

Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited) For the three and six months ended October 31, 2007and 2006



## **ALTIUS MINERALS CORPORATION**

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# **Consolidated Balance Sheets** (Unaudited)

(In thousands of dollars)

	As at <u>October 31, 2007</u> \$	As at <u>April 30, 2007</u> \$
Assets	Ψ	ψ
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	165,519	114,284
Accounts receivable and prepaid expenses	2,246	2,571
	167,765	116,855
Mineral properties and deferred exploration costs (Note 4)	2,677	1,945
Royalty interest in mineral property	12,842	13,177
Property and equipment	155	175
Fair value of share purchase warrants (Note 3)	546	-
Equity investments (Note 3 and 5)	12,638	7,714
Mining and mineral related investments (Note 3 and 6)	58,601	30,059
	255,224	169,925
Liabilities Current liabilities Accounts payable and accrued liabilities Income taxes payable	666 5,183	1,048 16,186
Future income taxes	343	1,298
	6,192	18,532
Deferred option payments (Note 7)	824	580
Future income taxes	7,845	1,064
Fair value of equity forward sales agreement (Note 3)	3,901	-
Long-term debt	37,332	36,557
	56,094	56,733
Shareholders' Equity		
Share capital (Note 8)	26,680	25,886
Treasury shares (Note 8)	(1,608)	-
Contributed surplus	1,405	1,312
Accumulated other comprehensive earnings (Note 3 and 10)	32,536	215
Retained earnings	140,117	85,779
	199,130	113,192
	255,224	169,925

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see accompanying notes to the unaudited consolidated financial statements



## **Consolidated Statements of Earnings and Retained Earnings**

### (Unaudited)

(In thousands of dollars, except per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended October 31		Six Months October	31
	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
_	\$	\$	\$	\$
Revenue			•	
Royalty	1,385	889	2,779	1,204
Other	102	132	114	238
Interest	1,562	399	2,803	686
	3,049	1,420	5,696	2,128
Expenses				
General and administrative	735	328	1,327	632
Mineral properties abandoned or impaired (Note 4)	137	23	275	41
Royalty tax	277	138	471	171
Stock-based compensation	92	276	233	276
Amortization	92 267	328	233 371	270 447
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	1,508	1,093	2,677	1,567
Earnings before the following	1,541	327	3,019	561
Interest on long-term debt	(477)	-	(862)	-
Gain on disposal of investments	45,390	30,141	61,632	30,141
Gain on disposal of mineral property	220	-	220	-
Dilution gain on issuance of shares by equity investment	-	-	2,369	-
Share of (loss) in equity investments	(162)	(685)	(327)	(1,083)
Change in fair value of share purchase warrants	(232)	(000)	(475)	-
Investment income	42	336	60	700
Earnings before income taxes	46,322	30,119	65,636	30,319
Income taxes (recovery)	0 506	5,445	12 141	5 505
- current	8,586	235	13,141 (1,002)	5,585
- future	(63)		× / /	167
	8,523	5,680	12,139	5,752
Net earnings	37,799	24,439	53,497	24,567
Retained earnings,				
beginning of period	102,318	34,497	85,779	34,369
accounting change (Note 3)	102,510	54,497	841	54,509
accounting change (Note 5)	-	-	041	-
Retained earnings, end of period	140,117	58,936	140,117	58,936
Net earnings per share (Note 8)				
- basic	1.31	0.85	1.85	0.85
- diluted	1.28	0.83	1.81	0.84

see accompanying notes to the unaudited consolidated financial statements



## **Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**

### (Unaudited)

(In thousands of dollars)

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended October 31	
		October 31		
	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Operating activities	25 500	24.420	<b>53</b> 40 <b>5</b>	04565
Net earnings	37,799	24,439	53,497	24,567
Items not affecting cash:				
Mineral properties abandoned or impaired	137	23	275	41
Stock-based compensation	92	276	233	276
Amortization	267	328	371	447
Gain on disposal of investments	(45,390)	(30,141)	(61,632)	(30,141)
Gain on disposal of mineral property	(220)	-	(220)	-
Non - cash interest on long-term debt	389	-	775	-
Dilution gain on issuance of shares by equity investment	-	-	(2,369)	-
Share of loss in equity investment	162	685	327	1,083
Change in fair value of share purchase warrants	232	-	475	-
Future income taxes (recovery)	(63)	235	(1,002)	167
	(6,595)	(4,155)	(9,270)	(3,560)
Change in non-cash operating working capital	4,411	5,870	(11,048)	5,212
	(2,184)	1,715	(20,318)	1,652
Financing activities				
Proceeds from issuance of share capital	434	18	629	337
Repurchase of common shares	(1,608)	(745)	(1,608)	(833)
	(1,174)	(727)	(979)	(496)
Investing activities	40.055	01.050		01.050
Proceeds from disposal of investments	49,257	31,350	77,138	31,350
Deferred exploration costs, net of recoveries	(511)	(233)	(987)	(497)
Acquisition of royalty interest in mineral property	-	(8)	-	(32)
Acquisition of equity investments	(2,394)	-	(3,592)	-
Acquisition of mining and mineral related investments	-	(5,436)	-	(15,990)
Acquisition of property and equipment	(3)	(36)	(16)	(56)
Increase in accounts receivable - related companies	(20)	(463)	(11)	(463)
	46,329	25,174	72,532	14,312
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	42,971	26,162	51,235	15,468
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	122,548	24,638	114,284	35,332
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	165,519	50,800	165,519	50,800

Supplemental cash flow information (Note 11)



#### **Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Earnings (Loss)**

(Unaudited)

(In thousands of dollars)

	Three months ended October 31		Six months ended October 31	
	<u>2007</u> \$	<u>2006</u> \$	<u>2007</u> \$	<u>2006</u> \$
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Net earnings	37,799	24,439	53,497	24,567
Other comprehensive earnings (loss):				
Unrealized gain (loss) on the translation of financial				
statements of self-sustaining equity investment				
gross amount	(566)	-	(710)	-
tax effect	96	-	121	-
net amount	(470)	-	(589)	-
Unrealized gains (losses) on available-for-sale investments				
during the period				
gross amount	2,187	-	(16,078)	-
tax effect	(295)	-	2,826	-
net amount	1,892	-	(13,252)	-
Reclassification adjustment for disposals of available-for-sale				
investments included in net earnings during the period				
gross amount	(46,341)	-	(62,182)	
tax effect	7,883	-	(02,182) 10,487	-
net amount	(38,458)	-	(51,695)	-
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Gain (loss) on derivative designated as cash flow				
hedge during the period				
gross amount	(3,244)	-	3,980	-
tax effect	535	-	(657)	-
net amount	(2,709)	-	3,323	-
	(20 545)		((2.212)	
Other comprehensive earnings (loss)	(39,745)	-	(62,213)	-
Comprehensive earnings (loss)	(1,946)	24,439	(8,716)	24,567
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see accompanying notes to the unaudited consolidated financial statements



#### 1. NATURE OF OPERATIONS

Altius Minerals Corporation's (the "Corporation") principal business activities include the generation and acquisition of projects related to natural resources opportunities in the province of Newfoundland and Labrador, including but not limited to mineral exploration and the energy sector. In general, the Corporation prefers to create partnerships or corporate structures related to the opportunities it develops, which results in the Corporation carrying minority and non-operating project or equity interests and/or royalty interests.

#### 2. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The unaudited interim consolidated financial statements have been prepared following the accounting policies set out in the 2007 annual consolidated financial statements, except as disclosed in note 3.

These unaudited interim consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the April 30, 2007 annual consolidated financial statements. The disclosures in the unaudited consolidated financial statements do not conform in all material respects to the requirements of generally accepted accounting principles for annual financial statements.

#### 3. ADOPTION OF NEW ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Comprehensive Income, Equity, Financial Instruments and Hedges

Effective May 1, 2007, the Corporation adopted Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants ("CICA") Section 1530, "Comprehensive Income", Section 3251, "Equity", Section 3855, "Financial Instruments - Recognition and Measurement" and Section 3865, "Hedges". Under the standards:

Financial assets are classified as loans and receivables, held-to- maturity, held-for-trading or availablefor-sale. Loans and receivables include all loans and receivables except debt securities and are accounted for at amortized cost. Held-to-maturity classification is restricted to fixed maturity instruments that the Corporation intends and is able to hold to maturity and are accounted for at amortized cost. Held- fortrading instruments are recorded at fair value with realized and unrealized gains and losses reported in net income. The remaining financial assets are classified as available-for-sale. These are recorded at fair value with unrealized gains and losses reported in a new category of shareholders' equity called accumulated other comprehensive earnings ("AOCE");

Financial liabilities are classified as either held-for-trading or other. Held-for-trading instruments are recorded at fair value with realized and unrealized gains and losses reported in net earnings. Other instruments are accounted for at amortized cost with gains and losses reported in net earnings in the period that the liability is derecognized; and



#### 3. ADOPTION OF NEW ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Derivative instruments ("derivatives") are classified as held-for-trading unless designated as hedging instruments. All derivatives are recorded at fair value on the consolidated balance sheet. For derivatives that hedge variability in cash flows, the effective portion of the changes in the derivatives' fair value are initially recognized in other comprehensive earnings ("OCE") with any ineffective portion recorded in net earnings. Amounts temporarily recorded in AOCE will subsequently be reclassified to net earnings in the periods when net earnings is affected by the variability in the cash flows of the hedged item.

These standards have been applied prospectively; accordingly comparative amounts for prior periods have not been restated. The adoption of these standards resulted in the following adjustments and classifications as of May 1, 2007 in accordance with the transition provisions:

Cash and cash equivalents are classified as held for trading. These financial assets are marked-to-market through net earnings in each period. The carrying value of these assets approximate the market value at the transition date and no adjustment was required.

Accounts receivable and refundable security deposits are classified as "Loans and Receivables". After their initial fair value measurement, they are measured at amortized cost using the effective interest rate method. For the Corporation, the measured amount generally corresponds to cost and no transition adjustment was required.

Accounts payable, long - term debt and deferred option payments are classified as "Other Financial Liabilities". After their initial fair value measurement, they are measured at amortized cost using the effective interest rate method. For the Corporation, the measured amount generally corresponds to cost and no transition adjustment was required.

#### Held for trading investments

The Corporation holds share purchase warrants in various companies which were not recorded on the consolidated balance sheet in prior periods. Under the adoption of the new standard, these warrants are considered derivative financial instruments and are classified as held for trading and are measured at fair value. The fair value of these instruments is measured using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. The change in accounting policy resulted in an increase of \$1,021,000 to the carrying value of held for trading financial assets and an increase to retained earnings of \$841,000 (net of future income taxes of \$180,000).

#### Available-for-sale investments

The Corporation's mining and mineral related investments have been classified as available-for-sale and recorded at market value in the consolidated balance sheet, resulting in an increase in investments of \$121,840,000, an increase to AOCE of \$101,115,000, and an increase in future income tax liability of \$20,725,000.



#### 3. ADOPTION OF NEW ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### Derivatives

The Corporation has an equity forward agreement to sell 2,500,000 shares in Aurora Energy Resources Inc. ("Aurora") in December 2011. This derivative instrument qualifies for hedge accounting as a cash flow hedge and was not recorded on the consolidated balance sheet in prior periods. Under the new accounting pronouncements, the equity forward agreement was recorded on the consolidated balance sheet at fair value resulting in an increase in derivative instruments (liability) of \$7,880,000, a decrease in future income tax liability of \$1,300,000, and a decrease in AOCE of \$6,580,000.

#### Foreign currency translation adjustment

The Corporation previously recorded any changes in value of the self-sustaining foreign equity investment caused by foreign currency fluctuations in a separate component on shareholders' equity entitled "foreign currency translation adjustment". The balance of \$215,000 at April 30, 2007 was reclassified to opening AOCE, with no other changes in the accounting treatment or calculation basis.



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#### 4. MINERAL PROPERTIES AND DEFFERED EXPLORATION COSTS

Location	Primary Metal	Number of Claims	As at April 30, 2007	Net Additions	Abandoned or Impaired	As at October 31, 2007
			\$	\$	\$	\$
Labrador						
	Base metals	60	50	56	-	106
	Iron Ore	85	58	221	-	279
	Nickel	1,484	44	69	(29)	84
	Uranium	2,754	232	42	-	274
		4,383	384	388	(29)	743
Newfoundland						
	Base metals	503	577	3	(43)	537
	Gold	431	100	58	(43)	115
	Nickel	112	86	20	-	106
	Uranium	12,146	369	104	(92)	381
		13,192	1,132	185	(178)	1,139
Other						
	Oil shale	-	106	12	-	118
		-	106	12	-	118
Security Deposit						
	Security Deposit	-	323	354	-	677
	•	-	323	354	-	677
General Explorat	tion					
L	General Exploration	-	-	68	(68)	-
	Ł	-	-	68	(68)	-
Grand Total		17,575	1,945	1,007	(275)	2,677



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#### 5. **EQUITY INVESTMENTS**

	As at	As at
	October 31, 2007	April 30, 2007
	\$	\$
Rambler Metals and Mining plc,		
(percentage ownership: October 31, 2007 - 24.1%;		
April 30, 2007 - 30%)		
(market value: October 31, 2007 - \$12.8 million;		
April 30, 2007 - \$17.4 million)	5,840	4,405
Newfoundland and Labrador Refining Corporation,		
(percentage ownership: 36.8%)	6,798	3,309
	12,638	7,714

#### Rambler Metals and Mining

The Corporation began accounting for Rambler Metals and Mining plc ("Rambler") as a self-sustaining operation in August 2006 after Rambler established its own independent management and geological team. The net investment is now adjusted for any changes in value caused by currency fluctuation, with the adjustment (net of applicable taxes) applied to other comprehensive earnings.

In May 2007, Rambler completed a private placement of 9,350,000 units, at a price of \$1.50 per unit, for gross proceeds of \$14,025,000. Each unit comprises one ordinary share of Rambler and one-half of one ordinary share purchase warrant. Each warrant entitles the holder to purchase one ordinary share at a price of \$2.00 until May 23, 2009. Following the transaction the Corporation's ownership interest in Rambler was reduced from 30% to 24.3% and the Corporation recorded a dilution gain of \$ 2,369,000.



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#### MINING AND MINERAL RELATED INVESTMENTS 6.

	As at <u>October 31, 2007</u> (market value) \$	As at <u>April 30, 2007</u> (carrying value) \$
Aurora Energy Resources Inc.		
(October 2007 -2,500,000 shares; April 2007 - 6,539,911 sh	ares)	
(carrying value: October 31, 2007 - \$1.0 million)		
(market value: April 30, 2007 - \$107.4 million)	40,475	2,635
Other mining related portfolio investments		
(carrying value: October 31, 2007 - \$14 million)		
(market value: April 30, 2007 - \$ 36.6 million)	18,126	27,424
	58,601	30,059

Aurora Energy Resources Inc.

The Corporation began accounting for its investment in Aurora Energy Resources Inc. ("Aurora") on a cost basis in August 2006. This change from the equity method was made on the basis of the Corporation's reduced ownership interest in Aurora and the removal of representation on the Aurora Board of Directors.

During the six month period the Corporation sold 4,039,911 shares in Aurora for net proceeds of \$59,945,000 and realized a gain on disposal of \$58,317,000.

2,500,000 Aurora shares have been pledged as part of the equity forward agreement, which effectively locks in the economic value of these shares at the contractual price, as described in note 14 to the April 30, 2007 consolidated financial statements.



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#### 7. **DEFERRED OPTION PAYMENTS**

Various option payments have been received by the Corporation in exchange for the right to earn interests in certain mineral properties. The deferred option payments balances received on each of the respective properties are as follows:

	As at	As at
	<u>October 31, 2007</u>	<u>April 30, 2007</u>
	\$	\$
South Tally Pond	275	275
Rocky Brook	289	290
Taylor Brook	15	15
Viking	22	-
Alexis River	38	-
Notakwanon	35	-
Nuiklavik	35	-
Topsails	115	-
	824	580

Northern Abitibi Mining Corporation ("Northern Abitibi") has agreed to earn-in up to a 51-percent interest in the Corporation's Viking gold project in western Newfoundland by issuing up to 1,115,000 shares of Northern Abitibi and spending up to \$1,200,000 on exploration over 4 years.

Monroe Minerals Inc. has agreed to earn up to a 60 percent interest in the Corporation's Alexis River uranium project in southeast Labrador by paying up to 2,500,000 shares and spending up to \$1,250,000 on exploration over four years.

Golden Cross Resources ("GCR") has signed an agreement with the Corporation whereby GCR may earn a 50 percent interest in two separate uranium projects in central Labrador. GCR may issue 25,000,000 shares and spend \$3,500,000 on exploration over 5 years at the Notakwanon project and may issue 15,000,000 shares and spend \$2,000,000 on exploration over 5 years at the Nuiklavik project. Both projects are subject to royalties held by the Corporation, which includes a 2-percent gross sales royalty on uranium and a 2percent net smelter return on other metals.

In October 2007, the Corporation entered into an agreement with JNR Resources Inc. ("JNR") to explore for uranium in the newly acquired Topsails property which covers 2,646 square kilometers. Under this agreement, the Corporation and JNR will each hold a 50% interest in the venture. In return for generating the project, the Corporation has retained a 2% gross sales royalty on uranium products and a 2% net smelter return on all other commodities. JNR has agreed to make an initial 50,000 share payment to the Corporation and an optional 50,000 share payment on the first anniversary date of the agreement.



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#### 8. SHARE CAPITAL

#### Authorized

Unlimited number of Common voting shares Unlimited number of First Preferred shares Unlimited number of Second Preferred shares

The First and Second Preferred shares may be issued in one or more series and the directors are authorized to fix the number of shares in each series and to determine the designation, rights, privileges, restrictions, and conditions attached to the shares of each series. The Corporation has not issued any First or Second Preferred shares.

#### Issued and outstanding - Common shares

	As at <u>October 31, 2007</u>		
	Number Stated Value		
		\$	
Balance, beginning of year	28,787,825	25,886	
Exercise of stock options	352,000	794	
Balance, end of year	29,139,825	26,680	



#### 8. SHARE CAPITAL (Continued)

#### Treasury shares

During the period ended October 31, 2007 the Corporation repurchased 101,400 common shares under its normal course issuer bid at a total cost of \$1,608,000. The Corporation subsequently cancelled these treasury shares and renewed its normal course issuer bid for an additional 12-month period commencing in December 2007.

#### Net earnings per share

Basic net earnings per share has been calculated using the weighted average number of common shares for the respective periods. Diluted net earnings per share has been calculated using the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the respective periods after giving effect to dilutive stock options and warrants. There was no change in the numerator in calculating net earnings per share.

	Three Mon Octob		Six Montl Octob	
	2007	2006	2007	2006
Weighted average number of shares:				
Basic earnings per share Diluted earnings per share	28,927,075 29,613,315	28,852,355 29,421,408	28,870,950 29,599,503	28,791,122 29,363,065



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#### 9. STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION

The Corporation has a stock option plan under which directors, officers, employees and consultants of the Corporation and of its subsidiaries are eligible to receive stock options. The aggregate number of shares to be issued upon the exercise of all options granted under the plan shall not exceed 10% of the issued shares of the Corporation at the time of granting the options. The maximum number of common shares optioned to any one optionee shall not exceed 5% of outstanding common shares of the Corporation. Options granted under the plan generally have a term of five years but may not exceed five years and typically vest over a five–year period or at terms to be determined by the directors at the time of grant. The exercise price of each option shall be determined by the directors at the time of grant but shall not be less than the price permitted by the policies of the stock exchange(s) on which the Corporation's common shares are then listed.

A summary of the status of the Corporation's stock option plan as of October 31, 2007 and changes during the period then ended is as follows:

	Number of Options	Weighted Average Exercise Price
		\$
Outstanding, April 30, 2007	1,238,000	4.87
Granted	20,000	13.04
Exercised	(352,000)	1.79
Forfeited	(20,000)	5.62
Outstanding,October 31, 2007	886,000	6.26
Exercisable, October 31, 2007	312,000	5.30



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#### 9. STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION (Continued)

The following table summarizes information about stock options outstanding and exercisable at October 31, 2007:

	Total Options Outstanding			Total Exercisable Options		
Range	Outstanding Options	Remaining Contractual Life	Weighted Average Strike Price	Vested Options	Remaining Contractual Life	Weighted Average Strike Price
			\$			\$
\$1.75 to \$4.00	253,000	1.911	3.64	141,000	1.873	3.65
\$4.01 to \$8.00	260,000	3.302	4.85	98,000	3.312	4.89
\$8.01 to \$10.00	278,000	4.080	8.30	54,000	4.080	8.30
\$10.01 to \$15.00	95,000	4.224	11.11	19,000	4.224	11.11
Total	886,000	3.248	6.26	312,000	2.850	5.30

#### 10. ACCUMULATED OTHER COMPREHENSIVE EARNINGS

The balances related to each component of accumulated other comprehensive earnings, net of related income taxes, are as follows:

	Opening Balance <u>May 1, 2007</u> \$	Transition amount <u>May 1, 2007</u> \$	<u>Net change</u> \$	Ending Balance <u>October 31, 2007</u> \$
Unrealized gain on the translation of financial				
statements of self-sustaining equity investment	215	-	(588)	(373)
Unrealized gains on available-for-sale investments	-	101,115	(64,949)	36,166
Unrealized losses on derivatives designated as cash				
flow hedges	-	(6,580)	3,323	(3,257)
	215	94,535	(62,214)	32,536



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#### 10. SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION

		Three months ended October 31,		Six months ended October 31,	
	<u>2007</u> <u>2006</u>		<u>2007</u>	2006	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Income taxes paid	(4,522)	-	(24,144)	-	
Non-cash items:					
Receipt of available for sale financial assets in exchange for interests in mineral properties	450	-	471	-	

#### Cash and cash equivalents consist of:

	As at	As at
	<u>October 31, 2007</u>	<u>April 30, 2007</u>
	\$	\$
Deposits with banks	2,024	2,397
Short-term investments	163,494	111,887
	165,519	114,284



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#### 11. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Corporation's related party transactions are as follows:

	For the three months ended October 31		For the six months ended October 31		
	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Revenue from companies subject to					
significant influence	14	91	24	185	
Consulting fees and related services and					
costs paid to a company controlled by a					
director, and reflected as:					
Mineral properties and deferred					
exploration costs	3	28	3	39	
Legal services received from a					
partnership, one of the partners of which					
is a director of the Corporation and					
reflected as:					
Mineral properties and deferred					
exploration costs	2	4	9	5	
General and administrative expenses	2	9	10	15	
	4	13	19	20	

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

Accounts receivable and prepaid expenses include \$30,275 (April 30, 2007 - \$16,000) receivable from equity investments. The balances are receivable upon receipt of invoice.

#### 12. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND RISK MANAGEMENT

The Corporation's financial assets and financial liabilities are exposed to various risk factors that may affect the fair value presentation or the amount ultimately received or paid on settlement of its assets and liabilities. The Corporation's manages these risks through prudent investment and business decisions, and, where the



#### 13. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

exposure is deemed too high, the Corporation may enter into derivative contracts to reduce this exposure. The Corporation does not utilize derivative financial instruments for trading or speculative purposes.

Hedge accounting is applied only when appropriate documentation and effectiveness criteria are met. The Corporation formally documents the relationship between the hedging instrument and the hedged item, as well as its risk management objective and strategy for undertaking the hedge transaction. The Corporation also formally assesses, both at the hedge's inception and on an ongoing basis, whether the derivative used in the hedging transaction is highly effective in offsetting changes in the fair value or cash flow of the hedged item

A summary of the major financial instrument risks and the Corporation's approach to the management of these risks are highlighted below:

#### Market value and commodity price risk

The value of the Corporation's mining and mineral related investments companies are exposed to fluctuations in value depending on a number of factors, including the quoted market price and the market value of the commodities that the companies may focus on. Except as noted below, the Corporation does not utilize any derivative contracts to reduce this exposure.

The Corporation has entered into an equity forward pricing agreement to hedge the Corporation's exposure to expected future cash flows from the sale of 2,500,000 Aurora shares. This effectively locks in the value of these shares at the contractual rate. The Corporation applies hedge accounting to this relationship under the parameters described above.

#### Foreign currency risk

The Corporation is exposed to foreign currency fluctuations on a portion of its accounts receivable related to royalty revenue. The Corporation does not enter into any derivative contracts to reduce this exposure since the receivable is short-term in nature and the expected receivable amount can not be predicted reliably.

#### Interest rate risk

The Corporation's long-term debt has a fixed interest rate and therefore the expected payments are not exposed to interest rate fluctuations. However, the fair value of the debt will fluctuate with changes in the prevailing interest rates. In addition, the fair value of equity forward agreement and warrants will be affected by any interest rate fluctuations since the fair value is determined using net present value calculations. An increase to the interest rate or discount rate would result in a decrease in the fair value of the long-term debt, and the equity forward contract and an increase in the fair value of the warrants.

#### Liquidity risk

Given the relative size of some of the Corporation's investments compared to the normal trading volume of the underlying investments, the Corporation may be unable to sell its entire interest in an investment quickly at close to its fair value. The Corporation does not enter into any derivative contracts to reduce this exposure.



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#### 13. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

#### Credit risk

The Corporation is exposed to credit-related losses in the event of non-performance by the counter-party to the equity forward agreement but does not expect the counter-party to fail to meet its obligation.

The Corporation's cash and marketable securities include guaranteed investment certificates, bankers' acceptances and bankers' depository notes with major Canadian chartered banks with various maturity dates not exceeding 90 days. The Corporation does not expect any credit losses on these marketable securities.

#### **13. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

On November 13, 2007 the Corporation closed a bought deal financing and issued 1,800,000 common shares at a price of \$28 per share for gross proceeds of \$50,400,000 . The offering was done by way of short-form prospectus. Upon closing the Corporation received net proceeds of \$47,800,000, net of the 5% underwriting fee and other share issuance costs.

On December 4, 2007 the Corporation acquired an additional 750,000 shares in NLRC at a price of US \$20.78 per share for a total cash outlay of \$15,600,000. Following this share subscription the Corporation's ownership interest in NLRC has increased from 36.8% to 39.6%. The funds are expected to be used by NLRC to pay general corporate costs and to progress ongoing environmental and engineering work.