

Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited) For the three and nine months ended January 31, 2008 and 2007



# **ALTIUS MINERALS CORPORATION**

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# **Consolidated Balance Sheets**

# (Unaudited)

(In thousands of dollars)

	As at <u>January 31, 2008</u>	As at <u>April 30, 2007</u>
	\$	\$
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	167,703	114,284
Accounts receivable and prepaid expenses	2,192	2,571
	169,895	116,855
Mineral properties and deferred exploration costs (Note 4)	2,782	1,945
Royalty interest in mineral property	12,653	13,177
Property and equipment	128	175
Fair value of share purchase warrants (Note 3)	195	-
Fair value of equity forward instrument (Note 3)	16,222	-
Equity investments and advances (Note 3 and 5)	58,106	7,714
Mining and mineral related investments (Note 3 and 6)	37,183	30,059
	297,164	169,925
Liabilities		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	570	1,048
Income taxes payable	220	16,186
Future income taxes	769	1,298
	1,559	18,532
Deferred option payments (Note 7)	937	580
Future income taxes	6,650	1,064
Long-term debt	37,726	36,557
	46,872	56,733
Shareholders' Equity		
Share capital (Note 8)	77,991	25,886
Treasury shares (Note 8)	(327)	-
Contributed surplus	1,995	1,312
Accumulated other comprehensive earnings (Note 3 and 10)	31,427	215
Retained earnings	139,206	85,779
~	250,292	113,192
	297,164	169,925

Approved by the Board,

<u>"John A. Baker"</u>, Director

"Brian F. Dalton", Director



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

# (Unaudited)

(In thousands of dollars, except per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended January 31		Nine Months January		
	2008	<u>2007</u>	2008	<u>2007</u>	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Revenue	4 004	1 000		0.507	
Royalty	1,331	1,393	4,110	2,597	
Other	139	40	253	278	
Interest	2,293	802	5,096	1,488	
	3,763	2,235	9,459	4,363	
Expenses					
General and administrative	407	570	1,734	1,202	
Mineral properties a bandoned or impaired (Note 4)	108	131	383	173	
Royalty tax	157	269	628	440	
Stock-based compensation	549	372	782	648	
Amortization	220	70	591	516	
	1,441	1,412	4,118	2,979	
Earnings before the following	2,322	823	5,341	1,384	
Interest on long-term debt	(394)	_	(1,256)	_	
Gain on disposal of investments	(574)	32,453	61,632	62,595	
Gain on disposal of mineral property		52,155	220		
Dilution gain on issuance of shares by equity investment	_	_	2,369	_	
Share of (loss) in equity investments	(190)	(215)	(517)	(1,299)	
Change in fair value of share purchase warrants	(352)	(215)	(827)	(1,277)	
Investment income	(0.52)	308	60	1,008	
Earnings before income taxes	1,386	33,369	67,022	63,688	
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Income taxes (recovery)					
- current	107	5,581	13,248	11,166	
- future	675	463	(327)	630	
	782	6,044	12,921	11,796	
Net earnings	604	27,325	54,101	51,892	
Retained earnings,	1 40 1 17	50 M/	9 <i>5 73</i> 9	24.200	
beginning of period	140,117	58,936	85,779 841	34,369	
accounting change (Note 3)	-	-		-	
shares repurchased and cancelled	(1,515)	-	(1,515)	-	
Retained earnings, end of period	139,206	86,261	139,206	86,261	
Net earnings per share (Note 8)					
- basic	0.02	0.95	1.84	1.80	
- diluted	0.02	0.93	1.79	1.77	



# **Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**

# (Unaudited)

(In thousands of dollars)

	Three Months Ended January 31		Nine Months January		
	2008	2007	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Operating activities					
Net earnings	604	27,325	54,101	51,892	
Items not affecting cash:					
Mineral properties abandoned or impaired	108	131	383	173	
Stock-based compensation	549	372	782	648	
Amortization	220	70	591	516	
Gain on disposal of investments	-	(32,453)	(61,632)	(62,595)	
Gain on disposal of mineral property	-	-	(220)	-	
Non - cash interest on long-term debt	394	-	1,169	-	
Dilution gain on issuance of shares by equity investment	-	-	(2,369)	-	
Share of loss in equity investment	190	215	517	1,299	
Change in fair value of share purchase warrants	352	-	827	-	
Receipt of available for sale investments	(115)	-	(115)	-	
Future income taxes (recovery)	675	463	(327)	630	
	2,977	(3,877)	(6,293)	(7,437)	
Change in non-cash operating working capital	(5,001)	4,398	(16,049)	9,610	
	(2,024)	521	(22,342)	2,173	
Financing activities					
Proceeds from issuance of share capital	50,238	187	50,867	524	
Repurchase of common shares	(327)	-	(1,935)	(833)	
	49,911	187	48,932	(309)	
Investing activities					
Proceeds from disposal of investments	-	33,483	77,138	64,833	
Deferred exploration costs, net of recoveries	(99)	(13)	(1,086)	(510)	
Acquisition of equity investments	(15,521)	(3,308)	(19,113)	-	
Advance to equity investment	(30,093)	-	(30,093)	-	
Acquisition of mining and mineral related investments	-	-	-	(19,299)	
Acquisition of property and equipment	(4)	(59)	(20)	(115)	
Increase in accounts receivable - related companies	(6)	1,070	(17)	600	
Other investing	20	-	20	(24)	
	(45,703)	31,173	26,829	45,485	
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	2,184	31,881	53,419	47,349	
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	165,519	50,800	114,284	35,332	
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	167,703	82,681	167,703	82,681	



# Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Earnings (Loss)

(Unaudited)

(In thousands of dollars)

· · · ·	Three months ended January 31		Nine months ended January 31	
	<u>2008</u> \$	2007 \$	<u>2008</u> \$	2007 \$
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Net earnings	604	27,325	54,101	51,892
Other comprehensive earnings (loss):				
Unrealized gain (loss) on the translation of financial				
statements of equity investment				
gross amount	43	409	(667)	409
tax effect	(7)	(36)	114	(36)
net amount	36	373	(553)	373
Unrealized losses on available-for-sale investments				
during the period				
gross amount	(21,626)	-	(37,704)	-
tax effect	3,678	-	6,504	-
net amount	(17,948)	-	(31,200)	_
Reclassification adjustment for disposals of available-for-sale investments included in net earnings during the period				
gross amount	_	_	(62,182)	_
tax effect	_	-	10,487	_
net amount	-	-	(51,695)	-
Gain on derivative designated as cash flow hedge during the period				
gross amount	20,123	_	24,103	-
tax effect	(3,320)	-	(3,977)	-
net amount	16,803	-	20,126	-
Other comprehensive earnings (loss)	(1,109)	373	(63,322)	373
Comprehensive earnings (loss)	(505)	27,698	(9,221)	52,265



## 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, 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", Section 3861, "Financial Instruments – Disclosure and Presentation and Section 3865, "Hedges". Under the standards:

Financial assets are classified as loans and receivables, held-to- maturity, held-for-trading or available-forsale. 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 in accordance with their transition provisions; 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 have been designated 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).



# 3. ADOPTION OF NEW ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

## Available-for-sale investments

The Corporation's mining and mineral related investments have been designated 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.

## 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.



# Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements For the three and nine months ended January 31, 2008 and 2007 (Unaudited)

(Unless otherwise indicated, tabular amounts in thousands of dollars, except per share amounts)

#### As at April 30, Number of Abandoned or As at January Location **Primary Metal** Claims 2007 **Net Additions** Impaired 31, 2008 \$ \$ \$ S Labrador Base metals 1,611 50 76 126 -347 Iron Ore 85 58 289 -Nickel 1,484 45 78 71 (38) Uranium 54 2,754 232 286 -5,934 385 490 (38) 837 Newfoundland Base metals 444 576 6 (124)458 Gold 100 74 431 (43)131 Nickel 112 86 21 107 -437 Uranium 11,179 369 160 (92) Potash 1,068 13 13 --13,234 1,131 274 (259) 1,146 Other Oil shale 105 64 169 -\_ 105 64 169 --Security Deposit Security Deposit 323 307 630 \_ 323 307 630 --General Exploration **General Exploration** 86 (86) \_ -86 (86)--\_ Grand Total 19,168 1,944 1,221 (383)2,782

# 4. MINERAL PROPERTIES AND DEFFERED EXPLORATION COSTS



# Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements For the three and nine months ended January 31, 2008 and 2007 (Unaudited)

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#### 5. EQUITY INVESTMENTS AND ADVANCES

	As at January 31, 2008	As at
	<u>January 31, 2008</u> \$	<u>Apiii 30, 2007</u> \$
Investment in Rambler Metals and Mining plc,	φ.	Ŷ
(percentage ownership: January 31, 2008 - 24.1%;		
April 30, 2007 - 30%)		
(market value: January 31, 2008 - \$16.8 million;		
April 30, 2007 - \$17.4 million)	5,848	4,405
Investment in Newfoundland and Labrador Refining		
Corporation ("NLRC"),		
(percentage ownership: January 31, 2008 - 39.6%;	22,165	3,309
April 30, 2007 - 36.8%)		
Non-interest bearing demand note to NLRC,		
secured by a first charge on the assets, convertible into		
1,440,000 common shares at the option of the Corporation	n	
(approximately 4.6% increase in ownership if exercised)	30,093	-
	58,106	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.

# Newfoundland and Labrador Refining Corporation

In October 2007, the Corporation entered into a standby subscription agreement with NLRC, whereby the Corporation could, at its discretion, invest an additional US\$ 100,000,000 in exchange for 4,812,762 common shares of NLRC up to December 28, 2008. The funds are expected to be used to to pay for ongoing environmental and engineering work of NLRC. Up to January 31, 2008, the Corporation has subscribed for 750,000 additional shares under this agreement.



# 6. MINING AND MINERAL RELATED INVESTMENTS

	As at January 31, 2008 (market value) \$	As at <u>April 30, 2007</u> (carrying value) \$
Aurora Energy Resources Inc.	·	·
(January 2008 -2,500,000 shares; April 2007 - 6,539,911 sha	ares)	
(carrying value: January 31, 2008 - \$1.0 million)		
(market value: April 30, 2007 - \$107.4 million)	21,875	2,635
Other mining related portfolio investments		
(carrying value: January 31, 2008 - \$14.2 million)		
(market value: April 30, 2007 - \$ 36.6 million)	15,308	27,424
	37,183	30,059

Aurora Energy Resources Inc.

During the nine 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.



# 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 received on each of the respective properties are as follows:

	As at	As at
	<u>January 31, 2008</u>	<u>April 30, 2007</u>
	\$	\$
South Tally Pond	483	275
Rocky Brook	309	290
Taylor Brook	15	15
Viking	22	-
Alexis River	38	-
Notakwanon	35	-
Nuiklavik	35	-
	937	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 2-percent net smelter return on other metals.



# 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

	Α	s at	
	<u>January 31, 2008</u>		
	Number	Stated Value	
		\$	
Balance, beginning of year	28,787,825	25,886	
Exercise of stock options	376,000	1,015	
Bought deal financing, net of share issue costs	1,900,000	51,183	
Cancelled pursuant to normal course issuer bid	(101,400)	(93)	
Balance, end of period	30,962,425	77,991	

On November 13, 2007, the Corporation closed a bought deal financing and issued 1,900,000 common shares at a price of \$28 per share for gross proceeds of \$53,200,000 net of issuance costs of \$2,017,000. The offering was done by way of short-form prospectus.



# 8. SHARE CAPITAL (Continued)

Treasury shares

	As at <u>January 31, 2008</u>		
	Number Stated Value		
		\$	
Balance, beginning of year	-	_	
Shares repurchased during the period	118,400	1,935	
Cancelled pursuant to normal course issuer bid	(101,400)	(1,608)	
Balance, end of period	17,000	327	

#### 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 Months Ended January 31				Nine Mont Januar	
	2008	2007	2008	2007		
Weighted average number of shares:						
Basic	30,645,289	28,785,195	29,464,234	28,804,825		
Diluted	31,253,052	29,428,912	30,159,640	29,335,908		



## 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 January 31, 2008 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	212,500	26.59
Exercised	(376,000)	2.07
Forfeited	(20,000)	5.62
Outstanding, January 31, 2008	1,054,500	10.23
Exercisable, January 31, 2008	464,750	7.50



## 9. STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION (Continued)

The following table summarizes information about stock options outstanding and exercisable at January 31, 2008:

	Total Options Outstanding			Total Exercisable Options		
Range	Outstanding Options	Average Remaining Contractual Life	Weighted Average Strike Price	Vested Options	Average Remaining Contractual Life	Weighted Average Strike Price
			\$			\$
\$1.75 to \$4.00	251,000	1.7	3.64	164,000	1.7	3.70
\$4.01 to \$8.00	250,000	3.1	4.88	130,000	3.0	4.71
\$8.01 to \$10.00	266,000	3.8	8.30	98,000	3.8	8.30
\$10.01 to \$15.00	95,000	4.0	11.11	34,000	3.9	10.89
\$15.01 to \$28.00	192,500	4.8	28.00	38,750	4.8	28.00
Total	1,054,500	3.3	10.23	464,750	2.9	7.50

# 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 January 31, 2008 S
Unrealized gain (loss) on the translation of financia	1			
statements of self-sustaining equity investment	215	-	(553)	(338)
Unrealized gains on available-for-sale investments	-	101,115	(82,896)	18,219
Unrealized gains (losses) on derivatives designated				
as cash flow hedges	-	(6,580)	20,126	13,546
	215	94,535	(63,323)	31,427



# 11. SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION

	Three months ended January 31,		Nine months ende January 31,	
	<u>2008</u>	2007	<u>2008</u>	2007
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Income taxes paid	5,070	-	29,214	
Non-cash items:				
Receipt of available for sale financial assets in exchange for interests in mineral properties	207	-	338	

#### Cash and cash equivalents consist of:

	As at	As at	
	<u>January 31, 2008</u>	April 30, 2007	
	\$	\$	
Deposits with banks	3,446	2,397	
Short-term investments	164,257	111,887	
	167,703	114,284	



# 12. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Corporation's related party transactions are as follows:

	For the three months ended January 31		For the nine months ended January 31	
	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Revenue from companies subject to				
significant influence	6	25	30	248
Consulting fees and related services and				
costs paid to a company controlled by a				
director, and reflected as:				
Mineral properties and deferred				
exploration costs	-	2	3	76
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	6	9	15	28
General and administrative expenses	16	8	26	25
	22	17	41	53

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 \$31,000 (April 30, 2007 - \$16,000) receivable from equity investments. The balances are receivable upon receipt of invoice.

# 13. 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 exposure is deemed too high, the Corporation may enter into derivative contracts to reduce



# 13. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

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.



# 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.