



## PLATO GOLD CORP

### **MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS** Quarterly Report for the three months ended March 31, 2018

This Management Discussion and Analysis (“**MD&A**”) of Plato Gold Corp (the “**Company**”) provides analysis of the Company's financial results for the three months ended March 31, 2018. The following information should be read in conjunction with the accompanying unaudited financial statements and the related notes for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and the audited financial statements and the related notes for the year ended December 31, 2017.

The unaudited financial statements and related notes of the Company have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (“**IFRS**”). Refer to the Notes of the March 31, 2018 unaudited financial statements for disclosure of the Company's significant accounting policies. The Company's functional and reporting currency is the Canadian dollar.

The Company is publicly traded on the TSX Venture Exchange (TSX-V: **PGC**).

#### **International Financial Reporting Standards**

The Company's unaudited financial statements for the quarter ending March 31, 2018 and the December 31, 2017 audited financial statements have been prepared in accordance with IFRS as published by the International Accounting Standards Board.

#### **Date of Report**

This report is prepared as of May 28, 2018.

#### **Forward Looking Statements**

This MD&A includes certain statements that may be deemed "forward-looking statements". All statements in this discussion, other than statements of historical facts, that address exploration drilling, exploration activities and events or developments that the Company expects, are forward-looking statements. Although the Company believes the expectations expressed in such forward-looking statements are based on reasonable assumptions, such statements are not guarantees of future performance and actual results or developments may differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause actual results to differ

materially from those in forward-looking statements include exploration successes, continued availability of capital and financing and general economic, market or business conditions. Investors are cautioned that any such statements are not guarantees of future performance and that actual results or developments may differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements.

Additional information including press releases have been filed electronically through the System for Electronic Document Analysis and Retrieval (“**SEDAR**”) and are available online under our profile at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) or the Company’s website at [www.platogold.com](http://www.platogold.com).

Neither this document nor the financial statements have been reviewed by the Company’s Auditors but they are subject to approval by the Company’s Board of Directors prior to filing and distribution to the shareholders.

## **Company Overview**

Plato Gold Corp is a Canadian exploration company focused on prospective properties in recognized mining districts around the world including Marathon Ontario, Timmins Ontario and Santa Cruz, Argentina.

The Company was first listed on the TSX Venture Exchange (TSX-V: **PGC**) in 2005. Plato Gold Corp was formed as a result of a reverse takeover by its predecessor corporation, Plato Gold Corp of Shatheena Capital Corp., a capital pool company, and the subsequent amalgamation of Plato Gold Corp and Shatheena Capital Corp. Plato Gold Corp, the private company, was started in 1996.

The Company has three regionally based projects. The first project is the Timmins Gold Project in Northern Ontario which includes four properties (Guibord, Harker, Holloway and Marriott) in what is sometimes referred to as the Harker/Holloway gold camp located east of Timmins.

The second project, the Lolita Project in Santa Cruz, Argentina, is comprised of a number of contiguous mineral rights totaling 9,672 hectares in Southern Argentina. As of August 9, 2011, Winnipeg Minerals S.A. (“WMSA”) was incorporated in Argentina with Plato Gold Corp holding 75% and Dr. P. Lhotka holding 25% of the outstanding shares. The mineral rights were subsequently transferred to WMSA as of November 14, 2011.

The third project is the Good Hope Niobium Project consisting of a total of 19 claims, 263 claim units and 4,208 hectares in Killala Lake Area and Cairngorm Lake Area Townships, near Marathon Ontario. In May 2017, Plato signed an option agreement to acquire 100% interest in the Good Hope Property.

Plato Gold Corp is in the early stage of exploration on the Ontario and Argentina projects.

## **First Quarter 2018 Highlights**

In the first quarter of 2018:

- During the three months ended March 31, 2018, drilling was started on the project with preliminary results anticipated in the second or third quarter of 2018. The Good Hope Niobium Project consists of a total of 19 claims, 263 claim units and 4,208 hectares in Killala Lake Area and Cairngorm Lake Area Townships, near Marathon Ontario.
- The Company is monitoring its assets in the Timmins Gold Project in northern Ontario.
- The Company continues to secure financing to advance the geological work on the Lolita Property in Santa Cruz, Argentina.

## **Overall Performance**

On the Condensed Consolidated Interim Statements of Financial Position, total assets increased to \$1,138,216 as of March 31, 2018 compared to \$600,060 as at December 31, 2017. The increase in the quarter is primarily due to the funds raised from private placements, increase in the market value of the portfolio investments, other receivables mostly from HST and GST, and the increase carrying value of the new Good Hope Niobium Project. This is offset by expenditures for normal operations of the Company.

As per the note below, in 2015 the Company has taken the position to write-off the entire carrying value of the Company's exploration properties in Timmins, Ontario and Santa Cruz, Argentina. In 2017, the Company acquired the Good Hope Niobium Project which is in its early stage with ongoing exploration and evaluation activities. The Company will continue to substantiate the carrying value of the property as there continues to be exploration and evaluation activities.

Cash increased to \$211,889 from \$36,667 at December 31, 2017 due to proceeds received from funds from private placements, offset by use of cash for exploration activities and the ongoing operations of the company.

The other receivables increased to \$87,749 from \$44,918 at December 31, 2017 mainly due to a increase in GST and HST receivables. Other receivables include a loan receivable with a related party.

Prepaid expenses of \$67,500 are the results of advance payments for work related to the Good Hope Niobium Project.

Portfolio investments increased from \$147,863 at December 31, 2017 to \$150,695 at March 31, 2018. The increase is a result of the fluctuation of the fair market value of shares acquired from the sale of claims in prior years.

Mineral properties and deferred exploration costs of \$620,301 were recorded as of March 31, 2018 compared to \$370,523 as of December 31, 2017 due to recognition of the carrying value on the Good Hope Niobium Project. See note below regarding the ongoing write-off for the entire carrying value of the Company's exploration properties in Timmins, Ontario and Santa Cruz, Argentina.

On the liabilities side, accounts payable and accrued liabilities increased to \$1,312,424 at March 31, 2018 from \$1,131,392 at December 31, 2017 representing the outstanding payables incurred for professional fees such as accounting, auditing, legal, salaries, consulting, as well as current payables related to the Company's exploration activities.

Convertible debentures of \$259,479 represent the carrying amount of the debentures maturing June 2020. The interest payable for the debentures is \$30,908 as of March 31, 2018.

Financing in progress of \$25,000 represents funds received in the first quarter for the non-brokered private placement announced in the first quarter which was subsequently closed in the second quarter.

Due to related party remains the same at \$42,000 at March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017 as a result of the funds advanced from a related corporation during the year ended December 31, 2017.

Total liabilities increased to \$1,638,903 at March 31, 2018 compared to \$1,395,200 at December 31, 2017 as a result of increases to accounts payable and accrued liabilities for on going work at the Good Hope Niobium Project.

Shareholders' deficit improved to \$500,687 as at March 31, 2018 from a deficit position of \$795,140 at December 31, 2017. The change in deficit was a result of the net loss for the quarter due to the Company's normal operations offset by funds from the private placements and retaining the carrying value for the Good Hope Niobium Project.

On the Condensed Consolidated Interim Statements of Loss and Comprehensive Loss, the increase in net loss for the quarter ending March 31, 2018 compared to the same period in fiscal 2017 is primarily due to the increase in exploration activities and financing activities in the quarter and the fluctuation in the non-cash adjustment in the fair value of the portfolio investments. Relative to the same period last year, the general operating expenses remained consistent.

Income of \$847 was offset by expenses of \$94,376 during the quarter compared to income of \$625 and expenses of \$34,641 for the same period last year. Net loss and comprehensive loss for

the quarter was \$93,529 compared to a loss of \$34,016 for the same period last year. Loss per share for basic and diluted was \$nil for the quarter in 2018 and 2017.

On the Condensed Consolidated Interim Statements of Cash Flow, cash provided in operating activities was \$12,018 for the three months ended March 31, 2018, compared to cash used of \$15,310 for the same period last year. Cash provided by financing activities was \$412,982 for the three months ended March 31, 2018 compared to cash provided of \$nil in the same period last year. Cash used by investing activities was \$249,778 for the quarter compared with cash provided of \$25,580 in the same period last year.

Cash balance as at March 31, 2018 was \$211,889 compared to cash of \$36,667 as at December 31, 2017.

### **Exploration Properties Write Down (2015)**

As part of the 2015 audit, the Company was required to complete an impairment analysis to compare the carrying value of the exploration properties to the fair market value. In order to substantiate the carrying values of the exploration properties, the Company would have had to complete a valuation analysis of the properties. Due to the mineral exploration market conditions at that time, it was determined that the extreme volatility of the market and the depressed value of gold, that a valuation analysis of the properties would likely result in a reduced market value for the properties. The Company is of the view that the prohibitive cost of a valuation analysis does not justify the end result of determining a reduced market value just for reporting purposes.

As a result, the Company has taken the unique position to preserve working capital and to ensure available funds are allocated to exploration activities, by foregoing a valuation analysis and writing down the properties to \$Nil. The Company will continue to write down all exploration expenditures and investments until such time as when it's beneficial to the Company to complete an assets analysis.

The Company intends to complete an assets analysis on the Company's exploration properties when appropriate, which is anticipated to be greater than the \$Nil value reported. In this situation, the carrying amount could be increased to an amount that does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been reported had no write down been recognized in prior years.

Based on consultations with the Company's directors, accounting professionals and auditors, the Company has taken the position to write-off the entire carrying value of the Company's two exploration properties in Timmins, Ontario and in Argentina.

Accordingly, all costs incurred to December 31, 2015 for the two properties were written off as an impairment loss of \$1,331,521 for the year ended December 31, 2015. For 2016, the Company has written off exploration expenditures and investments totaling \$18,005, for a cumulative impairment loss to date of \$1,349,526 as of December 31, 2016. For 2017, the

Company has written off exploration expenditures and investments totaling \$23,199 for cumulative impairment loss to date of \$1,372,725 as of December 31, 2017.

As of March 31, 2018, no assets analysis was completed and the Company continues to report a nil value for the Company's two exploration properties in Timmins, Ontario and in Argentina.

Accordingly, during the three months ended March 31, 2018, the Company has written off exploration expenditures and investments totaling \$nil for cumulative impairment loss to date of \$1,372,725 as of March 31, 2018 for the two properties.

The Company's historic valuation of the exploration properties in previously reported financial statements are available on the Company's website and in SEDAR. Shareholders are encouraged to review the previous statements to determine the historic asset value prior to the write down.

## **Selected Annual Information**

Unless otherwise noted, all currency amounts are stated in Canadian dollars.

The following selected financial data for each of the three most recently completed financial years are derived from the audited annual financial statements of the Company, which were prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

<b>For the Years Ended December 31,</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
	\$	\$	\$
Income	2,771	2,417	2,163
Net loss and comprehensive loss	319,546	274,780	1,711,946
Net loss and comprehensive loss, per share	-	-	(0.01)
Net loss and comprehensive loss, per share fully diluted	-	-	(0.01)
Total assets	600,060	178,259	96,677
Total long term liabilities	-	-	-
Cash dividends	-	-	-

The Company has recorded losses in all of the three most recently completed fiscal years and expects to continue to record losses until such time as the Company's projects are identified, developed and brought into profitable commercial operation.

## **Results of Operations**

### **Exploration and Development Activities**

Mineral property expenditures during the quarter totaled \$249,778 compared to expenditures of \$1,200 for the same period in the previous fiscal year. Funding of projects was mainly from proceeds from funds from non-brokered private placements.

During the three months ended March 31, 2018 the Company was focused on the drill program for the Good Hope Niobium Project and raising funds to continue exploration work on the Company's Timmins Gold Project and the Lolita Project in Argentina. In the coming year with the successful raising of funds, exploration work will be conducted on the Company's properties.

### **Good Hope Niobium Project, Marathon Ontario**

On May 31, 2017 the Company signed two Option Agreements, KL226 Option Agreement and KL37 Option Agreement to acquire 100% interest in the Good Hope Niobium Project in Killala Lake area, near Marathon Ontario.

The Good Hope Niobium Property consists of a total of 19 claims, 263 claim units and 4,208 hectares in Killala Lake Area and Cairngorm Lake Area Townships, northwest of Marathon, Ontario. The Good Hope Property is located approximately 45 kilometers northwest of Marathon and 28 km north of Highway 17. The property is readily accessible from Trans-Canada Highway 17 and Dead Horse Road. The Property is also in close proximity to the Hemlo gold mining camp.

The regional geology around the Good Hope Property consists of alkaline and carbonatite intrusions formed during Midcontinental rifting within the Trans-Superior Tectonic zone. The Good Hope Property forms a doughnut around the Prairie Lake Complex. The Prairie Lake Complex is composed of carbonatite, ijolite and potassic nepheline syenite. The most common rock types on the Good Hope Property are carbonatite, syenite breccia and ijolite. The Good Hope Property hosts Niobium mineralization in pyrochlore. The Niobium mineralization differs from that in Prairie Lake Complex in that it is low in Th and U contents.

The discovery of Niobium mineralization at Good Hope was made by Rudy Wahl in 2010 when he identified 1.63 % Nb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> in a small outcrop on site #28. In 2014, he followed up with mapping and prospecting in 5 pits that he dug in the area. Subsequent exploration work on the property includes: grab sampling, channel sampling, trenching, ground radiometrics survey, airborne magnetic - radiometrics surveys and mineralogical studies. Mineralogical studies completed in 2014 by Professor Roger H. Mitchell on samples from site #28 shows that the pyrochlore minerals are ThO<sub>2</sub>-free and contain very low UO<sub>3</sub> so radionuclide problems are low for future extraction.

During the summer of 2015, a detailed prospecting-geological survey was completed on the Good Hope Property with the objective of finding larger zones of mineralized, non-radioactive carbonatite. The first trench, TR-01, revealed a non-radioactive carbonatite at the contact with a syenite. The carbonatite is at least 5 meters wide by 15 meters long, and observations indicate that it extends underneath the swamp for an unknown distance. The best result from 26 channel samples in trench TR-01 is 1.205% Nb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> over 1.10 meters. Trench TR-04 revealed a contact between ijolite breccia and syenite breccia, both matrix being carbonatite, with a chunk of massive carbonatite. Again, the carbonatite most likely extends underneath the swamp. The best channel sampling result for TR-04 is 0.437% Nb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> over 0.60 meters. In summary, the 2015 exploration program was successful in discovering a new type of niobium mineralization which

is potentially a non-radioactive carbonatite intrusion. As the discovery coincides with a low magnetic/low topography sector, all the multi square-kilometers low topography, low magnetics area covered by the Good Hope Property, is considered highly prospective.

Two drill holes were completed in 2016 for a total of 280.7 m on an airborne radiometric anomaly near the discovery site #28. The assay highlights for drill hole PL-01 include 0.45 % Nb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> over 1.0 m and 6.25 % P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> over 1.0 m. The assay highlights for drill hole PL-02 include 0.34 % Nb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> over 1.0 m and 5.81 % P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> over 1.0 m. The Niobium mineralization in drill core is associated with carbonatite and syenite carbonatite breccia.

In June 2017, Plato initiated a data compilation on the Property to use for exploration targeting and program planning. A geological mapping and sampling program was completed in the summer of 2017. The goal of the program is to identify additional Niobium mineralization on the Property. Geophysics surveys suggest that the Prairie Lake Complex has a non-magnetic ring dyke and radial fracture system around it on Plato's Good Hope Property. The geological mapping will search for Niobium mineralization within the ring dyke.

Another goal of the June geological mapping program was to collect more geological data for drill targeting for the drill program in 2018.

During the first quarter of 2018, funding was secured and the drill program was started with anticipated assay results in the second or third quarter of 2018.

### **Lolita Project, Santa Cruz, Argentina**

In 2007, Plato Gold successfully acquired, through a joint venture agreement, a majority interest in 29,000 hectares of strategically located property in Santa Cruz, Argentina. Plato holds a 75% interest in the joint venture with Dr. P. Lhotka holding the remaining 25% interest. The first three phases of work have involved prospecting, geochemical sampling as well as a Mag and IP survey over a large portion of the property.

The property is located in a geological metal rich province, hosted by Jurassic aged rocks of the Deseado Massif. The structures found to date are hosted by a felsite unit and felsic tuffs. To the immediate south significant base metal and precious metal vein systems occur and are held by some major Companies. The results to date have located a number of strong hydrothermal structures with chalcedonic silica, brecciation, iron oxides and pyrite with areas of weak to strong anomalous pathfinder elements of arsenic, antimony and mercury, which may be prospective for precious metals at deeper levels. Also encouraging is that these structures have been traced from 1 to 5 kilometers in length.

In light of these favourable results the Company followed up on Dr. P. Lhotka's recommendation by conducting a geophysical survey to locate and define specific targets within these surface defined structures for exploration by diamond drilling.



During the first quarter of 2011, the Company completed a Ground Magnetic Survey on the Lolita Property in Santa Cruz, Argentina, which was a prelude to an IP program and a planned drill program. In the Third quarter the Company completed the Ground Magnetic Survey and the IP program. The results of the IP program were announced on October 20, 2011.

On August 9, 2011, Winnipeg Minerals S.A. (“WMSA”) was incorporated in Argentina with Plato Gold holding 75% and Dr. P. Lhotka holding 25% of the outstanding shares. The mineral claims totaling 27,857 hectares were subsequently transferred to WMSA as of November 14, 2011.

As of March 31, 2018, there were no changes to the share structure. Currently the claims total 9,672 hectares. The property is drill ready subject to available financing or an option agreement. As well, the Company continues to monitor the political environment for mineral exploration in Argentina.

### **Timmins Gold Project, Ontario**

#### **Kirkland Lake Gold Inc. (formerly St. Andrew Goldfields Limited)**

On November 8, 2010 the Company signed an agreement granting St. Andrew Goldfields Limited the option to earn a 75% interest in Plato’s Timmins Gold Project, consisting of four properties in the Townships of Guibord, Harker, Holloway and Marriott.

The Company received an initial cash payment of \$100,000 upon execution of the agreement. The work commitments and cash payments for each property are graduated over a 4 year period. If a National Instrument 43-101 compliant mineral resource, whether measured, indicated or inferred of not less than 500,000 ounces of gold is discovered on any one of the four properties while St. Andrew is earning its interest, St. Andrew will make a payment of \$1 million to the Company for each property reaching such milestones, giving a potential for \$4 million in milestone payments, as stated in the original option agreement. The option in respect of each property may be exercised or terminated separately by St. Andrew.

After February 2013, only the Holloway and Marriott properties were still in effect under the terms of the original option agreement.

In June 2013, the option agreement on these two properties was extended in exchange for 50,000 common shares of St. Andrew. Accordingly, the additional payment obligation, if a National Instrument 43-101 compliant mineral resource is identified in the remaining two properties, will be a potential of up to \$2 million in milestone payments.

Option payments of \$80,000 in November 2013 and \$30,000 in November 2014 were received, in accordance with the option agreement.

In November 2015, the company received \$8,550, in lieu of 25,000 common shares of SAS, to extend the option agreement on the Holloway and Marriott Property for one additional year.

On January 26, 2016, St. Andrew Goldfields was acquired by Kirkland Lake Gold Inc.. Kirkland Lake Gold Inc. is the current holder of the options.

As of November 8, 2017, Kirkland Lake did not meet the exploration expenditure requirements and no further extension was negotiated, thus in accordance with the terms of the agreement the option agreement expired for the two remaining properties. As a result the Company retains 100% interest in the Holloway and Marriott properties.

The Company currently holds 4,530 shares of Kirkland Lake Gold Inc..

Osisko Mining Inc. (formerly Oban Mining Corporation and Northern Gold Mining Inc.)

For the Guibord Property, on July 26, 2012, the Company announced that it had sold its 50% interest in the Guibord Property to Victory Gold Mines Inc. The 16 claims, known as the Guibord Property, will be owned 40% by Victory Gold and 10% by St. Andrew, with Plato retaining control of the remaining 50%. Plato received a payment of \$40,000 and 1,000,000 shares of Victory Gold.

In addition, Victory Gold has an option to give notice on the second anniversary to own a 60% interest and St. Andrew to own a 15% interest in the Guibord Properties. As well, Victory Gold on or before the third anniversary of the agreement Victory Gold spends a minimum of \$700,000 in exploration expenditures on the property and Plato receives \$100,000 in cash or Victory Gold shares, at Plato's option. Final ownership would be represented by Victory Gold (60%), St. Andrew (15%) and Plato (25%). The Victory Gold second anniversary option expired in 2014.

Victory Gold elected not to exercise the option as noted above, thus St. Andrew has an option to spend a minimum of \$200,000 in exploration expenditures on or before the third anniversary of the agreement and Plato receives from Victory Gold \$100,000 in cash or Victory Gold shares, at Plato's option. If completed, the final ownership in the Guibord property will be represented by Victory Gold (50%), St. Andrew (25%) and Plato (25%). The third anniversary option expired.

In 2013, Victory Gold Mines Inc. was amalgamated with Northern Gold Mining Inc. with the 1,000,000 shares of Victory Gold Mines Inc. held by the Company converted to 500,000 shares of Northern Gold Mining Inc.

In November 2015, Oban Mining Corporation ("Oban") acquired Northern Gold Mining, as a result Oban holds 50% interest in the Guibord property, with 10% beneficially held for St Andrew, and the Company retaining 50% control of the property. On January 26, 2016, St. Andrew Goldfields was acquired by Kirkland Lake Gold Inc.. Kirkland Lake Gold Inc. is the current holder of the 10% beneficially held by Oban.

In June 2016, Oban changed its name to Osisko Mining Inc., as a result Plato holds 50% interest in the Guibord property with the remaining 50% held by Osisko. Kirkland Lake's 10% is beneficially held by Osisko.

For the Harker Property, on February 1, 2013 the Company announced that it had sold its 80% interest in the Harker Property to Northern Gold Mining Inc. and entered into a joint venture agreement with Northern Gold Mining Inc. on the property for \$200,000 and 250,000 common shares of Northern Gold Mining Inc.

Following completion of the transaction, Plato will retain a 20% participating interest in the Harker Properties. If at any time either party's interest is reduced to 10% or less, such interest shall be surrendered and the forfeiting party shall be granted a one percent (1%) NSR from production on the Harker Properties. The non-forfeiting party shall have the right and option to purchase the entire 1% NSR for \$1,000,000.

In November 2015, Oban Mining Corporation ("Oban") acquired Northern Gold Mining, as a result Oban holds 80% interest in the Harker property and the Company retaining 20% of the property. In June 2016, Oban changed its name to Osisko Mining Inc.

The Company currently holds 11,749 shares of Osisko Mining Inc..

## **Administration**

During the three months ended March 31, 2018, interest income of \$847 for the period was offset by administrative expenses, normal operating expenses, unrealized gain on portfolio investments resulting in a net loss of \$93,529 for the quarter compared to a net loss of \$34,016 for the three months ended March 31, 2017. The loss per share was \$Nil for basic and fully diluted for the period ended March 31, 2018 and the period ended March 31, 2017.

Expenses during the quarter totaled \$94,376 compared to \$34,641 for the comparable period in 2017. The increase is mainly due to the increase in exploration activities during the quarter resulting in increases in investor relations and interest, offset by fair value adjustment on portfolio investments. In general, expenses are stable as noted in office and general, insurance, and rent, reflecting management's efforts to minimize expenses.

As a junior exploration company, cash flow from financing will continue to be an ongoing focus for management. The current market conditions represent significant challenges to the entire junior exploration sector and there is no assurance that financing will be available in this market. We are maintaining a close watch on market activities as it relates to financing in our sector.

## **Summary of Quarterly Results**

The following selected financial data are derived from the unaudited quarterly financial statements of the Company, which were prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards for the results from April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2018.

	2018	2017				2016		
For the Quarters Ended	Mar 31	Dec 31	Sep 30	Jun 30	Mar 31	Dec 31	Sep 30	Jun 30
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Income	847	756	730	660	625	2,417	-	-
Net Income (loss) and Comprehensive Income (loss)	(93,529)	(120,626)	(66,682)	(98,222)	(34,016)	(135,096)	(57,737)	(21,671)
Net Income (loss) and Comprehensive Income (loss), per share basic and fully diluted	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

## Liquidity and Capital Resources

In management's view, given the nature of the Company's operations, which consist of the exploration of mining properties, the most relevant financial information relates primarily to current liquidity, solvency and planned exploration expenditures. In addition, the Company holds common shares in three publicly traded companies as reported in the accompanying audited financial statements. The Company's financial success will be dependent on the economic viability of the Good Hope Niobium Project, the Lolita Project and the Timmins Gold Project.

The Company had cash of \$211,889 as of March 31, 2018 which is sufficient to cover the Company's short term cash requirements. In the past the Company has been successful in raising sufficient short term funds to satisfy its obligations. As well, the Company is reporting other receivables of \$87,749, consisting primarily of HST & GST receivable and a receivable from Dr. P. Lhotka. The Company reported a debt provision with regards to the receivable from Dr. P. Lhotka. Additional financing is required to finance on-going administration and continue the exploration activities of the Company.

As an exploration company, the Company generates minimal revenue, with the exception of government exploration rebate, and will have to return to the equity markets in order to secure additional financing for the Company to continue exploration. Management believes that it has the ability to raise sufficient funds for the continuation of operations. While management has been historically successful in raising the necessary capital, it cannot provide assurance that it will be able to obtain the required financing in light of the current economic conditions.

## Changes in Accounting Policies

The Company adopted IFRS 9 Financial Instruments ("IFRS 9") effective January 1, 2018. IFRS 9 replaced IAS 39, Financial Instruments: recognition and Measurement. IFRS 9 includes guidance on classification and measurement of financial instruments, a new expected credit loss model for calculating impairment on financial assets and new general hedging requirements. Adoption of IFRS 9 did not have a material impact on the Company's financial statements.

The Company adopted IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers, ("IFRS 15") effective January 1, 2018. IFRS 15 replaced all pre-existing guidance in IFRS related to revenue. IFRS 15

contains a single control-based model (the “model”) that applies to contracts with customers and allows entities to recognize revenue at a point-in-time or over-time. The model consists of a 5-step analysis of transactions to determine whether, how much, and when revenue is recognized. IFRS 15 also includes additional requirements for revenue accounted for under the standard. Adoption of IFRS 15 did not have an impact on the Company's financial statements.

In June 2016, the IASB issued amendments to IFRS 2 that clarify how to account for certain types of share-based payment transactions. Effective January 1, 2018, the Company adopted the amendments to IFRS 2, which did not have an impact on the Company's financial statements.

## **Financial Instruments**

The Company's financial instruments consist of cash, portfolio investments, convertible debentures, accounts payable and accrued liabilities and amounts due to a related party.

Management does not believe these financial instruments expose the Company to any significant interest, currency or credit risks arising from these financial instruments. The fair market value of cash, portfolio investments, convertible debentures, accounts payable and accrued liabilities and amounts due to related party approximate their carrying values.

In conducting its business, the principal risks and uncertainties faced by the Company relate to exploration and development success. Exploration for gold and niobium involves significant risks, many of which are outside the Company's control. In addition to the normal and usual risks of exploration, the Company often works in remote locations that lack the benefit of infrastructure and easy access.

The Company relies on equity financing for its long term working capital requirements and to fund its exploration programs. There is no assurance that such financing will be available to the Company, or that it will be available on acceptable terms.

## **Outstanding Share Data**

### **a) Common and Preferred Shares**

The Company is authorized to issue an unlimited number of common shares without par value. As at March 31, 2018, the Company had issued and outstanding 173,007,455 common shares with a carrying value of \$7,502,120.

During the three months ended March 31, 2018 the Company issued 8,300,000 common shares as part of the first tranche and second tranche closing of a non-brokered private placement for gross proceeds of \$415,000. The issued common shares are subject to a four month hold period from the settlement date.

The common shares issued were part of a unit offering. Units were priced at \$0.05 each. Each unit consists of one (1) common share in the capital stock of Plato (“Common Share”) and one-half of a common share purchase warrant (a “Warrant”). Each Warrant entitles the holder to purchase one common share at a price of \$0.10 per common share until the date which is twenty-four (24) months following the closing date, whereupon the Warrants will expire. If the weighted average trading price of the Company’s common shares on the Company’s principal stock exchange closes at a minimum of \$0.10 per share for a period of five (5) consecutive trading days, the Company may accelerate the expiry date of the Warrants to the date which is 30 days following the date upon which notice of the accelerated expiry date is provided by the Company to the holders of the Warrants.

The Company is also authorized to issue an unlimited number of preferred shares without par value, of which none have been issued.

b) Warrants

As part of the unit offering noted above, 4,150,000 Warrants were issued during the quarter. In addition, 154,000 Finders Warrants were issues as part of the offering.

Each Warrant entitles the holder to purchase one common share at a price of \$0.10 per common share until the date which is twenty-four (24) months following the closing date, whereupon the Warrants will expire.

As of March 31, 2018 there are 4,304,000 warrants issued and outstanding.

c) Stock Options

As at March 31, 2018, the Company had an aggregate of 4,845,000 options outstanding with a weighted average exercise price of \$0.10.

As at the date of March 31, 2018, the following options were outstanding:

<u>Option Price</u>	<u>Number of Options</u>		<u>Weighted Average</u>
	<u>Unvested</u>	<u>Vested</u>	<u>Remaining Contractual Life</u>
			<u>In Years</u>
\$0.100		595,000	1.7
\$0.100		1,325,000	2.1
\$0.100		300,000	2.6
\$0.100		2,625,000	3.0
	-	4,845,000	2.6

## **Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

For the quarter ended March 31, 2018 the Company had no off-balance sheet arrangements, such as guaranteed contracts, contingent interests in assets transferred to an entity, derivative investment obligations or any investments that could trigger financing, market or credit risk to the Company.

## **Transactions with Related Parties**

During the three months ended March 31, 2018 the Company:

- a) Incurred rent at 1300 Bay Street and 1240 Bay Street of \$1,200 (2017 - \$1,500) with a related party, Gulf & Pacific Equities Corp.. The Company and the related party are related by virtue of the fact that they both have the same President of the company. The President is also a director and shareholder of both companies. As at March 31, 2018, accounts payable and accrued liabilities included (net of taxes) \$7,200 (2017 - \$6,000) payable to the related party.
- b) Incurred consulting fees for financial, technical and management services of \$18,000 (2017 - \$18,000) by Greg K. W. Wong, in the position of CFO, one of the Company's officers. As at March 31, 2018, accounts payable and accrued liabilities included (net of taxes) \$237,168 (2017 - \$219,168) of consulting fees payable to the officer.
- c) Incurred consulting fees for corporate services of \$1,475 (2017 - \$1,475) by Robert E. Van Tassell, in the position of Corporate Secretary, one of the Company's officers and also serves as one of the Company's directors. As at March 31, 2018, accounts payable and accrued liabilities included (net of taxes) \$19,175 (2017 - \$17,700) of consulting fees payable to the director.
- d) Incurred directors fees of \$7,000 (2017 - \$7,000). As at March 31, 2018, accounts payable and accrued liabilities included (net of taxes) \$260,700 (2017 - \$253,700) payable to the directors.
- e) Received an advance of \$nil (2017 - \$nil) from Ceyx Properties Ltd. a related party by virtue of the fact that they have the same President, who also serves as director for both companies. The President is a shareholder of both corporations. As at March 31, 2018, the amount due to related party totaled \$42,000 (2017 - \$42,000).

## **Contractual Obligations and Commitments**

Contractual obligations exist with respect to royalties however, gold production subject to royalty cannot be ascertained with certainty as the Company is still in the exploration stage with respect to its properties.

## **Internal Control over Financial Reporting and Disclosure Controls**

Management, including the President and Chief Executive Officer (“CEO”) and the Chief Financial Officer (“CFO”), is responsible for designing, establishing, and maintaining a system of internal controls over financial reporting (“ICFR”) to provide reasonable assurance that all information prepared by the Company for external purposes is reliable and timely. Internal control over financial reporting is designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of the financial statements for external purposes in accordance with IFRS.

The Company’s internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (i) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately reflect the transactions of the Company; (ii) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with IFRS, and that receipts and expenditures of the Company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the Company; and (iii) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of the Company’s assets that could have a material effect on the Company’s Financial Statements. Due to its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting and disclosure may not prevent or detect all misstatements.

The CEO and CFO have evaluated whether there were changes to the ICFR during the three months ended March 31, 2018 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the ICFR. As a result, no such significant changes were identified through their evaluation.

There have been no material changes in the Company’s internal control over financial reporting during the three months ended March 31, 2018 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, internal control over financial reporting.

## **Outlook**

The Company’s current focus is the Good Hope Niobium Project near Marathon Ontario. Based on the results of the 2017 summer sampling program the Company started a drill program in early 2018. During the first quarter of 2018 drilling was in progress on the project with preliminary results anticipated in the second or third quarter of 2018.



The Company will continue to identify exploration activities and remains active in securing on going funding for the exploration projects on its Timmins Properties.

In Argentina, the Company intends on moving to the next stage of exploration on the Lolita Project with a drill ready program subject to available financing or an option agreement.

## **Risk Factors**

Readers of this Management Discussion and Analysis should give careful consideration to the information included or incorporated by reference in this document and the Corporation's unaudited financial statements and related notes for the period ended March 31, 2018. Significant risk factors for the Corporation are metal prices, government regulations, foreign operations, environmental compliance, dependence on management, claim renewals and performance of option agreements.

The Company has limited financial resources, has no source of operating income and has no assurance that additional funding will be available to it for further exploration and development of its projects. Although the Company has been successful in the past in financing its activities through the issuance of equity securities, there can be no assurance that it will be able to obtain sufficient financing in the future to execute its business plan.

### **a) Foreign Operations**

The Company's Lolita project is currently conducted through a subsidiary located in Argentina and, as such, its operations are exposed to various levels of political, economic and other risks and uncertainties which could result in work stoppages of the Company's exploration activities. There is currently no local opposition to exploration activities, but there can be no assurance that such local opposition will not arise with respect to the Company's Argentina operations.

The Company's exploration and development activities are subject to extensive foreign federal, state and local laws and regulations governing such matters as environmental protection, management and use of toxic substances and explosives, management of natural resources, health, safety and labour, mining law reform, price controls import and export laws, taxation, maintenance of claims, tenure, government royalties and expropriation of property. There is no assurance that future changes in such regulations, if any, will not adversely affect the Company's activities.

## **Other Information**

Additional information on the Company is available on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) or by contacting the Company at 1240 Bay Street, Suite 800, Toronto Ontario M5R 2A7 or on our website at [www.platogold.com](http://www.platogold.com).

Finally, I would again like to thank all of our shareholders for your faith and confidence as we continue to explore and discover mineral wealth in Marathon Ontario, Timmins Ontario and Santa Cruz, Argentina.

Yours truly,

(signed) "Anthony J. Cohen"

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President & CEO

May 28, 2018