



**Management's Discussion and Analysis**

**For the Year Ended December 31, 2021**

(Expressed in Canadian Dollars)

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This Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") of the financial position and results of operations of Honey Badger Silver Inc. (formerly, "Honey Badger Exploration Inc.") ("Honey Badger" or the "Company") has been prepared based on information available to the Company as at May 2, 2022, and should be read in conjunction with Honey Badger's audited annual financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020 (the "Annual Financial Statements") and the related notes thereto. The Annual Financial Statements and MD&A are expressed in Canadian dollars and have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB") applicable to the preparation of interim financial statements. A copy of the Interim Financial Statements and other information are available on the Company's website at [www.honeybadgersilver.com](http://www.honeybadgersilver.com) and on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

## **2.0 CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION**

Except for statements of historical fact relating to the Company, certain information contained in this MD&A constitutes "forward-looking information" under Canadian securities legislation. All statements, other than statements of historical fact, included herein including, without limitation, statements regarding the anticipated content, commencement, anticipated exploration program results, the ability to complete future financings, the ability to complete the required permitting, the ability to complete the exploration program and drilling, and the anticipated business plans and timing of future activities of the Company, are forward-looking statements. Although the Company believes that such statements are reasonable, it can give no assurance that such expectations will prove to be correct. Forward-looking statements are typically identified by words such as: believe, expect, anticipate, intend, estimate, postulate and similar expressions, or are those, which, by their nature, refer to future events. The Company cautions investors that any forward-looking statements by the Company are not guarantees of future results or performance, and that actual results may differ materially from those in forward looking statements as a result of various factors, including, but not limited to, the state of the financial markets for the Company's equity securities, the state of the commodity markets generally, variations in the nature, quality and quantity of any mineral deposits that may be located, variations in the market price of any mineral products the Company may produce or plan to produce, the inability of the Company to obtain any necessary permits, consents or authorizations required, including Toronto Stock Exchange Venture ("TSXV") acceptance, for its planned activities, the analytical results from surface trenching and sampling programs, including diamond drilling programs, the results of IP surveying, the inability of the Company to produce minerals from its properties successfully or profitably, to continue its projected growth, to raise the necessary capital or to be fully able to implement its business strategies, the potential impact of COVID-19 (coronavirus) on the Company's exploration program and on the Company's general business, operations and financial condition, and other risks and uncertainties. Readers are urged to access [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) to review additional information about the Company, including the technical reports filed with respect to the Company's mineral properties interests. This document contains information with respect to adjacent or similar mineral properties interests in the Thunder Bay Silver District in respect of which the Company has no interest or rights to explore or mine. Readers are cautioned that the Company has no interest in or right to acquire any interest in any such adjacent properties, and that mineral deposits, and the results of any mining thereof, on adjacent or similar properties, are not indicative of mineral deposits on the Company's properties or any potential exploitation thereof.

### **3.0 BACKGROUND**

#### **3.1 DIRECTORS, OFFICERS AND MANAGEMENT**

Chad Williams – Chairman, Director  
Brian Briggs – Independent Director  
W. Douglas Eaton - Independent Director  
John H. Hill - Independent Director  
Donna McLean – CFO  
Namrata Malhotra – Corporate Secretary  
Edmond Thorose – President

#### **3.2 CORPORATE OFFICE**

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#### **3.3 EXCHANGE LISTINGS**

Honey Badger is a publicly listed company, and its common shares are traded on the TSXV under the trading symbol "TUF" and on the OTCQB under the trading symbol "HBEIF".

#### **3.4 CORPORATE INFORMATION**

Honey Badger was incorporated pursuant to the Business Corporations Act (Ontario) in 1992 and is engaged in the identification and acquisition of silver properties in mining-friendly jurisdictions. Led by a highly experienced leadership and technical team, the Company's primary focus is on the acquisition, development, and integration of accretive transactions of silver ounces to build the Company's portfolio of assets.

Honey Badger's mineral properties are currently in the exploration stage. Honey Badger's continued operations are dependent upon the ability of the Company to finance: the exploration of its mineral properties, the possible expansion of its portfolio of assets and ongoing corporate costs. The Company has not yet determined whether any of its mineral properties contain mineralization that is economically recoverable. In consideration of future acquisitions, the company will conduct detailed due diligence as appropriate to determine the viability of any undertaking.

### **4.0 MISSION, STRATEGY AND KEY DRIVERS**

#### *Mission*

Honey Badger's mission is to assemble a three-tiered portfolio of diversified silver assets at various stages of advancement:

- District scale, high-grade silver properties;
- Projects with existing silver resources/reserves;
- Cash flowing silver royalties and streams.

This portfolio approach to aggregating silver assets represents a new concept in modern silver investing and sets Honey Badger apart from the typical Canadian mineral exploration company.

## *Strategy*

The Company's strategy includes:

- Acquiring mineral properties and interests that strengthen Honey Badger's portfolio of silver assets;
- Creating value-accretive vehicles for by-product metals typically associated with silver, such as zinc and lead;
- Advancing the geological knowledge of its mineral properties through prudent work programs;
- Broadening the Company's participation in joint ventures to foster accretive acquisitions; and
- Sourcing and evaluating opportunities and interests in existing and prospective silver mining assets situated in mining-friendly jurisdictions in the Americas.

## *Key Performance Drivers*

- Highly prospective property holdings in the Yukon and Ontario's Thunder Bay Silver District, in proximity to past producing, high-grade silver mines; and
- Industry recognized Management and Board with a track record of shareholder value creation, having extensive network and technical expertise with the ability to source and evaluate high quality asset acquisition opportunities.

## *Why Silver? Honey Badger's Positive Outlook on the White Metal*

Honey Badger's Board and Management believe in the monetary and inflation-hedging attributes of silver: as a hard asset in a world of paper profits, digital trading and currency creation; a tangible hedge against global inflationary and portfolio management risk; and expansive applications in renewable energy and combatting climate change, including use in photovoltaic cells (the main constituents of solar panels), cell phone and 5G (5<sup>th</sup> generation mobile network) technology.

Besides being a physical asset, which cannot be hacked, erased or inflated away, silver is one of the most widely used commodities in the world today. Silver plays an integral role in technology, particularly in innovations critical to fostering a more environmentally friendly future.

Silver has served as a critical store of value and medium of exchange for millennia due to its fixed supply, broad adoption and safe haven qualities. While fiat currencies, such as the U.S. dollar, are widely used and offer price stability, they do not have a fixed supply and can be printed at the will of governments. An increasing money supply means that over the long-term, fiat currencies may lose purchasing power relative to inflation.

Many major asset classes are highly correlated, meaning that they tend to move in the same direction at the same time. This is because many assets, like stocks or real estate, tend to rise and fall with economic performance and investor sentiment. Silver's performance, on the other hand, works to offset and diversify a portfolio's proclivity to unilateral movements.

## **4.0 MISSION, STRATEGY AND KEY DRIVERS**

### **4.1 ANNUAL RESULTS**

#### **Building on Honey Badger's portfolio of assets**

Over the last 16 months the Company significantly expanded its portfolio of mineral properties in Ontario and the Yukon through a number of transactions and by map-staking. The Company currently holds mineral properties in the Yukon, Ontario and Quebec (see 6.1 – Exploration Properties).

## Yukon

- On June 4, 2021, the Company announced the acquisition of 100% of the rights, title and interest in three advanced silver-focused properties – the Plata, Groundhog and Hy properties - from Strategic Metals Ltd. ("Strategic Metals"), located in southeast and south-central Yukon, Canada. In consideration for the properties, Honey Badger issued 34,804,718 common shares to Strategic Metals valued at \$4,524,613, which was 19.9% of the issued and outstanding common shares of the Company;
- Subsequent to year end, on March 29, 2022, the Company acquired a 100% interest in the Clear Lake deposit in the Whitehorse Mining District of the Yukon, for a total consideration of \$250,000 in cash, subject to a 1% net smelter return royalty ("NSR") on all metals other than silver.

## Thunder Bay, Ontario

- On January 8, 2021, the Company announced the acquisition of 82 map registered cell claims, contiguous and to the west of its property holdings, within the prolific historic Thunder Bay Silver District. The Company's operational land portfolio now consists of 959 cell claims and 7 mining patents, covers 12 past-producing high-grade silver mines and encompasses approximately 20,000 hectares of ground;
- On July 20, 2021, the Company completed an acquisition with Romios Gold Resources Inc. ("Romios Gold") to acquire 80% interest and control over an additional 1,870 hectares (4,620 acres) in 87 mining claims covering historic silver properties in the Thunder Bay Silver District. The new claims comprise substantial portions of the historic Victoria Mine and Federal Mine silver properties, plus the Lily of the Valley, Caribou and Cloud Bay prospects and solidifies Honey Badger Silver's dominant position in this historic high-grade silver camp. In consideration for the additional claims, Honey Badger issued 1,103,506 common shares to Romios Gold, valued at \$77,245. As well, Honey Badger Silver has been granted a right of first refusal by Romios Gold on the 20% remaining interest. (see 6.1, Exploration Properties).

The Company continually monitors and evaluates its property holdings. The Company recently elected to allow 433 claim cells covering 9,300 hectares of ground, on its Mink Silver Mountain property in the Thunder Bay Silver District, to lapse. These holdings were deemed to be of lower perspective given their distance to historical silver mines in the district and paucity of silver showings or prospects within them.

## 5.0 CORPORATE HIGHLIGHTS

### Board and Management Changes

- On January 25, 2021, the Company appointed Chad Williams as Executive Chairman;
- Effective February 1, 2021, Honey Badger Silver appointed a new Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Secretary through the engagement of Grove Corporate Services Ltd. ("Grove");
- During June 2021, Brian Briggs P. Eng, and W. Douglas Eaton BA., BSc, accepted appointments to serve as Directors of the Board; they were then elected to the Board by the shareholders of the Company at the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders held on January 18, 2022 ("2022 AGM");
- On September 9, 2021, the Company appointed Edmond Thorose, MBA, B.Sc (Hons), to the position of President of the Company; and
- On October 28, 2021, Honey Badger appointed John H. Hill, M.Sc, CFA, to the Company's Board of Directors; he was also elected at the 2022 AGM.

## Financings/Equity Transactions

- On March 18, 2021, the Company closed a non-brokered private placement that resulted in the issuance of 42,857,143 units (“Units”) for aggregate gross proceeds of \$3,000,000. Each Unit was priced at \$0.07 and consists of one common share in the capital of the Company (“Common Share”) and one-half of one Common Share purchase warrant (each whole warrant, a “Warrant”). Each Warrant entitles the holder to acquire one common share at a price of \$0.10 up to March 18, 2024;
- During the year ended December 31, 2021, 688,250 warrants were exercised for cash proceeds of \$50,075 and 1,700,000 options were exercised for cash proceeds of \$97,750;
- On June 8, 2021, the Company issued 34,804,718 common shares with a value of \$4,524,613 to acquire certain Yukon properties from Strategic Metals;
- Effective July 2, 2021, the Company completed a non-brokered flow-through private placement by issuing 1,681,800 Flow Through Shares for gross proceeds of \$252,270. In connection with the private placement, the Company paid \$17,239 in finders’ fees; and issued non-transferable purchase warrants entitling the holder to purchase a total of 114,926 common shares of the Company at a price of \$0.15 per share for a period of 24 months;
- On July 26, 2021, the Company acquired certain silver properties in the Thunder Bay Silver District from Romios Gold for the issuance of 1,103,506 common shares valued at \$77,245; and
- On August 23, 2021, the Company announced that its common shares had been approved for trading on the OTCQB Venture Market in the United States, under the symbol ‘ HBEIF ’; and
- On December 30, 2021, the Company announced the grant of stock options to directors, officers, employees and consultants of the Company for the purchase of up to 4,809,800 shares in the Company exercisable at a price of \$0.075 for a period of five years.

## 6.0 TECHNICAL PERFORMANCE AND 2021 WORK PROGRAM

The Company has been pursuing a two-pronged approach to providing its shareholders with added exposure to silver on an accretive per-share basis, chiefly by:

- Advancing its existing project(s) with highly focused work programs designed to build upon previous campaigns with the aim of refining exploration models and finding additional silver resources; and
- Acquiring new assets in silver-rich districts around the world. Well over 100 such targets – appropriate in scale and scope for the Company at the current time - are being reviewed in detail.

On July 8, 2021, the Company announced that it had engaged Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited (“Archer Cathro”) to oversee the Phase 1 work program on its 100%-owned 5,690 hectare Plata Silver Property (“Plata”) located in east-central Yukon.

The Plata Silver Property lies within the Tintina Gold Belt and displays numerous similarities to the world-class Keno Hill Mining Camp, Canada’s second largest primary producer of silver, located 165 km west of the Plata Silver Property. Keno Hill produced more than 200 million ounces of silver at an average grade of 44 ounces per ton (oz/t) of silver from approximately thirty-five vein deposits between 1913 and 1989<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> Cathro, R.C., 2006, Great Mining Camps of Canada 1. The History and Geology of the Keno Hill Silver Camp, Yukon Territory; Geoscience Canada, Vol.33, No.3, pp103-134.

The Plata property hosts 32 hard rock showings that have seen minimal past exploration as well as eight strong multi-element soil anomalies suggesting additional zones along trend that have seen little to no follow-up work, which offer excellent potential for new discoveries.

The primary objective of the planned Phase 1 program was to complete detailed mapping and rock and channel sampling at a number of priority target zones at Plata in order to better understand structural controls of silver mineralization. The secondary objective of the Phase 1 program was to better define the full extent of mineralization at Plata. W. Douglas Eaton, director of Honey Badger was a minority shareholder of Archer Cathro at December 31, 2021, but has since retired from that firm.

Subsequently, in three news releases published on December 13, 2021, January 18, 2022 and February 14, 2022, the Company published the results from the Plata Phase 1 work program as assays were received from the laboratory. These results confirmed the presence of Keno Hill-style high-grade silver including:

- 16,887 g/t silver and 67.99% lead from a rock sample (float) at the P1 Zone, 4,300 g/t silver, 22.00% zinc and 46.40% lead over 1.0 metre from a channel sample at the P2 Zone and 2,720 g/t silver, 72.63% lead from a rock sample (outcrop) at the P26 Zone associated with Type I veins;
- 4,500 g/t silver, 7.26 g/t gold and 24.13% lead over 0.85 metres from the Aho Zone, which extends over 800 metres along strike, associated with Type II veins;
- 5,190 g/t silver, 4.24 g/t gold, 24.4% lead and 3.62% zinc- obtained from composite grab samples from approximately 90 historical ore bags stored on the property.

## 6.1 EXPLORATION PROPERTIES

Honey Badger has mineral property interests in the Yukon, Ontario and Quebec, Canada.

| Project/Property | Province/Territory | Number of Claims | Area (Hectares) |
|------------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Plata            | Yukon              | 281              | 5,690 Ha        |
| Groundhog        | Yukon              | 217              | 4,200 Ha        |
| Hy Project       | Yukon              | 348              | 7,160 Ha        |
| Clear Lake       | Yukon              | 121              | 2,479 Ha        |
| Thunder Bay      | Ontario            | 628              | 12,852 Ha       |
| LG Project       | Quebec             | 55               | 2,800 Ha        |

### YUKON SILVER PROPERTIES, the Yukon

On June 4, 2021, the Company acquired 100% of Strategic Metals' right, title and interest in three advanced silver-focused properties located in southeast and south-central Yukon, Canada. The properties, comprised of Plata, Groundhog, and Hy, are located near major historical silver camps or workings. In consideration for the properties, Honey Badger issued 34,804,718 common shares to Strategic Metals valued at \$4,524,613.

#### (i) Plata

Plata lies within the Tintina Gold Belt and displays many similarities to the Keno Hill Silver Camp located about 165 km to the west. The Keno Hill Silver Camp is Canada's second largest primary producer of silver with production from approximately thirty-five vein deposits between 1913 and 1989. A reported 2,041 tonnes of hand sorted material were shipped from high grade veins on the Plata property to a smelter, yielding about 9,020 kg (290,000 ounces) of silver; this equates to a



recovered silver grade of approximately 4,420 grams per tonne (g/t) silver<sup>(2)</sup>.

(ii) Groundhog

Silver mineralization was first discovered in the road-accessible Groundhog area in 1956. Since that time over one hundred showings have been discovered in the district by various operators. One of these showings was bulk sampled in 1988 and 1995. This work resulted in the removal of 52.5 tonnes grading approximately 3,800 g/t silver. A rock sample from the property returned 11,663.5 g/t silver<sup>(3)</sup>.

(iii) Hy

The road accessible Hy property covers many silver occurrences that were first discovered on the property in 1964. Three mineralized zones were the primary focus of past exploration with the areas between them essentially unexplored. Bulldozer stripping and trenching returned 684.0 g/t silver, 9.20% zinc and 11.01% lead over 1.83 metres from a chip sample at Showing A and 370.3 g/t silver, 8.22% lead and 14.01% zinc over 3.20 metres from a chip sample collected from the Hillside Showing<sup>(4)</sup>.

As mentioned in the Highlights section, on March 29, 2022, the Company acquired a 100% interest in the Clear Lake deposit in the Whitehorse Mining District of the Yukon, for a total consideration of \$250,000 in cash, subject to a 1% net smelter return royalty (“NSR”) on all metals other than silver. The Clear Lake deposit hosts a historical NI 43-101 Inferred Resource prepared by SRK for Copper Ridge Exploration<sup>(5)(6)</sup>, of 7.76 million tonnes grading 22 grams per tonne silver, 7.6% zinc and 1.08% lead, containing 5.5 million ounces of silver, 1.4 billion pounds of zinc and 185 million pounds of lead.

During the year ended December 31 2021, the Company expended: \$4,524,613 for the acquisition of the above claims, pursuant to the issuance of 34,804,718 common shares and spent a total of \$160,462 for geology work on the Plata and \$15,000 on community relations, to start to understand and engage with the neighbouring indigenous community.

## **THUNDER BAY PROPERTIES, Ontario**

Thunder Bay Silver & Cobalt Corp.

Honey Badger controls approximately 12,852 hectares of ground in the Thunder Bay Silver District, which historically has produced 4.7 million ounces of silver from over a dozen past-producing high-grade silver mines<sup>(7)</sup>. Six claims are subject to a 2.5% net smelter royalty (“NSR”) which may be reduced to a 1.0% NSR

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<sup>2</sup> Assessment Report Describing Diamond Drilling, Excavator Trenching, Geophysical Surveys, Geochemical Sampling, Prospecting and Water Surveys, at the Plata Project, prepared by Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited for ROCKHAVEN RESOURCES LTD. M. Turner, B.Sc., May 2009

<sup>3</sup> Assessment Report Describing Geological Mapping, Prospecting, Hand Trenching and Geochemical Sampling, at the Groundhog Property, prepared by Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited for ROCKHAVEN RESOURCES LTD., M. Kammerer, M. Turner, B.Sc., May 2010

<sup>4</sup> Assessment Report Describing Geochemical Sampling, Prospecting, Geological Mapping and Ground Surveys, at the Hy Property, prepared by Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited for STRATEGIC METALS LTD. A. Mitchell, B.Sc., GIT, November 2015

<sup>5</sup> Clear Lake Lead-Zinc-Silver Deposit, Yukon, Prepared by SRK Consulting for Copper Ridge Exploration Inc., February 2010, Authors Gilles Arseneau, Ph.D., P. Geo., Donald G. MacIntyre, Ph.D., P. Eng., Reviewed by Gordon Doerksen, P. Eng

<sup>6</sup> The foregoing resource estimate is historical in nature. The historical estimate was not prepared by the Company. The Company considers the 2010 historical estimate to be relevant and reliable given the high quality of the historical estimate completed and the fact that the estimate was prepared in accordance with NI 43-101. The Company has not independently verified the resource estimate, and therefore, it cannot be relied upon as a current mineral resource for the Company.

<sup>7</sup> J. M. Franklin, S. A. Kissin, M. C. Smyk, and S. D. Scott. Silver deposits associated with the Proterozoic rocks of the Thunder Bay District, Ontario. Canadian Journal of Earth Sciences. 23(10): 1576-1591



in exchange for a \$1,500,000 cash payment. The Company further expanded its land position in the district with two acquisitions in 2021, detailed below:

#### **Acquisitions:**

- On January 8, 2021, the Company acquired 82 map registered cell claims, contiguous and to the west of the Company's other historic Thunder Bay Silver District properties.
- On July 20, 2021, the Company announced that it closed the purchase transaction with Romios Gold to acquire 80% interest and control over an additional 1,870 hectares (4,620 acres) in 87 mining claims covering historic silver properties in the Thunder Bay Silver District. The new claims comprise substantial portions of the historic Victoria Mine and Federal Mine silver properties, plus the Lily of the Valley, Caribou and Cloud Bay prospects and solidifies Honey Badger Silver's dominant position in this historic high-grade silver camp. In consideration for the additional claims, Honey Badger issued 1,103,506 common shares to Romios Gold valued at \$77,245. As well, Honey Badger has been granted a right of first refusal by Romios Gold on the 20% remaining interest.

During the year ended December 31, 2021, the Company expended \$77,225 for the acquisition of Romios, with the issuance of 1,103,506 common shares, \$67,061 for claim costs and claim management fees and \$22,675 for exploration-related costs.

#### **Beaver Silver Property**

On July 19, 2018, the Company entered into an option agreement to acquire up to a 100% interest in the Beaver Silver Property from Cairngorm Mines Ltd. Under the terms of the option agreement, the Company may exercise the option over a three-year period, by a) making cash payments totaling \$75,000, b) incurring exploration expenditures of \$750,000 over the option period and by c) issuing common shares with a market value of \$410,000 over the option period. Once the three conditions are met, the Optionor shall be granted a 2% NSR which may be repurchased by the Company for \$1,000,000. The Company is currently in default under the terms of the agreement. However, negotiations continue to enter into a new option agreement.

#### **LG DIAMOND PROPERTY, Quebec**

Since December 2015, the Company has held the LG Diamond Project located in the James Bay Region of Quebec. Consideration for the project included 10,000,000 common shares at a fair value of \$0.01 each and granted a 2% NSR to the vendor. One half, or 1%, of the NSR can be bought back for \$1,000,000 and the remaining 1% for \$2,000,000. While these claims are in good standing, Honey Badger continues to focus on its Yukon and Thunder Bay properties.

During the year ended December 31, 2021, the Company spent a further \$35,084 on technical consulting fees to evaluate a potential acquisition.

## **6.2 EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION EXPENDITURES**

Pursuant to the Company's accounting policy for exploration and evaluation expenditures, Honey Badger expenses all costs relating to the acquisition and exploration of mineral claims and credits all revenues received against the exploration expenditures. Such costs include, but are not limited to acquisition costs, geological, geophysical studies, exploratory drilling and sampling.

Once a project has been established as commercially viable and technically feasible, related development expenditures are capitalized. This includes costs incurred in preparing the site for mining operations. Capitalization ceases when the mine is capable of commercial production, with the exception of development costs that give rise to a future benefit.

During the year ended December 31, 2021, the technical team focused on a) claims acquisition in the Yukon and in the Thunder Bay District and executing a Fall program at the Plata project. The Company incurred a total of \$4,902,140 of exploration and evaluation expenditures for acquisition, field program fees and expenses, consulting fees and claims management fees. These expenditures were made through a combination of cash payments and the issuance of shares. See above and *note 5 in the Annual Financial Statements*.

### 6.3 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

The Company's exploration and asset acquisition activities are at an early stage. As a result, the Company has no current sources of revenue other than interest earned on cash which is derived from issuances of share capital.

#### SELECTED PERIOD FINANCIAL INFORMATION

| For the years ended December 31,                            | 2021               | 2020       | 2019        |
|---|--------------------|------------|-------------|
|   | \$                 | \$         | \$          |
| <b>Statement of Loss and Comprehensive Loss</b>             |                    |            |             |
| Exploration expenditures - program                          | 237,165            | -          | -           |
| Exploration expenditures – acquisition costs                | 4,664,975          | 52,270     | 1,110,662   |
| General and administrative (“G&A”) and business development | 1,233,768          | 653,596    | 37,349      |
| Share-based compensation                                    | 861,889            | 225,000    | -           |
| Other (income) loss items                                   | 248,781            | (551,099)  | 137,207     |
| Net (loss) and comprehensive loss                           | <b>(7,246,578)</b> | (379,767)  | (1,023,921) |
| Basic loss per share  | <b>\$(0.05)</b>    | \$(0.00)   | \$(0.01)    |
| Weighted average shares outstanding                         | <b>152,048,513</b> | 85,050,771 | 76,770,824  |

| As at                                  | December 31, 2021   | December 31, 2020 | December 31, 2019 |
|--|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|  | \$                  | \$                | \$                |
| <b>Statement of Financial Position</b> |                     |                   |                   |
| Cash and cash equivalents              | 2,143,956           | 235,650           | 315,558           |
| Total assets                           | <b>2,441,037</b>    | 728,209           | 429,598           |
| Total liabilities                      | <b>683,473</b>      | 408,322           | 543,306           |
| Shareholders' equity (deficiency)      | <b>1,757,564</b>    | 319,887           | (113,708)         |
| Accumulated deficit                    | <b>(20,368,507)</b> | (13,121,929)      | (12,742,163)      |

## 6.4 QUARTERLY RESULTS

|   | 2021        |              |             |             |
|---|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
|   | December 31 | September 30 | June 30     | March 31    |
| <b>Statement of Loss and Comprehensive Loss</b> | \$          | \$           | \$          | \$          |
| Exploration expenditures                        | 147,720     | 172,350      | 4,563,491   | 18,579      |
| G&A   | 458,416     | 236,801      | 322,980     | 215,571     |
| Share-based compensation                        | 166,182     | 21,716       | —           | 673,991     |
| Other (income) loss items                       | 20,822      | (48,252)     | 96,885      | 179,326     |
| Net loss and comprehensive loss                 | (793,140)   | (382,615)    | (4,983,356) | (1,087,467) |
| Basic and diluted loss per share <sup>(1)</sup> | (0.00)      | (0.00)       | (0.06)      | (0.02)      |
| <b>Statement of Financial Position</b>          | \$          | \$           | \$          | \$          |
| Cash & cash equivalents                         | 2,143,956   | 2,625,178    | 2,748,622   | 3,057,458   |
| Total assets                                    | 2,441,037   | 2,926,517    | 3,056,703   | 3,441,105   |
| Total liabilities                               | 683,473     | 597,496      | 581,338     | 488,379     |
| Shareholders' equity (deficiency)               | 1,757,564   | 2,329,021    | 2,475,365   | 2,952,726   |

|   | 2020        |              |           |           |
|---|-------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|
|   | December 31 | September 30 | June 30   | March 31  |
| <b>Statement of Loss</b>                        | \$          | \$           | \$        | \$        |
| Exploration expenditures                        | 549         | 4,785        | 26,519    | 20,416    |
| G&A   | 322,479     | 192,611      | 94,197    | 41,819    |
| Share-based compensation                        | —           | 225,000      | —         | —         |
| Other (income) expense items                    | (421,953)   | (7,149)      | (121,961) | (36)      |
| Net loss (earnings)                             | 98,925      | (414,247)    | (1,245)   | (62,199)  |
| Basic and diluted loss per share <sup>(1)</sup> | 0.00        | (0.00)       | (0.00)    | (0.00)    |
| <b>Statement of Financial Position</b>          | \$          | \$           | \$        | \$        |
| Cash & cash equivalents                         | 235,650     | 537,066      | 40,704    | 32,710    |
| Total assets                                    | 728,209     | 583,136      | 233,785   | 144,393   |
| Total liabilities                               | 408,322     | 447,506      | 405,765   | 320,299   |
| Shareholders' equity (deficiency)               | 319,887     | 135,630      | (171,979) | (175,906) |

<sup>(1)</sup> Net loss per share on a diluted basis is the same as basic net loss per share as all factors which were considered in the calculation are anti-dilutive.

### Year ended December 31, 2021 compared to December 31, 2020 (the "Reporting Period")

Fiscal 2021 was a year of redirection and growth. The Company realized a loss and comprehensive loss for the year ended December 31, 2021 of \$7,246,578 (2020 - \$379,767). The loss was principally due to the purchase of certain mining assets in the Yukon with the issuance of shares valued at \$4,524,613. An additional 1,103,506 common shares valued at \$77,245 were issued for the acquisition of certain claims in the historic Thunder Bay Silver District. Changes made to Management resulted in a \$113,424 total severance payment to a former CEO and \$77,000 charged by a new corporate services provider ("Grove") for delivering certain professional services including those provided by a new CFO and Corporate Secretary. A new Executive Chairman and President were added to the seasoned Management slate and these appointments contributed to the increase of management fees (\$527,601 vs. \$270,286 in 2020). The Company incurred higher investor relations and business development costs (\$313,683 vs. \$6,888 in the prior year) as a result of an a) enhanced marketing effort in anticipation of the March hard dollar raise and the July flow-through financing (the "2021 Financings"). Fees for several investor conferences also

contributed to the increase year-over-year. Four consultants have been retained to provide leads and analysis of potential asset acquisitions and exploration properties. These retentions contributed approximately \$60,000 to the professional and consulting fees line item. Regulatory and transfer agent fees were higher in 2021 due to the costs associated with the 2021 Financings. Legal fees of approximately \$128,500 incurred during the Reporting Period were expended for advice for potential acquisitions, severance negotiations and reviews of prospective consulting and transaction agreements. Legal costs directly incurred in connection with the 2021 Financings have been classified to the Statement of Financial Position as share issue costs. Exploration and evaluation expenditures were significantly higher in 2021 primarily due to the acquisition of certain claims and the completion of a summer field program in the Yukon. See 6.2 Exploration and Evaluation Expenditures.

Overall, 2021 was a year of building the Company's portfolio of mineral-based assets. Management continues to be engaged in planning technical programs and identifying new silver and other metal-based assets for acquisition in 2022.

### Three months ended December 31, 2021 compared to December 31, 2020

The Company realized a net loss of \$793,140 during the three months ended December 31, 2021 compared to a gain of \$98,925 for the three months ended December 31, 2020. The majority of transactions and activity more particularly described above, transpired in Q2. Q1 was a transitional period from former Management to current Management, and a period of building the exploration and corporate development team. Q3 resulted in closing on two acquisitions at the end of much due diligence in the first half of the year. The hard dollar raise occurred at the end of Q1 but certain costs associated with the financing were charged in Q2. Similar to the share price of many junior exploration during 2021, the trading price of Blue Thunder Mining Inc. remained lower than the value recorded at the time of acquisition, and this resulted in an unrealized loss of \$309,781 being recorded for the Reporting Period. Further, as the price paid for the July 2021 FT Offering shares was higher than the market price at the time of the financing, a premium of \$84,090 was recorded as a liability; however, qualified expenditures were made during the Reporting Period and the Company has a commitment to spend \$82,346 of CEE by December 31, 2022. The remaining flow-through share premium liability is \$27,450.

## 6.5 CASH FLOW ANALYSIS

Cash flow (used in)/provided by for the year ended December 31, 2021 and 2020 was as follows:

| Year ended December 31,                          | 2021                 | 2020        |
|--|----------------------|-------------|
| Net cash (used in) provided by:                  |                      |             |
| Operating activities                             | <b>\$(1,396,292)</b> | \$(793,439) |
| Financing activities                             | <b>3,304,598</b>     | 588,361     |
| Investing activities                             | -                    | 125,170     |
| Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | <b>1,908,306</b>     | (79,908)    |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year     | <b>235,650</b>       | 315,558     |
| <b>Cash and cash equivalents, end of year</b>    | <b>\$2,143,956</b>   | \$235,650   |

Net cash used in operating activities during the year ended December 31, 2021 was \$1,396,292 which was partially funded by the successful HD and FT financings in 2021. The 2021 Financings comprised net cash of \$3,304,598 as a result of the closing of the \$3,000,000 non-brokered HD financing, the \$252,270 FT share raise, the exercise of 1,700,000 options and the exercise of 688,250 warrants. In the same period in 2020 a private placement was completed, and certain warrants were exercised for net proceeds of \$588,361.

## 6.6 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND KEY MANAGEMENT COMPENSATION

### i. Related Party Transactions

Related parties as defined by IAS 24 - *Related Party Disclosures* include members of the Board of Directors, key management personnel, and any companies controlled by these individuals. Key management personnel include those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing, and controlling activities of the Company being directors and executive management, comprising of the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer.

See note 12 in the Annual Financial Statements for the details of all related party transactions.

### ii. Key Management Compensation

During the year ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, the compensation of Key Management Personnel, including directors of the Company, was as follows:

| Year ended December 31,                 | 2021               | 2020             |
|---|--------------------|------------------|
| Short-term benefits                     | \$683,672          | \$290,714        |
| Share-based compensation <sup>(3)</sup> | 686,825            | 189,000          |
|   | <b>\$1,370,497</b> | <b>\$479,714</b> |

(1) Included in management fees, professional fees, and exploration expenditures.

(2) Severance payments totaling \$113,424 were paid to a former CEO.

(3) The Company's CFO and Corporate Secretary are retained through Grove Corporate Services Ltd. ("Grove"). Grove charges the Company \$7,000 per month plus HST for its services.

(4) Represents the expense of stock options granted during the period to Key Management Personnel.

At December 31, 2021, a total of \$174,737 (2020 - \$22,373) is included in accounts payable for unpaid management and consulting fees and E&E. These transactions were conducted in the normal course of operations.

Directors do not receive cash compensation but may be eligible for stock option grants as the Plan allows.

## 7.0 LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

As of December 31, 2021, the Company had working capital of \$1,757,564 (December 31, 2020 – \$319,887). During the first quarter of 2021, the Company raised gross proceeds of \$3,000,000 from the issuance of 42,857,142 Units, comprised of one common share and one-half purchase warrant for \$0.07 for each Unit. Each whole warrant may be exercised until March 18, 2024, for \$0.10 per common share. The Company also received proceeds of \$147,825 from the exercise of options and warrants.

In July 2021 a flow-through share financing was completed for gross proceeds of \$252,270. In managing liquidity, the Company's primary objective is to ensure the entity can continue as a going concern while raising additional funding to meet its obligations as they come due, and to maximize shareholder return. The Company's operations to date have been funded by issuing equity.

The Company monitors its capital structure and makes adjustments to it according to market conditions in an effort to meet its objectives given the current outlook of the business and industry in general. The Company may manage its capital structure by issuing new shares, adjusting capital spending, or disposing

of assets. The capital structure is reviewed by management and the Board of Directors on an ongoing basis.

The Company's ability to continue to carry out its planned exploration activities is uncertain and dependent upon securing additional financing. As of December 31, 2021, Management believes the Company is well funded to complete its planned exploration and evaluation activities during the year however depending on exploration results and any successful acquisitions of additional assets, the Company may seek additional funding through equity or debt financings.

The Company considers its capital to be comprised of share capital which at December 31, 2021, totaled \$1,757,564 (December 31, 2020 - \$319,887).

The Company manages capital through its financial and operational forecasting processes. The Company reviews its working capital and forecasts its future cash flows based on operating expenditures, and other investing and financing activities. The forecast is updated based on activities related to its mineral properties. The Company's capital management objectives, policies and processes have remained significantly unchanged during the year ended December 31, 2021 and 2020.

## 7.1 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND RISK MANAGEMENT

**Financial Instruments** – see notes 3 and 13 in the Annual Financial Statements.

The Company's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks: credit risk, liquidity risk and market risk (including interest rate, foreign currency risk and price risk).

Risk management is carried out by the Company's management team with oversight of these risks by the Company's Board of Directors.

### (i) Credit risk

The Company's credit risk is the risk of counterparty default on cash and cash equivalents held on deposit with financial institutions. The Company manages this risk by ensuring that deposits are only held with first tier Canadian banks and financial institutions. The Company's receivables related to sales taxes have negligible counterparty default risk. The Company's receivables related to companies related by common management are subject to counterparty default risk.

### (ii) Liquidity risk

The Company's liquidity risk is the risk that Company has insufficient funds to settle its contractual financial liabilities. The Company manages this risk by ensuring sufficient funds are available as contractual cash flows become due.

The Company's approach to managing liquidity risk is to ensure that it will have sufficient liquidity to meet liabilities when due. As of December 31, 2021, the Company had a balance of cash and cash equivalents of \$2,143,956 (2020 - \$235,650) to settle current accounts payable and accrued liabilities of \$357,992 (2020 - \$110,291). While the Company has been successful in obtaining required funding in the past, there is no assurance that future financings will be available. All the Company's financial liabilities have contractual maturities of less than 30 days except for the flow-through share premium liability which must be cured by December 31, 2022.

### (iii) Market risk

The Company's market risk arises from changes in interest rates, foreign exchange rates, and commodity prices that could have an impact on profit or loss. This includes:

- Interest rate risk is the sensitivity of the fair value or of the future cash flows of a financial instrument to changes in interest rates. The Company does not have any financial assets or liabilities that were subject to variable interest rates.
- The Company is exposed to price risk with respect to equity prices and commodity prices. Equity price risk is defined as the potential adverse impact on the Company's loss due to movements in individual equity prices or general movements in the level of the stock market. Commodity price risk is defined as the potential adverse impact and economic value due to commodity price movements and volatilities. As the Company is not a commodity producer, management believes the Company's exposure to price risk is minimal.
- Foreign currency risk is the sensitivity of the fair value or of the future cash flows of financial instruments to changes in foreign exchange rates. The Company does not have any financial assets or liabilities that were subject to variable foreign exchange rates and as such the Company is not subject to currency risk.

## **8.0 OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS**

The Company does not have any off-balance sheet arrangements.

## **9.0 PROPOSED TRANSACTION**

The Company has no other proposed transactions pending however Management has been actively reviewing potential property acquisitions, investment and joint venture transactions and other opportunities with a view to expand the asset base of the Company.

See section 6.0 – Technical Performance and 2021 Work Program

## **10.0 CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGMENTS, ESTIMATES, AND ASSUMPTIONS**

The Company's management makes judgments in its process of applying the Company's accounting policies in the preparation of its consolidated financial statements. In addition, the preparation of financial data requires that the Company's management make assumptions and estimates of effects of uncertain future events on the carrying amounts of the Company's assets and liabilities at the end of the reporting period and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results may differ from those estimates as the estimation process is inherently uncertain. Estimates are reviewed on an ongoing basis based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant under the circumstances. Revisions to estimates and the resulting effects on the carrying amounts of the Company's assets and liabilities are accounted for prospectively.

Management of the Company applies assumptions and makes judgements in determining the going concern, deferred flow-through premium estimates, deferred taxes, share-based compensation, and warrant fair value estimates.

For additional details, the accounting policies, and critical judgments, estimates and assumptions applied in the preparation of the Company's consolidated financial statements are reflected in note 2 of the Annual Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2021.



## 11.0 NEW ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

### Basis of Consolidation

The Company's consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company, and its wholly owned subsidiaries, 606596 Alberta Ltd., The Thunder Bay Silver & Cobalt Corp., and 2815210 Ontario Inc.

Subsidiaries consist of entities over which the Company is exposed to, or has rights to, variable returns as well as the ability to affect those returns through the power to direct the relevant activities of the entity. Subsidiaries are fully consolidated from the date control is transferred to the Company and are deconsolidated from the date control ceases. The consolidated financial statements include all the assets, liabilities, revenues, expenses and cash flows of the Company and its subsidiaries after eliminating inter-entity balances and transactions.

### New Accounting Standards Not Yet Effective

IAS 1 and IAS 37 have been amended but are not yet effective. A description of the amendments to these Accounting Standards is provided in note 2 of the Annual Financial Statements.

## 12.0 INCOME TAX STATUS

See note 12 in the Annual Financial Statements.

## 13.0 SHARE CAPITAL: common shares, warrants and stock options

Activity in the Company's equity accounts is more fully described in note 8 of the Annual Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2021.

There were 177,688,639 common shares outstanding as of December 31, 2021 and the issued share capital was \$17,056,261.

(i) Changes in share capital during the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020 were as follows:

|   | Number of<br>common shares | Amount              |
|---|----------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Balance, December 31, 2019</b>       | <b>80,370,824</b>          | <b>\$9,540,406</b>  |
| Private placements (i)                  | 12,500,000                 | 500,000             |
| Less: share issue costs                 | —                          | (23,149)            |
| Warrants issued (ii)                    | —                          | (232,704)           |
| Exercise of warrants                    | 1,982,400                  | 172,815             |
| <b>Balance, December 31, 2020</b>       | <b>94,853,224</b>          | <b>\$9,957,368</b>  |
| Private placements (ii)(v)              | 44,538,941                 | 3,252,270           |
| Less: share issue costs                 | —                          | (95,497)            |
| Shares issued for acquisitions (iii)(v) | 35,908,224                 | 4,601,858           |
| Warrants issued (ii)                    | —                          | (858,443)           |
| Exercise of warrants                    | 688,250                    | 88,218              |
| Exercise of stock options               | 1,700,000                  | 194,577             |
| Deferred flow-through premium           | —                          | (84,090)            |
| <b>Balance, December 31, 2021</b>       | <b>177,688,639</b>         | <b>\$17,056,261</b> |

For details of all share and warrant issuances throughout 2020 and 2021 – see note 8 in the Annual Financial Statements.

- (ii) Changes in warrants activity during the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020 were as follows:

|                                   | Number of warrants | Weighted average exercise price | Fair value on the date of issuance |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Balance, December 31, 2019</b> | <b>18,375,077</b>  | <b>\$0.11</b>                   | <b>\$746,172</b>                   |
| Issued                            | 12,500,000         | 0.05                            | 232,704                            |
| Exercised                         | (1,982,400)        | 0.06                            | (61,305)                           |
| Expired                           | (9,897,081)        | 0.09                            | (282,324)                          |
| <b>Balance, December 31, 2020</b> | <b>18,995,596</b>  | <b>\$0.08</b>                   | <b>\$635,247</b>                   |
| Issued                            | 21,428,571         | 0.10                            | 856,579                            |
| Issued                            | 114,926            | 0.15                            | 1,864                              |
| Expired                           | (6,182,346)        | (0.08)                          | (368,883)                          |
| Exercised                         | (688,250)          | (0.07)                          | (38,143)                           |
| <b>Balance, December 31, 2021</b> | <b>33,668,497</b>  | <b>\$0.08</b>                   | <b>\$1,086,664</b>                 |

The following table reflects the warrants issued and outstanding as at December 31, 2021:

| Date of issue   | Expiry date     | Exercise price | Number of warrants | Remaining life (years) |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| August 21, 2020 | August 21, 2022 | \$0.05         | 12,125,000         | 0.64                   |
| July 2, 2021    | July 02, 2023   | \$0.15         | 114,926            | 1.50                   |
| March 18, 2021  | March 18, 2024  | \$0.10         | 21,428,571         | 2.21                   |
|                 |                 | <b>\$0.08</b>  | <b>33,668,497</b>  |                        |

The Company has a stock option plan (the “Plan”) pursuant to which the Company’s Board of Directors may grant incentive stock options to directors, officers, employees and consultants at the discretion of the Board of Directors. The exercise price of the options cannot be less than the closing price of the Company’s shares on the trading day preceding the date of grant and the maximum term of any option cannot exceed five years. The Board, in accordance with applicable Exchange or other regulatory requirements, if any, will determined the vesting period. There is no minimum vesting period unless the optionee is engaged in investor relation activities. The maximum aggregate number of common shares under option at any time under the Plan cannot exceed 10% of the issued shares. The fair value of the share-based compensation is recognized as contributed surplus upon vesting.

The following is the stock option activity of the Company as at and during the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020:

|                                   | Number of stock options | Weighted average exercise price |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Balance, December 31, 2019</b> | <b>5,855,000</b>        | <b>\$0.08</b>                   |
| Granted (i)                       | 3,750,000               | 0.06                            |
| Expired (ii)                      | (3,030,000)             | 0.05                            |
| <b>Balance, December 31, 2020</b> | <b>6,575,000</b>        | <b>\$0.06</b>                   |
| Granted (iii) to (ix)             | 13,884,800              | 0.10                            |
| Expired                           | (1,300,000)             | (0.10)                          |
| Exercised                         | (1,700,000)             | 0.06                            |
| <b>Balance, December 31, 2021</b> | <b>17,459,800</b>       | <b>\$0.09</b>                   |

The following table reflects the stock options outstanding as of December 31, 2021:

| Outstanding options | Options exercisable | Exercise price | Expiry date       | Weighted average life (years) |
|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| 675,000             | 675,000             | \$0.10         | August 20, 2023   | 1.14                          |
| 100,000             | -                   | \$0.07         | November 01, 2024 | 2.84                          |
| 2,900,000           | 2,900,000           | \$0.06         | August 28, 2025   | 3.66                          |
| 300,000             | 300,000             | \$0.08         | February 11, 2026 | 4.12                          |
| 250,000             | 250,000             | \$0.12         | February 14, 2026 | 4.12                          |
| 6,175,000           | 6,175,000           | \$0.125        | March 23, 2026    | 4.22                          |
| 1,500,000           | 500,000             | \$0.08         | August 3, 2026    | 4.59                          |
| 750,000             | 250,000             | \$0.065        | October 28, 2026  | 4.82                          |
| 4,809,800           | 1,603,267           | \$0.075        | December 30, 2026 | 5.00                          |
| <b>17,459,800</b>   | <b>12,653,267</b>   | <b>\$0.09</b>  |                   |                               |

#### 14.0 COMMITMENTS AND PROVISION

- (i) Flow-through expenditure commitments: from time to time, the Company completes flow-through share financings that involve a commitment to incur Canadian Exploration Expenditures (“CEEs”) prior to the end of specific calendar years and to renounce the CEE tax deductions to the subscribers. The Company has determined, through historical audits by the Canada Revenue Agency (“CRA”), and the Company’s independent auditors, that it may continue to have a shortfall on previously renounced flow-through financings and has recorded a provision of \$298,031 for shareholder identification.
- (ii) COVID-19: see the discussion entitled *Novel Coronavirus (“COVID-19”)* at the end of this MD&A.
- (iii) Effective January 25, 2021, the former Chief Executive Officer of the Company resigned. Management negotiated a settlement package of \$113,424 cash.

- (iv) Effective January 25, 2021, the Company engaged Chad Williams to serve as Executive Chairman of the Company. His base fee is \$25,000 per month and he is eligible to participate in the Company's stock option plan. Certain success fees may also be payable, at the discretion of the Board of Directors and early termination of the contract and/or a change of control transaction may result in an additional compensation payout of up to 24 months base fees plus bonus fees.
- (v) Effective February 1, 2021, the Company engaged Grove to provide corporate services (the "Services") to the Company including those provided by the Chief Financial Officer ("CFO") and Corporate Secretary. The fees paid for the Service is \$7,000 per month. This contract is renewable annually with an early termination penalty of two months' fees.

## 15.0 OUTSTANDING SHARE DATA

As of May 2, 2022, the number of common shares outstanding or issuable pursuant to option and warrant entitlements is as follows:

| As at                 | Common Shares      | Warrants          | Stock Options     | Fully Diluted      |
|-----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| December 31, 2020     | 94,853,224         | 18,995,596        | 6,575,000         | 120,423,820        |
| December 31, 2021     | 177,688,639        | 33,668,497        | 17,459,800        | 228,816,936        |
| <b>April 29, 2022</b> | <b>177,688,639</b> | <b>33,668,497</b> | <b>17,459,800</b> | <b>228,816,936</b> |

## 16.0 CONTROLS

### 16.1 INTERNAL CONTROLS OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

Due to the small size of the Company's finance department, there are a limited number of personnel handling accounting and financial matters and as a result, there is a lack of segregation of duties. Management believes that it has designed sufficient compensating internal controls to mitigate these limitations, including dual signatories on all cheques. Additional internal controls include audit committee and senior management review and oversight.

## 17.0 OTHER RISKS

Risk factors that must be considered in achieving the Company's business objectives include the risk that exploration or joint venture activities may not result in the discovery of minerals or definition of any mineral resources or reserves, that significant expenses could be required to define mineral reserves, that environmental, land title and competitive issues may prevent the development of any mineral reserves, and that the Company or its prospective joint venture partners may fail to generate adequate funding to develop mineral reserves.

The Company accepts the risks which are inherent to mineral exploration programs, venturing into certain joint venture relationships, and the exposure to the cyclical nature of mineral prices. The Company relies on the geological and industry expertise of its Toronto-based management team and engages sub-contractors to complete certain aspects of its exploration and acquisition programs.

An investment in the securities of the Company is highly speculative and involves numerous and significant risks and should be undertaken only by investors whose financial resources are sufficient to enable them to assume such risks and who have no need for immediate liquidity in their investment.

Prospective investors should carefully consider the risk factors described below.

- *Exploration Stage Company and Exploration Risks*

The Company is a junior resource company focused primarily on the acquisition and exploration of mineral properties located in Canada. The properties of the Company have no established reserves. There is no assurance that any of the projects can be mined profitably. Accordingly, it is not assured that the Company will realize any profits in the short to medium term, if at all. Any profitability in the future from the business of the Company will be dependent upon developing and commercially mining an economic deposit of minerals, which in itself is subject to numerous risk factors. The exploration and development of mineral deposits involve a high degree of financial risk over a significant period of time that even a combination of management's careful evaluation, experience and knowledge may not eliminate. While discovery of ore-bearing structures may result in substantial rewards, few properties that are explored are ultimately developed into producing mines. Major expenses may be required to establish reserves by drilling and to construct mining and processing facilities at a particular site. It is impossible to ensure that the current exploration program of the Company will result in profitable commercial mining operations. The profitability of the Company's operations will be, in part, directly related to the cost and success of its exploration and development programs, which may be affected by a number of factors. Substantial expenditures are required to establish reserves that are sufficient to commercially mine some of the Company's properties and to construct complete and install mining and processing facilities on those properties that are actually mined and developed.

- *No History of Profitability*

The Company is an exploration stage company with no history of profitability. There can be no assurance that the operations of the Company will be profitable in the future. The Company has limited financial resources and will require additional financing to further explore, develop, acquire, retain and engage in commercial production on its property interests and, if financing is unavailable for any reason, the Company may become unable to acquire and retain its mineral concessions and carry out its business plan.

- *Government Regulations*

The Company's exploration operations are subject to government legislation, policies and controls relating to prospecting, development, production, environmental protection, mining taxes and labor standards. In order for the Company to carry out its mining activities, its exploitation must be kept current. There is no guarantee that the Company's exploitation will be extended or that new exploitation will be granted. In addition, such exploitation could be changed and there can be no assurances that any application to renew any existing will be approved. The Company may be required to contribute to the cost of providing the required infrastructure to facilitate the development of its properties. The Company will also have to obtain and comply with permits and that may contain specific conditions concerning operating procedures, water use, waste disposal, spills, environmental studies, abandonment and restoration plans and financial assurances. There can be no assurance that the Company will be able to comply with any such conditions.

- *Market Fluctuation and Commercial Quantities*

The market for minerals is influenced by many factors beyond the control of the Company such as changing production costs, the supply and demand for minerals, the rate of inflation, the inventory of mineral producing companies, the international economic and political environment, changes in

international investment patterns, global or regional consumption patterns, costs of substitutes, currency availability and exchange rates, interest rates, speculative activities in connection with minerals, and increased production due to improved mining and production methods. The metals industry in general is intensely competitive and there is no assurance that, even if commercial quantities and qualities of metals are discovered, a market will exist for the profitable sale of such metals. Commercial viability of precious and base metals and other mineral deposits may be affected by other factors that are beyond the Company's control including particular attributes of the deposit such as its size, quantity and quality, the cost of mining and processing, proximity to infrastructure and the availability of transportation and sources of energy, financing, government legislation and regulations including those relating to prices, taxes, royalties, land tenure, land use, import and export restrictions, exchange controls, restrictions on production, as well as environmental protection. It is impossible to assess with certainty the impact of various factors that may affect commercial viability so that any adverse combination of such factors may result in the Company not receiving an adequate return on invested capital.

- *Mining Risks and Insurance*

The Company is subject to risks normally encountered in the mining industry, such as unusual or unexpected geological formations, cave-ins or flooding. The Company may become subject to liability for pollution, damage to life or property and other hazards of mineral exploration against which it or the operator if its exploration programs cannot insure or against which it or such operator may elect not to insure because of high premium costs or other reasons. Payment of such liabilities would reduce funds available for acquisition of mineral prospects or exploration and development and would have a material adverse effect on the financial position of the Company.

- *Environmental Protection*

The mining and mineral processing industries are subject to extensive governmental regulations for the protection of the environment, including regulations relating to air and water quality, mine reclamation, solid and hazardous waste handling and disposal and the promotion of occupational health and safety, which may adversely affect the Company or require it to expend significant funds.

- *Capital Investment*

The ability of the Company to continue exploration and development of its property interests will be dependent upon its ability to raise significant additional financing. There is no assurance that adequate financing will be available to the Company or that the terms of such financing will be. Should the Company not be able to obtain such financing, its properties may be lost entirely.

- *Conflicts of Interest*

Certain of the directors and officers of the Company may also serve as directors and officers of other companies involved in base and precious metal exploration and development and consequently, the possibility of conflict exists. Any decisions made by such directors involving the Company will be made in accordance with the duties and obligations of directors to deal fairly and in good faith with the Company

and such other companies. In addition, such directors will declare, and refrain from voting on, any matters in which they may have a conflict of interest.

- *Current Global Financial Conditions*

Current global financial conditions have been characterized by increased volatility, declining liquidity and the exit of a number of traditional investors from public markets. Access to public financing has been made more challenging by a global contraction of commercial and consumer credit markets. The ensuing decline in consumption has led to a marked erosion of investor confidence and risk tolerance. A major consequence/contributor to these factors may be seen in the unparalleled number of established financial institutions facing involuntary corporate reorganization, insolvency, bankruptcy and/or governmental intervention. While the most sensational of the corporate casualties have occurred in the United States, the global nature of today's economic reality has left no interrelated public market unscathed. These factors may affect the ability of the Company to obtain equity or debt financing in the future on terms favourable to the Company or at all. Any or all of these economic factors, as well as other factors not specifically identified herein, may cause a decline in asset values that could be deemed to be other than temporary, resulting in impairment losses. If such conditions continue, the Company's operations could be negatively impacted, and the trading price of its common shares may be adversely affected.

Securities of mining and mineral exploration companies, including the common shares of the Company, have experienced substantial volatility in the past, often based on factors unrelated to the financial performance or prospects of the companies involved. These factors include macroeconomic developments in Canada and globally, and market perceptions of the attractiveness of particular industries. The price of the securities of the Company is also significantly affected by short-term changes in commodity prices, base and precious metal prices or other mineral prices, currency exchange fluctuation and the political environment in the countries in which the Company does business.

- *Novel Coronavirus ("COVID-19")*

Since March 2020 there has been a continuing global outbreak of COVID-19 (coronavirus), which has had a significant impact on businesses through the restrictions put in place by the Canadian, provincial and municipal governments regarding travel, business operations and isolation/quarantine orders. At this time, it is unknown the extent of the impact the COVID-19 outbreak may have on the Company as this will depend on future developments that are highly uncertain and that cannot be predicted with confidence. These uncertainties arise from the inability to predict the ultimate geographic spread of the disease, and the duration of the outbreak, including the duration of travel restrictions, business closures or disruptions, and quarantine/isolation measures that are currently, or may be put, in place by Canada and other countries to fight the virus.

## **18.0 FURTHER INFORMATION**

Additional information relating to the Company can be found on the Company's website at [www.honeybadgersilver.com](http://www.honeybadgersilver.com).