

# Management's Discussion and Analysis for the Three Months Ended February 28, 2014

The following information, prepared as of April 28, 2014, should be read in conjunction with the unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements of Search Minerals Inc. (the "Company" or "Search") for the three months ended February 28, 2014, together with the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company for the year ended November 30, 2013 and the accompanying Management's Discussion and analysis (the "annual MD&A") for that fiscal year. The referenced unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"). All amounts are expressed in Canadian dollars unless otherwise indicated.

#### **FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

Forward-looking statements look into the future and provide an opinion as to the effect of certain events and trends on the business. Forward-looking statements may include words such as "plans", "intends", "anticipates", "should", "estimates", "expects", "believes", "indicates", "suggests" and similar expressions.

This MD&A contains forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are based on current expectations and various estimates, factors and assumptions and involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors. Information concerning mineral resource estimates and the interpretation of drill results may also be considered a forward-looking statement, as such information constitutes a prediction of what mineralization might be found to be present if and when a project is actually developed.

It is important to note the following:

- Unless otherwise indicated, forward-looking statements in this MD&A describe the Company's expectations as of April 28, 2014.
- Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these statements as the Company's actual results, performance or achievements may differ materially from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements if known or unknown risks, uncertainties or other factors affect the Company's business, or if the Company's estimates or assumptions prove inaccurate. Therefore, the Company cannot provide any assurance that forward-looking statements will materialize. Factors that could cause results or events to differ materially from current expectations expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, possible variations in mineral resources, labour disputes, operating or capital costs; availability of sufficient financing to fund planned or further required work in a timely manner and on acceptable terms; failure of equipment or processes to operate as anticipated; and political, regulatory, environmental and other risks of the mining industry.
- Subject to applicable laws, the Company assumes no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or any other reason.

For a description of material factors that could cause the Company's actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements in this MD&A, please see "Risks and Uncertainties."

# **GENERAL**

The Company was incorporated on June 7, 2006 under the *Business Corporations Act* of British Columbia under the name "Search Capital Inc." On May 3, 2007, the Company completed its initial public offering. It began trading on the TSX Venture Exchange (the "TSX-V") on May 7, 2007 as a Capital Pool Company. On October 24, 2008, the Company acquired 100% of the issued and outstanding shares of Alterra Resources Inc. ("Alterra"), and Alterra became a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company. The transaction constituted the Company's Qualifying Transaction (the "QT"), as defined by the TSX-V, and the Company ceased to be a Capital Pool Company. The Company resumed trading on the TSX-V on October 27, 2008 under its changed name, "Search Minerals Inc." and under the symbol "SMY.V."

To date, the Company has been operating in two lines of business: mineral exploration in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, and the research and development of the starved acid leaching technology ("SALT"). The intellectual property rights in SALT were sold to InCoR Holdings Plc.'s wholly-owned subsidiary, InCoR Technologies Limited in November 2013.

In addition, and principally, the Company is now focused on pursuing opportunities and partnerships in strategic metals including, but not limited to, tin, tungsten, dysprosium and neodymium. The Company is prioritizing projects that can be partnered, funded and developed in a relatively short period of time in strategic, mining friendly jurisdictions.

#### **OVERALL PERFORMANCE**

On December 16, 2013, the Company completed the first tranche of a non-brokered private placement of 5,211,082 units at a price of \$0.07 per unit for gross proceeds of \$364,776. Each unit is comprised of one common share and one-half of one share purchase warrant. Each whole warrant entitles the holder thereof to purchase an additional common share of the Company at \$0.10 per common share up to December 16, 2015. On February 10, 2014, the Company completed the second tranche of a non-brokered private placement of 3,695,382 units at a price of \$0.07 per unit for gross proceeds of \$258,677. Each unit is comprised of one common share and one-half of one share purchase warrant. Each whole warrant entitles the holder thereof to purchase an additional common share of the Company at \$0.10 per common share up to February 10, 2016. The Company has used the proceeds from the private placements to allow for the completion of due diligence on the Transaction, for maintaining and evaluating its REE properties in the Port Hope Simpson REE District, and for general working capital.

On January 21, 2014, the Company announced that it would be receiving research and development investments totalling \$225,000 from the Research & Development Corporation and from the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency to assist in the *Development of Innovative Technologies for the Recovery and Refining of Rare Earth Elements from Ore Mined in Labrador*. The purpose of the project is to evaluate the effectiveness and compare the commercial feasibility of a variety of innovative metallurgical processes to separate and refine rare earth elements from ore with the specific characteristics of that identified at the Company's Foxtrot Project.

On January 27, 2014, the Company announced that it had entered into a definitive share purchase agreement dated January 22, 2014 with Brasilis Kaduna Consultoria e Participações Ltda. and MS Marpin Consultoria e Participações Ltda., which set forth the terms and conditions pursuant to which Search will acquire 100% of the issued and outstanding quotas of Mineração São Francisco de Assis Ltda. ("MSFA") and which will result in a reverse take-over of Search by the Vendors (the "Transaction"). At this time, the Company will not be pursuing a transaction with Carlos Mena Resources Ltd. Additional details are disclosed in the section below titled "Tin Transaction".

## OUTLOOK

Search is focused on pursuing opportunities and partnerships in strategic metals including, but not limited to, tin, tungsten, dysprosium and neodymium. The Company is prioritizing projects that can be partnered, funded and developed in a relatively short period of time, in strategic, friendly jurisdictions.

The Company has made a strategic decision to focus on critical metals, the first of these being tin. Tin fundamentals are strong, and tin prices have risen from US\$4,000 per tonne in 2002 to US\$22,000 per tonne in 2013, on the back of strong new demand and supply constraints from existing mines and a limited pipeline of upcoming projects.

The Company is currently focused on completing the Transaction to acquire MSFA and its tin producing asset. The Company is in the process of completing a management information circular for distribution to shareholders outlining the specifics of the Transaction in anticipation of a shareholder meeting. Management is arranging the necessary financing to complete the Transaction. Additional details are disclosed in the section below titled "Tin Transaction".

In addition, Search continues to maintain and evaluate its REE properties in the Port Hope Simpson REE District, which includes the Fox Harbour volcanic belt and the Company's flagship property, the Foxtrot Project. At present, Search Minerals Inc. operates all of its exploration through its 100% owned subsidiary, Alterra Resources Inc.

Furthermore, Search is undertaking a project, the *Development of Innovative Technologies for the Recovery and Refining of Rare Earth Elements from Ore Mined in Labrador*, which is evaluating the effectiveness and comparing the commercial feasibility of a variety of innovative metallurgical processes to separate and refine rare earth elements from ore with the specific characteristics of that identified at the Company's Foxtrot Project.

#### **TIN TRANSACTION**

On August 20, 2013, the Company announced that it had signed two non-binding Letters of Intent ("LOIs") with Mineração São Francisco de Assis Ltd. ("MSFA") and Carlos Mena Resources Ltd. ("CMR"), two privately held companies, each dedicated to the development and operation of tin assets in Brazil. It was noted that the LOIs outlined the general terms and conditions pursuant to which Search, MSFA and CMR would be willing to complete one or more transactions resulting in a combination of their respective business operations (the "Transactions"), and that the non-binding LOIs would each be subject to the execution of a definitive agreement (the "Definitive Agreements") between the parties. It was noted that, in the event the Definitive Agreements were to be executed, the closing of the Transactions would be subject to a number of other conditions including but not limited to the following: Board approval, receipt by Search of a favourable fairness opinion, and receipt of all necessary shareholder, stock exchange, third party, court and regulatory approvals. Search noted that it would be engaging an independent firm to conduct due diligence and an investment bank to perform an independent economic valuation. Lastly, it was noted that there could be no assurances that any transaction would result. An update on the Transactions was provided on December 17, 2013.

On January 27, 2014, the Company announced that it had entered into a definitive share purchase agreement dated January 22, 2014 (the "Share Purchase Agreement") with Brasilis Kaduna Consultoria e Participações Ltda. ("Kaduna") and MS Marpin Consultoria e Participações Ltda. ("Marpin" and, together with Kaduna, the "Vendors"), which set forth the terms and conditions pursuant to which Search will acquire 100% of the issued and outstanding quotas (shares) of MSFA and which will result in a reverse take-over of Search by the Vendors (the "Transaction").

Pursuant to the Share Purchase Agreement, Search will acquire 100% of the outstanding quotas of MSFA in exchange for an aggregate of 135,000,000 common shares of Search (the "Search Shares") at a deemed price of \$0.055 per Search Share to be issued to the Vendors on the closing date. After giving effect to the Transaction it is expected that the Vendors will hold approximately 61.3% of the issued and outstanding Search Shares; consequently, the Transaction constitutes a reverse take-over of Search pursuant to TSX-V Policy 5.2 – Change of Business and Reverse Takeovers.

While the Share Purchase Agreement was the product of arm's length negotiations between Search and the Vendors, the Transaction is considered to be a transaction with a Non-Arm's Length Party (as defined in the policies of the TSX-V) by virtue of the fact that Roberto Giannetti da Fonseca is a director of Search and also an officer of each of Kaduna and MSFA. Mr. Giannetti da Fonseca holds a very small (less than 1%) equity interest in Kaduna. Mr. Giannetti da Fonseca has recused himself from all board proceedings of Search at which the Share Purchase Agreement and the Transaction were considered and approved.

A special meeting of Search shareholders (the "Shareholder Meeting") is expected to be held in Q2 2014 to approve, among other matters, the Transaction. Additional information concerning the Shareholder Meeting will be included in the management information circular to be delivered to holders of Search Shares setting forth the business to be conducted at the Shareholder Meeting.

Also on January 27, 2014, the Company announced that it would no longer be proceeding with the acquisition of the Arara tin project from CMR at this time. While Search remains interested in the project, the Company was unable to agree to terms of the acquisition with the current owners. Search continues to explore additional acquisition opportunities and may in the future revisit the potential acquisition of the Arara project.

MSFA is the sole owner and operator of the Mocambo tin mine (the "Mocambo Mine"), located about 30 km away from the city of São Félix do Xingu in the state of Pará, in Northern Brazil. The Mocambo Mine is accessible via paved roads and small aircrafts, with available flights out of the nearby cities of São Félix do Xingu and Marabá. The mine site is well equipped with excellent housing and facilities, an airstrip, and more than 30 km of local roads within the borders of the mine area. The mine was originally placed in production in 1984 by St. Joe Minerals; French company Rhone Poulenc took over in late 1987, and the mine operated until 1994. Production restarted in mid-2012 under the management of MSFA. Current installed capacity of the existing plant is 40,000m³ per month. Cumulative production since the restart of operations in July 2012 through to the end of October 2013 has been 441,419 kg SnO<sub>2</sub> (cassiterite), achieving peak production at a rate of approximately 40,000 kg SnO<sub>2</sub> per month, with approximately 70% Sn in the concentrate. A second alluvial mining plant with similar capacity has recently been ordered, which should allow the doubling of current SnO<sub>2</sub> production rates.

Historical drilling conducted by the previous operator includes 1,684 drill holes, for a total of 10,390m drilled within the areas currently being mined. Additional exploration targets are located within the borders of MSFA's mineral rights, including a large paleo-channel, as well as additional primary tin and tungsten (wolframite) targets on the Serra do Mocambo hill. Search commissioned an independent technical report on the Mocambo Mine to be prepared in conformity with National Instrument 43-101 – Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects. Additional information concerning the Mocambo Mine, including a summary of the key conclusions of the technical report, will be included in the management information circular to be prepared in connection with the Shareholder Meeting.

Tin fundamentals are strong, with increasing use in innovative technologies, and tin prices have risen from US\$4,000 per tonne in 2002 to US\$22,000 per tonne in 2013, on the back of strong new demand and supply constraints from existing mines and a limited pipeline of upcoming projects.

## **MINERAL PROPERTIES**

The rare metals elements ("REE") mentioned are defined as follows: La – Lanthanum, Ce – Cerium, Pr – Praseodymium, Nd – Neodymium, Pm – Promethium, Sm – Samarium, Eu – Europium, Gd – Gadolinium, Tb – Terbium, Dy – Dysprosium, Ho – Holmium, Er – Erbium, Tm – Thulium, Yb – Ytterbium, Lu – Lutetium, Y – Yttrium, Zr – Zirconium and Nb – Niobium.

Although the Company has taken steps to verify title to mineral properties in which it has an interest, in accordance with industry standards for the current stage of exploration of such properties, these procedures do not guarantee a clear title. Property title may be subject to unregistered prior agreements and regulatory requirements. The Company is not aware of any disputed claims of title.

Port Hope Simpson REE District, Labrador

During the three months ended February 28, 2014, the Company has not conducted significant exploration activities. The majority of the work performed on the properties has been to maintain the properties in good standing with the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador and with the vendors of the Fox Harbour Property. During the period, the Company paid \$30,000 and issued 100,000 common shares at the fair value of \$5,500 to the vendors. In addition, the Company has commenced metallurgical work described below.

On January 21, 2014, the Company announced that it will receive research and development investments totaling \$225,000 from the Research & Development Corporation ("RDC") and from the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency ("ACOA") to assist in the *Development of Innovative Technologies for the Recovery and Refining of Rare Earth Elements from Ore Mined in Labrador (the "Project")*. Search will receive \$112,500 towards the project from each of RDC and ACOA and the Company will contribute an additional \$75,000. The Project commenced in January 2014 with an estimated project completion date of June 2014.

The Project is evaluating the effectiveness and comparing the commercial feasibility of a variety of innovative metallurgical processes to separate and refine REE from ore with the specific characteristics of that identified at the Company's Foxtrot Project. SGS Canada Inc. ("SGS") has been engaged to perform testing on ore samples containing REE from the Company's Foxtrot Project. SGS will examine innovative methods to isolate REE from the specific matrix of ore. The current separation process involves crushing and grinding of ore, followed by gravity separation, flotation and magnetic separation to produce a concentrate containing the REE materials. The concentrate is then subjected to acid banking at 200 degrees Celsius, water leaching, purification of the leachate, and precipitation of REE oxalate. The process options to be investigated with SGS would be designed to reduce complexity and cost of REE recovery from Foxtrot ores.

#### **TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH**

On November 13, 2013, the Company entered into a Purchase Agreement with InCoR Holdings Plc.'s ("InCoR") wholly-owned subsidiary, InCoR Technologies Limited ("ICRT"), whereby ICRT agreed to purchase the intellectual property rights to the Starved Acid Leaching Technology ("SALT").

Pursuant to the Purchase Agreement, ICRT purchased SALT for a total purchase price of \$2.2 million, comprised of the following:

- \$50,000 at closing (received);
- \$50,000 upon delivery of a positive economic scoping study (received subsequent to February 28, 2014);
- \$100,000 upon completion of a positive bankable feasibility study; and,
- \$2,000,000 repayable from 25 percent of the net cash flow from a commercial application of SALT.

In order to keep the Purchase Agreement in good standing, ICRT must incur aggregate expenditures of not less than \$1,000,000 within 24 months of completing the economic scoping study.

At November 30, 2013, SALT was held in a wholly-owned subsidiary, SALT Technology Holdings Inc. During the three months ended February 28, 2014, the Company transferred its wholly-owned interest in SALT Technology Holdings Inc. to ICRT in exchange for a \$2,150,000 promissory note. The promissory note is non-interest bearing and due on completion of milestones as laid out in the Purchase Agreement. The promissory note is secured by a pledge of the SALT Technology Holdings Inc. shares.

## **RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

The Company incurred a net loss of \$511,449 (\$0.01 per share) for the three months ended February 28, 2014 as compared to a net loss of \$248,763 (\$0.00 per share) for the three months ended February 28, 2013. The table below details certain non-cash or unusual transactions that for the purposes of this discussion have been adjusted out of the reported net loss to produce an adjusted net loss that forms a better basis for comparing the period over period operating results of the Company.

	2014	2013
	(\$)	(\$)
Net loss for the period as reported	(511,449)	(248,763)
Add (deduct):		
Amortization	10,265	12,316
Technology research	-	49,638
Gain on debt settlement	(25,983)	-
Adjusted net loss for the period (1)	(527,167)	(186,809)

<sup>(1)</sup> Adjusted net loss for the period is not a term recognized under IFRS.

- Technology research costs during the prior period represents consulting fees, travel expenses and legal fees associated with research on SALT.
- The Company recorded a gain on debt settlement as a result of issuing 1,732,412 common shares at the fair value of \$0.055 per share to settle \$121,250 of accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

During the current period the Company has been primarily focused on the Transaction involving MSFA. In the comparative period, the Company had been primarily exploring its mineral properties in Newfoundland and Labrador. The increase in the adjusted net loss for the three months ended February 28, 2014 compared to the three months ended February 28, 2013 is the net result of a number of differences in various expenses as follows:

- Accounting and audit fees of \$25,069 (2013: \$22,187) are comprised of fees to maintain the accounting records and prepare financial reports as required.
- Administration expense and management fees of \$134,830 (2013: \$69,732) increased due primarily to the Company engaging a new Chief Executive Officer, an Executive Vice President (Corporate Development) and additional administrative staff in anticipation of closing the proposed Transaction involving MSFA.
- Consulting fees of \$98,200 (2013: \$35,399) increased due to engaging KPMG LLP to conduct due diligence on MSFA.
- Legal fees of \$151,173 (2013: \$4,600) increased due to the proposed Transaction.
- Regulatory and transfer agent fees of \$32,063 (2013: \$6,654) increased due to the proposed Transaction.
- Travel and accommodation expenses of \$20,881 (2013: \$4,644) increased due to the proposed Transaction.

During the three months ended February 28, 2014, the Company incurred \$246,712 of costs relating to the Transaction involving MSFA (year ended November 30, 2013 - \$264,950).

## **QUARTERLY INFORMATION**

The following is selected financial data from the Company's unaudited quarterly financial statements for the last eight quarters ending with the most recently completed quarter, being the three months ended February 28, 2014.

	Three Months Ended (\$)			
	Feb 28, 2014	Nov 30, 2013	Aug 31, 2013	May 31, 2013
Total Revenues	-	-	-	ı
Net Loss	(511,449)	(1,811,336)	(367,218)	(396,917)
Net Loss Per Share (basic and				
diluted) <sup>(1)</sup>	(0.01)	(0.02)	(0.00)	(0.01)
Total Assets	8,463,871	8,296,470	9,312,453	9,533,171
Total Liabilities	1,178,854	948,131	420,934	274,434
Shareholders' Equity	7,285,017	7,348,339	8,891,519	9,258,737

	Three Months Ended (\$)			
	Feb 28, 2013	Nov 30, 2012	Aug 31, 2012	May 31, 2012
Total Revenues	-		-	-
Net Loss	(248,763)	(5,661,899)	(336,543)	(241,203)
Net Loss Per Share (basic and				
diluted) <sup>(1)</sup>	(0.00)	(0.11)	(0.01)	(0.01)
Total Assets	9,178,628	9,259,509	14,412,160	14,078,435
Total Liabilities	806,596	662,164	421,746	676,536
Shareholders' Equity	8,372,032	8,597,345	13,990,414	13,401,899

<sup>(1)</sup> The basic and diluted calculations result in the same values.

For the three months ended November 30, 2013 and November 30, 2012, the Company recorded write-downs of staking deposits and mineral properties of \$1,161,793 and \$5,246,469, respectively. The write-downs explain the increase in net loss during the quarters and the decrease in total assets and shareholders' equity.

#### **FINANCING ACTIVITIES**

During the three months ended February 28, 2014, the Company completed financings as follows:

- i) On December 16, 2013, the Company completed the first tranche of a non-brokered private placement of 5,211,082 units at a price of \$0.07 per unit for gross proceeds of \$364,776. Each unit is comprised of one common share and one-half of one share purchase warrant. Each whole warrant entitles the holder thereof to purchase an additional common share of the Company at \$0.10 per common share up to December 16, 2015. A value of \$78,166 has been attributed to the warrants using the residual method. At November 30, 2013, the Company had received \$264,676 of the gross proceeds.
- ii) On February 10, 2014, the Company completed the second tranche a non-brokered private placement of 3,695,382 units at a price of \$0.07 per unit for gross proceeds of \$258,677. Each unit is comprised of one common share and one-half of one share purchase warrant. Each whole warrant entitles the holder thereof to purchase an additional common share of the Company at \$0.10 per common share up to February 10, 2016. A value of \$55,431 has been attributed to the warrants using the residual method.

The Company incurred \$11,417 of legal fees and other fees in connection with the private placements.

During the three months ended February 28, 2013, the Company did not complete any financing activities.

# LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

The Company's operations consumed approximately \$527,000 of cash (before working capital items) for the three months ended February 28, 2014 (2013: \$236,000) with an additional approximate \$167,000 (2013: \$312,000) utilized on mineral property acquisition costs, deferred exploration expenditures and staking costs. The cash requirement for the three months ended February 28, 2014 was fulfilled from cash on hand at the beginning of the period and from private placements of an aggregate of 8,906,464 units at a price of \$0.07 per unit for gross proceeds of \$623,453, offset by \$264,676 that had been received at November 30, 2013.

The Company's aggregate operating, investing and financing activities during the three months ended February 28, 2014 resulted in a net decrease in its cash balance from \$85,974 at November 30, 2013 to \$69,696 at February 28, 2014. The Company's working capital decreased by \$205,328 correspondingly during the period and stood at negative \$983,877 at November 30, 2013. The Company has accumulated losses since inception of \$14,436,707.

The Company does not have any commitments for material capital expenditures over the near term or long term other than the remaining \$15,000 in remaining cash payments required for the Fox Harbour Property.

The Company has not put into commercial production any of its mineral properties and as such has no operating revenues or cash flows. Accordingly, the Company is dependent on the equity markets as its sole source of operating

working capital, and the Company's capital resources are largely determined by the strength of the junior resource capital markets and by the status of the Company's projects in relation to these markets, and its ability to compete for investor support of its projects. Since the Company will likely not have cash flows from operations over the next year, it will have to continue to rely upon equity and debt financing during such period. There can be no assurance that financing, whether debt or equity, will always be available to the Company in the amount required at any particular time or for any particular period or, if available, that it can be obtained on terms satisfactory to it.

#### **GOING CONCERN**

The condensed interim consolidated financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, which assumes that the Company will be able to meet its obligations and continue its operations for the foreseeable future. Realization values may be substantially different from carrying values as shown and the financial statements do not give effect to adjustments that would be necessary to the carrying values and classification of assets and liabilities should the Company be unable to continue as a going concern. Such adjustments could be material. At February 28, 2014, the Company had not yet achieved profitable operations, had a working capital deficiency of \$983,877, had an accumulated deficit of \$14,436,707 since inception and expects to incur further losses in the development of its business. Management is in the process of obtaining additional resources and believes sufficient resources will be available as required. Although 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 advantageous to the Company. The above factors may cast significant doubt upon the Company's ability to continue as a going concern and, therefore, it may be unable to realize its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of business.

#### TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

During the three months ended February 28, 2014 and 2013, the Company incurred the following expenditures charged by directors and officers of the Company, or former directors and officers of the Company, and/or companies they owned or were significant shareholders of:

	2014	2013
	\$	\$
Administration and management fees <sup>(1)</sup>	96,667	50,000
Consulting fees <sup>(2)</sup>	22,500	-
Non-executive directors fees	19,500	22,500
Technology research <sup>(2)</sup>	-	22,500
Mineral property expenditures		
Geological consulting <sup>(3)</sup>	50,000	50,000
	188,667	145,000

- (1) Includes salary earned by the CEO, Stephen Keith, and salary earned by the VP of Corporate Development, Alexandre Penha. The business purpose of the transactions was to compensate the individuals for administration and management services provided. The Company has consulting agreements/employment agreements with Stephen Keith and Alexandre Penha. These agreements include termination clauses and change of control provisions calling for lump sum payments of one to three times average annual compensation.
- (2) Includes fees billed by the VP of Technology, David Dreisinger. The business purpose of the transactions was to compensate David Dreisinger for managing and researching SALT. The Company has a consulting agreement with David Dreisinger. The agreement includes a termination clause and a change of control provision calling for lump sum payments.
- Includes fees billed by the VP of Exploration, Randy Miller. The business purpose of the transactions was to compensate Randy Miller for managing the mineral properties.

At February 28, 2014, accounts payable and accrued liabilities included \$121,250 (November 30, 2013: \$527,320) of amounts owing to directors and officers of the Company and/or companies they control or of which they were significant shareholders. The amounts owing include amounts related to expenditures charged to the Company and for reimbursements of expenditures paid for on behalf of the Company. The amounts owing are unsecured, non-interest bearing and due on demand. The amounts have been recorded at their exchange amount, being the amount agreed to by the parties.

During the three months ended February 28, 2014, the Company settled accounts payable and accrued liabilities of \$121,250 due to certain directors and officers of the Company by issuing 1,732,412 common shares at the fair value of \$0.055 per share resulting in a gain on settlement of accounts payable and accrued liabilities of \$25,983.

Key management includes the Chief Executive Officer and the directors of the Company. The compensation paid or payable to key management for services during the three months ended February 28, 2014 and 2013 is identical to the table above.

## **FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

#### Management of Capital

The Company's objectives when managing capital are: to safeguard the Company's ability to continue as a going concern in order to facilitate the development of its mineral properties and to maintain an optimal capital structure, while ensuring the Company's strategic objectives are met; and to provide an appropriate return to shareholders relative to the risk of the Company's underlying assets.

The capital structure of the Company consists of equity attributable to common shareholders, comprised of issued capital, warrants, contributed surplus and deficit.

The Company maintains and adjusts its capital structure based on changes in economic conditions and the Company's planned requirements. The Company may adjust its capital structure by issuing new equity, issuing new debt, or acquiring or disposing of assets, and by controlling the capital expenditures program.

The mineral properties are in the exploration stage. As such, the Company is dependent on external financing to develop its properties and fund its activities. In order to carry out its planned exploration and pay for administrative costs, the Company will spend its existing working capital and raise additional amounts as needed, and, if available, and may even dispose of its interest in the mineral properties.

Management reviews its capital management approach on an ongoing basis and no changes were made to the approach during the three months ended February 28, 2014.

# **Designation of Financial Instruments**

The Company's financial instruments consist of cash, other receivable and accounts payable, and accrued liabilities. The Company designated its cash and other receivable as loans and receivables, which are measured at amortized cost. Accounts payable and accrued liabilities are designated as other financial liabilities, which are measured at amortized cost.

Discussions of risks associated with financial assets and liabilities are detailed below:

#### Credit Risk

Credit risk arises from cash held with banks and financial institutions. The maximum exposure to credit risk is equal to the carrying value of the financial assets. The Company's cash is held with a large Canadian bank.

#### **Commodity Price Risk**

The Company's ability to raise capital to fund exploration or development activities is subject to risks associated with fluctuations in the market price of minerals under exploration.

# **Liquidity Risk**

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will not have sufficient funds to meet its financial obligations when they are due. The Company manages liquidity risk by attempting to maintain sufficient cash balances to enable settlement of transactions on the due date. Management monitors the Company's contractual obligations and other expenses. The Company had working capital deficiencies as follows:

	February 28, 2014	November 30, 2013
-	\$	\$
Current assets	194,977	169,582
Current liabilities	(1,178,854)	(948,131)
Working capital	(983,877)	(778,549)

# **Market Risk**

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. Market risk comprises three types of risk: currency risk, interest rate risk and price risk.

#### a) Currency Risk

As at February 28, 2014 and November 30, 2013, all of the Company's cash was held in Canadian dollars, the Company's functional currency, with a nominal amount of cash held in U.S. dollars. The Company has no operations in foreign jurisdictions outside of Canada at this time and as such has no currency risk associated with its operations.

## b) Interest Rate Risk

The Company has investments in guaranteed investment certificates that are highly liquid. As such, the Company has been exposed to nominal interest rate risk.

### c) Price Risk

Price risk is the risk that the fair value of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. The Company has no financial instruments subject to price risk.

#### **OUTSTANDING SHARE CAPITAL**

Authorized: Unlimited number of common shares

Issued and outstanding: 88,727,378 common shares as at April 28, 2014.

Options and warrants outstanding as at April 28, 2014:

Security	Number	Exercise Price	Expiry Date
Stock Options	481,000	\$0.400	February 16, 2015
Stock Options	330,000	\$0.470	June 22, 2015
Stock Options	212,500	\$0.550	November 8, 2015
Stock Options	875,000	\$0.600	February 25, 2016
Stock Options	810,000	\$0.485	March 31, 2016
Stock Options	150,000	\$0.480	April 7, 2016
Stock Options	155,000	\$0.260	January 19, 2017
Stock Options	1,175,000	\$0.200	October 17, 2017
Stock Options	2,410,000	\$0.100	April 26, 2018
Stock Options	100,000	\$0.070	October 29, 2018
TOTAL	6,698,500		

Security	Number	Exercise Price	Expiry Date
Share Purchase Warrants	4,000,000	\$0.200	August 8, 2014
Share Purchase Warrants	532,000	\$0.200	August 22, 2014
Share Purchase Warrants	24,000,000	\$0.100	March 21, 2015
Share Purchase Warrants	1,400,000	\$0.200	April 16, 2015
Share Purchase Warrants	2,605,541	\$0.100	December 16, 2015
Share Purchase Warrants	1,847,691	\$0.100	February 19, 2016
TOTAL	34,385,232		

#### DISCLOSURE CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

In connection with National Instrument 52-109 (Certificate of Disclosure in Issuer's Annual and Interim Filings) ("NI 52-109"), the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of the Company have filed a Venture Issuer Basic Certificate with respect to the financial information contained in the unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements for the three months ended February 28, 2014 and this accompanying MD&A (together, the "Interim Filings").

In contrast to the full certificate under NI 52-109, the Venture Issuer Basic Certificate does not include representations relating to the establishment and maintenance of disclosure controls and procedures and internal control over financial reporting, as defined in NI 52-109. For further information the reader should refer to the Venture Issuer Basic Certificates filed by the Company with the Interim Filings on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

#### **RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES**

The exploration and development of mineral deposits involves significant risks which even a combination of careful evaluation, experience and knowledge may not be successful in overcoming. Few mineral properties which are explored ultimately develop into producing mines. There has been no commercial production of minerals on properties held by the Company to date and there is a high degree of risk that commercial production of minerals will not be achieved.

Locating mineral deposits depends on a number of factors, not the least of which is the technical skill of the exploration personnel involved. The mining industry is intensely competitive. The commercial viability of a mineral deposit depends on a number of factors including the particular attributes of the deposits (principally size and grade), proximity to infrastructure, the impact of mine development on the environment, environmental regulations imposed by various levels of government and the competitive nature of the industry which causes mineral prices to fluctuate substantially over short periods of time. There can be no assurance that the minerals can be marketed profitably or in such a manner as to provide an adequate return on invested capital.

The operations of the Company are subject to all of the risks normally associated with the operation and development of mineral properties and the development of a mine, including encountering unexpected formations or pressures, caving, flooding, fires and other hazards, all of which could result in personal injuries, loss of life and damage to property of the Company and others. In accordance with customary industry practice, the Company is not fully insured against all of these risks, nor are all such risks insurable.

The operations of the Company's properties will be subject to various laws and regulations relating to the environment, prospecting, development, production, waste disposal and other matters. Amendments to current laws and regulations governing activities related to the Company's mineral properties may have material adverse impact on operations.

The Company will need additional funding to complete its long term objectives. The ability of the Company to raise such financing in the future will depend on the prevailing market conditions, competition with other strategic metals exploration stage companies, as well as the business performance of the Company. There can be no assurances that the Company will be successful in its efforts to raise additional financing on terms satisfactory to the Company. If adequate funds are not available or not available on acceptable terms, the Company may not be able to take advantage of opportunities, to develop new projects or to otherwise respond to competitive pressures.

The Company's working capital and liquidity fluctuate in proportion to its ongoing equity financing activities. The Company requires a certain amount of liquid capital in order to sustain its operations and in order to meet various obligations as specified under the its resource property acquisition agreements. Should the Company fail to obtain future equity financing due to reasons as described above, it will not be able to meet these obligations and may lose its interests in the properties covered by the agreements. Further, should the Company be unable to obtain sufficient equity financing for working capital, it may be unable to meet its ongoing operational commitments.

All of the Company's mineral properties are in the exploration stage. Exploration and development of natural resources involve substantial expenditures and a high degree of risk. Few properties which are explored are ultimately developed into producing properties. Accordingly, the Company has no material revenue, writes off its mineral properties from time to time, and operates at a loss. Continued operations are dependent upon ongoing equity financing activities.

The Company entered into a definitive agreement with MSFA as described above. The Transaction is subject to a number of conditions including but not limited to the following: (i) the approval of the Transaction at the Shareholder Meeting; (ii) the receipt by Search of a satisfactory technical report on the Mocambo Mine and the acceptance of same by the TSX-V; (iii) the completion of the Private Placement; (iv) the completion of a share consolidation; (v) the completion of satisfactory due diligence by Search; (vi) the approval of the Transaction by the TSX-V, including the listing of the Search Shares to be issued as consideration to the Vendors pursuant to the Share Purchase Agreement; (vii) the absence of any material change or change in a material fact which might reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the financial or operation conditions or the assets of either of Search or MSFA; and (viii) certain other conditions customary in a transaction of this nature. There is no assurance that the Transaction will be approved. The Transaction will require equity financing. There can be no assurances that the Company will be successful in its efforts to raise additional financing on terms satisfactory to the Company.

#### **OTHER INFORMATION**

Additional information related to the Company is available for viewing on SEDAR at <a href="www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a> and at the Company's website at <a href="http://www.searchminerals.ca">http://www.searchminerals.ca</a>.

# **CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES INCLUDING INITIAL ADOPTION**

Certain pronouncements were issued by the IASB or the IFRS Interpretations Committee that are mandatory for accounting periods beginning before or on January 1, 2013.

The following new standards, amendments and interpretations that have been adopted for the Company's current fiscal year have not had a material impact on the Company:

- IFRS 10 "Consolidated Financial Statements"
- IFRS 11 "Joint Arrangements"
- IFRS 12 "Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities"
- IFRS 13 "Fair Value Measurement"
- IAS 1 "Presentation of Financial Statements" amendments