

(An Exploration Stage Company)

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
Six Months Ended June 30, 2016 AND 2015
(Expressed in Canadian dollars)

### **NOTICE TO READER**

The accompanying condensed consolidated interim financial statements of Lara Exploration Ltd. for the six months ended June 30, 2016 and 2015 have been prepared by management and approved by the Audit Committee and the Board of Directors of the Company. These condensed consolidated interim financial statements have not been reviewed by the Company's external auditors.

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Condensed Consolidated Interim Statements of Financial Position
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		June 30,	December 31,
		2016	2015
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 3)	\$	989,719	\$ 1,017,726
Receivables (Note 4)		13,670	6,624
Prepaids and deposits		23,061	47,360
Total current assets		1,026,450	1,071,710
Non-current assets			
Restricted cash equivalents (Note 5)		46,000	46,000
Equipment (Note 6)		14,235	23,183
Exploration and evaluation assets (Note 7)		192,194	185,236
Investment in associated companies and joint ventures (Note 9)		400,742	408,051
Long-term investments (Note 10)		202,681	192,685
Total non-current assets		855,852	855,155
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	1,882,302	\$ 1,926,865
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$	342,889	\$ 280,054
Advances from JV partners	Ş	42,283	\$ 260,034
TOTAL LIABILITIES		385,172	280,054
TOTAL LIABILITIES		303,172	200,034
EQUITY			
Share capital (Note 11)		21,075,062	20,980,656
Commitment to issue shares		89,849	63,533
Share-based payments reserve		8,359,129	8,339,445
Accumulated other comprehensive income (Note 10)		147,277	137,281
Deficit		(28,174,187)	(27,874,104)
TOTAL EQUITY		1,497,130	1,646,811
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$	1,882,302	\$ 1,926,865
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Nature of operations and ability to continue as a going concern (Note 1) Event after the reporting date (Note 17)

These condensed consolidated interim financial statements were authorized for issuance by the Board of Directors on August 23, 2016

# **Approved by the Board of Directors**



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Condensed Consolidated Interim Statements of Comprehensive Loss
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		2016		2015	2016		2015
EXPLORATION EXPENDITURES (Note 8)	\$	117,835	\$	169,866	\$ 394,923	\$	468,760
GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES							
Administrative services		87,492		81,060	171,081		165,560
Depreciation (Note 6)		173		281	351		562
Management and directors' fees		30,000		40,064	60,000		84,537
Professional fees		28,164		16,695	40,933		43,160
Investor relations and shareholder communication		10,206		13,517	26,053		18,594
Share-based payments (Note 11)		58,498		19,240	71,656		47,870
Transfer agent and filing fees		13,265		12,129	45,147		35,765
Travel and related costs		58		14,521	978		32,382
		227,856		197,507	416,199		428,430
Loss before other items		(345,691)		(367,373)	(811,122)		(897,190)
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSES)							
Equity in loss of associated companies (Note 9)		(38,378)		(40,827)	(64,209)		(45,421)
Foreign exchange gain (loss)		(70,040)		(28,465)	(89,419)		30,438
Gain on settlement of accounts payable		-		12,083	-		12,083
Interest income		383		568	1,394		918
Loss on dilution of former subsidiaries (Note 9)		-		(4,099)	-,		(4,099)
Option payments received (Note 8)		-		418,833	693,975		418,833
Other income		-		60,988	4,699		71,850
Realized gain on sale of long-term AFS investment		-		88,711	-		94,855
Write-off of exploration and evaluation assets (Note 7)		-		(916,347)	(35,401)		(916,347)
		(108,035)		(408,555)	511,039		(336,890)
Net loss for the period		(453,726)		(775,928)	(300,083)		(1,234,080)
Other comprehensive loss							
Net income (loss) for the period	\$	(453,726)	\$	(775,928)	\$ (300,083)	\$	(1,234,080)
Items that may be reclassified to profit or loss							
Change in fair value of investments (Note 10)		52,057		118,611	9,996		294,367
Transfer disposal of AFS investments		-		(88,711)	-		(94,855)
Comprehensive loss	\$	(401,669)	\$	(746,028)	\$ (290,087)	\$	(1,034,568)
Basic and diluted loss per common share	\$	(0.01)	\$	(0.03)	\$ (0.01)	\$	(0.04)
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Weighted average number of common shares							
outstanding		31,371,220		30,969,691	31,329,423		30,969,691

(An Exploration Stage Company) Condensed Consolidated Interim Statements of Cash Flows (Expressed in Canadian dollars)

		Six Months End	ed June 30,
	-	2016	2015
OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Net loss for the period	\$	(300,083)	\$ (1,234,080)
Items not affecting cash:			
Depreciation		351	562
Depreciation included in exploration expenditures		8,940	4,137
Equity loss on investment in associated companies and joint venture	S	64,209	45,421
Gain on sale of long-term investments		-	(94,855)
Gain on settlement of accounts payable		-	(12,083)
Loss on dilution of a subsidiary		-	4,099
Write-off of exploration and evaluation assets		35,401	916,347
Option payments received as shares		-	(418,833)
Share-based payments		71,656	47,870
Unrealized foreign exchange gain		-	(21,840)
Changes in non-cash working capital items:			
Receivables		(7,046)	(111,440)
Prepaids and deposits		24,299	34,127
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		62,835	57,901
		(39,438)	(782,667)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Acquisition of exploration and evaluation assets		(42,359)	-
Advance from JV partners		42,283	-
Cash held by former subsidiary		-	(46,678)
Investment in associated companies and joint ventures		(56,900)	(40,075)
Purchase of equipment		(343)	(2,223)
Proceeds on disposal of equipment		-	725,511
		(57,319)	636,535
FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Exercise of options		68,750	-
		68,750	-
Change in cash and cash equivalents		(28,007)	(146,132)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period		1,017,726	954,509
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$	989,719 \$	808,377
Supplementary cash flow information			
Interest received	\$	1,394	917
Received common shares as option payments (Note 14)	7	<u>-,00</u> .	418,433

(An Exploration Stage Company) Condensed Consolidated Interim Statements of Changes in Equity (Expressed in Canadian dollars)

	Number of shares	Share capital	С	ommitment to issue shares	Š	Share-based payments reserve	cor	Accumulated other nprehensive ncome (loss)		Deficit	Total
Balance as at December 31, 2015	31,286,357	\$ 20,980,656	\$	63,533	\$	8,339,445	\$	137,281	\$ (	(27,874,104)	\$ 1,646,811
Exercise of stock options	275,000	68,750		-		-		-		-	68,750
Reclassification of share-based payment											
reserve on exercise of options	-	25,656		-		(25,656)		-		-	-
Share-based payments	-	-		26,316		45,340		-		-	71,656
Change in fair value of AFS investments	-	-		-		-		9,996		-	9,996
Net loss for the period	-	-		-		-		-		(300,083)	(300,083)
Balance as at June 30, 2016	31,561,357	\$ 21,075,062	\$	89,849	\$	8,359,129	\$	147,277	\$ (	(28,174,187)	\$ 1,497,130
Balance as at December 31, 2014	30,969,691	\$ 20,863,240	\$	39,503	\$	8,202,304	\$	12,189	\$ (	(25,728,832)	\$ 3,388,404
Share-based payments	-	-		47,870		-		-		-	47,870
Shares to be issued for debts	-	-		60,417							60,417
Change in fair value of AFS investments	-	-		-		-		294,367		-	294,367
Transfer of gain on sale of AFS											
investments	-	-		-		-		(94,855)		-	(94,855)
Net loss for the period	-	-		-		-		-		(1,234,080)	(1,234,080)
Balance as at June 30, 2015	30,969,691	\$ 20,863,240	\$	147,790	\$	8,202,304	\$	211,701	\$ (	(26,962,912)	\$ 2,462,123

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#### 1. NATURE OF OPERATIONS AND ABILITY TO CONTINUE AS A GOING CONCERN

Lara Exploration Ltd. (the "Company" or "Lara") was incorporated under the British Columbia Business Corporations Act on March 31, 2003. The Company's principal business activities are the acquisition, exploration and development of mineral properties in South America, currently with exploration and evaluation properties in Brazil, Peru, Colombia and Chile. These condensed consolidated interim financial statements of the Company as at and for the three months ended June 30, 2016 and 2015 are comprised of the Company and its subsidiaries. The Company's common shares are listed on the TSX Venture Exchange under the symbol of "LRA".

The Company is in the process of exploring its exploration and evaluation assets and has not yet determined whether they contain reserves that are economically recoverable. The recoverability of amounts shown for exploration and evaluation assets is dependent upon the discovery of economically recoverable reserves, the ability of the Company to obtain the necessary financing to complete their exploration and development, confirmation of the Company's interest in the underlying claims and leases, ability to obtain the necessary permits to mine and future profitable production or proceeds from the disposition of these assets.

These condensed consolidated interim financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, which assumes that the Company will be able to meet its obligations and continue its operations for its next fiscal year. Realization values may be substantially different from the carrying values shown and these condensed consolidated interim financial statements do not give effect to adjustments that would be necessary to the carrying values and classification of assets and liabilities should the Company be unable to continue as a going concern. The Company's continuing operations and the ability of the Company to meet mineral property and other commitments are dependent upon the ability of the Company to continue to raise additional equity or debt financing and to seek joint venture partners. At the date of these condensed consolidated interim financial statements, the Company has not identified a known body of commercial grade mineral on any of its properties. At June 30, 2016, the Company has not achieved profitable operations and has accumulated losses since inception. Management expects that the Company may need to raise additional capital resources to fund its exploration programs and administrative expenses for the next twelve months.

#### 2. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

### **Basis of Measurement and Presentation**

These condensed consolidated interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standard 34, Interim Financial Reporting ("IAS 34") using accounting policies consistent with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB") and interpretations of the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee ("IFRIC"). These condensed consolidated interim financial statements have been prepared using the accrual basis of accounting except for cash flow information.

These condensed consolidated interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the same accounting policies and methods of application as the most recent audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2015, except that they do not include all the information required for the annual audited financial statements. These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2015.

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#### 2. BASIS OF PRESENTATION (continued)

These condensed consolidated interim financial statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis, except for financial instruments classified as available-for-sale ("AFS") which are stated at their fair value. In addition, these condensed consolidated interim financial statements have been prepared using the accrual basis of accounting except for cash flow information. The preparation of these condensed consolidated interim financial statements requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of the policies and reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

# **Basis of Consolidation**

These condensed consolidated interim financial statements comprise the accounts of the parent company, and its subsidiaries, after the elimination of all material intercompany balances and transactions.

# 3. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on hand and deposits at bank earning interest at both fixed and floating rates based on daily bank deposit rates:

	June 30	, 2016	Decemb	oer 31, 2015
Cash	\$ 98	39,430	\$	1,017,437
Short-term bank deposits		289		289
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 98	39,719	\$	1,017,726

#### 4. RECEIVABLES

The Company's receivables arise from goods and services tax ("GST") receivable from government taxation authorities, and recovery of exploration expenditures from joint venture partners.

	June	30, 2016	December	r 31, 2015
Accounts receivable	\$	5,744	\$	1,125
GST receivable		7,926		5,499
Receivables	\$	13,670	\$	6,624

# 5. RESTRICTED CASH EQUIVALENTS

At June 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, the Company classified \$46,000 as restricted cash equivalents. This amount is held as collateral for the Company's corporate credit cards.

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### 6. EQUIPMENT

		Computer		Field		Office	
	e	equipment	е	quipment	6	equipment	Total
Costs							
December 31, 2015	\$	41,625	\$	3,015	\$	92,427	\$ 137,067
Additions		343		-		-	343
June 30, 2016		41,968		3,015		92,427	137,410
Accumulated depreciation							
December 31, 2015		35,952		620		77,312	113,884
Additions		1,909		151		7,231	9,291
June 30, 2016		37,861		771		84,543	123,175
Net book value							
December 31, 2015	\$	5,673	\$	2,395	\$	15,115	\$ 23,183
June 30, 2016	\$	4,107	\$	2,244	\$	7,884	\$ 14,235

Of the \$9,291 (2015 -\$4,699) of depreciation expense recognized during the six months ended June 30, 2016, \$8,940 (2015 - \$4,137) was included as exploration expenditures and \$351 (2015 - \$562) was recorded as depreciation on the statements of comprehensive loss.

#### 7. EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION ASSETS

	De	ecember 31,				June 30,
		2015	Acquisitions	Im	pairments	2016
<u>Brazil</u>						
Planalto Copper	\$	25,777	\$ -	\$	-	\$ 25,777
Azul		11,447	10,191		-	21,638
Serrita		-	12,810		-	12,810
Damolandia		-	19,358		-	19,358
<u>Peru</u>						
Corina		112,611	-		-	112,611
<u>Paraguay</u>						
Sarambi		35,401	-		(35,401)	
Total	\$	185,236	\$ 42,359	\$	(35,401)	\$ 192,194

### Brazil

# Curionóplis Copper-Gold Project

In October 2013 the Company signed an option agreement with Tessarema Resources Inc. ("Tessarema") whereby Tessarema can earn a 100% interest in the Curionópolis Copper Project. Under the terms of the agreement, Tessarema has earned a notional 49% interest by: making staged cash payments to Lara totalling US\$750,000, completing 2,000 metres of drilling and delivering a National Instrument ("NI") 43-101 report confirming a mineral resource which could be economically mined of at least 100,000 tonnes of contained copper and copper equivalent by-products, all by December 31, 2015. In February 2016, Tessarema earned a further 11% interest (for a total notional interest of 60%) by paying Lara US\$500,000 within one year,

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### 7. EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION ASSETS (continued)

completing permitting for pilot mining and granting Lara a royalty of 5% on any pilot scale production. Tessarema can earn an additional 40% interest in the project (for a total of 100%) by paying Lara US\$750,000, and placing the project into commercial production at a minimum rate of 500 tonnes per day. If that milestone is achieved, the 5% pilot royalty would terminate and Lara would be granted a 2% production royalty. Under the terms of the agreement, Tessarema must earn a 100% interest in the project or the property will be returned to Lara.

#### **Curionopolis Iron Project**

The Company has an agreement whereby Vertical Mineração Ltda. ("Vertical"), a special purpose company owned by a group of Brazilian pig iron producers, has acquired the iron ore targets within the Curionopolis licenses for cash payments, exploration work commitments and royalties. Vertical has completed exploration and development studies on the iron deposits in the property and is currently in the process of completing environmental permitting to secure a mining license. Lara is entitled to royalties of US\$1.50/ton on sales of granular iron ore and US\$0.75/ton on sales of fine-grained iron ore produced from the project.

During the year ended December 31, 2015, the Company filed for arbitration with the Forum Arbitral do Rio de Janeiro ("FARJ"), over its Mineral Rights Transfer Agreement ("the Agreement") with Vertical. Among the terms of the agreement, signed in May 2009, whereby Lara transferred its rights to the Curionópolis Iron Project to Vertical, were obligations for Vertical to make purchase payments and pay minimum royalties to the Company. Despite several renegotiations extending payment terms and repeated notifications Vertical has not made these payments. Lara has requested that the Arbitrators rule on the unpaid amounts, plus interest and fines, as defined by the Agreement. Vertical has contested the qualification of the FARJ and no progress has been made with the arbitration.

#### Itaituba Iron Project

In 2011, the Company entered into an option agreement to acquire the Itaituba Iron Project by paying 100,000 reals (approximately \$55,000); 50,000 reals were paid upon signing the agreement and another 50,000 reals were due upon the transfer of the title of one license area. In March 2013, the transfer of the title to the license area was completed and Lara made the second payment of 50,000 reals. The Company must make a third purchase payment of US\$0.30 per ton of measured reserves of iron ore and a royalty payment of US\$0.45 per ton of economically mineable reserves as determined by a NI 43-101 compliant report. At December 31, 2015, the Company wrote down its investment in the property to nil.

# Planalto Copper Project

In February 2013, the Company entered into an option agreement to acquire a 100% interest in the Planalto Copper Project by paying US\$450,000 (US\$25,000 paid to date) in cash and a 2% net smelter return ("NSR") royalty. Lara has the right to acquire 50% of the NSR for US\$2,000,000. The original Planalto mineral licenses were cancelled by the Brazilian Department of Mines based on perceived deficiencies in the application paperwork. These deficiencies have been rectified and the licenses have been reissued to Lara.

### Liberdade Copper Project

In September 2010 the Company signed an agreement with a local subsidiary of a Chilean copper company, Codelco do Brasil Mineracao Ltda. ("Codelco") to earn an initial 51% interest in the property by investing

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# 7. EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION ASSETS (continued)

US\$3,300,000 in exploration which has been completed. Codelco at its election, can then earn a further 24% interest by sole-funding such additional exploration work as is necessary to define a minimum resource of at least 500,000 tonnes of copper equivalent, independently reported under NI 43-101 guidelines. Work on the project is currently suspended, pending the renewal of the exploration license by the Brazilian Department of Mines. The Brazilian Department of Mines ("DNPM") has delayed analysis of the renewal, as Vale S.A. ("Vale") has claimed to have a license dating back to 1986 that is still valid. Codelco has filed a lawsuit with the Federal Courts in Brasilia, against both the DNPM and Vale to nullify Vale's old license and safeguard its rights under the Liberdade exploration license.

### Caninde Graphite Project

On October 27, 2014 Lara signed an option agreement with Paradigm Metals Limited ("Paradigm") to earn up to an 80% interest in the Company's Canindé Graphite Project in northeastern Brazil by making staged payments totalling US\$700,000 to Lara (US\$100,000 paid), funding a minimum US\$4,500,000 of exploration and development work and putting the project into commercial production. Paradigm terminated the option in October 2015 and returned the property to Lara and the mineral rights were relinquished during the period.

# **Azul Tin Project**

In October 2015 the Company entered into an option agreement with Best Metais e Soldas S.A. ("Best") to acquire the Azul Tin Project, located in Tocantins State, central Brazil. The Company paid US\$7,500 on signing the agreement and a second payment of US\$7,500 was made in January 2016. In order to complete the acquisition, Lara must make the following payments to Best: US\$40,000 by December 31, 2016; US\$200,000 by December 31, 2017 and US\$500,000 by December 31, 2018.

#### **Tocantins Gold Project**

In January 2016 the Company entered into an agreement with Brazil Americas Investments & Participation Mineração Ltda. ("Brazil Americas"), to acquire the Tocantins Gold Project, located close to the town of Conceição do Tocantins, in Central Brazil. Under the terms of the Agreement, Lara will assume the project costs going forward and will pay Brazil Americas 50% of any proceeds from the eventual sale of the project to a third-party.

# Damolândia Nickel Project

In February 2016 the Company entered into an agreement with BCV Consultoria e Projetos Ltda. ("BCV"), to acquire the Damolândia Nickel Project in central Brazil. Lara has agreed to make staged cash payments totalling US\$580,000. BCV will also be entitled to a 1% net smelter return royalty on any production from the project, but Lara retains the right to purchase this royalty for a cash payment of US\$2 million. During the six months ended June 30, 2016, the Company made its first option payment in the amount of \$19,358 (US\$15,000).

### Serrita Gold Project

The Serrita Project comprises three exploration licenses, totalling 5,998 hectares, covering a wide area of artisanal workings. Lara has an option to acquire the Serrita Project by making staged cash and success-based bonus payments totalling up to US\$1.65 million and paying a 1.25% NSR royalty on any production. Lara retains the right to purchase this royalty for a cash payment of US\$1.5 million. The Company has also agreed

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# 7. EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION ASSETS (continued)

to pay finder's fee of staged (mostly success-based) payments totalling US\$100,000. During the six months ended June 30, 2016, the Company made its first option payment in the amount of \$12,810 (US\$10,000).

#### Peru

### Corina Gold Project

In June 2014 the Company signed a binding Letter of Intent with Compañía Minera Ares S.A.C. ("Ares"), a subsidiary of London-listed Hochschild Mining plc. that operates mines nearby, granting an option to purchase its Corina Gold Project in southern Peru. Under the proposed terms, Ares can acquire the Corina property from Lara for staged cash payments totalling US\$4,150,000, carrying out US\$2,000,000 in exploration and paying a 2% NSR royalty on any future production. Lara and Ares signed a definitive agreement in July 2014 and Ares made the first cash payment of US\$150,000. Ares has up to 36 months to obtain a community access agreement, which would allow them to begin exploration. On obtaining this agreement Ares is required to pay the Company US\$150,000 and the 36 month option agreement will begin.

### **Grace Gold Project**

In November 2013, Lara signed an option agreement with S.A.C., ("Apumayo") a subsidiary of Peruvian gold miner Aruntani S.A.C., to acquire 100% of the Company's Grace Gold Project in southern Peru for a total of US\$2,000,000 (US\$75,000 received to date) within 36 months of receiving approval by Dirección General de Minería for the start of exploration activities. Lara will also be entitled to an NSR royalty of between 0.75% and 1% on gold and gold equivalent production in excess of 200,000 troy ounces. Apumayo further committed to minimum exploration expenditures on the property of US\$500,000 and the completion of a minimum of 3,000 metres of drilling. The timing of the payments to Lara and the work commitments are subject to securing community agreements and drilling permits from the Peruvian government. The option agreement with Apumayo has been extended to December 2017.

# Picha Copper Project

During the quarter ended September 30, 2015, the Company signed a Letter of Intent ("LOI") granting the Kiwanda Group a six-month exclusive option to acquire the Project in exchange for assuming mineral rights and community obligations that fall due during 2015. In the event that Kiwanda elects to complete its option, the Project will be transferred to a new company controlled by Kiwanda, which will grant Lara an NSR royalty of 2% on any precious metals and 1% on any base metals or other minerals produced from the Project. Kiwanda will also pay or transfer to Lara 30% of the proceeds upon a sale or transfer of the Project to a third-party. In May 2016, Lara granted a six month extension to allow Kiwanda to enter into a Letter of Intent with the Carajas Copper Company Limited ("Carajas").

Under the terms of the LOI, Carajas has a six week exclusive option to purchase the Picha Project by committing to pay Australian ("A\$") \$60,000 within 30 days of signing. During the exclusivity period, the Parties agree to negotiate, in good faith, a definitive agreement, whereby Kiwanda will transfer the ownership of Kiwanda Peru SAC and the Picha Project to Carajas, for a consideration of A\$400,000, payable by way of issuance of new ordinary shares of Carajas priced at A\$0.003 per share. Each share will include an option exercisable at A\$0.004 per share for a period of 2 years. Lara will receive 30% of the proceeds from this sale and will remain entitled to a net smelter returns royalty on future production of 2% for precious metals and 1% for base metals.

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### 7. EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION ASSETS (continued)

### Minas Dixon - Lara and Tingo Este Copper Projects

Lara has a 45% interest in the Lara Copper Project. Lara retains a 1% NSR royalty on all production from the projects. The Company acquired Tingo Este from Tinka Resources Ltd. ("Tinka") and there is an obligation to pay Tinka a 1% NSR royalty on any production from the property; In June 2015 Minas Dixon elected to drop the Tingo Este mineral rights.

#### Sarambi, Paraguay

At December 31, 2015 the Company had capitalized \$35,401 of acquisition costs. During the three months ended March 31, 2016, the Company decided not to pursue the acquisition of this property and wrote off the full amount of the capitalized cost.

### **Strategic Alliances**

#### Kiwanda Phosphate Alliance

In December 2011, Lara completed a definitive agreement with the Kiwanda Group LLC ("Kiwanda LLC") to generate, acquire and develop phosphate projects in the Andean Region of South America. Under the terms of the agreement, Kiwanda LLC was supposed to fund a US\$1,500,000 generative exploration program over three years, with US\$500,000 committed in year one. Once a minimum of US\$150,000 had been spent on the evaluation, exploration or acquisition of a specific project, Kiwanda LLC would either nominate it as a "Designated Project" or return it to Lara. Each Designated Project will be transferred into an operating company owned equally by Lara and Kiwanda LLC, Kiwanda Alliance (BVI) Inc. (Note 9). Kiwanda LLC agreed to invest US\$5,000,000 over a four-year period (US\$1,000,000 is a firm commitment) in exploration and development of the Designated Project to raise its interest to 65%. Kiwanda could then further raise its interest to a total of 75% by delivering a feasibility study as defined by NI 43-101 within a further two years, subject to spending a minimum of US\$2,000,000 per year. Kiwanda LLC is in default on its funding obligation for the Phosphate Alliance.

### Kiwanda Coal Alliance

In July 2012, Lara completed a definitive agreement with the Kiwanda Mining Partners LP ("Kiwanda LP") to generate, acquire and develop coal projects in Peru and Colombia through an operating company owned equally by Lara and Kiwanda LP, Andean Coal (BVI) Ltd. (Note 9). Under the terms of the agreement, Kiwanda LP was supposed to fund a US\$1,800,000 generative exploration program over three years with US\$600,000 committed in year one. Kiwanda LP is in default on its funding obligation for the Coal Alliance.

On October 14, 2014 the Company signed a Definitive Agreement with partner Kiwanda Mines LLC ("Kiwanda") to sell the rights and options held under their Phosphate Alliance and Coal Alliance, to Australian Securities Exchange listed Phillips River Mining Limited ("Phillips River"). Lara has agreed to sell all of its direct project rights under both Alliances to Phillips River in exchange for 50% of the vend-in shares to be issued by Phillips River and a 2% production royalty. Under the terms of the agreement, Phillips River will now acquire all of the Phosphate Alliance and Coal Alliance assets and options as follows:

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### 7. EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION ASSETS (continued)

- a) Lara's 19.9% interest in central Colombian coal producer Carbhid S.A.
- b) The Coal Alliance's option to earn a 51% interest in Carbhid's Escalones mining rights.
- c) The Coal Alliance's option to earn a 100% interest in the Pelaya coal exploration rights in northern Colombia.
- d) The Phosphate Alliance's option to acquire a 100% interest in the Bifox phosphate mining rights in northern Chile.
- e) The Phosphate Alliance's 100% owned Ki phosphate exploration rights adjacent to the Bifox mining rights.

Lara has received US\$200,000 from Kiwanda LP that was due upon signing of the Heads of Agreement and is entitled to a further US\$570,000 upon the earliest of either the completion of the acquisition of the assets by Phillips River or May 30, 2015. Phillips River will acquire the assets through the issue of new shares at a deemed price of Australian \$0.20 each, based on an independent valuation. After payment of the amounts due to Lara, the new Phillips River shares will be issued equally to Lara (50%) and Kiwanda (50%), with 50-60% of the shares payable upon closing of the transaction and the remainder only payable subject to achieving certain production and resource definition milestones. Phillips River will assume the day-to-day management and costs of these assets, with Lara retaining the right to appoint a director to the Phillips River's board of directors. Lara is further entitled to a 2% production royalty on the Coal Alliance assets and once an annual production capacity of 50,000 tons has been achieved, a 2% production royalty on the Phosphate Alliance assets. Phillips River shareholders approved the transaction on May 15, 2015. The transaction is proceeding and is expected to be completed in 2016. As a result, the Company's investment in associated companies and joint ventures has been reclassified as assets held for sale on the Statement of Financial Position.

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# 8. EXPLORATION EXPENDITURES

During the six months ended June 30, 2016, the Company incurred the following exploration expenditures, which were expensed as incurred:

	С	urionópolis	General and other	Grace	Corina	Picha	Sami	ā	General and other	
		Brazil	Brazil	Peru	Peru	Peru	Peru		Peru	Total
Administrative	\$	37,638	\$ 129,664	\$ 3,535	\$ _	\$ 3,045	\$ 68	\$	9,133	\$ 183,083
Assays		2,565	-	-	-	-	-		-	2,565
Field costs		1,162	24,107	-	-	-	-		10,169	35,438
Property maintenance		10,377	27,271	-	-	33,721	11,496		840	83,705
Salaries / consultants		48,133	83,890	-	393	11,418	-		7,012	150,846
Telecommunications		-	981	-	-	-	-		1,512	2,493
Travel		180	12,323	-	-	-	-		8,491	20,994
Trenching		-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-
Total expenditures		100,055	278,236	3,535	393	48,184	11,564		37,157	479,124
Recoveries		(36,017)	-		-	(48,184)	-		-	(84,201)
Net expenditures	\$	64,038	\$ 278,236	\$ 3,535	\$ 393	\$ _	\$ 11,564	\$	37,157	\$ 394,923

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# 8. EXPLORATION EXPENDITURES (continued)

During the six months ended June 30, 2015, the Company incurred the following exploration expenditures, which were expensed as incurred:

	Cu	rionópolis	Caninde	General and other	Co	ondoroma	Corina	Pecha	Sami	General and other	
		Brazil	Brazil	Brazil		Peru	Peru	Peru	Peru	Peru	Total
Administrative	\$	95,308	\$ 57,395	\$ 59,628	\$	1,717	\$ 8,252	\$ 1,795	\$ 17,291	\$ 9,677	\$ 251,063
Assays		-	3,230	9,855		-	-	-	-	-	13,085
Drilling		-	70,085	-		-	-	-	-	-	70,085
Field costs		74,839	13,104	7,676		254	1,229	267	2,229	3,051	102,649
Property maintenance		23,161	5,928	1,258		39	189	41	343	66	31,025
Salaries and consultants		70,806	40,821	69,402		5,451	26,466	4,362	16,016	28,884	262,208
Telecommunications		1,429	13	868		146	705	153	1,278	242	4,834
Travel and related costs		4,471	12,921	11,451		98	472	103	857	2,354	32,727
Trenching		-	11,199	-		-	-	-	-	-	11,199
Total expenditures		270,014	214,696	160,138		7,705	37,313	6,721	38,014	44,274	778,875
Recoveries		(178,907)	(111,168)	-		-	(20,040)	-	-	-	(310,115)
Net expenditures	\$	91,107	\$ 103,528	\$ 160,138	\$	7,705	\$ 17,273	\$ 6,721	\$ 38,014	\$ 44,274	\$ 468,760

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# 8. EXPLORATION EXPENDITURES (continued)

During the six months ended June 30, 2016, the Company received the aggregate option payments as follows:

	G	iross opt	tions	payments	rece	ived				ecovery of ploration		Advance from	Option revenue	
	Sha	res		Cash	Α	dvances	-	Total	ex	penditure	J۱	/ partners	received	Total
Caninde, Brazil Curionópolis, Brazil	\$	-	\$	- 693,975	\$	- 78,300	\$	- 772,275	\$	- 36,017	\$	- 42,283	\$ - 693,975	\$ - 772,275
Corina, Peru Picha, Peru – Maxy Gold		-		- 48,184		-		- 48,184		- 48,184		-	-	48,184
Total	\$	-	\$	742,159	\$	78,300	\$	820,459	\$	84,201	\$	42,283	\$ 693,975	\$ 820,459

During the six months ended June 30, 2015, the Company received the aggregate option payments as follows:

	Gross op	otion	s payments	rece	eived			ecovery of exploration	R	ecovery of capital	Option revenue	
	 Shares		Cash	ļ	Advances	 Total	ex	kpenditure		property	received	Total
Caninde, Brazil	\$ -	\$	-	\$	111,168	\$ 111,168	\$	111,168	\$	-	\$ -	\$ 111,168
Curionópolis, Brazil	-		-		178,907	178,907		178,907		-	-	178,907
Sergipe Potash, Brazil	418,833		-		-	418,833		-		-	418,833	418,833
Corina, Peru	-		20,040		-	20,040		20,040		-	-	20,040
Total	\$ 418,833	\$	20,040	\$	290,075	\$ 728,948	\$	310,115	\$	-	\$ 418,833	\$ 728,948

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#### 9. INVESTMENT IN ASSOCIATED COMPANIES AND JOINT VENTURES

#### **Kiwanda Coal Alliance**

The Company owns a 50% interest in Andean Coal (BVI) Ltd. ("Andean Coal"). The Company's had a net investment in Andean Coal of \$408,051 at December 31, 2015. During the six months ended June 30, 2016 the Company made an additional investment of \$1,472. The Company's share of the net loss for the six months ended June 30, 2016, was \$8,781 which reduced its net investment in Andean Coal to 400,742.

#### **Kiwanda Phosphate Alliance**

The Company owns a 50% interest in Kiwanda Alliance (BVI) Inc. ("Kiwanda BVI"). At December 31, 2015, the Company's net investment in Kiwanda was \$nil and there were accumulated unrecognized losses of \$200,073. During the six months ended June 30, 2016, the Company made an additional investment of \$1,390. The Company's share of the net loss for the period was \$47,703 and recognized a loss of \$1,390, resulting in an accumulated unrecognized loss of \$246,386 and a net investment in Kiwanda of \$nil at June 30, 2016.

#### Minas Dixon S.A.

The Company owns a 45% interest in Minas Dixon S.A. ("Minas"). At December 31, 2015 Lara had an accumulated unrecognized loss of \$33,280 in Minas with a net investment of \$nil. During the six months ended June 30, 2016, the Company made an additional investment of \$54,038. The Company's share of the net loss for the six months ended June 30, 2016, was \$29,549 and it recognized an additional \$24,489 of previously unrecognized losses for a total loss of \$54,038. At June 30, 2016 the Company's net investment in Minas was nil and there were \$8,791 of previously unrecognized losses.

The continuity of investment in associated companies and joint ventures is as follows:

	Minas	Kiwanda	Αı	ndean Coal	Total
Investment in associated company					
Net investment at December 31, 2015 Additional investment (recovery) for	\$ -	\$ -	\$	408,051	\$ 408,051
the six months ended June 30, 2016	54,038	1,390		1,472	56,900
Share of net (loss) recovery	(29,549)	(1,390)		(8,781)	(39,720)
Prior year's loss recognized	(24,489)	-		-	(24,489)
Net investment at June 30, 2016	\$ -	\$ -	\$	400,742	\$ 400,742

As at June 30, 2016, the associated companies' and joint venture's aggregate assets, aggregate liabilities and net losses are as follows:

		Minas	Minas		А	ndean Coal
Current assets	\$	21.519	\$	278	Ś	_
Non-current assets	7	,	7	-	•	564,477
Current liabilities		-		(4,984)		-
Loss for the period		(65,664)		(95,406)		(17,562)
The Company's ownership percentage		45%		50%		50%
The Company's share of loss for the period		(29,549)		(47,703)		(8,781)

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# 9. INVESTMENT IN ASSOCIATED COMPANIES AND JOINT VENTURES (continued)

The Company has a minority position on the Board of Minas and has a joint control position on the Boards of Andean Coal and Kiwanda BVI and has joint control on operational decisions. The Company has determined that it has significant influence in its associated company and has joint control over its joint arrangements and therefore equity accounting is appropriate.

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### **10. LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS**

The Company has the following long-term investments in the common shares of private companies and of companies that trade on the TSX Venture Exchange and the Australian Securities Exchange. The shares have been classified as available-for-sale ("AFS") financial assets and are valued at their fair market values at June 30, 2016.

	Decemb	Fair value er 31, 2015	Addi	tions	Disposals	Cha	nge in fair value	Jı	Fair value une 30, 2016
Available-for-sale investments									
Aguia Resources Ltd.	\$	160,399	\$	-	\$ -	\$	(7,786)	\$	152,613
Mt. Ridley Mines Inc.		23,786		-	-		17,357		41,143
Redzone Resources Ltd.		8,500		-	-		425		8,925
Total	\$	192,685	\$	_	\$ -	\$	9,996	\$	202,681

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### 11. EQUITY

### **Authorized**

As at June 30, 2016, the authorized share capital of the Company was an unlimited number of common shares without par value.

# **Share Capital**

During the six months ended June 30, 2016, the Company issued:

• 275,000 shares on the exercise of share purchase options value at \$68,750

# **Stock Options**

The changes in stock options outstanding are as follows:

	Number of Options	Weighted Average Exercise Price
Balance as at December 31, 2015	2,660,000	\$ 0.69
Granted	100,000	0.86
Expired/cancelled	(200,000)	(1.09)
Exercised	(275,000)	(0.25)
Balance as at June 30, 2016	2,285,000	\$ 0.70

The following table summarizes the stock options outstanding and exercisable at June 30, 2016:

Date Granted	Expiry Date	Exercise Price	Number Outstanding	Number Exercisable
November 21, 2011	November 21, 2016	1.36	100,000	100,000
January 31, 2012	January 31, 2017	1.20	765,000	765,000
October 25, 2012	October 25, 2017	1.33	100,000	100,000
April 22, 2014	April 22, 2019	0.86	50,000	50,000
July 24, 2015	July 24, 2020	0.25	1,170,000	1,170,000
May 27, 2016	May 25, 2021	0.86	100,000	100,000
Total			2,285,000	2,285,000

The weighted average remaining life of the outstanding stock options is 2.63 years. From January 1, 2016 to June 30, 2016 200,000 options expired unexercised at an average exercise price of \$1.09 and 100,000 new options were issued at exercise price of \$0.86.

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### 11. EQUITY (continued)

### **Share-based Payments**

During the six months ended June 30, 2016, the Company accrued \$26,316 of share-based payments for vesting bonus shares.

During the six months ended June 30, 2016 the Company granted 100,000 options to a director. The options were fully vested on the grant date with an option price of \$0.86. The fair value of the stock options granted was estimated using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following assumptions: a risk free interest rate of 0.78% an expected dividend yield of 0%; an expected stock price volatility of 63%; an option life of 5 years; and a forfeiture rate of 0%. Based on these assumptions the Company recorded share-based compensation expense of \$45,340.

#### 12. SEGMENTED INFORMATION

The Company operates in one reportable operating segment, being exploration and development of exploration and evaluation assets. Except for exploration and evaluation assets, equipment and exploration expenditures, substantially all of the Company's assets and expenditures are located and incurred in Canada. Exploration and evaluation assets are located in Brazil and Peru, equipment is located mainly in Brazil and all of the exploration expenditures are incurred in Brazil, Peru and Chile.

#### 13. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND BALANCES

The aggregate value of transactions and outstanding balances relating to key management personnel are as follows:

	Six mon	ths end	ded
	June 30,	June 30, Ju	
	2016		2015
Salaries, benefits and directors' fees	\$ 167,822	\$	187,000
Share-based payments	66,394		46,063
	\$ 234,216	\$	233,063

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### 13. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND BALANCES (continued)

Amounts due to and from related parties as of June 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015 are as follows:

		June 30,	Dec	ember 31,
Related party assets and liabilities	Service or items	2016		2015
Amounts due to:				
Chief Executive Officer	Fees and expenses	\$ 60,184	\$	71,214
Vice President, Corporate Development	Fees	25,200		30,843
Vice President, Exploration	Fees and expenses	93,275		81,816
Amounts due from:				
Seabord Services Corp	Deposit	10,000		10,000
Reservoir Capital Corp. (common director)	Expense recovery	1,999		1,999
Reservoir Minerals Inc. (common director)	Expense recovery	2,465		-

During the six months ended June 30, 2016, the Company paid \$106,800 (2015 - \$106,800) to Seabord Services Corp. ("Seabord"). Seabord is a management services company controlled by a former director. Seabord provides the services of a Chief Financial Officer ("CFO"), a Corporate Secretary, accounting and administrative staff, and office space to the Company. The CFO and Corporate Secretary are employees of Seabord and are not paid directly by the Company.

#### 14. FINANCIAL AND CAPITAL RISK MANAGEMENT

#### **Financial Risk Management**

The Company's financial instruments are exposed to certain financial risks, which include currency risk, credit risk, liquidity risk and interest rate risk.

# Credit Risk

The Company's cash and cash equivalents are mainly held through large Canadian or US financial institutions and, as at June 30, 2016, are mainly held in interest-bearing accounts; accordingly, credit risk is minimized. The Company assesses the collectability of amounts owing from partners on their mineral properties and on its loans receivable and records allowances for non-collection based on management's assessment of specific accounts.

# **Currency Risk**

The Company is exposed to financial risk related to the fluctuation of foreign exchange rates. The Company operates in Canada, Brazil, Peru and Chile. The Company funds cash calls to its subsidiary companies outside of Canada in Canadian and US dollars and a portion of its expenditures are also incurred in the local currencies. The risk is that there could be a significant change in the exchange rate of the Canadian dollar relative to the US dollar, the Brazilian real and the Peruvian sol. A significant change in these rates could have an adverse effect on the Company's results of operations, financial position or cash flows. The Company has not hedged its exposure to currency fluctuations.

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#### 14. FINANCIAL AND CAPITAL RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

As at June 30, 2016, the Company is exposed to currency risk through the following assets and liabilities denominated in US dollars, Brazilian reals, Peruvian sols and Chilean pesos:

	US dollars		Peruvian sols	Total
Cash and cash equivalents	551,151	92,542	5,901	
Receivables	-	59,149	2,982	
Accounts payable and		,	,	
accrued liabilities	(20,059)	(340,503)	(353)	
Net exposure	531,092	(188,812)	8,530	
rec exposure	331,032	(100,012)	3,330	
Canadian dollar equivalent	\$688,082	(75,627)	\$ 3,308	\$ 615,763

Based on the above net exposures as at June 30, 2016 and assuming that all other variables remain constant, a 10% change in the value of the Canadian dollar against the above foreign currencies would result in an increase/ decrease of approximately \$61,600 to the net loss.

#### Market and Interest Rate Risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of financial instruments will fluctuate due to changes in values as a result of volatility of quoted market prices. Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value of cash flows from a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates. Lara holds AFS investments which have market risk and have declined in value since acquisition, as a result of the weak equity markets for exploration companies. The Company's cash is held mainly in interest-bearing bank accounts, and therefore there is currently minimal interest rate risk.

# **Liquidity Risk**

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. All of the Company's financial liabilities have contractual maturities of less than 30 days and are subject to normal trade terms. The Company manages liquidity risk through the management of its capital resources as outlined below.

### **Management of Capital**

The Company's objective when managing capital is to safeguard the Company's ability to continue as a going concern in order to pursue the development of its mineral properties. The Company relies mainly on equity issuances to raise new capital and on entering into joint venture agreements on certain properties, which enables it to conserve capital and to reduce risk. Lara can liquidate long-term investments in order to raise additional cash resources. In the management of capital, the Company includes the components of shareholders' equity as well as cash. The Company prepares annual estimates of exploration and administrative expenditures and monitors actual expenditures compared to the estimates to ensure that there is sufficient capital on hand to meet ongoing obligations. The Company's investment policy is to invest its cash in savings accounts or highly liquid short-term deposits with terms of one year or less and which can be liquidated after 30 days without penalty.

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### **15. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

The Company classified its financial instruments as follows:

	June 30, 2016									
						Other				
	Av	vailable-for-sale		Loans and		financial				
Financial instruments		investments		receivables		liabilities				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	_	Ś	989,719	Ś	_				
Restricted cash equivalents	•	-	•	46,000	•	-				
Receivables		-		13,670		-				
Long-term investments		202,681		-		-				
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities						(342,889)				
Advance from JV partners		-		-		(42,283)				
	\$	202,681	\$	1,049,389	\$	(385,172)				

		De	ecer	nber 31, 2015		
						Other
	Av	ailable-for-sale		Loans and		financial
Financial instruments		investments		receivables		liabilities
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	-	\$	1,017,726	Ş	-
Restricted cash equivalents		-		46,000		-
Receivables		-		6,624		-
Long-term investments		192,685		-		-
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		-		-		(280,054)
	\$	192,685	\$	1,070,350	\$	(280,054)

### **Fair Value**

Financial instruments measured at fair value on the consolidated statement of financial position are summarized into the following fair value hierarchy levels:

- a) Level 1: quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- b) Level 2: inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices).
- c) Level 3: inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

The carrying value of receivables, accounts payable and accrued liabilities approximated their fair value due to the short-term nature of these instruments.

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#### 15. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

Financial instruments measured at fair value on the condensed consolidated interim statements of financial position are summarized in levels of fair value hierarchy as follows:

	Level 1	Le	evel 2	Level 3	Total
June 30, 2016					
Long-term investments	\$ 202,681	\$	-	\$ -	\$ 202,681
December 31, 2015					
Long-term investments	\$ 192,685	\$	-	\$ -	\$ 192,685

### 16. SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE WITH RESPECT TO CASH FLOWS

During the six months ended June 30, 2016, the Company did not make any payments for interest or taxes.

### 17. EVENT AFTER THE REPORTING DATE

In August 2016, the Company completed a private placement of \$3,000,000 through the issuance of 2,400,000 units at \$1.25 per unit. Each unit consisted of one common share and one-half of one non-transferable, common share purchase warrant. Each full warrant will entitle the holder to purchase an additional common share at \$1.85 for two years. If, after four months from closing, the closing price of the Company's shares on the TSX Venture Exchange is \$2.50 or greater for any period of 10 consecutive trading days, the Company may, by news release issued within five trading days thereof, accelerate the expiry of the warrants to the 21st trading day after such news release.

The Company paid finder's fees with respect to the subscriptions from investors introduced by finders. The fees were be payable in cash, or at each finder's election, the issuance of that number of units equal to 5% of the number of units issued pursuant to such subscriptions. As a result, the Company paid cash finder's fees of \$37,525 and issued 6,250 units.