

Quebec Nickel Corp.

**Financial Statements
For the Years Ended March 31, 2023 and 2022**

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Shareholders of Quebec Nickel Corp.:

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Quebec Nickel Corp., (the “Company”) which comprise the statements of financial position as at March 31, 2023 and 2022, and the statements of loss and comprehensive loss, statements of changes in shareholders’ equity and statements of cash flows for the years then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as at March 31, 2023 and 2022 and its financial performance and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

Basis for Opinion

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

Material Uncertainty Related to Going Concern

We draw attention to Note 1 in the financial statements, which describes the events and conditions indicating that a material uncertainty exists that may cast significant doubt on the Company’s ability to continue as a going concern. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Key Audit Matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2023. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

In addition to the matter described in the *Material Uncertainty Related to Going Concern* section of our auditor’s report, we have determined the matter described below to be the key audit matter to be communicated in our report.

Key audit matter	How our audit addressed the key audit matter
<i>Assessment of the existence of impairment indicators for exploration and evaluation assets</i>	
Refer to note 5	Our approach to addressing the matter involved the following procedures, among others:
<p>As at March 31, 2023, the carrying amount of the Company's exploration and evaluation assets was \$11,050,050.</p> <p>At each reporting period, management assesses property rights, evaluation and exploration assets to determine whether there are any indicators of impairment. If any such indicators exist, the asset's recoverable amount is estimated. An impairment loss is recognized if the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its estimated recoverable amount.</p> <p>Management assesses evaluation and exploration assets for impairment based on, at minimum, the presence of any one of the following facts and circumstances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the period for which the Company has the right to explore in the specific area has expired during the year or will expire in the near future, and is not expected to be renewed; (ii) substantive expenditure on further exploration for and evaluation of mineral resources in the specific area is neither budgeted nor planned; (iii) the Company has decided to discontinue exploration for and evaluation of mineral resources in the specific area; and/or (iv) for areas of likely development, available data indicates that the carrying amount exceeds the recoverable amount. <p>No impairment indicators were identified by management as at March 31, 2023.</p> <p>We considered this a key audit matter due to the significance of the exploration and evaluation assets and the judgments made by management in their assessment of whether there existed impairment indicators related to the exploration and evaluation assets. These factors have resulted in a high degree of subjectivity in performing audit procedures, related to the judgment applied by management.</p>	<p>Evaluating the judgments made by management in assessing for the presence of impairment indicators, which included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtained evidence by inspecting government registries to support claims' expiration dates; • Read the board of directors' minutes and resolutions and observed evidence supporting the continued and planned exploration expenditures, which included evaluating results of the Company's work programs and reviewing drilling programs subsequent to year end; • Assessed whether available data indicates the potential for commercially viable mineral resources; • Based on evidence obtained in other areas of the audit, considered whether other facts and circumstances suggest that the carrying amount may exceed the recoverable amount.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Management's Discussion and Analysis filed with the relevant Canadian securities commissions.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit and remain alert for indications that the other information appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact in this auditor's report. We have nothing to report in this regard.

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

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

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

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

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

From the matters communicated with those charged with governance, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is Anna C. Moreton.

Baker Tilly WM LLP

CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS
Vancouver, B.C.
July 28, 2023

Quebec Nickel Corp.
Statements of Financial Position
(Stated in Canadian Dollars)

	Notes	March 31, 2023	March 31, 2022
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents		\$ 5,321,200	\$ 7,151,340
Amounts receivable	4	1,002,337	131,280
Prepaid expenses		307,824	401,623
Total current assets		6,631,361	7,684,243
Exploration and evaluation assets	5	11,050,050	1,537,025
TOTAL ASSETS		\$ 17,681,411	\$ 9,221,268
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables		\$ 1,385,265	\$ 486,499
Flow-through share premium	6	1,201,400	-
Total current assets		2,586,665	486,499
Deferred tax liability	6	2,522,700	1,310,500
TOTAL LIABILITIES		5,109,365	1,796,999
Shareholders' equity			
Common shares	7	15,574,625	9,149,730
Share-based payments reserve	8	1,862,500	1,245,933
Deficit		(4,865,079)	(2,971,394)
Total equity		12,572,046	7,424,269
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		\$ 17,681,411	\$ 9,221,268
Nature and continuance of operations	1		
Subsequent event	14		
Approved on behalf of the Board of Directors:			
<i>"Richard Dufresne"</i> Richard Dufresne, Director		<i>"David Patterson"</i> David Patterson, Director	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

Quebec Nickel Corp.
Statements of Loss and Comprehensive Loss
(Stated in Canadian Dollars)

	Notes	For the year-ended March 31,	
		2023	2022
Expenses			
General and administrative		\$ 298,760	\$ 109,377
Management fees	9	197,500	25,000
Professional fees		159,211	128,120
Promotion and marketing		275,793	128,418
Share-based payments	8, 9	179,300	1,137,900
Transfer agent and filing fees		62,279	83,051
Travel		101,433	25,927
Loss before other items		(1,274,276)	(1,637,793)
Other income			
Flow-through share premium	6	801,300	357,105
Interest income		42,291	1,314
Net loss		(430,685)	(1,279,374)
Deferred tax expense	12	(1,463,000)	(1,587,500)
Loss and comprehensive loss for the year		\$ (1,893,685)	\$ (2,866,874)
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding			
Basic		83,782,029	50,488,890
Diluted		83,782,029	50,488,890
Basic and diluted loss per common share		\$ (0.02)	\$ (0.06)

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Statements of Changes in Shareholders' Equity

(Stated in Canadian Dollars)

	Common Shares		Share-based	Deficit	Total
	Number	Amount	Payments Reserve		
Balance at March 31, 2022	71,616,438	\$ 9,149,730	\$ 1,245,933	\$ (2,971,394)	\$ 7,424,269
Common stock issued for cash					
Exercise of stock options	250,000	27,500	-	-	27,500
Exercise of warrants	6,322,400	632,240	-	-	632,240
Proceeds from shares issued	37,155,367	8,695,288	-	-	8,695,288
Fair value of warrants issued on private placement	-	(270,875)	270,875	-	-
Fair value of stock options exercised	-	23,125	(23,125)	-	-
Fair value of warrants exercised	-	15,783	(15,783)	-	-
Share issuance costs	-	(946,266)	205,300	-	(740,966)
Flow-through share premium	-	(2,002,700)	-	-	(2,002,700)
Deferred tax on share issuance costs	-	250,800	-	-	250,800
Share-based payments	-	-	179,300	-	179,300
Net loss for the year	-	-	-	(1,893,685)	(1,893,685)
Balance at March 31, 2023	115,344,205	\$ 15,574,625	\$ 1,862,500	\$ (4,865,079)	\$ 12,572,046
	Common Shares		Share-based	Deficit	Total
	Number	Amount	Payments Reserve		
Balance at March 31, 2021	35,929,342	\$ 1,439,591	\$ 74,000	\$ (104,520)	\$ 1,409,071
Common stock issued for cash					
Exercise of stock options	4,800,000	366,000	-	-	366,000
Exercise of warrants	3,479,600	347,960	-	-	347,960
Proceeds from shares issued	27,407,496	7,700,000	-	-	7,700,000
Fair value of stock options exercised	-	164,150	(164,150)	-	-
Fair value of warrants exercised	-	117	(117)	-	-
Share issuance costs	-	(787,983)	198,300	-	(589,683)
Flow-through share premium	-	(357,105)	-	-	(357,105)
Deferred tax on share issuance costs	-	277,000	-	-	277,000
Share-based payments	-	-	1,137,900	-	1,137,900
Net loss for the year	-	-	-	(2,866,874)	(2,866,874)
Balance at March 31, 2022	71,616,438	\$ 9,149,730	\$ 1,245,933	\$ (2,971,394)	\$ 7,424,269

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Quebec Nickel Corp.
Statements of Cash Flows
(Stated in Canadian Dollars)

	For the year-ended March 31,	
	2023	2022
Operating activities		
Loss for the period	\$ (1,893,685)	\$ (2,866,874)
Item not involving cash:		
Share-based payments	179,300	1,137,900
Flow-through share premium	(801,300)	(357,105)
Deferred tax expense	1,463,000	1,587,500
Changes in non-cash working capital items:		
Amounts receivable	(871,057)	(122,970)
Prepaid expenses	93,799	(390,300)
Trade and other payables	191,821	114,499
Net cash used in operating activities	(1,638,122)	(897,350)
Investing activity		
Exploration and evaluation assets, net	(8,806,080)	(858,737)
Net cash used in investing activity	(8,806,080)	(858,737)
Financing activity		
Proceeds from issuance of common shares net of issuance costs	7,954,322	7,110,317
Proceeds from exercise of options	27,500	366,000
Proceeds from exercise of warrants	632,240	347,960
Net cash provided by financing activity	8,614,062	7,824,277
Change in cash and cash equivalents during the year	(1,830,140)	6,068,190
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	7,151,340	1,083,150
Cash and cash equivalents, end of the year	\$ 5,321,200	\$ 7,151,340
Cash and cash equivalents consists of:		
Cash	\$ 280,880	711,340
Short-term deposits	5,040,320	6,440,000
	\$ 5,321,200	\$ 7,151,340
Supplemental Cash Flow Information		
Income taxes paid	\$ -	\$ -
Interest paid (received)	\$ -	\$ -
Adjustment to exploration and evaluation assets to trade payables	\$ 1,070,945	\$ 364,000
Transfer from reserves on exercise of warrants and options	\$ 38,908	\$ 205,217
Residual value of warrants associated with private placement	\$ 270,875	\$ -

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Notes to the Financial Statements
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1. NATURE AND CONTINUANCE OF OPERATIONS

Quebec Nickel Corp. (the “Company”) was incorporated on September 18, 2020 pursuant to the Business Corporations Act (British Columbia). On June 21, 2021, a Prospectus filed by the Company was given final receipt by the British Columbia Securities Commission. On July 5, 2021, the Company’s common shares began trading on the Canadian Securities Exchange (“CSE”) under the symbol ‘QNI’.

These financial statements have been prepared using accounting policies in compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (“IASB”) on the assumption that the Company will continue as a going concern and realize its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of business rather than through a process of forced liquidation.

The Company’s principal business activities include the acquisition and exploration of mineral property assets. As at March 31, 2023, the Company had not yet determined whether the its mineral property asset contains ore reserves that are economically recoverable. The recoverability of amounts shown for exploration and evaluation assets is dependent upon the discovery of economically recoverable reserves, confirmation of the Company’s interest in the underlying mineral claims, the ability of the Company to obtain the necessary financing to complete the development of and the future profitable production from the property or realizing proceeds from its disposition. The outcome of these matters cannot be predicted at this time.

The Company’s business may be affected by changes in political and market conditions, such as interest rates, availability of credit, inflation rates, changes in laws, and national and international circumstances. Recent geopolitical events, including, the relations between NATO and the Russian Federation regarding the situation in Ukraine, and potential economic global challenges such as the risk of the higher inflation and energy crises, may create further uncertainty and risk with respect to the prospects of the Company’s business.

As at March 31, 2023, the Company had not yet achieved profitable operations, had an accumulated deficit of \$4,865,079 since inception, and expects to incur further losses in the development of its business. These events and conditions indicate a material uncertainty that may cast substantial doubt on the Company’s ability to continue as a going concern. The Company’s continuation as a going concern is primarily dependent upon its ability to raise financing from equity markets or borrowings and upon successful results from its mineral property exploration activities. While the Company has been successful in securing financings in the past, there is no assurance that it will be able to do so in the future. Accordingly, these financial statements do not give effect to adjustments, if any, that would be necessary should the Company be unable to continue as a going concern. If the going concern assumption was not used, then the adjustments required to report the Company’s assets and liabilities on a liquidation basis could be material to these financial statements.

The office and principal place of business of the Company is located at 1100 – 1111 Melville Street, Vancouver, BC, V6E 3V6.

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2. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

a) Statement of compliance

The Company has prepared its financial statements in accordance with IFRS issued by the IASB and interpretations of the IFRS Interpretation Committee ("IFRIC").

b) Basis of presentation

These financial statements are presented in Canadian dollars and all values are rounded to the nearest dollar except where otherwise indicated. The financial statements have been prepared on an accrual basis, except for the statements of cash flows, and are based on historical costs except for certain financial instruments, which are measured at fair value, as explained in the accounting policies set out in Note 3.

c) Approval of the financial statements

The financial statements of the Company for the year ended March 31, 2023 were reviewed, approved and authorized for issuance by the Board of Directors on July 28, 2023.

d) Recent accounting pronouncements and changes to accounting policies

At the date of authorization of these financial statements, the IASB and IFRIC have issued new and revised Standards and Interpretations which are not yet effective, and none of which are expected to have a material impact on the financial statements.

3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents in the statement of financial position are comprised of cash at banks and on hand, and short-term deposits which are cashable without penalty and are readily convertible into a known amount of cash, and subject to an insignificant risk of change in fair value.

b) Foreign currencies

The financial statements are presented in Canadian dollars. The Company's functional currency is the Canadian dollar, which is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Company operates.

Transactions in foreign currencies are initially recorded at the functional currency exchange rate at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated to the functional currency rate of exchange at the date of the statement of financial position.

Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates as at the dates of the initial transactions. Non-monetary items measured at fair value in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates at the date when the fair value is determined.

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3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued):

c) Exploration and evaluation assets

Costs incurred before the Company has obtained the legal rights to explore an area are expensed in the period in which they are incurred.

Once the legal right to explore a property has been acquired, costs to acquire the property along with costs directly related to exploration and evaluation ("E&E") are capitalized. These direct expenditures include such costs as materials used, surveying costs, drilling costs, payments made to contractors and depreciation on plant and equipment acquired and used during the exploration phase. Costs not directly attributed to exploration and evaluation activities, including general and administrative overhead costs, are expensed in the period in which they occur.

Government tax credits received are recorded as a reduction to the cumulative costs incurred on the related property and are recorded in the year they are received.

When a project is deemed to no longer have commercially viable prospects to the Company, capitalized costs in respect of that project are deemed to be impaired. As a result, those capitalized costs, in excess of estimated recoveries, are charged to profit or loss.

The Company assesses its exploration and evaluation assets for impairment when facts and circumstances suggest that the carrying amount of an asset may exceed its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of the asset's fair value less costs of disposal and value in use.

Recoverability of the carrying amount of any exploration and evaluation assets is dependent on successful development and commercial exploitation, or alternatively sale of the respective areas of interest.

Exploration and evaluation assets are classified as intangible assets.

e) Decommissioning, restoration and similar liabilities

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

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

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3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued):

e) Decommissioning, restoration and similar liabilities (continued):

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

The operations of the Company have been, and may in the future be, affected from time to time in varying degree by changes in environmental regulations, including those for site restoration costs. Both the likelihood of new regulations and their overall effect upon the Company are not predictable. The Company currently has no known material restoration, rehabilitation and environmental obligations.

f) Share capital

Common shares, options and warrants are classified as equity. Transaction costs directly attributable to the issue of common shares, options and warrants are recognized as a deduction from equity, net of any tax effects.

The Company bifurcates units which consist of common shares and share purchase warrants using the residual value approach, whereby it measures the common share component of the unit at fair value using market prices as input values and then allocates the residual value, if any, of the units over the fair value of the common shares to the warrant component. The value of the warrant component is credited to share-based payment reserve. When warrants are exercised, forfeited or expire, the corresponding value is transferred from share-based payment reserve to common stock.

g) Flow-through shares

Resource expenditure deductions for income tax purposes related to exploration activities funded by flow-through share arrangements are renounced to investors in accordance with Canadian income tax legislation. Pursuant to the terms of the flow-through share agreements, these shares transfer the tax deductibility of qualifying resource expenditures to investors. On issuance, the Company allocates the proceeds received using the residual value method: (a) to share capital at the market value of a non-flow through share (b) to a flow-through share premium equal to the estimated premium over the market value of a non flow-through share, if any, which is recognized as a liability, and if applicable (c) to an attached warrant.

Upon expenses being incurred, the Company derecognizes the flow-through share premium liability and recognizes a deferred tax liability for the amount of tax reduction renounced to the shareholders. The premium is recognized as other income and the related deferred tax is recognized as a tax provision.

Proceeds from the issuance of flow-through shares are restricted to be used only for Canadian resource property exploration expenditures within a two-year period. The Company may also be subject to a Part XII.6 tax on flow-through proceeds renounced under the Look-back Rule, in accordance with Government of Canada flow-through regulations. When applicable, this tax is accrued as a financial expense until qualifying expenditures are incurred.

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3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued):

h) Share-based payments

Employees (including directors and senior executives) of the Company may receive a portion of their remuneration in the form of share-based payments, whereby employees render services as consideration for equity instruments (“equity-settled transactions”). The costs of equity-settled transactions with employees are measured by reference to the fair value at the date on which they are granted.

Where equity instruments are issued for goods or services to other than employees, the transaction is measured at the fair value of the goods or services received by the Company. When the value of the goods or services cannot be specifically identified, they are measured at the fair value of the share-based payment.

The costs of equity-settled transactions are recognized, together with a corresponding increase in equity, over the period in which the performance and/or service conditions are fulfilled, ending on the date on which the relevant employees become fully entitled to the award (“vesting date”). The cumulative expense recognized for equity-settled transactions at each reporting date until the vesting date reflects the Company’s best estimate of the number of equity instruments that will ultimately vest. The profit or loss charge or credit for a period represents the movement in cumulative expense recognized as at the beginning and end of that period and the corresponding amount is represented in share-based payments reserve.

No expense is recognized for awards that do not ultimately vest, except for awards where vesting is conditional upon a market condition, which are treated as vesting irrespective of whether or not the market condition is satisfied provided that all other performance and/or service conditions are satisfied.

Where the terms of an equity-settled award are modified, the minimum expense recognized is the expense as if the terms had not been modified. An additional amount is recognized on the same basis as the amount of the original award for any modification which increases the total fair value of the share-based payment arrangement or is otherwise beneficial to the recipient as measured at the date of modification.

i) Taxation

Income tax expense represents the sum of tax currently payable and deferred tax.

Current income tax

Current income tax assets and liabilities for the current and prior periods are measured at the amount expected to be recovered from or paid to the taxation authorities. The tax rates and tax laws used to compute the amount are those that are substantively enacted by the date of the statement of financial position.

Deferred tax

Deferred taxes are provided using the liability method on temporary differences at the date of the statement of financial position between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts for financial reporting purposes.

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3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued):

i) Taxation (continued):

Deferred tax liabilities are recognized for all taxable temporary differences, except:

- where the deferred tax liability arises from the initial recognition of goodwill or of an asset or liability in a transaction that is not a business combination and, at the time of the transaction, affects neither the accounting profit nor taxable earnings; and
- in respect of taxable temporary differences associated with investments in subsidiaries, associates and interests in joint ventures, where the timing of the reversal of the temporary differences can be controlled and it is probable that the temporary differences will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

Deferred tax assets are recognized for all deductible temporary differences and carry forward of unused tax credits and unused tax losses, to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which the deductible temporary differences and the carry forward of unused tax credits and unused tax losses can be utilized except:

- where the deferred tax asset relating to the deductible temporary difference arises from the initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction that is not a business combination and, at the time of the transaction, affects neither the accounting profit nor taxable earnings; and
- in respect of deductible temporary differences associated with investments in subsidiaries, associates and interests in joint ventures, deferred income tax assets are recognized only to the extent that it is probable that the temporary differences will reverse in the foreseeable future and taxable profit will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilized.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at the date of each statement of financial position and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profit will be available to allow all or part of the deferred tax assets to be utilized. Unrecognized deferred tax assets are reassessed at the date of each statement of financial position and are recognized to the extent that it has become probable that future taxable profit will allow the deferred tax assets to be recovered.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply to the year when the asset is realized or the liability is settled, based on tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the date of the statement of financial position.

Deferred tax relating to items recognized directly in equity is recognized in equity and not in profit or loss.

Deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities are offset if, and only if, a legally enforceable right exists to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities and the deferred tax assets and liabilities relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority on either the same taxable entity or different taxable entities which intend to either settle current tax liabilities and assets on a net basis, or to realize the assets and settle the liabilities simultaneously, in each future period in which significant amounts of deferred tax assets or liabilities are expected to be settled or recovered.

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3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued):

j) Earnings (loss) per share

Basic earnings (loss) per share is calculated by dividing the net income (loss) for the period available to common shareholders by the weighted average number of shares outstanding during the period. Diluted earnings per share reflect the potential dilution of securities that could share in earnings. The Company uses the treasury stock method of calculating fully diluted earnings per share amounts, whereby any proceeds from the exercise of dilutive instruments are assumed to be used to purchase common shares at the average market price during the period. Basic and diluted loss per share are the same for the periods presented, as the effect of dilutive instruments outstanding, during the periods presented, would be anti-dilutive.

k) Financial instruments

Financial assets and liabilities are classified in the fair value hierarchy according to the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement requires judgment and may affect placement within the fair value hierarchy levels.

The hierarchy is as follows:

- Level 1: quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2: inputs other than quotes prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e., as prices) or indirectly (i.e., derived from prices).
- Level 3: inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

i) Recognition

The Company recognizes a financial asset or financial liability on the statement of financial position when it becomes party to the contractual provisions of the financial instrument. Financial assets are initially measured at fair value, and are derecognized either when the Company has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset, or when cash flows expire. Financial liabilities are initially measured at fair value and are derecognized when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expired.

A write-off of a financial asset (or a portion thereof) constitutes a derecognition event. Write-off occurs when the Company has no reasonable expectation of recovering the contractual cash flows of a financial asset.

ii) Classification and measurement

The Company determines the classification of its financial instruments at initial recognition. Financial assets and financial liabilities are classified according to the following measurement categories:

- a) those to be measured subsequently at fair value, either through profit or loss ("FVTPL") or through other comprehensive income ("FVTOCI"); and
- b) those to be measured subsequently at amortized cost.

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3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued):

k) Financial instruments (continued):

The classification and measurement of financial assets after initial recognition at fair value depends on the business model for managing the financial asset and the contractual terms of the cash flows. Financial assets that are held within a business model whose objective is to collect the contractual cash flows, and that have contractual cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal outstanding, are generally measured at amortized cost at each subsequent reporting period. All other financial assets are measured at their fair values at each subsequent reporting period, with any changes recorded through profit or loss or through other comprehensive income (which designation is made as an irrevocable election at the time of recognition).

After initial recognition at fair value, financial liabilities are classified and measured at either:

- i) amortized cost;
- ii) FVTPL, if the Company has made an irrevocable election at the time of recognition, or when required (for items such as instruments held for trading or derivatives); or
- iii) FVTOCI, when the change in fair value is attributable to changes in the Company's credit risk.

The Company reclassifies financial assets when and only when its business model for managing those assets changes. Financial liabilities are not reclassified.

Transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issuance of a financial asset or financial liability classified as subsequently measured at amortized cost or FVTOCI are included in the fair value of the instrument on initial recognition. Transaction costs for financial assets and financial liabilities classified at FVTPL are expensed in profit or loss.

The Company's financial assets consists of cash and cash equivalents which are classified and subsequently measured at amortized cost. The Company's financial liabilities consist of trade and other payables which are classified and measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method. The 'effective interest rate' is the rate that discounts estimated future cash payments over the expected life of the financial instrument to the gross carrying amount of the financial asset or the amortized cost of the financial liability. The effective interest rate is calculated considering all contractual terms of the financial instruments, except for the expected credit losses of financial assets. Interest expense is reported in profit or loss.

iii) Impairment

The Company assesses all information available, including on a forward-looking basis the expected credit losses associated with any financial assets carried at amortized cost. The impairment methodology applied depends on whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk. To assess whether there is a significant increase in credit risk, the Company compares the risk of a default occurring on the asset as at the reporting date with the risk of default as at the date of initial recognition based on all information available, and reasonable and supportable forward-looking information.

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3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued):

l) Significant accounting judgments and estimates

The preparation of these financial statements requires management to make judgments and estimates and form assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and reported amounts of expenses during the reporting period. On an ongoing basis, management evaluates its judgments and estimates in relation to assets, liabilities and expenses. Management uses historical experience and various other factors it believes to be reasonable under the given circumstances as the basis for its judgments and estimates. Actual outcomes may differ from these estimates under different assumptions and conditions.

The areas that require significant estimations or where measurements are uncertain are as follows:

Share-based payments

The Company uses the Black-Scholes option pricing model for valuation of share-based payments. Option pricing models require the input of subjective assumptions including expected price volatility, interest rate and forfeiture rate. Changes in the input assumptions can materially affect the fair value estimate and the Company's earnings and equity reserves.

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with IFRS requires the Company to make judgments, apart from those involving estimates, in applying accounting policies. The most significant judgments in applying accounting policies in the Company's financial statements include:

Title to Mineral Property Interests

Although the Company has taken steps to verify title to mineral properties in which it has an interest, these procedures do not guarantee the Company's title. Such properties may be subject to prior agreements or transfers and title may be affected by undetected defects.

Impairment of exploration and evaluation assets

The carrying value and recoverability of exploration and evaluation assets requires management to make certain estimates, judgments and assumptions about each project. Management considers the economics of the project, including the latest resource prices and the long-term forecasts, and the overall economic viability of the project.

m) New standards, interpretations and amendments not yet adopted

As at March 31, 2023, the following accounting standards and amendments are effective for future periods. These are not expected to have material impact on adoption.

Amendments to IAS 8 – Definition of Accounting Estimates

These amendments clarify how companies distinguish changes in accounting policies from changes in accounting estimates, with a primary focus on the definition of and clarifications on accounting estimates. The distinction between the two is important because changes in accounting policies are applied retrospectively, whereas changes in accounting estimates are applied prospectively. Further, the amendments clarify that accounting estimates are monetary amounts in the financial statements subject to measurement uncertainty. The amendments also clarify the relationship between accounting policies and accounting estimates by specifying that a company develops an accounting estimate to achieve the objective set out by an accounting policy. The amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2023.

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3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued):

m) New standards, interpretations and amendments not yet adopted (continued):

Amendments to IAS 1 and IFRS Practice Statement 2 – Disclosure of Accounting Policies

These amendments continue the IASB's clarifications on applying the concept of materiality. These amendments help companies provide useful accounting policy disclosures, and they include: requiring companies to disclose their material accounting policies instead of their significant accounting policies; clarifying that accounting policies related to immaterial transactions, other events or conditions are themselves immaterial and do not need to be disclosed; and clarifying that not all accounting policies that relate to material transactions, other events or conditions are themselves material. The IASB also amended IFRS Practice Statement 2 to include guidance and examples on applying materiality to accounting policy disclosures. The amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2023.

Amendments to IAS 1 – Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current

The amendments to IAS 1 provide a more general approach to the classification of liabilities based on the contractual arrangements in place at the reporting date. The amendments are effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2024. The amendments are applied retrospectively in accordance with IAS 8 with earlier application permitted.

4. AMOUNTS RECEIVABLE

The Company's amounts receivable is comprised of the following:

	Year-ended March 31,	
	2023	2022
Interest receivable	\$ 7,551	\$ -
Sales tax recoverable	994,786	131,280
	<u>\$ 1,002,337</u>	<u>\$ 131,280</u>

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5. EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION ASSETS

On October 6, 2020, the Company entered into an agreement with Val-D'Or Mining Corporation ("Val-d'Or") for the purchase of a 100% interest in a mineral property, referred to as the Ducros Property, located in the Val d'Or area of Quebec, Canada. The Company issued 3,589,341 special warrants at their fair value of \$0.05 for the purchase of the mineral property. The 3,589,341 special warrants were subsequently converted, at no additional cost, into 3,589,341 common shares of the Company.

As of March 31, 2023, the Company has staked 282 (March 31, 2022 – 280) contiguous mining claims covering 15,261 (March 31, 2022 – 15,147) hectares.

The Company is subject to net smelter returns royalties and an associated area of interest which includes the additional staked property. Commencing on October 6, 2024, the Company shall pay to Val-d'Or advance minimum yearly royalty payments of \$10,000.

During the years ended March 31, 2023 and 2022, the Company incurred the following exploration expenditures on the property:

	For the year-ended		Cumulative	
	March 31,		expenditures to March 31,	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Acquisition Costs				
Land acquisition	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 211,850	\$ 211,850
Exploration Costs				
Assays	1,077,405	49,026	1,126,431	49,026
Biochemistry	115,232	-	115,232	-
Consulting	3,004	12,100	15,104	12,100
Drilling	3,289,286	384,353	3,673,639	384,353
Equipment rentals	798,294	2,888	801,182	2,888
Geology	2,521,629	390,311	2,960,534	438,905
Geophysics	812,022	250,690	1,116,556	304,534
Lodging and meals	181,758	9,552	191,310	9,552
Permits and licenses	94,784	44,417	139,201	44,417
Supplies and materials	727,970	79,400	807,370	79,400
Exploration tax credit	(108,359)	-	(108,359)	-
	9,513,025	1,222,737	10,838,200	1,325,175
Total exploration & evaluation expenditures	\$ 9,513,025	\$ 1,222,737	\$ 11,050,050	\$ 1,537,025

6. DEFERRED TAX LIABILITY AND FLOW-THROUGH SHARE PREMIUM LIABILITY

During the year-ended March 31, 2023, the Company issued an aggregate of 26,530,367 of flow-through shares (each, a "FT Share") for gross proceeds of \$6,570,288. The flow-through premium was determined to be \$2,002,700 and recognized that amount as a liability prior to the renunciation of the exploration expenditures.

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6. DEFERRED TAX LIABILITY AND FLOW-THROUGH SHARE PREMIUM LIABILITY (continued):

A continuity of the Company's flow-through share premium liability is as follows:

	Year-ended March 31,	
	2023	2022
Opening balance	\$ -	\$ -
Flow-through share premium on the issuance of flow-through common share units (Note 7(b))	2,002,700	357,105
Settlement of flow-through share premium liability on incurrence of eligible expenditures	(801,300)	(357,105)
	\$ 1,201,400	\$ -

Effective December 31, 2022, the Company renounced \$6,570,288 in flow-through expenditures. The renunciation of expenditures created a deferred tax liability of \$1,741,000.

During the year-ended March 31, 2022, the Company issued an aggregate of 23,240,846 of flow-through shares (each, a "FT Share") for gross proceeds of \$6,700,004. The flow-through premium was determined to be \$357,105 and recognized that amount as a liability prior to the renunciation of the exploration expenditures.

Effective December 31, 2021, the Company renounced \$6,600,000 in flow-through expenditures. The renunciation of expenditures created a deferred tax liability of \$1,775,500.

7. COMMON SHARES

a) Authorized:

An unlimited number of common shares with no par value.

b) During the year-ended March 31, 2023, the Company issued 250,000 common shares pursuant to the exercise of 250,000 stock options at a weighted average price of \$0.11 per share for gross proceeds of \$27,500.

During the year ended March 31, 2023, the Company issued 6,322,400 common shares pursuant to the exercise of 6,322,400 warrants at \$0.10 per share for gross proceeds of \$632,240.

During the year ended March 31, 2023, the Company issued an aggregate of 37,155,367 common shares for gross proceeds of \$8,695,288 pursuant to the closing of non-brokered private placements. The private placements were comprised of: 1) 10,625,000 units ("Unit"); 2) 6,230,367 flow-through shares ("FT Share"); and 3) 23,300,000 Quebec flow-through shares ("Quebec FT Share").

Each Unit was issued for proceeds of \$0.20 and comprised one common share and one-half of a common share purchase warrant. Each whole warrant entitles the holder thereof to acquire one additional common share at a price of \$0.30 for a period of two years from the closing date.

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7. COMMON SHARES (continued):

The fair value of the 5,312,500 warrants was estimated using the Residual Value Method whereby the Company bifurcated the Units which consisted of one common share and one-half of a common share purchase warrant. The common share component of the unit was measured at fair value using the market price and allocating the residual value of the Unit price to the share purchase warrant component. The weighted average value of the warrant component was determined to be \$0.05 per warrant.

Each FT Share was issued for proceeds of \$0.24 per FT Share and comprised of one common share that qualifies as a "flow-through share" within the meaning of subsection 66(15) of the Income Tax Act (Canada).

Each Quebec FT Share was issued for proceeds of \$0.25 per Quebec FT Share and comprised of one common share that qualifies as a "flow-through share" within the meaning of subsection 66(15) of the Income Tax Act (Canada).

The Company incurred \$740,966 in cash share issuance costs.

The Company also issued 2,229,322 broker warrants to arm's length third parties. Each broker warrant entitles the holder to acquire one common share of the Company for the price of \$0.30 per common share for a period of two years following the closing.

The fair value of the 2,229,322 broker warrants was estimated using the Black-Scholes option pricing model assuming a weighted average risk-free interest rate of 3.90%, a dividend yield of nil, a weighted average expected annual volatility of the Company's share price of 125% and an expected life of 2 years. The fair value of the broker warrant was \$0.09 per warrant. The expected volatility assumption is based on the estimated volatility of comparable early-stage mineral exploration companies. The risk-free interest rate is based on yield curves on the Canadian government zero-coupon bonds or Canadian government treasury bills with a remaining term equal to the warrant's expected life.

During the year-ended March 31, 2022, the Company issued 4,800,000 common shares pursuant to the exercise of 4,800,000 stock options at a weighted average price of \$0.08 per share for gross proceeds of \$366,000.

During the year ended March 31, 2022, the Company issued 3,479,600 common shares pursuant to the exercise of 3,479,600 warrants at \$0.10 per share for gross proceeds of \$347,960.

During the year ended March 31, 2022, the Company issued an aggregate of 27,407,496 common shares for gross proceeds of \$7,700,000 pursuant to the closing of non-brokered private placements. The private placements were comprised of: 1) 4,166,650 units ("Unit"); 2) 10,444,000 flow-through shares ("FT Share"); 3) 8,035,446 Quebec flow-through shares ("Quebec FT Share"); and 4) 4,761,400 Premium flow-through units ("Premium FT Unit").

Each Unit was issued for proceeds of \$0.24 and comprised one common share and one-half of a common share purchase warrant. Each whole warrant entitles the holder thereof to acquire one additional common share at a price of \$0.32 for a period of two years from the closing date.

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7. COMMON SHARES (continued):

Each FT Share was issued for proceeds of \$0.25 per FT Share and comprised of one common share that qualifies as a "flow-through share" within the meaning of subsection 66(15) of the Income Tax Act (Canada).

Each Quebec FT Share was issued for proceeds of \$0.26 per Quebec FT Share and comprised of one common share that qualifies as a "flow-through share" within the meaning of subsection 66(15) of the Income Tax Act (Canada).

Each Premium FT Unit was issued for proceeds of \$0.42 per Premium FT Unit and comprised of one common share that qualifies as a "flow-through share" within the meaning of subsection 66(15) of the Income Tax Act (Canada) and one-half of a common share purchase warrant. Each whole warrant entitles the holder thereof to acquire one additional common share at a price of \$0.32 for a period of two years from the closing date.

The Company incurred \$589,683 in cash share issuance costs.

The Company also issued 1,918,524 finder's warrants to arm's length third parties. Each finder's warrant entitles the holder to acquire one common share of the Company for the price of \$0.24 per common share for a period of two years following the closing.

The fair value of the 1,918,524 finder warrants was estimated using the Black-Scholes option pricing model assuming a weighted average risk-free interest rate of 0.95%, a dividend yield of nil, a weighted average expected annual volatility of the Company's share price of 125% and an expected life of 2 years. The fair value of the finder's warrant was \$0.15 per warrant. The expected volatility assumption is based on the estimated volatility of comparable early-stage mineral exploration companies. The risk-free interest rate is based on yield curves on the Canadian government zero-coupon bonds or Canadian government treasury bills with a remaining term equal to the warrants' expected life.

8. SHARE-BASED PAYMENTS RESERVE

a) Warrants:

The changes in warrants issued during the years ended March 31, 2023 and 2022 are as follows:

	Year-ended March 31,			
	2023		2022	
	Number of warrants	Weighted-average exercise price	Number of warrants	Weighted-average exercise price
Balance at April 1,	17,745,949	\$ 0.17	14,607,000	\$ 0.10
Exercised	(6,322,400)	0.10	(3,479,600)	0.10
Expired	(4,805,000)	0.10	-	-
Issued	7,541,822	0.15	6,618,549	0.30
Balance, March 31,	14,160,371	\$ 0.30	17,745,949	\$ 0.17

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8. SHARE-BASED PAYMENTS RESERVE (continued):

b) Warrants (continued):

Warrants exercisable and outstanding as at March 31, 2023 are as follows:

Expiry Date	Number of warrants	Exercise Price
October 20, 2023	250,000	0.35
November 4, 2023	4,464,025	0.32
November 4, 2023	1,904,524	0.24
December 9, 2024	6,264,722	0.30
December 29, 2024	1,277,100	0.30
	14,160,371	\$ 0.30

c) Stock Options:

On August 3, 2022, the Company adopted an option plan in accordance with the rules and policies of the CSE. The terms of any award are determined by the Board, provided that no options may be granted with an exercise price lower than the greater of the closing market price of the Common Shares on (a) the trading day prior to the date of the grant of the stock options, and (b) the date of grant of the stock options, and the term may not exceed 10 years. The aggregate number of securities available for issuance under the plan may not exceed 10% of the number of common shares of the Company issued and outstanding from time to time.

On August 29, 2022, the Company granted 1,775,000 stock options to directors, officers, and consultants, at an exercise price of \$0.15. The stock options expire on August 29, 2024 and vested immediately upon grant. The Company recognized \$179,300 for share-based payments.

The fair value of the 1,775,000 stock options was estimated using the Black-Scholes option pricing model assuming a weighted average risk-free interest rate of 3.60%, a dividend yield of nil, a weighted average expected annual volatility of the Company's share price of 135% and an expected life of 2 years. The fair value of the stock options was \$0.101 per option. The expected volatility assumption is based on the estimated volatility of comparable early-stage mineral exploration companies. The risk-free interest rate is based on yield curves on the Canadian government zero-coupon bonds or Canadian government treasury bills with a remaining term equal to the options' expected life.

On February 9, 2022, the Company granted 800,000 stock options to a director and to officers at an exercise price of \$0.25. The stock options expire on February 9, 2024 and vested immediately upon grant. The Company recognized \$112,700 for share-based payments.

The fair value of the 800,000 stock options was estimated using the Black-Scholes option pricing model assuming a weighted average risk-free interest rate of 1.36%, a dividend yield of nil, a weighted average expected annual volatility of the Company's share price of 125% and an expected life of 2 years. The fair value of the stock options was \$0.141 per option. The expected volatility assumption is based on the estimated volatility of comparable early-stage mineral exploration companies. The risk-free interest rate is based on yield curves on the Canadian government zero-coupon bonds or Canadian government treasury bills with a remaining term equal to the options' expected life.

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b) Stock Options (continued):

On December 15, 2021, the Company granted 200,000 stock options to a director at an exercise price of \$0.25. The stock options expire on December 15, 2023 and vested immediately upon grant. The Company recognized \$31,300 for share-based payments.

The fair value of the 200,000 stock options was estimated using the Black-Scholes option pricing model assuming a weighted average risk-free interest rate of 0.95%, a dividend yield of nil, a weighted average expected annual volatility of the Company's share price of 125% and an expected life of 2 years. The fair value of the stock options was \$0.157 per option. The expected volatility assumption is based on the estimated volatility of comparable early-stage mineral exploration companies. The risk-free interest rate is based on yield curves on the Canadian government zero-coupon bonds or Canadian government treasury bills with a remaining term equal to the options' expected life.

On November 24, 2021, the Company granted an aggregate of 3,400,000 stock options to directors, officers, and consultants, at an exercise price of \$0.30. The stock options expire on November 24, 2023 and vested immediately upon grant. The Company recognized \$639,700 for share-based payments.

The fair value of the 3,400,000 stock options was estimated using the Black-Scholes option pricing model assuming a weighted average risk-free interest rate of 1.04%, a dividend yield of nil, a weighted average expected annual volatility of the Company's share price of 125% and an expected life of 2 years. The fair value of the stock options was \$0.188 per option. The expected volatility assumption is based on the estimated volatility of comparable early-stage mineral exploration companies. The risk-free interest rate is based on yield curves on the Canadian government zero-coupon bonds or Canadian government treasury bills with a remaining term equal to the options' expected life.

On July 28, 2021, the Company granted 3,400,000 stock options to directors, officers, and consultants, at an exercise price of \$0.11. The stock options expire on July 28, 2026 and vested immediately upon grant. The Company recognized \$314,500 for share-based payments.

The fair value of the 3,400,000 stock options was estimated using the Black-Scholes option pricing model assuming a weighted average risk-free interest rate of 0.80%, a dividend yield of nil, a weighted average expected annual volatility of the Company's share price of 125% and an expected life of 5 years. The fair value of the stock options was \$0.093 per option. The expected volatility assumption is based on the estimated volatility of comparable early-stage mineral exploration companies. The risk-free interest rate is based on yield curves on the Canadian government zero-coupon bonds or Canadian government treasury bills with a remaining term equal to the options' expected life.

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8. SHARE-BASED PAYMENTS RESERVE (continued):

b) Stock Options (continued):

The changes in stock options issued during the years ended March 31, 2023 and 2022 are as follows:

	Year-ended March 31,			
	2023		2022	
	Number of options	Weighted-average exercise price	Number of options	Weighted-average exercise price
Balance at April 1,	5,700,000	\$ 0.25	2,700,000	\$ 0.10
Granted	1,775,000	0.15	7,800,000	0.21
Exercised	(250,000)	0.11	(4,800,000)	0.08
Cancelled	(500,000)	0.11	-	-
Balance, March 31,	6,725,000	\$ 0.23	5,700,000	\$ 0.25

Stock options exercisable and outstanding as at March 31, 2023 are as follows:

Expiry Date	Number of options	Exercise Price
November 24, 2023	3,150,000	\$ 0.30
December 15, 2023	200,000	0.25
February 9, 2024	800,000	0.25
August 29, 2024	1,725,000	0.15
July 28, 2026	850,000	0.11
	6,725,000	\$ 0.23

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9. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Parties are considered to be related if one party has the ability, directly or indirectly, to control the other party or exercise significant influence over the other party in making financial and operating decisions. Parties are also considered to be related if they are subject to common control or common significant influence, related parties may be individuals or corporate entities. A transaction is considered to be a related party transaction when there is a transfer of resources or obligations between related parties.

The following is a summary of the related party transactions that occurred during the years ended March 31, 2023 and 2022.

a) Compensation of key management personnel

The Company has determined that key management personnel consist of its Directors, the CEO, the CFO and the Vice-President of Exploration.

	Year-ended March 31,	
	2023	2022
Management fees paid or accrued to a company controlled by the CEO of the Company	\$ 50,000	\$ -
Management fees paid or accrued to a company controlled by the former CFO of the Company	-	7,000
Management fees paid or accrued to a company controlled by the CFO of the Company	91,500	12,000
Consulting fees paid or accrued to a company controlled by the VP Exploration of the Company	242,990	22,500
Management fees paid to the independent directors of the Company	56,000	4,000
Consulting fees paid to a relative of the CEO of the Company	45,000	10,000
Consulting fees paid or accrued to a company controlled by a former director of the Company	-	60,000
Share-based payments	116,166	485,400
Total	\$ 601,656	\$ 600,900

The Company incurred share-based payments of \$179,300 (2022 - \$1,137,900) of which \$116,166 (2022 - \$485,400) represents the fair value of stock options granted to key management personnel.

As at March 31, 2023, \$25,502 (2022 - \$12,127) is owing to related parties and is included in accounts payable.

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10. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Company is exposed to various financial risks resulting from both its operations and its investment activities. The Company's management manages financial risks. The Company does not enter into financial instruments agreements, including derivative financial instruments for speculative purposes. The Company's main financial risks exposure and its financial policies are as follows:

a) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation. The Company's cash and cash equivalents are exposed to credit risk, with the carrying value being the Company's maximum exposure. The Company's cash and cash equivalents consists of funds held at Canadian chartered banks or occasionally, in trust with the Company's corporate lawyer. Management believes the Company's exposure to credit risk is minimal.

b) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities. The Company's approach to managing liquidity risk is to ensure that it will have sufficient liquidity to meet liabilities when due. As at March 31, 2023, the Company had a cash and cash equivalents balance of \$5,321,200 to settle trade liabilities of \$1,385,265. These trade liabilities are due interest free on terms negotiated with each vendor. The Company expects to fund future expenditures through the issuance of capital stock.

A summary of the short-term investments held by the Company is as follows:

Maturity date	Principal	Interest rate per annum
February 24, 2024	\$ 40,320	1.75%
December 18, 2024	4,000,000	4.45%
January 17, 2025	1,000,000	4.45%
	\$ 5,040,320	4.43% ¹

¹ Weighted-average interest rate per annum

c) Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. Market risk comprises three types of risk: currency risk, interest rate risk and other price risk. Management does not believe the Company is exposed to material currency or other price risk.

d) Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The Company is exposed to significant interest rate risk as cash and cash equivalents comprise \$5,040,320 held at a Canadian chartered bank in cashable GICs which bear interest ranging from 1.75% to 4.45% per annum as at March 31, 2023. A 1% change in interest rates on cash and cash equivalents would have an impact of \$50,403 on net loss.

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10. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued):

d) Interest rate risk (continued):

The Company had no interest rate swaps or financial contracts in place as at or during the years ended March 31, 2023 and 2022.

e) Fair values of financial instruments:

Fair value estimates are made at the statement of financial position date, based on relevant market information and other information about financial instruments. As at March 31, 2023 and 2022, the Company's financial instruments are cash and cash equivalents and trade and other payables. The amounts reflected in the statement of financial position approximate their fair values due to the short-term nature of these financial instruments.

There has been no changes in the Company's management of risks associated with financial instruments during the year ended March 31, 2023, as compared with the year ended March 31, 2022.

11. CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

The Company's capital currently consists of common shares and its principal source of cash is from the issuance of common shares. The Company's capital management objectives are to safeguard its ability to continue as a going concern and to have sufficient capital to be able to acquire and explore mineral property assets. The Company does not have any externally imposed capital requirements to which it is subject. The Company manages the capital structure and makes adjustments to it in light of changes in economic conditions and the risk characteristics of the underlying assets. To maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Company may attempt to issue new equity instruments.

As the Company's mineral property is in the exploration stage, the Company is dependent on external financing to fund its activities. In order to carry out its operations, the Company will spend its existing working capital and raise additional amounts as needed.

There were no changes in the Company's approach to capital management during the years-ended March 31, 2023 and 2022.

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12. INCOME TAX

Tax expense differs from the amount computed by applying the combined Canadian federal and provincial income tax rates, applicable to the Company, to the income (loss) before taxes due to the following:

	Year-ended March 31,	
	2023	2022
Income (loss) before income taxes	\$ (430,685)	\$ (1,279,374)
Canadian federal and provincial income tax rate	26.5%	26.5%
Income tax expense (recovery) based on Canadian federal and provincial income tax rates	(114,000)	(339,034)
Increase (decrease) in income taxes attributable to:		
Non-deductible share-based payments	(164,000)	627,893
Other	-	(33,776)
Share issue costs	-	(271,859)
Flow through benefits renounced	1,741,000	1,775,500
Tax benefits recognized	-	(171,224)
Income tax expense (recovery)	\$ 1,463,000	\$ 1,587,500

Unrecognized deductible temporary differences and unused tax losses are attributed to the following:

	Year-ended March 31,	
	2023	2022
Share issuance costs	\$ 463,000	\$ 277,000
Non-capital loss carry forwards	553,750	188,000
Exploration and exploration assets	(3,539,450)	(1,775,500)
	(2,522,700)	(1,310,500)
Less: tax benefits not recognized	-	-
	\$ (2,522,700)	\$ (1,310,500)

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13. SEGMENTED REPORTING

The Company operates in a single reportable segment being the acquisition and exploration of mineral property assets in Canada.

14. SUBSEQUENT EVENT

Subsequent to the year-ended March 31, 2023, the Company received notice that due to an emergency order from the Québec Ministère des Ressources naturelles et des Forêts (Ministry of Natural Resources and Forests) (the “Ministry”) prohibiting access to lands in the province impacted by forest fires, all field-based exploration activities have been temporarily suspended at the Ducros Project. The Company has since recommenced field work on the project after receiving clearance by the Ministry.