaluation, that they were effective as of December 31, 2009 to provide reasonable assurance that all material information relating to the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries will be made known to management and disclosed in accordance with applicable securities regulations.

MANAGEMENT'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

The Company's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting. Any system of internal control over financial reporting, no matter how well designed, has inherent limitations. Therefore, even those systems determined to be effective can provide only reasonable assurance with respect to financial statement preparation and presentation.

Management has used the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) framework to evaluate the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Based on this assessment, performed after the year end, management has concluded that as at December 31, 2009, the Company's internal control over financial reporting was effective.

The Company's auditor, De Visser Gray LLP, has audited the Company's internal control over financial reporting as at December 31, 2009 and their opinion and report is included with our annual consolidated financial statements.

CHANGES IN INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

There have been no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting during the fiscal year 2009, that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, its internal control over financial reporting.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information on the Company, including our Annual Information Form and other public filings, are available on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

This MD&A and the documents incorporated by reference herein contain statements that constitute “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of Section 21E of the *United States Securities Exchange Act of 1934* and “forward-looking information” within the meaning of applicable Canadian provincial securities legislation collectively referred to herein as “forward-looking statements”.

Forward-looking statements are based on the opinions and estimates of management as of the date such statements are made and represent management’s best judgement based on facts and assumptions that management considers reasonable, including that the demand for gold and base metal deposits develops as anticipated, that operating and capital plans will not be disrupted by issues such as mechanical failure, unavailability of parts and supplies, labour disturbances, interruption in transportation or utilities, or adverse weather conditions, and that there are no material unanticipated variations in the cost of energies or supplies.

Forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to statements regarding the use of proceeds, costs and timing of the development of new deposits, statements with respect to success of exploration and development activities, permitting time lines, currency fluctuations, environmental risks, unanticipated reclamation expenses, and title disputes or claims.

Forward-looking statements often, but not always are identified by the use of words such as “plans”, “seeks”, “expects” or “does not expect”, “is expected”, “budget”, “scheduled”, “estimates”, “targets”, “forecasts”, “intends”, “anticipates” or “does not anticipate”, or “believes”, or variations of such words and phrases or statements that certain actions, events or results “may”, “should”, “could”, “would”, “might”, “will”, or “will be taken”, “occur” or “be achieved”.

Forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties, assumptions and other factors which may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of the Company to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. These statements are based on a number of assumptions and factors, including assumptions regarding general market conditions; future prices of gold and other metals; possible variations in ore resources, grade or recovery rates; actual results of current exploration activities; actual results of current reclamation activities; conclusions of future economic evaluations; changes in project parameters as plans continue to be refined; failure of plant, equipment, or processes to operate as anticipated; accidents, labour disputes and other risks of the mining industry; risks related to joint venture operations; timing and receipt of regulatory approvals of operations; the ability of the Company and other relevant parties to satisfy regulatory requirements; the availability of financing for proposed transactions and programs on reasonable terms; the ability of third-party service providers to deliver services on reasonable terms and in a timely manner; and delays in the completion of development or construction activities. Other factors that could cause the actual results to differ include market prices, results of exploration, availability of capital and financing on acceptable terms, inability to obtain required regulatory approvals, unanticipated difficulties or costs in any rehabilitation which may be necessary, market conditions and general business, economic, competitive, political and social conditions. Additional factors are discussed in the Company’s 2009 Annual Information Form, filed on SEDAR, at www.sedar.com, in the section titled “*Risk Factors*”. Although the Company has attempted to identify important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied in forward-looking statements, there may be other factors which cause actual results to differ. Significant additional drilling is required by the Company at its Phoenix Gold Property to fully understand the system size before a meaningful resource can be calculated and completed. Accordingly, readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements.

Forward-looking statements contained herein are made as of the date of this MD&A and the Company disclaims any obligation to update any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or results or otherwise, except as required by applicable securities laws.

APPROVAL

The Board of Directors, upon the recommendation of the Audit Committee, has approved the disclosure contained in this MD&A.