



**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2019**

**GENERAL**

This discussion and analysis of financial position and results of operations is prepared as at August 15, 2019 and should be read in conjunction with the condensed consolidated interim financial statements of Lara Exploration Ltd. (the "Company" or "Lara") for the six months ended June 30, 2019 and the related notes thereto.

Those condensed consolidated interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance 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"). All dollar amounts included therein and in the following management's discussion and analysis ("MD&A") are in Canadian dollars except where noted. These documents and other information relevant to the Company's activities are available for viewing on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

**FORWARD LOOKING INFORMATION**

This MD&A may contain "forward-looking statements" that reflect the Company's current expectations and projections about its future results. When used in this MD&A, words such as "estimate", "intend", "expect", "anticipate" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements, which, by their very nature, are not guarantees of the Company's future operational or financial performance, and are subject to risks and uncertainties and other factors that could cause Lara's actual results, performance, prospects or opportunities to differ materially from those expressed in, or implied by, these forward-looking statements. These risks, uncertainties and factors may include, but are not limited to: unavailability of financing, failure to identify commercially viable mineral reserves, fluctuations in market prices for commodities, difficulties in obtaining required approvals for the development of a mineral project and other factors.

Lara's operating plan is dependent on its joint venture partners being able to make option payments and fund exploration activities on some of the properties that Lara holds. The operating plan is also dependent on being able to raise new equity funds and sell investments as required to raise enough capital resources to acquire and explore new properties. Other factors that affect Lara's operating plan are: commodity prices, gaining access to exploration properties by securing or renewing licenses and concluding agreements with local communities. If any of these factors are impacted in a negative way, such as joint venture partners being unable to raise enough capital to complete option agreements or if the Company is unable to raise enough capital of its own, there will be a significant impact on the Company's operating plan and any forward-looking statements contained herein.

Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this MD&A or as of the date otherwise specifically indicated herein. Due to risks and uncertainties, including the risks and uncertainties identified above and elsewhere in this MD&A, actual events may differ materially from current expectations. The Company disclaims any intention or obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether because of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by securities law.

## COMPANY OVERVIEW

Lara is a prospect generator with a strategy to seek exploration discoveries and create royalty interests in South America, funding a significant portion of its mineral exploration costs through joint ventures and partnership agreements. This approach significantly reduces the technical and financial risk for the Company, without losing exposure to the shareholder value enhancement of a major discovery. Lara's experienced management team has already made multiple discoveries and is well established in South America. Currently the Company is focused and most active in Brazil and Peru.

## COMPANY HIGHLIGHTS FOR H1-19

- Scout drilling was completed at the Itaituba Vanadium Project in northern Brazil. Selected samples with a range of magnetic susceptibilities produced magnetic concentrate recoveries from 6.6% to 42.6%, with several of these concentrate samples showing vanadium values at 1% V2O5 (maximum of 1.03% V2O5).
- Completed a definitive agreement to option the Planalto Copper Project to Capstone Mining Corp. ("Capstone").
- Completed a private placement raising \$2 million to fund on-going generative exploration programs and working capital. The financing was oversubscribed, with strong support from insiders and existing shareholders.
- Completed 2,998.86m of diamond drilling at Planalto, including 2,569.02 metres of infill and step-out drilling on the Homestead target, with copper-gold mineralization is now recognised to underlie an area with dimensions of more than 350m north-south and 350m east-west and is open down dip to the west of the drill grid.

## EXPLORATION REVIEW

Lara currently holds or participates in exploration projects targeting copper, gold, nickel, iron, phosphate, vanadium, titanium and zinc, with exploration mostly funded through joint venture partnerships and strategic alliances. There are currently eight projects in Brazil, five of which are funded by partnerships. The Peru portfolio now comprises nine projects, one is funded by a partner, with one other in a co-funding joint venture and one a royalty interest. The Company also has an indirect interest in a phosphate project Chile that is funded through alliance agreements with Kiwanda that are in a listing process on the ASX under the name Bifox Ltd.

## OUTLOOK

The Company has completed drill programs at the Itaituba Vanadium and Planalto Copper Projects during the period and expects to see a further three drill programs during 2019, with on-going partner funded work on its Planalto Copper, first phase drilling at the Corina Gold Project in Peru with partner Hochschild. and additional self-funded drilling at Itaituba. Subject to approval of our exploration report by the Brazilian National Mining Agency ("ANM") and defining budgets with partner Capstone, we expect to complete geophysical surveys and additional drilling at Planalto, with a particular focus on the higher-grade zone that remains open to the West. Our recent drilling at Itaituba, was also very encouraging and the company intends to complete additional sampling, geophysics and eventually drilling before seeking a partner. Recent communications with our partner Hochschild Mining, suggest that permits for our Corina Gold Project in southern Peru are now in hand allowing a first pass drill program there in the second half. Elsewhere in Peru, the Company plans to continue its generative work for gold, copper and zinc.

## BRAZIL EXPLORATION

### *Planalto Copper Project*

The Planalto Project comprises three exploration licenses, totalling 4,726 hectares in area, covering meta-volcano-sedimentary sequences and intrusives of early Proterozoic-age, located near Vale S.A.'s Sossego copper mine and Oz Minerals' Antas copper mine, in the Carajás Mineral Province of northern Brazil. Lara's exploration work in 2017-

18 yielded a series of very promising drill results from the Homestead target, including hole PDH 18-03, which intercepted 130.41 metres between 68.05 metres and 198.46 metres down hole, with an average grade of 0.88% copper and 90ppb gold, within a wider zone of 284.71 metres from surface averaging 0.48% Cu and 48 ppb Au (see Company news release of June 19, 2018 for details). During the second half of 2018 the Company ran a process to find a suitable joint venture partner and concluded a definitive option agreement with Capstone Mining Corp., in early 2019 (see Company news release of February 4, 2019 for details).

Since completing the agreement with Capstone, a further 2,998.86 metres of diamond drilling has been completed, 2,569.02 metres of which comprised infill and step-out drilling on the Homestead target (see Company news release of July 23, 2019 for details). Copper-gold mineralization at Homestead is now recognised to underlie an area with dimensions of more than 350m north-south and 350m east-west and is open down dip to the west of the drill grid.

Lara completed 1,336.20 metres of drilling on the Homestead target between 2017 and 2018 and there are two historical holes totalling 591.42 metres, giving the Company a dataset that now comprises 5,011.72 metres of diamond drilling in 31 holes for the Project. The Company filed a Final Exploration Report ("RFP") with the ANM at the end of May and once this is approved, the Company plans additional step-out drilling at Homestead and to advance other targets tested in this last program.

### ***Maravaia Copper Project***

The Maravaia Copper Project comprises multiple high grade IOCG breccias. Drilling has defined a resource of 2.14Mt grading 4.2% copper and 0.66ppm gold on the Osmar target (Please refer to the Company's 43-101 Technical Report "Maravaia Copper-Gold Deposit, Carajás Mining District, Pará, Brazil" by João Batista G. Teixeira, dated September 28, 2016 and available on the Company's website and Sedar). The Company's joint venture partner, Tessarema Resources Inc. ("Tessarema"), can earn a 95% interest (Lara retains a 5% carried interest) in Maravaia and the other mineral rights of the Curionópolis Project, by putting the project into commercial production and paying Lara a 2% NSR royalty on any production. As Tessarema did not achieve commercial production by the contractual deadline of November 26, 2018 it must also now pay Lara an additional US\$1 million cash payment; likely to be paid out within the first year of commercial production, which is now scheduled to begin in late 2019.

Tessarema is in the process of completing the acquisition of the processing plant from its local partners to finalise ownership and management structure, which is the final step to completing finance and offtake agreements with Ocean Partners UK Ltd. Once these agreements are signed and the funds released by Ocean Partners, final plant upgrades and earthworks can be completed and an orderly ramp-up to commercial production undertaken.

### ***Itaituba Vanadium Project***

This project covers gabbroic intrusives with massive and disseminated magnetite mineralization with significant titanium and vanadium content, located close to paved roads, 55 kilometres from the Miritituba Port on the Tapajós River, from where the iron ore could be barged to shipping terminals on the Amazon River. The Company has completed a ground magnetic survey over part of the target and collected surface grab samples with high average grades of 48% metallic iron (69% Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>), 22% titanium dioxide (TiO<sub>2</sub>) and 0.45% vanadium pentoxide.

In late 2018 and early 2019 the Company completed an initial four-hole (total of 250.65m) scout diamond drill program to determine the attitude and vertical depth extension of a number of these vanadium-bearing titanium-magnetite bodies previously identified at the surface. Preliminary Davis tube tests run on core samples, selected for a range of magnetic susceptibility values in the host rocks of these titanium-magnetite bodies, produced magnetic concentrate recoveries from 6.6% to 42.6%, with several of these concentrate samples showing vanadium values at 1% V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> with a maximum of 1.03% V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> (see Company news release of February 26, 2019 for details). The Company has now systematically cut and sampled the remainder of the drill core and expects to report full assays, including Davis Tube concentrate assays in Q3 and then plans additional geophysics and drilling before seeking a partner.

## **PERU EXPLORATION**

### ***Corina Gold Project***

Corina is located within a belt of Tertiary-age volcanic rocks that are host to the Pallancata and Immaculada mining operations owned by London-listed Hochschild plc. During 2017-18 Hochschild, completed additional surface sampling and geophysics to better define drill targets, in parallel it also completed archeological and environmental studies, filing its first drill permit application during the period. The Company has been informed that Hochschild has now been issued with a drill permit and plans to undertake a first-pass drill program in the second half of 2019.

### ***Puituco Project***

The Puituco project, located in the Huancavelica Department of Central Peru was acquired at auction in 2017, targeting a buried copper porphyry system. The Company's licenses are surrounded by properties held by BHP (known as their Kenita Project) and lie to the north-northwest of the Greater Riqueza project, a JV between Inca Minerals and South32. The Company has completed mapping and surface chip channel sampling program to evaluate polymetallic brecciated feeder structures and related mantos (see Company release of June 12, 2018 for details). A total of 63 samples were collected across vertical brecciated structures and two related low-angle mantos that extend into the limestones. The best intervals were sampled across Manto-2 where a series of roughly horizontal channel samples PUI-022 to PUI-030 averaged 4.65% zinc, plus 4.86% lead and 37 g/t silver over 42.6 metres; and PUI-031 to PUI-034 averaged 4.73% zinc, 2.6% lead and 16 g/t silver over a thickness of 17.3 metres (slightly oblique to the stratigraphy).

Mineralization at Puituco is hosted by Cretaceous-age limestones of the Jumasha Formation, which have been cut by Tertiary-age intrusives, with a diorite stock mapped to the SW of the sampled area and an andesitic sill extending into the property from the north. Mineralization comprises hydrothermal breccias filling NE-SW oriented tension structures (related to a major regional structure, the NW-SE oriented Chonta Fault) and related mantos, where fluids have been driven laterally into the limestone beds and recrystallized and brecciated them. Geological observations indicate that both Manto 1 and 2 are approximately 20m thick. The vertical orientation of the mineralization and its relationship with the intrusives, indicates potential for the presence of additional mantos deeper in the sedimentary sequence and for a larger porphyry intrusive at depth driving the system. Additional surface sampling and a limited magnetic survey was completed during the period, as the Company seeks a partner for the project.

### ***Lara Copper Project***

The Lara Copper Project covers copper and molybdenum mineralization associated with porphyry intrusives within the prolific coastal batholith of southern Peru. In January 2010 Lara optioned the property to Redzone Resources Ltd., which has now changed its name to Global Battery Metals, which invested US\$2.5 million and issued 850,000 shares to Lara over three years, to earn a 55% controlling interest in the project. Lara is currently funding its 45% interest and retains a 1% NSR on any production. Geophysical surveys, mapping, geochemical sampling and 9,850 metres of drilling have been completed on the 1,800-hectare Lara Copper Project to outline mineralization over an area approximately 2,000 metres by 1,000 metres, indicative of potential for a substantial mineralized porphyry copper body. With the rising copper price environment, the Company has received a number of expressions of interest and continues to actively seek a new investor for the project.

### ***Antamaray Zinc Project***

During the period, the Company completed additional fieldwork on this project. Given that the mineralized systems encountered are narrow and mostly low grade, the Company elected not to renew its licenses at the end of the period.

### ***Grace and Sami Gold Projects***

Having failed to find partners for these projects and in light of the high holding costs relative to the rest of the portfolio, the Company elected not to renew its licenses to these projects at the end of the period.

### **Qualified Person**

Michael Bennell, Lara's Vice President Exploration and a Fellow of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy, is a Qualified Person as defined by NI 43-101 *Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects*, has reviewed and has approved the disclosure of the technical information in the MD&A regarding the Company's projects.

## **RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

### **Three Months Ended June 30, 2019**

For the three months ended June 30, 2019, the Company had a net loss of \$92,231 or \$0.00 per share compared to a net loss of \$866,678 or \$0.03 per share in 2018. The loss was lower in 2019 due to a net recovery of exploration expenditures, a gain on the change in fair value of FVTPL investments and other income. There was a net recovery of exploration costs in the quarter due to the receipt of a payment from Capstone for \$657,445 which was recorded as a recovery of costs on the Planalto project combined with a reduction of accrued expenses on the Damolandia Project. Lara had \$373,000 of exploration expenses in 2018. The Company had an unrealized gain of \$107,825 on its investment in Valor Resources Limited ("Valor") shares compared to an unrealized loss of \$199,573 in 2018. Lara had other income of \$44,000 from the sale of two mineral licenses in 2019 whereas there was no comparable income in 2018.

### **Six Months Ended June 30, 2019**

For the six months ended June 30, 2019, the Company had a net loss of \$612,433 or \$0.02 per share compared to a loss of \$1,876,063 or \$0.05 per share for 2018. The lower loss was due to: lower net exploration expenses, lower share-based payments and an unrealized gain on FVTPL investments compared to a significant unrealized loss on those investments in 2018. Exploration expenses were lower in 2019 due for the same reasons as noted above for the three months ended June 30, 2019. In 2019 Lara recorded \$27,000 of share-based payments compared to \$234,000 in 2018. The expense was higher in 2018 due to a grant of 350,000 options which were fully vested on the grant date whereas there was no comparable grant in 2019. In 2019 the Company had an unrealized gain of \$69,000 on its Valor shares compared to an unrealized loss of \$439,000 in 2018. The gain or loss in any period is determined by the change in the market value of the Valor shares.

## **FINANCIAL CONDITION, LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES**

The Company had working capital of \$1,924,182 at June 30, 2019, compared to \$531,847 at December 31, 2018. Working capital increased by \$1,392,335 in 2019. The increase was due to a private placement in March 2019 which raised gross proceeds of \$2,000,000 and an option payment received from Capstone in June 2019. These funds were partially offset by cash used in operating and investing activities. Lara also anticipates that it may receive the final settlement on the sale of its Kiwanda Alliance assets later in 2019, which would amount to US\$570,000 plus an equity interest that it could eventually liquidate. A further source of funding is expected to be cash generated from the Maravaia Copper Project via Lara's 2% NSR interest and the repayment of a US\$1 million debt owed by Tessarema Resources Inc. Should some of these expected sources of working capital not be received, Lara may have to raise further working capital in 2019.

## SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY RESULTS

	2019		2018	
Quarter Ended	Jun. 30	Mar. 31	Dec. 31	Sep. 30
Exploration expenditures (net)	\$ (14,297)	\$ 227,500	\$ 110,295	\$ 204,132
Share-based payments	7,397	19,397	27,781	17,507
Net loss for the period	(92,231)	(520,203)	(596,340)	(606,793)
Net loss per share (basic and diluted)	(0.00)	(0.01)	(0.02)	(0.02)

	2018		2017	
Quarter Ended	Jun. 30	Mar. 31	Dec. 31	Sep. 30
Exploration expenditures (net)	\$ 373,409	\$ 356,341	\$ 226,134	\$ 328,803
Share-based payments	22,438	211,194	705,500	3,021
Net income (loss) for the period	(866,678)	(1,009,385)	(1,304,207)	16,057
Net loss per share (basic and diluted)	(0.03)	(0.03)	(0.04)	0.00

The loss for the quarters varies primarily based on exploration expenditures incurred, option payments received, and whether stock options were granted in the quarter.

For the quarter ended June 30, 2019, Lara had a net loss of \$92,231 compared to a net loss of \$520,203 for the prior quarter. The lower net loss was mainly due to lower net exploration costs as the result of receiving an option payment and from the reversal of previously accrued expenditures.

For the quarter ended March 31, 2019, Lara had a net loss of \$520,203 compared to a net loss of \$596,340 for the quarter ended December 31, 2018. The lower loss in 2019 was due to a reduced equity loss on associated companies and a lower loss on the change in fair value of FVTPL investments partially offset by higher exploration costs.

For the quarter ended December 31, 2018, Lara had a net loss of \$596,340 compared to a net loss of \$606,793 for the quarter ended September 30, 2018. The favorable variance was due to: lower exploration expenditures and a lower loss on the fair value change of FVTPL investments. These were partially offset by a higher loss on equity in investments in associated companies.

For the quarter ended September 30, 2018, Lara had a net loss of \$606,793 compared to a net loss of \$866,678 for the quarter ended June 30, 2018. The favorable variance was due to lower exploration expenses and lower costs for investor relations and shareholder communications.

For the quarter ended June 30, 2018, Lara had a net loss of \$866,678 compared to a net loss of \$1,009,385 in the prior quarter. The favorable variance was due to lower share-based payments, a reduced loss on the change in value of Valor options partially offset by higher transfer agent and filing fees.

For the quarter ended March 31, 2018, Lara had a net loss of \$1,009,385 compared to a net loss of \$1,304,207 in the prior quarter. The favorable variance was due to lower share-based compensation partially offset by higher exploration expenses and a greater loss on the decline in fair value of its derivative financial instruments.

For the quarter ended December 31, 2017, the Company had a net loss of \$1,304,207 compared to net income of \$16,057 in the prior quarter. The unfavorable variance was due to higher share-based payments, a loss of \$160,158 compared to a gain of \$579,383 on derivative financial instruments, partially offset by lower exploration expenditures.

## OUTSTANDING SHARE DATA

There are 38,634,274 common shares issued and outstanding. In addition, there are 3,055,000 fully vested stock options outstanding with exercise prices ranging from \$0.25 to \$1.02 per option with terms expiring between July 24, 2020 and March 14, 2023. The Company also has 2,000,000 common share purchase warrants outstanding with an exercise price of \$0.70 which expire on March 27, 2021. In March 2018, the Company granted 250,000 bonus shares and has issued 166,666 of these. The remaining 83,334 bonus shares vest on March 22, 2020.

## INVESTMENTS IN ASSOCIATES

### Kiwanda Coal Alliance

The Company owns a 50% interest in Andean Coal (BVI) Ltd. ("Andean Coal"). The Company had a net investment in Andean Coal of \$131,243 at December 31, 2018. During the six months ended June 30, 2019 the Company made an additional investment of \$1,278 and the Company's share of the net income for the period was \$4,941 which increased its net investment in Andean Coal to \$137,762.

### Kiwanda Phosphate Alliance

The Company owns a 50% interest in Kiwanda Alliance (BVI) Inc. ("Kiwanda BVI"). At December 31, 2018, the Company's net investment in Kiwanda was \$Nil and there were accumulated unrecognized losses of \$494,404. During the six months ended June 30, 2019, the Company made an additional investment of \$1,172 and the Company's share of the net loss for the period was \$23,151. Lara recognized a loss of \$1,172, resulting in an accumulated unrecognized loss of \$516,383 and a net investment in Kiwanda of \$Nil at June 30, 2019.

### Minas Dixon S.A.

The Company owns a 45% interest in Minas Dixon S.A. ("Minas"). At December 31, 2018 Lara had an accumulated unrecognized loss of \$37,578 in Minas with a net investment of \$Nil. During the six months ended June 30, 2019, the Company made an additional investment of \$49,269. The Company's share of the net loss for six months ended June 30, 2019, was \$14,930 and it recognized \$34,339 of previously unrecognized losses. At June 30, 2019, the Company's net investment in Minas was \$Nil and there were \$3,239 of unrecognized losses.

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

	Minas	Kiwanda	Andean Coal	Total
<u>Investment in associated company</u>				
Net investment at December 31, 2018	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 131,243	\$ 131,243
Additional investment (recovery) for the six months ended June 30, 2019	49,269	1,172	1,278	51,719
Share of net income (loss)	(14,930)	(1,172)	4,941	(11,161)
Previous losses recognized	(34,339)	-	-	(34,339)
Net investment at June 30, 2019	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 137,462	\$ 137,462

## RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The aggregate value of transactions paid or accrued to key management personnel and directors was as follows:

<b>For the six months ended June 30, 2019</b>	<b>Salary or fees</b>	<b>Share-based payments</b>	<b>Total</b>
Chief Executive Officer	\$ 60,000	\$ 5,359	\$ 63,359
VP Corporate Development	24,000	5,359	29,359
VP Exploration	62,822	16,076	78,899
	\$ 146,822	\$ 26,794	\$ 173,616

The above payments for management compensation are payments made in the normal course of business. The amounts paid for these services are negotiated in good faith by both parties and fall within normal market ranges. The Compensation Committee reviews executive compensation annually. The Board of Directors considers any changes to executive compensation recommended by the Compensation Committee and approves these changes if appropriate. The consulting contracts with senior management are ongoing monthly commitments which can be terminated by either party with sufficient notice. All balances due to related parties are included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

The outstanding balances due to or from related parties are as follows:

<b>Related party assets and liabilities</b>	<b>Service or items</b>	<b>June 30, 2019</b>	<b>December 31, 2018</b>
<b>Amounts due to:</b>			
CEO	Fees and Expenses	\$ 30,876	\$ 80,000
VP Exploration	Fees and expenses	61,590	93,683
VP Corporate Development	Fees and expenses	12,085	33,600

## FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Company classified its financial instruments as follows:

<b>As at June 30, 2019</b>	<b>FVTPL</b>	<b>Amortized Cost</b>	<b>Total</b>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	\$ 2,045,797	\$2,045,797
Restricted cash equivalents	-	57,500	57,500
Receivables	-	28,256	28,256
Long-term investments	183,608	-	183,608
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	-	(191,479)	(191,479)
	\$ 183,608	\$ 1,940,074	\$2,123,682

### Fair Value

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



## **OFF BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS**

The Company has no off-balance sheet arrangements.

## **CHANGE OF ACCOUNTING POLICY**

On January 1, 2019, the Company adopted all the requirements of IFRS 16 – Leases. IFRS 16 provides a single lessee accounting model, requiring lessees to recognize assets and liabilities for all leases unless the lease term is 12 months or less or the underlying asset has a low value. The adoption of IFRS 16 did not result in any changes to the Company's financial statements.

## **RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES**

### **Financial Risk Management**

Lara's strategy with respect to cash is to safeguard this asset by investing any excess cash in very low risk financial instruments such as term deposits or by holding funds in the highest yielding accounts with a major Canadian bank. By using this strategy, the Company preserves its cash resources and can earn a low risk return through the yields on these investments. The Company's financial instruments are exposed to certain financial risks, which include currency risk, credit risk, liquidity risk and interest rate risk.

### **Foreign Currency Risk**

The Company operates mainly in Canada, Brazil and Peru and is therefore exposed to financial risk related to the fluctuation of foreign exchange rates. The Company funds cash calls to its subsidiary companies outside of Canada in Canadian or US dollars and a portion of its expenditures are incurred in the local currencies. The risk is that a significant change in the exchange rate of the Canadian dollar relative to the US dollar, the Brazilian real and the Peruvian sol 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. The Company is exposed to currency risk through assets and liabilities denominated in these foreign currencies. A 10% change in the exchange rate of these foreign currencies to the Canadian dollar would result in an increase or decrease of approximately \$96,000 to the net loss or income from operations.

### **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 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 FVTPL investments which have market risk and have generally declined in value since acquisition because 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.

### **Credit Risk**

Credit risk is the risk that one party will cause a financial loss for another party by failing to discharge an obligation. The Company is exposed to credit risk with respect to its cash and cash equivalents. The Company's cash and cash equivalents are mainly held through a large Canadian financial institution and are mainly held in bank accounts or GIC's and accordingly, credit risk is minimized. The Company generally does not accrue receivables for scheduled option payments, only recording them when they have been received. That procedure significantly reduces the risk of recording uncollectible receivables. To date Lara has always paid amounts owing when due.

## **Liquidity Risk**

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The Company manages liquidity risk through the management of its capital resources. The Company's objective is to ensure that there are sufficient committed financial resources to meet its business requirements for a minimum of twelve months.

## **Mineral Property Exploration and Mining Risks**

The business of mineral deposit exploration and extraction involves a high degree of risk. Few properties that are explored ultimately become producing mines. At present, none of the Company's properties has a known commercial ore deposit. The main responses to operating risks include: ensuring ownership of and access to mineral properties by confirming that option agreements, claims and leases are in good standing and obtaining permits for drilling and other exploration activities. There can be additional risks involved in some countries where pending applications for claims or licenses can be affected by government changes to application procedures.

Some of the Company's mineral properties are located within or near local communities. In these areas, it may be necessary as a practical matter to negotiate surface access with these local communities. There can be no guarantee that, despite having the legal right to access a mineral property and carry on exploration activities, that the Company will be able to negotiate a satisfactory agreement with any such existing land owners or communities for this access. Therefore, the Company or one of its joint venture partners may be unable to carry out exploration activities on a property. In those circumstances where access has been denied by a local community or land owner, the Company may need to rely on the assistance of local officials or the courts to gain access or it may be forced to abandon the property.

Lara is currently earning an interest in certain of its properties through option agreements and the acquisition of title to the properties is only completed when the option conditions have been met. These conditions generally include making cash payments to the vendor, paying annual land fees, incurring exploration expenditures on the properties and can include the satisfactory completion of technical studies. If the Company does not satisfactorily complete these option conditions in the time frame laid out in the option agreements, the Company's title to the related property will not vest and the Company will have to write-off the previously capitalized costs related to that property.

## **Joint Venture Funding Risk**

Lara's strategy is to seek partners through joint ventures to fund exploration and project development. The main risk of this strategy is that funding partners may not be able to raise enough capital to satisfy exploration and other expenditure terms in a joint venture agreement. As a result, exploration and development of one or more of the Company's property interests may be delayed depending on whether Lara can find another partner or has enough capital resources to fund the exploration and development on its own.

## **Commodity Price Risk**

Lara is exposed to commodity price risk. Declines in the market prices of gold, base metals and other minerals may adversely affect Lara's ability to raise capital or attract joint venture partners to fund its ongoing operations. Commodity price declines could also reduce the amount the Company would receive on the disposition of one of its mineral properties.

## **Financing and Share Price Fluctuation Risks**

Lara has limited financial resources, has no reliable source of operating cash flow and has no assurance that additional funding will be available to it for further exploration and development of its projects. Further exploration and development of one or more of the Company's projects may be dependent upon the Company's ability to obtain

financing through equity issues, debt financing or liquidation of long-term investments. Failure to obtain this financing could result in delay or indefinite postponement of further exploration and development of its projects which could result in the loss of one or more of its properties.

Securities markets have experienced a high degree of price and volume volatility, and the market price of securities of many companies, particularly those considered to be development stage companies such as Lara, have experienced wide fluctuations in share price which have not necessarily been related to their operating performance, underlying asset values or prospects. There can be no assurance that these kinds of share price fluctuations will not occur in the future, and if they do occur, how severe the impact may be on Lara's ability to raise additional funds through equity issues.

### **Political and Currency Risks**

The Company is operating in countries that currently have varied political environments. Changing political situations may affect the way the Company operates. The Company's equity financings are sourced in Canadian dollars but for the most part it incurs its expenditures in local currencies. There are no currency hedges in place. Therefore, a weakening of the Canadian dollar against the Brazilian real or Peruvian sol could have an adverse impact on the amount of exploration conducted.

### **Insured and Uninsured Risks**

During exploration, development and production on mineral properties, the Company is subject to many risks and hazards in general, including adverse environmental conditions, operational accidents, labor disputes, unusual or unexpected geological conditions, changes in the regulatory environment and natural phenomena such as severe weather conditions, floods, and earthquakes. Such occurrences could result in damage to the Company's property or facilities and equipment, personal injury or death, environmental damage to mineral properties, delays, monetary losses and possible legal liability.

Although the Company may maintain insurance to protect itself against certain risks in such amounts as it considers reasonable, its insurance may not cover all the potential risks associated with its operations. The Company may also be unable to maintain insurance to cover these risks at economically feasible premiums or for other reasons. Should such liabilities arise, they could reduce or eliminate future profitability and result in increased costs, have a material adverse effect on the Company's results and cause a decline in the value of the Company's securities. Some work is carried out through independent consultants and the Company requires that all consultants carry their own insurance to cover any potential liabilities because of their work on a project.

### **Key Personnel Risk**

Lara's success is dependent upon the performance of key personnel working in management and administrative capacities or as consultants. The loss of the services of senior management or key personnel could have a material and adverse effect on the Company, its business and results of operations.

### **Environmental Risks and Hazards**

The activities of the Company are subject to environmental regulations issued and enforced by government agencies. Environmental legislation is evolving in a manner that will require stricter standards and enforcement and involve increased fines and penalties for non-compliance, more stringent environmental assessments of proposed projects, and a heightened degree of responsibility for companies and their officers, directors and employees. There can be no assurance that future changes in environmental regulation, if any, will not adversely affect Lara's operations. Environmental hazards may exist on properties in which the Company holds interests which are unknown to the Company at present.

**Competition**

The Company competes with many other companies and individuals that have substantially greater financial and technical resources, for the acquisition and development of projects as well as for the recruitment and retention of qualified employees.