



NEVADA COPPER CORP.

Condensed Consolidated Interim Financial Statements
For the three months ended March 31, 2018

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Condensed Consolidated Interim Statements of Financial Position
(Expressed in thousands of United States dollars)
(Unaudited – Prepared by Management)

	March 31, 2018	December 31, 2017
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$44,689	\$385
Amounts receivable	151	105
Prepaid expenses	181	1,085
	<u>45,021</u>	<u>1,575</u>
Restricted cash	453	971
Deferred share issuance costs (note 4 b and 7b)	3,617	-
Deferred financing fees (note 4c)	-	8,260
Mineral properties, plant, and equipment (note 3)	258,736	251,449
	<u>\$307,827</u>	<u>\$262,255</u>
Liabilities		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$2,165	\$3,907
Stock-based compensation liabilities (note 7d)	476	1,547
Current portion of long term debt (note 4)	457	70,038
	<u>3,098</u>	<u>75,492</u>
Long term debt (note 4)	97,629	113,532
Asset retirement obligation	895	895
	<u>101,622</u>	<u>189,919</u>
Shareholders' Equity		
Share capital (note 7)	312,717	161,354
Other equity reserve (note 7)	26,468	26,476
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(3,578)	(3,578)
Deficit	(129,402)	(111,916)
	<u>206,205</u>	<u>72,336</u>
	<u>\$307,827</u>	<u>\$262,255</u>

Contractual Obligations (note 8)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated interim financial statements.

Approved on behalf of the Board on May 10, 2018:

(Signed) "Braam Jonker", Director

(Signed) "Lucio Genovese", Director

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Condensed Consolidated Interim Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss

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Three-month periods ended

	March 31, 2018	March 31, 2017
Expenses		
Consulting and remuneration	\$1,088	\$148
Public company expenses	417	121
Office expenses	131	75
Professional fees	239	34
Business development	42	61
Stock-based compensation (note 7c)	27	121
	(1,944)	(560)
Interest income	141	5
Interest and finance expenses	(28)	(1,032)
Derivative fair value change (note 4b and ciii)	(2,159)	1,283
Other income (expense)	(549)	1
Debt extinguishment loss, net (note 4c)	(7,737)	-
Foreign exchange (loss) gain	(325)	7
Net loss and comprehensive loss	\$(12,601)	\$(296)
Loss per common share		
Basic and diluted	\$ (0.05)	\$ (0.00)
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding	240,853,108	88,168,125

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Condensed Consolidated Interim Statements of Changes in Equity

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Three month periods ended March 31, 2018 and March 31, 2017

	Share Capital		Other Equity Reserve	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	Deficit	Total
	Number of Shares	Amount				
Balances, December 31, 2016	88,168,125	\$155,794	\$25,519	\$(3,578)	\$(105,327)	\$76,408
Stock-based compensation	-	35	-	-	-	35
Share issue costs	-	-	(35)	-	-	(35)
Net loss	-	-	-	-	(296)	(296)
Balances, March 31, 2017	88,168,125	\$158,829	\$26,484	\$(3,578)	\$(105,623)	\$76,112

	Share Capital		Other Equity Reserve	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	Deficit	Total
	Number of Shares	Amount				
Balances, December 31, 2017	93,178,482	\$161,354	\$26,476	\$(3,578)	\$(111,916)	\$72,336
IFRS 9 adjustment (note 4cii)	-	-	-	-	(4,885)	(4,885)
Warrant revaluation	-	-	(35)	-	-	(35)
Stock-based compensation	-	-	27	-	-	27
Shares issued, (note 7b)	256,410,256	102,902	-	-	-	102,902
Share issue costs (note 7b)	-	(4,196)	-	-	-	(4,196)
Convertible debt conversion (note 4b)	95,561,944	52,657	-	-	-	52,657
Net loss	-	-	-	-	(12,601)	(12,601)
Balances, March 31, 2018	445,150,682	\$312,717	\$26,468	\$(3,578)	\$(129,402)	\$206,205

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Condensed Consolidated Interim Statements of Cash Flows

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Three month periods ended

	March 31, 2018	March 31, 2017
Cash flows used in operating activities		
Net loss for the period	\$(12,601)	\$(296)
Adjustments for:		
Derivatives fair value change (note 4b and ciii)	2,159	1,091
Debt extinguishment loss (note4c)	7,737	-
Interest and finance expenses	-	(1,032)
Stock-based compensation	27	156
Unrealized foreign exchange loss (gain)	375	-
Interest income	(141)	(5)
Depreciation and accretion expense	13	-
	(2,431)	(86)
Changes in non-cash working capital items:		
Amounts receivable	(46)	(1)
Prepaid expenses	904	(3,632)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(2,816)	(186)
Net cash used in operating activities	(4,389)	(3,905)
Cash flows used in investing activities		
Interest received	141	5
Cash moved from (to) restricted cash	518	-
Deposits for development costs		
Development costs for mineral properties, plant and equipment	(4,599)	(734)
Net cash used in investing activities	(3,940)	(729)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Issuance of common shares	102,500	-
Long-term debt repayment (note 4ciii)	(42,035)	-
Pala bridge loan repayment (note4a)	(3,500)	-
Share issuance costs incurred	(2,585)	(35)
Proceeds (repayment) from convertible debt (note4b)	-	5,000
Deferred share issuance costs (note7b)	(1,200)	-
Transaction costs for debt refinancing (note 4ciii)	(135)	(674)
Interest paid	(37)	(3,523)
Net cash provided by financing activities	53,008	768
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and equivalents	(375)	-
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	44,304	(3,866)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the period	385	4,801
Cash and cash equivalents, end of the period	\$44,689	\$935
Supplementary information:		
Convertible debt conversion (note 4b)	\$52,657	\$-
Non-cash share issuance costs – shares issued	402	-
Stock-based compensation included in mineral properties	-	94
Mineral properties, plant, and equipment in accounts payable and accrued liabilities change	-	(59)
Interest capitalised in mineral properties, plant and equipment	\$2,696	\$3,730

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1. General Information and Nature of Operations:

Nevada Copper Corp. (the “Corporation” or “Nevada Copper”) was incorporated on June 16, 1999 under the Business Corporations Act of the Yukon. The Corporation is an exploration and development stage mining company engaged in the identification, acquisition, exploration and development of copper and other mineral properties located in the United States and elsewhere. Its’s primary focus is the development and construction of the mining project at their Pumpkin Hollow Property (the “Property”) in Western Nevada, USA.

2. Significant Accounting Policies:

a.) Statement of compliance

These condensed consolidated interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with IAS 34, Interim Financial Reporting and follow the same accounting policies and methods of application as the Company’s most recent annual financial statements (except for the adoption of IFRS 9 – note 2ci) . These condensed consolidated interim financial statements do not include all of the information required for full consolidated annual financial statements and should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements of the Company as at and for the year ended December 31, 2017, prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB).

These condensed consolidated interim financial statements are presented in United States dollars (“USD”), which is the Corporation’s functional currency. Transactions in currencies other than the functional currency are recorded at the rate of exchange prevailing on the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities that are denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate prevailing at each reporting date. Non-monetary items that are measured at historical cost in a foreign currency are translated at the exchange rate on the date of the transaction. Foreign currency translation differences are recognized in operations.

These interim consolidated financial statements were approved for issue by the Board of Directors on May 10, 2018.

b.) Use of judgments and estimates

In preparing these condensed consolidated interim financial statements, management has made judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expense. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The significant judgments made by management in applying the Corporation’s accounting policies and the key sources of estimation uncertainty were the same as those applied to the consolidated financial statements as at the year ended December 31, 2017.

c.) Recent accounting pronouncements:

- i) Financial Instruments (IFRS 9), effective January 1, 2018, replaced the requirements in IAS 39, Financial Instruments, Recognition and Measurement for classification and measurement of financial assets and liabilities. IFRS 9 introduces a single classification and measurement approach for financial instruments, which is driven by cash flow characteristics and the business model in which an asset is held. This single, principle-based approach replaces existing rule-based requirements and results in a single impairment model being applied to all financial instruments. IFRS 9 also modified the hedge accounting model to incorporate the risk management practices of an entity.

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The Corporation adopted IFRS 9 effective January 1, 2018. There was a change to the carrying value of the Red Kite long-term debt (note 4c) as a result of this new accounting standard. The Corporation has taken an exemption not to restate comparative information for prior periods with respect to the classification and measurement requirements of IFRS 9. Accordingly, the comparative information for 2017 is presented under IAS 3 with modified retrospective application during the period and the effects of the adoption are disclosed in Note 4cii.

The adoption of IFRS 9 has not had a significant effect on the Corporation's accounting policies related to financial liabilities and derivative financial instruments. The impact of IFRS 9 on the classification and measurement of financial assets is set out below.

Under IFRS 9, on initial recognition, a financial asset is classified as measured at: amortized cost; Fair Value through Other Comprehensive Income (FVOCI); or Fair Value from Profit or Loss (FVPL). The classification of financial assets under IFRS 9 is generally based on the business model in which a financial asset is managed and its contractual cash flow characteristics.

A financial asset is measured at amortized cost if it meets both of the following conditions and is not designated as at FVPL:

- it is held within a business model whose objective is to hold assets to collect contractual cash flows; and
- its contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

On initial recognition of an equity investment that is not held for trading, the Corporation may irrevocably elect to present subsequent changes in the investment's fair value in OCI. This election is made on an investment-by-investment basis.

All financial assets not classified as measured at amortized cost or FVOCI as described above are measured at FVPL. This includes all derivative financial assets. On initial recognition, the Corporation may irrevocably designate a financial asset as FVPL if doing so significantly reduces an accounting mismatch that would otherwise arise.

The following accounting policies apply to the subsequent measurement of financial assets.

1. Financial assets at FVPL - These assets are subsequently measured at fair value. Net gains and losses, including any interest or dividend income, are recognized in profit or loss.
 2. Financial assets at amortized cost - These assets are subsequently measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method, and reduced by impairment losses. Interest income, foreign exchange gains and losses and impairment are recognized in profit or loss. Any gain or loss on derecognition is recognized in profit or loss.
 3. Equity investments at FVOCI - These assets are subsequently measured at fair value. Dividends are recognized as income in profit or loss unless the dividend clearly represents a recovery of part of the cost of the investment. Other net gains and losses are recognized in OCI and are never reclassified to profit or loss.
- ii) Leases (IFRS 16), effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2019, provides a comprehensive model for the identification of lease arrangements and their treatment in the financial statements of both lessees and lessors. It supersedes IAS 17 Leases and its associated interpretive guidance. Significant changes were made to lessee accounting with the distinction between operating and finance leases removed and assets and liabilities recognized in respect of all leases (subject to limited exceptions for short-term leases and leases of low value assets). The

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Corporation is evaluating the impact of the adoption on IFRS 16 but has yet to make and final conclusions.

3. Mineral Properties, Plant and Equipment

	Mineral Properties Development Costs	Plant & Equipment	Deposits	Total
Cost:				
As at Dec. 31, 2017	\$251,206	\$1,128	\$84	\$252,418
Additions	7,295	-	5	7,300
As at Mar. 31, 2018	\$258,501	\$1,128	\$89	\$259,718
Accumulated depreciation:				
As at Dec. 31, 2017	\$-	\$969	-	\$969
Additions	-	13	-	13
As at Mar. 31, 2018	\$-	\$982	-	\$982
Net book value:				
As at Dec. 31, 2017	\$251,206	\$159	84	\$251,449
As at Mar. 31, 2018	\$258,501	\$146	\$89	\$258,736

Pumpkin Hollow Copper Development Property (the “Property”):

The Corporation has a 100% interest in the Property situated near Yerington, Nevada. The Property is comprised of private land owned directly by the Corporation and leased patented claims.

The Corporation entered into the Lease Agreement (“Lease”) for the leased patented claims with RGGGS Land & Minerals Ltd. (“RGGGS”) in May 2006. The term of the initial Lease was for ten years, renewable for up to three more additional ten-year terms for a total of 40 years. The Corporation’s Lease obligations in the first ten-year term have been fully met and the Lease has extended to its second ten-year term expiring May 2026.

Under the terms of the Lease, the Corporation is required to pay advance royalty payments of \$600 annually until the second expiry date of the Lease on May 2026. Following the completion of the second ten-year term the lease can be extended for to two further ten-year terms subject to performing continuous mining activities, and payment of production royalties and minimum royalty payments of \$10,000 in each of these subsequent ten-year terms.

The Corporation must also pay RGGGS a net production royalty on copper obtained from leased patented claims. The royalty rate is 4% on copper when the copper price is less than US\$1.00 per pound, a 5% net production royalty on copper when the copper price is between US\$1.00 per pound and US\$2.00 per pound and a 6% net production royalty on copper when the price of copper is greater than US\$2.00 per pound. On all other minerals such as gold and silver, except iron, the royalty rate is 5%. These royalties will be offset by earlier advance royalty payments subject to the annual minimums.

During 2017, an agreement was reached with RGGGS to defer the advance royalty payments in 2017 to 2018. At December 31, 2017, the deferred amount was \$863 which was accrued in the Corporation’s accounts. In consideration for this deferral, RGGGS royalty rates increased from 1% to 2% for non-ferrous metals and the royalty rate for ferrous metals increased from \$0.10 per ton to \$0.20 per ton.

Three months prior to commencing mining operations, the Corporation must provide RGGGS with a standing irrevocable letter of credit in favour of RGGGS. If RGGGS withdraws any amounts from the letter of credit, the Corporation must replace the funds withdrawn within ten days of receiving notice from RGGGS

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that funds have been withdrawn. The letter of credit remains in effect until all obligations of the Corporation under the Lease Agreement have been performed, and RGS has the right to request a revision upward in the required amount of the letter of credit based upon past and projected production royalties from the Property.

The Corporation is current with all required Lease payments and advance royalty payments. Quarterly lease payments of \$150 and \$216 of 2017 deferred lease payment were due and paid during the period. Cumulative advance royalty payments made total \$3,528 to March 31, 2018.

Project costs capitalised for the three months ended March 31, 2018 on the Property consists of the following:

	Mar. 31, 2018	Q1 2018 Addition	Dec. 31, 2017	2017 Additions	Dec. 31, 2016
Property payments	\$1,961	\$-	\$1,961	\$-	\$1,961
Advance royalty payments	3,529	366	3,163	-	3,163
Water rights	2,297	47	2,250	279	1,971
Drilling	41,832	675	41,157	-	41,157
Geological consulting, exploration & related	8,459	536	7,923	-	7,923
Feasibility, engineering & related studies	22,585	1,223	21,362	1,779	19,583
Permits/environmental	11,707	63	11,644	63	11,581
East deposit underground project					
Underground access, hoist, head frame, power & related	79,247	346	78,901	1,140	77,761
Eng. procurement	10,550	-	10,550	-	10,550
Surface infrastructure	3,804	-	3,804	-	3,804
Site costs	16,012	668	15,344	1,494	13,850
	201,983	3,924	198,059	4,755	193,304
Depreciation	703	13	690	53	637
Capitalised interest	51,317	3,358	47,959	15,975	31,984
Stock-based compensation	4,498	-	4,498	103	4,395
Total	\$258,501	\$7,295	\$251,206	\$20,886	\$230,320

4. Debt

	March 31, 2018	December 31, 2017
Current portion of long term-debt:		
Bridge loan (a)	\$-	\$3,525
Current portion of convertible debt (b)	-	36,485
Current portion of convertible debt - derivatives (b)	457	11,735
Current portion of long term debt (c)	-	18,293
Total Current portion of long term-debt	457	70,038
Long term debt (c)	97,629	113,532
Total Long-Term debt	\$98,086	\$183,570

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a.) Bridge loan:

During October 2017, Pala Investments Limited (“Pala”), a related party (note 5), advanced funds to the Corporation (the “Pala Bridge Loan”) as a short-term bridge loan. The Pala Bridge Loan had a maximum principal amount of \$3,500, carried an interest rate of 7% and the interest was payable at maturity. The Pala Bridge Loan had a maximum term of six months and could be repaid early without penalty. The loan was advanced in two tranches. The first tranche of \$2,500 was received in October and the second tranche, of \$1,000, was received in December. The loan was collateralised against the Corporation’s assets. During the period ended March 31, 2018, the Corporation repaid the entire Pala Bridge Loan balance, including interest of \$37, upon completion of the Offering (note 7b).

b.) Convertible debt:

	Loan facility	Deferred financing fees	Total
December 31, 2017	\$38,232	(\$1,747)	\$36,485
Interest accrued	224	-	224
Conversion	(38,456)	1,747	(36,709)
March 31, 2018	\$-	\$-	\$-

	Convertible Derivative	Warrants Derivative	Total
December 31, 2017	\$10,986	\$749	\$11,735
Change in fair value	4,961	(292)	4,669
Conversion	(15,947)	-	(15,947)
March 31, 2018	\$-	\$457	\$457

On June 3, 2016, the Corporation and Pala entered into Convertible Facility (“Facility”). The Facility had an initial balance of \$20,200 (“Tranche 1”) and subsequent additional funding of \$5,000 in each of the 2016 (“Tranche 2”) and 2017 (“Tranche 3”) fiscal years aggregating to a total principal balance of \$30,200 at an interest of 12% per annum. The Facility was collateralised against the Corporation’s assets and was payable on the earliest of (1) December 31, 2018; (2) the date when outstanding amounts under the Red Kite Loan Agreement were paid in full; or (3) if a change of control occurred.

Pala could elect to convert the principal amount and any accrued and unpaid interest under the Facility, in full or in part, at the conversion price, into common shares in the capital of the Corporation at any time up to the maturity date or upon any voluntary prepayment by the Corporation. The Conversion Price was \$0.69 CAD per share for Tranche 1 and 2 and \$0.76 CAD for Tranche 3.

In addition, 2,500,000 warrants (note 7e) were issued to Pala with a three-year term, exercisable to acquire common shares of the Corporation at an exercise price of \$0.97 CAD per share in relation to Tranche 2. A further 2,500,000 warrants (note 7e) were issued to Pala with a three-year term, exercisable to acquire common shares of the Corporation at an exercise price of \$1.20 CAD per share in relation to Tranche 3.

The Facility also granted Pala the right, so long as it holds at least 15% of the outstanding common shares of the Corporation, to nominate up to three members to the Board and to participate in future equity offerings of the Corporation on a pro rata basis.

The Facility was carried at amortised cost and the convertible option and the warrants of the Facility were recorded at their respective fair values at inception and each subsequent measurement date as they were

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classified as derivatives. Changes in the fair values of these financial instruments are recorded in the statements of operations and comprehensive loss.

On December 21, 2017, the Facility was amended. The Conversion Price was revised to be the lower of: \$0.50 CAD, the price per common share paid in connection with any equity subscription closed in connection with the senior loan refinancing transactions, and the original terms of \$0.69 CAD and \$0.76 CAD per share.

On January 18, 2018 (“Conversion Date”), the Facility was converted into shares at a conversion price of \$0.50 CAD per share. The Facility balance at the time of conversion was \$38,456 (\$47,781 CAD). This resulted in the issuance of 95,561,944 shares to Pala.

The Facility of \$38,456, the deferred financing fees of \$1,747 and the fair value of the convertible derivative obligation of \$15,948 at the Conversion Date were all reclassified to share capital resulting in an increase in share capital of \$52,657.

The warrants relating to the convertible debt remain outstanding. The value related to the change in Conversion Price has been treated as part of the deferred financing cost of Pala agreeing to backstop certain financings (note 7b).

Pala has also been granted the continuation of certain rights it held pursuant to the Facility, including the right to nominate up to three members of the Board, subject to Pala maintaining certain share ownership thresholds, and the right, as long as Pala holds 15% of the outstanding shares, to participate in future equity offerings on a pro rata basis.

c.) Long term debt:

	Loan facility – amortised cost	Deferred financing fee	Derivative	Total
Balance at December 31, 2017*	\$131,759	\$-	\$66	\$131,825
IFRS 9 adjustments (ii)	4,885	-	-	4,885
Balance at January 1, 2018	136,644	-	66	136,710
Interest, accretion and other adjustments to refinancing	391	-	(66)	325
Refinancing (iii)	(42,035)	(135)	914	(41,256)
Balance after refinancing	95,000	(135)	914	95,779
Interest and accretion expense	1,612	-	-	1,612
Change in fair value	-	-	238	238
Balance at March 31, 2018	\$96,612	\$(135)	\$1,152	\$97,629

* short term and long term portion

i.) Original terms

On December 30, 2014 and amended September 2015, January 2016, April 2016, May 2016, and March 2017, the Corporation entered into a loan agreement with EXP T1 Ltd that is an affiliate of RK Mine Finance (“Red Kite”) pursuant to which Red Kite agreed to make a \$200,000 senior secured loan facility (the “Loan”) available to the Corporation. The Corporation borrowed a total of \$110,000. The balance of the Loan, or new additional loan amounts, may be drawn down by the Corporation, subject to the Corporation achieving certain milestones relating to the development of the Project.

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The Loan is fully and unconditionally guaranteed, on a joint and several basis, by the Corporation's existing and future subsidiaries and secured by all current and future assets of the Corporation. The loan is collateralised against the Corporation's assets, including the shares of the Corporation's subsidiary which holds the Property.

Under the original terms of the Loan Agreement, the Loan is to be repaid by December 31, 2020 with quarterly principal repayments commencing on September 30, 2017. The Loan can be repaid without penalty at any time prior to maturity. Amounts advanced under the Loan bear interest at the greater of three-month LIBOR and 1%, plus 10% until the commencement of commercial production where the amounts advanced under the Loan bear interest at the greater of three-month LIBOR and 1%, plus 7.5%.

Since inception through the period ended March 31, 2018, \$51,317 (note 4) (2017 - \$47,959) of interest was accrued and capitalised to mineral property development costs.

The Loan is carried at amortised cost on the consolidated statements of financial position. The Corporation has incurred \$15,018 of transaction costs, on the total amount available under the Loan. A pro-rata portion of the transaction costs was recognised as part of the Loan based on the amount drawn. The remainder of the transaction costs have been accounted for as deferred financing costs in the amount of \$8,260, which was written off during the period as part of the January 2018 refinancing.

In addition to, and related to, the Loan, the Corporation also entered into an off-take agreement with Red Kite for the sale of copper concentrates from the underground mine of the eastern underground deposits. The Corporation will supply Red Kite with the percentage of total copper concentrate production based on the amount advanced to the Corporation through tranches divided by the total available loan. Red Kite will be entitled to up to 74.5% of production after advancing all of the funds available under the Facility. The remaining 25.5% balance of the underground offtake is held by prior lender, MF Investments, under a previous loan agreement. The off-take agreement includes concentrate pricing based on market terms.

ii.) Subsequent amendments and IFRS 9 adjustment

As mentioned above, the Loan agreement had amendments (the "Amendments") in September 2015, January 2016, April 2016, May 2016, and March 2017. Under IAS 39, when an entity made such Amendments, it must decide whether this modification was significant enough to constitute an extinguishment (either qualitatively or where the change in present value of cash flows exceeded 10% in accordance with the entity's accounting policy). If the modification was considered an extinguishment of the initial debt, the new modified debt was recorded at fair value and a gain/loss recognized in income for the difference between the carrying amount of the old debt and the new debt. This extinguishment accounting remains the same under IFRS 9.

However, accounting under the newly adopted IFRS 9 differs where the change was not significant enough to be an extinguishment. Under IAS 39 modifications would not lead to an immediate income charge because the entity would typically discount the cash flows of the modified debt at a revised effective interest rate. However, under IFRS 9, the cash flows under the modified debt should be rediscounted at the original effective interest rate. This leads to an immediate income charge on the date of modification.

Since the Corporation determined that the above Amendments were not significant enough to be extinguishments under IAS 39, the cash flows under each Amendment had to be rediscounted at the original effective interest rate upon adoption of IFRS 9 on January 1, 2018. This analysis resulted in a \$4,885 increase

in the carrying value of the Loan and a corresponding charge to deficit as at January 1, 2018 under a modified retrospective basis without adjustment to comparatives.

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iii.) January 2018 refinancing

Concurrent with completion of the Offering (note 7b) in January 19, 2018, \$42,035 was repaid to Red Kite from proceeds of the Offering. The refinancing reduced the Loan outstanding after the financing to \$95,000 (the “Refinanced Loan”). \$80,000 of the Refinanced Loan balance consists of two tranches (“Tranche 1” and Tranche 2”) of \$40,000 each. Subject to completion of another equity offering in 2018, Red Kite has agreed to convert into shares a further \$15,000 of outstanding Refinanced Loan at a conversion price to be set based on the share price per the subsequent equity offering.

Tranche 1 has a seven-year term maturing on January 19, 2025; bearing interest greater of three-month LIBOR and 1%, plus 8% payable quarterly. If the \$15,000 is not converted into shares as described above, it will be added to Tranche 1. A two-year grace period has been obtained on cash interest payments wherein interest shall be capitalized to the loans. After the grace period, interest shall be paid quarterly together with the 20 quarterly principal repayments over a 5-year amortization period. The quarterly repayments shall be 1% of the outstanding balance for quarters 1 to 5; 5.25% from quarters 6 to 7 and 6.50% from quarters 8 – 20.

Tranche 2 has a nine-year term maturing on January 19, 2027, bearing interest greater of three-month LIBOR and 1% plus 8.5% and a single repayment of principal and interest at maturity.

The Refinanced Loan has the same security terms as the original agreement and contains certain financial and non-financial affirmative and restrictive covenants similar to those found in a traditional bank financing. The Corporation is in compliant with these covenants as at March 31, 2018.

The Corporation may prepay the outstanding balance of Tranche 2. Tranche 1 could be repaid at any time following the repayment in full of Tranche 2. The prepayment option is available without premium or penalty, at any time prior to maturity. Each prepayment shall be in a principal amount at least equal to the lesser of \$5,000 or the outstanding principal balance of the Refinanced Loan.

An embedded derivative liability relating to the interest rate floor and the prepayment option has been recognised. The embedded derivative fair value at inception was \$914. The fair value of the embedded derivative liability is \$1,152 at March 31, 2018. The change in value was recognised in the consolidated statement of operations as derivative fair value change of \$238 for the period ended March 31, 2018.

In accordance with IFRS 9, the Corporation concluded that the Refinanced Loan terms constituted an extinguishment of the initial Loan. Accordingly, the new Refinanced Loan was recorded at fair value and a \$7,737 loss recognized in income for the difference between the carrying amount of the initial Loan and the Refinanced Loan.

d.) Stream agreement

The Corporation, and Triple Flag Mining Finance Bermuda Ltd. (“Triple Flag”) have entered into a metals purchase and sale agreement dated December 21, 2017 (the “Stream Agreement”) whereby Triple Flag has committed to fund a deposit of \$70,000 (the “Stream Deposit”) against future sale and delivery by Nevada Copper of 90% of the gold and silver production from the underground of the Corporation’s Project. The gold and silver production is to be calculated based on a fixed ratio of 162.5 ounces of gold and 3,131 ounces of silver for each 1 million pounds of copper in concentrate produced. The Corporation will receive an ongoing payment of 10% of the spot price for each ounce of gold and silver delivered to Triple Flag. The Corporation has a one-time option on March 31, 2020 to reduce the amount of gold and silver to be delivered under the Stream Agreement to 55% of the gold and silver production from the underground portion of the Project (based on the fixed ratios noted above) by making a payment of \$36,000 to Triple Flag, subject to certain adjustments. The Corporation and its subsidiaries have provided security for the performance of the obligations under the Stream Agreement over all of their respective assets. To date no

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monies have been received under this arrangement. Funding of the Stream Deposit is conditional on, among other things, a decision to proceed with construction of the underground portion of the Project on a fully funded basis (excluding working capital).

5. Related Party Transactions:

Pala owns 53.5% (2017 – 45.7%) of the Corporation's common shares and has three executives out of six on the Corporation's Board of Directors as at March 31, 2018. During the period, the following transactions were entered into with Pala:

- Offering subscription (note 7b)
- Repayment of the Pala Bridge Loan (note 4a)
- Conversion of the Pala convertible debt (note 4b)
- Back stop fees of \$1,800 (note 7b)
- Repayment of accounts payable outstanding at December 31, 2017 in amount of \$2,067
- Interest paid or accrued \$1,194

The Corporation has entered into management agreements with certain senior officers. In the event that there is a change of control, the Corporation may be required to pay severance payments ranging from three months to eighteen months of salary for these senior officers. The amount of this contingent liability is \$700 (2017 -\$1,580) and has not been accrued in the consolidated statements of financial position. Pala exercising their conversion rights under the convertible debt triggered the change in control clauses. During the period, \$981 was paid to a senior officer (note 6) pertaining to this management agreement.

During the quarter, \$277 (2017-\$Nil) was paid in director fees. As of March 31, 2018, accounts payable and accrued liabilities include director fees payable of \$96 (2017- \$nil).

Related party transactions are recorded at the amount paid or received as established by contract or as agreed upon by the Corporation and the related party.

6. Key Management Personnel Compensation:

The remuneration of the chief executive officer, chief financial officer, and directors, being those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing, and controlling activities of the Corporation, are as follows:

	March 31, 2018	March 31, 2017
Change of control benefits (Note 5)	\$ 981	\$-
Short-term employee benefits	524	\$120
Stock-based compensation	70	78
Total	\$1,575	\$198

7. Share Capital:

- a) Authorised and issued:

The Corporation is authorised to issue an unlimited number of common shares without par value.

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b) Offering

On January 19, 2018, the Corporation completed an Offering (“the Offering”) raising gross proceeds of \$102,902 (\$128,205 CAD) through the issuance of 256,410,256 Special Warrants at a price of \$0.50 CAN per Special Warrant. Within the Offering, an aggregate of 98,450,896 Special Warrants (the “Pala Special Warrants”) were issued to Pala on the closing date, for total subscription proceeds from Pala of \$39,510 (\$49,225 CAD). On the closing date, the Corporation paid Pala a backstop fee of \$600 in respect of a backstop arrangement under which Pala agreed to backstop up to \$30,000 in respect of the Offering, which backstop arrangement was not exercised by the Corporation.

Within the Offering, an aggregate of 88,200,000 Special Warrants were issued to Castllake LP (“Castllake”) , for total subscription proceeds from Castllake of \$35,396 (\$44,100 CAD), which will result in Castllake holding approximately 19.8% of the outstanding Common Shares on the exercise, or the deemed exercise, of Castllake’s Special Warrants into Common Shares. The Corporation also entered into an investor rights agreement with Castllake dated January 19, 2018, which provides Castllake with certain rights, including the right to nominate one member of the Board and the right to participate in further equity offerings of the Corporation, in each case subject to Castllake maintaining certain minimum percentage share ownership thresholds.

The Special Warrants were converted to the Corporation’s common shares effective March 7, 2018 once the Corporation filed a short form prospectus. Part of the proceeds from the Offering was used to repay the Pala Bridge Loan (note 4a) and a portion of the Red Kite long term debt (Note 4c).

Share issuance costs of \$2,986 were incurred in relation to the Offering, Included in these costs was the backstop fee of \$600 charged by Pala

The Corporation has entered into equity backstop agreement with Pala dated December 31, 2017 in which Pala has agreed to purchase common shares offered during a subsequent offering (or securities convertible into common shares) for an aggregate amount of up to \$60,000, which may be called by the Corporation, at its option. Pala was paid a fee of \$1,200, which represents 2% of the Pala’s backstop commitment.

c) Options:

	Number of Options	Weighted average exercise price \$(CAD)
Outstanding December 31, 2017	5,703,500	\$0.84
Granted	1,240,000	0.80
Expired/cancelled	(250,000)	0.69
Outstanding March 31, 2018	6,693,500	\$0.84
Exercisable March 31, 2018	5,453,500	\$0.85

The Corporation grants incentive stock options as permitted pursuant to the Corporation’s Stock Option Plan (the “Plan”), originally approved by the shareholders on November 16, 2007 and re-approved August 27, 2010 and December 16, 2013, which complies with the rules and policies of the TSX. Under the Plan, the aggregate number of common shares which may be subject to option at any one time may not exceed 10% of the issued common shares of the Corporation as of that date including options granted prior to the adoption of the Plan. Options granted may not exceed a term of ten years, and the term will be reduced to one year following the date of death of the Optionee. If the Optionee ceases to be qualified to receive options from the Corporation, those options shall immediately expire.

During the period ended March 31, 2018, \$27 (2017 - \$nil) in stock-based compensation was recorded for options granted to officers and employees, of which \$27 (2017 - \$ nil) was charged to operations. The \$121 in stock-based compensation recorded in March 31, 2017 pertained to the Corporation’s Deferred

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Compensation Units which fully vested during that period. The Corporation uses the Black-Scholes option pricing model to value stock options, which requires management to make estimates that are subjective and may not be representative of actual results. Changes in assumptions can materially affect estimates of fair values. For purposes of the calculation, the following weighted average assumptions were used:

	March 31, 2018	March 31, 2017
Risk free interest rate	1.51%	n/a
Expected dividend yield	0%	n/a
Expected stock price volatility	69.1%	n/a
Expected life in years	3	n/a
Expected forfeitures	0%	n/a

The risk-free rate of return is the yield on a zero-coupon Canadian Treasury Bill of a term consistent with the assumed option life. The expected volatility is based on the Corporation's historical share prices. The expected average option term is the average expected period to exercise, based on the historical activity patterns for each individually vesting tranche. Expected forfeitures are based on historical forfeitures of the Corporation's options.

The following table summarises the stock options outstanding and exercisable as at March 31, 2018:

Exercise price	Outstanding		Exercisable	
	Number outstanding	Weighted average remaining life (years)	Number outstanding	Weighted average remaining life (years)
\$0.50 - \$0.74	4,383,500	3.26	4,383,500	3.26
\$0.75 - \$1.00	1,725,000	2.15	485,000	0.31
\$1.01 - \$1.96	585,000	1.62	585,000	1.62
	6,693,500	2.83	5,453,500	2.82

d) Deferred share units:

	Number of DSUs
Outstanding December 31, 2017	875,340
Granted	-
Expired/cancelled	-
Outstanding March 31, 2018	875,340

The Corporation established a deferred share unit ("DSU") plan that allows directors to receive directors' fees in the form of DSUs. Directors receive cash upon the exercise of the DSU. DSUs may only be exercised when the holder ceases to be a director. Vesting terms are established by the directors at the date of grant. Settlement of DSUs is a cash pay-out based on 5-day volume weighted average price ("VWAP") 120 days after the director ceases to be a director.

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Periodically since 2013, directors have been granted DSUs, which replaced stock option grants and cash payments as a component of their compensation. All of the DSUs have vested. The current DSU payable amount is \$476 (2017 - \$749).

e) Warrants:

	Number of warrants
Outstanding December 31, 2017	5,460,000
Granted	-
Expired/cancelled	-
Outstanding March 31, 2018	5,460,000

As part of the June 2016 equity offering, the Corporation issued 460,000 agent warrants. These warrants have an exercise price of \$0.60 per warrant, expiring on June 9, 2018. The warrants are considered a liability as their strike price is in Canadian dollars while the Corporation's functional currency is USD. The value of the warrants was determined to be \$43 at March 31, 2018 (2017 - \$78) based on an evaluation using the Black-Scholes pricing model.

The fair value of the agents' warrants was measured using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following assumptions:

	March 31, 2018	March 31, 2017
Risk-free interest rate	1.13%	0.68%
Expected dividend yield	0	0
Expected stock price volatility	50%	75%
Expected life in years	0.2	1.2

In October 2017, the Corporation issued 5,000,000 warrants to Pala in relation to the Pala Convertible Facility (note 4b). The change in value of the warrants derivative was recognised in the consolidated statement of operations as derivative fair value gain of \$292 for the period ended March 31, 2018 (2017 – \$124). The fair value of the warrants derivative at March 31, 2018 and March 31, 2017 was measured using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following assumptions:

	March 31, 2018	March 31, 2017
Risk-free interest rate	1.72%	0.86%
Expected dividend yield	0	0
Expected stock price volatility	60%	72%
Expected life in years	1.6	2.5

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8. Contractual Obligations:

The following table sets forth the Corporation's contractual obligations for the next five fiscal years as at March 31, 2018:

Contractual obligations	Payments due by period				
	Total	1 year	2-3 years	4-5 years	5 years+
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$2,642	\$2,642	\$-	\$-	\$-
DCU and DSU payable	477	477	-	-	-
Long-term debt	141,066	-	14,441	25,945	100,680
Total USD obligations	\$144,185	\$3,119	\$14,441	\$25,945	\$100,680
	CAD	CAD	CAD	CAD	CAD
Office lease	\$158	\$158	-	-	-
Total CAD obligations	\$158	\$158	-	-	-

9. Financial Instruments

(a) Fair value measurements:

The carrying amounts for cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash, accounts payable and accrued liabilities, approximate fair values due to the immediate or short-term maturities of these financial instruments.

The following is a classification of fair value measurements using a fair value hierarchy that reflects the significance of the inputs used in making the measurements.

- Level 1 – Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for identical, unrestricted assets or liabilities.
- Level 2 – Quoted prices in markets that are not active, or inputs that are observable, either directly or indirectly, for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.
- Level 3 – Prices or valuation techniques that require inputs that are both significant to the fair value measurement and unobservable (supported by little or no market activity).

The fair value of the convertible debt embedded derivative, prior to conversion, has been determined using Level 2. The fair value for Level 2 has been calculated using market-based inputs for risk free rate of return, volatility, and foreign exchange rates. The fair value of the long-term debt embedded derivative has been determined using Level 2. The fair value for Level 2 has been calculated using market-based inputs from Bloomberg on the risk-free rate from the USD swap curve and the credit spread of the loan.

(b) Financial risk factors:

The Corporation manages its exposure to financial risks, including foreign exchange risk and interest rate risk, based on a conservative framework to protect itself against adverse rate movements. All transactions undertaken are to support the Corporation's ongoing business and the Corporation does not acquire or issue derivative financial instruments for trading or speculative purposes. The Corporation's Board of Directors oversees management's risk management practices by setting trading parameters and reporting requirements.

The Corporation's activities are exposed to financial risks: market risk (including currency exchange risk and interest rate risk), credit risk and liquidity risk.

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(c) Market risks:

i) Interest rate risk:

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates. The Corporation's loan agreement with Red Kite (note 4c) currently provides for interest at LIBOR plus 8%-8.5% per annum, subject to a minimum interest rate of 9%-9.5%. Due to the capitalisation of borrowing costs and the minimum interest rate provision, and as long as LIBOR is less than 1%, the Corporation's sensitivity to a 1% decrease or increase in market rates of interest would have an immaterial effect on the Corporation's interest expense.

ii) Foreign currency risk:

The Corporation is exposed to currency fluctuations on its foreign currency monetary assets and liabilities. A significant change in the currency exchange rate between the U.S. dollar relative to the Canadian dollar could have an effect on the Corporation's results of operations, financial position and/or cash flows. The Corporation has not hedged its exposure to currency fluctuations.

At March 31, 2018, the Corporation held \$10,220 CAD (2017 - \$21 CAD) in cash and cash equivalents in a company with a functional currency of United States dollars. At December 31, 2017, the Corporation had \$1,047 CAD (2017 - \$1,567 CAD) in accounts payable in a company with a functional currency of United States dollars.

A +/- 10% change in the Canadian exchange rate would have had an impact of approximately +/- \$33 on loss for the period ended March 31, 2018.

(d) Credit risk:

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will fail to discharge an obligation and cause the other party to incur a financial loss. Financial instruments that potentially subject the Corporation to credit risk consist of cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash, reclamation bond, and amounts receivable. The Corporation has reduced its credit risk by investing its cash and cash equivalents in high quality Canadian chartered banks. The Corporation's maximum exposure to credit risk is \$45,293 as at March 31, 2018, being the carrying value of cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash and amounts receivable.

(e) Liquidity risk:

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Corporation will not be able to meet the obligations associated with its financial liabilities. During the period ended March 31, 2018, the Corporation received additional equity financing and debt refinancing that provides the Corporation with enough funds to meet its financial liabilities and future financial liabilities under its current commitments over the next twelve months ending March 31, 2019. The Corporation will be required to complete additional funding in order to meet its long-term business objectives. The Corporation handles liquidity risk through the management of its capital structure.

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