# TINKA RESOURCES LIMITED

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

This discussion and analysis of financial position and results of operation is prepared as at February 27, 2017 and should be read in conjunction with the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements and the accompanying notes for the three months ended December 31, 2016 of Tinka Resources Limited (the "Company" or "Tinka"). The following disclosure and associated financial statements are presented in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"). Except as otherwise disclosed, all dollar figures included therein and in the following management discussion and analysis ("MD&A") are quoted in Canadian dollars.

#### **Forward-Looking Statements**

Certain information in this MD&A may constitute forward-looking statements or forward-looking information within the meaning of applicable securities laws (collectively, "Forward-Looking Statements"). All statements, other than statements of historical fact that address activities, events or developments that the Company believes, expects or anticipates will or may occur in the future are Forward-Looking Statements. Forward-Looking Statements are often, but not always, identified by the use of words such as "seek," "anticipate," "believe," "plan," "estimate," "expect," and "intend" and statements that an event or result "may," "will," "can," "should," "could," or "might" occur or be achieved and other similar expressions. Forward-Looking Statements are based upon the opinions and expectations of the Company based on information currently available to the Company. Forward-Looking Statements are subject to a number of factors, risks and uncertainties that may cause the actual results of the Company to differ materially from those discussed in the Forward-Looking Statements including, among other things, the Company has yet to generate a profit from its activities; there can be no guarantee that the estimates of quantities or qualities of minerals disclosed in Tinka's public record will be economically recoverable; uncertainties relating to the availability and costs of financing needed in the future; successful completion of planned drill program; competition with other companies within the mining industry; the success of the Company is largely dependent upon the performance of its directors and officers and Tinka's ability to attract and train key personnel; changes in world metal markets and equity markets beyond Tinka's control; mineral reserves are, in the large part, estimates and no assurance can be given that the anticipated tonnages and grades will be achieved or that the indicated level of recovery will be realized; production rates and capital and other costs may vary significantly from estimates; unexpected geological conditions; delays in obtaining or failure to obtain necessary permits and approvals from government authorities; community relations; all phases of a mining business present environmental and safety risks and hazards and are subject to environmental and safety regulation, and rehabilitation and restitution costs; and management of Tinka have experience in mineral exploration but may lack all or some of the necessary technical training and experience to successfully develop and operate a mine. Although Tinka believes that the expectations reflected in the Forward-Looking Statements, and the assumptions on which such Forward-Looking Statements are made, are reasonable, there can be no assurance that such expectations will prove to be correct. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on Forward-Looking Statements, as there can be no assurance that the plans, intentions or expectations upon which the Forward-Looking Statements are based will occur. Forward-Looking Statements herein are made as at the date hereof, and unless otherwise required by law, Tinka does not intend, or assume any obligation, to update these Forward-Looking Statements.

All of the Company's public disclosure filings, including its most recent management information circular, material change reports, press releases and other information, may be accessed via <a href="www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a> or the Company's website <a href="www.tinkaresources.com">www.tinkaresources.com</a> and readers are urged to review these materials, including the technical reports filed with respect to the Company's mineral properties.

## **Company Overview**

The Company is a junior mineral exploration company currently engaged in the acquisition and exploration of base and precious metals mineral properties located in Peru with the aim of developing them to a stage where they can be exploited at a profit or to arrange joint ventures whereby other companies provide funding for development and exploitation. The Company's activities have been focused on developing its 100% owned Ayawilca and Colquipucro Properties, located 40 kilometres northwest of Cerro de Pasco, Central Peru. During fiscal 2015 the Company completed a private placement financing to raise \$7,253,475. In November 2016 the Company completed a further

private placement financing of \$11,000,000. These funds have been allocated towards the exploration of the Colquipucro and Ayawilca projects and for general working capital purposes. As of the date of this MD&A, the Company has not earned any production revenue, nor found any proven reserves on any of its properties. The Company is a reporting issuer in British Columbia and Alberta and trades on the TSX Venture Exchange ("TSXV") as a Tier 1 issuer, under the symbol "TK", on the Frankfurt Exchange under the symbol "TLD", and on the OTC Pink under the symbol "TKRFF".

## **Exploration Projects, Peru**

### Introduction

As of the date of this MD&A, Tinka owns 54 granted mining concessions covering 14,340 hectares at the Company's flagship Ayawilca Property in the Pasco - Huanuco regions of Peru, held by its 100% owned subsidiary, Tinka Peru SAC. The Company also holds five applications covering 3,000 hectares at Ayawilca. In addition, Darwin Peru SAC (Tinka 100%) holds two granted mining concessions covering 2,000 hectares at the Rurimarac gold property located in the Ancash region of Peru.

The Ayawilca Property is the Company's flagship project, located 200 kilometres northeast of Lima and 40 kilometres northwest of the Cerro de Pasco zinc-lead-silver mine. Ayawilca is located in the Andean mountain range at elevations of between 3,800 and 4,400 metres. The Zinc Zone resource at Ayawilca is a carbonate replacement style deposit hosted by Pucará limestone, typically at depths of between 150 - 200 metres from surface or deeper. Zinc occurs in carbonate rocks as sphalerite, in the form of either flat-lying sulphide 'mantos' ranging from 10 to 30 metres thick, or as vertical 'chimneys' spanning the thickness of the Pucará limestone (up to 200 metres thick). The zinc mantos are tens to hundreds of metres across. The zinc mineralization occurs together with indium ("In") with lesser silver ("Ag"), and lead ("Pb") in the form of galena.

Tin ("Sn") mineralization occurs within a separate resource, immediately underneath the Zinc Zone mantos at Central Ayawilca. Tin is hosted as cassiterite (tin oxide) within massive pyrrhotite (iron sulphide) mantos lying at the base of the Pucará limestone. The Tin Zone manto has a thickness of 10 - 15 metres and is up to 300 metres across. Cassiterite is accompanied by minor chalcopyrite (copper sulphide) and stannite (tin copper sulphide).

The Colquipucro Silver resource on the Ayawilca Property lies two kilometres north of the Zinc Zone. Colquipucro is hosted by Goyllar Group quartz sandstone. Silver at Colquipucro occurs from surface to a depth of approximately 80 metres, within a number of fracture zones and disseminated within the weathered quartz sandstones.

### Mineral Resources

In May 2016, Tinka announced a resource update for its 100%-owned Ayawilca Zinc Zone sulphide deposit, which now consists of 18.8 million tonnes grading 8.2% zinc equivalent (ZnEq) at a cut-off grade of 5% ZnEq using a zinc price of US \$1.0/lb, as referred to in Table 1. The Company announced its first Tin Zone resource consisting of 5.4 million tonnes grading 0.89% tin equivalent (SnEq) at a cut-off grade of 0.45% SnEq, as referred to in Table 2. Both of the Mineral Resources are in accordance with the NI 43-101 Inferred Mineral Resource category at a cut-off grade equivalent to approximately US \$60/t, as estimated by Roscoe Postle Associates Inc. (RPA) of Toronto, Canada (see News Release dated May 25, 2016).

ZnEq % Cut-off	Tonnage (Mt)	ZnEq % Grade	Zinc %	Lead %	Indium g/t	Silver g/t
3	22.3	7.5	5.5	0.2	67	13
4	20.9	7.8	5.6	0.2	70	14
5	18.8	8.2	5.9	0.2	74	15
6	13.1	9.4	6.6	0.2	93	16
7	9.5	10.4	7.2	0.2	110	17

Table 1 - Ayawilca Deposit Inferred Mineral Resources - Zinc Zone

#### Notes:

- 1. Mineral Resources are reported above a cut-off grade of 5% ZnEq or approximately US \$60 per tonne NSR value.
- The ZnEq grade was based on estimated metallurgical recoveries, assumed metal prices and smelter terms, which include payable factors, treatment charges, penalties, and refining charges. Metal price assumptions were: US \$1.00/lb Zn, US \$500/kg In,

US \$20/oz Ag, and US \$1.00/lb Pb. Metal recovery assumptions were: 90% Zn, 75% In, 50% Ag, and 75% Pb. The NSR value for each block was calculated using the following NSR factors: US \$11.88 per % Zn, US\$ 4.16 per % Pb, US \$0.30 per gram In, and US \$0.28 per gram Ag.

3. The zinc equivalent (ZnEq.%) value was calculated using the following formula: ZnEq.(%) = [Zn(%)\*US \$11.88+Pb(%)\*US \$4.16+In(g/t)\*US \$0.30+Ag(g/t)\*US \$0.28]/US \$11.88

Table 2 - Ayawilca Deposit Inferred Mineral Resources - Tin Zone

SnEq % Cut-off	Tonnage (Mt)	SnEq % Grade	Tin %	Copper %	Silver g/t
0.25	5.7	0.87	0.73	0.30	18
0.35	5.6	0.87	0.74	0.31	18
0.45	5.4	0.89	0.76	0.31	18
0.55	3.8	1.06	0.91	0.36	18
0.65	3.2	1.15	1.00	0.36	18

#### Notes:

- 1. Mineral Resources are reported above a cut-off grade of 0.45% SnEq or approximately US \$60 per tonne NSR value.
- 2. The SnEq grade was based on estimated metallurgical recoveries, assumed metal prices and smelter terms, which include payable factors, treatment charges, penalties, and refining charges. Metal price assumptions were: US \$9/lb Sn, US \$3/lb Cu, and US \$20/oz Ag. Metal recovery assumptions were: 85% Sn, 75% Cu, and 50% Ag. The NSR value for each block was calculated using the following NSR factors: US \$130.36 per % Sn, US \$41.26 per % Cu, and US \$0.28 per gram Ag.
- 3. The tin equivalent (Sn Eq.%) value was calculated using the following formula: Sn Eq.(%) = [Sn(%)\*US \$130.36+Cu(%)\*US \$41.26+Ag(g/t)\*US \$0.28]/ US \$130.36

The Ayawilca drill database includes 27,248 metres in 74 diamond drill holes. Readers are encouraged to read the technical report entitled "Technical Report on the Mineral Resource Estimate for the Ayawilca Property Department of Pasco, Peru", dated June 29, 2016 which can be found under the Company's profile on SEDAR at <a href="http://www.sedar.com">http://www.sedar.com</a> or on the Company's website at NI 43-101 Technical Report Tinka Resources Ltd.

The Mineral Resource estimate for the Colquipucro silver zone are described in the 2016 NI 43-101 report (NI 43-101 Technical Report) but remain unchanged from the 2015 resource estimate. Indicated Mineral Resources at Colquipucro are estimated to be 7.4 million tonnes at an average grade of 60 g/t Ag containing 14.3 million ounces of Ag, as referred to in Table 3. Inferred Mineral Resources are estimated to total 8.5 million tonnes at an average grade of 48 g/t Ag containing 13.2 million ounces of Ag. Mineral Resources are reported within a preliminary pit shell generated in Whittle software at a cut-off of 15 g/t Ag. The "High grade lenses" have a cut-off grade of 60 g/t Ag. The drill database for Colquipucro includes 8,003 m in 45 drill holes.

Table 3 - Colquipucro Silver Mineral Resources as of May 25, 2016

Classification/Zone	Tonnage (Mt)	Ag (g/t)	Ag (Moz)
Indicated	(3.23)	( <del>g</del> ) */	(====)
High grade lenses	2.9	112	10.4
Low grade halo	4.5	27	3.9
Total Indicated	7.4	60	14.3
Inferred			
High grade lenses	2.2	105	7.5
Low grade halo	6.2	28	5.7
Total inferred	8.5	48	13.2

#### Notes:

- Mineral Resources are reported within a preliminary pit shell and above a cut-off grade of 15 g/t Ag for the Low Grade Halo and 60 g/t Ag for the High Grade Lenses.
- 2. The cut-off grade is based on a price of US \$24/oz Ag.

**Qualified Person - Mineral Resources:** The Mineral Resources have been estimated by Mr. David Ross, P.Geo., an employee of RPA and independent of Tinka. By virtue of his education and relevant experience, Mr. Ross is a "Qualified Person" for the purpose of National Instrument 43-101. The Mineral Resources have been classified in accordance with CIM Definition Standards for Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves (May, 2014).

#### Metallurgical Test Work

In October 2016, Tinka completed initial metallurgical flotation tests of zinc sulphide samples from West Ayawilca. The test work showed that the zinc sulphide mineralization is amenable to industry standard flotation processing. Zinc recoveries of 98% were produced in first pass (rougher) flotation tests from two typical grade composites. A zinc concentrate grade of 52% Zn was achieved in second pass (cleaner) flotation. Indium recoveries were similar to the zinc. The tests were carried out by SGS Peru under the supervision of Transmin Consultants of Lima, Peru.

Two composite samples (7.1% and 10.0% Zn, respectively) were prepared from quarter-core samples of typical zinc mineralization from West Ayawilca. Industry standard flotation techniques using accepted reagents and three stages of open-cycle cleaner flotation tests produced saleable zinc concentrate grades, with attractive indium credits. Summary of the composites, rougher concentrate recoveries and cleaner concentrate recoveries are shown in Tables 4 and 5. Cleaner tests were conducted by 'open cycle', meaning recoveries were lower than would be achieved under 'closed cycle' tests. These metallurgical results are considered positive initial test results.

Table 4. Summary of composite samples grades from West Ayawilca

Composite Grade	Zn (%)	Ag (g/t)	In (g/t)	Pb (%)
AAFC-01	7.1	12	22	0.09
AAFC-02	10.0	12	121	0.07

Table 5. Recoveries of zinc concentrates for West Ayawilca composites

	Rougher Concentrate Grade			Rougher Recovery			
Composite Grade	Zn (%)	Ag (g/t)	In (g/t)	Zn (%)	Ag (%)	In (%)	
AAFC-01	32.9	40.9	95.2	98.7	78.5	94.6	
AAFC-02	40.3	33.2	471	98.5	73.2	97.4	
	3rd Cleaner Concentrate Grade			3rd Cleaner Recovery			
Composite Grade	Zn (%)	Ag (g/t)	In (g/t)	Zn (%)	Ag (%)	In (%)	
AAFC-01	50.8	55.4	152	64.5	45.1	63.9	
AAFC-02	51.7	37.1	591	57.6	37.2	55.6	

#### Discovery of High-Grade Zinc at Pucarumi

In December 2016, Tinka announced the discovery of a new zinc prospect at "Pucarumi", 7 kilometres northwest of the Ayawilca inferred zinc resource and within the existing mining claims. High-grade mineralization grading up to 19% zinc and 8% lead occurs at Pucarumi in two subparallel surface horizons in Cretaceous limestones, over a strike length of 1.5 kilometres. Channel sampling returned grades ranging from 0.2% Zn to 19.0% Zn from 61 samples over an average width of 1.5 to 2.0 metres in mineralized Chulec Formation limestone. Field work at the area is continuing.

Prospecting for other new areas of zinc mineralization within the Company's 150 km<sup>2</sup> mining claim package at Ayawilca is being carried out currently. This work includes the field checking of magnetic anomalies identified by the recent airborne magnetic survey completed in July 2016.

# Permitting & Upcoming Drill Program

In September 2016, the Company signed up to four year access agreements with three local communities covering surface rights over extensions of the zinc resource. The modified Environmental Impact Assessment ("EIA") was approved during November 2016, with the second EIA approved during December 2016. The two modified EIAs allow the Company to drill from up to 79 drill platforms in land owned by the communities of San Juan de Yanacocha and Huarautambo, as well as 85 drill platforms on land owned by the community of San Pedro de Pillao. The new permits will cover an area approximately three times the size of previous drill permitted area (pre December 2015).

On February 10, 2017, Tinka announced that the Ministry of Energy and Mines in Peru had granted to the Company the permit to initiate drilling activities at Ayawilca. A drill was mobilized from Lima to site, with diamond drilling expected to commence at West Ayawilca in mid to late February 2017. The drill program will initially utilize one rig, with a second rig expected to mobilize in April 2017. The focus of the drill program will be to expand the existing Zinc Zone mineralization within newly permitted areas along strike of existing mineral resources, as well as testing

new zinc targets outlined by recent geophysical and geochemical programs. The Company is planning a 10,000 metre drill program, which will continue until at least July 2017.

### Rurimarac Gold Property

The Rurimarac gold property (including Tinka Nueve) is located in the Department of Ancash in central Peru. The property consists of two, 100% owned, mining concessions covering 2,000 hectares (Tinka Nueve and Rurimarac 1).

The principal target at Rurimarac lies beneath an outcropping zone of oxide gold mineralization. Previous sampling in 65 pit and trench samples up to 1 metre deep ranged in grade from 0.1 g/t to 39 g/t gold, with an average grade of 5.1 g/t gold. A single drill hole by Tinka intersected 6 metres grading 3.3 g/t gold from 60 metres depth in a fault zone in 2009.

Tinka is continuing to review options to move this project forward, with farm-out options being considered.

## **Qualified Person**

The qualified person for the Company's projects, Dr. Graham Carman (FAUSIMM), President and CEO of the Company, has reviewed and approved the technical information in this MD&A.

#### **Selected Financial Data**

The following selected financial information is derived from the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements of the Company.

		Fiscal 2016				Fiscal 2015			
	Dec. 31 2016 \$	Sept. 30 2016 \$	Jun. 30 2016 \$	Mar. 31 2016 \$	Dec. 31 2015 \$	Sept. 30 2015 \$	Jun. 30 2015 \$	Mar. 31 2015 \$	
Operations:									
Revenues	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
Expenses	(472,787)	(283,858)	(445,266)	(310,627)	(440,784)	(363,747)	(821,367)	(365,039)	
Other items	58,920	(176,247)	9,310	(50,377)	(13,020)	134,370	(5,172)	99,574	
Net loss and comprehensive loss	(413,867)	(460,105)	(435,956)	(361,004)	(453,804)	(229,377)	(826,539)	(265,465)	
Loss per share -basic and diluted	(0.00)	(0.01)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.01)	(0.00)	
Dividends per share	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
Balance Sheet:									
Working capital	11,580,424	1,691,780	2,692,830	3,661,246	4,520,484	6,419,711	8,807,814	2,500,327	
Total assets		23,782,063	24,193,242	24,614,226	25,167,499	25,808,464	25,737,199	19,010,500	
Total long-term liabilities	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	

## **Results of Operations**

Three Months Ended December 31, 2016 Compared to Three Months Ended September 30, 2016

During the three months ended December 31, 2016 (the "Q1/2017") the Company reported a net loss of \$413,867, compared to a net loss of \$460,105 for the three months ended September 30, 2016 (the "Q4/2016"), a decrease in loss of \$46,238. The decrease in loss was mainly attributed to the Company recognizing an impairment expense of \$208,908 to exploration and evaluation assets during Q4/2016. No impairment expense was considered necessary during Q1/2017. Other changes in expenses are as follows:

- (i) during Q1/2017 the Company was billed \$36,720 for the audit of the Company's fiscal 2016 financial statements. No audit activities were conducted during Q4/2016;
- (ii) during Q1/2017 the Company incurred \$21,432 for investment conference expenses. During Q4/2016 the Company did not participate in any investment conferences;

- (iii) an increase of \$17,136 in general exploration expense from \$8,247 during Q4/2016 to \$25,383 during Q1/2017; and
- (iv) during Q1/2017 the Company expenses \$85,412 (Q4/2016 \$58,307) for professional fees of which:
  - \$43,478 (Q4/2016 \$43,069) was attributed to directors and officers of the Company;
  - \$6,374 (Q4/2016 \$1,783) was reimbursed to a public company with certain common directors for shared personnel, office and other costs; and
  - \$35,560 (Q4/2016 \$13,455) was billed by various parties for financial advisory services.

Three Months Ended December 31, 2016 Compared to three months Ended December 31, 2015

During the three months ended December 31, 2016 (the "2016 period"), the Company reported a net loss of \$413,867 (\$0.00 per share), compared to a net loss of \$453,804 (\$0.00 per share) for the three months ended December 31, 2015 (the "2015 period"), a decrease in loss of \$39,937.

Expenses increased by \$32,003, from \$440,784 during the 2015 period to \$472,787 during the 2016 period. Specific expenses of note are as follows:

- (i) during the 2016 period the Company was billed \$9,450 (2015 \$9,000) for accounting and administration services provided by Chase Management Ltd. ("Chase") a private company owned by Mr. Nick DeMare, the Chief Financial Officer ("CFO") and a director of the Company. In addition, the Company was billed \$1,005 (2015 \$1,005) by Chase for office space provided;
- (ii) during the 2016 period the Company expensed \$85,412 (2015 \$59,198) for professional fees, of which:
  - \$43,478 (2015 \$41,498) was attributed to directors and officers of the Company;
  - \$6,374 (2015 \$2,700) was reimbursement to a public company with certain common directors for shared personnel, office and other costs; and
  - \$35,560 (2015 \$15,000) was billed by various parties for financial advisory services.

The Company also capitalized \$37,608 (2015 - \$28,002) for professional fees to exploration and evaluation assets. See also "Transactions with Related Parties";

- (iii) share-based compensation of \$13,278 (2015 \$18,291) was recorded during the 2016 period relating to the granting of 108,750 (2015 580,000) share options. During the 2015 period the Company also recorded share-based compensation of \$9,852 on the vesting of stock options which were previously granted;
- (iv) during the 2016 period the Company incurred \$15,000 (2015 \$nil) for investor relations services. On July 25, 2016 the Company engaged Alpha to provide investor relations services, at a monthly fee of \$5,000. During the 2016 period the Company was billed a total of \$15,000 by Alpha;
- (v) audit fees of \$36,720 (2015 \$32,640) were incurred for the Company's year-end financial statements;
- (vi) corporate development expense increased by \$12,209, from \$1,421 during the 2015 period to \$13,630 during the 2016 period. During the 2016 period the Company participated in more campaigns;
- (vii) investment conference expenses increased by \$8,920, from \$12,512 during the 2015 period to \$21,432 during the 2016 period. During the 2016 period the Company participated in more investment conferences in North America and Europe.

During the 2016 period the Company recorded interest income, from cash held, of \$17,677 compared to \$13,110 during the 2015 period, an increase of \$4,567. The increase is due to higher levels of cash held during the 2016 period compared to the 2015 period.

During the 2016 period the Company recorded a foreign exchange gain of \$41,243 compared to a foreign exchange loss of \$26,130 reported in the 2015 period. The increase in foreign exchange for the 2016 period arose from the appreciation of the Canadian dollar compared to the U.S. dollar on US currencies held.

During the 2016 period the Company completed the drilling program at the Ayawilca Project and incurred a total of \$493,168 (2015 - \$1,479,119) for exploration expenditures, comprising \$462,767 (2015 - \$1,276,273) on the

Ayawilca Project, \$30,401 (2015 - \$52,110) on the Colquipucro Project, and \$33,533 (2015 - \$142,785) for other concessions and IVA tax in Peru.

During the three months ended December 31, 2016 the Company received a VAT recovery of \$373,150. As at December 31, 2016 the Company has recorded a VAT credit balance of \$1,597,985.

The carrying costs of the Company's exploration and evaluation assets are as follows:

	As	As at December 31, 2016			As at September 30, 2016			
	Acquisition Costs \$	Deferred Exploration Costs \$	Total \$	Acquisition Costs \$	Deferred Exploration Costs \$	Total \$		
Colquipucro	338,330	7,458,395	7,796,725	338,330	7,427,994	7,766,324		
Ayawilca	310,088	12,116,624	12,426,712	310,088	11,653,857	11,963,945		
Other	7,392	1,847,733	1,855,125	7,392	2,187,350	2,194,742		
	655,810	21,422,752	22,078,562	655,810	21,269,201	21,925,011		

Exploration and evaluation activities incurred during the three months ended December 31, 2016 and fiscal 2015 are as follows:

as follows:	Colquipucro \$	Ayawilca	Other	Total
	•	\$	\$	\$
Balance at September 30, 2015	7,673,029	9,025,503	2,099,426	18,797,958
<b>Exploration costs</b>				
Assays	-	30,168	-	30,168
Camp costs	4,372	234,497	-	238,869
Community relations	16,786	471,587	-	488,373
Consulting	29,758	29,758	-	59,516
Depreciation	177	12,869	-	13,046
Drilling	-	692,422	-	692,422
Environmental	6,672	350,448	-	357,120
Exploration site	5,806	87,020	-	92,826
Field equipment	-	9,373	-	9,373
Fuel	8,660	29,289	-	37,949
Geological	-	264,054	-	264,054
Geophysics	3,547	266,267	-	269,814
Metallurgical test work	-	5,425	-	5,425
Salaries	5,463	218,617	-	224,080
Software and database management	7,880	7,880	-	15,760
Transportation	4,174	42,940	-	47,114
VAT incurred			304,224	304,224
	93,295	2,752,614	304,224	3,150,133
Acquisition costs				
Concession payments	<del>-</del> _	185,828		185,828
Impairment			(208,908)	(208,908)
Balance at September 30, 2016	7,766,324	11,963,945	2,194,742	21,925,011
<b>Exploration costs</b>				
Camp costs	985	75,556	-	76,541
Community relations	18,664	198,253	-	216,917
Depreciation	-	548	-	548
Drilling	-	4,611	-	4,611
Environmental	1,075	69,288	-	70,363
Geological	9,677	80,740	-	90,417
Metallurgical test work	-	33,771	-	33,771
VAT incurred	-	-	33,533	33,533
VAT recovered	<del>-</del>		(373,150)	(373,150)
	30,401	462,767	(339,617)	153,551
Balance at December 31, 2016	7,796,725	12,426,712	1,855,125	22,078,562

### **Financings**

During the 2016 period the Company completed a private placement financing and issued a total of 55,000,000 common shares for gross proceeds of \$11,000,000. The Company plans to use the net proceeds from the financing to fund the 2017 drilling program at the Company's Ayawilca Project in Peru, as well as for other exploration expenditures, corporate purposes and general working capital.

During the 2015 period the Company did not completed any equity financings.

## **Financial Condition / Capital Resources**

The Company's ability to continue as a going concern is dependent upon the ability of the Company to obtain the necessary financing to develop properties and to establish future profitable production. To date the Company has not earned significant revenues and is considered to be in the exploration stage. The Company's operations are funded from equity financings which are dependent upon many external factors and may be difficult to impossible to secure or raise when required. As at December 31, 2016 the Company had working capital in the amount of \$11,580,424. Management considers that the Company has sufficient funds to maintain ongoing corporate overhead and field expenses, conduct a 10,000 metre drill program and metallurgical tests in 2017 and continue ongoing exploration activities on its existing mineral projects. Exploration activities may change as a result of ongoing results and recommendations or the Company may acquire additional properties which may entail significant exploration commitments. While the Company has been successful in securing financings in the past, there is material uncertainty it will be able to do so in the future.

### **Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

The Company has no off-balance sheet arrangements.

### **Proposed Transactions**

The Company has no proposed transactions.

### **Critical Accounting Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures during the reporting period. Examples of significant estimates made by management include estimating the fair values of financial instruments, valuation allowances for deferred income tax assets and assumptions used for share-based compensation. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

A detailed summary of all the Company's significant accounting policies is included in Note 3 to the September 30, 2016 annual consolidated financial statements.

### **Changes in Accounting Policies**

There are no changes in accounting policies.

### **Transactions with Related Parties**

A number of key management personnel, or their related parties, hold positions in other entities that result in them having control or significant influence over the financial or operating policies of those entities. Certain of these entities transacted with the Company during the reporting period.

## (a) Transactions with Key Management Personnel

During the 2016 and 2015 periods the Company the following amounts were incurred with respect to the Company's CEO (Dr. Carman), the Company's CFO (Mr. Nick DeMare) and the Company's VP Exploration (Mr. Alvaro Fernandez-Baca) as follows:

	2016 \$	2015 \$
Management fees - Dr. Carman	55,000	55,000
Professional fees - Mr. DeMare	7,500	7,500
Professional fees - Mr. Fernandez-Baca	61,586	50,000
Share-based compensation - Dr. Carman	-	4,617
Share-based compensation - Mr. Fernandez-Baca		5,235
	124,086	122,352

The Company has expensed \$55,000 (2015 - \$55,000) to management fees, \$31,478 (2015 - \$29,498) to professional fees and \$nil (2015 - \$9,852) for share-based compensation. In addition the Company capitalized \$37,608 (2015 - \$28,002) to exploration and evaluation assets.

#### (b) Transactions with Other Related Parties

(i) During the 2016 and 2015 periods the following amounts were incurred for professional services provided by non-management current and former directors of the Company (Messrs. David Henstridge, Mary Little and William Lee) and the Corporate Secretary (Ms. Mariana Bermudez):

	2016 \$	2015 \$
Professional fees - Mr. Henstridge (current director)	6,000	6,000
Professional fees - Ms. Little (current director)	6,000	-
Professional fees - Mr. Lee (former director)	<u> </u>	6,000
	12,000	12,000

As at December 31, 2016, \$14,000 (September 30, 2016 - \$8,000) remained unpaid.

- (ii) During the 2016 period the Company incurred a total of \$9,450 (2015 \$9,000) with Chase, a private corporation owned by Mr. DeMare, for accounting and administrative services provided by Chase personnel, excluding Mr. DeMare, and \$1,005 (2015 \$1,005) for rent. As at December 31, 2016, \$9,420 (September 30, 2016 \$6,170) remained unpaid.
- (c) The Company shared personnel, office and other costs with a public company Mawson Resources Limited ("Mawson"). Mr. DeMare and Mr. Henstridge are also directors of Mawson. During the 2016 period the Company incurred \$6,374 (2015 \$2,700) for expenses. As at December 31, 2016, \$300 (September 30, 2016 \$337) remained unpaid.

## **Risks and Uncertainties**

The Company competes with other mining companies, some of which have greater financial resources and technical facilities, for the acquisition of mineral concessions, claims and other interests, as well as for the recruitment and retention of qualified employees.

The Company is in compliance with all material regulations applicable to its exploration activities. Existing and possible future environmental legislation, regulations and actions could cause additional expense, capital expenditures, restrictions and delays in the activities of the Company, the extent of which cannot be predicted. Before production can commence on any properties, the Company must obtain regulatory and environmental approvals. There is no assurance that such approvals can be obtained on a timely basis or at all. The cost of compliance with changes in governmental regulations has the potential to reduce the profitability of operations.

The Company's mineral properties are located in Peru and consequently the Company is subject to certain risks, including currency fluctuations and possible political or economic instability which may result in the impairment or loss of mining title or other mineral rights, and mineral exploration and mining activities may be affected in varying degrees by political stability and governmental regulations relating to the mining industry.

# **Outstanding Share Data**

The Company's authorized share capital is unlimited common shares with no par value. As at February 27, 2017, there were 204,807,322 issued common shares, 27,181,273 warrants outstanding exercisable at prices ranging from \$0.20 to \$0.45 per share and 16,358,750 share options outstanding, at exercise prices ranging from \$0.20 to \$0.37 per share.