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The Quarterly Highlights of ZincX Resources Corp. (the "Company" or "ZincX") provide a summary of the activities, results of operations and financial condition of the Company as at and for the six months ended December 31, 2020. The Quarterly Highlights have been prepared by management as of February 26, 2021 and should be read in conjunction with the condensed consolidated interim financial statements and related notes thereto of the Company for the six months ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, the audited consolidated financial statements and related notes thereto of the Company for the statements thereto of the Years ended June 30, 2020 and 2019, which were prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"), and the annual Management Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") for the years ended June 30, 2020 and 2019 of the Company.

The Company's shares trade on the TSX Venture Exchange ("TSX-V") under the symbol ZNX. The Company has recently applied to have its common shares listed on trading on the OTCQB market, a U.S. trading platform that is operated by the OTC Markets Group in New York. The Company will continue to trade on the TSX-V under its existing symbol, in Frankfurt under its existing symbol "M9R" and in the US under its OTC Pink Market symbol "ZNCXF".

# **Exploration Programs**

The Company operates in one business segment, that being the exploration and development of mineral properties in British Columbia, Canada.

The Company's flagship Akie Project is host to the Cardiac Creek deposit. The Company holds a 100% interest in the Akie Property, which is located approximately 260 kilometers north-northwest of the town of Mackenzie in northeastern British Columbia.

The Akie zinc-lead-silver property is situated within the Kechika Trough, the southernmost extension of the regionally extensive Paleozoic Selwyn Basin, one of the most prolific sedimentary basins in the world for the occurrence of sedimentary exhalative (SEDEX) zinc-lead-silver deposits and stratiform barite deposits. Drilling on the Akie property by the Company since 2005 has identified a significant body of barite rich zinc-lead-silver SEDEX mineralization known as the Cardiac Creek deposit. The deposit is hosted by siliceous, carbonaceous, fine-grained clastic rocks of the Middle to Late Devonian Gunsteel Formation.

The Company updated the estimate of mineral resources at Cardiac Creek in early 2018, which is presented below:

5% zinc cut-off grade				Contained metal			
Category	Tonnes (million)	Zn (%)	Pb (%)	Ag (g/t)	Zn (B Ibs)	Pb (B lbs)	Ag (M oz)
Indicated	22.7	8.32	1.61	14.1	4.162	0.804	10.3
Inferred	7.5	7.04	1.24	12.0	1.169	0.205	2.9

# ESTIMATE OF MINERAL RESOURCES – CARDIAC CREEK DEPOSIT

Note: Mineral resources are not mineral reserves because the economic viability has not been demonstrated.

The updated mineral resource estimate was prepared by Robert Sim, P.Geo with the assistance of Bruce Davis, FAusIMM. Mr. Sim is an independent Qualified Person within the meaning of NI 43-101 for the purposes of mineral resource estimates and was responsible for the 2008 maiden resource and the 2012 and the 2016 updated mineral resource estimates.

The updated mineral resource estimate and the results of a Preliminary Economic Assessment ("PEA") for the Cardiac Creek deposit were filed in a report entitled "*NI 43-101 Technical Report Akie Project British Columbia, Canada*" with an effective date of June 20, 2018 and report date of August 1, 2018. The report can be found under the Company's profile at www.sedar.com and on the Company's website, www.zincxresources.com.

The Kechika Regional Project consists of 11 properties including the Mt. Alcock, Bear & Spa, Pie, Yuen, and Cirque East properties that extend northwest from the Akie property for approximately 140 kilometres along the strike of the highly prospective Gunsteel Formation shale. The Gunsteel Formation shale is the main host rock for known SEDEX zinc-lead-silver deposits in the Kechika Trough of northeastern British Columbia.

The Pie, Yuen, Cirque East properties (known as the "Pie Properties") are the subject of a joint venture arrangement with Teck Resources Limited ("Teck") and its JV partner, Korea Zinc Co., Ltd. ("Korea Zinc") to jointly explore the Pie Properties on a 49%-51% joint venture basis, with Teck acting as the operator. Teck and Korea Zinc acquired 51% interest in the Pie Properties by incurring cumulative aggregate exploration expenditures of \$3,500,000 by December 31, 2017.

# **Overall performance**

#### 2021 Exploration Program

#### 2021 Akie Drilling Program

Planning for the Company's 2021 drill program on the Cardiac Creek Zn-Pb-Ag deposit has been initiated.

The 2021 drill program will consist of three holes totalling approximately 2,000 metres of drilling with a primary objective of acquiring mineralised drill core sample material for advanced metallurgical testing. The holes will target specific areas of the deposit to provide material representative of the deposit across its strike and width. This material will be used to further investigate the metallurgical response of the mineralisation with a focus on enhancing the recoveries and boosting concentrate grades for both zinc and lead; using state-of-the-art metallurgical testing facility owned by Tongling Non-Ferrous Metals of China (Tongling).

ZincX Resources will manage the drill program on behalf of Tongling. It is anticipated that Tongling will send a technical delegation to visit the project site and provide expertise and guidance with respect to the drilling program and subsequent metallurgical test program. The Company will maintain a strict, industry standard QA/QC program that will involve a series of pulverized blanks, duplicate samples and independently prepared laboratory standards. The blanks, standards or duplicate samples will be inserted into the sample stream at intervals of every 10 samples. The assay lab will also apply their own QA/QC procedures by systematically inserting standards, blanks and duplicates into sample batches.

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Approximately 10% of all the samples submitted to the assay lab will be forwarded to an accredited referee lab for check assay purposes.

The Company anticipates a late May to mid-June start up and the program, as currently planned, is expected to have a 4 to 6 week timeframe from start to finish.

## 2020 Exploration Program

#### 2020 Akie Drilling Program

On June 25, 2020, the Company announced that it had revised the 2020 plan for exploration on the Akie Property. Because of the risk of potential COVID impact on the exploration program, the Company and strategic partner Tongling Non-Ferrous Metals of China (Tongling) have agreed to defer the planned drilling and subsequent metallurgical testing program until the 2021 exploration season.

As plans developed for the 2021 exploration season, the Company continued its ongoing geological interpretation of the Akie Property and continue to develop and enhance the Cardiac Creek deposit model. This work will generate additional expansion targets both along strike and at depth of the deposit as well as evaluate other new and key target areas across the Akie property; including the NW Extension, North Lead Zone, the recently discovered extensive Ag-rich Sitka Zone and the historical South Zinc Anomaly.

## 2020 Field Exploration Program

On July 30, 2020, the Company announced that due to concerns regarding access constraints and logistical limitations imposed on contractors and the local communities as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic it was decided to defer the 2020 field exploration program at the Akie property. The Company will focus on preparation for the Akie drilling program in 2021. The Company continues to be in regular dialogue with strategic partner, Tongling, about the successful execution of next years' drilling program.

The planned field exploration program would have involved the continued evaluation of the Sitka Zone located along the eastern edges of the Akie property. Infill soil sampling was planned in order to fully define the extensive open-ended 1,400 metre long Sitka Ag soil anomaly and continued resampling of the 2018 Sitka drill core would have expanded upon the known extent of this anomaly at depth. The soil sampling program was to be conducted in conjunction with detailed structural mapping on important structural targets identified during the geo-structural interpretation using satellite imagery by Murphy Geological Sciences in 2017. A focus was placed on the highly prospective area from the Cardiac Creek deposit extending 4 kilometres to the northwest to the North Lead Anomaly where drilling has encountered extensive mineralisation at depth. Other areas of interest on key regional properties such as Mt. Alcock and Yuen North were also considered.

#### Kechika Trough Target Generation

Another core objective of the Company has been to unlock and maximise the value of its extensive Kechika Trough tenure holdings which stretch 140 strike-kilometres north of the Akie property.

The Company previously completed a massive digital compilation program incorporating data from 35 years of mineral exploration conducted in the Kechika Trough. The digital information was captured at property

to regional scales; and includes drilling, geological, geochemical and geophysical data. The historical data has been merged with the Company's recent exploration data to form a comprehensive digital record. The ability to access, display, layer, and analyze multiple datasets at both the property and regional scales, using modern GIS software such as ArcMap and QGIS, is a tremendous tool to increase the chances of exploration success that was unavailable to historical workers. Currently, the database exceeds 155 GB in size and includes over 1,250 rock samples, 1,775 silt samples, 24,000 soil samples, and 13,875 meters of drilling. Collectively this work represents in excess of \$7.3 million dollars in historical exploration expenditures.

The Company has focused primarily on its flagship Akie property but has completed targeted exploration on several of the Kechika Regional properties, including geological mapping, geochemical sampling, and a detailed, high-resolution airborne Versatile Time Domain Electromagnetic (VTEM) geophysical survey. In 2015 airborne gravity gradiometry (AGG) was completed on the Yuen North and Mt. Alcock properties. A complete high-resolution satellite geo-structural analysis of the Kechika Trough across all the Company's mineral tenure was completed in 2017 and 2018. This analysis has greatly aided the knowledge and understanding of the architectural framework of the Kechika Trough; and the structural repetition of the key Gunsteel Formation.

Recently the Company completed a district wide reinterpretation of the geology incorporating both historical and recent geological mapping efforts combined with the high-resolution satellite imagery. This dataset coupled with the geophysical and imagery datasets will form the basis of the ongoing geological modelling. Detailed analysis has now commenced using the integrated database to interpret, model and ultimately prioritize areas of interest for further exploration. Work will continue to synthesize and evaluate the historical data in the context of modern geological, geo-structural and airborne surveys to aid in the definition of new exploration targets. Exploration planning is underway for targeted follow-up mapping, sampling and drill testing of targets.

# Permitting

The Company has been advised by the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources that the four Kechika regional drill permits on the Pie, Yuen, Mt. Alcock, and Kechika North properties have been renewed for an additional 5-year period, until November 28, 2025. Drilling on these properties had previously been permitted with a renewal occurring in December 2015, extending the expiry date until December 31<sup>st</sup> 2019.

These drill permits cover high-priority drill-ready targets on the largest tenure holdings within the Kechika Trough and will allow additional drill testing to take place at a measured pace as new anomalies are identified and confirmed as drill targets.

# 2019 Akie drilling program

The 2019 exploration program was designed to achieve several key objectives including: additional close spaced drill intersections within the current resource model, extend the high-grade core of the Cardiac Creek deposit, and collect geotechnical and structural data. To achieve these objectives, the Company completed 4 HQ diameter diamond drill holes totaling 2,347 metres. A brief summary of the 2019 drill program is provided below.

The 2019 drill program returned impressive results characteristic of the high-grade core. Hole **A-19-153** returned an intercept of 30.14 metres (true width) grading 13.78% Zn+Pb, and 19.7g/t Ag that includes a high-grade core interval of 22.99% Zn+Pb, and 30.1g/ Ag over a true width of 9.44 metres. Hole **A-19-154** returned 8.30% Zn+Pb and 13.3 g/t Ag over a true width of 19.50 metres including 10.25% Zn+Pb and 15.4 g/t Ag over a true width of 11.97 metres. Along the southeast edge of the high-grade core **A-19-151** returned 16.37 metres (true width) grading 9.77% Zn+Pb and 15.5 g/t Ag. Higher-grade intervals are present including 10.74% Zn+Pb and 16.74 g/t Ag over a true width of 14.24 metres. Significant results from the 2019 drill holes are tabulated below.

Geotechnical and structural data was collected from all the 2019 drill holes above, throughout and below the Cardiac Creek Zone. The data collected would be directly applicable to any future engineering studies or design as related to the proposed underground program.

On November 14, 2019, the Company received a new permit approving a geotechnical drill program on the Akie Project designed to provide critical site-specific engineering data to confirm site selection for mine infrastructure including the mill, powerplant/maintenance, camp, and tailings sites identified in the Company's 2018 independent Preliminary Economic Assessment ("PEA") report on the Cardiac Creek deposit. The drilling will collect lithological and soil data, hydraulic and conductivity data and provide samples for laboratory testing of material and strength characteristics and water quality samples to support ongoing baseline environmental programs.

Drill Hole	From (m)	To (m)	True Width (m)*	Zn (%)	Pb (%)	Ag (g/t) <sup>+</sup>	Zn+Pb (%)
A-19-150	480.75	537.14	38.18	6.14	1.15	10.8	7.29
CCZ	490.89	537.14	31.38	7.20	1.38	12.4	8.58
including	502.31	537.14	23.68	8.40	1.64	14.0	10.04
including	502.31	518.45	10.94	10.85	2.23	16.9	13.08
A-19-151	560.00	608.80	30.85	4.91	0.98	9.7	5.89
CCZ	568.42	594.40	16.37	8.10	1.67	15.5	9.77
including	571.15	593.75	14.24	8.88	1.86	16.7	10.74
including	575.75	591.50	9.91	9.09	1.98	17.9	11.07
FW	603.30	608.80	3.51	2.70	0.45	5.0	3.15
A-19-153	443.00	532.50	50.71	7.93	1.44	14.2	9.37
CCZ	454.00	507.25	30.14	11.47	2.32	19.7	13.78
including	466.78	507.25	22.93	14.29	2.95	24.1	17.24
including	480.75	506.59	14.65	16.20	3.39	27.0	19.59
including	490.00	506.59	9.41	19.22	3.77	30.1	22.99
FW	518.82	532.50	7.81	6.56	0.25	11.8	6.81
A-19-154	349.03	425.67	24.32	5.78	1.10	11.3	6.88
CCZ	349.03	410.50	19.50	6.96	1.34	13.3	8.30

This program could be completed over a 6 to 8 week period at the start of an exploration season and would run parallel with the Company's ongoing exploration drilling programs on the Cardiac Creek deposit. The new permit is valid until November of 2022.

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including	353.19	390.91	11.97	8.56	1.69	15.4	10.25
including	353.19	377.71	7.78	10.55	2.06	18.5	12.61

(\*) The true width in metres is calculated utilising the Geovia GEMS software package. The orientation of the mineralised horizon is estimated to have an azimuth of 130 degrees and a dip of -70 degrees. (CCZ) = Cardiac Creek Zone; (HW) = Hangingwall Zone; (FW) = Footwall Zone; (MS) = Massive Sulphide. (I) Ag values below detection were given a value half of the detection limit for the purposes of weighted averaging. Hole A-19-152 was abandoned due to excessive deviation and restarted as hole A-19-153.

# **Exploration Objectives**

## Akie Project:

- Continue definition drilling to expand the known extent of the Cardiac Creek deposit; update the current geological and resource models to NI 43-101 standards with all new drill results. Continue to examine trade-off studies to enhance the PEA including additional metallurgical lab testing and targeted geotechnical data acquisition to improve understanding of mine design parameters used in the PEA.
- Continue to evaluate outlying coincident geological/geophysical/geochemical targets for drill target definition.
- Continue to refine the design and costs of the planned underground exploration program. The
  underground exploration permit remains in good standing until December 2020. The underground
  exploration program was conceived in order to allow tightly spaced infill drilling from an
  underground decline in order to upgrade the current mineral resource to the Indicated and
  Measured levels of confidence. This would provide sufficient data for a pre-feasibility level of
  economic assessment of the ore body to be completed and investigate future viability of bulk
  sampling and mining. The Company is currently working on a new and updated underground permit
  application to extend the duration date of the existing permit to 2025.
- Continue environmental baseline sampling as required to maintain all related exploration permits in good standing.

# Kechika Regional Project:

- Continue regional synthesis of all historical and modern exploration data to assist with gap analysis and drill target definition.
- Continue to evaluate high priority greenfield targets.
- Continue to refine target selection to identify drill targets.

# Kechika Regional Project (Pie Option Properties):

- Continue to work closely with Teck to review and advise on plans for ongoing exploration on the properties.
- The next planned phase of exploration on the optioned properties is expected to include continued drill testing of the highest priority targets.

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Summary of exploration expenditures incurred on various properties:

	^	kie Property		Kechika Regional	Total
Acquisition Costs:	-			Regional	TOLAI
Balance, June 30, and December 31, 2020	\$	24,165,241	\$	192,768	\$ 24,358,009
Deferred exploration costs:					
Balance, June 30, 2019	\$	46,122,514	\$	4,368,025	\$ 50,490,539
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Camp equipment, depreciation		59,868		-	59,868
Drilling		761,950		-	761,950
Geology		108,948		-	108,948
Community consultants		151,848		_	151,848
Environmental studies and permit compliance		43,723		-	43,723
METC recoverable		(197,861)		_	(197,861)
Balance, June 30, 2020		47,050,990		4,368,025	51,419,015
Camp equipment, depreciation		20,821		_	20,821
Geology		47,331		_	47,331
Environmental studies and permit compliance		8,443		_	8,443
Other		152		_	152
Balance, December 31, 2020	\$	47,092,168	\$	4,368,025	\$ 51,495,762
Total, June 30, 2020	\$	71,216,231	\$	4,560,793	\$ 75,777,024
Total, December 31, 2020	\$	71,292,978	\$	4,560,793	\$ 75,853,771

#### **Results of Operations**

# Six Months Ended December 31, 2020 and 2019

During the six months ended December 31, 2020, the Company reported a net and comprehensive loss of \$354,351 or \$0.00 per share compared to \$295,052 or \$0.00 per share during the same period last year, an increase in net loss of \$59,299. The increase in net loss was due to a decrease in deferred income tax recovery of \$241,445 and an increase in other income of \$34,955 offset by a decrease in overall expenses of \$147,191.

Income reported for the six months ending December 31, 2020 included interest income earned on the Company's cash deposits and short-term investments of \$23,633 (2019 - \$29,665), sale of marketable securities \$12,280 (2019 - \$Nil), sale of fixed asset \$10,995 (2019 - \$Nil) and other income and recoveries of \$1,886 (2019 - \$8,344 recovery of services during the 2019 summer drilling program) from a VAT recovery on travel expenses in Europe. The Company also recognized an accounting gain on adjustment for change in fair value of marketable securities of \$18,420 (2019 - loss of \$5,750).

The following expense categories contributed to the decrease in operating expenses by \$147,191 during the six months ended December 31, 2020 as compared to the same period of the previous fiscal year:

- Management fees decreased by \$87,000 due to reduced monthly management fees from \$29,500 to \$15,000 effective March 1, 2020;
- Office expenses decreased by \$11,425 as a result of the Company's cost savings initiatives,
- Travel and promotion expenses decreased by \$29,710 due to event and travel limitations imposed by the government on its COVID-19 safety measures and a recovery of travel expense due to cancelled travel arrangements; and
- Wages and benefits decreased by \$33,444 as a result of reduced salaries of its staff.

There were no changes in administrative fees during the comparative quarters.

#### Three months ended December 31, 2020 and 2019

During the three months ended December 31, 2020, the Company reported a net loss of \$187,971 or \$0.00 per share compared to a loss of \$298,717 or \$0.00 per share during the same quarter in fiscal 2020, a decrease in net loss of \$110,746. The decrease in net loss was primarily a result of a decrease in general and administration expenses of \$72,337 and an increase in other income of \$39,498.

The decrease in total general and administration expenses in the comparative quarters was primarily due to an adjustment of flow-through taxes of \$1,491, a decrease of management fees of \$43,500, office expenses of \$6,721, travel and promotion of \$19,318, and wages and benefits of \$20,588.

The increase in other income resulted from a gain on sale of marketable securities and fixed asset totalling \$13,565 and a fair market adjustment on marketable securities of \$15,170.

#### Liquidity and capital resources

The Company's working capital position remains strong with its cash deposit of \$578,439 (June 30, 2020 - \$208,938) and GIC investments of \$1,639,378 (June 30, 2020 - \$2,428,043) as of December 31, 2020. Management believes that the Company has sufficient funds to meet its current obligations as they become due and to fund its exploration projects and administrative overhead for the next twelve months.

At December 31, 2020, the Company reported working capital of \$731,961 compared to \$1,180,382 at December 31, 2019, representing a decrease in working capital of \$448,421. The decrease in working capital was a result of reduced general operating activities and exploration expenditures incurred during the period.

Net cash increased by \$369,501 from \$208,938 at June 30, 2020 to \$578,439 at December 31, 2020.

During the six months ended December 31, 2020, the Company utilized its cash and cash equivalents as follows:

- (a) the Company used \$392,770 of its cash in operating activities compared to \$322,616 during the same period of the previous fiscal year;
- (b) exploration expenditures during the period were \$55,927 compared to \$1,364,557 during the same period of the previous fiscal year, the decrease was a result of the Company postponing its exploration

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program due to COVID19 safety measures;

- (c) the Company purchased equipment for \$1,010 during the current period compared to \$31,999 for the comparative period last year;
- (d) the Company received proceeds of \$15,051 (2019 \$Nil) from sale of a fixed asset;
- (e) the Company redeemed \$800,000 (2019 \$1,503,768) of its GIC investments and received an aggregate interest of \$11,000 (2019 \$29,876) on the redemption of the GICs;
- (f) there was no private placement during the current reporting period as compared to 1,016,666 flowthrough shares issued for net proceeds of \$144,875 in the comparative period last year;
- (g) \$45,000 (2019 \$45,000) was paid for its office rent; and
- (h) the Company received proceeds of \$38,145 (2019 \$Nil) from the sale of marketable securities.

The Company's current assets excluding cash consisted of the following:

	December 31, 2020	June 30, 2020
Government Sales Tax credits	\$ 8,517	\$ 8,348
Interest accrued on reclamation deposits	1,320	315
Prepaid expenses	48,320	35,670
Marketable securities at fair value	26,180	33,625
GIC investments	1,639,378	2,428,043

As of December 31, 2020, the Company held GIC investments totaling 1,612,000 (2019 - 1,000,000) with accrued interest of 27,378 (2019 - 11,802). The GIC investments yield an average fixed interest rates of 1.70% to 2.38% (2019 - 2.17%-2.4%) and are fully redeemable.

Current liabilities as of December 31, 2020 consisted of the following:

- trade payables and accrued liabilities of \$62,995 (June 30, 2020 \$67,299), and were paid subsequent to December 31, 2020;
- current portion of lease liability of \$78,520 (June 30, 2020 \$36,580) recognized on the office lease in accordance to IFRS 16;
- due to related parties of \$1,399,686 (June 30, 2020 \$1,400,686) funded by Tongling for the Akie Property's drill program; and
- flow-through premium liability of \$29,992 (June 30, 2020 \$29,992) recorded in connection with the December 2019 flow-through private placement. The flow-through premium liability does not represent cash liability to the Company and will be fully amortized by December 2021 after the Company incurs qualifying flow-through exploration expenditures of \$152,500.

Subsequent to December 31, 2020, the Company issued 40,000 common shares on the exercise of 40,000 stock options for gross proceeds of \$4,800.

The other sources of funds potentially available to the Company are through the exercise of outstanding stock options. See Item 1.15 – Other Requirements – Summary of Outstanding Share Data. There can be no assurance, whatsoever, that any or all these outstanding exercisable securities will be exercised.

The Company has and may continue to have capital requirements in excess of its currently available resources. In the event the Company's plans change, its assumptions change or prove inaccurate, or its

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capital resources in addition to projected cash flow, if any, prove to be insufficient to fund its future operations, the Company may be required to seek additional financing. Although the Company has been successful in raising the above funds, there can be no assurance that the Company will have sufficient financing to meet its future capital requirements or that additional financing will be available on terms acceptable to the Company in the future.

The Company's overall success will be affected by its current or future business activities. The Company is currently in the process of acquiring and exploring its interests in resource properties and has not yet determined whether these properties contain mineral deposits that are economically recoverable. The continued operations of the Company and the recoverability of expenditures incurred in these resource properties are dependent upon the existence of economically recoverable reserves, securing and maintaining title and beneficial interest in the properties, obtaining necessary financing to explore and develop the properties, and upon future profitable production or proceeds from disposition of the resource properties.

The Company is exposed in varying degrees to a variety of financial instrument related risks:

## Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will fail to discharge an obligation and cause the other party to incur a financial loss. The Company's primary exposure to credit risk is on its bank deposits of \$578,439 (June 30, 2020 - \$208,938) and short-term investments in GICs with the fair value of \$1,639,378 (June 30, 2020 - \$2,428,043). This risk is managed by using major Canadian banks that are high credit quality financial institutions as determined by rating agencies.

The Company's secondary exposure to credit risk is on its receivables. This risk is minimal as receivables consist primarily of refundable government sales taxes and interest accrued on GIC investments.

# Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk arises through the excess of financial obligations over available financial assets due at any point in time. The Company's objective in managing liquidity risk is to maintain sufficient readily available reserves in order to meet its liquidity requirements at any point in time. The Company achieves this by maintaining sufficient cash and cash equivalents. As of December 31, 2020, the Company was holding combined cash and investments of \$2,217,817 (June 30, 2020 - \$2,636,981) to settle its current liabilities of \$1,570,193 (June 30, 2020 - \$1,534,557). Management believes it has sufficient funds to meet its current obligations as they become due and to fund its exploration projects and administrative costs for the next 12 months.

#### Market risk

Market risk is the risk of loss that may arise from changes in market factors such as interest rates, foreign exchange rates, and commodity and equity prices. These fluctuations may be significant and the Company, has exposure to these risks.

#### a. Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate

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because of changes in the market interest rates. The Company is not exposed to significant interest rate risk.

## b. Currency Risk

The Company operates in Canada and is therefore not exposed to significant foreign exchange risk arising from transactions denominated in a foreign currency.

## c. Price risk

The Company is exposed to price risk with respect to commodity and equity prices. Equity price risk is defined as the potential adverse impact on the Company's earnings due to movements in individual equity prices or general movements in the level of the stock market. Commodity price risk is defined as the potential adverse impact on earnings and economic value due to commodity price movements and volatilities. The Company closely monitors certain commodity prices, individual equity movements, and the stock market to determine the appropriate course of action to be taken by the Company.

The Company also maintains investments in certain marketable securities. There can be no assurance that the Company can exit these positions if required, resulting in proceeds approximating the carrying value of these securities.

## Transactions with related parties

Key management personnel includes persons having the authority and responsibility for planning, directing, and controlling the activities of the Company as a whole. Key management personnel comprise of the directors of the Company, executive and non-executive, and Vice President of Exploration.

The remuneration of the key management personnel during the six months ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 were as follows:

December 31,	2020	2019
Consulting fees (ii)	\$ 4,000	\$ 7,500
Exploration and evaluation expenditures (geological consulting) (iii)	57,254	80,640
Management fees (i)	90,000	177,000
Other employment benefits (iv)	13,616	14,315
Total	\$ 164,870	\$ 279,455

Transactions with key management and other related party transactions:

(i) Pursuant to a management and administrative services agreement amended effective July 1, 2011 and May 1, 2014 with Varshney Capital Corp. ("VCC"), a company with two common directors, the Company agreed to pay monthly management and administrative fees of \$29,500 and \$5,000, respectively. Effective March 1, 2020, the management fees were reduced to \$15,000 per month.

During the six months ended December 31, 2020, the Company paid \$90,000 (2019 – \$177,000) for management fees and \$30,000 (2019 – \$30,000) for administrative fees to VCC;

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- (ii) the Company paid \$4,000 (2019 \$7,500) for consulting fees to a company controlled by a director;
- the Company paid or accrued geological consulting fees of \$57,254 (2019 \$80,640) to a company owned by VP of Exploration of the Company, of which \$44,459 (2019 \$70,224) was capitalized as exploration and evaluation costs and \$12,795 (2019 \$10,416) was expensed as consulting fees;
- (iv) other employment benefits included life insurance and health benefits for the CEO and health benefits for the CFO of the Company; and
- (v) the Company received an advance of \$1,399,686 from a significant shareholder, Tongling Non-Ferrous Metals ("Tongling"), to fund a drill program on the Akie Property. The advance will be repaid in common shares of the Company to Tongling valued at a minimum of \$0.30 per share, subject to TSX-V approval.

## Changes in Accounting Policies Including Initial Adoption

Other accounting standards or amendments to existing accounting standards that have been issued but have future effective dates are either not applicable or are not expected to have a significant impact on the Company's financial statements.

## Summary of outstanding share data as at February 26, 2021:

Authorized: Unlimited common shares without par value

Issued and outstanding:	170,376,141
Share options:	9,019,900

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On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you for your continued support.

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