

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2022

### GENERAL

This discussion and analysis of financial position and results of operations is prepared as at May 26, 2022, and should be read in conjunction with the condensed consolidated interim financial statements of Lara Exploration Ltd. (the "Company" or "Lara") for the three months ended March 31, 2022, and the related notes thereto.

The Company prepares its financial statements 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.

## 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 or permits for the development of a mineral project and other factors.

In March 2020, the World Health Organization declared coronavirus COVID-19 a global pandemic. It is not possible for the Company to predict the duration or magnitude of the adverse results of the outbreak and its effects on the Company's business or results of operations at this time.

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 raising new equity funds and selling investments as required to raise enough capital 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 impact the Company 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 and royalty generator with a strategy to seek exploration discoveries and create royalty interests in South America, aiming to fund 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 active in Brazil, Peru and Chile.

## COMPANY HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED MARCH 31, 2022

- Planalto Copper Project (Brazil) long copper intercepts at good grade from the first five holes into the Tariana license, confirming northerly strike extension of the Homestead mineralization.
- Liberdade Copper Project (Brazil) favourable court ruling in the lawsuit defending title.
- Vertical Iron Project (Brazil) lawsuit filed to recover property and unpaid advance royalties.
- Mantaro Phosphate Project (Peru) agreement signed to raise Lara's interest from 33% to 70% by funding US\$500,000.

### **EXPLORATION REVIEW**

Lara currently holds or participates in exploration and royalty projects hosting copper, gold, iron, phosphate, vanadium, and zinc mineralization, with exploration drilling mostly funded through joint venture partnerships. The Company holds eight active projects in Brazil, two of which are partner-funded joint ventures and five royalty interests, including the producing Celesta copper mine. The Peru portfolio comprises eight exploration projects, two of which are partner funded and three converted to royalty interests. The Company also has an equity and royalty interest in Bifox Limited ("Bifox"), a sporadically producing phosphate mine in northern Chile.

# OUTLOOK

Lara has generated and participates in three copper-gold discoveries in the Carajás Mineral Province of northern Brazil, at Liberdade, Planalto, and Celesta. The Liberdade discovery remains in a legal dispute, but a favourable ruling was recently received, strengthening our position going forward. Planalto is being more actively developed. We are working with partner Capstone Copper Corp. ("Capstone"), to define and test extensions of the known mineralization and new targets on the property and adjacent properties under option to the north. We are currently undertaking diamond drilling at Planalto to test extensions of the known mineralization at Homestead, with some exciting results already received this year. We now expect this program to continue through the year. Development work at Celesta has continued with additions to the plant to increase throughput and recoveries. The operation is gradually ramping up to full production, and we expect our royalty revenue to increase through the year.

In Peru, work was stopped at our new precious metals discovery at Corina with London-listed Hochschild Mining plc. ("Hochschild") due to local communities blocking road access to the project, but expect to see this resolved in the second half of 2022. Minsur, our partner for the Lara Copper Project, began community engagement and permitting in 2021 and we hope to see drilling there again once permits are in place, but this now seems unlikely to happen in 2022. We reported very encouraging zinc-lead-silver results from surface channels at our 100%-owned Puituco zinc project in 2018, but the potential was limited by the small size of Lara's 400-hectare property, so we were very pleased to be able to acquire surrounding ground from BHP in 2021 and now hold an additional 2,200 hectares, which we plan to start evaluating in the second half of 2022. In 2021 the Mantaro Phosphate Project was returned

to us by partner Itafos. We initially held a one-third interest, but have agreed now to raise that to 70% by sole-funding the next US\$500,000 of social licencing and studies which are already underway.

### **BRAZIL EXPLORATION**

#### Planalto Copper Project

In late 2021 we resumed drilling at Planalto, aiming to test the northerly extensions of the Homestead deposit on the properties recently optioned from Mineracao Tariana Ltda. ("Tariana") and Zaspir Mineracao Ltda. ("Zaspir"). We were pleased to report the results of the first five holes completed on the Tariana license, including hole 21-002, which intercepted 341.30 metres at 0.65% copper equivalent and hole 21-005, which intercepted 339.75 metres at 0.53% copper equivalent, with both intercepts including wide zones at a higher grade. These holes are located 300 metres to the north of the Homestead deposit and demonstrate the potential to substantially increase its size and grade (see Lara's news release of May 16, 2022, for details). Drilling has continued into Q2-2022, and we expect to report further results in due course.

### **Celesta Copper Project**

Celesta operates at a loss, but the mill expansion is now completed. The installed capacity increased to 800 tonnes per day, and drilling resumed to better define the reserves for mine planning. We expect this operation to improve as the year goes on and provide more regular and substantial royalty income.

### Liberdade Copper Project

We were very pleased to report that we have been advised by partner Codelco do Brasil Mineração Ltda. ("Codelco"), that the court has given a positive ruling in the lawsuit defending the validity of the Liberdade exploration license with the Brazilian Mining Agency ("ANM"). The Liberdade exploration license was originally published on October 19, 2010, and is valid for three years. It was transferred to Codelco on March 21, 2011, under the terms of the option agreement with the Company. Codelco then had the right to renew the license for up to a further three years. Within the initial license period, Codelco completed surface exploration and drill programs (see Lara news releases of March 1, 2013, and October 7, 2013, for details) and then requested a three-year renewal on July 12, 2013. The ANM delayed the analysis of the renewal. In 2015 Codelco filed a lawsuit in the Federal Court in Brasilia against the ANM to safeguard its rights under the Liberdade exploration license.

### Vertical Iron Royalty

This property was optioned in 2009 to Vertical Mineração Ltda., under an agreement whereby Vertical would make cash payments and pay royalties on iron ore produced from the Project. Vertical is in default with its obligations and payments, and the Company filed for arbitration with the FARJ (Forum Arbitral do Rio de Janeiro) in 2016 over its Mineral Rights Transfer Agreement ("the Vertical Agreement") with Vertical. Among the terms of the Vertical 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 completed these payments. Lara has requested that the Arbitrators rule on the unpaid amounts, plus interest and fines, as defined by the option agreement. Vertical has contested the qualification of the FARJ, and Lara has now embarked upon further legal action to recover unpaid advance royalties and the property.

### PERU EXPLORATION

### Mantaro Phosphate Project

The Mantaro Phosphate Project covers a substantial sedimentary phosphate belt in the Junin District of central Peru. Lara retained a royalty on the project dating back to its sale to Sprott Resource Corp. in 2008 (see Lara news release

of June 13, 2008). The property was listed in Stonegate Agricom Ltd., who completed one drill program and then lost its social license and was unable to complete any further work. Itafos Inc. subsequently acquired Stonegate in 2017 and has elected to return the Mantaro property to Lara and the original vendors. The property is now held by one of Lara's Peruvian subsidiaries, with Lara owning an initial one-third beneficial interest. In March 2022, Lara agreed to raise its interest to 70% by funding US\$500,000 by the end of 2025 to inform the local communities of the benefits of non-metallic mining of phosphate rock as a natural fertilizer product and how this project can also benefit them.

Mantaro is a marine sedimentary phosphate deposit located near the town of Sincos in the Junin Department of Central Peru. Previous exploration, including trenching, drilling and technical studies, has identified an extensive zone of phosphate mineralization that is amenable to beneficiation and production of phosphate rock concentrate. Stonegate Agricom Ltd. filed a NI 43-101 Technical Report on SEDAR on March 16, 2010 ("Technical Report on the Mantaro Phosphate Deposit Junin District Peru" authored by Donald H. Hains and Michelle Stone of Hains Technology Associates). The property is located near a major rail line connecting Huancayo with Lima and the port of Callao. High tension transmission lines cross the property on its western side, and it is accessible from the national highway connecting Huancayo to Lima via gravel roads from the towns of Sincos, Aco, Mitu and other communities.

# **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 March 31, 2022

For the three months ended March 31, 2022, the Company had a loss of \$108,781 or \$0.00 per share compared to a loss of \$116,067 or \$0.00 per share in 2021. Although the losses were similar, there were some offsetting variances from year to year. Net exploration expenses and administrative expenses were higher in 2022, plus there was a gain on the sale of investments in 2021 and no comparable gain in 2022. These negative variances were offset by an increase in the value of FVTPL investments and an exchange gain in 2022.

Exploration expense was higher in 2022 due to increased exploration for general reconnaissance, and other expenditures in Brazil compared to 2021. Administrative expenses were higher in 2022 due to increased expenditures for professional fees and administrative services. Administrative services were higher because the Company conducted an internal review of certain exploration properties in 2022, whereas there was no comparative review done in 2021.

### SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY RESULTS

	2022	2021	2021	2021
Quarter Ended	Mar. 31	Dec. 31	Sept. 30	Jun. 30
Net exploration expenditures	\$ 109,251	\$ 147,498	\$ 163,863	\$ 155,346
Share-based payments	-	-	-	16,636
Net income (loss) for the period Net income (loss) per share (basic and	(108,781)	3,015,671	(160,706)	(329,386)
diluted)	(0.00)	0.08	(0.00)	(0.01)

	2021	2020	2020	2020
Quarter Ended	Mar. 31	Dec. 31	Sept. 30	Jun. 30
Net exploration expenditures	\$ 68,848	\$ 38,034	\$ 99,397	\$ 83,581
Share-based payments	-	-	640,882	-
Net income (loss) for the period	(116,067)	(93,487)	(796,332)	108,063
Net loss per share (basic and diluted)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.02)	0.00

The net income or loss for each quarter is primarily based on the amount of exploration expenditures incurred, option payments paid or received, and whether stock options were granted and vested in the quarter.

### **Exploration Expenditures**

The Company has three main types of exploration activity: general reconnaissance, exploration of mineral properties acquired through claim staking, and exploration of mineral properties acquired through option agreements with third parties.

The amount of exploration activity in a quarter depends on whether the Company is in the process of conducting general reconnaissance to acquire new relatively unexplored properties, starting to conduct exploration on recently acquired mineral properties and whether Lara is simultaneously receiving funding from a third party to conduct exploration on properties which have been optioned. For properties that have been optioned, Lara generally receives the funding, manages the exploration programs, and records the expenditures in their financial statements, net of the amounts paid by third parties.

Exploration spending is also dependent on a healthy treasury. The Company closely monitors its cash position and reduces exploration expenditures if there is insufficient funding to cover all administration expenses and planned exploration expenditures.

# Option Payments Received from Third Parties

The Company enters into option agreements with third parties, whereby those third parties agree to acquire a majority interest in a mineral property through a combination of defined exploration expenditures and cash or share payments. Cash or share payments are first accounted for by recovering any exploration costs incurred by Lara, then any capitalized acquisition costs effect and finally, any excess payments that are received are credited to other income. Option payments can be significant during the later stages of an option agreement. If they are accounted for as exploration expense recoveries or other income, the payments will have a material effect on the Company's net income or loss for a given quarter.

### Share-based Compensation

The Company periodically grants stock options to its directors, senior management, and consultants. These grants are usually fully vested on the date of the grant, which can result in a significant share-based payment expense occurring in a given quarter of any year. The last two major option grants, which included all directors, senior management, and consultants, occurred in 2020 and 2017. More recently, Lara has granted options to recognize a specific achievement by senior management, compensate a new director, or recognize ongoing contributions from current directors. The greater the number of options granted and the higher the exercise price, the greater the amount of share-based payment expense that will be recognized.

Lara also grants bonus shares to senior management approximately every two years. The shares have generally vested, one-third on the grant date, one-third after one year, and one-third after two years. Whenever a new bonus share grant takes place, there can be a significant share-based payment expense in that quarter because the first third of the bonus shares are vested immediately, and the expense is recorded at that time. The remaining bonus shares accrue evenly over the successive quarters and do not generally cause a significant variation in net income or loss.

## FINANCIAL CONDITION, LIQUIDITY, AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

The Company had working capital of \$538,133 as at March 31, 2022, compared to working capital of \$701,423 as at December 31, 2021. Working capital decreased by \$163,290 in the three months ended March 31, 2022, due to cash consumed to cover exploration and administration expenses plus minor expenditures on fixed assets and mineral property acquisitions. The Company has reported a significant value in its investment in Bifox. However, those shares cannot be easily liquidated, and therefore the Company does not expect that they will be a source of cash to fund operations in 2022. Lara will need to raise additional working capital to sustain operations for the next twelve months. The Company announced that it was undertaking a private placement to raise up to \$4,000,000 by issuing 6,153,846 units, with each until consisting of one (1) common share and one-half of a non-transferrable share purchase warrant.

### **OUTSTANDING SHARE DATA**

There are 39,627,608 common shares issued and outstanding. In addition, there are 3,650,000 fully vested stock options outstanding with exercise prices ranging from \$0.50 to \$0.76 per option with terms expiring between November 21, 2022, and June 28, 2026.

### INVESTMENTS IN ASSOCIATED COMPANY

### Minas Dixon S.A.

The Company owns a 45% interest in Minas Dixon S.A. ("Minas"). As at December 31, 2021, Lara had a net investment of \$97,994 in Minas. During the three months ended March 31, 2022, Lara's 45% share of Minas' net loss was \$6,307, and Lara's investment in Minas decreased by the same amount to \$91,687.

# RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

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

	Salary	Share-based	
For the three months ended March 31, 2022	or fees	payments	Total
Chief Executive Officer	\$ 30,592	\$ -	\$ 30,592
VP Corporate Development	12,000	-	12,000
VP Exploration	41,793	-	41,793
Seabord Management Corp.	53,400	-	53,400
	\$ 137,785	\$ -	\$ 137,785

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 that 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:

Related party assets and liabilities	Service or items	March 31, 2022	December 31, 2021
Amounts due from (to):			
CEO	Fees and Expenses	\$ (61,454)	\$ (31,370)
VP Exploration	Fees and expenses	(14,922)	(14,043)
VP Corporate Development	Fees and expenses	(32,798)	(12,600)
Seabord Management Corp.	Deposit	10,000	10,000

### **FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

The Company classified its financial instruments as follows:

As at March 31, 2022	FVTPL	Amortized Cost	Total	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$-	\$ 1,057,947	\$ 1,057,947	
Restricted cash equivalents	-	57,500	57,500	
Receivables	-	12,165	12,165	
Long-term investments	3,441,604	-	3,441,604	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	-	(312,196)	(312,196)	
Advances from JV Partners	-	(391,534)	(391,534)	
	\$ 3,441,604	\$ 423,882	\$ 3,865,486	

## 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.

### **RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES**

### **Financial Risk Management**

Lara's strategy for 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, including 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 \$94,700 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 the 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 primarily 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 received. That procedure significantly reduces the risk of recording uncollectible receivables.

## **Liquidity Risk**

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will not 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. The Company is exposed to liquidity risk.

## **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, the Company will be able to negotiate a satisfactory agreement with any such existing landowners 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 a local community or landowner has denied access, 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. 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 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 participate in its various exploration projects. 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, no reliable source of operating cash flow and assurance that additional funding will be available for further exploration and development of its projects. Further exploration and development of one or more of the Company's projects may depend 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, labour 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 insurance to cover any potential liabilities because of their work on a project.

### **Key Personnel Risk**

Lara's success depends on 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 the 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 to require stricter standards and enforcement and involves 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 that are unknown to the Company at present.

#### Competition

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

# COVID-19

In March 2020, the World Health Organization declared coronavirus COVID-19 a global pandemic. This contagious disease outbreak, which has continued to spread, and any related adverse public health developments, has adversely affected workforces, economies, and financial markets globally, potentially leading to an economic downturn. It is not possible for the Company to predict the duration or magnitude of the adverse results of the outbreak and its effects on the Company's business or results of operations at this time.