

# Oceanic Iron Ore Corp.

## Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Year ended – March 31, 2017 and 2016

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The following discussion is management's assessment and analysis of the results and financial condition of Oceanic Iron Ore Corp. ("Oceanic" or the "Company"), and should be read in conjunction with the accompanying audited financial statements and related notes. The Company reports its financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB"). All figures are reported in Canadian dollars unless otherwise indicated.

Certain information included in this discussion may constitute forward looking statements. Forward looking statements are based on current expectations and entail various risks and uncertainties. These risks and uncertainties could cause or contribute to actual results that are materially different from those expressed or implied. Please see the section entitled "Forward Looking Statements" of this document for further detail on forward looking statements. The effective date of this report is July 25, 2017.

### **Description of Business**

The Company was incorporated on March 8, 1986 under the British Columbia Business Corporations Act. Its common shares are traded on the TSX Venture Exchange.

The Company is focused on the development of the Ungava Bay iron property (the "Property") in Nunavik, Québec, which the Company acquired in November, 2010. The Property comprises three project areas: Hopes Advance, Morgan Lake and Roberts Lake, which cover over 39,717 hectares of iron formation and are located within 20 – 50 km of tidewater. The Company has a 100% interest, subject to a 2% net smelter returns royalty ("NSR") in the Property. The Company is currently focused on continuing its development of the Hopes Advance project through a feasibility study and environmental assessment as well as securing a strategic partner for the Hopes Advance project.

### **Hopes Advance Project Update**

On August 11, 2016, the Company executed a Pre Engineering, Procurement, and Construction ("EPC") Framework Agreement (the "Agreement") with PowerChina International Group Limited ("PowerChina Int'l"), in respect of the EPC infrastructure requirements for the Company's Hopes Advance project (the "Project"). Under the terms of the Agreement, PowerChina Int'l was provided a period of exclusivity to complete further technical and financial analysis of the Project. Moreover, PowerChina Int'l was to submit an EPC Proposal to the Company to form the basis for a future EPC Contract. In November 2016, Montréal based SNC Lavalin Inc. ("SNC") and PowerChina entered into a memorandum of understanding in respect of a cooperative association in the preparation of the EPC Proposal. In recognition of the time taken to conclude the SNC/ Power China association, and to facilitate additional evaluation and detail in its EPC Proposal the Company and the EPC service providers mutually agreed to revise the exclusivity period from November 30, 2016 to March 31, 2017.

On March 31, 2017, based on the work performed by a dedicated team of 20 engineers and technical specialists, the Company received the EPC proposal from PowerChina Int'l, supported by SNC. The EPC proposal's scope of work, construction methodology, and the proposed capital are not materially different from the conclusions derived in the Company's previously announced pre-feasibility study.

Included in the EPC proposal was a recommendation to advance the Project to a Front End Engineering Design ("FEED") stage. The FEED will allow for additional detail to be undertaken and applied in support of the future requirements for project financing for the Hopes Advance Project. Management is actively continuing discussions with PowerChina in respect of commencing a FEED program.

Despite depressed iron ore prices in 2015 and 2016, the Project maintains its status as an economically robust project. With the recent recovery of iron ore prices in 2017, along with the quality of product within the defined reserves at Hopes Advance, management believes that while there may be some volatility in

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pricing in the near term, the general trend for bulk commodities (and metals), and particularly seaborne sources of high quality iron ore products, such as those planned to be produced by the Company, will see increasing demand as overall needs increase given the general decline in quality that has been observed globally in recent years.

## **Achievements to Date – Hopes Advance Project**

Active development of the Hopes Advance project commenced in March 2011 with the start of the Company's resource verification program.

Since then, milestones have been achieved in a number of areas:

### *1. Project Technical Study and Economics*

- In November 2012, the Company published its Pre-Feasibility Study. Further information in respect of the Company's Pre-Feasibility Study is available in the full National Instrument 43-101 ("NI 43-101") technical report on the Company's website ([www.oceanicironore.com](http://www.oceanicironore.com)) and on SEDAR ([www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com)).

### *2. Resource definition*

- In November 2012, as part of its Pre-Feasibility Study, the Company published an updated NI 43-101 compliant In-Pit Mineral Resource Estimate for the Hopes Advance project. The Resource Estimate NI 43-101 technical report is available on the Company's website ([www.oceanicironore.com](http://www.oceanicironore.com)) and on SEDAR ([www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com)).

### *3. Economic Mineral Reserves*

- In November 2012, as part of its Pre-Feasibility Study, the Company published an NI 43-101 compliant mineral reserve estimate.

### *4. Metallurgy*

- Metallurgical bench scale testing program and pilot plant testwork was conducted by SGS Mineral Services Lakefield which was completed to optimize the process flow sheet for the recovery of hematite and magnetite ores.

### *5. Product Versatility and Marketability*

- Completion of a Product Value-In-Use Marketing Study, led by Vulcantech Technologies Pty Ltd. Further discussion of the results of the study can be found in the press release on the Company's website ([www.oceanicironore.com](http://www.oceanicironore.com)).
- Completed a Pot Grate test work program, performed by Coleraine Minerals Research Laboratory and supervised by Rod Johnson, VP Geometallurgy. Details on the results of the program can be found in the press release on the Company's website ([www.oceanicironore.com](http://www.oceanicironore.com)).
- Completion of a Shipping Optimization Study, led by AMEC Environment and Infrastructure. Details on the results of the study can be found in the press release on the Company's website ([www.oceanicironore.com](http://www.oceanicironore.com)).

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### 6. *Community/Government Relations and Support*

- As noted above, in June 2015, the Québec government, through its subdivision Ressources Québec, provided the Company with a Letter of Intent, whereby Ressources Québec would contribute up to 25% or \$3.75 million of a potential future \$15 million financing to bring the Hopes Advance project through a Feasibility Study, subject to additional future government approvals.

### 7. *Environmental*

- To date, all of the terrestrial baseline work for the Environmental Impact Assessment has been completed. As noted above, the outstanding components include marine baseline data inventories and additional consultations with relevant stakeholders.
- A time sensitive migratory bird survey was completed during May 2016 in order to maintain the Company's schedule in respect of the project's Environmental Impact Statement. Further, in September 2016, the Company completed baseline data collection focused on marine mammals, fish studies, water quality, and mollusk habitat. With the insights obtained from baseline data collection and environmental studies the Company will engage in additional future dialogue with Inuit stakeholders in the region to optimize the Project's benefits and minimize the impacts associated with the Project's construction and subsequent operations
- No additional environmental work or expenditure is presently contemplated until the Company succeeds at securing additional short term financing.

Eddy Canova, P.Geo., OGQ(403), a Qualified Person as defined by NI 43-101, has reviewed and is responsible for the technical information contained in this document.

### **Cost Savings**

As at March 31, 2017, the Company's cash and cash equivalents balance was \$234,085 (March 31, 2016 - \$607,446). In light of challenging capital markets, the Company has taken significant measures to optimize and preserve its cash position. This is evidenced through reduced spending at the project level, as well as reduced management salaries and corporate overhead. Consulting and management fees for the year ended March 31, 2017 was \$175,000 (2016: \$212,500). Wages and benefits was \$306,225 (2016: \$399,756). Commencing January 1, 2016, management implemented further reductions to executive management compensation, providing annual cost savings of approximately \$140,000. Management will continue to monitor its expenses in order to continue to optimize the Company's cash.

### **Private Placement Financing**

On September 13, 2016, the Company completed a non-brokered private placement issuing 4,925,000 units at \$0.20 per unit for aggregate gross proceeds of \$985,000. Each unit consisted of one common share of the Company and one common share purchase warrant. Each whole warrant entitles the holder to acquire one common share of the Company at a price of \$0.30 per share until September 13, 2018. The Company incurred cash share issue costs in the amount of \$25,706 in connection with the private placement.

### **Corporate and Organizational Changes**

In April 2017, Jean Martel resigned from the Board of Directors of the Company.

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In June 2017, Alan Gorman resigned as President, CEO and Director of the Company to pursue other interests. Mr. Bing Pan, formerly a consultant to the Company, and an ongoing key contributor to the Company, accepted the position of Interim CEO. Mr. Pan is the senior partner of Sinocan Consultant Hong Kong Limited, a consulting firm specializing in assisting Canadian companies with strategic partnership, business development, and merger and acquisition opportunities in China. Mr. Pan has over 20 years of experience in corporate strategy, business development, consulting & advisory services in the technology, alternative energy, carbon credit and natural resources industries in China and North America. Mr. Pan obtained his MBA degree from Richard Ivey School of Business and his Bachelor's of Science from South China University of Technology.

### Selected Annual Information

The following table presents selected annual information extracted from the relevant audited financial statements under IFRS:

	2017	2016	2015
Total Assets, March 31	\$ 42,282,529	\$ 41,944,451	\$ 43,093,764
Non-current financial liabilities	\$ 446,078	\$ 1,876,596	\$ 440,377
Revenues ( <b>Note 1</b> )	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Net loss for the year	\$ (1,356,713)	\$ (1,740,023)	\$ (2,300,770)
Basic and diluted loss per share	\$ (0.03)	\$ (0.05)	\$ (0.09)
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding	46,368,897	37,605,844	26,955,652

**Note 1** – As the Company has yet to achieve commercial production from its mineral asset, the Company has no revenue to report during the financial reporting periods noted above.

Factors that have caused changes in operations and financial position from the year ended March 31, 2016 to the year ended March 31, 2017 have been disclosed under the section entitled "Overall Performance and Results of Operations" below. The total assets balance decreased from March 31, 2015 to March 31, 2016 largely as a result of cash outflow from operating activities of \$940 thousand of which a majority was in respect of consulting and management fees (\$613 thousand), investor relations and corporate development (\$91 thousand), and office and general expenses (\$130 thousand). Further, the Company paid \$165 thousand of interest on the company's convertible debenture.

The non-current financial liabilities increased from March 31, 2015 to March 31, 2016 as a result of the amendment to the Sino-Canada convertible debenture, which extended the maturity date from November 23, 2015 to November 23, 2017, thereby, reclassifying the liability from current to non-current during 2016.

The net loss in March 31, 2016 decreased from the same period in 2015, largely resulting from a decrease in consulting and management and wages and benefits, as well as a decrease in investor relations and corporate development costs due to decreased travel expenses, as a result of management's efforts to preserve the Company's cash balance.

### Overall Performance and Results of Operations

Total assets increased to \$42,282,529 at March 31, 2017 from \$41,944,451 at March 31, 2016. The most significant assets at March 31, 2017 were mineral properties of \$41,974,448 (March 31, 2016:

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\$40,966,820), and cash and cash equivalents of \$234,085 (March 31, 2016: \$607,446). The Company had a working capital deficit at March 31, 2017 of \$1,882,943.

The net increase in mineral properties of \$1,007,628 reflects work performed in respect to a time sensitive migratory bird survey and other baseline data work in respect of the Company's Environmental Impact Study, accretion of the Company's advance royalty payable, as well as the associated holding costs of the Company's properties, land access payments, amortization of the Company's equipment, as well as office and administrative costs.

The decrease in cash during the period of \$373,361 resulted from \$837,773 cash inflow from financing activities, partially offset by \$433,664 incurred from investing activities and \$777,470 incurred from operating activities. Cash inflows from financing activities related to the September 13, 2016 private placement whereby net proceeds of \$959,293 funds were raised, partially offset by \$121,520 of interest paid on the Company's convertible debenture. Cash outflows from investing activities related in their entirety to mineral property expenditures as described above.

The Company incurred a net loss of \$1,356,713 during the year ended March 31, 2017 (2016: \$1,740,023). The most significant operating expenses incurred were consulting and management fees of \$175,000 (2016: \$212,500) incurred to support the Company's operations, wages and benefits of \$306,225 (2016: \$399,756), and share-based payments of \$222,836 (2016: \$374,442). Consulting and management fees and wages and benefits experienced a decrease from the prior year as a result of the Company's decision to implement management fee and salary reductions with key management of the Company. Further, the decrease in share-based payments as compared to the prior year is a result of a decreased number of stock options vesting during the current year as compared to the prior year. Non-cash share based payments represent the Black-Scholes calculated fair value of the stock options vested during the year from options granted to directors, officers, employees and consultants.

During the year ended March 31, 2017, the Company recorded interest and other income of \$2,346 (2016: interest and other expense of \$16,566) in respect of interest income earned on GICs held by the Company. This was an increase from the prior year expense balance as a result of a receivable balance being written off during the prior year. The Company incurred \$347,231 of interest and other financing expense during the year ended March 31, 2017 (2016: \$534,095). The interest and other financing expense comprised non-cash accretion of the convertible debenture (*Refer to Convertible Debenture discussion below*). The Company recognized a deferred tax recovery of \$nil in 2017 (2016: \$125,020).

### **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

While the financial statements have been prepared on the basis that the Company will continue as a going concern, which contemplates the realization of assets and settlement of liabilities in the normal course of business as they come due, certain conditions and events result in a material uncertainty casting significant doubt on the validity of this assumption. For the year ended March 31, 2017, the Company reported a loss of \$1,356,713 and as at that date had an accumulated deficit of \$28,460,744. The Company has a working capital deficit of \$1,882,943 at March 31, 2017 largely in respect of its convertible debenture which matures on November 23, 2017. The convertible debentures may be settled in common shares at the discretion of the Company. The Company's ability to continue on a going concern basis beyond the next twelve months depends on its ability to successfully raise additional financing for continued operations and for the necessary capital expenditures required to achieve planned

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principal operations. The Company continues to pursue a number of options to improve its financial capacity, including securing a strategic partner to further advance the Hopes Advance project, and obtaining cash flow through other forms of financing. While the Company has been successful in the past in obtaining financing, there is no assurance that it will be able to obtain adequate financing in the future or that such financing will be on terms acceptable to the Company. These material uncertainties cast significant doubt upon the Company's ability to continue as a going concern.

Factors that could affect the availability of financing include the Company's performance, the state of international debt and equity markets, investor perceptions and expectations, the retention of key executive management and the state of global financial and metals markets.

### Private Placement Financing

As noted above, on September 13, 2016, the Company completed a non-brokered private placement issuing 4,925,000 units at \$0.20 per unit for aggregate gross proceeds of \$985,000. Each unit consisted of one common share of the Company and one common share purchase warrant. Each whole warrant entitles the holder to acquire one common share of the Company at a price of \$0.30 per share until September 13, 2018. The Company incurred cash share issue costs in the amount of \$25,706 in connection with the private placement. The share capital was valued using the closing stock price of the Company on the announcement date of the private placement.

### Convertible Debenture Amendment

On May 23, 2013, the Company completed a non-brokered financing of \$3 million by way of issuance of a convertible debenture. On September 22, 2015, the Company signed an amendment to the debenture agreement with Sino-Canada whereby, on November 23, 2015, the Company made a partial repayment through the issuance of common shares of the Company. The partial repayment of the principal amount and the number of common shares issued was determined such that the repayment resulted in Sino-Canada holding, in the aggregate, 19.9% of the issued and outstanding common shares of the Company. The conversion price and resulting reduction in the principal owing on the debenture was based on the volume weighted average trading price of the Company's common shares on the TSXV for the 20 days ending on November 20, 2015, which was \$0.1426. As such, a total of 6,835,000 shares were issued to Sino-Canada on November 23, 2015, thereby reducing the principal balance of the debenture by \$974,671 to \$2,025,329. Further, pursuant to the amending agreement, the maturity date of the remaining principal amounts of the convertible debenture was extended to November 23, 2017, a 24 month extension from the original maturity date. The interest rate of the convertible debenture under the amended agreement remained unchanged at an interest rate of 6%, payable quarterly.

Pursuant to the debenture amendment, the remaining principal amount of the debenture is convertible to common shares of the Company at a price of \$0.43 per share at the election of the subscriber. In addition, and subject to receipt of all required regulatory approvals, the Company has the right at any time to pay all or any part of the unpaid principal in respect of the debenture in common shares, where the issue price of each common share will be equal to the volume weighted average trading price for the 20 days prior to the date of notice of the conversion.

In the event that the volume weighted average trading price of common shares is equal to or greater than \$0.43 per share for any 20 consecutive trading day period during the term of the debenture, the principal

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and interest owing under the debenture will be automatically converted into common shares of the Company.

Accretion and other financing expense for the year ended March 31, 2017 was \$347,231 (2016: \$534,095).

### Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

As at March 31, 2017, the Company had no off-balance sheet arrangements.

### Summary of Quarterly Results

Below is a summary of results for the eight most recently completed quarters in accordance with IFRS:

	Q4 2017	Q3 2017	Q2 2017	Q1 2017
Revenues ( <b>Note 1</b> )	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Net loss	\$ (414,562)	\$ (314,935)	\$ (307,669)	\$ (319,547)
Basic and diluted loss per share	\$ (0.01)	\$ (0.01)	\$ (0.01)	\$ (0.01)

  

	Q4 2016	Q3 2016	Q2 2016	Q1 2016
Revenues ( <b>Note 1</b> )	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Net loss	\$ (382,640)	\$ (408,632)	\$ (457,705)	\$ (491,046)
Basic and diluted loss per share	\$ (0.02)	\$ (0.01)	\$ (0.01)	\$ (0.01)

**Note 1** – As the Company has yet to achieve commercial production from its mineral related assets, the Company has no revenue to report during the financial reporting periods noted above.

The decrease in net loss in Q4 2016 and Q3 2016 from Q2 2016 and Q1 2016 is a result of a decrease in management salaries and fees paid to executives of the Company in management's efforts to preserve the Company's cash position, in addition to a decrease in share-based payments due to a lower number of stock options vesting during the period. The decrease in net loss from Q4 2016 to Q1 2017 is a result of a lower number of share-based payments vesting during the period. The net loss remained relatively consistent from Q1 2017 to Q3 2017. The increase in net loss from Q3 2017 to Q4 2017 is largely a result of an increase in share based payments as a result of the stock option grant that occurred during Q4 2017.

### Fourth Quarter Results

The Company incurred a net loss of \$414,562 during the three month period ended March 31, 2017 (2016: \$382,640). The most significant operating expenses incurred were consulting and management fees of \$43,750 (2016: \$43,750) incurred to support the Company's operations, wages and benefits of

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\$69,468 (2016: \$81,251), and share-based payments of \$93,306 (2016: \$101,063). Consulting and management fees and wages and benefits remained relatively consistent with the same period in the prior year. The increase in share-based payments as compared to the same period in the prior year is a result of a stock option grant that occurred during the quarter resulting in a larger number of stock options vesting during the current year as compared to the prior year. Non-cash share based payments represent the Black-Scholes calculated fair value of the stock options vested during the year from options granted to directors, officers, employees and consultants.

During the three month period ended March 31, 2017, the Company recorded interest income of \$438 (2016: \$966) in respect to interest income earned on GICs held by the Company. The Company incurred \$91,072 of interest and other financing expense during the three month period ended March 31, 2017 (2016: \$80,152). The interest and other financing expense comprised non-cash accretion of the convertible debenture.

### **Critical Accounting Policies**

A detailed summary of all the Company's significant accounting policies is included in Note 3 to the audited annual financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2016.

### **Critical Accounting Estimates**

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Areas requiring the use of estimates include measurement of advance royalty payables, fair value of the liability component of the convertible debenture (which includes estimates of (i) the amount and timing of cash flows, and (ii) the Company's cost of debt), and measurement and recovery of deferred tax benefits. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimates are revised and in any future periods affected.

Information about critical judgments in applying accounting policies that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognized in the financial statements is included in the notes to the annual audited financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2017 where applicable.

### **Financial Instruments and Other Instruments**

#### *Financial Risk Management*

The Company is exposed in varying degrees to a variety of financial instrument related risks. The board approves and monitors the risk management processes.

#### Credit Risk

Credit risk arises from the potential for non-performance by counterparties of contractual financial obligations. The Company's exposure to credit risk is on its cash and cash equivalents and receivables. The Company has concentration of risk with respect to cash being held with one large Canadian financial



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institution. The Company's credit risk is mitigated by maintaining its financial liquid assets with highly reputable counterparties. The maximum exposure to credit risk is equal to the carrying value of the financial assets noted above.

### Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company cannot meet its obligations as they fall due. The Company's cash and cash equivalents are invested in business accounts and term deposits which are available on demand. The Company manages liquidity risk by preparing and maintaining cash forecasts, which illustrate cash spent to date and the Company's cash needs over the short term. Contractual undiscounted cash flow requirements for financial liabilities as at March 31, 2017 and March 31, 2016 are presented below.

#### March 31, 2017

	Less than 1 year	1 - 3 years	4 - 5 years	Total
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 149,361	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 149,361
Due to related parties	4,374	-	-	4,374
Convertible debenture - liability component	2,025,329	-	-	2,025,329
Advance royalty payable	200,000	400,000	400,000	1,000,000

#### March 31, 2016

	Less than 1 year	1 - 3 years	4 - 5 years	Total
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 43,353	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 43,353
Due to related parties	20,131	-	-	20,131
Advance royalty payable	300,000	400,000	200,000	900,000

The Company's ability to continue operations in the normal course of business is dependent on several factors, including the ability to secure additional financing. In addition, the recoverability of the amounts shown for mineral properties are dependent upon the existence of economically recoverable reserves, the ability of the Company to obtain necessary financing to complete the development of those reserves and upon future profitable production, all of which are uncertain.

### Market Risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair market value of the Company's financial instruments will significantly fluctuate due to changes in market prices. The value of the financial instruments can be affected by changes in interest rates, foreign exchange rates and equity and commodity prices. The Company is exposed to market risk in its cash and cash equivalents. The Company manages market risk by investing funds with a reputable financial institution that provides competitive rates of return.

The Company's financial instruments are not subject to significant fluctuation due to changes in equity prices of investments included in commodity prices or foreign exchange rates.

The Company also invests surplus cash in fixed rate term deposits. It is the Company's policy to reduce interest rate risk over future cash flows through the use of instruments with a history of returns. A 1% change in interest rates would have a negligible impact on net loss and comprehensive loss.

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### *Fair value*

Fair value is based on available public market information or, when such information is not available, estimated using present value techniques and assumptions concerning the amount and timing of future cash flows and discount rates which factor in the appropriate credit risk. The carrying values of cash and cash equivalents, receivables, restricted cash, accounts payable and accrued liabilities, and due to related parties approximate their fair values due to their short term nature.

### **Commitments**

Effective March 1, 2011 (amended on July 1, 2012) the Company entered into an agreement with an affiliated company, with a director and officer in common, in respect of shared lease, overhead and service costs. Under the agreement, the Company is billed quarterly for office rental and other services relating to its office in Vancouver. The agreement expires on September 29, 2017. Either party may terminate the agreement by providing 90 days' notice.

Effective May 25, 2012, the Company entered into an agreement with Monit International Inc. in respect of the leasing of office space in Montreal, Québec. The agreement expires on January 31, 2023, but the Company may terminate the agreement effective December 31, 2016 with prior notice. In September 2016, the Company provided notice to early terminate the agreement. In January 2017, the Company signed a lease amending agreement, whereby the Company committed to a three month lease term in the Montreal office space from the period January 1, 2017 to March 31, 2017, thereafter, continuing on a month to month basis, with a two month termination notice provision. In June 2017, the Company provided written notice of termination of the lease agreement effective August 31, 2017.

As part of the acquisition of the Ungava Bay mineral properties, commencing on November 30, 2011, Oceanic must pay advance net smelter royalty ("NSR") payments of \$200,000 per year, which will be credited against all future NSR payments payable from production. On September 28, 2015, the Company signed an amendment to the Royalty Agreement with a Royalty Holder whereby both parties agreed that the November 30, 2015 advance royalty payment of \$100,000 was deferred, at the discretion of the Company, by a period of up to one year. On September 13, 2016, the Company paid the 2015 deferred advance royalty payment. Further, in November 2016, the same Royalty Holder agreed to defer the 2016 annual \$100,000 advance royalty payment due November 30, 2016, under the same terms as the 2015 deferral. In February 2017, the Company settled the \$100,000 2016 advance royalty payable through the issuance of 400,000 shares.

The remaining \$100,000 2016 advance royalty payable was settled in December 2016 through the issuance of 500,000 shares.

The committed charges for the Company are as follows:

<b>March 31,</b>	<b>Vancouver office rent</b>	<b>Montreal office rent</b>	<b>NSR payments</b>	<b>Total commitments</b>
2018	8,624	57,490	200,000	266,114
2019	-	-	200,000	200,000
Thereafter	-	-	600,000	600,000
	<b>\$ 8,624</b>	<b>\$ 57,490</b>	<b>\$ 1,000,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,066,114</b>

### **Related Party Transactions and Key Management Compensation**

- a) Key management compensation

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Key management includes the Company's directors, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer and President and Chief Operating Officer. Compensation awarded to key management is presented in the table below:

Related Party	Relationship	Compensation Type	Year end	
			March 31, 2017	March 31, 2016
Steven Dean	Executive Chairman and Director	Share-based payments	\$ 63,974	\$ 175,706
Alan Gorman	President and CEO	Wages, benefits, and share-based payments	238,556	337,178
Gordon Keep	Director	Directors' fees and share-based payments	26,518	28,114
Hon. John D. Reynolds P.C.	Director	Directors' fees and share-based payments	25,348	24,986
Jean Martel	Director	Directors' fees and share-based payments	26,128	27,334
Daisy Zhu	Director	Share-based payments	5,684	-
Gregg Sedun	Director	Share-based payments	-	4,181
Chris Batalha	CFO and Corporate Secretary	Wages, benefits, and share-based payments	83,334	90,880
			\$ 469,542	\$ 688,379

### b) Payments for services by related parties

During the year ended March 31, 2017, the Company incurred corporate consulting fees of \$115,000 (2016: \$152,500) to Sirocco Advisory Services Ltd., a company controlled by Steven Dean, a director and officer of the Company.

As disclosed in the section entitled "Commitments", the Company is charged shared lease and overhead, and service costs by Atlantic Gold Corporation, a company with a director and officer in common, being Steven Dean and Chris Batalha, respectively. For the year ended March 31, 2017, the Company incurred \$74,800 (2016: \$128,764) in shared lease, overhead, and service costs. As at March 31, 2017, the Company owed \$4,373 to Atlantic Gold Corporation (2016: \$20,131). Refer to the section entitled "Commitments" for a listing of future commitments in respect of such lease costs.

Related party transactions were made on terms equivalent to those that prevail in arm's length transactions. None of the amounts due to/from related parties are secured against assets of the Company.

### Outstanding Share Data

As at the date of this report, there were 50,129,480 common shares issued and outstanding.

As at the date of this report, there were 4,459,283 stock options, 4,925,000 common share purchase warrants, and 566,666 RSUs outstanding.

As discussed in the section entitled "Convertible Debenture", under the terms of the convertible debenture amendment, a partial repayment of the principle amount of the debenture was made on November 23,

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2015 through the issuance of common shares of the Company. The partial repayment reduced the principal amount of the debenture by \$974,671 to \$2,025,329. The remaining principal amount of \$2,025,329 can be converted, at the election of the subscriber, to 4,710,067 common shares of the Company at a price of \$0.43 per share. In addition, and subject to receipt of all required regulatory approvals, the Company has the right at any time to pay all or any part of the unpaid principal in respect of the debenture in common shares, where the issue price of each common share will be equal to the volume weighted average trading price for the 20 days prior to the date of notice of the conversion.

In the event that the volume weighted average trading price of common shares is equal to or greater than \$0.43 per share for any 20 consecutive trading day period during the term of the debenture, the principal and interest owing under the debenture will be automatically converted into common shares of the Company at \$0.43 per common share.

### **SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

On April 9, 2017, the Company had 15,248,750 warrants expire.

### **Risks and Uncertainties**

The Company is in the business of acquiring, exploring and, if warranted, developing and exploiting natural resource properties. At present, the mineral properties owned by the Company are located in Québec, Canada. Due to the nature of the Company's proposed business and the present stage of exploration of its mineral properties (which are primarily exploration), the following risk factors, among others, will apply:

#### *Going Concern*

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, which assumes that the Company will continue in operation for the foreseeable future and will be able to realize its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of business.

While these financial statements have been prepared on the basis that the Company will continue as a going concern, which contemplates the realization of assets and settlement of liabilities in the normal course of business as they come due, certain conditions and events result in material uncertainty casting significant doubt on the validity of this assumption. For the year ended March 31, 2017, the Company reported a loss of \$1,356,713 and as at that date had an accumulated deficit of \$28,460,744 and working capital deficit of \$1,882,943 largely in respect of its convertible debenture which matures on November 23, 2017. The convertible debentures may be settled in common shares at the discretion of the Company. Despite the private placement financing that completed in September 2016, the Company will need to raise additional funds in order to finance ongoing exploration, development and administrative expenses over the coming 12 months. The Company continues to pursue a number of options to improve its financial capacity, including securing a strategic partner to further advance the Hopes Advance project, and obtaining cash flow through other forms of financing. The success of raising such funds cannot be assured. Factors that could affect the availability of financing include the Company's performance, the state of international debt and equity markets, investor perceptions and expectations, the retention of key executive management and the state of global financial and metals markets.

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These financial statements do not reflect the adjustments to the carrying values of assets and liabilities and the reported expenses and statement of financial position classifications that would be necessary were the going concern assumption deemed to be inappropriate, and these adjustments could be material.

### *Exploration, Development and Operating Risks*

The exploration for and development of mineral deposits involves significant risks which even a combination of careful evaluation, experience and knowledge may not eliminate. Few properties that are explored are ultimately developed into producing mines. Major expenses may be required to locate and establish mineral reserves, to develop metallurgical processes and to construct mining and processing facilities at a particular site. It is impossible to ensure that the exploration or development programs planned by the Company will result in a profitable commercial mining operation. Whether a mineral deposit will be commercially viable depends on a number of factors, some of which are: the particular attributes of the deposit, such as quantity and quality of the minerals and proximity to infrastructure; mineral prices, which are highly cyclical; and government regulations, including regulations relating to prices, taxes, royalties, land tenure, land use, importing and exporting of minerals and environmental protection. The exact effect of these factors cannot be accurately predicted but could have a material adverse effect upon the Company's operations.

Mining operations generally involve a high degree of risk. The operations of the Company are subject to all the hazards and risks normally encountered in the exploration, development and production of minerals, including unusual and unexpected geologic formations, seismic activity, rock bursts, cave-ins, flooding and other conditions involved in the drilling and removal of material, any of which could result in damage to, or destruction of, mines and other producing facilities, damage to life or property, environmental damage and possible legal liability. Although adequate precautions to minimize risk will be taken, milling operations are subject to hazards such as equipment failure or failure of retaining dams around tailings disposal areas, which may result in environmental pollution and consequent liability.

There is no certainty that the expenditures made by the Company toward the search and evaluation of minerals will result in discoveries of mineral resources, Mineral Reserves or any other mineral occurrences.

### *Political Stability and Government Regulation Risks*

The operations of the Company are currently conducted in Québec, Canada. As such, the operations of the Company are exposed to various levels of political, economic and other risks and uncertainties. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to: terrorism; extreme fluctuations in currency exchange rates; and changing political conditions, currency controls and governmental regulations. Changes, if any, in mining or investment policies or shifts in political attitudes in Québec or Canada more broadly may adversely affect the operations or profitability of the Company. Operations may be affected in varying degrees by government regulations with respect to, but not limited to, restrictions on production, price controls, export controls, currency remittance, income taxes, expropriation of property, foreign investment, maintenance of claims, environmental legislation, land use, land claims of local people, water use and mine safety. For example, in 2013 the Government of Québec announced proposed changes to Québec's Mining Act, which were subsequently defeated in the Legislature. It is possible that amended changes may be proposed at some future date. Failure to comply strictly with applicable laws, regulations and local practices relating to mineral rights applications and tenure could

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result in loss, reduction or expropriation of entitlements, or the imposition of additional local or foreign parties as joint venture partners with carried or other interests.

The occurrence of these various factors and uncertainties cannot be accurately predicted and could have an adverse effect on the operations or profitability of the Company.

## *Insurance and Uninsured Risks*

The business of the Company is subject to a number of risks and hazards in general, including adverse environmental conditions, industrial accidents, labor disputes, unusual or unexpected geological conditions, ground or slope failures, changes in the regulatory environment and natural phenomena such as inclement weather conditions, floods and earthquakes. Such occurrences could result in damage to mineral properties or facilities and equipment, personal injury or death, environmental damage to properties of the Company or others, delays in mining, monetary losses and possible legal liability.

Although the Company may maintain insurance to protect against certain risks in such amounts as it considers being reasonable, its insurance may not cover all the potential risks associated with a mining company's operations. The Company may also be unable to maintain insurance to cover these risks at economically feasible premiums. Insurance coverage may not be available or may not be adequate to cover any resulting liability. Moreover, insurance against risks such as environmental pollution or other hazards as a result of exploration and production is not generally available to the Company or to other companies in the mining industry on acceptable terms. The Company might also become subject to liability for pollution or other hazards which it may not be insured against or which the Company may elect not to insure against because of premium costs or other reasons. Losses from these events may cause the Company to incur significant costs that could have a material adverse effect upon its financial performance and results of operations.

## *Environmental Risks and Hazards*

All phases of the Company's operations are subject to environmental regulation in the various jurisdictions in which it operates. These regulations mandate, among other things, the maintenance of air and water quality standards and land reclamation. They also set forth limitations on the generation, transportation, storage and disposal of solid and hazardous waste. Environmental legislation is evolving in a manner that will require stricter standards and enforcement and involve increased fines and penalties for non-compliance, more stringent environmental assessments of proposed projects, and a heightened degree of responsibility for companies and their officers, directors and employees. There is no assurance that future changes in environmental regulation, if any, will not adversely affect the Company's operations. Environmental hazards may exist on properties in which the Company holds interests which are unknown to the Company at present and which have been caused by previous or existing owners or operators of the properties.

Failure to comply with applicable laws, regulations and permitting requirements may result in enforcement actions there under, including orders issued by regulatory or judicial authorities causing operations to cease or be curtailed, and may include corrective measures requiring capital expenditures, installation of additional equipment or remedial actions. Parties engaged in mining operations or in the exploration or development of mineral properties may be required to compensate those suffering loss or damage by

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reason of the mining activities and may have civil or criminal fines or penalties imposed for violations of applicable laws or regulations.

Amendments to current laws, regulations and permits governing operations and activities of mining and exploration companies, or more stringent implementation thereof, could have a material adverse impact on the Company and cause increases in exploration expenses, capital expenditures or require abandonment or delays in development of new mining properties.

## *Fluctuations in Metal Prices*

The price of the common shares, and the financial results and exploration, development and mining activities of the Company, may in the future be significantly and adversely affected by declines in the prices of iron ore and other metals or minerals. The prices of iron ore and other metals or minerals fluctuate widely and are affected by numerous factors beyond the control of the Company such as the sale or purchase of commodities by various central banks and financial institutions, interest rates, exchange rates, inflation or deflation, fluctuations in the value of the United States dollar and other foreign currencies, global and regional supply and demand, the political and economic conditions and production costs of major mineral-producing countries throughout the world, the cost of substitutes, inventory levels and carrying charges. Future serious price declines in the market prices of iron ore or other metals or minerals could cause continued development of and commercial production from the properties in which the Company holds an interest to be impracticable. Depending on the prices of iron ore and other metals and minerals, cash flow from mining operations could not be sufficient and the Company may lose its interest in, or may be forced to sell, some of its properties. Future production from the Company's properties is dependent upon the prices of iron ore and other metals and minerals being adequate to make these properties economically viable.

In addition to adversely affecting the resource estimates of the Company and its financial condition, declining commodity prices can affect operations by requiring a reassessment of the feasibility of a particular project. Such a reassessment may be the result of a management decision or be required under financing arrangements related to a particular project. Even if a project is ultimately determined to be economically viable, the need to conduct such a reassessment may cause substantial delays or interrupt operations until the reassessment can be completed.

## *Key Personnel*

The Company is dependent upon the services of key executives, including the directors of the Company and a small number of highly skilled and experienced executives and personnel. Due to the relatively small size of the Company, the loss of these persons or the inability of the Company to attract and retain additional highly-skilled employees may adversely affect its business and future operations.

## *Share Price Volatility and Liquidity*

Publicly quoted securities are subject to a relatively high degree of price volatility. It may be anticipated that the quoted market for our shares will be subject to market trends generally, notwithstanding any potential success of us in creating sales and revenues. In addition, our shareholders may be unable to sell significant quantities of shares into the public trading markets without a significant reduction in the price of their shares, if at all.

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## Forward Looking Statements

This document includes certain "Forward-Looking Statements" as that term is used in applicable securities law. All statements included herein, other than statements of historical fact, including, without limitation, statements regarding potential mineralization and resources, exploration results, and future plans and objectives of the Company, are forward-looking statements that involve various risks and uncertainties. In certain cases, forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of words such as "plans", "expects" or "does not expect", "scheduled", "believes", or variations of such words and phrases or statements that certain actions, events or results "potentially", "may", "could", "would", "might" or "will" be taken, occur or be achieved. There can be no assurance that such statements will prove to be accurate, and actual results could differ materially from those expressed or implied by such statements. Forward-looking statements are based on certain assumptions that management believes are reasonable at the time they are made. In making the forward-looking statements in this presentation, the Company has applied several material assumptions, including, but not limited to, the assumption that: (1) there being no significant disruptions affecting operations, whether due to labour/supply disruptions, damage to equipment or otherwise; (2) permitting, development, expansion and power supply proceeding on a basis consistent with the Company's current expectations; (3) certain price assumptions for iron ore; (4) prices for availability of natural gas, fuel oil, electricity, parts and equipment and other key supplies remaining consistent with current levels; (5) the accuracy of current mineral resource estimates on the Company's property; (6) labour and material costs increasing on a basis consistent with the Company's current expectations; and (7) the ability to achieve the required financing from equity markets, debt markets and/or a strategic partner/off-taker to facilitate the development and eventual construction of the Company's projects. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from the Company's expectations are disclosed under the heading "Risks and Uncertainties" in this MD&A. Such factors include, among others, risks related to the ability of the Company to obtain necessary financing and adequate insurance; the economy generally; fluctuations in the currency markets; fluctuations in the spot and forward price of iron ore or certain other commodities (e.g., diesel fuel and electricity); changes in interest rates; disruption to the credit markets and delays in obtaining financing; the possibility of cost overruns or unanticipated expenses; employee relations. Accordingly, readers are advised not to place undue reliance on Forward-Looking Statements. Except as required under applicable securities legislation, the Company undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise Forward-Looking Statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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