



## PLATO GOLD CORP

### MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Quarterly Report for the six and three months ended June 30, 2019

This Management Discussion and Analysis (“**MD&A**”) of Plato Gold Corp (the “**Company**”) provides analysis of the Company's financial results for the six and three months ended June 30, 2019. The following information should be read in conjunction with the accompanying unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements and the related notes for the six and three months ended June 30, 2019 and the audited consolidated financial statements and the related notes for the year ended December 31, 2018.

The unaudited condensed interim consolidated 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 June 30, 2019 unaudited condensed interim consolidated 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 condensed interim consolidated financial statements for the quarter ending June 30, 2019 and the December 31, 2018 audited consolidated 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 August 21, 2019.

#### **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 Project consists of 4 mining leases and 98 claims and covers 1,658 hectares.

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 254 claims, consisting of 227 Single Cell Mining Claims and 27 Boundary Cell Mining Claims, and covers an area of approximately 5,100 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.

## **Second Quarter 2019 Highlights**

In the Second Quarter of 2019:

- During the three months ended June 30, 2019, the Company continues to work with independent mining and geological consulting firms to review the data from the drill program and to plan the next phase of drilling. As well, the Company is working to secure additional financing for the Good Hope Niobium Project.
- The Company is monitoring its assets in the Timmins Gold Project in northern Ontario and completed some additional field work in the fourth quarter of 2018 on its Marriott property and filed the work credits in 2019. The Company is working to convert the Marriott claims to a lease.
- The Company continues to secure financing to advance the geological work on the Lolita Property in Santa Cruz, Argentina.

## **Overall Performance**

On the Condensed Interim Consolidated Statements of Financial Position, total assets increased to \$2,090,887 as of June 30, 2019 compared to \$1,753,886 as at December 31, 2018. The increase in the six months is primarily due to funds received for the private placement which was closed in the third quarter and nominal increase in the carrying value of the Good Hope Niobium Project, offset by decrease in the market value of the portfolio investments and use of the funds from the portfolio investments.

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 \$426,502 from \$11,674 at December 31, 2018 due to funds received for the private placement which was closed in the third quarter and cash from the sale of shares from the portfolio investments offset by the use of cash for exploration activities and the ongoing operations of the company.

The other receivables decreased to \$45,301 from \$54,009 at December 31, 2018 mainly due to decrease in GST and HST receivables. Other receivables include a loan receivable with a related party.

Portfolio investments decreased from \$217,123 at December 31, 2018 to \$106,802 at June 30, 2019. The decrease is a result of the sale of shares held by the Company and fluctuation in the market value of the remaining shares.

Mineral properties and deferred exploration costs of \$1,512,229 were recorded as of June 30, 2019 compared to \$1,470,998 as of December 31, 2018 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 \$745,828 at June 30, 2019 from \$707,701 at December 31, 2018 as a result of normal operating costs for the quarter. Accounts payable and accrued liabilities include professional fees such as accounting, auditing, and legal, as well as current payables related to the Company's exploration activities. Starting January 1, 2019, the officers and directors of the Company reduced their payments to \$100 annually for each officer and director.

Due to related company of \$3,000 during the quarter represents an advance from a related party. Subscription payable of \$350,000 represents the funds received in the second quarter for the private placement which was closed in the third quarter.

Total liabilities increased to \$1,098,828 at June 30, 2019 compared to \$707,701 at December 31, 2018.

Shareholders' equity decreased to \$992,059 as at June 30, 2019 from \$1,046,165 at December 31, 2018. The decrease is a result of an increase in deficit due to the operations of the Company during the quarter offset by increase share capital and contributed surplus as are result of the issuance of shares for the option payment and the grant of options in the second quarter.

On the Condensed Interim Consolidated Statements of Loss and Comprehensive Loss, the decrease in net loss and comprehensive loss of \$105,162 for the quarter ending June 30, 2019 compared to the net loss and comprehensive loss of \$164,394 for same period in fiscal 2018 is primarily due to the reduced salaries, consulting fees, and directors' fees started in January 2019 offset by an one-time expenses for flow through expense and the grant of options represented by the share-based compensation in the quarter, plus fluctuation in the non-cash adjustment in the fair value of the portfolio investments and the sale of shares in the quarter. Relative to the same period last year, the general operating expenses reduced substantially as a result of the decision by the directors and officers of the Company to reduce their fee accruals as noted above.

Investment income of \$1,029 was offset by expenses of \$106,191 during the quarter ending June 30, 2019 compared to investment income of \$858 and expenses of \$165,252 for the same period last year. Basic and diluted loss per share was \$Nil for the quarter in 2019 and 2018.

On the Condensed Interim Consolidated Statements of Cash Flow, cash used in operating activities was \$56,205 for the six months ended June 30, 2019, compared to cash provided of \$245,358 for the same period last year. Cash provided by financing activities was \$353,000 for the six months ended June 30, 2019 compared to cash provided of \$786,310 in the same period last year. Cash provided by investing activities was \$118,033 for the six months compared with cash used of \$963,422 in the same period last year.

Cash balance as at June 30, 2019 was \$426,502 compared to cash of \$11,674 as at December 31, 2018.

### **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 two exploration properties the Company held in 2015 to the fair market value at that time. 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. For these two properties in Timmins, Ontario and in Argentina, 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 these two 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. For 2018, the Company has written off exploration expenditures and investments totaling \$22,120 for cumulative impairment loss to date of \$1,394,845 as of December 31, 2018.

As of June 30, 2019, 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 six months ended June 30, 2019, the Company has written off exploration expenditures and investments totaling \$17,256 for cumulative impairment loss to date of \$1,412,101 as of June 30, 2019 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>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
	\$	\$	\$
Income	4,755	2,771	2,417
Net income (loss) and comprehensive income (loss)	60,278	(319,546)	(274,780)
Net income (loss) and comprehensive income (loss), per share	-	-	-
Net income (loss) and comprehensive income (loss), per share fully diluted	-	-	-
Total assets	1,753,866	600,060	178,259
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 six months totaled \$58,487 compared to expenditures of \$963,422 for the same period in the previous fiscal year. Funding of projects was mainly from proceeds from the non-brokered private placements.

During the three months ended June 30, 2019 the Company was focused on the results of the drill program for the Good Hope Niobium Project and raising funds to continue exploration work on the Company's Good Hope Niobium Project, 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 254 claims, consisting of 227 Single Cell Mining Claims and 27 Boundary Cell Mining Claims, and covers an area of approximately 5,100 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.

In May 2018, Plato completed 5016 metres of diamond drilling on the Good Hope Property. The drilling focused on outcropping mineralization at 'Site 28' in the northwestern part of the property and encompassed an area of approximately 500m by 500m. All holes were drilled in a northwesterly direction. The nine completed drill holes ranged in length from 372 to 672 metres, testing the area to a vertical depth of between 285 and 580 metres. All holes intersected zones (up to 27m wide) of massive carbonatite within a brecciated system consisting of variably fenitized syenite/quartz-syenite intruded by carbonatite dykes and crosscutting carbonatite veins. Although the brecciated nature of the host rocks makes any orientation or trend of mineralization difficult to determine, the intersection of massive carbonatite in every drill hole from surface up to approximately 500m depth suggests that significant potential exists for niobium mineralization over a large area.

Assays of the drill core samples collected from the program peaked at 0.950% niobium (Nb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>) with 6.20% phosphorus (P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>) over 1.1m in a sample of massive carbonatite. The two most significant intersections from the drilling program were 0.190% Nb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> and 2.04% P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> over 93.08m (drill hole PGH-18-06; 354.18-447.26m) and 0.175% Nb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> and 2.03% P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> over 89.24m (drill hole PGH-18-10A; 345.0-434.24m).

The Company has contracted an independent mining and geological consulting firm to review the data from the recent program and help with planning of the next phase of drilling to help move the project forward. The next phase of the program in 2019 may include infill drilling and sampling, extension of the drilling pattern to the west and north, and drilling of other target areas.

### **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 June 30, 2019, 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**

The Timmins Gold Project is comprised of four properties along the Destor Porcupine Fault Zone located east of Timmins. The Guibord, Harker, and Holloway properties are comprised of 4 mining leases. The Marriott property is comprised of 98 claims, consisting of 70 Single Cell Mining Claims and 28 Boundary Cell Mining Claims, and covers an area of approximately 1,658 hectares.

The Company holds 100% interest in the Holloway and Marriott Properties. The Company holds 50% interest in the Guibord property with the remaining 50% held by Osisko, of which 10% is beneficially held for Kirland Lake. The Company holds 20% interest in the Harker property with the remaining 80% held by Osisko. The properties are subject to a 2% net smelter royalty held by a former director of the Company.

The Company is monitoring the assets in the Timmins Gold Project in northern Ontario and completed some additional field work in the fourth quarter of 2018 on its Marriott property.

### **Administration**

During the three months ended June 30, 2019, investment income of \$1,029 for the period was offset by administrative expenses, normal operating expenses, write-down of mineral properties and fluctuation in fair value adjustment on portfolio investments, resulting in a net loss of \$105,162 for the quarter compared to a net loss of \$164,394 for the quarter ended June 30, 2018. The basic and diluted loss per share was \$Nil for the period ended June 30, 2019 and the period ended June 30, 2018.

Expenses during the quarter totaled \$106,191 compared to \$165,252 for the comparable period in 2018. The decrease is mainly due to the reduced accrual of consulting fees, salaries, interest and financing fees, public and advertising, deferred tax expense, offset by fluctuation in the non-cash adjustment in the fair value of the portfolio investments, increase in flow through expense and share-based compensation. 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 July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2019.

For the Quarters Ended	2019		2018				2017	
	Jun 30	Mar 31	Dec 31	Sep 30	Jun 30	Mar 31	Dec 31	Sep 30
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Income	1,029	1,263	2,080	970	858	847	756	730
Net Income (loss) and Comprehensive Income (loss)	(105,162)	(18,427)	444,178	(125,977)	(164,394)	(93,529)	(120,626)	(66,682)
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 \$426,502 as of June 30, 2019 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 \$45,301 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. As well, the Company holds a marketable portfolio investment of \$106,802. 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 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 Standards

As of January 1, 2019, the Company has adopted the accounting requirements under IFRS 16 Leases. The adoption of this standard did not have a significant impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements. For more information on this new standard, please read note 3 a) of the Company's condensed interim consolidated financial statements for the period ended June 30, 2019.

## **Financial Instruments**

The Company's financial instruments consist of cash, portfolio investments and accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

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 and accounts payable and accrued liabilities 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 June 30, 2019, the Company had issued and outstanding 198,649,727 common shares with a carrying value of \$8,747,456.

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 of June 30, 2019, there are 5,879,000 warrants issued and outstanding with a weighted average exercise price of \$0.10.

### **c) Stock Options**

As at June 30, 2019, the Company had an aggregate of 16,125,000 options outstanding with a weighted average exercise price of \$0.10.

As at the date of June 30, 2019, 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		545,000	0.4
\$0.100		1,250,000	0.8
\$0.100		300,000	1.3
\$0.100		2,150,000	1.7
\$0.100		6,630,000	9.3
\$0.100		5,250,000	9.8
	-	16,125,000	7.4

### **Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

For the three months ended June 30, 2019 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 six months ended June 30, 2019 the Company:

- a) Incurred rent at 1240 Bay Street of \$1,200 (June 30, 2018 - \$1,800) 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 June 30, 2019, accounts payable and accrued liabilities included (net of taxes) \$10,200 (December 31, 2018 - \$9,000) payable to the related party.
- b) Incurred consulting fees for financial, technical and management services of \$50 (June 30, 2018 - \$36,000) by Greg K. W. Wong, in the position of CFO, one of the Company's officers. As at June 30, 2019, accounts payable and accrued liabilities included (net of taxes) \$228,146 (December 31, 2018 - \$228,096) of consulting fees payable to the officer.
- c) Incurred consulting fees for corporate services of \$Nil (June 30, 2018 - \$2,950) by Robert E. Van Tassell, in the former position of Corporate Secretary, one of the Company's

officers and also serves as one of the Company's directors. As at June 30, 2019, accounts payable and accrued liabilities included (net of taxes) \$14,750 (December 31, 2018 - \$14,750) of consulting fees payable to the Corporate Secretary.

- d) Incurred consulting fees for corporate services of \$50 (June 30, 2018 - \$Nil) by Greg K. W. Wong, in the position of Corporate Secretary, one of the Company's officers. As at June 30, 2019, accounts payable and accrued liabilities included (net of taxes) \$50 (December 31, 2018 - \$Nil) of consulting fees payable to the Corporate Secretary.
- e) Incurred directors fees of \$250 (June 30, 2018 - \$14,000). As at June 30, 2019, accounts payable and accrued liabilities included (net of taxes) \$43,600 (December 31, 2018 - \$43,350) payable to one past director.
- f) Wrote off accounts payable and accrued liabilities of \$Nil (December 31, 2018 - \$681,091) for director fees of 4 current directors and two past directors, and salaries owed to Mr. Anthony Cohen, president & CEO.
- g) Received an advance of \$3,000 from a related corporation. As at June 30, 2019, the amount due to the related party is \$3,000 (December 31, 2018 - \$Nil).

### **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 June 30, 2019 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 June 30, 2019 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 completed a drill program in second quarter of 2018 and announced the results in the third quarter of 2018.

The Company is working with an independent mining and geological consulting firm to review the data from the completed drill program and to help with planning the next phase of drilling to help move the project forward. The next phase of the program in 2019 may include infill drilling and sampling, extension of the drilling pattern to the west and north, and drilling of other target areas.

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 June 30, 2019. 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

August 21, 2019