

## Management's Discussion and Analysis

(in Canadian dollars, unless otherwise indicated, and in accordance with IFRS)

This Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations ("MD&A") is intended to assist in the understanding and assessment of trends and significant changes in the results of operations and financial condition of the Company. As such, it should be read in conjunction with the unaudited interim financial statements for the quarter ended June 30, 2012.

### Forward Looking Statements

Certain statements contained in this Management's Discussion and Analysis are forward-looking and are subject to numerous risks and uncertainties, known and unknown. For information identifying known risks and uncertainties, relating to the issuance by the Ministry of Environment of the Certificate of Authorization to build the mine in Oka, financial resources, market prices, exchange rates, politico-social conflicts, competition, the purchase of the old St-Lawrence Columbiac mine site from the Municipality of Oka should the Certificate of Authorization be issued, and other important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated in the forward-looking statements, please refer to the Risk and Uncertainties Section of this Management's Discussion and Analysis. Consequently, actual results may differ materially from the anticipated results expressed in these forward-looking statements.

#### 1. Description of Activities

##### 1.1 Summary

Niocan's mission is to become a ferroniobium producer as soon as possible, following the issuance of a Certificate of Authorisation ("CA") from the Ministry of Sustainable Development, Environment and Parks ("MSDEP"). In the long term, the Company plans to recover some byproducts from the ore mineral resources and produce ferroalloys, as well as other related products. The Company has no significant income at this stage.

The Oka project involves the development of a mining complex based on an underground mine, a concentrator and a converter for the production of ferroniobium. The project has completed all exploration phases, including two drilling campaigns in 1995, 1996, and 1997 for a total of 22,204 meters, to define two resource ore bodies: the S-60 and the HWM-2 (historical resource). Numerous metallurgical concentration tests and analyses were undertaken throughout the exploration period. These tests, on the various mineralized facies of the principal resource mineral prospect, the S-60, allow for the development of an optimal pyrochlore recovery process. Pyrochlore is the niobium-bearing mineral.

In 2004, Niocan acquired a property with three mineral prospects (historical resources) of magnetite ore, located near the Great Whale River (the "Great Whale Iron Property").

##### 1.2 Projects

###### a) Oka Niobium Mine Project

In February 2010, the Company announced its report on the mineral resources at its Oka property as per NI 43-101 and the CIM mineral resources classifications. This report was prepared by Mr. Serge Lavoie, geological engineer and qualified person (QP), in order to reproduce the Oka Niobium ore resources, which were subject of a feasibility study completed by Met-Chem/Pellemont in 1998 as well as an update in January 2000 of this study by Met-Chem/SNC-Lavalin, since these two studies were completed prior to the entry into force of NI 43-101 requirements. Mr. Lavoie was a geologist at the former St. Lawrence Columbian property in Oka when it was in operation.

Additional drilling of the main ore body at Oka, the S-60 deposit, was made by Niocan in 1995-1997 with 59 DDH, for a total of 21,976 meters. The steeply dipping cylindrical shaped deposit defined in the drilling campaign has an approximate dimension of 100m by 80m and extends 500 meters below surface. The deposit is still open at depth.

The revised mineral resources estimates calculated by Met-Chem under the supervision of Serge Lavoie (QP) in December 2009 are:

Resources Classification at a 0.40% cut off grade Nb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	Tonnes (x MM)	% Nb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> Content
Measured	4.28	0.72
Indicated	6.35	0.65
M & I Total	10.63	0.68
Inferred	3.22	0.61

Met-Chem is in the opinion that more resources could be further identified with additional drilling from mineralized satellite lenses in the immediate proximity of the S-60 deposit. According to preliminary information, this additional drilling could increase the S-60 mineral resource base by up to 30 percent, according to Met-Chem.

The metallurgical testworks were first performed between 1996 and 1998 by the Centre de Recherche Minéral du Québec (CRM, now COREM) on core samples for the S-60 deposit. The pyrochlore recovery was 76.5%, yielding a commercial grade of 51% Nb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> in the concentrate.

The following table sets forth additional historical resources of other known mineralized deposits on the property.

Other Mineralized Deposits	Historical Resources
HWM-2	5.9 x 10 <sup>6</sup> T at 0.56% Nb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>
SLC unexploited ore below 300 m plus zones 112 – 114	21.7 x 10 <sup>6</sup> T at 0.44% Nb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>

These mineral resources are historical in nature and have not been validated by the independent qualified person. These mineral resources are not compliant with NI 43-101 and should not be relied upon.

The Company believes that these historical mineral resources estimates provide a conceptual indication of the potential of the property and are relevant to future exploration.

Niocan will also have all of its mineral resources recalculated with the lower cut off grades of 0.35% and 0.30% Nb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> for the NI 43-101. This decision is based on the current ferroniobium price of \$23.25 USD per pound (June 30, 2012; Metalprices.com). This activity will be completed in due course for the revised bankable feasibility study since the 0.40% cut off grade was first used when the FeNb price was at \$6.50 USD per pound. This price and cut off grade were used in the 1998 and 2000 feasibility and updated feasibility studies completed by Met-Chem and SNC-Lavalin.

The following is an extract from *The Economist*, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010, page 64: "*Rare earths and China. Since 2006 China has behaved in a way that resemble OPEC, the oil-producers' cartel, cutting exports by 5-10 % a year. Prices have soared: the cost of cerium oxide (often used as a catalyst) has increased sixfold since the start of the year, and is 20 times higher than in 2005*".

In the technical report, on table 15.18, the content of pyrochlore concentrate obtained in the test process of mineralization of the S-60 deposit is given, ie: 51.2% of Nb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> and 9% of cerium trioxide (refer to report «Modèle géologique et estimation des ressources de Niobium da la zone S-60, Oka, Québec», reported by Serge Lavoie ing, on February 16, 2010).

Niocan has continued to request the Certificate of Authorization from the MSDEP, which would allow the Company to build an underground mine in Oka. The Company has visited the mine site with senior officials from the Ministry of Natural Resources and has met with the mayor of Oka, Mr. Richard Lalonde. The Company has contacted the Environment Minister, the mayor of Oka and the Kanasatake Mohawk Council Chief in the past to ask advice and suggestions on how to interest the Mohawk Community to open discussions on an Impacts & Benefits Agreement between Kanasatake and Niocan. The Company has received to date no indication as to whether the MSDEP intends to issue the Certificate of Authorization, nor the timing of such decision. However the Company has received a written confirmation from the MSDEP during the first quarter of 2008, as well as more recently, that the MSDEP was consulting the first nations in Kanasetake in relation to the Company's plan to build its mine in Oka.

The Company's management has met with the Mohawks Council of Kanasetake on two occasions, in February and April 2008, and has also held a public presentation for the community of Kanasetake in April 2008 in relation to the underground mine design including the hydrological Golder Study. The objective of these meetings was to comfort the Mohawks community concerning the alleged environmental issues and the underground water effects potentially related to the mine project in the Ste-Sophie range of Oka located 6 kilometers from Kanasetake. The Mohawk Council of Kanasetake issued a press release on September 24, 2009 indicating that it is "*demanding a full Environmental Assessment be conducted immediately by the Federal Government in*

*regard to a niobium mine planned for the area. Federal involvement is essential due to the safety concerns, aboriginal rights and fiduciary responsibility issues.*” The Company responded to such press release by letter to Grand Chief Paul Nicholas dated October 1, 2009, reiterating the Company's invitation to meet with the Council to provide all pertinent technical information which, in the Company's view, would bring comfort to the Mohawk Council of Kanesatake. The Company is of the opinion that numerous studies performed over the past years as well as two (2) BAPE (“Bureau d'Audiences Publiques sur l'Environnement”) reports have indicated that the Oka Niobium Mine Project is environmentally safe. In addition, the Company believes that the federal government does not have jurisdiction over such matters. The Company has in fact received letters in 2001, 2002 and 2003 from the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency stating that Environment Canada, Health Canada, Natural Resources Canada, Fisheries and Oceans Canada and the Canadian Commission on Nuclear Security have confirmed their absence of “trigger” as per Section 5 of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*, following their analysis of the Oka Niobium Mine Project. However, the Company will be required to comply with Canadian environmental regulations with respect to rejected waters from metallic mines.

On June 9, 2010, the Mohawks Council of Kanesatake issued a press release, reiterating its opposition to the Company's mine project, based on alleged environmental issues. The Company has not responded publicly but has reiterated its offer to open a data room for the perusal of their experts on any subject pertinent to the niobium mine project in the Ste-Sophie range of Oka, six kilometers downstream of Kanesatake.

Met-Chem, on Niocan's request, has produced a short niobium market study in February 2008. The main producers are located in Brazil (CBMM and Mineraçao Catalao) with a production of 77 300 tonnes in 2007 (2008 P; 97 500 T) and Niobec has a constant production of 3 500 tonnes annually. There are also some small producers of 25-200 T/yr. in Australia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Mozambique and Congo. The important users are Germany (41%), USA (27%), Japan (19%) and China (13%).

Also, there is an increased interest for rare earths (National Post, September 11, 2008). According to a report on the Company's Niobium property prepared by Les Consultants Protec inc. on November 5, 1997, Niocan's pyrochlore concentrate contains 14% rare earths. A conceptual study made by J. R. Goode and Associates Metallurgical Consulting dated December 18, 2000 for Niocan considered the processing of unleached pyrochlore (mineral containing the niobium) concentrate to produce a high grade niobium product (about 99% pure) plus an intermediate grade tantalum product (about 80% grade), a semi-refined cerium oxide (95% grade) and a mineral rare earth product (about 80% total rare earths). Since China has announced the cutting of their rare earth exports in December 2009, it could be interesting for Niocan to examine the possibility of treating the pyrochlore of zone S-60 to produce ferroniobium and/or pure niobium plus rare earths. New test work, market studies and further engineering work will be needed to determine if the proposed products could be produced and sold or if it would be better to produce different products or purities.

On March 31, 2010, the Company announced an update of the capital and operating costs (“capex/opex”) for its Oka niobium project. A recent engineering and financial review by Met-Chem of the capex/opex concluded to the enhanced economics of the Oka niobium mine project.

Note: Mr. Serge Lavoie M.A.Sc P Eng is the qualified person under National Instrument 43-101 for disclosure of the technical information relating to the Oka project. Mr. Lavoie is an independent consulting geological engineer.

b) Great Whale Iron Property ("GWIP")

The Great Whale Iron Property includes three (3) mineral prospects (historical resources) that were visited by geologists from Met-Chem and Niocan in July and August 2006. Met-Chem has delivered a Technical Report on GWIP as per NI 43-101 dated August 31, 2006. (Technical report on Great Whale Iron Property, Final Report August 2006, authors Mary Jean Buchanan Eng.M.Env, Raynald Jean Geol., Alain Dorval Eng., et Lionel Poulin, Eng.. In this report, Met-Chem stated the following: *"It should also be understood that resources presented in this technical report consist in historical estimates that were not verified by more recent data and as such may not be categorized or relied upon. However, Met-Chem believes that these historical estimates provide a conceptual indication of the potential of the property and are relevant to planning of future exploration programs and to the assessment of the property."*

This property of 17,098 acres, with an average of 36% Fe magnetite content indicated by drilling in 1957-1960, was acquired by Niocan on February 10, 2004. The GWIP is located 80 kilometres from the twin villages of Kuujuarapik-Whapmagoostui at the South East end of the Hudson Bay. Intensive exploration carried out in the 1960's indicated an estimate of 942,000,000 tonnes from 3 open pit shells defined as Deposits A, D and E (still open at depth and laterally) of iron historical resources (Great Whale Iron Mine Limited for Belcher Mining Corporation Limited; November 1960 by L. M. Scofield). According to the compilation report prepared by Met-Chem on August 31, 2006, it is mentioned: *"In the 1960's, such calculation method was considered reliable. However today mineral resources or reserve calculations are generally based on mining software which are more robust and can perform 3D calculation. It will be necessary to twin some historic holes with new ones in order to establish a correlation between historic information and new ones before being able to use concentration tests indicator for new mineral resource or reserve estimates for compliance with NI 43-101"*.

Niocan has not established new drilling campaign and converted the past historical resource into mineral resources. The past historical resource is not considered as mineral resources or reserves under NI 43-101 and new drilling is needed. In addition, since no qualified person has performed sufficient work required to classify the historical estimate as current mineral resources or mineral reserves, Niocan is not treating the historical estimate as current mineral resources or mineral reserves as defined in sections 1.2 and 1.3 of NI 43-101, and therefore, the historical estimate should not be relied upon.

Niocan must update the estimates and studies made in the 50's and 60's to demonstrate the feasibility of a contemporary iron mine in order to interest one or more partners in this potential project. Once the scoping-study project is started, the Company expects that it would take up to three (3) calendar seasons to conduct this study.

From July 1<sup>st</sup> to July 10, 2009, the Company proceeded to an expedition to the Great Whale Iron Property to collect new core samples to proceed to metallurgic tests. In February 2010, the Company announced that it has received positive preliminary metallurgical testing results. Eleven (11) short boreholes were drilled under Met-Chem Canada Inc (Met-chem) supervision, 9 boreholes on Deposit A and 1 borehole on respectively Deposits D and E. The preliminary metallurgical testwork realized on new core drilling, performed during 2009 by Corem laboratory under Met-Chem directives, indicates positive results and a quality grade concentrate with no contaminant.

The testwork on Deposit A (36% - 41% Fe, mainly magnetite) responded well to low intensity magnetic separation and the first indication of the iron recovery are in the 90%+ with a percentage Fe in the concentrate of 65% to 68%. The testwork on Deposits D and E with coarser magnetic grains indicates similar to reach liberation. At this stage it is anticipated that a high quality concentrate could be produced at industrial scale. It is worthy to mention that the potential contaminants in the concentrate such as phosphorous are low (0.05%) because it appears that they could be easily removed (Technical Report on Metallurgical Tests of the Great Whale Iron Property, Final Report, May 2010, authors Raynald Jean Geol. and Alain Dorval Eng.).

The conceptual-scoping study would cost about approximately \$ 6,000,000 and will include: preliminary environmental base line, stakeholders and native issues, geological mapping, diamond drill on deposit A (45 DDHs, 13,000 meters), bulk sampling, additional metallurgical tests to better define the concentration and the pelletizing process as well as the preliminary Capex and Opex of this project.

The construction of a 250 kilometers road between Radisson (James Bay, LG2 hydroelectric project), and the twin villages at the discharge of the Great Whale River, is planned by the Ministry of Transport of Quebec (News: Nunavick November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009, Jane George). Credible information obtained by Niocan indicates that this road will pass at 3 kilometers South-East from Niocan's GWIP Deposit A.

Niocan will first concentrate its scoping-conceptual study on Deposit A (historical resources inside a design pit shell of 530,000,000T) before performing additional works on Deposit D (historical resources in a design pit shell of 145,000,000T) and Deposit E (historical resources in a design pit shell of 265,000,000T).

c) James Bay Niobium Property

There has been no new development on the future positioning of Niocan on this niobium mineral prospect in James Bay. The Company plans to revisit this subject with the 40% owners of the mining rights, who have also the management rights, at the proper time depending on the Oka mine development.

**2. Results of Operations**

2.1 Summary

a) Oka Niobium Project

The Company has for many years been awaiting the receipt of a CA from the MSDEP which would allow it to exploit its Oka mine project. The Company considers that it has

produced all information required by the MSDEP for the issuance of a CA; however, in spite of the Company's repeated attempts to obtain an indication from the MSDEP as to its intentions relatively to the CA, the Company has not received conclusive information to this effect. During 2010, the Company met with different stakeholders in the Oka region to obtain additional support to convince the MSDEP to issue the CA, which would allow the Company to build its underground Niobium mine in the Ste. Sophie range of Oka, Quebec as soon as possible. In February 2010, representatives of the Company met with representatives of the Deputy Minister of Sustainable Development, Environment and Parks to further discuss the issuance of the CA. While the Company believes that this meeting was constructive and positive, the Company has not received further information as to if and when the CA will be issued by the MSDEP.

During the third quarter of 2009, Niocan granted a mandate to Met-Chem for the formal update of the capital/operating costs of the projected mine complex in Oka. This project was completed during the first quarter of 2010 and a press release was issued on this subject in March 2010.

Moreover, the update to the 2000 socio-economic study performed by KPMG relative to the Oka Niobium Project was completed during the first quarter of 2010 to provide additional new information to all the Company's stakeholders, shareholders, government officials and departments and the regional communities. A press release was issued on this subject on March 17, 2010.

As further detailed above, the Company announced a revaluation. Niocan plans to complete the remaining segments of the feasibility study as per NI 43-101 only when the CA is issued by the MSDEP, and this information will be needed at that time for financing purposes. The Company considers that an update of the complete feasibility study which would be compatible with NI 43-101 would require approximately six (6) months and would cost over \$500,000.

To date, \$5,512,019 has been capitalized in the Company's financial statements relative to deferred expenditures for this project. These essentially consist in geotechnical studies, feasibility studies and studies for the design of the Oka Niobium mining project.

b) Great Whale Iron Property

On August 31, 2006, Met-Chem produced its technical report which recommends a plan of action on the Great Whale project for the period comprised between 2006 and 2008, which totalised seven million three hundred thousand dollars (\$7,300,000). The Company has not started this work.

In July 2009, the Company collected new drilled core samples and cores drilled in 1957-60 by Belcher Mining Corporation Ltd from the A, D and E iron mineralized (36% Fe magnetite) sites on the GWIP (17,098 acres) located 80 kilometers from the twin villages of Kuujjuarapik – Whapmagoostui on the Hudson Bay. The objective of the 2009 program, for which \$183,000 was spent in 2009, was to perform modern metallurgical tests to confirm the optimum ore grain size of the prospects (historical resources) for maximum iron liberation. The Company announced in February 2010 the delivery of this report, the results of which are further detailed above.

As at June 30, 2012, \$437,544 was capitalized in the Company's financial statements relatively to deferred expenditures for this project. These essentially consist in the study prepared by Met-Chem and fees relating to the land survey made by the Company, as well as costs engaged during the third and fourth quarters of 2009 for the metallurgical testing at Corem.

## 2.2 Results of Operations for the quarter ended June 30, 2012, compared to the quarter ended June 30, 2011

Niocan's revenues for the quarter ended June 30, 2012 consist of finance income totalling \$3,934 (2011 - \$189).

The operating expenses incurred for the quarter ended June 30, 2012 which totalled \$105,240 (2011 - \$68,271) consist primarily of the following:

- i) professional fees in the amount of \$37,608 (2011 - \$175) related to normal operations. In 2011 the fees related to obtaining financing some of which were capitalized;
- ii) Office and administration fees of \$16,985, compared to \$19,134 in 2011;
- iii) directors fees in the amount of \$22,500 (2011 - \$11,000) and;
- iv) trustees and registration fees of \$9,791, compared to \$11,341 in 2011.

There was a net finance expense for the quarter of \$184,279 as compared to net finance income in 2011 of \$189. The increased expense over last year is due to the debentures and related warrants issued last year. The decrease in share price reduced the value of the warrants thus creating a gain of \$286,089. The other components included the interest cost of the debentures of \$474,302, and interest income of \$3,934 (2011 - \$189).

## 2.3 Balance Sheet

The Company's total assets on June 30, 2012 totalled \$8,710,853 (2011 - \$7,277,937). The current assets totalled \$1,405,854 (2011 - \$448,857), the shareholder's equity totalled \$4,928,500 (2011 - \$5,627,237) and the cash and cash equivalents totalled \$1,340,124 (2011 - \$134,050).

## 2.4 Summary Quarterly Information

The following table presents certain extracts of the unaudited quarterly statements of operations:

<b>Quarterly Information</b>			
<b>Quarter Ended</b>	<b>TOTAL REVENUE (\$)</b>	<b>NET LOSS (\$)</b>	<b>NET LOSS PER SHARE (\$)</b>
June 30, 2012	3,934	289,519	0.01
March 31, 2012	4,206	430,418	0.02
December 31, 2011	8,955	30,578	0.01
September 30, 2011	3,031	492,979	0.01
June 30, 2011	189	297,214	0.01
March 31, 2011	425	253,773	0.01
December 31, 2010	4,980	89,010	0.01
September 30, 2010	3,870	88,881	0.01



See comments regarding variations in paragraph 2.2 "Results of Operations".

## 2.5 Liquidities

On June 30, 2012, the short term assets totalled \$1,405,854 (2011 - \$448,857).

The Company invests solely in liquid, high-grade securities. The Company does not invest in asset backed commercial paper.

The Company considers that these funds are sufficient to respect all its current commitments. However, additional funding will be required to finance the Company's two main projects, being the Great Whale project and the Oka project. As for the Oka project, the Company currently will have to raise additional funds to update the feasibility study as per NI 43-101 once the CA is issued by the MSDEP, before raising substantial funds to proceed to the construction of the mine and the plant.

## 2.6 Commitments

On April 24, 2006, the Company renewed its agreement with the Municipality of Oka granting the Corporation an option to acquire the front half of the St-Lawrence Columbiac site for a purchase price of \$200,000; such renewal agreement was to expire on December 31, 2007, and was further renewed by the Corporation until June 30, 2008. An amount of \$45,000 has been paid to the Municipality of Oka since the signature of this agreement. The Company was interested in acquiring this property to use it as a waste dump for the future niobium mine in Oka and the Company, if it had purchased such property, would also commit to restore and clean a small adjacent site. The Company has decided to postpone discussions relating to the renewal of such option agreement with the Municipality of Oka at the present time, pending further news from the MSDEP relating to the issuance of the CA.

## 2.7 Second quarter results

The following table provides certain financial information extracted from the Company's unaudited financial statements:

<b>Revenues (\$)</b>			<b>Net Loss (\$)</b>		
<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>Difference</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>Difference</b>
3,934	189	3,745	289,519	297,214	7,695

During the quarter the Company generated revenues of \$3,934 (2011 - \$189) and a net loss of \$289,519 (2011 - \$297,214). The net loss was lower in 2012 compared to 2011. The main differences were increased finance expenses related to the debentures in 2012 and the settlement of litigation in 2011.

## 3. Related party transactions

During the period ended June 30, 2012, there were no related-party transactions, other than the payment of interest to Palos Merchant Bank and the payment of Directors' fees.

#### **4. Accounting policies and changes**

In February 2008, the Canadian Accounting Standards Board (“AcSB”) announced the changeover from Canadian GAAP to IFRS for Canadian publicly accountable enterprises for interim and annual financial statements relating to fiscal years beginning on or after January 1, 2011. As such, starting from the first quarter of 2011, the Company’s unaudited interim financial statements are prepared in accordance with IAS 34, Interim Financial Reporting.

The Company established its accounting policies and methods used in the preparation of its unaudited financial statements for the quarter ended June 30, 2012 in accordance with IFRS. Reference is made to Note 3 to the unaudited financial statements for more information about significant accounting principles used to prepare the financial statements.

The key assumptions and basis for estimates that management has made under IFRS, and their impact on the amounts reported in the audited financial statements and notes, were disclosed in the Company’s audited financial statements and remain unchanged.

#### **5. Standards and interpretations issued to be adopted at a later date**

The following standards and amendments to the existing standards have been issued and are applicable to the Company for its annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2013, with earlier application permitted:

IFRS 9, Financial Instruments, covers the classification and measurement of financial assets and financial liabilities.

IFRS 13, Fair Value Measurement, provides a single source of fair value measurement and disclosure requirements in IFRS.

Amendments to IAS 1, Presentation of Financial Statements, to require entities to group items within other comprehensive income that may be reclassified to net income.

The Company is currently evaluating the impact of adopting these standards and amendments on its financial statements.

#### **6. Number of Shares Issued**

As at June 30, 2012, the number of nominal and fully diluted number of shares of the Corporation was as follows:

Common shares issued and outstanding	20,803,833
Options granted	2,218,000
Warrants	1,562,600
Convertible debentures	3,005
Total	24,587,438

## **7. Disclosure Controls and Procedures and Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

### **Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

National Instrument 52-109, "Certification of Disclosure in Issuers' Annual and Interim Filings", issued by the Canadian Securities Administrators requires Chief Executive Officers ("CEOs") and Chief Financial Officers ("CFOs") to certify that they are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures for the Company, that disclosure controls and procedures have been designed and are effective in providing reasonable assurance that material information relating to the Company is made known to them, that they have evaluated the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures, and that their conclusions about the effectiveness of those disclosure controls and procedures at the end of the period covered by the relevant annual filings have been disclosed by the Company.

Under the supervision of and with the participation of management, including the President and Chief Executive Officer and Interim Chief Financial Officer, we have evaluated the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures as at June 30, 2012 and direction concluded that, disclosure controls and procedures contain material weaknesses due to:

1. inadequate segregation of duties between the authorization, recording, review and reconciliation of purchases and sales and recording of cash receipts and bank account reconciliations;
2. inadequate design of controls over income and mining taxes. The annual control was effective; however, the quarterly control was not effective.

These material weaknesses have the potential to result in a material misstatement in the company's financial statements, and should also be considered a material weakness in its internal control over financial reporting. Management and Board of Director has concluded and agreed that, taking into account the present stage of the company's development and the best interests of its shareholders, the company does not have sufficient size and scale to warrant the hiring of an additional staff to correct this weakness at this time.

### **Internal controls over financial reporting**

National Instrument 52-109 also requires CEOs and CFOs to certify that they are responsible for establishing and maintaining internal controls over financial reporting for the Company, that those internal controls have been designed and are effective in providing reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles, and that the Company has disclosed any changes in its internal controls during its most recent interim period that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, its internal control over financial reporting.

Under the supervision of and with the participation of management, including the President and Chief Executive Officer and the interim Chief Financial Officer, we have evaluated the effectiveness of internal controls over financial reporting as of June 30, 2012 and we have concluded that, the internal control over financial reporting contain

material weaknesses due to inadequate segregation of duties and inadequate quarterly reporting controls over income and mining taxes, as previously mentioned in the "Disclosure Controls and Procedures" section.

To evaluate the efficiency of the internal controls over financial reporting, management used the recognized and suited entitled working environment Internal Control Integrated Framework, issued by Committee of sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission ("COSO").

## **8. Risks and uncertainties**

The Corporation needs to obtain a Certificate of Authorization from the MSDEP in order to build the Oka mine project. There is no assurance that the MSDEP will issue this CA or that the CA will be issued in the near future.

The Corporation needs to secure new equity and debt financing in order to ultimately realize the Oka Project and pursue the exploration/development of other properties it has acquired, particularly that of the Great Whale Iron mineral prospect. Given the nature of the speculative investment it is seeking in the capital markets, there is no assurance that the required financing will be available.

There are many factors that could affect the Company's results that are not controlled by management, such as market prices, exchange rates, politico-social conflicts, competition and regulatory approvals.

The Corporation has not renewed its option to the purchase part of the old St-Lawrence Columbian mine site from the Municipality of Oka, which expired on June 30, 2008, pending a decision from the MSDEP relating to the issuance of the Certificate of Authorization. While the Company has a verbal understanding with the municipality of Oka that the parties will wait for the issuance of the CA before finalizing the purchase agreement, there is no assurance that the municipality of Oka will accept to extend this offer to purchase in the future should the Certificate of Authorization be issued by the MSDEP.

The Company takes great care to minimize these risks by carefully choosing consultants and advisors that are experienced leaders in their field of environment, mining engineering and law.

## **9. Other**

The reader is referred to financial statements and notes to financial statements for more details. These are filed on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com). Additional information relating to the Company, including the Company's Annual Information Form, may be consulted on SEDAR at [www.SEDAR.com](http://www.SEDAR.com).

*(signed)*

Hubert Marleau

Interim Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer

July 30, 2012