



Interim Management's Discussion and Analysis – Quarterly Highlights For the three months ended March 31, 2022

INTRODUCTION

This interim management's discussion and analysis ("Interim MD&A") of Volcanic Gold Mines Inc. (the "Company") is the responsibility of management and covers the period ended March 31, 2022. The Interim MD&A takes into account information available up to and including May 26, 2022 and should be read together with the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements and accompanying notes for the period ended March 31, 2022 and the audited annual consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes for the year ended December 31, 2021 which are available on the SEDAR website at www.sedar.com.

All financial information in this document is prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and presented in Canadian dollars unless otherwise indicated. Additional information related to the Company is available for viewing on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION

This Interim MD&A contains certain statements which constitute forward-looking information within the meaning of applicable Canadian securities legislation ("Forward-looking Statements"). All statements included herein, other than statements of historical fact, are Forward-looking Statements and are subject to a variety of known and unknown risks and uncertainties which could cause actual events or results to differ materially from those reflected in the Forward-looking Statements. The Forward-looking Statements in this Interim MD&A include, without limitation, statements relating to:

- the Company's planned exploration activities;
- the intended use of proceeds received from past and possible future financing activities;
- the sufficiency of the Company's cash position and its ability to raise equity capital or access debt facilities; and
- maturities of the Company's financial liabilities or other contractual commitments.

Often, but not always, these Forward-looking Statements can be identified by the use of words such as "anticipates", "believes", "plans", "estimates", "expects", "forecasts", "scheduled", "targets", "possible", "strategy", "potential", "intends", "advance", "goal", "objective", "projects", "budget", "calculates" or statements that events, "will", "may", "could" or "should" occur or be achieved and similar expressions, including negative variations.

Forward-looking Statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of the Company to be materially different from any results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the Forward-looking Statements. Such uncertainties and factors include, among others:

- risks associated with mineral exploration and project development;
- fluctuations in commodity prices;
- fluctuations in foreign exchange rates and interest rates;
- credit and liquidity risks;

- changes in national and local government legislation, taxation, controls, regulations and political or economic developments in countries in which the Company does or may carry on business;
- reliance on key personnel;
- property title matters;
- local community relationships;
- risks associated with potential legal claims generally or with respect to environmental matters;
- adequacy of insurance coverage;
- dilution from further equity financing;
- competition;
- uncertainties relating to general economic conditions; and
- risks relating to a global pandemic, including the coronavirus COVID-19, which could result in government imposed restrictions that could cause a slowdown in global economic growth and impact the Company's business, operations, financial condition and share price;

as well as those factors referred to in the "Risks and Uncertainties" section in this Interim MD&A.

Forward-looking Statements contained in this Interim MD&A are based on the assumptions, beliefs, expectations and opinions of management, including but not limited to:

- all required third party contractual, regulatory and governmental approvals will be obtained for the exploration and development of the Company's properties;
- there being no significant disruptions affecting operations, whether relating to labor, supply, power, damage to equipment or other matter;
- permitting, exploration and development activities proceeding on a basis consistent with the Company's current expectations;
- expected trends and specific assumptions regarding commodity prices and currency exchange rates; and
- prices for and availability of fuel, electricity, equipment and other key supplies remaining consistent with current levels.

These Forward-looking Statements are made as of the date hereof and the Company disclaims any obligation to update any Forward-looking Statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or results or otherwise, except as required by law. There can be no assurance that Forward-looking Statements will prove to be accurate, as actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such statements. Accordingly, investors should not place undue reliance on Forward-looking Statements.

DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS

The Company's business is the acquisition and exploration of mineral properties, focused on building multi-million ounce gold and silver resources in under-explored countries. In May 2020, the Company was granted an exclusive option to acquire a 60% interest in the Holly and Banderas gold-silver properties in Guatemala – see "Property Review" below.

Financings

On July 27, 2020, the Company completed a non-brokered private placement (the "July Financing") by issuing 20,000,000 units at \$0.25 per unit, for gross proceeds of \$5.0 million. Each unit consists of one common share in the capital of the Company and one-half of one common share purchase warrant. Each whole warrant entitles the holder to purchase one common share at a price of \$0.30 for a period of two years from the closing date. With an investment of approximately \$1.42 million in the July Financing, Silvercorp Metals Inc. ("Silvercorp") acquired beneficial ownership of 19.9% of the Company's issued and outstanding common shares.

Net proceeds from the July Financing were used for exploration work on the Holly and Banderas properties located in Guatemala (see Property Review below), and for general working capital purposes.

On October 20, 2020, the Company completed a bought-deal public financing (the "Offering"), and a concurrent private placement (the "Concurrent Private Placement"), for aggregate gross proceeds of approximately \$8.6 million (the "October Financings"). Pursuant to the Offering, the Company issued 12,546,500 units at a price of \$0.55 per unit for aggregate gross proceeds of \$6,900,575. Pursuant to the exercise by Silvercorp of a participation right to maintain its 19.9% interest in the Company, the Company completed the Concurrent Private Placement with the issuance of 3,117,100 units to Silvercorp at \$0.55 per unit for gross proceeds of \$1,714,405. Each unit in the October Financings consists of one common share in the capital of the Company and one-half of a warrant. Each whole warrant entitles the holder thereof to purchase one common share at a price of \$0.70 until April 20, 2022.

Net proceeds from the October Financings are intended and continue to be used for the exploration and advancement of the Company's principal assets in Guatemala and for general working capital purposes.

In April 2022, the Company extended the expiry date of 6,273,250 unexercised warrants issued in the Offering and 1,558,550 unexercised warrants issued in the Concurrent Private Placement, from April 20, 2022 to April 20, 2023.

Property Review

Holly and Banderas Properties, Guatemala

In May 2020, the Company signed an agreement whereby it was granted by Radius Gold Inc. ("Radius") the exclusive option (the "Option") to acquire a 60% interest in the Holly and Banderas gold-silver properties in Guatemala. The Company may exercise the Option by raising a minimum \$3.0 million (completed on July 27, 2020) and spending US\$7.0 million on exploration of the Properties within 48 months from the date drilling permits for the properties are granted (granted in March 2021). First year requirements of incurring at least US\$1.0 million on exploration, including carrying out a minimum 3,000 metres of drilling, have been completed by the Company. The Company also made a cash payment to Radius of \$100,000. Upon exercise of the Option, the Company will enter into a standard 60/40 joint venture with Radius in order to further develop the properties.

The Company also has the exclusive right for 24 months following the execution of the Option to evaluate the other property interests of Radius in eastern Guatemala and to enter into an agreement to acquire an interest in any of such other properties on reasonable mutually agreed upon terms.

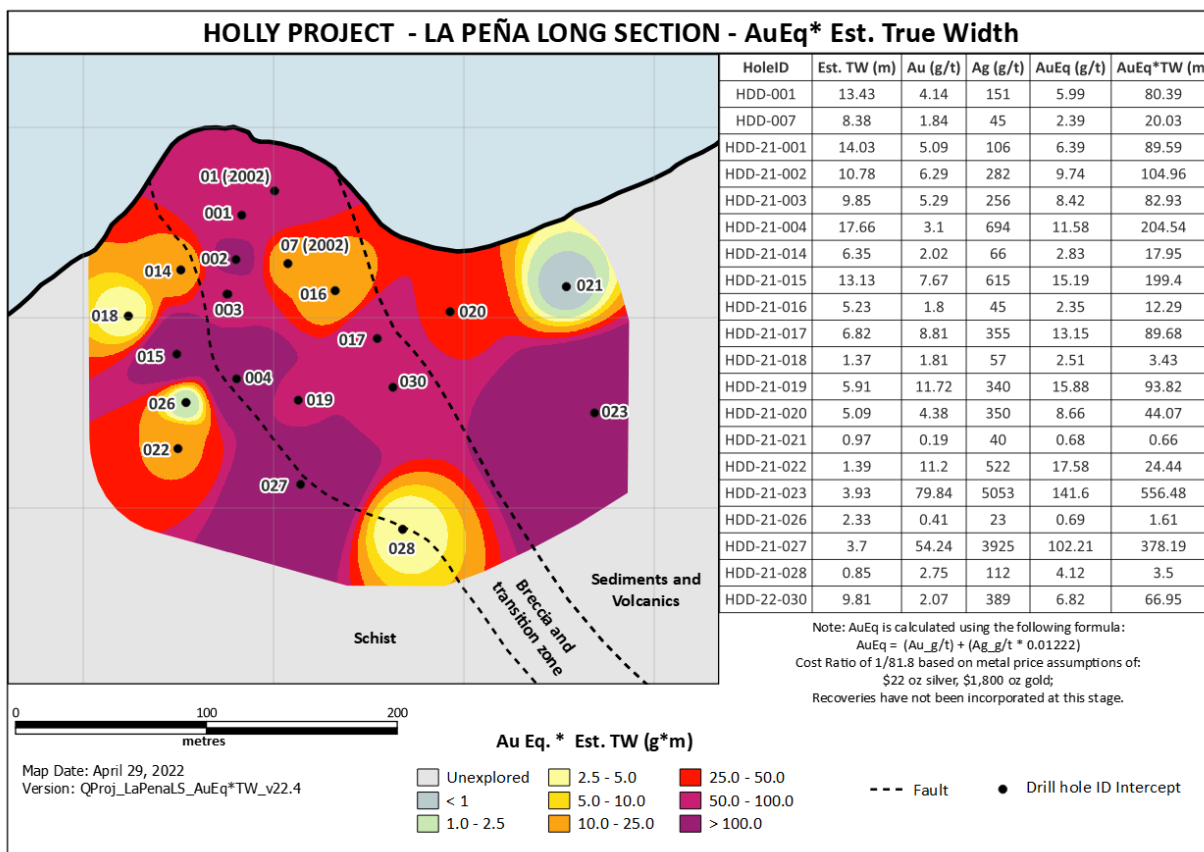
Holly Property

In April 2021, the Company commenced a 3,000 metre diamond core drilling program at Holly, with the emphasis on exploring for high grade shoots associated with the intersection of the Jocotan Fault Zone and the NW-SE trending high grade vein systems, El Pino and La Peña. To date, complete results have been received from the initial 30 diamond drill holes completed on the La Peña target and the El Pino and Alpha structures. Highlights include:

- 30 holes completed to date testing three distinct vein sets cutting the Jocotan fault zone.
- Drilling cuts high grade gold and silver at La Peña and confirms vein orientations.
- Recent high-grade intercepts demonstrate continuity within the La Peña vein system.

Drilling at Holly focused on extending the La Peña high-grade system at depth and along strike with a goal of establishing a significant high-grade resource and improving understanding of the controls on high-grade mineralization. The La Peña vein remains open in all directions. Several holes also cut high grade gold in the Amber vein and Pino target at a shallow depth. The Amber vein, Pino veins, Alpha vein and Jocotan splay targets all have significant potential and will be tested in future drill programs.

Figure 1: Holly Project: La Peña target long section with assay results table.



Current Status

Field crews have continued detailed mapping and sampling at Holly project. This work has identified new drill targets on play structures of the Jocotan fault where two large zones of mineralized breccia have been mapped and are coincident with high grade soil and rock chip results. The Company plans systematic drill testing of these new targets including the Jocotan splay faults and to continue testing the extensions, both strike and dip, of La Peña vein system.

Assays are still pending on some additional sample for drill hole HDD-21-026 and the samples from the detailed rock chip sampling of the Jocotan splay targets.

On February 24, 2022, the Company reported that a violent attack had occurred at the Holly project, significantly damaging the drill rig and equipment. No one was injured. In the latter part of 2021 and the first months of this year, a small group of individuals from the area have been aggressively spreading misinformation about our activities and the effects they say mining can have in the region. The main communities covering the Holly project area have expressed their support of the project and the Company has access agreements with community development councils and private landowners.

Despite significant effort, the anti-mining group has been unable to gain wide community support or legally halt the project. During the last 6 months approximately 70% of local residents (approximately 1,000 people) have attended Company informative tours of the project site and core shed, keeping people educated about mining and informed of the Company’s activities which employ many people, gaining general support for the project. Unfortunately, a small group has resorted to violent means to further their cause.

The Radius / Volcanic team has also been making good progress working with Central and Local governments. The Presidential Commission for Peace and Human Rights has held the first of a number of planned coordination meetings with

institutions and authorities at the national, departmental, and municipal levels regarding the February incident at Holly and to address concerns of the small minority. From these meetings it is clear that the Central government and Departmental government of Chiquimula support the Holly project and will work with the Company to regain the social license. The Company looks forward to a resolution of the issues and a resumption of work at the project and corresponding news flow.

The gold and silver discovery made at Holly is significant. It is a high-grade vein deposit that could be mined from underground, causing very little surface disruption. It will not require a processing plant as in the near future there will likely be two mills in operation within trucking distance. The Company is in the process of concluding an inferred resource calculation and from that we will generate an approximate value of the deposit that has been discovered to date. Further, the deposit is open in all directions. We will continue to move forward at a pace that will protect the investment we have made and the value we have created.

Future Work

The Company is working on a maiden resource calculation and may follow that with a preliminary economic analysis aimed to show that the high-grade La Pena vein deposit could be mined from underground, causing minimal surface disruption. It is envisaged that trucking of high-grade ore to a nearby mill could minimise on-site processing and associated costs and impacts. The strategy is to calculate an approximate value of the deposit and potential income and be able to offer concrete benefits and much needed long term employment opportunities to the local communities. The Company expects the Holly project can grow significantly through exploration, but at this time it is important to define clearly the opportunity and potential impact of the project to all stakeholders. We plan to establish significant value at Holly for all the stakeholders.

Elsewhere in Guatemala, the Company is actively reviewing the land position it optioned from Radius in June 2020. Several areas of significant promise have been identified and Volcanic is in the process of getting those concessions granted and drill permitted.

Banderas Property

In March 2021, results were announced from the Company's continuing exploration program at the Banderas Property. Highlights of the results are:

- Pyramid Hill vein systems extended for over 1,800 metres along strike. Mapping and sampling defined a NW/SE broad zone of stockwork and brecciation hosting multiple quartz veins of up to 3 metres width with both shallow and vertical dips. Rock chip and sub crop sampling returned grades up to 6.2 g/t Au and 273 g/t Ag.
- Zapote mineralization identified 1,500 metres along strike to the southeast beyond extensive cover, returning up to 2.7 g/t Au and 14.7 g/t Ag from surface vein outcrop sampling. Zapote zone now mapped along a 3,100 metre strike length.
- The company is working with the towns within the Banderas basin to gain social acceptance to conducting further exploration within the region. Real progress is being made, but the process remains ongoing.

The Banderas Property is located 7 kilometres south of the Holly Property. Previous work on the Banderas property has identified two extensive gold/silver bearing vein systems, the Pyramid Hill and the Zapote Zones.

The Pyramid Hill zone consists of two northwest trending sub-parallel vein zones located approximately 500 metres apart, called the Pyramid Hill ("PH") and the "M28" zones. Each zone hosts several 1- to 5-metre-wide quartz veins. At the PH zone, the veins dip steeply to the northeast and are surrounded by a prominent alteration zone with an approximate 20 metre wide zone of stockwork veining and brecciation, and at M28, the veins dip shallowly to the west.

Mapping by the Company has extended both vein systems by 1.5 kilometres to the southeast, extending them both to nearly 3.5 kilometres in length. Historically, over 40 shallow drill-holes have explored the PH and M28 systems and returned broad zones of low-grade gold/silver mineralization in both mineralized corridors including:

DRILLING RESULTS - HOLLY PROJECT						
DRILLHOLE	FROM (m)	TO (m)	INTERVAL (m)	Ag (g/t)	Au (g/t)	AuEq* (g/t)
BDD-003	12.20	38.10	25.90	34	0.74	1.19
BDD-004	53.10	74.70	21.60	30	1.25	1.64
BDD-005	24.40	40.20	15.80	22	0.89	1.18
BDD-007	67.10	83.70	16.60	22	1.22	1.52
BDD-008	81.70	114.00	32.30	30	1.25	1.64
BDD-014	36.30	58.50	22.20	48	0.90	1.54
BDD-015	79.20	114.30	35.10	7	0.50	0.60
BDD-016	126.50	156.10	29.60	3	0.70	0.74
BDD-018	65.20	89.90	24.70	42	0.68	1.23
BDD-019	74.70	94.50	19.80	42	1.05	1.61
BDD05-031	152.50	188.80	36.30	2	1.03	1.06
BDD11-013	61.50	82.30	20.80	38	2.10	2.61
BRC04-024	167.00	171.50	4.50	185	24.60	27.10
BRC04-027	67.50	85.50	18.00	5	0.40	0.47
BRC04-028	85.50	129.00	43.50	6	0.40	0.48
*AuEq calculated using a 75:1 Ag to Au ratio						

The Zapote Zone is located 1,500 metres to the west of the Pyramid Hill. Numerous quartz veins and extensive alteration occurs at the contact between a large Dacitic dome and the andesite and rhyolite country rock. Historic rock chip sampling over an area 150 metres wide along 800 metres of this contact has returned strongly anomalous gold/silver mineralization. To the southeast, the mineralization disappears under an extensive area of thick colluvium. No drilling has been conducted at Zapote target.

Recent sampling has identified the continuation of the Zapote system 850 metres along strike to the southeast, where recent sampling returned values up to 2.7 g/t Au and 14.7 g/t Ag.

The planned drill program at Banderas has been suspended while the Company works on access agreements with an adjoining community. The Company has access agreements in place with the community covering the drill project at Banderas, but further consultation and work is required with the adjoining community to ensure the benefits of the project are spread out and all affected communities in the area consent.

Technical Information

Bruce A. Smith, M.Sc., MAIG., a member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists, is a Qualified Person as defined by National Instrument 43-101, and has approved the disclosure of the technical information in this Interim MD&A.

RESULT OF OPERATIONS

All references to 'loss' in the results of operations discussion below refers to the loss attributed to equity shareholders of the Company.

During the quarter ended March 31, 2022 the Company incurred a loss \$773,895, compared to a loss of \$1,032,011 for the quarter ended March 31, 2021. Significant expenses for the three-month periods are as follows:

	March 31, 2022	March 31, 2021
Exploration expenditures	\$ 661,031	\$ 410,887
Consulting and management fees	18,000	18,000
Office and administration	19,438	17,618
Share-based payments	-	518,545
Shareholder communications	12,460	36,792
Salaries and benefits	30,820	23,907
Transfer agent and regulatory fees	8,967	12,297

The loss for the quarter ended March 31, 2022 was lower than the comparative quarter due a share-based payments expense of \$518,545 relating to the granting of stock options being charged in the comparative quarter compared to no such expense for the current quarter. Exploration expenditures for both the current and comparative quarters related to the Holly and Banderas properties, with the current quarter expenditures being \$250,144 higher. This increase is due to drill programs that began after the comparative period in 2021 and continued into the current quarter. Salaries and benefits were higher for the current quarter due to the Company being more active and overall personnel costs that get shared amongst a group of companies increasing since the comparative quarter. Shareholder communications costs were lower in the current quarter due to less investor relations consulting services being used.

Exploration expenditures include a portion of fees paid to Simon Ridgway, a Director and CEO of the Company, and fees paid to Michael Povey, a Director and Chairman of the Company. Consulting and management fees include the other portion of fees paid to Mr. Ridgway and Mr. Povey. Office and administration costs relate mostly to an administrative cost sharing agreement with Gold Group Management Inc. ("Gold Group"), a private company controlled by Mr. Ridgway which is reimbursed by the Company for certain shared rent and other corporate expenses paid by Gold Group on behalf of the Company. Salaries and benefits costs relate primarily to Gold Group which provides administrative personnel, including the Company's Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Secretary.

SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY RESULTS

The Company's quarterly mineral properties, working capital balance and operating results over the last eight quarters are summarized as follows:

	Mar '22	Dec '21	Sept '21	June '21	Mar '21	Dec '20	Sept '20	June '20
Total assets	\$ 7,787,133	\$ 8,620,791	\$ 9,433,293	\$ 10,284,441	\$ 11,550,808	\$ 11,938,523	\$ 4,665,141	\$ 291,118
Working capital	7,272,348	8,039,749	8,828,279	9,973,894	10,980,427	11,559,987	4,249,908	51,823
Loss and comprehensive loss attributed to equity shareholders of the Company	769,919	1,135,690	1,197,667	1,034,675	1,032,011	1,919,251	223,139	73,106
Basic and diluted loss per share attributed to equity shareholders of the Company	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.08	0.01	0.01

Total assets and working capital positions increased significantly in the third and fourth quarters of 2020 due to the completion of private placement and public offering financings. The loss amount for the quarter ended June 30, 2020 reflects that there was a minimal amount of exploration expenditures incurred during that period. Increased expenditures during the six most recently completed quarters relate to exploration activity in Guatemala. The loss for the quarter ended

December 31, 2020 was significantly higher than all other quarters presented due to a share-based payments expense of \$1,458,521 relating to the granting of stock options. The loss for the quarter ended March 31, 2021 also included a share-based payments expense of \$518,545.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

The Company has financed its operations to date primarily through the issuance of common shares. The Company's exploration activities do not provide a source of income and therefore the Company has a history of losses and an accumulated deficit.

As at March 31, 2022, the Company had current assets of \$7,459,453 and current liabilities of \$187,105, resulting in working capital of \$7,272,348.

During the 2020 fiscal year, the Company raised gross proceeds of \$5.0 million from a non-brokered private placement, and gross proceeds of \$8.6 million from a bought deal public financing and concurrent non-brokered private placement. Cash share issuance costs for these financings totaled \$1,192,131. During the 2021 fiscal year, the Company received proceeds of \$382,869 from the exercise of 1,276,230 share purchase warrants. The net proceeds from the 2020 financings continue to be used for working capital purposes and to fund exploration activities in Guatemala.

The Company expects its current capital resources to be sufficient to carry out its planned exploration expenditures and cover operating costs through the next twelve months.

The Company's condensed consolidated interim financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis which assumes that the Company will be able to realize its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of business for the foreseeable future. The Company's continuing operations rely on the ability of the Company to continue to raise capital as and when needed.

OUTSTANDING SHARE, COMPENSATION OPTIONS, OPTIONS AND WARRANTS DATA

At the date of this Interim MD&A, the Company had outstanding 45,551,210 common shares and the following compensation options, stock options, and warrants:

No. of compensation options ⁽¹⁾	Exercise price	Expiry date
741,870	\$0.55	October 20, 2022

⁽¹⁾ Each compensation option is exercisable to purchase one common share and one-half warrant. Each whole warrant is exercisable to purchase one common share at \$0.70 until October 20, 2022.

No. of options	Exercise price	Expiry date
2,325,000	\$0.57	October 6, 2030
325,000	\$0.57	October 8, 2030
800,000	\$0.57	January 27, 2031
3,450,000		

No. of warrants	Exercise price	Expiry date
10,213,600	\$0.30	July 26, 2022
7,831,800	\$0.70	April 20, 2023
18,045,400		

TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

See Note 8 of the condensed consolidated interim financial statements for the three months ended March 31, 2022 for details of other related party transactions which occurred in the normal course of business.

ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The Company's significant accounting policies are presented in the audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2021.

FUTURE ACCOUNTING CHANGES

The Company has reviewed upcoming policies and determined that none are expected to have an impact on the Company's condensed consolidated interim financial statements.

RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The operations of the Company are highly speculative due to the high-risk nature of its business in the mineral exploration industry. Companies in the exploration stage face a variety of risks and, while unable to eliminate all of them, the Company aims at managing and reducing such risks as much as possible. The Company faces a variety of risk factors such as, but not limited to, the following:

Global Pandemic

The Company faces risks related to health epidemics and other outbreaks of communicable diseases, which could significantly disrupt its operations and may materially and adversely affect its business and financial conditions. The Company's business could be adversely impacted by the effects of the COVID-19 coronavirus which was declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization in March 2020 and continues to be to the present time. The COVID-19 pandemic did not have a significant impact on the Company's operations during the current period.

The extent to which COVID-19 may impact the Company's business, including its operations and the market for its securities, will continue to depend on future developments which cannot be predicted, and include the duration, severity and scope of the outbreak and the actions taken to contain or treat the outbreak. The continued spread of COVID-19 globally could materially and adversely impact the Company's business, financial condition and results of operations including without limitation, employee health, workforce productivity, increased insurance premiums, limitations on travel, the availability of industry experts and personnel, restrictions to any drill programs and/or the timing to process drill and other metallurgical testing, and other factors that will depend on future developments beyond the Company's control.

The international response to the spread of COVID-19 has led to periods of significant restrictions on travel, temporary business closures, quarantines, global stock market volatility and a general reduction in consumer activity. Such public health crises can result in operating and supply chain delays and disruptions, global stock market and financial market volatility, declining trade and market sentiment, reduced movement of people and labour shortages, and travel and shipping disruption and shutdowns, including as a result of government regulation and prevention measures, or a fear of any of the foregoing, all of which could affect commodity prices, interest rates, credit ratings, credit risk and inflation.

Mineral Property Exploration and Mining Risks

The business of mineral deposit exploration and extraction involves a high degree of risk. Few properties that are explored ultimately become producing mines. At present, none of the Company's properties has a known commercial ore deposit. The main operating risks include: securing adequate funding to maintain and advance future exploration properties; ensuring ownership of and access to mineral properties by confirmation that option agreements, claims and leases are in good standing; and obtaining permits for drilling and other exploration activities.

Joint Venture Funding Risk

The Company's strategy may include seeking partners through joint ventures to fund future exploration and project development. The main risk of this strategy is that funding partners may not be able to raise sufficient capital in order to satisfy exploration and other expenditure terms in a particular joint venture agreement. As a result, exploration and development of future property interests may be delayed depending on whether the Company can find another partner or has enough capital resources to fund the exploration and development on its own.

Commodity Price Risk

The Company is exposed to commodity price risk. Declines in the market price of gold, base metals and other minerals may adversely affect the Company's ability to raise capital or attract joint venture partners in order to fund its ongoing operations. Commodity price declines could also reduce the amount the Company would receive on the disposition of any of its mineral properties to a third party.

Financing and Share Price Fluctuation Risks

The Company has limited financial resources, has no source of operating cash flow and has no assurance that additional funding will be available to it for further exploration and development of projects. Exploration and development of future projects may be dependent upon the Company's ability to obtain financing through equity or debt financing or other means. Failure to obtain this financing could result in delay or indefinite postponement of exploration and development which could result in the loss of properties.

Securities markets have at times in the past experienced a high degree of price and volume volatility, and the market price of securities of many companies, particularly those considered to be exploration stage companies such as the Company, have experienced wide fluctuations in share prices which have not necessarily been related to their operating performance, underlying asset values or prospects. There can be no assurance that these kinds of share price fluctuations will not occur in the future, and if they do occur, how severe the impact may be on the Company's ability to raise additional funds through equity issues and corresponding effect on the Company's financial position.

Political, Regulatory and Currency Risks

The Company's mineral property interests are located in Guatemala, an emerging nation. Properties in emerging nations may be subject to a higher level of risk compared to developed countries. Operations, the status of mineral property rights, title to the properties and the recoverability of amounts shown for mineral properties in emerging nations can be affected by changing economic, regulatory, and political situations. The Company's equity financings are sourced in Canadian dollars but for the most part it incurs its exploration and property maintenance expenditures in US dollars and Guatemalan quetzals. At this time there are no currency hedges in place. Therefore, a weakening of the Canadian dollar against the US dollar or Guatemalan quetzal could have an adverse impact on the amount of exploration conducted.

Insured and Uninsured Risks

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

Although the Company may maintain insurance to protect against certain risks in such amounts as it considers reasonable, its insurance may not cover all the potential risks associated with its operations. The Company may also be unable to maintain insurance to cover these risks at economically feasible premiums or for other reasons. Should such liabilities arise, they could reduce or eliminate future profitability and result in increased costs, have a material adverse effect on the Company's results and a decline in the value of the securities of the Company.

Environmental and Social Risks

The activities of the Company are subject to environmental regulations issued and enforced by government agencies. Environmental legislation is evolving in a manner that will require stricter standards and enforcement and involve increased fines and penalties for non-compliance, more stringent environmental assessments of proposed projects, and a heightened degree of responsibility for companies and their officers, directors, and employees. There can be no assurance that future changes in environmental regulation, if any, will not adversely affect the Company's operations. Environmental hazards may exist on properties in which the Company holds interests which are unknown to the Company at present. Social risks may be fairly significant in the Company's areas of operations. Violence, kidnapping, theft and other criminal activities could disrupt supply chains and discourage qualified individuals from being involved with the Company's operations.

Competition

The Company competes with many companies and individuals that have substantially greater financial and technical resources than the Company for the acquisition and development of projects as well as for the recruitment and retention of qualified employees.