

This Management Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") of Granite Creek Copper Ltd. (the "Company" or "Granite Creek") is for the nine months ended February 28, 2022 and covers information up to the date of this MD&A. This MD&A is dated April 29, 2022.

This MD&A was prepared to conform to National Instrument 52-102F1 and was approved by the Board of Directors (the "Board") prior to its release. This analysis should be read in conjunction with the Company's condensed interim consolidated financial statements and notes thereto for the nine months ended February 28, 2022 and the audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended May 31, 2021, and the accompanying notes, which have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS").

All dollar amounts herein are expressed in Canadian Dollars unless stated otherwise.

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> and readers are urged to review these materials, including the technical reports filed with respect to the Company's mineral properties.

#### **NATURE OF BUSINESS**

Granite Creek is a growth stage exploration company, focused on the acquisition and development of exploration properties that host copper, gold and silver. Granite Creek was originally incorporated on May 10, 2007 under the British Columbia Business Corporations Act. The Company's flagship asset is the Carmacks and Carmacks North (Carmacks North was previously known as the Stu project) copper-gold-silver project (the "Carmacks Property") in the high-grade Minto copper district in Yukon Territory, Canada. The project is located south and within 35km of Minto Metals' Minto mine. The Company is a reporting issuer and trades on the TSX Venture Exchange ("TSX-V") in Canada under the symbol "GCXX", in the United States on the OTC Markets under the symbol "GCXXF" and the Frankfurt Stock Exchange under the symbol "A2PFE0".

The Company's principal business is the acquisition, exploration and development of mineral properties with the goal of establishing a mineable mineral resource. To date the Company has not generated any significant revenues.

Granite Creek is a member of the Metallic Group of Companies, a collaboration of three precious and/or base metals exploration companies, with a portfolio of large, brownfield assets in established mining districts adjacent to some of the industry's highest-grade producers of silver, platinum group metals and copper. The Metallic Group includes highly successful explorationists, formerly with leading explorer/developers including NovaGold Resources Inc., Trilogy Metals Inc., Wellgreen Platinum Ltd. (now Nickel Creek Platinum Corp.) and others, as well as larger producers including Placer Dome Inc. (now Barrick Gold Corporation), Goldfields Limited, and Stillwater Mining Company (now Sibanye-Stillwater).

Member companies include Metallic Minerals Corp. (TSX-V: MMG) in the high-grade Keno Hill silver district and La Plata silver and gold district, Group Ten Metals Inc. (TSX-V: PGE) in the Stillwater PGM-Ni-Cu district of Montana, and Granite Creek. Each of the Metallic Group companies has a dedicated, highly experienced management team and board of directors with a track record of exploration and project development success. The companies share back-office, corporate support and geological staff for cost efficiency.



#### HIGHLIGHTS AND KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- On March 15, 2022, the Company announced updated mineral resource estimate (the "2022 Resource Estimate") for its 100%-owned Carmacks copper-gold-silver deposit ("Carmacks" or the "Deposit") located in the Minto Copper District of central Yukon, Canada. The 2022 Resource Estimate represents a major increase in tonnage and contained metal at Carmacks compared to the previous resource estimate, with over 8,200 m of infill and expansion drilling in 25 holes completed by Granite Creek since its acquisition in 2020. The project remains open to significant expansion within the resource area and to new discovery at the underexplored, yet highly prospective, Carmacks North target area.
- On March 10, 2022, the Company announced that the final assay results from its Phase 2 Reverse circulation ("RC) and Phase 3 diamond drill programs at the 100%-owned Carmacks project.
- On February 14, 2022, the Company announced that GoldSpot Discoveries Corp. ("GoldSpot") has completed work for the Company's Carmacks project. GoldSpot was engaged to apply their proprietary machine learning technology and geoscience expertise on the Company's Carmacks deposit and Carmacks North target area, located in the high-grade Minto copper belt of Canada 's Yukon Territory.
- On January 13, 2022, the Company announced that it received TSX Venture approval to extend the expiry date on certain warrants that were due to expire January 16, 2022. The warrants, originally issued as part of a financing completed in January 2019, will now have an expiry date of January 16, 2023. All other terms of the warrants stay the same. Each warrant entitles the holder to acquire one common share at an exercise price of \$0.20. If the common shares close at \$0.30 or higher for 10 consecutive trading days, the Company may accelerate expiry of some or all of the warrants to the 30th day after notice to warrant holders.
- On December 23, 2021, the Company announced that the board of directors of Granite Creek has approved the settlement of up to \$86,162 of debt through the issuance of 344,648 common shares of the Company at a deemed price of 0.25 per share, subject to the approval of the TSX Venture Exchange.
- On December 17, 2021, the Company closed a non-brokered private placement of 8,333,337 flow-through common shares (the "FT Shares") of the Company at a price of \$0.18 per common share for gross proceeds of \$1,500,001 (the "Financing"). The Company paid finders aggregate cash fees totalling \$91,000 and issued 505,554 common share purchase warrants of the Company (the "Finder Warrants"). Each Finder Warrant will entitle the holder to purchase one common share in the capital of the Company at a price of \$0.27 per share for a period of two years from the date of closing.
- On December 1, 2021, the Company announced the results of work completed by Sedgman Canada and Mining Plus on the Company's Carmacks copper-gold-silver deposit in the Minto Copper Belt located in central Yukon, Canada. The Company has received a final report on studies that include review of alternate leach technologies, mine planning, ore sorting and other key elements which are expected to be highly influential on the updated preliminary economic assessment ("PEA") planned for H1 2022.
- On November 10, 2021, the Company announced the retention of SGS Geological Services to provide an updated national Instrument 43-101 mineral resource estimate on the Company's Carmacks copper-gold-silver deposit in the Minto Copper Belt located in central Yukon, Canada.



- October 28, 2021 the Company announced the third and final tranche of assay results from Phase 1 of the Company's drilling program.
- On October 14, 2021, the Company announced the receipt of positive results from metallurgy testing completed on sulfide mineralized core samples from the Company's Carmacks project.
- On September 15, 2021, the Company announced the successful completion of Phase 2 of its 2021 drilling program, consisting of 20 holes of reverse circulation drilling on Zones 2, 5 and 12 at the Carmacks deposit, as well as step-out drilling at Zone A in the Carmacks North target area.
- On August 24, 2021, the Company announced additional results from Phase 1 of the 2021 drilling program including results from CRM21-011 consisting of high-grade sulfide intercepts beneath zone 2000S.
- On July 22, 2021, the Company announced the first tranche of assays from Phase 1 of the Company's 2021 drilling program on its 100%-owned Carmacks project. This recently completed first phase consisted of nineteen diamond drill holes, totalling 6355 meters, focused on the existing resource area with the goals of strengthening confidence in the resource model, evaluating opportunities for resource expansion and/or upgrading the sulphide portion of Zones 1 and 2000S from an inferred to indicated resource, and evaluating continuity of mineralization in Zone 13.
- On July 14, 2021, the Company announced that Simcoe Geophysics has completed a 20.8-line-kilometer ("km") induced polarization (IP) survey on the Company's Carmacks North target area. Preliminary results from the survey have identified several near surface chargeability anomalies that have been prioritized as trenching and reverse circulation ("RC") drill targets for Phase 2 of the 2021 season.

The Company further announced the completion of Phase 1 of its 2021 drilling program, which consisted of 19 holes totalling 6,355 meters of diamond drilling on Zones 1, 2000S and 13 of the Carmacks deposit. The first tranche of assays from Phase 1 are expected very soon and will be released in batches as received and reviewed by the Company. With this initial stage of drilling completed, Vision Quest Exploration, based in Whitehorse, Yukon, has mobilized a reverse circulation ("RC") drill rig to the property and commenced Phase 2 drilling which is expected to consist of approximately 3,000 meters.

### CARMACKS and CARMACKS NORTH (Carmacks North previously known as Stu Project)

The Carmacks and Carmacks North Project is located in the Minto Copper Belt, an area of well-known copper-gold-silver mineralization in Canada's Yukon Territory. Situated approximately 47 kilometers ("km") northeast of the village of Carmacks, and approximately 210 km northwest of Whitehorse, the capital city of the Yukon Territory, the project is within 20km of grid power, 34km of paved highway and is accessed by an all-weather road maintained by the Yukon government. The combined projects cover approximately 17,700 hectares (177 square km) and are on trend with the Minto copper mine approximately 35 km north of the center of the project.

#### Carmacks North Target Area (previously known as Stu Project)

In January 2019, the Company acquired an undivided 100% interest in the Stu Property in consideration for an aggregate of 3,000,000 units (each, a "Transaction Unit") at \$0.075 per Transaction Unit valued at \$225,000 and a 3% net smelter return royalty to the vendors on any future production on the Stu Property (the "Royalty"). Granite Creek has the option to purchase up to two-thirds of the Royalty from the vendors. The Company will also make annual advance Royalty payments of \$30,000 to the vendors beginning in May 2022, and in each subsequent year



thereafter until the commencement of any commercial production on the Stu Property. At February 28, 2022, \$30,000 has been paid in advance royalty payments.

Each Transaction Unit was comprised of one common share and one share purchase warrant, with each warrant exercisable into one additional common share at an exercise price of \$0.15, with an expiry of January 16, 2022. During the nine months ended February 28, 2022, 2,500,000 warrants were exercised and subsequently 500,000 expired unexercised.

#### **Carmacks**

The Company acquired 100% of the Carmacks Project, an oxide copper, gold, and silver deposit located in Yukon, Canada, through its acquisition of Copper North.

At February 28, 2022, \$1.9 million has been paid in advance royalty payments. The Company is required to make an advance royalty payment of \$100,000 in any year in which the average daily copper price reported by the London Metal Exchange is US\$1.10 per pound or greater. Any production from the Carmacks Project is subject to either a 15% net profits interest or a 3% net smelter return royalty, at the Company's election. If the Company elects to pay the net smelter return royalty, it has the right to purchase the royalty for \$2.5 million, less any advance royalty payments made to that date.

### 2020 WORK PROGRAM

In the spring of 2020, the Company was able to acquire the data from a magnetic and radiometric airborne survey that had been flown over the property in 2008. The survey covering over 80% of the property had never been fully integrated into the regional dataset for magnetics and provided valuable insight into the magnetic contrasts of known and target mineralised zones.

In July of 2020, the Company launched a re-logging and re-sampling program on core that was drilled in 1980 by previous operators on the property's A Zone. The goal of the program is to provide a full multi-element assay of the historic core and for company geologists to get a better understanding of alteration, and various styles of mineralization in order to assist in modeling of the zone as well as targeting for future infill drilling programs. In addition to the core re-sampling limited soil sampling was conducted over known mineralisation to determine the precious metal and indicator mineral response.

In October of 2020, the company launched its inaugural drilling and trenching program on the property targeting high-grade mineralization identified by drilling completed by previous operators in 1980.

#### 2021 WORK PROGRAM

In May of 2021 the Company launched a two-rig diamond drill program of up to 10,000 meters of diamond drilling with the goal of increasing the confidence in and growing sulfide resources at Carmacks and to advance targets at Carmacks North. In addition to diamond drilling the company also completed reverse circulation (RC) drilling and trenching on some earlier stage targets. A geophysical survey consisting of 21 line km of Induced Polarity (IP) was completed on the Carmacks North target area on some of the more early-stage targets.

The company has retained Sedgeman and Mining plus to review processing options for both oxide and sulfide ore and to develop a mine plan that would include both types of resources. It is expected that this work will become the basis for an updated Preliminary Economic Assessment.



Results of the various programs were released to the public throughout and the Company is now planning the next steps for the advancement of the project.

### ACQUISITION OF COPPER NORTH

On December 5, 2019, the Company acquired 26,146,233 common shares of Copper North in exchange for 10,529,663 common shares of the Company. At that date, the Company owned 30% of the outstanding shares of Copper North and accounted for the investment using the equity method of accounting.

On August 31, 2020, the Company entered into a definitive arrangement agreement (the "Arrangement") with Copper North pursuant to which the Company acquired all of the outstanding Copper North common shares not already owned by the Company.

Under the terms of the Arrangement, Copper North shareholders received one common share of the Company for every two and one-half Copper North Shares (the "Exchange Ratio"). All outstanding warrants and options of Copper North were exchanged (or deemed to be exchanged) for warrants and options, respectively, of the Company at the Exchange Ratio, with appropriate adjustments to the exercise price, but shall not otherwise be amended, including with respect to vesting and expiry. The transaction was completed on November 27, 2020 for an additional consideration of 24,893,918 common shares of the Company.

As at November 27, 2020, the Company discontinued the equity method of accounting. The Company's investment in associate as at November 27, 2020, prior to the acquisition, and the changes for the six months then ended are as follows:

Investment in Associate	\$
Initial recognition	684,428
Share of loss in equity accounted investee	(177,857)
Balance, May 31, 2020	506,571
Share of loss in equity accounted investee	(93,730)
Balance, November 27, 2020	412,841
Gain on net increase in value of investment in associate	1,166,608
Discontinuance of equity method	(1,579,449)
November 27, 2020	

The acquisition of Copper North did not meet the definition of a business under IFRS 3 *Business Combinations* and has been accounted for as an asset acquisition in the consolidated financial statements. On the acquisition date, November 27, 2020, the Company has allocated the purchase price of the acquisition to the assets and liabilities acquired as follows:



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Purchase Price	
Discontinuance of equity method	1,579,449
Common shares issued	3,734,088
Options issued	259,203
Warrants issued	116,056
Transaction costs	201,688
	\$ 5,890,484
Net assets acquired	
Current assets	40,191
Reclamation bonds	90,300
Exploration and evaluation assets	7,970,728
Current liabilities	(1,640,393)
Non-current liabilities	(570,342)
Total	\$ 5,890,484

#### FINANCIAL CONDITION

The net assets of the Company decreased from \$9,971,038 at May 31, 2021 to \$7,896,182 at February 28, 2022, a decrease of \$2,074,856.

The most significant assets at February 28, 2022 were exploration and evaluation assets of \$8,261,256 (May 31, 2021: \$8,219,806), cash of \$1,240,127 (May 31, 2021: \$3,937,446) and receivables of \$309,786 (May 31, 2021: \$200,591).

The exploration and evaluation assets of \$8,261,256 at February 28, 2022 mainly consisted of the Carmacks property. Upon acquisition a value of \$7,970,728 was allocated to the property.

The liabilities at February 28, 2022 were accounts payable and accrued liabilities of \$545,312 (May 31, 2021: \$576,823), due to related parties of \$792,503 (May 31, 2021: \$1,082,090), loans of \$125,436 (May 31, 2021: \$206,803) and flow-through share premium liability of \$183,707 (May 31, 2021: \$246,125). Upon acquisition of Copper North, the Company had a long-term severance liability of \$570,342, which was further accreted by \$72,458 to \$642,800 at February 28, 2022 (May 31, 2021: \$598,570).

Of the due to related parties balance of \$792,503 at February 28, 2022, \$755,083 consisted of a net payable balance with TruePoint Exploration Inc. ("TruePoint"). TruePoint is a privately held exploration service company that provides exploration and administrative services to the Company and other companies. Charges from TruePoint are for exploration, management and office administration expenses. The amount of \$644,754 due to TruePoint consisted of invoiced costs offset with advances made by the Company and the remaining \$110,329 consisted of a promissory note payable to TruePoint.

The flow-through share premium was a result of the Company completing a flow-through private placement totalling \$1,500,001 in December 2021. On issuance of FT units, the Company allocates the proceeds into i) share capital, ii) warrants, and iii) flow-through share premium, if any, using the residual value method. If investors pay a premium for the FT feature, it is recognized as a liability. Upon incurring qualifying expenditures, the Company reduces the liability and recognizes a deferred tax recovery in income for the amount of tax reduction renounced to the shareholders. At the end of a period, the flow-through share premium liability consists of the portion of the



premium on FT shares that corresponds to the portion of qualifying exploration expenditures that have not yet been incurred.

During the nine months ended February 28, 2022, the Company incurred \$177,311 of those qualifying expenditures, reducing the flow-through share premium liability to \$183,707 at February 28, 2022.

### RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

#### Three months ended February 28, 2022

The net loss for the three months ended February 28, 2022 was \$722,884 (2021: \$513,577). The increase in net loss was due to an increase in exploration expenditures, share based payments and corporate advisory fees, partially offset by decreases in consulting and management fees, investor relations fees and transfer agent, regulatory and filing fees.

The majority of expenses for the three months ended February 28, 2022 consisted of exploration expenditures of \$433,936 (2021: \$216,500), corporate advisory fees of \$66,466 (2021: \$34,018), consulting and management fees of \$65,210 (2021: \$201,035) and share-based payments expense of \$61,946 (2021: \$23,810).

Exploration expenditures of \$433,936 consisted of work performed on the Carmacks North property (formerly known as Stu Property) of \$152,820 including \$126,728 in camp and \$20,814 in consulting. Work performed on the Carmacks property of \$281,116 including \$100,000 in royalty advance, \$98,916 in analysis, \$36,862 in consulting and \$33,504 in equipment and communication.

The share-based payments expense of \$61,946 was a result of the vesting of 3,150,000 stock options granted in June 2020, 2,760,000 stock options granted in March 2021, 225,000 stock options in May 2021, 300,000 stock options granted in October 2021 and 1,100,000 stock options granted in February 2022. The Company applies the fair value method of accounting for all awards of stock options by using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. Variations in share-based payments expense is based on a number of factors including, but not limited to, the size and occurrence of grants during a particular period, the Company's share price at the time of an option grant and the timing of recording share-based payments expense based on vesting schedules.

# Nine months ended February 28, 2022

The net loss for the nine months ended February 28, 2022 was \$4,451,917 (2021: \$722,094). The increase in net loss was due to a significant increase in exploration expenditures, share based payments and investor relations and no gain on the net increase in value of investment in associate when it discontinued the equity method of accounting upon acquisition of Copper North, which was recorded during the nine months ended February 28, 2021.

The majority of expenses for the nine months ended February 28, 2022 consisted of exploration expenditures of \$3,672,463 (2021: \$1,132,302), share-based payments expense of \$304,836 (2021: \$118,237), investor relations of \$195,141 (2021: \$81,748) and consulting and management fees of \$187,201 (2021: \$321,575).

Exploration expenditures of \$3,672,463 consisted of work performed on the Carmacks North property (formerly known as Stu Property) of \$762,768 including \$325,578 in consulting, \$186,479 in geophysics, \$136,332 in camp and \$47,559 in drilling. Work performed on the Carmacks property of \$2,909,695 including \$1,463,524 in drilling, \$705,235 in consulting, \$244,566 in camp and \$227,618 in analysis.



The share-based payments expense of \$304,836 was a result of the vesting of 3,150,000 stock options granted in June 2020, 2,760,000 stock options granted in March 2021, 225,000 stock options in May 2021, 300,000 stock options granted in October 2021 and 1,100,000 stock options granted in February 2022. The Company applies the fair value method of accounting for all awards of stock options by using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. Variations in share-based payments expense is based on a number of factors including, but not limited to, the size and occurrence of grants during a particular period, the Company's share price at the time of an option grant and the timing of recording share-based payments expense based on vesting schedules.

#### **CASH FLOWS**

### Three months ended February 28, 2022

During the three months ended February 28, 2022, cash increased by \$598,847, from \$641,280 at November 30, 2021 to \$1,240,127 at February 28, 2022. The increase was a result of cash of \$1,872,327 provided by financing activities, partially offset by cash of \$1,243,480 used in operating activities and cash of \$30,000 used in investing activities.

The cash of \$1,243,480 used in operating activities consisted of the net loss of \$722,884 and a net change of \$590,429 in non-cash working capital items, partially offset by non-cash items of \$69,833.

The cash of \$30,000 used in investing activities consisted of an advanced royalty payment made on the Carmacks North property.

The cash of \$1,872,327 provided by financing activities consisted of \$1,500,001 of proceeds from private placements less cash share issue costs of \$101,340, \$508,666 of process from the exercise of warrants and \$55,000 or proceeds from the exercise of options, partially offset by a repayment of loan of \$90,000.

#### Nine months ended February 28, 2022

During the nine months ended February 28, 2022, cash decreased by \$2,697,319, from \$3,937,446 at May 31, 2021 to \$1,240,127 at February 28, 2022. The decrease was a result of cash of \$4,796,453 used in operating activities and cash of \$41,450 used in investing activities, partially offset by cash of \$2,140,584 provided by financing activities.

The cash of \$4,796,453 used in operating activities consisted of the net loss of \$4,451,917 and a net change of \$451,573 in non-cash working capital items, partially offset by non-cash items of \$107,037.

The cash of \$30,000 used in investing activities consisted of an advanced royalty payment made on the Carmacks North property and \$11,450 of licensing and maintenance payment on the Carmacks property.

The cash of \$2,140,584 provided by financing activities consisted of \$1,500,001 of proceeds from private placements less cash share issue costs of \$101,340, \$776,923 of process from the exercise of warrants and \$55,000 or proceeds from the exercise of options, partially offset by a repayment of loan of \$90,000.



# SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY RESULTS

Selected quarterly information for each of the eight most recently completed financial periods is set out below.

	Q3, 2022	Q2, 2022	Q1, 2022	Q4, 2021
Net income (loss) for the period	(722,884)	(1,195,459)	(2,533,574)	(1,418,850)
Basic and diluted loss per share	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.02)	(0.01)
	Q3, 2021	Q2, 2021	Q1, 2021	Q4, 2020
Net loss for the period	(513,577)	237,870	(446,387)	(322,775)
Basic and diluted loss per share	(0.01)	0.00	(0.01)	(0.01)

The net income for Q2 2021 was a result of the Company recording a gain on the net increase in value of investment in associate when it discontinued the equity method of accounting upon acquisition of Copper North. The gain of \$1,072,878 was offset with operating costs and an increase in exploration expenditures.

As a result of the acquisition of the Carmacks North property (formerly known as Stu Property), the completion of private placements and the commencement of an investor outreach campaign, the Company has become more active in fiscal 2021 and fiscal 2022.

### LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

As at February 28, 2022, the Company had current assets totaling \$1,834,384 comprised of cash, receivables, and prepaid expenses and deposits. At February 28, 2022, the Company had working capital of \$187,426 (May 31, 2021: working capital of \$2,259,502).

During the nine months ended February 28, 2022, the Company closed a non-brokered private placement by issuing a total of 8,333,337 flow-through ("FT") shares for gross proceeds of \$1,500,001. During the nine months ended February 28, 2021, the Company closed a private placement (in multiple tranches) by issuing a total of 6,278,587 FT units, 2,289,382 non-FT units and 2,050,833 FT shares for aggregate gross proceeds of \$1,988,220 and closed another private placement which consisted of a total of 14,200,000 units at a price of \$0.05 per unit for gross proceeds of \$710,000 (of which \$150,014 was received prior to May 31, 2020).

The Company acquired a long-term severance liability upon its acquisition of Copper North.

As the Company has no revenues, its ability to fund operations is dependent upon its ability to secure financing through the sale of equity or assets, or to obtain loans. While the Company has been successful in obtaining the necessary financing through the issuance of common shares and loans from related parties in the past, there is no assurance it will be able to raise funds in this manner in the future and there remain material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt as to the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. The Company's trade and other payables are due in the short term.



#### **OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS**

The Company does not have any off-balance sheet arrangements.

#### CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS

As a result of the issuance of FT units and shares in March 2021, the Company had a commitment to incur \$3,200,300 on qualifying Canadian exploration expenditures. At February 28, 2022, the Company had incurred the full \$3,200,300 of those qualifying expenditures. As a result of the issuance of FT shares in December 2021, the Company had a commitment to incur \$1,500,001 on qualifying Canadian exploration expenditures. At February 28, 2022, the Company had incurred the \$177,311 of those qualifying expenditures.

### RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Key management personnel are the Directors and Executive Officers of the Company. Key management personnel, or their related parties, may hold positions in other entities that result in them having control or significant influence over the financial or operating policies of those entities. The amounts paid by the Company for the services provided by related parties have been determined by negotiation among the parties and are reviewed and approved by the Company's Board. These transactions are in the normal course of operations and are measured at their exchange amount, which is the amount agreed upon by the transacting parties.

In addition to key management personnel, the Company transacted with the following related parties during the three and nine months ended February 28, 2022 and 2021:

- TruePoint Exploration Inc. ("TruePoint") is a privately held exploration service company that provides exploration and administrative services to the Company as well as to other exploration companies. Costs covered by TruePoint include exploration expenditures (technical work on the project such as drilling, sampling and geophysics), consulting, investor relations and corporate development costs and other admin costs. Timothy Johnson, President and CEO of the Company, and another director of the Company are minority shareholders of TruePoint;
- 1111040 BC Ltd., a private company controlled by the President and CEO of the Company; and
- MVR Consulting Inc. ("MVR Consulting"), a private company controlled by Michael Rowley, Director.

# a) Related Party Transactions

Related party transactions for the three and nine months ended February 28, 2022 and 2021 were as follows:

	Three months ended		Nine months ended	
	February 28,		February 28,	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
_	\$	\$	\$	\$
Consulting and management fees (1)	52,458	80,820	159,181	144,256
Share-based payments (2)	16,321	7,937	72,228	31,845
Exploration and administrative support costs (3)	273,410	304,281	3,486,590	1,315,083
	342,189	393,038	3,717,999	1,491,184



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# b) Related Party Balances

The Company's related party receivable/payable balances consisted of the following:

	February 28,	May 31,	
	2022	2021	
Current liabilities – due to related parties	<b>\$</b>	\$	
TruePoint, net (1)	644,754	946,817	
TruePoint, promissory note	110,329	106,590	
Tim Johnson	4,337	355	
1111040 BC Ltd	15,750	10,500	
MVR Consulting Inc.	-	495	
Loy Chunpongtong	17,333	17,333	
	792,503	1,082,090	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This amount was the net of cash advances made to TruePoint, partially offset by changes from TruePoint

Amounts due to related parties are unsecured, non-interest-bearing, and have no formal terms of repayment.

### c) Insider Participation in Private Placements

A summary of insider participation in the Company's private placements for the nine months ended February 28, 2022 was as follows:

December Placement	2021	Private	Number of Units	Price	Proceeds
				\$	\$
Timothy John	son		222,225	0.18	40,001
Michael Row	ley		55,556	0.18	10,000
			277,781		50,001

A summary of insider participation in the Company's private placements for the nine months ended February 28, 2021 was as follows:

October 2020 Private Placement	Number of Units	Price	Proceeds
		\$	\$
Alicia Milne	50,000	0.18	9,000
Timothy Johnson	120,000	0.18	21,600
Rebecca Moriarty	14,900	0.145	2,161
Michael Rowley	42,000	0.18	7,560
	226,900		40,321

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Consulting fees for the three and nine months ended February 28, 2022 and 2021 consisted of fees earned by key management personnel including the CEO and CFO.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Share-based payments expense is a non-cash item that consisted exclusively of the fair value of stock options that were granted to key management personnel.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Transactions with TruePoint for the nine months ended February 28, 2022 consisted of exploration expenditures (\$3,238,276) and investor relations and corporate development fees (\$248,314).



#### PROPOSED TRANSACTIONS

As of the date of this report, there were no proposed transactions that have not been disclosed elsewhere in this MD&A.

#### FINANCIAL AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS

The Company's financial instruments consist of cash, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities and due to related parties. Cash, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities and due to related parties are classified as amortized cost.

As at February 28, 2022 the Company believes the carrying values of cash, receivables, accounts payable and accrued liabilities, due to related parties and short-term loans approximate their fair values due to the short period to maturity.

The Company's financial instruments are exposed to certain financial risks, including liquidity risk, currency risk, interest rate risk, credit risk, and other price risk. There have been no changes in any risk management policies since May 31, 2021.

### DISCLOSURE OF OUTSTANDING SHARE DATA

As of the date of this report, there were 135,355,808 common shares, 45,761,421 share purchase warrants, 11,884,000 stock options outstanding and 175,000 compensation options.

### DISCLOSURE CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Disclosure controls and procedures are intended to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified by securities regulations and that the information required to be disclosed is accumulated and communicated to management. Internal controls over financial reporting are intended to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with IFRS. In connection with National Instrument 52-109 (Certificate of Disclosure in Issuer's Annual and Interim Filings) ("NI 52-109"), the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of the Company have filed a Venture Issuer Basic Certificate with respect to the financial information contained in the condensed interim consolidated financial statements for the three and nine months ended February 28, 2022 and this accompanying MD&A (together, the "Interim Filings").

In contrast to the full certificate under NI 52-109, the Venture Issuer Basic Certificate does not include representations relating to the establishment and maintenance of disclosure controls and procedures and internal control over financial reporting, as defined in NI 52-109. For further information the reader should refer to the Venture Issuer Basic Certificates filed by the Company with the Interim and Annual Filings on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.



#### RISK FACTORS AND UNCERTAINTIES

#### **Overview**

The Company is subject to many risks that may affect future operations over which the Company has little control. These risks include, but are not limited to, intense competition in the resource industry, market conditions, and the Company's ability to access new sources of capital, mineral property title, results from property exploration and development activities, and currency fluctuations. The Company has a history of recurring losses and there is no expectation that this situation will change in the foreseeable future.

### Competition

Other exploration companies, including those with greater financial resources than the Company, could adopt or may have adopted the same business strategies and thereby compete directly with the Company, or may seek to acquire and develop mineral claims in areas targeted by the Company. While the risk of direct competition may be mitigated by the Company's experience and technical capabilities, there can be no assurance that competition will not increase or that the Company will be able to compete successfully.

# Access to Capital

The exploration and subsequent development of mineral properties is capital intensive. Should it not be possible to raise additional equity funds when required, the Company may not be able to continue to fund its operations which would have a material adverse effect on the Company's potential profitability and ability to continue as a going concern. At present, the Company does not have cash resources to fund planned exploration for the next twelve months. Timing of additional equity funding will depend on market conditions as well as exploration requirements.

In recent years, the securities markets in Canada have experienced a high level of price and volume volatility, and the market price of securities of many companies, particularly those considered exploration stage companies, have experienced wide fluctuations in price which have not necessarily been related to the operating performance, underlying asset values or prospects of such companies. These conditions may persist for an indeterminate period of time.

# Foreign Operations and Political Risk

In foreign jurisdictions, mineral exploration and mining activities may be affected in varying degrees by political or economic instability, expropriation of property and changes in government regulations such as tax laws, business laws, environmental laws and mining laws. Any changes in regulations or shifts in political conditions are beyond the control of the Company and may materially adversely affect its business, or if significant enough, may make it impossible to continue to operate in certain countries. Operations may be affected in varying degrees by government regulations with respect to restrictions on production, price controls, foreign exchange restrictions, export controls, income taxes, expropriation of property, environmental legislation and exploration health and safety. These risks are not unique to foreign jurisdictions and apply equally to the property interests in Canada.



# Speculative Nature of Mineral Exploration and Development

The exploration for and development of mineral deposits involves significant risk which even a combination of careful evaluation, experience and knowledge may not adequately mitigate. While the discovery of an ore body may result in substantial rewards, few properties which are explored are ultimately developed into producing mines. There is no assurance that commercial quantities of ore will be discovered on any of the Company's properties. Even if commercial quantities of ore are discovered, there is no assurance that the mineral property will be brought into production.

Whether a mineral deposit will be commercially viable depends on a number of factors, including the particular attributes of the deposit, such as its size, grade, metallurgy, and proximity to infrastructure; commodity prices, which have fluctuated widely in recent years; and government regulations, including those relating to taxes, royalties, land tenure, land use, aboriginal rights, importing and exporting of minerals and environmental protection. The exact effect of these factors cannot be accurately predicted, and the Company's business may be adversely affected by its inability to advance projects to commercial production.

#### Uninsured or Uninsurable Risks

The Company may become subject to liability for pollution or hazards against which it cannot insure or against which it may elect not to insure where premium costs are disproportionate to the Company's evaluation of the relevant risks. The payment of such insurance premiums and of such liabilities would reduce the funds available for exploration and operating activities.

# Commodity Prices

The prices of gold, silver, copper, lead, zinc, moly, and other minerals have fluctuated widely in recent years and are affected by a number of factors beyond the Company's control, including international economic and political conditions, expectations of inflation, international currency exchange rates, interest rates, consumption patterns, and speculative activities and increased production due to improved exploration and production methods. Fluctuations in commodity prices will influence the willingness of investors to fund mining and exploration companies and the willingness of companies to participate in joint ventures with the Company and the level of their financial commitment. The supply of commodities is affected by various factors, including political events, economic conditions and production costs in major producing regions. There can be no assurance that the price of any commodities will be such that any of the properties in which the Company has, or has the right to acquire, an interest may be mined at a profit.

#### Mineral Property Tenure and Permits

The Company completes reviews of its mineral property titles and believes that all requirements have been met to ensure continued access and tenure for property titles. However, ongoing requirements are complex and constantly changing so there is no assurance that these titles will remain valid. The operations of the Company will require consents, approvals, licenses and/or permits from various governmental authorities. There can be no assurance that the Company will be able to obtain all necessary consents, approvals, licenses and permits that may be required to carry out exploration, development and production operations at its projects.

Although the Company has acquired the rights to some or all of the resources in the ground subject to the tenures that it acquired, in most cases it does not thereby acquire any rights to, or ownership of, the surface to the areas covered by its mineral tenures. In such cases, applicable laws usually provide for rights of access to



the surface for the purpose of carrying on exploration activities, however, the enforcement of such rights can be costly and time consuming. It is necessary, as a practical matter, to negotiate surface access.

There can be no guarantee that, despite having the right at law to access the surface and carry on exploration activities, the Company will be able to negotiate a satisfactory agreement with existing landowners for such access, and therefore it may be unable to carry out exploration activities. In addition, in circumstances where such access is denied, or no agreement can be reached, the Company may need to rely on the assistance of local officials or the courts in such jurisdictions.

# **Conflicts of Interest**

Certain directors and officers of the Company also serve as directors, officers and advisors of other companies involved in natural resource exploration and development. To the extent that such companies may participate in ventures with the Company, such directors and officers may have conflicts of interest in negotiating and concluding the terms of such ventures. Such other companies may also compete with the Company for the acquisition of mineral property rights. In the event that any such conflict of interest arises, the Company's policy is that such director or officer will disclose the conflict to the board of directors and, if the conflict involves a director, such director will abstain from voting on the matter. In accordance with the Business Corporations Act (BC), the directors and officers of the Company are required to act honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of the Company.

# Dependence Upon Others and Key Personnel

The success of the Company's operations will depend upon numerous factors including its ability to attract and retain additional key personnel in exploration, marketing, joint venture operations and finance. This will require the use of outside suppliers as well as the talents and efforts of the Company and its consultants and employees. There can be no assurance that the Company will be successful in finding and retaining the necessary employees, personnel and/or consultants in order to be able to successfully carry out such activities. This is especially true as the competition for qualified geological, technical personnel and consultants can be particularly intense.

# Government Regulation

The Company operates in an industry which is governed by numerous regulations, including but not limited to, environmental regulations as well as occupational health and safety regulations. It is possible that regulations or tenure requirements could be changed by the respective governments resulting in additional costs or barriers to development of the properties. This would adversely affect the value of properties and the Company's ability to hold onto them without incurring significant additional costs. It is also possible that the Company could be in violation of, or non-compliant with, regulations it is not aware of.

#### Corona Virus (COVID-19) Pandemic

Outbreak of the corona virus and the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic may result in impacts to the Company's on-going exploration plans and activities in 2021. The Company is focused on the health and well-being of its workers and the communities in which we work and has implemented preventative measures accordingly. The Company will continue to monitor advice and regulations from the World Health Organization, governments and local communities, and adjust measures as appropriate. The Company may face disruption to operations, supply chain delays, travel and trade restrictions, and impacts on economic activity in affected countries or



regions can be expected that are difficult to quantify. Regional disease outbreaks represent a threat to hiring and maintaining skilled workers, and could be a major health-care challenge for its workforce. There can be no assurance that the Company's personnel will not be impacted by these regional disease outbreaks and ultimately that the Company could see its workforce productivity reduced or incur increased medical costs as a result of these health risks. In addition, the COVID-19 pandemic has created a dramatic slowdown in the global economy. The duration of the COVID-19 outbreak and the resulting travel restrictions, social distancing recommendations, government response actions, business disruptions and business closures may have an impact on the Company's exploration operations and access to capital. There can be no assurance that the Company will not be impacted by adverse consequences that may be brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on global industrial and financial markets which may reduce metal prices, share prices and financial liquidity, thereby limiting access to additional capital.

#### FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION

This MD&A includes certain statements that may be deemed "forward-looking statements" concerning the future performance of the Company's business, its operations, its financial performance and condition, as well as management's objectives, strategies, beliefs and intentions. Forward-looking statements are frequently identified by such words as "may", "will", "plan", "expect", "anticipate", "estimate", "intend" and similar words referring to future events and results. Forward-looking statements are based on the current opinions and expectations of management. All statements in this discussion, other than statements of historical facts, that address exploration drilling, exploitation activities and events or developments that the Company expects are forward-looking statements. Although the Company believes the expectations expressed in such forward-looking statements are based on reasonable assumptions, such statements are not guarantees of future performance and actual results or developments may differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements. Factors that may cause actual results to vary from forward looking statements include, but are not limited to, the Company's ability to access capital, the speculative nature of mineral exploration and development, fluctuating commodity prices, competitive risks and reliance on key personnel, as described in more detail in this document under "Risk Factors and Uncertainties". Investors are cautioned that any such statements are not guarantees of future performance and actual results or developments may differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements.



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#### Other Information

All technical reports on material properties, press releases and material change reports are filed on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

### **Investor relations**

Company management liaises with the investment community and communicates with investors and shareholders about the Company's projects and progress. The Company's website is <a href="www.gcxcopper.com">www.gcxcopper.com</a>.

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