

CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

WEST VAULT MINING INC.

For the year ended December 31, 2022 (Expressed in Canadian dollars)

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Shareholders and the Board of Directors of West Vault Mining Inc.

Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of West Vault Mining Inc. (the "Company"), which comprise the consolidated statements of financial position as at December 31, 2022 and 2021, and the consolidated statements of loss, comprehensive (income) loss, changes in equity and cash flows for the years then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies (collectively referred to as the "financial statements").

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as at December 31, 2022 and 2021, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS").

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards ("Canadian GAAS"). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities* for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Key Audit Matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2022. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the consolidated financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

We have determined that there are no key audit matters to communicate in our auditor's report.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises Management's Discussion and Analysis.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

We obtained Management's Discussion and Analysis prior to the date of this auditor's report. If, based on the work we have performed on this other information, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact in this auditor's report. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with IFRS, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian GAAS, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Company to express an opinion on the financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with those charged with governance, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we

determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is Tim Holwill.

/s/ Deloitte LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants Vancouver, British Columbia April 20, 2023

West Vault Mining Inc. Consolidated Statements of Financial Position (Expressed in Canadian dollars)

		December 31,		December 31,
		2022		2021
Assets				
Current:				
Cash	\$	6,326,323	\$	7,145,088
Accounts receivable		16,045		10,264
Prepaid expenses and deposits		65,918		65,122
Total current assets		6,408,286		7,220,474
Non-current assets:				
Reclamation bonds (Note 3)		277,238		239,931
Mineral properties (Note 4)		47,161,725		43,463,304
Total assets	\$	53,847,249	\$	50,923,709
Liabilities and Equity				
Current:	.	400 770	Ф	405.405
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$	423,773	\$	185,465
Total current liabilities		423,773		185,465
Non-current liabilities:		0.000.050		0 202 757
Deferred revenue (Note 5) Share based liabilities		9,828,058 12,394		8,293,757
Reclamation provision		74,929		- 70,138
Total liabilities	\$	10,339,154	\$	8,549,360
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Equity:				
Share capital (Note 6)	\$	74,848,625	\$	74,729,995
Warrant reserve (Note 6)		-		310,748
Share based payment reserve (Note 6)		1,449,847		2,116,478
Foreign currency translation reserve		7,816,110		4,807,721
Deficit		(40,606,487)		(39,590,593
Total shareholders' equity	\$	43,508,095	\$	42,374,349
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$	53,847,249	\$	50,923,709
Commitments and contingencies (Note 12) Subsequent events (Note 14) The accompanying notes are an integral part of these	consolidated	financial statem	ents.	
Approved by the Board of Directors and authorized for	issue on Apr	l 20, 2023.		
/s/ Pierre Lebel		cila Costa Lima		
Director	Director	•		

Consolidated Statements of Loss and Comprehensive (Income) Loss

(Expressed in Canadian dollars)

		Year ended December 31, 2022		Year ended December 31, 2021
Expenses				
Salaries and benefits	\$	309,317	\$	284.540
Professional fees	Ψ	281,651	Ψ	204,383
Foreign exchange loss (gain)		177,348		(150,828)
Office and general		97,596		84,442
Filing and transfer agent fees		84,764		90,827
Shareholder relations		46,043		105,982
Travel		11,410		7,387
Consulting fees		7,360		176,000
Fees associated with deferred revenue		-,000		410,535
Accretion (Note 5)		929,692		679,209
Loss before finance and other income	\$	1,945,181	\$	1,892,477
Finance and Other Income				
Interest income		(123,376)		(6,074)
Net loss	\$	1,821,805	\$	1,886,403
Item that may be subsequently reclassified to net loss				
Exchange differences on translating				
foreign operations		(3,008,389)		336,174
Comprehensive (income) loss for the year	\$	(1,186,584)	\$	2,222,577
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Basic and diluted loss per share	\$	0.03	\$	0.03
Weighted average number of common shares				
outstanding Design and diluted		E0 400 740		E0 000 000
Basic and diluted		58,102,743		58,062,263

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

West Vault Mining Inc. Consolidated Statements of Changes in Equity (Expressed in Canadian dollars)

	Shar Number	e Ca	apital Amount	Warrant Reserve	Share Based Payment Reserve	Foreign Currency Translation Reserve	Deficit	Total
Balance December 31, 2020	57,989,630	\$	74,559,615	\$ 311,323	\$ 2,351,420	\$ 5,143,895	\$ (37,870,032)	\$ 44,496,221
Shares issued upon exercise of options	100,000		169,100	-	(69,100)	-	-	100,000
Share issuance - warrants	612		1,280	(575)	-	-	-	705
Expired stock options	-		-	-	(165,842)	-	165,842	-
Other comprehensive loss	-		-	-	-	(336,174)	-	(336,174)
Net loss	-		-	-	-	-	(1,886,403)	(1,886,403)
Balance December 31, 2021	58,090,242	\$	74,729,995	\$ 310,748	\$ 2,116,478	\$ 4,807,721	\$ (39,590,593)	\$ 42,374,349
Shares repurchased in normal course issuer bid	(275,000)		(272,736)	-	_	-	-	(272,736)
Share repurchase costs	_		(16,836)	-	-	-	-	(16,836)
Share issuance – warrants	127,595		266,672	(119,938)	-	-	-	146,734
Expired warrants	-		-	(190,810)	-	-	190,810	-
Share issuance – options	150,000		141,530	-	(51,530)	-	· <u>-</u>	90,000
Expired stock options	· -		-	-	(615,101)	-	615,101	-
Other comprehensive gain	-		-	-	-	3,008,389	-	3,008,389
Net loss	-		-	-	-	-	(1,821,805)	(1,821,805)
Balance December 31, 2022	58,092,837	\$	74,848,625	\$ -	\$ 1,449,847	\$ 7,816,110	\$ (40,606,487)	\$ 43,508,095

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

Consolidated Statements of Cash flows

(Expressed in Canadian dollars)

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West Vault Mining Inc. Notes to the consolidated financial statements Year ended December 31, 2022 and 2021

(Expressed in Canadian dollars)

1. Nature of Operations and Continuance of Operations

The Company is an exploration and development company working on mineral properties it has staked or acquired in Nevada. The Company's flagship project consists of the 100% owned Hasbrouck and Three Hills gold properties (together the "Hasbrouck Gold Project" and individually the "Hasbrouck Mine" and the "Three Hills Mine"). An updated pre-feasibility study and declaration of reserves was completed for the Hasbrouck Gold Project in January 2023. The Company defers all acquisition, exploration and development costs related to the properties on which it is conducting exploration and advancing development. The recoverability of these amounts depends upon the existence of economically recoverable reserves, the ability of the Company to obtain necessary permitting and financing, and future profitable production, or alternatively, upon the Company's ability to dispose of its interests on a profitable basis.

Currently, the Company is not generating revenue from the Hasbrouck Gold Project, and does not generate sufficient cash flows to support its operations. This condition calls into question the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. In addition, should the Company decide to develop the Hasbrouck Gold Project, the Company will need to raise additional financing. In response to the uncertainty caused by the lack of revenue and cash flows, the Company has taken several actions including actively monitoring cash flow forecasts and results, and what expenditures are required to maintain the Hasbrouck Gold Project. At year end, the Company had \$6.3 million of cash.

The Company has sufficient cash to fund its operations, working capital requirements and capital program for more than the next 12 months. As a result, after considering all relevant information, including its actions completed to date and its future plans, management has concluded that there is no material uncertainty related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt upon the Company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of 12 months from the consolidated statement of financial position date. The estimates used by management in reaching this conclusion are based on information available as of the date these financial statements were authorized for issuance and include internally generated cash flow forecasts. Accordingly, actual results could differ from these estimates and resulting variances may be material to management's assessment.

2. Significant Accounting Policies and Basis of Presentation

(a) Statement of Compliance

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting policies in full compliance with IFRS and were approved by the Board of Directors for distribution on April 20, 2023.

(b) Basis of Presentation

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis.

The accounting policies set out below have been applied consistently to all periods presented in these consolidated financial statements and have been applied consistently by the Company and its subsidiaries.

(c) Principles of Consolidation

These consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its wholly owned legal subsidiaries, WKM Corp, WKM (USA) Ltd. and Hasbrouck LLC. Control is achieved when the Company has power over the investee; is exposed, or has rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the investee; and has the ability to use its power to affect its returns. All material intercompany transactions, balances, revenues and expenses are eliminated on consolidation.

(d) Foreign Currency

Items included in the consolidated financial statements are measured in each entity's functional currency. Each entity's functional currency is determined by the primary environment the entity operates in. The

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functional currency of the Company's subsidiaries, WKM USA Ltd. and Hasbrouck LLC, is the United States Dollar ("USD") and the functional currency of WK Corp. and the ultimate parent company is the Canadian Dollar ("CAD").

The presentation currency of the Company is the CAD. For the purpose of presenting the financial statements, assets and liabilities of the Company's foreign subsidiaries are expressed in Canadian dollars using the closing rates at the date of the statement of financial position being presented. Revenue and expense items are translated at average exchange rates of the reporting period. The exchange differences that arise on translation are recognized as a component of other comprehensive income or loss and recorded in equity as "foreign currency translation reserve". Accumulated amounts in the foreign currency translation reserve will be recognized in profit or loss in the period when the foreign operation is disposed of.

Transactions in currencies which are not the entity's functional currency are translated to the functional currency at exchange rates at the date of the transaction. At each financial position reporting date, monetary assets and liabilities that are denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rates prevailing at the date of the statement of financial position. Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical costs in a foreign currency are not retranslated.

The following exchange rates were used when preparing these consolidated financial statements:

CAD/USD

Year-end rate: 1.3544 (Dec 31, 2021 – 1.2678) Year average rate: 1.3011 (Dec 31, 2021 – 1.2535)

(e) Exploration and Evaluation Expenditures

The Company is in the exploration stage with respect to its investment in mineral properties and accordingly follows the practice of capitalizing all costs relating to the acquisition of, exploration for, and development of mineral claims. Such costs include, but are not exclusive to, geological and geophysical studies, exploratory drilling and sampling. Capitalization of costs commences once the Company has obtained legal rights to explore a specific area. The aggregate costs related to abandoned mineral claims are charged to operations at the time of any abandonment or when it has been determined that there is evidence of impairment. An impairment charge relating to a mineral property is subsequently reversed when new exploration results or actual or potential proceeds on sale result in a revised estimate of the recoverable amount but only to the extent that this does not exceed the original carrying value of the property that would have resulted if no impairment had been recognized.

(g) Development and Production Costs

When technical feasibility and commercial viability of a property is established and the Company determines that it will proceed with development, all exploration and evaluation costs attributable to that area are reclassified to construction in progress within property and equipment or as intangible assets depending on the nature of the expenditure. If economically recoverable ore deposits are developed, the capitalized costs of the related property will be amortized using the unit-of-production method following the commencement of production.

(h) Impairment of Non-Financial Assets

Non-financial assets are reviewed each reporting period for any indicators that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. If any such indication is present, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine whether an impairment exists. Where the asset does not generate cash inflows that are independent from other assets, the Company estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. Goodwill, any intangible asset with an indefinite useful life or any intangible asset not yet available for use is tested for impairment annually and whenever there is an indication that the asset may be impaired.

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An asset or cash-generating unit's recoverable amount is the higher of fair value less costs to sell and value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash inflows are discounted to their present value, using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset for which estimates of future cash flows have not been adjusted.

If the recoverable amount of an asset or cash-generating unit is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount is reduced to the recoverable amount. Impairment is recognized immediately in profit or loss. Where an impairment subsequently reverses, the carrying amount is increased to the revised estimate of recoverable amount but only to the extent that this does not exceed the carrying value that would have been determined if no impairment had previously been recognized.

Industry specific indicators for an impairment review arise typically when one of the following circumstances applies:

- Substantive expenditure on further exploration and development activities is neither budgeted nor planned;
- Title to the asset is compromised;
- Adverse changes in commodity prices and markets; and
- Adverse variations in the exchange rate for the currency of operation.

(i) Share Capital

Common shares are classified as equity. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issuance of common shares and share options are recognized as a deduction from equity, net of any tax effects. The proceeds from the issuance of units are allocated between common shares and purchase warrants based on the relative fair value method. Under this method, the proceeds are allocated to the components in proportion to their relative fair values. The market price on the date of the issuance of the shares and the market price of the publicly traded warrants on their first day of trading are used to determine the relative fair values.

(i) Loss Per Share

Basic loss per share is calculated by dividing the loss attributable to common shareholders of the Company by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the year. Diluted loss per share is determined by adjusting the loss attributable to common shareholders and the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the effects of dilutive instruments such as options granted to employees. During the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021 all outstanding share options and warrants were anti-dilutive.

(k) Income Taxes

Income tax expense comprises current and deferred income taxes. Income tax expense is recognized in profit and loss except to the extent that it relates to items recognized directly in equity or other comprehensive income, in which case it is recognized in equity or other comprehensive income.

Current tax is the expected tax payable on the taxable income for the year, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date, and any adjustment to tax payable in respect of previous years.

Deferred taxes are recorded using the liability method. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for future tax consequences attributable to unused tax losses and unused tax credits and differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases. Temporary differences are not provided for i) the initial recognition of assets or liabilities in a transaction that affects neither accounting nor taxable loss and is not a business combination, and ii) differences relating to investments in subsidiaries to the extent that they will probably not reverse in the foreseeable future. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using the enacted or substantively enacted tax rates expected to apply when the asset is realized, or the liability settled.

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A deferred tax asset is recognized to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which the unused tax losses and unused tax credits and temporary differences can be utilized.

(I) Restoration, Rehabilitation and Environmental Obligations

An obligation to incur restoration, rehabilitation and environmental costs arises when the environmental disturbance is caused by the exploration or development of a mineral property interest. Such costs arising from the decommissioning of plant and other site preparation work, discounted to their net present value, are provided for and capitalized at the start of each project to the carrying amount of the asset, along with a corresponding liability as soon as the obligation to incur such costs arises. The timing of the actual rehabilitation expenditure is dependent on a number of factors such as the life and nature of the asset, the operation license conditions and, when applicable, the environment in which the mine operates.

Discount rates using a pre-tax rate that reflects the time value of money are used to calculate the net present value. The capitalized costs are charged against profit or loss over the economic life of the related asset, through amortization using the unit-of-production method. The corresponding liability is progressively increased as the effect of discounting unwinds creating an expense in profit or loss.

Decommissioning costs are also adjusted for changes in estimates. Those adjustments are accounted for as a change in the corresponding capitalized cost, except where a reduction in costs is greater than the unamortized capitalized cost of the related assets, in which case the capitalized cost is reduced to nil and the remaining adjustment is recognized in profit or loss.

The operations of the Company have been, and may in the future be, affected from time to time in varying degrees by changes in environmental regulations, including those for site restoration costs. Both the likelihood of new regulations and their overall effect upon the Company are not predictable.

(m) Deferred Revenue

The Company recognized deferred revenue when it received payments from customers in consideration for future commitments to deliver metals and before such sale meets the criteria for revenue recognition. The Company will recognize amounts in revenue as the metals are delivered to the customer. Specifically, for the metal agreement entered into with Sprott (see Note 5), the Company will determine the amortization of deferred revenue to the consolidated statement of income (loss) on a per unit basis using the estimated total quantity of metal expected to be delivered to Sprott over the term of the mine life of the Company's potential future production.

There is a significant financing component associated with the Sprott Stream as funds were received in advance of the delivery of concentrate. When a significant financing component is recognized, finance expense will be higher and revenues will be higher as the larger deferred revenue balance is amortized to revenue.

(n) Measurement Uncertainties

i) Resource estimates

The Company relies on appropriately qualified persons to estimate mineral resources. The information relating to the geological data on the size, depth and shape of the ore body requires complex geological judgments to interpret the data. Changes in the indicated and inferred mineral resources estimates may impact the carrying value of the mining properties.

ii) Impairment of mineral properties

The Company assesses its mineral properties quarterly to determine whether any indication of impairment exists. Where an indicator of impairment exists, a formal estimate of the recoverable amount is made, which is considered to be the higher of the fair value less costs to sell and value in use. These

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assessments require the use of estimates and assumptions such as long-term commodity prices, discount rates, future capital requirements, exploration potential and operating performance.

iii) Environmental reclamation

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

(o) Significant Accounting Judgments

Critical judgments made by management in the process of applying the Company's accounting policies that have the most significant effect on amounts recognized in the Company's consolidated financial statements, apart from those involving estimations (see Note 2(n)), are those related to the economic recoverability of mineral property deferred costs, the determination of functional currency for the Company and its subsidiaries, and the assumption that the Company will continue as a going concern.

(p) Adoption of new and revised Standards and Interpretations

The Company did not adopt any new amendments to IFRS in the year ended December 31, 2022. Several new accounting standards and amendments to standards and interpretations, have been issued but are not yet effective for the year ended December 31, 2022. These new standards and amendments to standards, which were not early adopted, are not considered by management to be significant or likely to have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

3. Reclamation Bonds

The Company's US subsidiaries, WK-Allied Hasbrouck LLC and WK Mining (USA) Ltd ("WKM USA") have posted total statewide bonds of \$269,892 (December 31, 2021 - \$233,065) to the Bureau of Land Management ("BLM"), while WKM USA has also posted a bond to the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining of Utah ("DOGM") for disturbance of ground required to complete exploration work on the formerly held TUG property for \$7,346 (December 31, 2021 - \$6,866).

Bond amounts posted with DOGM are expected to be returned to the Company once reclaimed areas at TUG are inspected and approved.

4. Mineral Properties

The Company's flagship project is the Hasbrouck Gold Project. The Company purchased 75% of the Hasbrouck Gold Project in April 2014, with the remaining 25% purchased August 13, 2020 (see details on both transactions below). Since acquiring 75% of the project in 2014 the Company has been the project operator. All costs incurred by all parties on the Hasbrouck Gold Project and Hill of Gold are included in the table below:

Balance December 31, 2020	\$ 42,582,991
Acquisition Hill of Gold (see below) Permitting Salaries and Wages Land Holding Costs Other	314,087 184,189 246,751 271,633 44,260
Foreign Exchange Movement	(180,607)

Notes to the consolidated financial statements

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Balance December 31, 2021	\$ 43,463,304
Prefeasibility Update Costs	214,523
Permit Holding	33,267
Salaries and Wages	150,413
Land Holding Costs	267,738
Other	60,828
Foreign Exchange Movement	2,971,652
Balance December 31, 2022	47,161,725

Hasbrouck Gold Project

The Hasbrouck Gold Project consists of the Three Hills Mine and the Hasbrouck Mine. As per the 2023 prefeasibility study on the Hasbrouck Gold Project, the Three Hills Mine is scheduled to commence construction three years prior to the Hasbrouck Mine. Federal permits for the Three Hills Mine were obtained in 2015 and on November 4, 2020 the Company obtained the federal mining permit to operate the Hasbrouck Mine. The Company acquired a 100% interest in the Hasbrouck Gold Project by way of two transactions as described below.

75% Acquisition – 2014

On January 24, 2014, the Company signed a purchase agreement (the "Hasbrouck PA") with Allied Nevada Gold Corp. ("ANV") to acquire a 75% interest in ANV's Hasbrouck Project. The Company made a non-refundable US\$500,000 cash deposit upon execution of the letter agreement and an additional US\$19.5 million payment on April 23, 2014 at which time the Company's purchase was completed.

25% Acquisition – 2020

On August 13, 2020, the Company closed a sale and purchase agreement with Clover Nevada LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Waterton Precious Metals Fund II Cayman LP ("Waterton"), whereby the Company consolidated 100% ownership of the Hasbrouck Project. To acquire Waterton's 25% interest in the Hasbrouck Project, the Company paid Waterton US\$10 million in cash and issued 1.0 million common shares worth \$1.3 million based on the share price at the time of issuance.

Sprott Stream Transaction - 2021

On March 1, 2021, the Company announced the closing of a gold and silver Purchase and Sale Agreement (the "Stream Agreement") with Sprott Private Resource Streaming and Royalty Corp ("Sprott") for 1.41% of all the refined gold and silver to be produced over the life of mine from the Hasbrouck Gold Project.

In consideration of the Stream Agreement, Sprott has paid the Company an advance purchase deposit of US\$6.0 million (\$7.6 million at March 1, 2021 exchange rate) and is to advance an additional deposit of US\$1.0 million within 10 days of the Company announcing a Board approved construction decision for the Hasbrouck Project. Sprott may then elect to include the Hill of Gold property to the Stream Agreement by advancing a final deposit of US\$300,000 within 60 days following payment of the additional US\$1.0 million deposit.

A cash transfer price payable upon delivery of refined gold and silver to Sprott has been set at 20% of the market value per ounce of metal, as quoted by the London Bullion Market Association on the date of delivery. The balance of the market value per ounce will be applied as a credit against the advance cash deposits by Sprott until the advances are fully utilized. Thereafter the price paid to the Company for the metals delivered will be 20% of the market value thereof.

Other Properties related to the Hasbrouck Gold Project

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Hill of Gold Property

In November 2016, the Company signed a ten-year Mineral Lease and Option to Purchase Agreement (the "HOG Lease") with the option to purchase a 100% interest in the Hill of Gold property for US\$500,000 located midway between the Three Hills Mine and the Hasbrouck Mine. The HOG Lease covered 25 mining claims on approximately 500 acres of unpatented land and is a possible source of heap leach ore to augment potential production at the Three Hills Mine.

On February 2, 2021, the Company announced the purchase of the Hill of Gold property in exchange for a one-time payment of US\$250,000, thereby extinguishing the pre-existing HOG Lease and related advance 2% NSR royalty payments.

In December 2021, the Company announced the receipt of a federal permit which allows mineralized material to be mined at the Hill of Gold satellite project and hauled 2.5 miles for processing at the Three Hills Mine.

Hasbrouck 1.1% NSR Royalty

In May 2017, the Company purchased an existing 1.1% NSR royalty (the "1.1% NSR Royalty") on the Hasbrouck Project from Newmont Corporation, and acquired the rights to US\$1.0 million in payments due upon commercial production at the Hasbrouck Project. The Company traded its former TUG property for this royalty. The 1.1% NSR Royalty is a component of the approximate total 3.5% NSR royalty existing on the property.

5. Deferred Revenue

On February 22, 2021, the Company entered a gold and silver stream with Sprott whereby Sprott made an upfront cash payment of US\$6 million (C\$7.6 million at February 22, 2021) pursuant to which the Company would deliver to Sprott 1.41% of all the gold and silver produced for the life of mine from the Hasbrouck Gold Project. Under the terms of the agreement, Sprott would also pay the Company a further US\$1 million within 10 days of the Company announcing a Board approved construction decision for the Hasbrouck Gold Project.

The upfront payment for the stream has been accounted for as deferred revenue as the agreement would be satisfied through the delivery of non-financial items (i.e., gold and silver from the Company's production) rather than cash or financial assets. The drawdown of the deferred revenue would be credited to future sales in the corresponding period. The Company recognizes interest expense at each reporting period and adjusts the deferred revenue balance to recognize the financing element that is part of the streaming agreement.

Balance December 31, 2020	\$ -
Deferred net revenue proceeds	7,606,800
Accretion	679,209
Foreign exchange	7,748
Balance December 31, 2021	\$ 8,293,757
Accretion	929,692
Foreign exchange	604,609
Balance December 31, 2022	9,828,058

6. Share Capital

The authorized share capital consists of an unlimited number of common shares without par value. At December 31, 2022 the Company had 58,092,837 shares outstanding, (December 31, 2021 – 58,090,242).

Fiscal 2022

During the year ended December 31, 2022 the Company commenced a normal course issuer bid to purchase up to 2,904,512 shares over a period of twelve months commencing on April 10, 2022. During the year

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ended December 31, 2022 the Company purchased 275,000 shares at an average price of C\$0.99 per share. Costs incurred related to these share repurchases amounted to \$16,836.

During the year ended December 31, 2022 the Company issued 127,595 shares upon the exercise of 127,595 warrants for gross proceeds of \$146,734 to the Company.

During the year ended December 31, 2022, the Company issued 150,000 shares upon the exercise of 150,000 stock options for gross proceeds of \$90,000 to the Company.

Fiscal 2021

During the year ended December 31, 2021 the Company issued 612 shares upon the exercise of 612 warrants for gross proceeds of \$705 received by the Company.

During the year ended December 31, 2021 the Company issued 100,000 shares upon the exercise of 100,000 share options for gross proceeds of \$100,000 received by the Company.

Warrant reserve

In connection with the 2020 brokered private placement the Company issued 331,200 warrants to brokers connected with the financing. Each warrant was exercisable for one common share at a price of \$1.15 until August 14, 2022. A fair value of \$311,323 was attributed to these warrants by using the Black Scholes pricing model using the following weighted average assumptions:

Expected life	2.0 years
Risk-free interest rate	0.28%
Expected volatility	121%
Expected dividends	-
Weighted average fair value of warrant granted	\$0.94

	Number		Value
December 31, 2020	331,200	\$	311,323
Exercised	(612)		(575)
December 31, 2021	330,588	\$	310,748
Exercised	(127,595)	(119,938)
Expired	(202,993)	(190,810)
December 31, 2022	-	\$	-

On August 14, 2022, the remaining 202,993 outstanding warrants expired.

Share based payment reserve

The Company's shareholders approved a new share compensation plan (the "SCP") on June 23, 2022 at the Company's 2022 annual general meeting (the "2022 AGM"). The SCP will govern all future grants of restricted share units (the "RSUs") to officers and certain employees of the Company and the grant of options to purchase common shares (the "Options") to directors, officers, employees and consultants. Each RSU represents the right to receive one Company common share following the attainment of vesting criteria determined at the time of the award. RSUs vest over a three-year period.

The SCP is a 10% "rolling" plan pursuant to which the number of common shares which may be issuable pursuant to RSUs and Options, together with those common shares issuable pursuant to any other security-based compensation arrangements of the Company, including Options issued under the Company's preceding stock option plan, is a maximum of 10% of the issued and outstanding common shares at the time of the grant.

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The following table summarizes the Company's outstanding share options:

Exercise Price	Number Outstanding at December 31, 2022	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life (Years)	Number Exercisable at December 31, 2022
\$1.50	1,210,000	2.64	1,210,000
\$0.60	447,500	0.28	447,500
	1,657,500	2.00	1,657,500

The weighted average remaining contractual life of options outstanding at December 31, 2022 is 2.00 years.

During the year ended December 31, 2022, 345,000 options expired unexercised, and 385,000 options were cancelled.

The following table summarizes the Company's share-based payment reserve:

Balance December 31, 2020	\$ 2,351,420
Share options exercised	(69,100)
Share options expired	(165,842)
Balance December 31, 2021	\$ 2,116,478
Share options exercised	(51,530)
Share options expired	(228,168)
Share options cancelled	(386,933)
Balance December 31, 2022	\$ 1,449,847

The following table summarizes the weighted average exercise price of the Company's stock options:

	Number	Weighted average exercise price
December 31, 2020	2,877,500	\$1.20
Exercised	(100,000)	\$1.00
Cancelled	(240,000)	\$1.00
December 31, 2021	2,537,500	\$1.22
Exercised	(150,000)	\$0.60
Expired	(345,000)	\$1.10
Cancelled	(385,000)	\$1.42
December 31, 2022	1,657,500	\$1.26

The weighted average exercise price for the outstanding and exercisable share purchase options at December 31, 2022 is \$1.26. The weighted average price of the Company's shares when share options were exercised was \$0.90 (December 31, 2021 - \$1.15).

Deferred share units

The Company's Board of Directors approved a deferred share unit ("DSU") plan (the "DSU Plan") for non-executive directors concurrent with the approval of the share compensation plan. Eligible directors may, under the DSU Plan, elect in 10% increments to convert a minimum of 20% up to a maximum of 100%, of his or her future board fees into DSUs in lieu of being paid such fees in cash. Each DSU has the same value as one Company common share, calculated at market price at the time of grant. DSUs must be retained until the director leaves the Board of Directors, at which time the DSUs are redeemed.

At December 31, 2022, a total of 14,084 DSUs were issued and outstanding. During the year ended December 31, 2022, \$12,505 was recorded in salaries and benefits (December 31, 2021 - \$Nil) in relation to DSUs issued in lieu of director fees while \$76,616 was accrued or expensed for director fees paid in cash.

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Restricted share units

There were no RSUs issued during the year ended December 31, 2022.

7. Reclamation Provision

The reclamation provision represents the estimated costs required to provide adequate restoration and rehabilitation of drilling activities in Nevada and Utah. The Company measures the reclamation costs at fair value, which is based on the net present value of future cash expenditures upon reclamation of drilling sites and related lands. Reclamation costs are capitalized to mineral properties and will be amortized over the life of the related mine once the mine commences commercial production.

At December 31, 2022, the provision of \$74,929 (2021 - \$70,138) for reclamation cost obligations has been adjusted to reflect risk and foreign exchange. The estimate has been discounted at its present value at a rate of approximately 3.99% per annum (2021 – 1.26%) being an estimate of the long-term, risk-free, pretax cost of borrowing. The undiscounted balance of the reclamation provision is \$60,948 (2021 - \$57,051) and is expected to be incurred between 2028 and 2032.

8. Capital Risk Management

The Company's objectives in managing its liquidity and capital are to safeguard the Company's ability to continue as a going concern and to provide financial capacity to meet its strategic objectives. The capital structure of the Company consists of equity attributable to common shareholders, comprised of issued share capital, reserves and accumulated deficit.

The Company manages the capital structure and adjusts it in light of changes in economic conditions and the risk characteristics of the underlying assets. To maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Company may attempt to issue new shares, issue new debt and acquire or dispose of mineral rights.

As at December 31, 2022, the Company does not have any long-term debt and is not subject to any externally imposed capital requirements.

9. Financial Risk Management

The Company examines the various financial instrument risks to which it is exposed and assesses the impact and likelihood of those risks.

(a) Fair Value

As at December 31, 2022, the Company's financial instruments consist of cash, accounts receivable, reclamation bonds, accounts payable and accrued liabilities. The fair values of accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities approximate their carrying values due to the short-term nature of these instruments and the fair value of the reclamation bonds approximates their fair value due to the fact they earn interest at rates approximating market rates.

(b) Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The Company is exposed to the short-term interest rates through the interest earned on cash balances; however, management does not believe this exposure is significant.

(c) Credit Risk

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Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the Company if a customer fails to meet its contractual obligations. The Company is exposed to credit risk through its cash, which is held in large Canadian financial institutions and accounts receivable. The Company believes this credit risk is insignificant.

(d) Foreign Currency Risk

Foreign currency risk is the risk that the fair value of financial instruments or future cash flows will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates. The Company operates in Canada and the United States and is therefore exposed to foreign currency risk arising from transactions denominated in U.S. dollars. Certain amounts of the Company's accounts payable and accrued liabilities are denominated in U.S. dollars. A 10% change in the exchange rate between the Canadian dollar and United States dollar would influence the loss before income taxes as at December 31, 2022 of approximately \$8,400, (December 31, 2021 \$89,511). The Company monitors its net exposure to foreign currency fluctuations and adjusts its cash held in U.S. dollars accordingly. The following table lists the Canadian dollar equivalent of financial instruments and other current assets denominated in U.S. dollars as of December 31, 2022:

	Decem	ber 31, 2022	December 31, 2021		
Cash	\$	6,310,187	\$	7,146,358	
Prepaid expenses and other	•	47,269	Ψ	31,315	
Reclamation bond		277,238		239,931	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		123,083		18,957	

(e) Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The Company manages liquidity risk through the management of its capital structure.

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities are due within the current operation period.

10. Segmented Information

The Company operates in one segment being the exploration and development of mineral properties in Nevada. The Company operates in two geographical areas being Nevada, USA and Canada. All of the Company's non-current assets are held in Nevada.

As at December 31, 2022	Canada	United States	Total
Current Assets	\$ 6,237,624	\$ 170,662	\$ 6,408,286
Mineral Properties	-	47,161,725	47,161,725
Reclamation Bonds	-	277,238	277,238
Total Assets	6,237,624	47,609,625	53,847,249
Accounts Payable and accrued liabilities	300,692	123,081	423,773
Net loss	1,737,804	84,001	1,821,805

As at December 31, 2021	Canada	United States	Total
Current Assets	\$ 7,161,172	\$ 59,302	\$ 7,220,474
Mineral Properties	-	43,463,304	43,463,304
Reclamation Bonds	-	239,931	239,931
Total Assets	7,161,172	43,762,537	50,923,709
Accounts Payable and accrued liabilities	166,512	18,953	185,465
Net loss	1,445,642	440,460	1,886,403

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11. Related Party Transactions

The Company paid remuneration for the following items with companies related by way of directors in common:

	Year ended December 31, 2022	Year ended December 31, 2021
General Administration	\$ 24,000	\$ 24,000
Accounting fees Rent	48,000 25,128	48,000 25,128
Directors Fees	89,121	87,068
Total Related Party Transactions	\$ 186,249	\$ 184,196

For the year ended December 31, 2022, the Company accrued and paid Platinum Group Metals Ltd., a company related by virtue of a common officer, (i) \$24,000 (December 31, 2021 - \$24,000) for day-to-day administration, reception and secretarial services, (ii) \$48,000 (December 31, 2021 - \$48,000) for accounting services, and (iii) \$25,128 (December 31, 2021 - \$25,128) for rent. Amounts payable at year end include an amount of \$9,175 payable to Platinum Group Metals Ltd. (December 31, 2021 - \$9,188).

These transactions are in the normal course of operations and are measured at the exchange amount established and agreed to by the parties.

12. Commitments and Contingencies

For details of the Company's mineral property acquisitions and optional expenditure commitments, see Note 4. Apart from ongoing annual mineral property and permit maintenance fees, the Company currently has no other identified mineral property optional commitments or contingencies.

13. Deferred Taxes

Income tax expense reported differs from the amount computed by applying the combined Canadian federal and provincial income tax rates, applicable to West Vault Mining Inc., to the loss before the tax provision due to the following:

	2022	2021
Net loss before income taxes	\$ (1,821,805) \$	(1,886,403)
Canadian federal and provincial income tax rates	27%	27%
Income tax expense based on Canadian federal and		
provincial income tax rates	(491,887)	(509,329)
Increase (decrease) attributable to:		
Non-deductible expenses	415,490	183,334
Changes in unrecognized deferred tax assets	106,858	290,853
Effects of different statutory tax rates on earnings of		
subsidiaries	5,040	26,446
Effect of foreign currency exchange rate change	(81,541)	8,794
Other	46,040	572
Income tax recovery	\$ - \$	-

The significant components of the Company's deferred tax assets and liabilities are as follows:

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	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021
Deferred tax assets		
Non-capital and net operating loss carry forwards	\$ 3,410,157	\$ 3,051,148
Total deferred tax assets	3,410,157	3,051,148
Deferred tax liabilities		
Mineral properties	\$ (3,410,157)	\$ (3,051,148)
Total deferred tax liabilities	(3,410,157)	(3,051,148)
Net deferred taxes	\$ -	\$ -

Unrecognized deductible temporary differences, unused tax losses, and unused tax credits are attributable to the following:

	2022	2021
Non-capital and net operating loss carry forwards ¹	\$ 34,869,445	\$ 32,537,560
Share issuance costs	390,866	613,537
Mineral properties	1,771,919	1,771,919
Pre-production investment tax credits	86,537	86,537
Tax value of property and equipment in excess of book	150,484	150,484
Other temporary differences	184,985	184,985
	\$ 37,454,236	\$ 35,435,022

¹The unrecognized tax losses and investment tax credits will begin to expire in 2029.

14. Subsequent Events

- (i) January 18, 2023 the Company announced it had acquired a second water right for the Hasbrouck Gold Project. A one-time fee of US\$68,000 was paid along with a fee payable annually in advance of US\$12,000.
- (ii) January 23, 2023 the Company announced the results of an independent NI 43-101 Pre-Feasibility Study on the Hasbrouck Gold Project. The Pre-Feasibility Study was filed on SEDAR on March 8, 2023.
- (iii) Subsequent to year end, the Company purchased and cancelled a further 60,000 shares at an average price of \$0.90 per common share bringing the total shares purchased under the NCIB to 335,000 at an average price of \$0.98 per common share for a total cash consideration of \$326,735. On April 11, 2023, the Company renewed its NCIB until April 10, 2024. No shares have been repurchased under the renewed NCIB.