



**NICKEL 28 CAPITAL CORP.**

**CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JANUARY 31, 2023 AND  
THE THIRTEEN MONTHS ENDED JANUARY 31, 2022**

**(EXPRESSED IN UNITED STATES DOLLARS)**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Shareholders of Nickel 28 Capital Corp.:

### *Opinion*

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Nickel 28 Capital Corp. and its subsidiaries (together the "Company"), which comprise the consolidated statements of financial position as at January 31, 2023 and 2022, and the consolidated statements of net and comprehensive income, consolidated statements of changes in shareholders' equity and consolidated statements of cash flows for the year ended January 31, 2023 and the thirteen month period ended January 31, 2022 and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the Company as at January 31, 2023 and 2022, and its consolidated financial performance and its consolidated cash flows for the year ended January 31, 2023 and the thirteen month period ended January 31, 2022, in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

### *Basis for Opinion*

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

### *Key Audit Matters*

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the consolidated financial statements for the year ended January 31, 2023. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the consolidated financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

We have determined the matter described below to be the key audit matter to be communicated in our auditor's report:

Key audit matter	How our audit addressed the key audit matter
<b>Investment in Ramu Nickel Mine</b>	
Refer to Note 7	Our approach to addressing the matter included the following procedures, among others:
<p>As at January 31, 2023, the Company's investment in the Ramu Nickel Mine had a carrying amount of \$116,732,025.</p> <p>For the investment in the Ramu Nickel Mine the Company assesses if there is objective evidence of impairment as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the investment and the event or events has a measurable impact on the estimated future cash flows, at least at the end of each reporting period. In addition to these minimum criteria, management has elected to calculate the recoverable amount of the Ramu Nickel Mine as at January 31, 2023.</p> <p>The recoverable amount for the Ramu Nickel Mine was based on value in use using discounted cash flow projections. The significant assumptions and inputs applied by management in determining the value in use included life of mine, production rate, forecast commodity prices, and the discount rate. The recoverable amount of the investment in the Ramu Nickel Mine exceeds its carrying amount and accordingly, no impairment was recognized.</p> <p>We considered this a key audit matter due to the judgments and estimates by management in determining the recoverable amount, including the use of significant assumptions and inputs. This, in turn, led to a high degree of subjectivity and audit attention in performing procedures to test the significant assumptions.</p>	<p>Evaluated management's determination of the recoverable amount of the Ramu Nickel Mine which included the following procedures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assessed the appropriateness of the value in use method employed and the mathematical accuracy of the discounted cash flow projections.</li> <li>Assessed the reasonableness of the projected cash flows by comparing actual cash flows of the Ramu Nickel Mine to the budgeted projections approved by management.</li> <li>Tested the underlying data used in the discounted cash flow projections with reference to internal and external sources.</li> <li>Professionals with specialized skill and knowledge in the field of valuation assisted in performing procedures, including testing the reasonableness of the discount rate applied by management.</li> </ul>

### Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Management's Discussion & Analysis filed with the relevant Canadian securities commissions.

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

In connection with our audit of the consolidated financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the consolidated financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit and remain alert for indications

that the other information appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact in this auditor's report. We have nothing to report in this regard.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the consolidated financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence

obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Company to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

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

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

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

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is Anna C. Moreton.

*Baker Tilly WM LLP*

CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS

Vancouver, B.C.  
May 16, 2023

**NICKEL 28 CAPITAL CORP.**  
**Consolidated Statements of Financial Position**  
**(Expressed in United States Dollars, unless otherwise indicated)**

	As at January 31, 2023	As at January 31, 2022
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 5)	\$ 2,368,289	\$ 3,961,614
Amounts receivable and other assets (Note 6)	9,985,647	3,705,622
Marketable securities	22,472	114,003
	<b>12,376,408</b>	<b>7,781,239</b>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>		
Investment in Ramu Nickel Mine (Note 7)	116,732,025	126,789,429
Royalty contracts (Note 8)	25,495,893	25,495,893
Right-of-use assets (Note 9)	80,664	23,165
Property, plant and equipment	34,749	37,060
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 154,719,739</b>	<b>\$ 160,126,786</b>
<b>Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 337,115	\$ 318,680
Lease liability (Note 9)	29,571	24,987
Non-recourse debt (Note 10)	21,292,858	12,861,000
	<b>21,659,544</b>	<b>13,204,667</b>
<b>Non-Current Liabilities</b>		
Lease liability (Note 9)	52,597	-
Non-recourse debt (Note 10)	34,524,193	60,537,024
Share award liability	20,498	28,134
Deferred tax liabilities (Note 18)	7,714,805	2,738,835
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>63,971,637</b>	<b>76,508,660</b>
<b>Shareholders' Equity</b>		
Share capital (Note 12)	69,653,837	69,149,540
Reserves	1,586,347	1,071,486
Retained earnings	19,507,918	13,397,100
<b>Total Shareholders' Equity</b>	<b>90,748,102</b>	<b>83,618,126</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity</b>	<b>\$ 154,719,739</b>	<b>\$ 160,126,786</b>

Subsequent Event (Note 21)

**Approved on behalf of the Board:**

"Justin Cochrane", Director

"Anthony Milewski", Director

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

**NICKEL 28 CAPITAL CORP.**  
**Consolidated Statements of Net and Comprehensive Income**  
**(Expressed in United States Dollars, unless otherwise indicated)**

	Year Ended January 31, 2023	Thirteen Months Ended January 31, 2022
<b>Operating Expenses</b>		
General and administrative	\$ 730,421	\$ 664,790
Salaries and fees	3,587,446	3,513,068
Marketing and promotion	945,277	808,830
Professional fees	334,410	928,678
Regulatory fees	120,158	50,160
Share based compensation (Notes 13(a) and (b))	2,262,211	2,975,941
Change in share award liability (Note 13(c))	94,068	287,862
<b>Operating Loss</b>	<b>(8,073,991)</b>	<b>(9,229,329)</b>
<b>Other Income (Expenses)</b>		
Interest income	88,546	68,297
Carbon offset	-	(57,750)
Share of operating profit from Ramu Nickel Mine (Note 7(ii))	22,700,102	27,475,384
Unrealized loss on marketable securities	(91,531)	(27,373)
Financing costs (Note 7(iv))	(3,711,406)	(4,324,512)
Foreign exchange gain	170,427	11,663
<b>Income before tax</b>	<b>11,082,147</b>	<b>13,916,380</b>
Deferred tax expense (Note 18)	(4,971,329)	(2,741,835)
<b>Net and Comprehensive Income for the Period</b>	<b>\$ 6,110,818</b>	<b>\$ 11,174,545</b>
<b>Basic Income per Share</b> (Note 11)	<b>\$ 0.07</b>	<b>\$ 0.13</b>
<b>Diluted Income per Share</b> (Note 11)	<b>\$ 0.07</b>	<b>\$ 0.13</b>
<b>Weighted Average Number of Common Shares Outstanding</b>		
- Basic (Note 11)	90,512,151	86,682,848
<b>Weighted Average Number of Common Shares Outstanding</b>		
- Diluted (Note 11)	91,386,529	87,211,173

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**NICKEL 28 CAPITAL CORP.**  
**Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**  
**(Expressed in United States Dollars, unless otherwise indicated)**

	Year Ended January 31, 2023	Thirteen Months Ended January 31, 2022
<b>Operating Activities</b>		
Net income for the period	\$ 6,110,818	\$ 11,174,545
Adjustments for:		
Share of operating profit from Ramu Nickel Mine	(22,700,102)	(27,475,384)
Unrealized loss on marketable securities	91,531	27,373
Share based compensation	2,262,211	2,975,941
Change in share award liability	94,068	287,862
Deferred tax expense	4,971,329	2,741,835
Financing costs	3,711,406	4,324,512
Other	50,834	46,720
Changes in non-cash working capital items:		
Amounts receivable and other assets	(1,746,841)	(57,330)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	18,435	251,097
<b>Net Cash and Cash Equivalents Used in Operating Activities</b>	<b>(7,136,311)</b>	<b>(5,702,829)</b>
<b>Investing Activities</b>		
Distribution from investment in Ramu Nickel Mine	6,931,942	3,183,137
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(3,893)	(3,465)
<b>Net Cash and Cash Equivalents Provided by Investing Activities</b>	<b>6,928,049</b>	<b>3,179,672</b>
<b>Financing Activities</b>		
Common shares issued for cash	108,911	1,071,935
Repayment of lease liability	(40,309)	(46,632)
Repurchase of shares	(850,460)	(383,556)
Cash settlement of restricted share units	(501,501)	(267,285)
Cash settlement of share award	(101,704)	(263,487)
<b>Net Cash and Cash Equivalents (Used in) Provided by Financing Activities</b>	<b>(1,385,063)</b>	<b>110,975</b>
<b>Net change in Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>	<b>(1,593,325)</b>	<b>(2,412,182)</b>
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Period</b>	<b>3,961,614</b>	<b>6,373,796</b>
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Period</b>	<b>\$ 2,368,289</b>	<b>\$ 3,961,614</b>
<b>Supplemental Information</b>		
Interest paid	\$ -	\$ -
Income taxes paid	\$ -	\$ -
Repayment of non-recourse debt through deemed distributions	\$ 21,292,379	\$ 37,979,915

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**Consolidated Statements of Changes in Shareholders' Equity  
(Expressed in United States Dollars, unless otherwise indicated)**

	Share Capital		Reserves	Retained Earnings	Total
	Number	Amount			
<b>Balance, December 31, 2020</b>	<b>84,901,844</b>	<b>\$ 66,440,479</b>	<b>\$ 383,513</b>	<b>\$ 2,222,555</b>	<b>\$ 69,046,547</b>
Restricted Share Units converted to common shares (Note 12(b)(i))	3,002,801	1,934,437	(1,934,437)	-	-
Issuance of common shares on exercise of options (Note 12(b)(ii))	3,150,000	1,158,180	(86,245)	-	1,071,935
Share repurchase (Note 12(b)(iv))	(502,500)	(383,556)	-	-	(383,556)
Share based compensation (Note 13(b))	-	-	2,708,655	-	2,708,655
Net income for the period	-	-	-	11,174,545	11,174,545
<b>Balance, January 31, 2022</b>	<b>90,552,145</b>	<b>69,149,540</b>	<b>1,071,486</b>	<b>13,397,100</b>	<b>83,618,126</b>
Issuance of common shares on exercise of options (Note 12(b)(i))	320,000	117,672	(8,761)	-	108,911
Restricted Share Units converted to common shares (Note 12(b)(ii))	1,675,053	1,237,085	(1,237,085)	-	-
Share repurchase (Note 12(b)(iii))	(820,000)	(850,460)	-	-	(850,460)
Share based compensation (Notes 13(b) and (c))	-	-	1,760,707	-	1,760,707
Net income for the year	-	-	-	6,110,818	6,110,818
<b>Balance, January 31, 2023</b>	<b>91,727,198</b>	<b>\$ 69,653,837</b>	<b>\$ 1,586,347</b>	<b>\$ 19,507,918</b>	<b>\$ 90,748,102</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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## **NICKEL 28 CAPITAL CORP.**

### **Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements**

**For the Year Ended January 31, 2023 and the Thirteen Months Ended January 31, 2022**

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#### **1. Nature of Operations**

Nickel 28 Capital Corp. (the "Company" or "Nickel 28") was incorporated pursuant to the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia) on June 25, 2019. The head office is located at 155 University Avenue, Suite 1240, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. The registered office of the Company is 666 Burrard Street, Suite 2500, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

The Company is a base metals company offering direct exposure to nickel and cobalt. Nickel 28 holds an 8.56% joint-venture interest in the producing, long-life Ramu Nickel-Cobalt Operation located in Papua New Guinea. In addition, Nickel 28 manages a portfolio of nickel and cobalt royalties on projects in Canada, Australia and Papua New Guinea.

These consolidated financial statements of the Company for the year ended January 31, 2023 were approved and authorized for issue by the Board of Directors on May 16, 2023.

#### **2. Basis of Presentation**

##### Statement of compliance

These consolidated financial statements (the "financial statements") have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB").

##### Basis of presentation

These financial statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis, except for certain financial instruments which are measured at fair value. In addition, these financial statements have been prepared using the accrual basis of accounting except for cash flow information.

##### Functional and presentation currency

These financial statements are presented in United States dollars, which is the functional and presentation currency of the Company and its subsidiaries. The Company operates in a mixture of currencies and therefore the determination of functional currency involves certain judgments to determine the primary economic environment in which the Company operates. The Company reconsiders the functional currency if there is a change in events and conditions which determine the primary economic environment in which the Company, or one of its subsidiaries operates.

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using exchange rates in effect at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated using the exchange rate in effect at the measurement date. Non-monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated using the historical exchange rate or the exchange rate in effect at the measurement date for items recognized at fair value through profit and loss. Gains and losses arising from foreign exchange are included in profit or loss.

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### 3. Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of consolidation

These financial statements include the accounts of Nickel 28 and its wholly-owned subsidiaries:

Subsidiaries	% Shareholding	Class of Share	Country of incorporation
Highlands Pacific Limited ("Highlands")	100	Ordinary	Papua New Guinea
Ramu Nickel Limited	100	Ordinary	Papua New Guinea
Highlands Pacific Australia Pty Limited	100	Ordinary	Australia
Highlands Pacific Services Limited	100	Ordinary	Papua New Guinea
Electric Metals Streaming Corp.	100	Ordinary	Canada

Subsidiaries are entities which the Company controls, either directly or indirectly, where control is defined as power over the investee, exposure, or rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the investee, and the ability to use its power over the investee to affect the amount of the returns. Subsidiaries are fully consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the Company and they are deconsolidated from the date on which control ceases. All intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated upon consolidation.

Highlands, Ramu Nickel Limited, Highlands Pacific Australia Pty Limited and Highlands Pacific Services Limited have fiscal year-ends of December 31. Adjustments for material transactions between December 31, 2022 and January 31, 2023 have been made to adjust for the non-coterminous year-ends.

(b) Royalty contracts

Royalty contracts consist of acquired royalty interests in advanced / development and exploration stage properties. These interests are recorded at cost and capitalized as tangible assets with finite lives. They are subsequently measured at cost less accumulated depletion and accumulated impairment losses, if any. The cost of royalty interests in advanced / development assets are determined and capitalized by reference to the cost model under IAS 16 Property, plant and equipment ("IAS 16"). Royalty contracts for advanced / development assets, are interests on projects that are not yet producing, but where in management's view, the technical feasibility and commercial viability of extracting a mineral resource are demonstrable. Royalty contracts for exploration stage assets are interests on projects where the technical feasibility and commercial viability of extracting a mineral resource are not yet demonstrable and are determined and capitalized in accordance with IFRS 6 Exploration for and evaluation of mineral resources ("IFRS 6"). Project evaluation costs that are not related to a specific agreement are expensed in the period incurred.

Management uses the following criteria in its assessment of technical feasibility and commercial viability:

- i. Geology: there is a known mineral deposit which contains mineral reserves or resources.
- ii. Accessibility and authorization: there are no significant unresolved issues impacting the accessibility and authorization to develop or mine the mineral deposit, and social, environmental and governmental permits and approvals to develop or mine the mineral deposit appear obtainable.

Producing royalty and other interests will be depleted using the units-of-production method over the life of the property to which the interests relate, which are estimated using available information of proven and probable reserves and the portion of resources expected to be classified as mineral reserves at the mine corresponding to the specific agreement.

The Company uses publicly available statements of reserves and resources for the underlying properties to estimate the life of the property and portion of resources that the Company expects to be converted into reserves.

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**3. Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)****(c) Property, plant and equipment**

The cost of purchased property, plant and equipment is the value of the consideration given to acquire the assets and the value of other directly attributable costs which have been incurred in bringing the assets to the location and condition necessary for their intended service.

An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if an impairment test demonstrates the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount and are included in profit or loss. Where re-valued assets are sold, the amounts included in fair value and other reserves are transferred to retained earnings.

Repairs and maintenance are charged to profit or loss during the financial period in which they are incurred. The cost of major renovations is included in the carrying amount of the asset when it is probable that future economic benefits in excess of the originally assessed standard of performance of the existing asset will flow to the Company. Major renovations are depreciated over the remaining useful life of the related asset.

The depreciation of property, plant and equipment is calculated on a straight-line basis to write off the cost or re-valued amount of each asset to their residual value over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Plant and equipment	5 - 10 years
Vehicles	3 - 5 years

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each statement of financial position date.

**(d) Investment in the Ramu Nickel Mine**

The Company has an 8.56% interest in a joint venture. The Company does not have joint control in relation to the Ramu Nickel Mine, and it is not a joint operation nor a joint venture as defined by IFRS 11 Joint Arrangements. Management has concluded the Company has significant influence, and accordingly accounts for the investment using the equity method of accounting.

Under the equity method of accounting, the investment is initially recognized at cost and adjusted thereafter to recognize the Company's share of the post acquisition profits or losses of the investee in profit or loss. Distributions received or receivable from joint ventures are recognized as a reduction in the carrying amount of the investment. When the Company's share of losses in an equity accounted investment equals or exceeds its interest in the entity, including any other unsecured long-term receivables, the Company does not recognize further losses, unless it has incurred obligations or made payments on behalf of the other entity. Unrealized gains on transactions are eliminated to the extent of the interest in these entities. Unrealized losses are also eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of an impairment of the asset transferred. Accounting policies of equity accounted investees have been changed where necessary to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by the Company.

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### 3. Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

#### (e) Impairment of long-lived assets

Advanced / development royalty interests are reviewed for impairment if there is any indication that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. Impairment is assessed at the level of cash-generating units ("CGUs") which, in accordance with IAS 36 Impairment of Assets ("IAS 36") are identified as the smallest identifiable group of assets that generates cash inflows, which are largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets. This is usually at the individual royalty interest level for each property from which cash inflows are expected to be generated.

An impairment loss is recognized for the amount by which the asset's carrying value exceeds its recoverable amount, which is the higher of fair value less costs of disposal ("FVLCD") and value-in-use ("VIU"). The future cash flow expected is derived using estimates of proven and probable reserves, a portion of resources that is expected to be converted into reserves and information regarding the mineral properties that could affect the future recoverability of the Company's interests. Discount factors are determined individually for each asset and reflect their respective risk profiles.

Royalty interests for exploration stage assets are assessed for impairment whenever indicators of impairment exist in accordance with IFRS 6. An impairment loss is recognized for the amount by which the asset's carrying value exceeds its recoverable amount, which is the higher of FVLCD and VIU. An interest that has previously been classified as exploration is also assessed for impairment before reclassification to either advanced or producing, and the impairment loss, if any, is recognized in profit or loss.

If the recoverable amount of an asset is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount is reduced to the recoverable amount. Impairment is recognized immediately as an impairment loss. Where an impairment subsequently reverses, the carrying amount is increased to the revised estimate of recoverable amount but only to the extent that this does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined if no impairment had previously been recognized.

#### (f) Segment reporting

The Company is engaged in the management and acquisition of joint venture and royalty interests in the nickel and cobalt sectors. Operating segments are reported in a manner consistent with the internal reporting provided to the Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") who fulfills the role of the chief operating decision-maker. The CEO is responsible for allocating resources and assessing performance of the Company's operating segments.

#### (g) Financial Instruments

### Recognition

The Company recognizes a financial asset or financial liability on the consolidated statement of financial position when it becomes party to the contractual provisions of the financial instrument except for other receivables which are initially recognized when they are originated. Financial assets are initially measured at fair value, and are derecognized either when the Company has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset, or when cash flows expire. Financial liabilities are initially measured at fair value and are derecognized when the obligation specified in the contract is extinguished.

A write-off of a financial asset (or a portion thereof) constitutes a derecognition event. Write-offs occur when the Company has no reasonable expectations of recovering the contractual cash flows on a financial asset.

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### 3. Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

#### (g) Financial Instruments (continued)

##### Classification and measurement

The Company determines the classification of its financial assets at initial recognition. Financial assets are classified according to the following measurement categories:

- those to be measured subsequently at fair value, either through profit or loss ("FVTPL") or through other comprehensive income ("FVTOCI"); and
- those to be measured subsequently at amortized cost.

The classification and measurement of financial assets after initial recognition at fair value depends on the business model for managing the financial asset and the contractual terms of the cash flows. Financial assets that are held within a business model whose objective is to collect the contractual cash flows, and that have contractual cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal outstanding, are generally measured at amortized cost at each subsequent reporting period. All other financial assets are measured at their fair values at each subsequent reporting period, with any changes recorded through profit or loss or through other comprehensive income (which designation is made as an irrevocable election at the time of recognition).

After initial recognition at fair value, financial liabilities are classified and measured at either:

- amortized cost;
- FVTPL, if the Company has made an irrevocable election at the time of recognition, or when required (for items such as instruments held for trading or derivatives); or,
- FVTOCI, when the change in fair value is attributable to changes in the Company's credit risk.

The Company reclassifies financial assets when and only when its business model for managing those assets changes. Financial liabilities are not reclassified.

Transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issuance of a financial asset or financial liability classified as subsequently measured at amortized cost or FVOCI are included in the fair value of the instrument on initial recognition. Transaction costs for financial assets and financial liabilities classified at FVTPL are expensed in profit or loss.

The Company's marketable securities are classified at FVTPL. The Company's cash and cash equivalents, other receivables and sundry receivables are classified at amortized cost and are measured using the effective interest method. The effective interest rate is the rate that discounts estimated future cash receipts over the expected life of the financial assets, or where appropriate, a shorter period. The amortized cost is reduced by impairment losses.

The Company's accounts payable and accrued liabilities and non-recourse debt are at amortized cost.

#### (h) Earnings per share

Basic income per share is computed by dividing the net income attributable to common shareholders of the Company by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted income per share is calculated using the treasury stock method and the "if converted" method, as applicable. The treasury stock method assumes that outstanding share options, RSUs and share awards with an average market price that exceeds the average exercise prices of those instruments for the period are exercised and the assumed proceeds are used to repurchase shares of the Company at the average market price of the common shares for the period.

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### 3. Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

#### (i) Revenue from contracts with customers

The Company may generate revenue from contracts with customers under each of its royalty interests. The Company has determined that each unit of a commodity that is delivered to a customer under a royalty interest arrangement is a performance obligation for the delivery of a good that is separate from each other unit of the commodity to be delivered under the same arrangement.

- Royalty

The Company has seven exploration stage, one pre-feasibility stage and two advanced / development stage royalty contracts.

Revenue will be recorded when the commodities received under such arrangements are sold and control over those commodities transfers to the ultimate customer. Control will transfer on the date the commodity under the agreement is credited to the customer account. Revenue from royalty contracts will be measured at the transaction price agreed with the ultimate customer.

#### (j) Share capital

Common shares are classified as shareholders' equity. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issuance of shares or options are shown in shareholders' equity as a deduction, net of tax, from the proceeds of issuance. When the Corporation repurchases common shares under its normal course issuer bid, the price paid for the common shares is recognized as a reduction of share capital.

#### (k) Share based compensation

The Company follows the fair value method of accounting for the issuance of stock options and restricted share units ("RSU") granted to officers, employees, directors, advisors and consultants. The grant date fair value of stock options is determined by the Black-Scholes Option Pricing Model with assumptions for risk-free interest rates, dividend yields, volatility of the expected market price of the Company's common shares and the expected life of the options. The number of stock option awards expected to vest are estimated using a forfeiture rate based on historical experience and future expectations. The fair value of the RSUs is determined by the quoted market price of the Company's common shares at date of grant. Share based compensation is recognized in profit or loss over the vesting period of the related option or RSU.

At the discretion of the Board of Directors, RSUs may be settled in equity, cash or a combination of both. The fair value of RSUs, which are settled in equity, is recognized as a share based compensation expense with a corresponding increase in reserves, over the vesting period. The fair value of RSUs, when settled in cash, is recognized as a share based compensation expense with a corresponding increase in liabilities, over the vesting period.

The Company uses graded or accelerated amortization which specifies that each vesting tranche must be accounted for as a separate arrangement with a unique fair value measurement. Each vesting tranche is subsequently amortized separately and in parallel from the grant date.

Option-pricing models require the use of highly subjective estimates and assumptions including the expected stock price volatility. Changes in the underlying assumptions can materially affect the estimated fair value. The expected volatility assumption is based on the estimated volatility of the Company's own trading history and comparable public companies. The risk-free interest rate is based on yield curves on the Canadian government zero-coupon bonds or Canadian government treasury bills with a remaining term equal to the options' expected life.



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### 3. Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

#### (l) Income taxes

Income tax on the profit or loss for the periods presented comprises current and deferred tax. Income tax is recognized in profit or loss except to the extent that it relates to items recognized directly in equity, in which case it is recognized in equity.

Current tax expense is the expected tax payable on the taxable income for the year, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at year end, adjusted for amendments to tax payable with regards to previous years. Deferred taxes provide for temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for taxation purposes. The following temporary differences are not provided for: goodwill not deductible for tax purposes, the initial recognition of assets or liabilities that affect neither accounting or taxable profit, and differences relating to investments in subsidiaries to the extent the reversal of the temporary difference can be controlled and it is probable it will not reverse in the foreseeable future. The amount of deferred tax provided is based on the expected manner of realization or settlement of the carrying amount of assets and liabilities, using tax rates that are expected to apply in the year of realization or settlement, which has been enacted or substantively enacted at the financial position reporting date.

A deferred tax asset is recognized only to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which the asset can be utilized. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset where they relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority and the Company has the legal right and intent to offset. Deferred tax assets are reviewed at each reporting date and are reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that the related tax benefit will be realized.

#### (m) Uncertainty over Income Tax Treatments (“IFRIC 23”)

IFRIC 23 requires the Company to assess whether it is probable that a tax authority will accept an uncertain tax treatment used, or proposed to be used, by an entity in its income tax filings and to exercise judgment in determining whether each tax treatment should be considered independently or whether some tax treatments should be considered together. The decision should be based on which approach provides better predictions of the resolution of the uncertainty. The Company also will consider whether it is probable that the relevant authority will accept each tax treatment, or group of tax treatments, assuming that the taxation authority with the right to examine any amounts reported to it will examine those amounts and will have full knowledge of all relevant information when doing so.

#### (n) Leases

At inception of a contract, the Company assesses whether a contract is, or contains, a lease. A contract is, or contains, a lease if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration. To assess whether a contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset, the Company assesses whether:

- the contract involves the use of an identified asset – this may be specified explicitly or implicitly and should be physically distinct or represent substantially all the capacity of a physically distinct asset. If the supplier has a substantive substitution right, then the asset is not identified;
- the Company has the right to obtain substantially all the economic benefits from use of the asset throughout the period of use; and
- the Company has the right to direct the use of the asset. The Company has this right when it has the decision-making rights that are most relevant to changing how and for what purpose the asset is used.

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**3. Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)****(n) Leases (continued)**

The Company recognizes a right-of-use asset and a lease liability at the lease commencement date. The right-of-use asset is initially measured at cost, and subsequently at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses and adjusted for certain re-measurements of the lease liability. The cost of the right-of-use asset includes the amount of the initial measurement of the lease liability, any lease payments made at or before the commencement date, less any lease incentives received, any initial direct costs; and if applicable, an estimate of costs to be incurred by the Company in dismantling and removing the underlying asset, restoring the site on which it is located or restoring the underlying asset to the condition required by the terms and conditions of the lease.

The lease liability is initially measured at the present value of the lease payments that are not paid at the commencement date, discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease or, if that rate cannot be readily determined, the Company's incremental borrowing rate. The incremental borrowing rate reflects the rate of interest that the lessee would have to pay to borrow the funds necessary to obtain an asset of similar value in a similar economic environment with similar terms and conditions. Generally, the Company uses its incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate.

The lease liability is subsequently increased by the interest cost on the lease liability and decreased by lease payments made. It is remeasured when there is a change in future lease payments arising from a change in an index or rate, a change in the estimate of the amount expected to be payable under a residual value guarantee, or as appropriate, changes in the assessment of whether a purchase or extension option is reasonably certain to be exercised or a termination option is reasonably certain not to be exercised.

The Company does not recognize right-of-use assets and lease liabilities for leases of low-value assets and leases with lease terms that are less than 12 months. Lease payments associated with these leases are instead recognized as an expense over the lease term on either a straight-line basis, or another systematic basis if more representative of the pattern of benefit.

The Company has applied judgment to determine the lease term for some lease contracts in which it is a lessee that include renewal options. The assessment of whether the Company is reasonably certain to exercise such options impacts the lease term, which significantly affects the amount of lease liabilities and right-of-use assets recognized.

**(o) New accounting standards and interpretations**

The Company has not yet adopted certain new standards, amendments and interpretations to existing standards, which have been published but are only effective for accounting periods beginning on or after February 1, 2023 or later periods. The new and amended standards are not expected to have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

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#### 4. Key Sources of Estimation Uncertainty and Critical Accounting Judgments

The preparation of the Company's financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and reported amounts of expenses and other income during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from these estimates. Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimates are revised and in any future periods affected.

In particular, the areas which require management to make significant judgments, estimates and assumptions in determining carrying amounts are:

##### **Judgments**

###### *Carrying amount of the Ramu Nickel Mine*

The Company, on each reporting date, considers whether there is any objective evidence that its net investment in the Ramu Nickel Mine has suffered any impairment as a result of one or more events that have occurred after initial recognition of the net investment and have an impact on the estimated cash flows of the investment that can be reliably estimated. In addition, management may elect to perform an assessment of the recoverable value in the absence of any specific indicators of impairment where other macro economic factors are occurring. The assessment of recoverable value requires estimates and assumptions such as discount rates, exchange rates, commodity prices, operating costs, capital costs and production rates.

###### *Carrying amount of royalty contracts*

At the end of each reporting period the Company assesses whether there are any indicators that give rise to the requirement to conduct an impairment test for the recoverability of a royalty contract. Indicators which could trigger a test for recoverability include, but are not limited to, a significant change in operator reserve and resource estimates, industry or economic trends, current or forecast commodity prices, and other relevant operator information with respect to the underlying mineral resource properties.

##### **Estimates**

###### *Non-recourse debt*

The Company, on each reporting date, reclassifies a portion of its non-recourse debt as current. As the Company's non-recourse debt is to be repaid by Ramu Nickel Limited out of its share of operating surpluses, less ongoing capital expenditure requirements, the amount classified as current represents the expected operating surplus less interest that is expected to be applied to repay the non-recourse debt over the next twelve months.

###### *Deferred taxes*

The Company recognizes the deferred tax benefit related to tax assets and tax losses to the extent recovery is probable. Assessing the recoverability of deferred income tax assets requires management to make significant estimates of future taxable profit and expected timing of reversals of existing temporary differences. In addition, future changes in tax laws could limit the ability of the Company to obtain tax deductions in future periods from tax assets and tax losses.

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**5. Cash and Cash Equivalents**

	As at January 31, 2023	As at January 31, 2022
Cash	\$ 2,142,369	\$ 3,723,634
Short-term bank deposit	225,920	237,980
	<b>\$ 2,368,289</b>	<b>\$ 3,961,614</b>

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**6. Amounts Receivable and Other Assets**

	As at January 31, 2023	As at January 31, 2022
Other receivables <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 9,730,444	\$ 3,462,576
Harmonized sales tax receivable	69,339	50,630
Prepaid expenses	52,764	81,308
Sundry receivables	133,100	111,108
	<b>\$ 9,985,647</b>	<b>\$ 3,705,622</b>

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<sup>(1)</sup> Other receivables represent cash receipts anticipated from MCC Ramu NiCo Limited. In April 2023, the Company received a cash distribution of \$9,730,444 from MCC Ramu NiCo Limited for its distribution of the mine's operating surpluses for the second half of fiscal 2022.

**7. Investment in Ramu Nickel Mine**

The investment in the Ramu Nickel Mine ("Ramu") consists of an 8.56% joint venture interest in the producing Ramu mine and refinery located near the city of Madang on the north coast of Papua New Guinea. Ramu was financed, constructed and commissioned in 2012, by majority-owner and operator Metallurgical Corporation of China Limited ("MCC").

The 8.56% interest in Ramu is held by the Company through its wholly-owned subsidiary Ramu Nickel Limited. The Company's interest in Ramu will increase to 11.3% at no cost to the Company once Nickel 28's share of the Ramu construction debt is repaid to the project manager and joint venture partner MCC (note 10). In addition to this, when the Company's interest increases to 11.3%, the Company will also have the option to purchase an additional 9.25% interest in the Ramu mine at market value, which if exercised, would take the Company's interest to 20.55%.

The Company recorded its share of operating profit of Ramu for the year based on the financial information of Ramu for the year ended December 31, 2022, which is within one month of the Company's reporting period. Any significant transactions for January 2023 have been adjusted, being the amount applied to the non-recourse debt.

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## (i) Continuity of investment in Ramu Nickel Mine

	Year Ended January 31, 2023	Thirteen Months Ended January 31, 2022
Opening balance	\$ 126,789,429	\$ 128,524,144
Share of operating profit from Ramu Nickel Mine	22,700,102	27,475,384
Distributions from MCC Ramu NiCo Limited	(32,757,506)	(29,210,099)
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>\$ 116,732,025</b>	<b>\$ 126,789,429</b>

## (ii) Interest in Ramu Nickel Mine

	As at January 31, 2023	As at January 31, 2022
Current assets	\$ 166,991,000	\$ 190,089,000
Non-current assets	1,202,084,238	1,305,799,735
Current liabilities	(29,093,000)	(31,443,000)
Non-current liabilities	(20,601,000)	(29,995,000)
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>\$1,319,381,238</b>	<b>\$1,434,450,735</b>
Company's 8.56% share of net assets	\$ 112,939,034	\$ 122,788,983
Acquisition and timing adjustment	3,792,991	4,000,446
<b>Investment at carrying amount</b>	<b>\$ 116,732,025</b>	<b>\$ 126,789,429</b>

	Year Ended January 31, 2023	Thirteen Months Ended January 31, 2022
Share of revenue	\$ 70,453,679	\$ 59,456,390
Share of production costs	(34,375,628)	(20,533,020)
Share of other costs	(4,885,867)	(3,365,331)
Depreciation and amortization	(8,492,082)	(8,082,655)
<b>Share of operating profit from Ramu Nickel Mine</b>	<b>\$ 22,700,102</b>	<b>\$ 27,475,384</b>

## (iii) Sale of Mixed Hydroxide Product ("MHP")

	Year Ended January 31, 2023	Thirteen Months Ended January 31, 2022
Share of Ramu Nickel Mine's MHP Product (Wet Metric Tonnes)	21,219	18,752
Revenue from Sales of MHP Products	\$ 70,453,679	\$ 59,456,390

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#### 7. Investment in Ramu Nickel Mine (Continued)

(iv) Non-recourse debt (Note 10)

	Year Ended January 31, 2023	Thirteen Months Ended January 31, 2022
Opening balance	\$ 73,398,024	\$ 107,053,427
Interest accrued	3,711,406	4,324,512
Loan repayments	(21,292,379)	(37,979,915)
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>\$ 55,817,051</b>	<b>\$ 73,398,024</b>

On initial acquisition, Highlands Pacific Limited recognized a loan balance owing to MCC Ramu NiCo Limited for its 8.56% share of capped development costs plus accumulated interest for monies paid by MCC Ramu NiCo Limited to lenders on behalf of the joint venture parties up to January 1, 2015. This debt is non-recourse to the Company (excluding Ramu Nickel Limited) and is to be repaid by Ramu Nickel Limited out of its share of operating surpluses less ongoing capital expenditure requirements (Note 10).

In assessing the recoverable amount of its interest in the Ramu Nickel Mine for impairment testing purposes, the Company has adopted a value in use ("VIU") methodology as to the present value of the expected future cash flows before financing from 2023 through to 2032. The calculations use cash flow projections based on financial budgets covering the calendar periods from 2023 to 2032.

#### Key assumptions

The key assumptions and estimates used in determining the VIU are related to commodity prices, discount rates, operating costs, exchange rates and capital expenditures. The following key assumptions were used:

Assumptions	2023	2022
Nickel Price (US\$/lb)	\$8.38 – \$10.79	\$7.49 – \$9.05
Cobalt Price (US\$/lb)	\$22.39 – \$23.58	\$23.01 – \$29.01
Life of Mine	10 years	11 years
Production Rate	100%	100%
After tax discount rate (Real)	15.0%	12.0%

#### Sensitivities

Management performed a sensitivity analysis on the commodity price of nickel, which is the key assumption that impacts impairment calculations. While holding all other assumptions constant, a positive 10% movement in the price assumptions range for nickel results in an increase in the present value of future cash flows of approximately \$20 million, while a negative 10% movement results in a reduction of approximately \$24 million.

Holding all other assumptions constant, a change in the weighted average cost of capital ("WACC") used for the discount rate to 16% would result in a decrease in the present value of future cashflows of \$4.6 million and a change in WACC to 14% would result in an increase of \$4.9 million.

Due to the nature of the assumptions and their significance to the assessment of the recoverable amount of the asset relatively modest changes in one or more assumptions could require a material adjustment to the carrying value of the related non-current asset within the next reporting period. The inter-relationships of the significant assumptions upon which estimated future cashflows are based are such that it is impracticable to disclose the extent of the possible effects of changes in all key assumptions in isolation.

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#### 8. Royalty Contracts

A royalty is a payment to a royalty holder by a property owner or an operator of a property and is typically based on a percentage of the minerals or other products produced or the profits or revenue generated from the property. Royalties are not working interests in a property. Therefore, the royalty holder is generally neither responsible for, nor has an obligation to, contribute additional funds for any purpose, including, but not limited to, operating or capital costs, or environmental or reclamation liabilities. Typically, royalty interests are established through a contract between the royalty holder and the property owner. Many jurisdictions permit the holder to also register or otherwise record evidence of a royalty interest in applicable mineral title or land registries.

Common forms of royalties are Net Smelter Return (“NSR”) and Gross Revenue Royalty (“GRR”). NSR is based on the proceeds paid by a smelter or refinery to the miner for the mining production from the property less certain transportation, smelting and refining costs as defined in a royalty agreement. This type of royalty provides cash flow that is free of any operating or capital costs and environmental liabilities. GRR is generally based on the value of the mining production from the property before subsequent treatment charges are incurred. This type of royalty provides cash flow that is free of any treatment charges, operating or capital costs and environmental liabilities.

As of January 31, 2023 and 2022, the Company's Royalty Contracts consisted of the following:

Royalty Name	Owner	Property Location	Stage	Primary Metal(s), Royalty Type and %	January 31, 2023 Carrying amount	January 31, 2022 Carrying amount
Dumont Project <sup>(1)</sup>	Waterton Global Res. Mgmt.	Québec	Advanced / Development	Ni-Co 1.75% NSR	\$15,263,086	\$15,263,086
Turnagain Project <sup>(2)</sup>	85% Giga Metals Corporation 15% Mitsubishi Corporation	British Columbia	Pre-Feasibility	Ni-Co 2% NSR	\$7,241,392	\$7,241,392
Flemington Project <sup>(3)</sup>	Australian Mines Ltd.	Australia	Exploration	Ni-Co-Sc 1.5% GRR	\$1,943,514	\$1,943,514
Nyngan Project <sup>(4)</sup>	Scandium International Mining Corp.	Australia	Advanced / Development	Sc- Ni-Co 1.7% GRR	\$971,757	\$971,757
North Canol Properties <sup>(5)</sup>	Fireweed Metals Corp.	Yukon	Exploration	Ag-Pb-Zn-Co 2% Co NSR	\$38,072	\$38,072
Sunset Mineral Property	Three Individuals	British Columbia	Exploration	Cu-Zn-Co 2% Co NSR	\$38,072	\$38,072
Sewa Bay	Queensland Pacific Metals Ltd.	Papua New Guinea	Exploration	Ni-Co 5% FOB GRR	\$nil	\$nil
Professor and Waldman Properties <sup>(5)</sup>	70% Golden Deepes 30% New Found Gold Corp.	Ontario	Exploration	Co-Ag 2% Co NSR	\$nil	\$nil
<b>Total Royalty Contracts</b>					<b>\$25,495,893</b>	<b>\$25,495,893</b>

(1) The Dumont Nickel-Cobalt Royalty is a life-of-mine 1.75% NSR royalty.

(2) The Turnagain Royalty is a 2.0% NSR royalty on all future metal production from the Turnagain Nickel-Cobalt Project. Under the terms of the royalty agreement, Giga Metals Corporation and Mitsubishi Corporation have a onetime repurchase option to repurchase 0.5% of the 2.0% royalty (resulting in a 1.5% remaining royalty) by paying the Company \$20 million in cash and by providing notice to the Company at least 30 days prior to July 27, 2023 (the fifth (5th) anniversary).

(3) The Flemington Royalty is a life-of-mine 1.5% GRR.

(4) The Nyngan Royalty is a life-of-mine 1.7% GRR.

(5) Two separate mineral properties to which a Co NSR applies.

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## (a) Right-of-use assets

	As at January 31, 2023	As at January 31, 2022
Balance, beginning of period	\$ 23,165	\$ 48,245
Additions	93,729	17,028
Depreciation	(36,230)	(42,108)
Balance, end of period	\$ 80,664	\$ 23,165

## (b) Lease liability

	As at January 31, 2023	As at January 31, 2022
Balance, beginning of period	\$ 24,987	\$ 51,338
Additions	93,729	17,028
Finance costs	3,761	3,253
Repayment of principal	(40,309)	(46,632)
Balance, end of period	82,168	24,987
Less: current liabilities	(29,571)	(24,987)
Non-current liabilities	\$ 52,597	\$ -
<u>Minimum lease payments</u>		
Not later than 1 year	\$ 35,500	\$ 25,566
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	56,208	-
Total	91,708	25,566
Less: finance costs	(9,540)	(579)
Balance, end of period	\$ 82,168	\$ 24,987



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#### 10. Non-Recourse Debt

	As at January 31, 2023	As at January 31, 2022
Loan from MCC Ramu NiCo Limited - current	\$ 21,292,858	\$ 12,861,000
Loan from MCC Ramu NiCo Limited - non-current	34,524,193	60,537,024
	\$ 55,817,051	\$ 73,398,024

Non-recourse debt relates to the Company's interest, held in the wholly owned subsidiary Ramu Nickel Limited, in the Ramu Nickel mine and owing to MCC Ramu NiCo Limited. As part of the Joint Venture Agreement with MCC Ramu NiCo Limited, MCC Ramu NiCo Limited was responsible for development and financing of the mine. These borrowings represent the Company's 8.56% share of principal repayments (capped to a specified development threshold of \$2.1 billion) and interest repayments made by MCC Ramu NiCo Limited to lenders on behalf of the Company, plus any accumulated interest charged by MCC Ramu NiCo Limited. The borrowings are to be repaid out of the Company's share of the Ramu Nickel Mine's operating surpluses (sales revenue less operating costs and ongoing capital expenditure requirements).

Effective July 1, 2021, the Company fully repaid its non-recourse operating debt and related interest to MCC Ramu NiCo Limited. Now that the operating debt is repaid, the Company will receive cash proceeds on a bi-annual basis equivalent to 35% of its share of the mine's operating surpluses, with the remaining 65% used to repay the non-recourse construction debt and related interest. Furthermore, once the Company's non-recourse construction debt is repaid, which can be repaid at anytime in its entirety without penalty, the Company's participatory share of the Ramu Nickel Mine will automatically increase from 8.56% to 11.3% and the Company will begin receiving 100% of its share of the mine's operating surpluses on a monthly basis.

The amount classified as current represents the expected operating surplus less interest and less the Company's 35% cash share of operating surplus that is expected to be applied to repay the non-recourse debt over the next twelve months. The borrowings under the construction debt bear an interest rate of 5.05% annually.

During the year ended January 31, 2023, the Company made repayments on the non-recourse debt of \$21,292,379 (thirteen months ended January 31, 2022 - \$37,979,915) from the Ramu Mine's operating surpluses.

#### 11. Earnings per share

	Year Ended January 31, 2023	Thirteen Months Ended January 31, 2022
Numerator:		
Income	\$ 6,110,818	\$ 11,174,545
Weighted average number of common shares - basic	90,512,151	86,682,848
Dilutive effect of stock options	874,378	528,325
Weighted average number of common shares - diluted	91,386,529	87,211,173
Basic income per share	\$ 0.07	\$ 0.13
Diluted income per share	\$ 0.07	\$ 0.13

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#### 12. Share Capital

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

(b) Common shares issued:

(i) During the year ended January 31, 2023 320,000 stock options (thirteen months ended January 31, 2022 - 3,150,000) were exercised at an exercise price of CAD\$0.43 per share (thirteen months ended January 31, 2022 - CAD\$0.43). The fair value of the exercised options totaled \$8,761 (thirteen months ended January 31, 2022 - \$86,245). The weighted average market price at the date of exercise was CAD\$1.50 (thirteen months ended January 31, 2022 - CAD\$0.91).

(ii) During the year ended January 31, 2023 1,675,053 RSUs (thirteen months ended January 31, 2022 - 3,002,801 RSUs) with a fair value of \$1,237,085 (thirteen months ended January 31, 2022 - \$1,934,437) were converted into common shares.

(iii) On July 2, 2021, the TSX-V approved a normal course issuer bid ("NCIB") to repurchase the Company's common shares. During the year ended January 31, 2023, the Company repurchased 820,000 common shares (thirteen months ended January 31, 2022 - 502,500 common shares) for a total cost of \$850,460 (thirteen months ended January 31, 2022 - \$383,556). The NCIB expired on July 1, 2022.

#### 13. Stock Options, Restricted Share Units and Share Awards

(a) Stock options

On December 16, 2019, the Company adopted a Stock Option Plan, subject to TSX-V and disinterested shareholder approval of the Company's Omnibus Long-term Incentive Plan ("LTIP"). The Company's Omnibus LTIP was approved at the Company's annual general meeting on August 15, 2022. The maximum aggregate number of shares reserved for issuance under the Company's Stock Option Plan, together with the RSU Plan (defined below), shall not exceed a combined total of 10% of the Company's issued and outstanding shares to officers, employees, directors, advisors and consultants. The exercise price is determined by the Board of Directors provided the minimum exercise price is set at the Company's closing share price on the day before the grant date. The options can be granted for a maximum term of ten years and vesting terms are determined by the Board of Directors at the date of grant.

The following table reflects the continuity of stock options for the periods ended January 31, 2023 and 2022:

	Number of stock options	Weighted average exercise price (CAD\$)
<b>Balance, December 31, 2020</b>	<b>4,190,000</b>	<b>0.43</b>
Granted (i)	1,900,000	0.87
Exercised (Note 12(b)(i))	(3,150,000)	0.43
<b>Balance, January 31, 2022</b>	<b>2,940,000</b>	<b>0.71</b>
Exercised (Note 12(b)(i))	(320,000)	0.43
<b>Balance, January 31, 2023</b>	<b>2,620,000</b>	<b>0.75</b>

(i) On December 8, 2021, a total of 1,900,000 stock options were issued to directors, officers, advisors and consultants of the Company. The stock options are exercisable at a price of CAD\$0.87 per share, expire on December 8, 2026 and vested immediately. The fair value of the stock options was estimated to be \$709,381 using the Black-Scholes option pricing model and the following assumptions: exercise price of CAD\$0.87, share price of CAD\$0.90, risk free interest rate of 1.44%, an expected life of 5 years and an expected volatility of 60%.

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During the year ended January 31, 2023, share based compensation expense for these stock options of \$nil (thirteen months ended January 31, 2022 - \$709,381) was recorded in profit or loss.

The following table reflects the Company's stock options outstanding and exercisable as at January 31, 2023:

<b>Options outstanding</b>	<b>Options exercisable</b>	<b>Grant date fair value (\$)</b>	<b>Weighted average exercise price (CAD\$)</b>	<b>Weighted average remaining contractual life (years)</b>	<b>Expiry date</b>
620,000	620,000	16,975	0.43	1.88	December 16, 2024
100,000	100,000	16,335	0.40	2.90	December 23, 2025
1,900,000	1,900,000	709,381	0.87	3.85	December 8, 2026
<b>2,620,000</b>	<b>2,620,000</b>	<b>742,691</b>	<b>0.75</b>	<b>3.35</b>	

**(b) Restricted share units ("RSU")**

On December 16, 2019, the Company adopted a Restricted Share Unit Plan (the "RSU Plan"), subject to TSX-V and disinterested shareholder approval of the Company's Omnibus LTIP. The Company's Omnibus LTIP was approved at the Company's annual general meeting on August 15, 2022. The maximum aggregate number of shares reserved for issuance under the RSU Plan, together with the Company's Stock Option Plan shall not exceed a combined total of 10% of the Company's issued and outstanding shares. In addition, the RSU Plan sets out certain other restrictions in respect of grants to certain participants under the RSU Plan in accordance with the rules of the TSX-V.

	<b>Number of RSUs</b>
<b>Balance, December 31, 2020</b>	<b>4,153,333</b>
Granted (i)	3,300,000
Converted into common shares	(3,002,801)
Settled in cash	(387,202)
<b>Balance, January 31, 2022</b>	<b>4,063,330</b>
Granted (ii)	4,550,000
Converted into common shares	(1,675,053)
Settled in cash	(681,614)
<b>Balance, January 31, 2023</b>	<b>6,256,663</b>

(i) On December 8, 2021, the Company granted 3,300,000 RSUs to certain employees, officers and directors, which at the Board's discretion can be settled in cash, equity or a combination thereof and vest as follows: 800,000 immediately, 1,366,668 on the first anniversary of the date of grant and 566,666 on each of the second and third anniversaries of the date of grant.

(ii) On December 7, 2022, the Company granted 4,550,000 RSUs to certain employees, officers and directors, which at the Board's discretion can be settled in cash, equity or a combination thereof and vest as follows: 2,583,333 on the first anniversary of the date of grant and 983,333 on each of the second and third anniversaries of the date of grant.

For the year ended January 31, 2023, the Company recorded share based compensation expense for these RSU's of \$2,262,211 (thirteen months ended January 31, 2022 - \$2,266,560).

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**13. Stock Options, Restricted Share Units and Share Awards (Continued)****(c) Share awards**

On December 1, 2020, the Company granted 210,000 share awards to an employee and an officer which are to be settled in cash and vest as follows: 70,000 on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the date of grant. The fair value of these cash-settled awards is recognized as compensation expense over the period that related services are rendered with a corresponding increase in liabilities. The total amount expensed is recognized over the vesting period, which is the period over which all the specified vesting conditions should be satisfied.

During the thirteen months ended January 31, 2022, 40,000 share awards granted to an officer vested and were settled and the employee resigned from the Company and 90,000 share awards vested and were paid out at the Board's approval. During the year ended January 31, 2023, 40,000 share awards granted to an officer vested and were settled. As at January 31, 2023, there were 40,000 (January 31, 2022 - 80,000) share awards outstanding.

For the year ended January 31, 2023, the Company recorded a change in share award liability for these share awards of \$94,068 (thirteen months ended January 31, 2022 - \$287,862) in profit or loss.

**14. Related Party Transactions**

Parties are considered to be related if one party has the ability, directly or indirectly, to control the other party or exercise significant influence over the other party in making financial and operating decisions. Parties are also considered to be related if they are subject to common control. Related parties include key management personnel and may be individuals or corporate entities. A transaction is considered to be a related party transaction when there is a transfer of resources or obligations between related parties.

Key management personnel are those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Company, directly or indirectly. Key management personnel include the Company's executive officers and members of the Board of Directors.

Remuneration of key management personnel of the Company was as follows:

	<b>Year Ended January 31, 2023</b>	<b>Thirteen Months Ended January 31, 2022</b>
Salaries and fees <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	\$ 2,681,649	\$ 3,573,095
Share based compensation	2,658,605	2,867,829
Change in share award liability	94,068	108,665
	<b>\$ 5,434,322</b>	<b>\$ 6,549,589</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Management fees and salaries paid to the executive officers and directors for their services.

<sup>(2)</sup> Included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities are fees owing to officers and directors of \$86,660 as at January 31, 2023 (January 31, 2022 - \$26,667).

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## 15. Financial Instruments

### Fair value of financial instruments

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The fair value hierarchy establishes three levels to classify the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value, by reference to the reliability of the inputs used to estimate the fair values.

Level 1: Valuations based on quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Company can access at the measurement date;

Level 2: Valuations based on directly or indirectly observable inputs for the asset or liability, other than quoted Level 1 prices, such as quoted interest rates or currency exchange rates; and

Level 3: Valuations based on significant inputs that are not observable, such as discounted cash flow methodologies based on internal cash flow forecasts.

As of January 31, 2023, the Company's financial instruments consist of cash and cash equivalents, amounts receivable, marketable securities, accounts payable and accrued liabilities and non-recourse debt. Marketable securities are measured at fair value and classified within Level 1. The fair values of cash and cash equivalents, amounts receivable and accounts payable and accrued liabilities approximate their carrying amounts because of the short-term nature of these instruments. The non-recourse debt is stated at amortized cost, the fair value is not materially different to the carrying amounts, as the interest payable is close to current market rates.

## 16. Financial Risks

The Company's risk exposures and the impact on the Company's financial instruments are summarized below:

### Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation. The Company's maximum credit risk exposure includes the carrying amounts of cash and cash equivalents and amounts receivable. To limit the credit risk exposure on its cash and cash equivalents, the Company holds all its cash and cash equivalents in credit worthy financial institutions. The Company believes no impairment is necessary in respect of amounts receivable from MCC Ramu NiCo Limited and other receivables as balances are monitored on a regular basis with the result that exposure to credit losses is insignificant. The Company's exposure to and management of credit risk has not changed materially from that of the prior year.

### Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that an entity will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities that are settled by delivering cash or another financial asset. Financial liquidity represents the Company's ability to fund future operating activities. The Company may generate cash from the sale of additional equity securities, as well as through debt financing. The Company plans to fund its ongoing operations with its existing cash balance and amounts receivable from MCC Ramu NiCo Limited. Although the Company may enter into commitments to acquire royalties and direct interests in mineral properties those commitments are normally funded by use of the Company's available cash and are contingent on its ability to raise funds through the sale of additional equity securities or debt financing. The Company's accounts payable and accrued liabilities are due within the next 12 months. The non-recourse debt is estimated to be due as follows: \$21,292,858 within the next 12 months and \$34,524,193 after 12 months, however this loan is only repayable to the extent the Company's share of the Ramu Nickel Mine's operations are in surplus. The Company's exposure to and management of liquidity risk has not changed materially from that of the prior year.

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#### 16. Financial Risks (Continued)

##### Market risk

Market risk is the risk to the Company that the fair value or future cash flows of financial instruments will fluctuate due to changes in market prices. Market risk comprises interest rate risk, currency risk and other price risk. Management believes the Company is not significantly exposed to other price risk. The company's exposure to and management of market risk has not changed materially from that of the prior year.

##### (i) Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The Company is exposed to interest rate fluctuations as a result of its cash deposits and borrowings.

Cash deposits, which in turn earn interest income, are subject to the movement of interest rates and the Company does not enter into long-term deposits. The Company has AUD\$112,336 on deposit at rates ranging between 0.15% and 3.02%.

The rate of the Company's long-term borrowings is 5.05%. As at January 31, 2023, the Company has estimated that for a 1% decrease or increase in the interest rate, all other variables remaining constant, the result would be a decrease or increase in net loss before taxes of approximately \$400,000.

##### (ii) Foreign currency risk

Foreign currency risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows from the Company's financial instruments will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates. Foreign currency risk arises from transactions and recognized assets and liabilities denominated in a currency that is not the Company's functional currency. The Company's functional currency is United States dollars. The Company incurs expenses in Canadian dollars, Australian dollars and Papua New Guinea Kina. As at January 31, 2023, the Company had approximately CAD\$217,500, AUD\$138,000 and PGK\$501,000 of net assets. As at January 31, 2023, the Company has estimated that a 10% decrease or increase in the value of the Canadian dollar, Australian dollars and Papua New Guinea Kina, all other variables remaining constant, the result would be a decrease or increase in net loss before taxes of approximately \$37,000.

##### Commodity price risk

The Company is exposed to commodity price risk. This arises from the sale of nickel and cobalt that is priced on, or benchmarked to, open market exchanges. The products are sold by MCC Ramu Nico Limited at prevailing market prices such as the London Metal Exchange (LME) and Metal Bulletin (MB). The products, predominantly nickel and cobalt, are provisionally priced, that is the selling price is determined preceding the month of shipment followed by an adjustment using the average price of the month of shipment after delivery to the customers. As at January 31, 2023, contracts for the physical delivery of commodities are carried in the MCC Ramu NiCo Limited statement of financial position at their realized prices. Derivative commodity contracts may be used by MCC Ramu NiCo Limited to align realized prices to manage risk exposure although at December 31, 2022 there were no derivative commodity contracts being used by MCC Ramu NiCo Limited.

#### 17. Capital Management

The Company's policy is to maintain a strong capital base so as to maintain investor and creditor confidence and to sustain future development of the business. The capital structure of the Company consists of shareholders' equity of \$90,748,102 at January 31, 2023 (January 31, 2022 - \$83,618,126).

There were no changes in the Company's approach to capital management during the period. The Company is not subject to any externally imposed capital requirements.

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The income tax expense differs from the amount resulting from the application of the combined Canadian statutory income tax rate to the income before tax as follows:

	Year Ended January 31, 2023	Thirteen Months Ended January 31, 2022
Income before tax	\$ 11,082,147	\$ 13,916,380
Statutory tax rate	26.50 %	26.50 %
Expected tax expense based on statutory rate	2,936,769	3,687,708
Adjustment to expected tax expense:		
Foreign rate difference	624,420	769,356
Non-deductible interest	1,113,422	1,297,354
Other non-deductible expenses and sundry items	(166,419)	1,098,527
Net taxable income subject to tax holiday	(1,501,219)	(1,957,293)
Adjustment for current tax of prior periods	-	(4,803)
Change in deferred tax assets not recognized	1,964,356	(2,149,014)
<b>Total tax expense</b>	<b>\$ 4,971,329</b>	<b>\$ 2,741,835</b>

The significant components of the deferred tax asset (liability) as at January 31, 2023 are as follows:

	As at January 31, 2023	As at January 31, 2022
Investment in Ramu Nickel Mine	\$ (7,746,397)	\$ (2,760,800)
Provision for employee entitlements	31,592	21,965
<b>Deferred tax liabilities</b>	<b>\$ (7,714,805)</b>	<b>\$ (2,738,835)</b>

The significant components of the deductible temporary differences not recognized as at January 31, 2023 are as follows:

	Canada	Papua New Guinea
Non-capital losses	\$ 13,510,480	\$ 15,248
Capital losses	229,296	-
Financing and share issuance costs	22,506	-
Eligible capital property	58,470	-
	<b>\$ 13,820,752</b>	<b>\$ 15,248</b>

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The significant components of the deductible temporary differences not recognized as at January 31, 2022 are as follows:

		Canada		Papua New Guinea
Non-capital losses	\$	6,107,980	\$	26,000
Capital losses		201,244		-
Financing and share issuance costs		38,703		-
Eligible capital property		58,472		-
	\$	6,406,399	\$	26,000

The tax losses are available to be carried forward for a maximum of seven years in Papua New Guinea and 20 years in Canada. The losses in Canada expire from 2039 to 2043.

As at January 31, 2023, there was no unrecognized taxable temporary differences relating to investment in Ramu Nickel Mine.

**19. Segmented Information**

The Company has three reportable operating segments, being the royalties, Ramu Nickel Mine and corporate. Operating segment information is as follows:

Year Ended January 31, 2023	Royalties	Ramu Nickel Mine		Corporate	Total
Share of operating profit from Ramu Nickel Mine	\$ -	\$ 22,700,102	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22,700,102
Operating expenses	-	(1,158,510)	(6,915,481)	-	(8,073,991)
Financing costs	-	(3,711,406)	-	-	(3,711,406)
Unrealized loss on marketable securities	-	-	(91,531)	-	(91,531)
Interest income	-	18,601	69,945	-	88,546
Foreign exchange gain (loss)	-	(8,228)	178,655	-	170,427
Deferred tax expense	-	(4,971,329)	-	-	(4,971,329)
<b>Net income (loss)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 12,869,230</b>	<b>\$ (6,758,412)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 6,110,818</b>

Thirteen Months Ended January 31, 2022	Royalties	Ramu Nickel Mine		Corporate	Total
Share of operating profit from Ramu Nickel Mine	\$ -	\$ 27,475,384	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,475,384
Operating expenses	-	(1,738,896)	(7,490,433)	-	(9,229,329)
Financing costs	-	(4,324,512)	-	-	(4,324,512)
Unrealized loss on marketable securities	-	-	(27,373)	-	(27,373)
Carbon offset	-	-	(57,750)	-	(57,750)
Interest income	-	45,520	22,777	-	68,297
Foreign exchange gain (loss)	-	(1,143)	12,806	-	11,663
Deferred tax expense	-	(2,741,835)	-	-	(2,741,835)
<b>Net income (loss)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 18,714,518</b>	<b>\$ (7,539,973)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 11,174,545</b>



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**19. Segmented Information (Continued)**

The Company has an administrative office in Canada and joint venture and royalty interests in the Asia Pacific region, predominantly Papua New Guinea. Geographical information is as follows:

<b>As at January 31, 2023</b>	<b>Canada</b>	<b>Asia Pacific</b>	<b>Total</b>
Current assets	\$ 2,172,371	\$ 10,204,037	\$ 12,376,408
Non-current assets	25,495,893	116,847,438	142,343,331
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 27,668,264</b>	<b>\$ 127,051,475</b>	<b>\$ 154,719,739</b>

<b>As at January 31, 2022</b>	<b>Canada</b>	<b>Asia Pacific</b>	<b>Total</b>
Current assets	\$ 3,273,250	\$ 4,507,989	\$ 7,781,239
Non-current assets	25,495,893	126,849,654	152,345,547
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 28,769,143</b>	<b>\$ 131,357,643</b>	<b>\$ 160,126,786</b>

**20. Contingent Liabilities**

(i) On August 24, 2019, the Ramu Nickel Joint Venture ("RNJV") was involved in an environmental incident that resulted in an investigation by the PNG authorities. The investigation has been completed, however the final investigation report is yet to be released. Ramu NiCo Management (MCC) Limited ("RNML"), the Joint Venture Manager, has implemented effective control measures to prevent similar incidents from occurring and compensated local residents approximately PGK 300,000. However, RNML is unable to estimate any possible further compensation amount until the final investigation report is released.

On February 5, 2020, the Madang Provincial government and 13 landowner plaintiffs sued RNML, the Joint Venture Manager, for alleged breach of various environmental laws and commitment of public and private nuisance and negligence by continuously dumping tailings and waste into the Astrolabe and Basamuk Bays. On March 23, 2020, RNML filed its defence. On September 8, 2020, the plaintiffs had then filed a Notice of Motions intending to stop the normal operation of the Ramu project. Subsequently, the Joint Venture Manager filed 51 affidavits to defend and a motion seeking to transfer the case to a commercial court. In October 2020, the State of Papua New Guinea through the Conservation and Environment Protection Authority (CEPA) also filed an application to be a second defendant in this case delivering support to the Ramu project. This application was granted by the court. As of the date of signing these financial statements, the case is still in the pre-trial stage. The onus is on the plaintiffs to prosecute the case, but they have not showed any intention to do so in the period ended January 31, 2023. Management is confident about successfully defending the case and does not have the intention to settle the case out of court. However, management is unable to reliably estimate the possible compensation amount until the case is closed.

No provisions were recognized in the consolidated financial statements in relation to these two matters.

(ii) Accounts payable and accrued liabilities contain amounts which are held on behalf of former shareholders of Highlands Pacific Limited, which have not yet been claimed by shareholders following the purchase and subsequent delisting of Highlands Pacific Limited from the Australian Securities Exchange ("ASX").

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**21. Subsequent Event**

On May 9, 2023, the TSXV granted approval of the Company's NCIB Notice to implement a NCIB to purchase, for cancellation, up to 7,224,516 of its shares, representing approximately 7.9% of the shares (calculated in accordance with the rules of the TSXV as of May 4, 2023) over a twelve month period commencing on May 11, 2023. All purchases made pursuant to the NCIB would be made through the facilities of the TSXV or alternative Canadian trading systems, in open market transactions or by such other means as may be permitted under applicable securities laws. The price that the Company will pay for shares in open market transactions will be equal to the market price at the time of purchase. The actual number of shares which may be purchased, and the timing of such purchases, will be determined by Nickel 28 based on market conditions, share price, best use of available cash, and other factors. The Company may elect in the future to implement further NCIBs to purchase its shares, any of which NCIBs would be on substantially the same terms and conditions.