



LARA EXPLORATION LTD.

(An Exploration Stage Company)

**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023
(Expressed in Canadian dollars)**

GENERAL

This discussion and analysis of financial position and results of operations is prepared as at November 15, 2023, and should be read in conjunction with the condensed consolidated interim financial statements of Lara Exploration Ltd. (the “Company”, “Lara”, or “we”) for the nine months ended September 30, 2023, 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.sedarplus.ca.

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.

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 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 value enhancement of a major discovery. Lara’s experienced management team has already made multiple discoveries and is well established in South America, with projects in Brazil, Peru and Chile.

COMPANY HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTMEBER 30, 2023

- Planalto Copper Project (Brazil) - during the quarter, the Company reported further mineralized intercepts from drilling completed in Q4-2022 and Q1-2023, extending the Cupuzeiro mineralization to the north.
- Planalto Copper Project (Brazil) - subsequent to the end of the quarter, the Company completed the 2023 drill program on 9,100m and reported the first holes from the area between the Homestead and Cupuzeiro discoveries, confirming the two are in fact part of the same body of mineralization.
- Planalto Copper Project (Brazil) - at the end of the quarter, Capstone Copper Corp. provided notification that it was terminating its earn-in option, with the project now reverting to Lara 100% ownership.
- Picha Copper-Silver Royalty (Peru) - at the end of the quarter, Valor Resources completed the sale of 60% of the project to Firetail Resources, which immediately mobilized a ~5,000m 10-hole diamond drilling program.

EXPLORATION REVIEW

Lara currently holds or participates in exploration and royalty projects hosting copper, gold, silver, iron, phosphate, vanadium, tin, lead, and zinc mineralization, with exploration drilling primarily funded through joint venture partnerships. The Company holds nine active projects in Brazil, one of which is a partner-funded joint venture and five are royalty interests, including the production-ready Celesta copper mine. The Peru portfolio comprises seven exploration projects, four of which have been or are being converted to royalty interests. The Company also has an equity and royalty interest in Bifox Limited (“Bifox”), which has a producing phosphate mine in northern Chile.

OUTLOOK

In Brazil, 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 between our partner, the National Copper Corporation of Chile (“Codelco”), and the Brazilian Agency of Mines (“ANM”), but we received a favourable ruling from the lower courts in 2022 and now view our prospects with more optimism. Planalto has been more actively developed with over 26,000m of diamond drilling completed to date, mostly funded through a partnership with Capstone Copper Corp. (“Capstone”), which is ending in Q4-2023. The most recent drilling closed the gap between Homestead and Cupuzeiro and tested lateral extensions to extend and define the limits of the mineralization. Celesta was producing until Q3-2022 and paid royalties until Q2-2022 but struggled with a lack of working capital, and operations were suspended pending the raising of new finance.

In Peru, we have started work on a technical review and report on our Corina Gold-Silver discovery and begun the search for a new partner to continue the drilling. We reported 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 pleased to be able to acquire surrounding ground from BHP in 2021 and now hold an additional 2,200 hectares, which we start evaluating in 2022 and plan to continue working in through 2023, mapping and sampling both mineralized breccia structures and related mantos. We were also pleased to see Valor Resources partner with Firetail Resources and begin drill testing the Picha Copper Project, where we retain a 1-2% Net Smelter Return Royalty (“NSR”) royalty. During 2022, we agreed to raise our interest in the Mantaro Phosphate Project from 33% to 70% by funding the next US\$500,000 of project expenses; we resumed work on the project in Q4-2022 and plan to continue technical studies and community engagement through 2023 through our local operating company Fosfatos Alli Allpa.

In Chile, Lara holds a minority interest and a royalty Bifox Ltd., which has resumed production of direct application phosphate at Bahia Inglesa in northern Chile and continues to seek pre-IPO financing to build up phosphate production and complete an ASX listing.

BRAZIL EXPLORATION

Planalto Copper Project

The Planalto Project comprises a 3,866-hectare block of licenses, located between Vale's Sossego copper mine and Cristalino development project and BHP's Antas and Pedra Branca copper mines in the Carajás Mineral Province of northern Brazil. At the end of the period the Company was notified by partner Capstone Copper Corp., that it intends to withdraw from its option to earn a 70% interest. Since becoming the project operator at Planalto in March 2023, Capstone completed a further 9,100m of diamond drilling, bringing the project total to 26,016m. The first results from this new program join the Homestead and Cupuzeiro targets into a single body of mineralization extending over 1,000m north to south and ranging from 200m to 500m in width from east to west. Lara expects to receive and publish the remaining results from this latest drilling in Q4-2023 publish a maiden resource statement in Q1-2024.

PERU EXPLORATION

Alli Allpa Phosphate Project

The Alli Allpa Phosphate Project covers part of a substantial sedimentary phosphate belt near the town of Huancayo in the Junín District of central Peru. The property is located near a major rail line connecting Huancayo with Lima and the port of Callao, with high-tension transmission lines crossing the property on its western side, and accessible from the national highway connecting Huancayo to Lima. Lara holds a 33% interest in the project and is raising that to 70% by sole-funding US\$500,000 of project investments by the end of 2025.

Previous exploration, including trenching, drilling and technical studies, identified an extensive zone of phosphate mineralization that is amenable to beneficiation and production of phosphate rock concentrate. Stonegate Agricom Ltd. (subsequently acquired by Itafos Inc.) filed a NI 43-101 Technical Report on SEDAR+ on March 16, 2010 ("Technical Report on the Mantaro Phosphate Deposit Junín District Peru" authored by Donald H. Hains and Michelle Stone, of Hains Technology Associates).

During the quarter the Company began relogging the 53 diamond drill holes completed by Stonegate in 2009-2010 and plans to start additional process testwork in Q4-2023. The Company began the process of engaging with the local communities in mid-2022, through its local operating subsidiary Fosfatos Alli Allpa, to seek social license and agreements to resume work at site.

Corina Silver-Gold Project

Lara, with then partner Hochschild, made a significant discovery at Corina in 2019, with multiple gold and silver drill intercepts in low sulphidation epithermal mineralization from two subparallel veins/structures (please see the Company's news release of October 1, 2019, for details). Hochschild completed a further 2,318 metres of resource drilling in Q4-2020 on the Corina structure with excellent results (please see the Company's news release of February 2, 2021, for details). In mid-2022 Hochschild elected to return the property as part of a broader retrenchment of its exploration efforts. Lara has since received the drill core, samples, and database, which are being reviewed to prepare a technical report on the area already drilled and look for a new partner to continue exploration and develop the project.

Picha Copper Royalty

The Picha Copper Royalty covers a project in the Moquegua and Puno Departments of southern Peru. The core of the Picha project lies approximately 17km ENE of the Buenaventura (NYSE: BVN) San Gabriel Au-Cu-Ag development project, which reports proven and probable reserves of 1.94Moz of gold (see www.buenaventura.com for details). Other significant copper and precious metal projects in the district include Berenguela, Trapiche, Antilla and Pinaya.

Lara holds a 2% NSR on any precious metals produced and a 1% NSR on base metals on licenses totalling 3,800 hectares. The Picha mineral rights are held by Australian-listed explorer Valor Resources, which has been actively exploring the property since 2021, completing detailed geological mapping, geophysics (IP/Resistivity and Magnetics) and geochemical sampling program over the core properties acquired from Lara. On July 5, 2023, Valor announced an agreement to sell an 80% interest in its Peru projects, including Picha, to Firetail Resources, which begun a 10-hole, 5,000m drill program 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 September 30, 2023

For the three months ended September 30, 2023, the Company had a loss of \$486,964 or \$0.01 per share compared to \$116,741 or \$0.00 per share during the comparative period. The variance was primarily due to increase in exploration expenditures, net of recoveries. In addition, there were minor increases in general and administrative expenses.

Nine months ended September 30, 2023

For the nine months ended September 30, 2023, the Company had a loss of \$2,645,738 or \$0.06 per share compared to \$702,610 or \$0.02 per share during the comparative period. The variance was primarily due to (a) the share-based payment recognized for the stock options granted in April 2023 (see further discussions below) and (b) the loss of \$168,459 related to the derecognition of a former subsidiary when Capstone elected to raise its interest to 51% in Copper Projects Ltd. and become the operator of the Planalto Copper Project. In addition, there were increases in both exploration expenditures and general and administrative expenses.

SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY RESULTS

Quarter ended	September 30 2023	June 30 2023	March 31 2023	December 31 2022
Net exploration expenditures	\$ 272,720	\$ 221,747	\$ 162,546	\$ 140,166
Share-based payments	-	1,042,110	-	-
Net income (loss) for the period	(486,964)	(1,563,832)	(594,942)	358,028
Net income (loss) per share ¹	(0.01)	(0.03)	(0.01)	0.01

Quarter ended	September 30 2022	June 30 2022	March 31 2022	December 31 2021
Net exploration expenditures	\$ 14,380	\$ 193,330	\$ 109,251	\$ 147,498
Share-based payments	-	-	-	-
Net income (loss) for the period	(116,741)	(477,088)	(108,781)	3,015,671
Net income (loss) per share ¹	(0.00)	(0.01)	(0.00)	0.08

¹ Basic and diluted

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 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 payments

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 April 2023 and September 2020. 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 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 \$2,919,921 as at September 30, 2023, compared to \$4,287,393 as at December 31, 2022. Working capital decreased by \$1,367,472 in the nine months ended September 30, 2023, due primarily to cash consumed to cover exploration and administration expenditures. 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 2023. The Company has sufficient capital resources to maintain its operations for twelve months.

OUTSTANDING SHARE DATA

There are 45,801,014 common shares issued and outstanding. In addition, there are 4,055,000 fully vested stock options outstanding with exercise prices ranging from \$0.50 to \$0.79 per option with terms expiring between November 13, 2024 and April 19, 2028. Lara has 3,086,703 share purchase warrants outstanding with an exercise price of \$1.00 expiring on June 17, 2025.

RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

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

For the nine months ended September 30, 2023	Amounts
Chief Executive Officer	\$ 150,958
VP Corporate Development	90,000
Seabord Management Corp.	160,200
Share-based payments	822,492
	\$ 1,223,650

The above payments for management compensation are 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.

Seabord Management Corp. ("Seabord") is related to Lara because it provides the Company key management personnel services, such as the Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Secretary, who are employees of Seabord and are not paid directly by the Company. As at September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, the Company has provided a \$10,000 deposit in connection with the service agreement with Seabord.

As at September 30, 2023, the Company had \$20,736 (December 31, 2022 - \$21,944) due to directors and management related to remuneration and expense reimbursements, which have been included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Company classified its financial instruments as follows:

	September 30 2023	December 31 2022
Financial assets - FVTPL:		
Long-term investments	\$ 3,218,570	\$ 3,394,189
Financial assets - amortized costs:		
Cash and cash equivalents	2,963,644	3,275,810
Restricted cash equivalents	57,500	1,597,391
Receivables	30,655	56,816
Financial liabilities - amortized costs:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	95,843	175,352
Advance from joint venture partner	-	418,950

Fair Value

The carrying value of cash and cash equivalents, receivables, accounts payable and accrued liabilities approximated their fair value due to the short-term nature of these instruments. Cost is the best measure of fair value for the Company's long-term investments.

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 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 is exposed to financial risk related to the fluctuation of foreign exchange rates. The Company operates in Canada, Brazil, and Peru. 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, which include the US dollar, the Brazilian real, and the Peruvian sol. The Company's exposure to foreign currency risk arises primarily from fluctuations between the Canadian dollar and those currencies. The Company has not entered into any derivative instruments to manage foreign exchange fluctuations. Management believes the foreign exchange risk related to currency conversions is minimal.

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 there are sufficient committed financial resources to meet its business requirements for the next 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, and 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, the 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.