



Consolidated Financial Statements
(expressed in Canadian dollars)

For the Years Ended March 31, 2023 and 2022

Independent Auditor’s Report

To the Shareholders of Surge Copper Corp.

Report on the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Surge Copper Corp. (the “Company”), which comprise the consolidated statements of financial position as at March 31, 2023 and 2022, and the consolidated statements of comprehensive loss, changes in equity and cash flows for the years then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as at March 31, 2023 and 2022, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audits of the consolidated financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Material Uncertainty Related to Going Concern

We draw attention to Note 1 in the consolidated financial statements, which indicates that the Company has no recurring source of revenue as at March 31, 2023 and is therefore dependent upon the future receipt of financing to maintain its operations. These events or conditions, along with other matters as set forth in Note 1, indicate that material uncertainties exist that may cast significant doubt on the Company’s ability to continue as a going concern. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Key Audit Matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the consolidated financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

We have determined that there is the following key audit matter to communicate in our auditor’s report:

<i>Key audit matter:</i>	<i>How our audit addressed the key audit matter:</i>
<p>Assessment of impairment indicators of Exploration and evaluation assets.</p> <p><i>Refer to note 3(b) – Accounting policy Exploration and evaluation assets, note 4 – Critical accounting estimates and judgments and note 6 – Mineral property interests</i></p> <p>Management assesses at each reporting period whether there is an indication that the carrying value of exploration and evaluation assets may not be recoverable. Management applies significant judgment in assessing whether indicators of impairment exist that necessitate impairment testing. Internal and external factors, such as (i) a significant decline in the market value of the Company’s</p>	<p>Our approach to addressing the matter included the following procedures, among others:</p> <p>Evaluated the reasonableness of management’s assessment of impairment indicators, which included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessed the Company’s market capitalization in comparison to the Company’s net assets, which may be an indication of impairment. • Assessed the completeness of the factors that could be considered indicators of impairment, including consideration of evidence obtained in other areas of the

share price; (ii) changes in the Company's assessment of whether commercially viable quantities of mineral resources exist within the properties; and (iii) changes in metal prices, capital and operating costs, are evaluated by management in determining whether there are any indicators of impairment.

We considered this a key audit matter due to (i) the significance of the exploration and evaluation asset balance and (ii) the significant audit effort and subjectivity in applying audit procedures to assess the factors evaluated by management in its assessment of impairment indicators, which required significant management judgment.

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- Confirmed that the Company's right to explore the properties had not expired.
- Obtained management's written representations regarding the Company's future plans for the exploration and evaluation assets.
- Assessed the reasonability of the Company's overall financial statement disclosure in respect to its exploration and evaluation assets.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in "Management's Discussion and Analysis", but does not include the consolidated financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the consolidated financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audits of the consolidated financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information, and in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the consolidated financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audits or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Consolidated Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with IFRS, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these consolidated financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the consolidated financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure, and content of the consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with those charged with governance, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is James D. Gray.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "De Visser Gray LLP". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS

Vancouver, BC, Canada
July 28, 2023

SURGE COPPER CORP.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION
(expressed in Canadian dollars)
For the Years Ended March 31, 2023 and 2022

	Note	As at March 31,	
		2023	2022
ASSETS			
Current			
Cash and cash equivalents	15	\$ 2,821,995	\$ 7,822,852
GST receivable		39,645	312,423
Other receivable	6,10	-	32,470
Prepaid expenses		107,749	85,120
Total Current Assets		2,969,389	8,252,865
Exploration and evaluation costs	5,6	47,252,540	38,859,786
Right-of-use asset	8	94,928	122,050
Equipment and camp buildings	7	33,653	45,864
Total Non-Current Assets		47,381,121	39,027,700
Total Assets		\$ 50,350,510	\$ 47,280,565
LIABILITIES			
Current			
Trade and other payables	9	\$ 313,625	\$ 169,734
Flow-through premium liability	15	911,551	1,376,199
Current portion of lease liability	8	24,666	21,080
Total Current Liabilities		1,249,842	1,567,013
Lease obligation liability	8	80,367	105,033
Deferred income tax liability	15	4,320,000	4,074,000
Total Non-Current Liabilities		4,400,367	4,179,033
Total Liabilities		5,650,209	5,746,046
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY			
Share capital	11	63,850,642	60,131,106
Contributed surplus	11	12,211,778	10,653,118
Deficit		(31,362,119)	(29,249,705)
Total Shareholders' Equity		44,700,301	41,534,519
Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity		\$ 50,350,510	\$ 47,280,565
Corporate information and nature of operations	1		
Subsequent events	17		
Signed on behalf of the Board by:			
	"Leif Nilsson"	Director	
	"Jim Pettit"	Director	

See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE LOSS
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For the Years Ended March 31, 2023 and 2022

	Note	For the years ended March 31,	
		2023	2022
EXPENSES			
Amortization		\$ 39,333	\$ 48,792
Consulting fees		103,000	145,635
Management and administration fees	10	871,193	749,367
Marketing and conferences		110,825	206,488
Office		89,810	66,283
Professional fees		74,163	28,309
Share-based payments	10	1,880,735	2,287,802
Shareholder communications		61,022	100,578
Transfer agent and filing fees		42,238	119,047
Travel and promotion		41,485	19,232
		(3,313,804)	(3,771,533)
OTHER INCOME:			
Interest expense		(12,989)	(7,706)
Rental income		27,600	26,400
Miscellaneous revenue		67,249	4,133
Part X11.6 tax		(40,663)	-
Other income on realization of flow-through premium liability	15	1,406,193	1,419,201
LOSS BEFORE INCOME TAXES		(1,866,414)	(2,329,505)
INCOME TAX EXPENSE	15	(246,000)	(2,560,000)
NET LOSS AND COMPREHENSIVE LOSS FOR THE YEAR		\$ (2,112,414)	\$ (4,889,505)
LOSS PER SHARE - BASIC		\$ (0.01)	\$ (0.03)
LOSS PER SHARE - DILUTED		\$ (0.01)	\$ (0.03)
WEIGHTED AVERAGE NUMBER OF COMMON SHARES OUTSTANDING		173,432,433	158,930,503

See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
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For the Years Ended March 31, 2023 and 2022

	For the years Ended March 31,	
	2023	2022
CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN)		
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net loss for the year	\$ (2,112,414)	\$ (4,889,505)
Items not affecting cash:		
Share-based payments	1,880,735	2,287,802
Amortization	39,333	48,792
Flow-through premium	(1,406,193)	(1,419,201)
Deferred income taxes	246,000	2,560,000
	(1,352,539)	(1,412,112)
Changes in non-cash working capital and other items:		
GST receivable	272,778	(198,000)
Other receivables	32,470	(9,440)
Prepaid expenses	(22,629)	50,055
Trade and other payables	198,560	6,811
Cash used in operating activities	(871,360)	(1,562,686)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Exploration and evaluation costs	(8,114,069)	(7,797,459)
Property acquisition costs	(3,354)	(3,870)
Reclamation bond	(130,000)	-
Purchase of equipment	-	(34,270)
Cash used in investing activities	(8,247,423)	(7,835,599)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from share issuances	4,208,051	15,050,346
Share issue costs	(69,045)	(1,069,271)
Payment of lease liability	(21,080)	(34,715)
Cash provided by financing activities	4,117,926	13,946,360
NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(5,000,857)	4,548,075
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - BEGINNING OF THE YEAR	7,822,852	3,274,777
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - END OF THE YEAR	\$ 2,821,995	\$ 7,822,852

See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.

SURGE COPPER CORP.**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**

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For the Years Ended March 31, 2022 and 2023

	Number of Shares	Capital Stock	Contributed Surplus	Deficit	Total Equity
Balance, April 1, 2022	166,966,470	\$ 60,131,106	\$ 10,653,118	\$ (29,249,705)	\$ 41,534,519
Issued for cash – non-flow through shares	11,539,000	1,500,070	-	-	1,500,070
Issued for cash – flow-through shares	11,077,000	2,381,555	-	-	2,381,555
Flow-through share premiums	-	(941,545)	-	-	(941,545)
Share purchase warrant exercises	2,533,386	326,426	-	-	326,426
RSU, DSU settlement	950,075	322,075	(322,075)	-	-
Property acquisition shares	1,481,481	200,000	-	-	200,000
Share-based payments	-	-	1,880,735	-	1,880,735
Share issue costs	-	(69,045)	-	-	(69,045)
Net loss and comprehensive loss for the period	-	-	-	(2,112,414)	(2,112,414)
Balance, March 31, 2023	194,547,412	\$ 63,850,642	\$ 12,211,778	\$ (31,362,119)	\$ 44,700,301
Balance, April 1, 2021	133,192,134	\$ 48,151,688	\$ 8,169,534	\$ (24,360,200)	\$ 31,961,022
Issued for cash – non-flow through shares	4,445,000	2,000,250	-	-	2,000,250
Issued for cash – flow-through shares	21,100,000	12,013,875	-	-	12,013,875
Flow-through share premiums	-	(2,518,875)	-	-	(2,518,875)
Share purchase warrant exercises	4,311,681	751,986	-	-	751,986
Stock option exercises	1,988,000	527,412	(243,177)	-	284,235
Property acquisition shares	1,929,655	713,000	-	-	713,000
Share-based payments	-	-	2,287,802	-	2,287,802
Finder warrants issued	-	(438,959)	438,959	-	-
Share issue costs	-	(1,069,271)	-	-	(1,069,271)
Net loss and comprehensive loss for the period	-	-	-	(4,889,505)	(4,889,505)
Balance, March 31, 2022	166,966,470	\$ 60,131,106	\$ 10,653,118	\$ (29,249,705)	\$ 41,534,519

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1. CORPORATE INFORMATION AND CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS

The Company is engaged principally in the acquisition, exploration and development of mineral properties. The recovery of the Company's investment in mineral properties and attainment of profitable operations is principally dependent upon financing being arranged by the Company to continue operations, explore and develop the mineral properties and the discovery, development and sale of ore reserves.

The Company was incorporated under the Business Corporations Act of British Columbia by Certificate of Incorporation dated November 29, 1965. The Company is listed on the TSX Venture Exchange ("TSX-V"), having the symbol SURG-V, as a Tier 2 mining issuer.

The address of the Company's corporate office and principal place of business is Suite 888 - 700 West Georgia Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, V7Y 1G5.

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the basis that the Company will continue as a going concern, which assumes that the Company will be able to meet its commitments, continue operations and realize its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of business for the foreseeable future. However, there are currently material uncertainties in respect to these assumptions which cast significant doubt as to the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. The Company has incurred losses since inception, has no recurring source of revenue and has an accumulated deficit of \$31,362,119 as at March 31, 2023. Of cash on hand at March 31, 2023, approximately \$2.3 million is required to be spent on qualifying mineral exploration work prior to December 31, 2024. The Company will need to raise sufficient funds in order to finance ongoing exploration, development and administrative expenses. The Company has no assurance that such financing will be available or be available on favorable terms. Factors that could affect the availability of financing include the Company's performance, the state of international debt and equity markets, investor perceptions and expectations and the global financial and metals markets. The Company's most likely source of additional financing is the issuance of additional equity. Though the Company has been successful in raising capital in the past, there is no certainty that it will continue to be able to do so.

2. BASIS OF PREPARATION

(a) Statement of Compliance

The audited annual consolidated financial statements of the Company for the year ending March 31, 2023 have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB").

These consolidated financial statements were authorized for issue by the Board of Directors on July 25, 2023.

(b) Basis of Presentation and Measurement

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis and include the accounts of the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Ootsa Ventures Ltd. All material intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated.

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2. BASIS OF PREPARATION (continued)

(b) Basis of Presentation and Measurement

The consolidated financial statements are presented in Canadian dollars, which is also the functional currency of the Company and its subsidiary.

The preparation of financial statements in compliance with IFRS requires management to make certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise judgment in applying the Company's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgment of complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are disclosed in Note 4.

3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies set out below have been applied consistently to all years presented in these financial statements unless otherwise indicated.

(a) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include all cash accounts, which are not subject to withdrawal restrictions or penalties, and all short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities to the holder of three months or less, and which can be converted into known amounts of cash.

(b) Exploration and Evaluation Expenditures

Pre-exploration Costs

Pre-exploration costs are expensed in the year in which they are incurred.

Exploration and Evaluation Expenditures

Once the legal right to explore a property has been acquired, costs directly related to exploration and evaluation expenditures ("E&E") are recognized and capitalized, in addition to the acquisition costs. These direct expenditures include such costs as materials used, surveying costs, drilling costs, payments made to contractors and depreciation on plant and equipment during the exploration phase. Costs not directly attributable to exploration and evaluation activities, including general administrative overhead costs, are expensed in the year in which they occur.

The Company may occasionally enter into farm-out arrangements, whereby the Company will transfer part of a mineral interest, as consideration, for an agreement by the transferee to meet certain exploration and evaluation expenditures which would have otherwise been undertaken by the Company. The Company does not record any expenditures made by the farmee on its behalf. Any cash consideration received from the agreement is credited against the costs previously capitalized to the mineral interest given up by the Company, with any excess cash accounted for as a gain on disposal.

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3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

(b) Exploration and Evaluation Expenditures (continued)

When a project is deemed to no longer have commercially viable prospects to the Company, exploration and evaluation expenditures in respect of that project are deemed to be impaired. As a result, those exploration and evaluation expenditure costs, in excess of estimated recoveries, are written off to the statement of comprehensive loss/income.

The Company assesses exploration and evaluation costs for impairment when facts and circumstances suggest that the carrying amount of an asset may exceed its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use.

Once the technical feasibility and commercial viability of extracting the mineral resource has been determined, the property is considered to be a mine under development and is classified as 'mines under construction'. Exploration and evaluation costs are also tested for impairment before the assets are transferred to development properties.

As the Company currently has no operational income, any incidental revenues earned in connection with exploration activities are applied as a reduction to capitalized exploration costs.

The Company may qualify for refundable tax credits based on qualifying exploration work incurred. Such amounts are accrued as receivable when they can be readily estimated, and collection can be reasonably assured, with such recoveries offsetting the exploration costs incurred.

(c) Impairment of Non-Financial Assets

Impairment tests on intangible assets with indefinite useful economic lives are undertaken annually at the financial year-end. Other non-financial assets, including exploration and evaluation costs are subject to impairment tests whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that their carrying amount may not be recoverable. Where the carrying value of an asset exceeds its recoverable amount, which is the higher of value in use and fair value less costs to sell, the asset is written down accordingly.

Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the impairment test is carried out on the asset's cash-generating unit, which is the lowest group of assets in which the asset belongs for which there are separately identifiable cash inflows that are largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets. The Company has one cash-generating unit for which impairment testing is performed.

An impairment loss is charged to profit or loss, except to the extent they reverse gains previously recognized in accumulated other comprehensive loss/income.

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3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

(d) Equipment

Recognition and Measurement

On initial recognition, property, plant and equipment are valued at cost, being the purchase price and directly attributable costs of acquisition or construction required to bring the asset to the location and condition necessary to be capable of operating in the manner intended by the Company, including appropriate borrowing costs and the estimated present value of any future unavoidable costs of dismantling and removing items. The corresponding liability is recognized within provisions.

Equipment is subsequently measured at cost less accumulated depreciation, less any accumulated impairment losses, with the exception of land which is not depreciated.

When parts of an item of equipment have different useful lives, they are accounted for as separate items (major components) of equipment.

Subsequent Costs

The cost of replacing part of an item of equipment is recognized in the carrying amount of the item if it is probable that the future economic benefits embodied within the part will flow to the Company and its cost can be measured reliably. The carrying amount of the replaced part is derecognized. The costs of the day-to-day servicing of equipment are recognized in profit or loss as incurred.

Major Maintenance and Repairs

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognized as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Company and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to profit or loss during the financial year in which they are incurred.

Gains and Losses

Gains and losses on disposal of an item of property, plant and equipment are determined by comparing the proceeds from disposal with the carrying amount and are recognized net within other income/expense in profit or loss.

Depreciation

The Company provides for depreciation using the following method and annual rates:

Office equipment	declining balance method	30%
Camp vehicles and equipment	declining balance method	20-30%
Camp buildings/septic	5-year straight line	20%
Bridge	10-year straight line	10%

Additions during the year are depreciated at one-half the annual rate. Depreciation methods, useful lives and residual values are reviewed at each financial year-end and adjusted if appropriate.

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3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

(e) Provisions

Rehabilitation Provision

The Company is subject to various government laws and regulations relating to environmental disturbances caused by exploration and evaluation activities. The Company records the present value of the estimated costs of legal and constructive obligations required to restore the exploration sites in the year in which the obligation is incurred. The nature of the rehabilitation activities includes restoration, reclamation and re-vegetation of the affected exploration sites.

The rehabilitation provision generally arises when the environmental disturbance is subject to government laws and regulations. When the liability is recognized, the present value of the estimated costs is capitalized by increasing the carrying amount of the related exploration properties. Over time, the discounted liability is increased for the changes in present value based on current market discount rates and liability specific risks.

Additional environment disturbances or changes in rehabilitation costs will be recognized as additions to the corresponding assets and rehabilitation liability in the year in which they occur.

Estimations of future costs can only be made when specified work requirements, timelines and outcomes are known on a measurable basis. When such variables associated with future reclamation obligations cannot be determined, no liability is recorded.

Other Provisions

Provisions are recognized for liabilities of uncertain timing or amount that have arisen as a result of past transactions, including legal or constructive obligations. The provision is measured at the best estimate of the expenditure required to settle the obligation at the reporting date.

(f) Share-based Payment Transactions

The Company's Share Compensation Plan includes stock options ("Options"), restricted share units ("RSUs") and deferred share units ("DSUs"). Each RSU represents a unit with the underlying value equal to the value of one common share of the Company, with vesting over a specified period of service or with vesting terms based on performance as in accordance with the plan and can be equity or cash settled at the discretion of the Company. Each DSU represents a unit with the underlying value equal to the value of one common share of the Company, with vesting over a specified period of service and settlement as in accordance with the plan and can be equity or cash settled at the discretion of the Company. Options, RSUs and DSUs are granted to employees, directors and non-employees and are accounted for using the fair value method. The compensation cost for Options granted is determined based on the estimated fair value of the Options at the time of the grant and is amortized over the vesting period with an offset to the contributed surplus account. When Options are exercised, the contributed surplus and the proceeds received by the Company are credited to share capital. RSUs and DSUs are valued at the share price prevailing at the time of grant and are amortized as an expense in the consolidated statements of earnings (loss) over the vesting period.

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3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

(g) Income Taxes

Income tax expense comprises current and deferred tax. Current tax and deferred tax are recognized in net loss/income except to the extent that it relates to a business combination or items recognized directly in equity or in other comprehensive loss/income.

Current income taxes are recognized for the estimated income taxes payable or receivable on taxable income or loss for the current year and any adjustment to income taxes payable in respect of previous years. Current income taxes are determined using tax rates and tax laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the year-end date.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized where the carrying amount of an asset or liability differs from its tax base, except for taxable temporary differences arising on the initial recognition of goodwill and temporary differences arising on the initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction which is not a business combination and at the time of the transaction affects neither accounting nor taxable profit or loss.

Recognition of deferred tax assets for unused tax losses, tax credits and deductible temporary differences is restricted to those instances where it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the deferred tax asset can be utilized. At the end of each reporting year the Company reassesses unrecognized deferred tax assets. The Company recognizes a previously unrecognized deferred tax asset to the extent that it has become probable that future taxable profit will allow the deferred tax asset to be recovered.

(h) Basic and Diluted Loss per Share:

Basic earnings/loss per share is computed by dividing the net income or loss applicable to common shares of the Company by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the relevant year.

Diluted earnings/loss per common share is computed by dividing the net income or loss applicable to common shares by the sum of the weighted average number of common shares issued and outstanding and all additional common shares that would have been outstanding, if potentially dilutive instruments were converted.

Potentially dilutive common shares related to warrants and options outstanding totaled 85,809,959 at March 31, 2023 (March 31, 2022 – 69,970,604) were not included in the computation of diluted loss per share because their effect was anti-dilutive.

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3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

(i) Financial Instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognized when the Company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of a financial instrument. On initial recognition, financial assets are classified and measured at amortized cost, fair value through profit or loss (“FVTPL”) or fair value through other comprehensive income (“FVOCI”).

A financial asset is measured at amortized cost if it meets both of the following conditions and is not designated as at FVTPL: (i) it is held within a business model whose objective is to hold assets to collect contractual cash flows, and (ii) its contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

A debt instrument is measured at FVOCI if it meets both of the following conditions and is not designated as at FVTPL: (i) it is held within a business model whose objective is achieved by both collecting contractual cash flows and selling financial assets, and (ii) its contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

Transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of financial assets and financial liabilities (other than financial assets and financial liabilities classified as FVTPL) are added to or deducted from the fair value of the financial assets or financial liabilities, as appropriate, on initial recognition. Transaction costs directly attributable to the acquisition of financial assets or financial liabilities classified as FVTPL are recognized immediately in the statement of loss and comprehensive loss.

The Company’s financial instruments are classified and subsequently measured as follows:

Account	Classification
Cash	Amortized cost
Amounts receivable (excluding sales tax receivable)	Amortized cost
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	Amortized cost

Impairment

The Company recognizes an allowance using the Expected Credit Loss (“ECL”) model on financial assets classified as amortized cost. The Company has elected to use the simplified approach for measuring ECL by using a lifetime expected loss allowance for all amounts recoverable. Under this model, impairment provisions are based on credit risk characteristics and days past due. When there is no reasonable expectation of collection, financial assets classified as amortized cost are written off. Indications of credit risk arise based on failure to pay and other factors. Should objective events occur after an impairment loss is recognized, a reversal of impairment is recognized in the statement of loss and comprehensive loss.

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3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

(j) Share Capital

Equity instruments are contracts that give a residual interest in the net assets of the Company. Financial instruments issued by the Company are classified as equity only to the extent that they do not meet the definition of a financial liability or financial asset. The Company's common shares, share warrants and flow-through shares are classified as equity instruments.

Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of new shares or options are shown in equity as a deduction, net of tax, from the proceeds.

Flow-through Shares

The Company will from time-to-time issue flow-through common shares to finance a significant portion of its exploration program. Pursuant to the terms of the flow-through share agreements, these shares transfer the tax deductibility of qualifying resource expenditures to investors. On issuance, the Company bifurcates the flow-through share into i) a flow-through share premium, equal to the estimated premium, if any, investors pay for the flow-through feature, which is recognized as a liability, and ii) share capital. Upon expenses being incurred, the Company derecognizes this liability and recognizes this premium as other income, offsetting any expense associated with the Company's expenditure of the flow-through proceeds.

Valuation of equity units issued in private placements

The Company has adopted a residual value method with respect to the measurement of shares and warrants issued as private placement units. The residual value method first allocates value to the most easily measurable component based on fair value and then the residual value, if any, to the less easily measurable component.

The fair value of the common shares issued in the private placement were determined to be the more easily measurable component and were valued at their fair value, as determined by the closing quoted bid price on the announcement date. The balance, if any, was allocated to the attached warrants. Any fair value attributed to the warrants is recorded as contributed surplus. If the warrants are exercised, the related amount is reclassified as share capital.

If the warrants are issued as share issuance costs, the fair value will be recorded as contributed surplus using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. If the warrants are exercised, the related amount is reclassified as share capital. If the warrants expire unexercised, the related amount remains in contributed surplus.

Proceeds received from the issuance of flow-through shares are restricted to be used only for Canadian resource property exploration expenditures within a two-year period.

The Company may also be subject to a Part XII.6 tax on flow-through proceeds renounced under the Look-back Rule, in accordance with Government of Canada flow-through regulations. When applicable, this tax is accrued as a financial expense until paid.

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3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

(k) Leases

The Company assesses whether a contract is or contains a lease, at inception of a contract. The Company recognizes a right-of-use asset and a corresponding lease liability with respect to all lease arrangements in which it is the lessee, at the commencement of the lease, with the following exceptions: (a) the Company has elected not to recognize right-of-use assets and liabilities for leases where the total lease term is less than or equal to 12 months, or (b) for leases of low value. The payments for such leases are recognized in the consolidated statement of loss and comprehensive loss on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

The right-of-use asset is initially measured based on the present value of lease payments, lease payments made at or before the commencement day, and any initial direct costs. They are subsequently measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. The right-of-use asset is amortized over the shorter of the lease term or the useful life of the underlying asset. The right-of-use asset is subject to testing for impairment if there is an indicator of impairment.

The lease liability is initially measured at the present value of lease payments that are not paid at the commencement date, discounted by using the rate implicit in the lease. If this rate cannot be readily determined, the Company uses its incremental borrowing rate. Lease payments include fixed payments less any lease incentives, and any variable lease payments where variability depends on an index or rate. When the lease contains an extension or purchase option that the Company considers reasonably certain to be exercised, the cost of the option is included in the lease payments.

Variable lease payments that do not depend on an index or rate are not included in the measurement of the right-of-use asset and lease liability. The related payments are recognized as an expense in the period in which the triggering event occurs and are included in the consolidated statement of loss and comprehensive loss.

4. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGMENTS

The Company makes estimates and assumptions about the future that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities. Estimates and judgments are continually evaluated based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. In the future, actual experience may differ from these estimates and assumptions.

The effect of a change in an accounting estimate is recognized prospectively by including it in comprehensive loss/income in the period of the change, if the change affects that period only, or in the period of the change and future periods, if the change affects both.

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4. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGMENTS (continued)

Information about critical judgments in applying accounting policies that have the most significant risk of causing material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities recognized in the financial statements within the next financial year are discussed below:

- Exploration and Evaluation Costs

The application of the Company's accounting policy for exploration and evaluation expenditures requires judgment in determining whether circumstances exist that cast doubt as to the Company's ability to continue to positively advance its exploration projects towards economic viability, and the ultimate recovery of the aggregate costs incurred to date on those projects. Such judgments are based on assumptions about future events or circumstances and these assumptions made may change if new information becomes available.

- Title to Mineral Property Interests

Although the Company has taken steps to verify title to mineral properties in which it has an interest, these procedures do not guarantee the Company's title. Such properties may be subject to prior agreements or transfers and title may be affected by undetected defects.

The key estimates applied in the preparation of the consolidated financial statements that could result in a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities are as follows:

- British Columbia Mining Exploration Tax Credits ("BCMETS") Claim

The Company has, in past fiscal years, recorded the amount of the BCMETS claims as receivable on the assumption that it will receive the full BCMETS claim similar to refunds claimed and received in previous years. However, if the amount is reviewed by taxation authorities, reductions in the amounts recoverable are possible. Such outcomes are not possible to predict in advance.

- Incremental Borrowing Rate

The Company is not typically involved in commercial debt transactions and therefore its cost of debt, utilized to record certain lease obligations, is an estimated value.

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5. RECLAMATION BONDS

Included in Mineral Exploration and Evaluation Costs as at March 31, 2023, is the Company's aggregate reclamation bonds posted with the Mining and Minerals Division of the British Columbia Government in the amount of \$299,900 (March 31, 2022 - \$169,900).

The bonds cover the future site restoration costs with respect to the Seel and Ox Lake Claims, collectively known as the Ootsa Property. All or part of the \$299,900 can be recovered subject to the inspection of the sites and assessment of the restoration costs by the Mining and Minerals Division of the British Columbia Government.

The bonds have not been discounted from their future value because the Company estimates the bonds may be settled within 2 years and the discounting cost being considered immaterial. The Company believes that the amount of the bonds includes sufficient risk premium.

Recovery of the posted bonds remains subject to the inspection of the sites and assessment of the restoration costs by the Mining and Minerals Division of the British Columbia Government.

In December 2020, the Company entered into a definitive option agreement to acquire a 70% interest in the Berg Property. The property had an existing reclamation bond in the amount of \$112,500, which has remained in place. The Company has funded \$130,000 in additional bonding on the Berg Property. The Company will fund additional bonding requirements that arise during the term of the option.

6. MINERAL PROPERTY INTERESTS

Ootsa Property, British Columbia

As at March 31, 2023, the Company owned a 100% interest in the Ootsa Property, located in central British Columbia, comprised of 140 mineral claims totalling 90,701.3 hectares.

Beyond claims acquired by staking, material transactions and royalty obligations in respect of this property are:

- Fourteen claims totalling 574.6 hectares, known as the Ox claims, are subject to a 2% Net Smelter Returns ("NSR") royalty. The purchase agreement with the vendor, Silver Standard Resources Inc., ("Silver") entitles the Company to purchase 50% of the 2% NSR from Silver at any time by the payment to Silver of \$500,000. The Company may purchase the remaining 1% NSR at any time by payment to Silver of an additional \$1,000,000.
- There are five claims totalling 3,450.4 hectares, known as the Seel claims, which are subject to a 1% NSR. The Company is entitled at any time to purchase 50% of this 1% NSR for \$1,000,000.
- Two additional claims known as the Swing claims (the "Captain Mine") totalling 383.4 hectares, purchased in March 2014, are subject to a 2% NSR. The purchase agreement with the vendor entitles the Company to purchase 50% of the 2% NSR from the vendor at any time by the payment to the vendor of \$500,000 or the Company may purchase the entire 2% NSR at any time by payment to the vendor of \$1,000,000.

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6. MINERAL PROPERTY INTERESTS (continued)

Ootsa Property, British Columbia (continued)

- One claim totalling 211.3 hectares, known as the Troitsa Peak claim, is subject to a 1% NSR, half of which can be bought back at any time by the Company for \$500,000.
- On August 5, 2016, the Company acquired one claim for total consideration of \$3,000, adding a total of 76.7 hectares.
- On April 1, 2021, the Company executed a definitive asset purchase agreement to acquire 100% interest in one mineral claim totalling 76.4 hectares in central British Columbia adjacent to the Company's Berg Property. Under the terms of the agreement the Company issued 500,000 common shares to the vendor valued at \$210,000. The vendor will retain a 2.5% NSR. The Company shall have the right to buy-back 1.5% of the NSR for \$1.5 million.
- On April 5, 2021, the Company executed a definitive asset purchase agreement to acquire 100% interest in two mineral claims totalling 1,568.23 hectares in central British Columbia adjacent to the Company's Berg/Ootsa property. Under the terms of the agreement the Company issued 350,000 common shares to the vendor valued at \$147,000. The vendor will retain a 2% NSR. The Company shall have the right to buy-back 1% of the NSR for \$1.5 million and the remaining 1% for an additional \$2 million.
- On September 26, 2021, the Company executed a definitive asset purchase agreement to acquire a 100% interest in the Sylvia mineral claims consisting of two mineral claims totalling 572 hectares in central British Columbia contiguous with the Company's Berg/Ootsa property. Under the terms of the agreement the Company has issued 390,000 common shares to the vendor valued at \$156,000. The vendor will retain a 2% NSR. The Company shall have the right to buy-back 1% of the NSR for \$1 million.

Auro Property, British Columbia

In March 2012, the Company sold all of its mineral interests known as the Auro and Auro South properties to New Gold Inc. Under the terms of the purchase agreement, the Company retained a 2% NSR on these properties.

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6. MINERAL PROPERTY INTERESTS (continued)

Berg Property, British Columbia

On December 15, 2020, the Company entered into a definitive option agreement to acquire a 70% interest in the Berg Property, 34,798 hectares in size and contiguous to the Ootsa Property, from Thompson Creek Metals Company Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Centerra Gold Inc. To complete the option, Surge must issue \$5 million of its common shares and spend \$8 million on exploration over a period of up to five years as outlined in the following table:

Date for Completion	Value of Common Shares to be issued	Minimum Exploration Expenditures to be Incurred
Within 5 days of the Approval Date	\$4,000,000 (6,825,939 common shares issued)	\$Nil
On or before the first anniversary of the Effective Date (1)	\$200,000 (689,655 common shares issued)	\$Nil
On or before the second anniversary of the Effective Date (1)	\$200,000 (1,481,481 common shares issued)	\$2,000,000(2) (completed)
On or before the third anniversary of the Effective Date (1)	\$200,000	\$2,000,000 (completed)
On or before the fourth anniversary of the Effective Date (1)	\$200,000	\$2,000,000 (completed)
On or before the fifth anniversary of the Effective Date (1)	\$200,000	\$2,000,000
Total	\$5,000,000	\$8,000,000

(1) "Effective Date" means the date of the agreement, December 15, 2020.
(2) \$1,000,000 of the expenditures are a firm commitment.

British Columbia Mineral Tax Credits ("BCMETS")

The completion of certain qualified exploration costs by the Company entitles it to refundable tax credits as part of an exploration incentive plan offered by the Province of British Columbia. No amount has been accrued for fiscal 2023. Exploration spending of amounts renounced to investors from the issuance of flow-through shares is not eligible to be claimed for BCMETS purposes.

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6. MINERAL PROPERTY INTERESTS (continued)

Expenditures on mineral property acquisition and deferred exploration and development costs for the years ended March 31, 2023 and 2022 are as follows:

Fiscal 2023

	Ootsa Property	Berg Property	Total
Property acquisition costs:			
Balance, beginning of the period	\$ 1,689,207	\$ 4,200,000	\$ 5,889,207
Cash costs	3,354	-	3,354
Shares issued	-	200,000	200,000
Balance, end of the period	1,692,561	4,400,000	6,092,561
Deferred exploration and evaluation costs:			
Balance, beginning of the period	30,969,609	2,000,970	32,970,579
Incurred during the period:			
Drilling	1,850,200	735,627	2,585,827
Barge	89,580	2,540	92,120
Consulting fees – First Nations	15,000	-	15,000
Geology	373,933	226,602	600,535
Geophysics	-	351,200	351,200
Field costs	611,183	1,449,010	2,060,193
Assaying	417,718	279,759	697,477
Travel	27,531	77,021	104,552
Camp costs	205,937	522,523	728,460
Fuel	123,054	205,746	328,800
Insurance	1,484	1,594	3,078
Wages and related expenses	172,987	335,893	508,880
Reclamation bond	-	130,000	130,000
BC METC	(16,722)	-	(16,722)
Total expenditures during the period	3,871,885	4,317,515	8,189,400
Balance, end of the period	34,841,494	6,318,485	41,159,979
Total deferred costs, end of the period	\$ 36,534,055	\$ 10,718,485	\$ 47,252,540

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6. MINERAL PROPERTY INTERESTS (continued)**Fiscal 2022**

	Ootsa Property	Berg Property	Total
Property acquisition costs:			
Balance, beginning of the period	\$ 1,172,337	\$ 4,000,000	\$ 5,172,337
Cash costs	3,870	-	3,870
Shares issued	513,000	200,000	713,000
Balance, end of the period	1,689,207	4,200,000	5,889,207
Deferred exploration and evaluation costs:			
Balance, beginning of the period	25,134,691	4,909	25,139,600
Incurred during the period:			
Drilling	2,900,079	379,102	3,279,181
Barge	58,507	9,443	67,950
Consulting fees – First Nations	15,000	-	15,000
Geology	321,475	124,578	446,053
Field costs	852,544	1,112,244	1,964,788
Assaying	908,623	61,053	969,676
Travel	29,209	12,168	41,377
Camp costs	267,545	84,609	352,154
Fuel	171,737	50,497	222,234
Insurance	546	725	1,271
Wages and related expenses	309,653	161,642	471,295
Total expenditures during the period	5,834,918	1,996,061	7,830,979
Balance, end of the period	30,969,609	2,000,970	32,970,579
Total deferred costs, end of the period	\$ 32,658,816	\$ 6,200,970	\$ 38,859,786

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7. EQUIPMENT AND CAMP BUILDINGS

	Office Equipment	Camp Vehicles and Equipment	Camp Buildings/ Septic	Bridge	Total
Cost					
Balance at March 31, 2021	\$ 41,992	\$ 135,075	\$ 178,838	\$ 32,855	\$ 388,760
Additions	-	34,270	-	-	34,270
Disposals	-	(16,686)	-	-	(16,686)
Balance at March 31, 2022	\$ 41,992	\$ 152,659	\$ 178,838	\$ 32,855	\$ 406,344
Additions	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Balance at March 31, 2023	\$ 41,992	\$ 152,659	\$ 178,838	\$ 32,855	\$ 406,344
Depreciation and impairment					
Balance at March 31, 2021	\$ 40,447	\$ 116,639	\$ 178,838	\$ 27,920	\$ 363,844
Additions	467	9,571	-	3,284	13,322
Disposals	-	(16,686)	-	-	(16,686)
Balance at March 31, 2022	\$ 40,914	\$ 109,524	\$ 178,838	\$ 31,204	\$ 360,480
Additions	338	10,222	-	1,651	12,211
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Balance at March 31, 2023	\$ 41,252	\$ 119,746	\$ 178,838	\$ 32,855	\$ 372,691
Carrying amounts – NBV					
At March 31, 2023	\$ 740	\$ 32,913	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 33,653
At March 31, 2022	\$ 1,078	\$ 43,135	\$ -	\$ 1,651	\$ 45,864

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8. RIGHT OF USE ASSET AND LEASE LIABILITY

In October 2021, the Company has extended its office lease with terms running through September 2026. Upon commencement, the Company recognized a right-of-use asset of \$135,611 and a lease liability of \$135,611. The lease liability was discounted using an estimated incremental borrowing rate of 12.0% per annum.

The continuity of the right-of-use asset for the year ended March 31, 2023 is as follows:

		Right-of-use asset
As at March 31, 2021	\$	21,909
Initial valuation of new lease		135,611
Amortization		(35,470)
As at March 31, 2022	\$	122,050
Amortization		(27,122)
As at March 31, 2023	\$	94,928

Minimum lease payments in respect of lease liabilities and the effect of discounting as at March 31, 2023 are as follows:

		Lease liability
Less than one year	\$	24,666
More than one year		80,367
As at March 31, 2023	\$	105,033

The continuity of the lease liability for the year ended March 31, 2023 is as follows:

		Lease liability
As at March 31, 2021	\$	25,217
Initial valuation		135,611
Principal payments		(34,715)
As at March 31, 2022	\$	126,113
Principal payments		(21,080)
As at March 31, 2023	\$	105,033

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9. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

The Company's trade and other payables on March 31, 2023 and 2022 are as follows:

	Note	As at March 31, 2023	As at March 31, 2022
Trade payables		\$ 71,703	\$ 140,184
Amounts due to related parties	10	215,922	11,550
Accrued expenses		26,000	18,000
		\$ 313,625	\$ 169,734

Trade payables are comprised principally of amounts outstanding for trade purchases relating to exploration and general operating activities. The usual credit period taken for trade purchases is between 30 to 90 days.

10. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the year ended March 31, 2023 the following amounts were paid and or accrued to related parties. All comparative amounts are for the year ended March 31, 2022.

- (a) Management wages and director fees of \$750,246 (2022 - \$642,405) were paid to directors or officers of the Company or to companies controlled by directors or officers of the Company.
- (b) Consulting and geological fees of \$199,650 (2022 - \$136,740) were paid to Companies controlled by directors or officers of the Company.
- (c) Administration fees of \$Nil (2022 - \$32,400) were paid to Companies controlled by directors or officers of the Company.
- (d) Included in trade and other payables is \$215,922 (2022 - \$Nil) owed to individuals for management fees rendered to the Company; this amount owing is unsecured, non-interest bearing, and has no specific terms of repayment. Of this amount the Company has agreed to issue 1,544,540 to settle the amount of \$204,431. The Company will require disinterested shareholder approval at the 2023 AGM to complete the transaction.

During the year ended March 31, 2023, the Company earned \$27,600 (2022 - \$26,400) in office sublease revenue from a company with common officers. At March 31, 2023, this related company owed \$Nil (2022 - \$3,570) to the Company.

The above transactions, occurring in the normal course of operations, are measured at the exchange amount which is the amount of consideration established and agreed to by the related parties.

Key management personnel are persons responsible for planning, directing and controlling the activities of an entity, and include executive and non-executive directors.

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10. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (continued)

The Company incurred the following transactions with key management personnel and companies controlled by directors of the Company.

	For the year ended March 31,	
	2023	2022
Key management personnel compensation comprised of:		
Short term employee benefits:		
Management fees – mineral property costs	\$ 199,650	\$ 29,730
Professional fees – administration	-	27,600
Management and administration	750,246	231,450
	\$ 949,896	\$ 288,780
Share-based payments	1,880,735	3,048,629
	\$ 2,830,631	\$ 3,337,409

11. SHARE CAPITAL AND CONTRIBUTED SURPLUS

(a) Authorized: Unlimited number of common shares without par value.

(b) Issued and Fully Paid

	Number of Shares	Amount
Balance – March 31, 2021	133,192,134	\$ 48,151,688
Issued for cash – non flow through	4,445,000	2,000,250
Issued for cash – flow through	21,100,000	12,013,875
Exercise of share purchase warrants	4,311,681	751,986
Exercise of incentive stock options	1,988,000	527,412
Flow-through share premium	-	(2,518,875)
Property acquisitions	1,929,655	713,000
Finder warrants issued	-	(438,959)
Less: share issue costs – cash	-	(1,069,271)
Balance – March 31, 2022	166,966,470	\$ 60,131,106
Issued for cash – non flow through	11,539,000	1,500,070
Issued for cash – flow through	11,077,000	2,381,555
Exercise of share purchase warrants	2,533,386	326,426
RSU, DSU settlements	950,075	322,075
Flow-through share premium	-	(941,545)
Property acquisitions	1,481,481	200,000
Less: share issue costs – cash	-	(69,045)
Balance – March 31, 2023	194,547,412	\$ 63,850,642

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11. SHARE CAPITAL AND CONTRIBUTED SURPLUS (continued)

(b) Issued and Fully Paid (continued)

Transactions during the Year Ended March 31, 2023

- i) On January 31, 2023, the Company completed a non-brokered private placement for total gross proceeds of \$3,881,625 consisting of (i) 11,539,000 units (the “Units”) sold at a price of \$0.13 per Unit and (ii) 11,077,000 charity flow-through units (the “Charity FT Units”) sold at a price of \$0.215. Each Unit consists of one common share and one-half of one transferable common share purchase warrant (each whole such common share purchase warrant, a “Warrant”). Each Charity FT Unit consists of one charity flow-through common share and one-half of one Warrant. Each Warrant shall be exercisable into one additional common share for a period of twelve months at an exercise price of \$0.20 per Warrant. The Company paid cash finders fees totalling \$46,260. On issuance, the Company has recognized a flow-through premium of \$941,545.

Transactions during the Year Ended March 31, 2022

- ii) On June 9, 2021, the Company completed a bought deal private placement for total gross proceeds of \$14,014,125, consisting of (i) 4,445,000 units (the “Units”) sold at a price of \$0.45 per Unit; (ii) 11,325,000 flow-through units (the “FT units”) sold at a price of \$0.53 per FT Unit; and (iii) 9,775,000 charity flow-through units (the “Charity FT Units”) sold at a price of \$0.615. Each Unit consists of one common share and one-half of one transferable common share purchase warrant (each whole such common share purchase warrant, a “Warrant”). Each FT Unit consists of one flow-through common share and one-half of one Warrant. Each Charity FT Unit consists of one charity flow-through common share and one-half of one Warrant. Each Warrant shall be exercisable into one additional common share for a period of twenty-four months at an exercise price of \$0.60 per Warrant.

The Charity FT units were issued as a part of a separate, structured financing arrangement. However, from the Company’s perspective, these units were in all other respects identical to the FT units.

The Company has paid a cash commission of \$737,989 and a fiscal advisory fee of \$42,858. In addition, the Company issued 1,339,085 broker warrants and 81,317 fiscal advisory warrants (collectively, the “Compensation Warrants”) to the Underwriters. Each Compensation Warrant is exercisable into one additional common share for a period of twenty-four months at an exercise price of \$0.45 per Warrant. On issuance, the Company has recognized a flow-through premium of \$2,518,875. All securities issued in connection with the Offering are subject to a hold period of four months and one day from closing of the Offering.

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11. SHARE CAPITAL AND CONTRIBUTED SURPLUS (continued)**(c) Share Purchase Warrants**

A continuity schedule of outstanding share purchase warrants is as follows:

	Number of Warrants	Weighted Average Exercise Price
Balance, March 31, 2021	48,199,387	\$0.16
Issued – Unit Offering	12,772,497	\$0.60
Exercised	(4,311,681)	\$0.17
Balance, March 31, 2022	56,660,203	\$0.26
Issued – Unit Offering	11,308,000	\$0.20
Exercised	(2,533,386)	\$0.13
Balance, March 31, 2023	65,434,817	\$0.26

As at March 31, 2023 outstanding share purchase warrants are:

Number of Warrants	Exercise Price	Expiry Date
1,876,833	\$0.09	June 3, 2023
1,286,668	\$0.12	July 6, 2023
3,026,854	\$0.17	October 9, 2023
35,163,965	\$0.17	October 28, 2023
12,772,497	\$0.60	June 9, 2023
11,308,000	\$0.20	January 31, 2024
<u>65,434,817</u>		

(d) Agents' warrants

A continuity schedule of outstanding agents' warrants is as follows:

	Number of Warrants	Weighted average exercise price
Balance, March 31, 2021	-	-
Exercised	1,420,402	\$0.45
Balance, March 31, 2022 and 2023	1,420,402	\$0.45

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(d) Agents' warrants (continued)

As at March 31, 2023 outstanding share purchase warrants are:

Number of Warrants	Exercise Price	Expiry Date
1,420,402	\$0.45	June 9, 2023
<u>1,420,402</u>		

The Black-Scholes model inputs for finder warrants granted during the year ended March 31, 2022 included:

Grant Date	Expiry Date	Share Price At Grant Date	Exercise Price	Risk-Free Interest Rate	Expected Life	Volatility	Dividend Yield
June 9, 2021	June 9, 2023	\$0.42	\$0.45	0.36	2 years	160.5%	0

The expected price volatility is based on the historic volatility (based on the remaining life of the options), adjusted for any expected changes for future volatility due to publicly available information.

(e) Nature and Purpose of Equity and Reserves

The reserves recorded in equity on the Company's balance sheet include 'Contributed Surplus' and 'Accumulated Deficit'.

'Contributed Surplus' is used to recognize the value of stock option grants and share warrants prior to exercise. 'Accumulated Deficit' is used to record the Company's change in deficit from earnings from year to year.

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11. SHARE CAPITAL AND CONTRIBUTED SURPLUS (continued)**(f) Share Compensation Plan**

The Company's Share Compensation Plan ("Plan") includes stock options ("Options"), restricted share units ("RSUs") and deferred share units ("DSUs"). The Plan received shareholder approval at the Company's AGM held on September 21, 2022. The maximum number of Common Shares reserved for issuance under the Share Compensation Plan shall be no more than 10% of the Company's issued and outstanding share capital at the time of any RSU, Option, or DSU award or grant.

The maximum aggregate number of Common Shares issuable pursuant to all Security Based Compensation granted or issued under the Plan to any one Participant (as such term is defined in the Plan) in any 12-month period shall not exceed 5% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares, calculated as at the date that such Security Based Compensation is granted or issued to the Participant. The exercise price of each Option granted under the plan may not be less than the Discounted Market Price (as that term is defined in the policies of the TSXV).

Options may be granted for a maximum term of ten years from the date of the grant, are non-transferable and expire within 90 days of termination of employment or holding office as director or officer of the Company. Unless otherwise stated, Options vest when granted.

Stock options

A summary of the Company's option transactions for the year ended March 31, 2023 and March 31, 2022 is as follows:

	Number of Options	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Weighted Average Contractual Life (years)
Balance, March 31, 2021	10,183,000	\$0.57	3.88
Granted	4,125,000	\$0.42	
Exercised	(1,988,000)	\$0.14	
Expired / Cancelled	(430,000)	\$0.68	
Balance, March 31, 2022	11,890,000	\$0.59	3.90
Expired / Cancelled	(6,390,000)	\$0.58	
Balance, March 31, 2023	5,500,000	\$0.51	3.14

The weighted average share price of options exercised, as at the date of exercise, during the year ended March 31, 2023 was \$Nil (2022 - \$0.14).

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As at March 31, 2023 outstanding stock options are:

Number of Options	Exercise Price	Expiry Date
1,800,000	\$0.69	January 4, 2026
200,000	\$0.44	April 23, 2026
2,500,000	\$0.42	June 23, 2026
800,000	\$0.42	October 15, 2026
200,000	\$0.31	December 20, 2026
<u>5,500,000</u>		

The Black-Scholes model inputs for options granted during the year ended March 31, 2022 included:

Grant Date	Expiry Date	Share Price At Grant Date	Exercise Price	Risk-Free Interest Rate	Expected Life	Volatility	Dividend Yield
April 13, 2021	April 13, 2026	\$0.42	\$0.44	0.28	5 years	150.2%	0
June 23, 2021	June 23, 2026	\$0.40	\$0.42	0.43	5 years	148.3%	0
October 15, 2021	October 15, 2026	\$0.42	\$0.42	1.31	5 years	145.7%	0
December 20, 2021	December 20, 2026	\$0.31	\$0.31	1.26	5 years	144.2%	0

The expected price volatility is based on the historic volatility (based on the remaining life of the options), adjusted for any expected changes for future volatility due to publicly available information.

Restricted Share Units

Under the Plan, RSUs are granted to employees, directors, officers and consultants as approved by the Company's Board of Directors. Each RSU represents a unit with the underlying value equal to the value of one common share of the Company, vests over a specified period of service in accordance with the Plan and can be equity or cash settled at the discretion of the Company.

A summary of the Company's RSU transactions for the year ended March 31, 2023 and March 31, 2022 is as follows:

	Number of RSUs	Weighted Average Value at Date of Grant
Balance, March 31, 2022	-	\$ -
Granted (1)	1,919,841	0.339
Granted (2)	1,476,801	0.339
Granted (3)	5,286,914	0.132
Settled	(639,947)	0.339
Balance, March 31, 2023	8,043,609	\$ 0.202

1) RSUs granted on January 4, 2022. Shareholder approval was received on September 21, 2022. Vesting 1/3, after 12, 24 and 36 months

2) RSUs granted on January 4, 2022. Shareholder approval was received on September 21, 2022. Vesting subject to performance criteria over a 36 month period.

3) RSUs granted on February 27, 2023. Vesting 1/3, after 12, 24 and 36 months

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11. SHARE CAPITAL AND CONTRIBUTED SURPLUS (continued)

For the year ended March 31, 2023, Nil RSUs were forfeited, Nil RSUs were settled in cash and 639,947 RSUs were settled in issuance of shares.

For the year ended March 31, 2023, \$683,621 share-based compensation expense was recorded.

Deferred Share Units

Under the Plan, DSUs are granted to non-executive directors as approved by the Company's Board of Directors. Each DSU represents a unit with the underlying value equal to the value of one common share of the Company, vests over a specified period of service in accordance with the Plan and can be equity or cash settled at the discretion of the Company.

A summary of the Company's DSU transactions for the year ended March 31, 2023 and March 31, 2022 is as follows:

	Number of DSUs	Weighted Average Value at Date of Grant
Balance, March 31, 2022	-	\$ -
Granted ⁽¹⁾	2,215,201	0.339
Granted ⁽²⁾	3,506,059	0.132
Settled	(310,128)	0.339
Balance, March 31, 2023	5,411,132	\$ 0.339

1) DSUs granted on January 4, 2022. Shareholder approval was received on September 21, 2022. 12-month minimum vesting period.

2) DSUs granted on February 27, 2023. 12-month minimum vesting period.

For the year ended March 31, 2023, Nil DSUs were forfeited, Nil DSUs were settled in cash and 310,128 DSUs were settled in issuance of shares.

For the year ended March 31, 2023, \$791,527 share-based compensation expense was recorded.

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11. SHARE CAPITAL AND CONTRIBUTED SURPLUS (continued)

(g) Contributed Surplus

During the year ended March 31, 2023 \$405,588 (2022 - \$2,287,802) was recorded as stock-based compensation related to the granting of Nil incentive stock options (2022 – 4,125,000), \$477,611 (2022 – Nil) was recorded as stock-based compensation expense relating to the vesting of 639,947 RSUs (2022 – Nil), \$791,527 was recorded as stock-based compensation relating to the vesting of 2,215,201 (2022 – Nil) DSUs and \$Nil was recorded as share issue costs related to the granting of Nil (2022 - 1,420,402) finder warrants (2022 – \$438,959).

A continuity of contributed surplus is as follows:

	For the Year Ended March 31,	
	2023	2022
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 10,653,118	\$ 8,169,534
Stock-based compensation - expensed	1,880,735	2,287,802
Settlements, RSUs and DSUs	(322,075)	-
Finder warrants issued – share issue costs	-	438,959
Value of options exercised reclassified to share capital	-	(243,177)
Balance, end of year	\$ 12,211,778	\$ 10,653,118

12. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, MANAGEMENT OF CAPITAL AND FINANCIAL RISK

All financial instruments are included on the Company's balance sheet and measured at either fair value or amortized cost.

The Company's financial assets consist of cash and cash equivalents and amounts receivable, which are designated as loans and receivables and measured at amortized cost.

The Company's financial liabilities consist of accounts payable and accrued liabilities and due to related parties, which are designated as other financial liabilities and measured at amortized cost.

The carrying values of the Company's financial instruments measured at amortized costs approximate their fair values due to their short-term nature.

The capital of the Company consists of shareholders' equity - \$44,700,301 (March 31, 2022 - \$41,534,519).

The Board of Directors does not establish quantitative return on capital criteria for management, but rather relies on the expertise of the Company's management to sustain future development of the business. There were no changes in the Company's approach to capital management during the year.

The Company is not subject to any externally imposed capital requirements. The Company relies on capital markets to support continued growth.

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13. SEGMENTED INFORMATION

During the year ended March 31, 2023 and March 31, 2022 the Company operated in one reportable operating segment, being the acquisition, exploration and development of mineral properties in British Columbia. Administrative expenses and working capital balances are located in Canada.

14. NON-CASH TRANSACTIONS

Investing and financing activities that do not have a direct impact on current cash flows are excluded from the statements of cash flows. The following transactions have been excluded from the statements of cash flows.

During the year ended March 31, 2023:

The issuance of 1,481,481 common shares valued at \$200,000 for exploration and evaluation assets.

On January 4, 2023, the Company recorded \$1,475,147 as share-based payments in relation to the vesting of 639,947 RSUs and 2,215,201 DSUs.

On February 15, 2023, the Company settled 639,947 RSUs and 310,128 DSUs with a realized value of \$322,075.

During the year ended March 31, 2022:

The issuance of 1,929,655 common shares valued at \$713,000 for exploration and evaluation assets.

15. INCOME TAXES

	For the year ended March 31,	
	2023	2022
Current expense	\$ -	\$ -
Deferred tax expense	246,000	2,560,000
	<u>\$ 246,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,560,000</u>

Taxation in the Company's operational jurisdictions is calculated at the rates prevailing in the respective jurisdictions. There is no tax charge arising for the Company for the year.

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15. INCOME TAXES (continued)

The difference between tax expense for the year and the expected income taxes based on the statutory tax rates arises as follows:

	For the year ended March 31,	
	2023	2022
Loss before income taxes	\$ (1,866,000)	\$ (2,330,000)
Income taxed at statutory rates – 27.00% (2021 – 27.00%)	(504,000)	(629,000)
Deductible and non-deductible expenses	128,000	234,000
Share issuance costs	(19,000)	(289,000)
Exploration and evaluation costs	643,000	3,244,000
Previously-unrecognized deferred tax liabilities	(2,000)	-
Deferred tax expense	<u>\$ 246,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,560,000</u>

Deferred Tax Assets and Liabilities

The nature and tax effect of the temporary differences giving rise to the deferred tax assets and liabilities as at March 31, 2023 and 2022 are summarized as follows:

	March 31,	March 31,
	2023	2022
Non-capital losses	\$ 2,995,000	\$ 2,547,000
Undeducted financing costs	200,000	249,000
Capital assets and other	112,000	109,000
	<u>3,307,000</u>	<u>2,905,000</u>
Exploration and evaluation costs	(7,627,000)	(6,979,000)
Deferred tax liability	<u>\$ (4,320,000)</u>	<u>\$ (4,074,000)</u>

As at March 31, 2023, the Company has estimated non-capital losses of \$11,078,322 which expire from 2033 to 2043, for tax purposes that may be carried forward to reduce taxable income derived in future years.

The potential benefits of these carry-forward non-capital losses, and deductible temporary differences has not been recognized in these financial statements as it is not considered probable that sufficient future taxable profit will allow the deferred tax assets to be recovered.

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15. INCOME TAXES (continued)

Flow-through Shares

Flow-through common shares require the Company to spend an amount equivalent to the proceeds of the issued flow-through common shares on Canadian qualifying exploration expenditures. The Company may be required to indemnify the holders of such shares for any tax and other costs payable by them in the event the Company has not made the required exploration expenditures.

During the year ended March 31, 2023, the Company received \$2,381,555 (2022 - \$12,013,875) from the issue of flow-through shares, of which \$941,545 (2022 - 2,518,875) was attributed to a premium over the fair value of the shares issued and recorded as a liability for accounting purposes. Of this premium, \$1,406,193 (2022 - \$1,142,676) was subsequently recognized in income as the related expenditures were incurred, and \$911,551 (2022 - \$1,376,199) remained outstanding at March 31, 2023 as it relates to remaining flow-through obligations.

At March 31, 2023, the Company has unspent flow-through funds on hand of approximately \$2,305,688 (2022 - \$6,563,835), all of which is required to be incurred on qualifying exploration expenditures prior to December 31, 2024.

Funds raised in connection with the flow-through shares must be spent on qualified mineral exploration and are restricted to Canadian Exploration Expenditures as defined in the Canadian Income Tax Act. The expenditures are renounced in favour of investors subscribing for flow-through shares and the amounts are not available to the Company for income tax purposes.

16. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Effective with a commencement date of October 1, 2021, the Company is committed to an operating lease on its office premises expiring on September 30, 2026. The Company's lease commitments for the total annual basic lease payments are as follows:

2024	\$ 35,086
2025	\$ 36,104
2026	\$ 37,120
2027	\$ 18,815

17. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

- i) On June 9, 2023, 12,772,497 share purchase warrants and 1,420,402 finder warrants with an exercise price of \$0.60 expired unexercised.
- ii) On July 12, 2023, 1,286,668 share purchase warrants with an exercise price of \$0.12 expired unexercised.
- iii) As at July 28, 2023, 1,876,833 share purchase warrants were exercised for gross proceeds of \$168,915.