

# Platinum Group Metals Ltd.

# **Consolidated Financial Statements**

(Expressed in thousands of United States Dollars unless otherwise noted) For the year ended August 31, 2023

Filed: November 21, 2023

# Management's Responsibility for Consolidated Financial Statements

The accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements of Platinum Group Metals Ltd (the "Company") are the responsibility of management. The Consolidated Financial Statements have been prepared by management in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB") and include certain estimates that reflect management's best judgments.

The Company's Board of Directors has approved the information contained in the Consolidated Financial Statements. The Board of Directors fulfills its responsibilities regarding the Consolidated Financial Statements mainly through its Audit Committee, which has a written mandate that complies with current requirements of Canadian securities legislation, United States securities legislation, and the United States Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. The Audit Committee meets at least on a quarterly basis.

## Management's Annual Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting. Internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of the Consolidated Financial Statements for external reporting purposes in accordance with IFRS as issued by the IASB.

Internal control over financial reporting, no matter how well designed, has inherent limitations. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

Management has assessed the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as at August 31, 2023. In making its assessment, management has used the criteria established in Internal Control - Integrated Framework (2013) issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission ("COSO") to evaluate the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Based on this assessment, management has concluded that the Company's internal control over financial reporting was effective as at that date.

The effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as at August 31, 2023 has been audited by Price Waterhouse Coopers LLP, the Company's independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report, which appears herein.

<u>/s/ Greg Blair</u> Greg Blair Chief Financial Officer <u>/s/ Frank Hallam</u>
Frank Hallam,
President, Chief Executive Officer



# Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Shareholders and Board of Directors of Platinum Group Metals Ltd.

## Opinions on the Financial Statements and Internal Control over Financial Reporting

We have audited the accompanying consolidated statements of financial position of Platinum Group Metals Ltd. and its subsidiaries (together, the Company) as of August 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related consolidated statements of loss and comprehensive loss, of changes in equity and of cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended August 31, 2023, including the related notes (collectively referred to as the consolidated financial statements). We also have audited the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of August 31, 2023, based on criteria established in *Internal Control – Integrated Framework* (2013) issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO).

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of August 31, 2023 and 2022, and its financial performance and its cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended August 31, 2023 in conformity with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board. Also in our opinion, the Company maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of August 31, 2023, based on criteria established in *Internal Control – Integrated Framework* (2013) issued by the COSO.

## **Basis for Opinions**

The Company's management is responsible for these consolidated financial statements, for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting, and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in the accompanying Management's Annual Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express opinions on the Company's consolidated financial statements and on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB) and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud, and whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects.

Our audits of the consolidated financial statements included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements. Our audit of internal control over financial reporting included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design and



operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk. Our audits also included performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinions.

## **Definition and Limitations of Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (i) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (ii) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (iii) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

#### **Critical Audit Matters**

The critical audit matter communicated below is a matter arising from the current period audit of the consolidated financial statements that was communicated or required to be communicated to the audit committee and that (i) relates to accounts or disclosures that are material to the consolidated financial statements and (ii) involved our especially challenging, subjective, or complex judgments. The communication of critical audit matters does not alter in any way our opinion on the consolidated financial statements, taken as a whole, and we are not, by communicating the critical audit matter below, providing a separate opinion on the critical audit matter or on the accounts or disclosures to which it relates.

# Assessment of impairment indicators for mineral properties

As described in Notes 2, 3 and 4 to the consolidated financial statements, the carrying amount of mineral properties is reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable (impairment indicators). The carrying amount of the Company's mineral properties was \$41.6 million as of August 31, 2023, which all related to the Waterberg project (the Project). Management applies judgment to assess whether there are impairment indicators present that give rise to the requirement to conduct an impairment test. Events or changes in circumstances that could trigger an impairment test include: (i) significant adverse changes in the business climate including decreases in forecasted future metal prices; (ii) significant changes in the extent or manner in which the assets are being used or their physical condition including significant decreases in mineral reserves; and (iii) significant decreases in the market price of the assets.



The principal considerations for our determination that performing procedures relating to the assessment of impairment indicators for mineral properties is a critical audit matter are that there was significant judgment by management when assessing whether there were indicators of impairment related to the Project, specifically related to assessing whether there were: (i) significant adverse changes in the business climate including decreases in forecasted future metal prices; (ii) significant changes in the extent or manner in which the asset is being used or its physical condition including significant decreases in mineral reserves; and (iii) significant decreases in the market price of the asset. This in turn led to a high degree of auditor judgment, subjectivity and effort in performing procedures and evaluating audit evidence related to the judgments made by management in their assessment of impairment indicators that could give rise to the requirement to conduct an impairment test.

Addressing the matter involved performing procedures and evaluating audit evidence in connection with forming our overall opinion on the consolidated financial statements. These procedures included testing the effectiveness of controls relating to management's assessment of impairment indicators for the Project. These procedures also included, among others, (i) evaluating whether there were significant adverse changes in the business climate including decreases in forecasted future metal prices by considering external market and industry data; (ii) evaluating whether there were any significant changes in the extent or manner in which the asset is being used or its physical condition by assessing any significant decreases in mineral reserves by considering any new mineral reserve and resource technical reports; and (iii) assessing whether there were significant decreases in the market price of the asset by considering any significant or prolonged declines in the Company's share price, and evidence obtained in other areas of the audit.

## /s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

**Chartered Professional Accountants** 

Vancouver, Canada November 21, 2023

We have served as the Company's auditor since 2007.

Consolidated Statements of Financial Position (in thousands of United States Dollars)

		August 31, 2023	August 31, 2022
ASSETS		2020	2022
Current			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	6,989	\$ 12,330
Amounts receivable		215	382
Prepaid expenses		348	52
Total current assets		7,552	12,764
Performance bonds and other assets		235	190
Mineral properties (Note 4)		41,614	40,373
Property, equipment and other (Note 6)		620	352
Total assets	\$	50,021	\$ 53,679
LIABILITIES			
Current			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$	1,367	\$ 1,121
Total current liabilities	•	1,367	1,121
Asset retirement obligation		91	95
Share based liabilities (Note 10)		872	864
Lease liability (Note 9)		317	44
Total liabilities	\$	2,647	\$ 2,124
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY			
Share capital (Note 10)	\$	937,040	\$ 934,976
Contributed surplus		33,761	32,077
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(170,337)	(166,155)
Deficit		(774,735)	(768,397)
Total shareholders' equity attributable to			
shareholders of Platinum Group Metals Ltd.	\$	25,729	\$ 32,501
Non-controlling interest (Note 11)		21,645	 19,054
Total shareholders' equity	\$	47,374	\$ 51,555
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$	50,021	\$ 53,679

Contingencies and Commitments (Note 13) Subsequent Event (Note 20)

Approved by the Board of Directors and authorized for issue on November 21, 2023

/s/ Stuart Harshaw	/s/ Diana Walters
Stuart Harshaw, Director	Diana Walters, Director

Consolidated Statements of Loss and Comprehensive Loss (in thousands of United States Dollars except share and per share data))

	Year Ended					
		August 31, 2023		August 31, 2022		August 31, 2021
Expenses						
General and administrative (Note 16) Interest	\$	3,894	\$	4,341 1,650	\$	5,121 5,066
Foreign exchange gain		(245)		(328)		(698)
Share of joint venture expenditures – Lion Battery (Note 5)		`575 <sup>°</sup>		253		343
Stock based compensation expense		1,981		2,164		3,184
	\$	6,205	\$	8,080	\$	13,016
Other Income						
Gain on fair value derivatives & other instruments	\$	-	\$	(12)	\$	(52)
Write-off due to prospecting right closures  Loss on partial repayment of debt and convertible  notes		-		223 135		189
Gain on Sprott extension		-		-		(48)
Interest income		(584)		(176)		(97)
Loss for the year before income taxes	\$	5,621	\$	8,250	\$	13,008
Deferred income tax expense (recovery) (Note 19)		42		(7)		55
Loss for the year		5,663		8,243		13,063
Items that may be subsequently reclassified to net loss:						
Currency translation adjustment	\$	4,182	\$	6,929	\$	(4,898)
Comprehensive loss for the year	\$	9,845	\$	15,172	\$	8,165
Net loss attributable to:						
Shareholders of Platinum Group Metals Ltd.	\$	5,663	\$	8,243	\$	13,063
	\$	5,663	\$	8,243	\$	13,063
Comprehensive loss attributable to:						
Shareholders of Platinum Group Metals Ltd.	\$	9,845	\$	15,172	\$	8,165
	\$	9,845	\$	15,172	\$	8,165
Basic and diluted loss per common share	\$	0.06	\$	0.09	\$	0.18
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding:						
Basic and diluted		99,939,254		89,586,083		71,912,296
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Consolidated Statements of Changes in Equity (in thousands of United States Dollars, except # of Common Shares)

	# of Common Shares	Share Capital	Contributed Surplus	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (loss)	Deficit	Attributable to Shareholders of the Parent Company	Non- Controlling Interest	9	Total
Balance August 31, 2020	64,095,073	\$ 861,890	\$ 28,278	\$ (164,124)	\$ (746,313) \$	(20,269)	16,1	26 \$	(4,143)
Stock based compensation	-	-	2,921	-	-	2,921		_	2,921
Restricted share units redeemed	121,668	189	(281)	-	-	(92)		-	(92)
Share options exercised	843,543	2,301	(816)	-	=	1,485		-	1,485
Share issuance – financing	10,210,842	27,949	-	-	=	27,949		-	27,949
Share issuance costs	· · ·	(1,546)	-	-	-	(1,546)		-	(1,546)
Contributions of Waterberg JV Co.	-	-	_	-	(395)	(395)	1,4	159	1,064
Currency translation adjustment	-	-	_	4,898	-	4,898		-	4,898
Net loss for the year	-	-	-	-	(13,063)	(13,063)		-	(13,063)
Balance August 31, 2021	75,271,126	\$ 890,783	\$ 30,102	\$ (159,226)	\$ (759,771) \$	1,888	17,5	85 \$	19,473
Stock based compensation	-	-	2,896	-	-	2,896		_	2,896
Restricted share units redeemed	265,739	790	(790)	-	=	· -		-	-
Share options exercised	158,333	360	(131)	-	-	229		-	229
Share issuance - financing	11,463,665	25,656	· -	-	-	25,656		-	25,656
Shares issued to repay convertible debt	11,793,509	18,941	-	-	-	18,941		-	18,941
Share issuance costs	-	(1,554)	-	-	-	(1,554)		-	(1,554
Contributions of Waterberg JV Co.	-	-	-	-	(383)	(383)	1,4	169	1,086
Currency translation adjustment	-	-	-	(6,929)	-	(6,929)		-	(6,929
Net loss for the year	-	-	-	-	(8,243)	(8,243)		-	(8,243)
Balance August 31, 2022	98,952,372	\$ 934,976	\$ 32,077	\$ (166,155)	\$ (768,397) \$	32,501	19,0	54 \$	51,555
Stock based compensation	-	-	2,179	-	-	2,179		-	2,179
Restricted share units redeemed	155,488	409	(449)	-	-	(40)		-	(40)
Share options exercised	60,667	128	(46)	-	-	82		-	82
Share issuance – financing	1,089,503	1,975	-	-	-	1,975		-	1,975
Share issuance costs		(448)	-	-	-	(448)		-	(448)
Contributions of Waterberg JV Co.	-	=	-	-	(675)	(675)	2,5	91	1,916
Currency translation adjustment	-	=	-	(4,182)	=	(4,182)		-	(4,182)
Net loss for the year	-	-	-	-	(5,663)	(5,663)		-	(5,663)
Balance August 31, 2023	100,258,030	\$ 937,040	\$ 33,761	\$ (170,337)	\$ (774,735) \$	25,729	21,6	45 \$	47,374

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (in thousands of United States Dollars)

	For the year ended						
	-	August 31, 2023		August 31, 2022		August 31, 2021	
OPERATING ACTIVITIES							
Loss for the year	\$	(5,663)	\$	(8,243)	\$	(13,063)	
Add items not affecting cash / adjustments:							
Depreciation		83		91		122	
Interest expense		-		1,650		5,066	
Unrealized foreign exchange gain		(340)		(645)		(1,058)	
Gain on fair value of derivatives and other instruments		` -		(12)		(52)	
Loss on repayment of debt and convertible notes		_		135		(189)	
Gain on extension of Sprott Facility		_		-		`348 <sup>′</sup>	
Deferred income tax expense		42		(7)		55	
Stock compensation expense		1,981		2,164		3,184	
Share of joint venture expenditures		575		253		343	
Directors' fees paid in deferred share units		177		161		152	
Write-off costs associated with prospecting right closure (Note 4)		_		223		_	
Net change in non-cash working capital (Note 14)		(645)		(239)		(2,962)	
rear endings in non-sasin resiming capital (i.e.s.	\$	(3,790)	\$	(4,469)	\$	(8,054)	
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FINANCING ACTIVITIES							
Proceeds from issuance of equity	\$	1,975	\$	25,869	\$	27,949	
Equity issuance costs		(448)		(1,555)		(1,546)	
Cash received from option exercises		81		237		1,485	
Share unit cash settlement		(40)		-		(151)	
Sprott Facility principal repayments		. ,		(9,400)		(10,600)	
Sprott Facility interest paid		-		(293)		(1,589)	
Convertible note interest paid		-		(826)		(1,374)	
Costs associated with repayment of debt and convertible debt		-		(126)		` (318)	
Lease payments made		(88)		`(87)		`(91)	
Cash received from Waterberg partners		2,221		642		1,829	
	\$	3,701	\$	14,461	\$	15,594	
NUCCTING ACTIVITIES							
INVESTING ACTIVITIES	•	(50)	•	(46)	Φ.	(40)	
Performance bonds	\$	(53)	\$	(48)	\$	(43)	
Investment in Lion		(575)		(250)		(350)	
Expenditures incurred on Waterberg Project		(4,446)		(3,359)		(2,415)	
	\$	(5,074)	\$	(3,657)	\$	(2,808)	
Net (decrease) increase in cash		(5,163)		6,335		4,732	
Effect of foreign exchange on cash		(178)		(64)		19	
Cash, beginning of year		12,330		6,059		1,308	
Cash, end of year	\$	6,989	\$	12,330	\$	6,059	

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#### 1. NATURE OF OPERATIONS

Platinum Group Metals Ltd. (the "Company") is a British Columbia, Canada company formed by amalgamation on February 18, 2002. The Company's shares are publicly listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange in Canada and the NYSE American, LLC ("NYSE American") in the United States of America. The Company is a development stage company conducting work on mineral properties it has staked or acquired by way of option agreements in the Republic of South Africa. Key metals of economic interest on the Company's mineral properties include platinum, palladium, rhodium, gold, copper, and nickel.

The Company's head office and principal place of business is located at Suite 838-1100 Melville Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, V6E 4A6. The Company's registered and records office is located at Suite 2300, 550 Burrard Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada V6C 2B5.

These financial statements consolidate the accounts of the Company and its subsidiaries. Lion Battery Technologies Inc. ("**Lion**") is accounted for using the equity method as the Company jointly controls Lion despite owning a majority of Lion's shares. The Company's subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures as at August 31, 2023 are as follows:

		Place of incorporation	Proportion of interest and vote	•
		and	August 31,	August 31,
Name of subsidiary	Principal activity	operation	2023	2022
Platinum Group Metals (RSA) (Pty) Ltd. Mnombo Wethu Consultants (Pty) Limited <sup>(1)</sup> Waterberg JV Resources (Pty) Ltd. <sup>(1),(2)</sup> Lion Battery Technologies Inc.	Development Development Development Research	South Africa South Africa South Africa Canada	100.00% 49.95% 37.05% 52.30%	100.00% 49.95% 37.05% 53.70%

## Notes:

- (1) The Company controls and consolidates Mnombo Wethu Consultants (Pty) Limited ("Mnombo") and Waterberg JV Resources (Pty) Ltd. ("Waterberg JV Co.") for accounting purposes.
- (2) Effective ownership of Waterberg JV Co is 63.05% when Mnombo's ownership portion is combined with Platinum Group Metals (RSA) (Pty) Ltd. ("PTM RSA") ownership portion.

#### 2. BASIS OF PRESENTATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IFRS"). The consolidated financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for certain financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value.

# Significant Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these consolidated financial statements are set out below. The Company has consistently applied the accounting policies used in the preparation of its IFRS financial statements throughout all years presented, as if these policies had always been in effect.

#### a. Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include those of the Company, its subsidiaries, joint ventures and structured entities that it controls, using uniform accounting policies. Control exists when the Company has (i) power over the investee, (ii) exposure, or rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the investee, and (iii) the ability to use its power to affect its returns.

Non-controlling interests in the net assets of consolidated subsidiaries are identified separately from the Company's equity.

Subsidiaries are all entities over which the Company has control. Subsidiaries are fully consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the Group. They are de-consolidated from the date that control

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ceases.

Inter-company transactions, balances and unrealized gains on transactions between group companies are eliminated on consolidation.

# b. Translation of foreign currencies

### Functional currency

Items included in the financial statements of the Company and each of the Company's subsidiaries and equity accounted investees are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates (the functional currency) as follows:

Platinum Group Metals Ltd.
Lion Battery Technologies Inc.
Platinum Group Metals (RSA) (Pty) Ltd.
Mnombo Wethu Consultants (Pty) Limited
Waterberg JV Resources (Pty) Ltd

Canadian Dollars
United States Dollars
South African Rand
South African Rand
South African Rand

Presentation Currency

The Company's presentation currency is the United States Dollar ("USD").

Foreign Exchange Rates Used

The following exchange rates were used when preparing these consolidated financial statements:

Rand/USD

Year-end rate: R18.8507(2022 R17.0760) Year average rate: R18.0700 (2022 R15.5782)

CAD/USD

Year-end rate: C\$1.3531 (2022 C\$1.3111) Year average rate: C\$1.3469 (2022 C\$1.2720)

## Transactions and balances

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the relevant entity's functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the date of the transaction. Foreign currency gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at year-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognized in the income statement.

## Subsidiaries

The results and financial position of subsidiaries that have a functional currency different from the presentation currency are translated into the presentation currency as follows:

- assets and liabilities are translated at the closing rate at the reporting date;
- income and expenses are translated at average exchange rates for the year; and
- all resulting exchange differences are recognized in other comprehensive income as cumulative translation adjustments.

# c. Joint Arrangements

The Company treats its investment in Lion as a joint venture. A joint venture is a joint arrangement whereby the parties that have joint control have rights to the net assets. Joint ventures are accounted for using the equity method of accounting.

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## d. Change in ownership interests

The Company treats transactions with non-controlling interests that do not result in a loss of control as transactions with equity owners. A change in ownership interest results in an adjustment between the carrying amounts of the controlling and non-controlling interests to reflect their relative interest in the subsidiary. Any difference between the amount of the adjustment to non-controlling interests and any consideration received is recognized in a separate line in retained earnings.

### e. Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. The cost of an item of property, plant and equipment includes the purchase price or construction cost, any costs directly attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for its intended use, an initial estimate of the costs of dismantling and removing the item and restoring the site on which it is located, and for qualifying assets, the associated borrowing costs.

Where an item of property, plant and equipment is comprised of major components with different useful lives, the components are accounted for as separate items of property, plant and equipment.

Once a mining project has been established as technically feasible and commercially viable, expenditure other than on land, buildings, plant and equipment is capitalised as part of "development assets" together with any related amount transferred from previously classified exploration and evaluation assets. Capitalization of costs incurred ceases when the asset is available for intended use, ie. when it is in the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Company and the cost of the item can be reliably measured. All repairs and maintenance are expensed to profit or loss during the financial period in which they are incurred.

An item of property, plant and equipment is derecognized upon disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected to arise from the continued use of the asset. Any gain or loss arising on the disposal, retirement or scrapping of an item of property, plant and equipment is determined as the difference between the sales proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset and is recognized in profit or loss.

Capital assets are recorded at cost and are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the following periods:

Leasehold Improvements 3-5 years
Computer Equipment and software 3-5 years
Furniture and Fixtures 5-10 years
Office Lease 5 years

### f. Impairment

Tangible assets are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable.

The Company conducts internal reviews of asset values which are used to assess for any indications of impairment. External factors such as changes in expected future prices, costs and other market factors including market capitalization are also monitored to assess for indications of impairment.

If any such indication exists an estimate of the recoverable amount is undertaken, being the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and its value in use. If the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount, then an impairment loss is recognized.

Fair value is determined as the amount that would be obtained from the sale of the asset in an arm's length transaction between knowledgeable and willing parties. Fair value of mineral assets is generally

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determined as the present value of the estimated future cash flows expected to arise from the use of the asset, including any expansion prospects.

Value in use is determined as the present value of the estimated future cash flows expected to arise from the continued use of the asset in its present form and from its ultimate disposal.

## g. Asset retirement obligations

Provisions for asset retirement obligations are made in respect of the estimated future costs of closure and restoration and for environmental rehabilitation costs (which include the dismantling and demolition of infrastructure, removal of residual materials and remediation of disturbed areas) in the accounting period when the related disturbance occurs. The provision is discontinued using a risk-free pre-tax rate, and the unwinding of the discount is included in finance costs. At the time of establishing the provision, a corresponding asset is capitalized and is depreciated over the future life of the asset to which it relates. The provision is adjusted on an annual basis for changes in cost estimates, discount rates and inflation.

# h. Trade payables

Trade payables are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

#### i. Leases

The Company has elected not to recognize right-of-use assets and lease liabilities for short-term leases that have a lease term of 12 months or less and leases of low-value assets. The lease payments associated with these leases are charged directly to the statement of operations and comprehensive income on a straightline basis over the lease term.

At inception of a contract, the Company assesses whether a contract is, or contains, a lease. A contract is, or contains, a lease if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration. The Company then assesses (i) whether the contract involves the use of an identified asset, (ii) whether it has the right to obtain substantially all of the economic benefits from use of the asset during the term of the arrangement and (iii) if it has the right to direct the use of the asset. At inception or on reassessment of a contract that contains a lease component, the consideration in the contract is allocated to each lease component proportionally on the basis of their relative standalone prices. The lease payments are discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease. If that rate cannot be readily determined, the lessee's incremental borrowing rate is used, being the rate that the individual lessee would have to pay to borrow the funds necessary to obtain an asset of similar value to the right-of-use asset in a similar economic environment with similar terms, security and conditions.

As a lessee, the Company recognizes a right-of-use asset, which is included in Property Equipment and Other, and a right-of-use lease liability at the commencement date of a lease. The right-of-use asset is initially measured at cost, which is comprised of the initial amount of the lease liability adjusted for any lease payments made at or before the commencement date.

The right-of-use asset is subsequently depreciated from the commencement date to the earlier of the end of the lease term, or the end of the useful life of the asset. In addition, the right-of-use asset may be reduced due to impairment losses, if any, and adjusted for certain remeasurements of the lease liability.

# j. Convertible Notes

At inception the debt component of the convertible notes is deemed to be the residual value of the net proceeds after the fair value of the embedded derivatives are separated. The debt component is then measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method. The embedded derivatives are revalued at each reporting period with the change in fair value being recorded in profit or loss in each reporting period.

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## k. Share Capital

Common shares are classified as equity. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of common shares and share options are recognized as a deduction from equity, net of any tax effect.

# I. Share-based payment transactions

#### Stock options

Stock options are settled in equity. The fair values for stock-based awards have been estimated using the Black-Scholes model and recorded as compensation cost over the period of vesting. The compensation cost related to stock options granted is expensed or capitalized to mineral properties, as applicable. Cash received on exercise of stock options is credited to share capital and the related amount previously recognized in contributed surplus is reclassified to share capital.

### Restricted share units

Restricted share units ("**RSUs**") represent an entitlement to one common share of the Company, upon vesting. RSUs provide the option of being settled in cash upon election by the Board of Directors. The fair value of RSUs granted is recognized as an expense over the vesting period and is measured at the time of grant.

#### Deferred share units

Deferred share units ("**DSUs**") are measured at fair value on grant date based on the market price of the Company's shares on the grant date. DSUs are settled in cash based on the market price of the Company's shares on the entitlement date (which is when the respective director ceases to be a director of the Company). The expense for DSUs is recognized over the vesting period and the DSUs are classified as a liability. DSU liabilities are adjusted at each financial position reporting date for changes in fair value. Fully vested DSUs are revalued based on the market price of the Company's shares on the final day of the respective reporting period with changes in fair value being recognized in share-based compensation expenses.

#### m. Income taxes

Income tax expense represents the sum of the tax currently payable and deferred tax.

## Current tax

Current tax expense is based on taxable profit for the year. Taxable profit differs from 'profit before tax' as reported in the consolidated statement of loss and other comprehensive loss because of items of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other years and items that are never taxable or deductible. The Company's current tax is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period.

#### Deferred tax

Deferred tax is recognised on temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the consolidated financial statements and the corresponding tax bases used in the computation of taxable profit. Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all taxable temporary differences. Deferred tax assets are generally recognised for all deductible temporary differences to the extent that it is probable that taxable profits will be available against which those deductible temporary differences can be utilised. Such deferred tax assets and liabilities are not recognised if the temporary difference arises from the initial recognition (other than in a business combination) of assets and liabilities in a transaction that affects neither the taxable profit nor the accounting profit.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at the end of each reporting period and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profits will be available to allow all or part

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of the asset to be recovered.

Deferred tax liabilities and assets are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period in which the liability is settled or the asset realised, based on tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period.

The measurement of deferred tax liabilities and assets reflects the tax consequences that would follow from the manner in which the Group expects, at the end of the reporting period, to recover or settle the carrying amount of its assets and liabilities.

# n. Loss per common share

Basic loss per common share is calculated using the weighted average number of common shares outstanding. The Company uses the treasury stock method for the calculation of diluted earnings per share. Diluted per share amounts reflect the potential dilution that could occur if securities or other contracts to issue common shares were exercised or converted to common shares. In periods when a loss is incurred, the effect of the potential issuances of shares is anti-dilutive, and accordingly basic and diluted loss per share are the same.

#### o. Financial instruments

#### Classification

The Company classifies its financial instruments in the following categories: at fair value through profit and loss, at fair value through other comprehensive income (loss), or at amortized cost. The Company determines the classification of financial assets at initial recognition. The classification of debt instruments is driven by the Company's business model for managing the financial assets and the debt's contractual cash flow characteristics. Equity instruments that are held for trading are classified as FVTPL. For other equity instruments, on the day of acquisition the Company can make an irrevocable election (on an instrument-by-instrument basis) to designate them as at FVTOCI. Financial liabilities are measured at amortized cost, unless they are required to be measured at FVTPL (such as instruments held for trading or derivatives) or if the Company has opted to measure them at FVTPL.

#### Measurement

Financial assets and liabilities at amortized cost are initially recognized at fair value plus or minus transaction costs, respectively, and subsequently carried at amortized cost less any impairment. Financial assets and liabilities carried at FVTPL are initially recorded at fair value and transaction costs are expensed in the consolidated statements of comprehensive loss. Realized and unrealized gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value of the financial assets and liabilities held at FVTPL are included in the consolidated statements of comprehensive loss in the period in which they arise.

# Derecognition of Financial assets

The Company derecognizes financial assets only when the contractual rights to cash flows from the financial assets expire, or when it transfers the financial assets and substantially all of the associated risks and rewards of ownership to another entity. Gains and losses on derecognition are generally recognized in the consolidated statements of comprehensive loss.

# p. Accounting Standards Adopted

#### Accounting standards issued but not yet effective

Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current (Amendments to IAS 1)

The amendments to IAS1 provide a more general approach to the classification of liabilities based on contractual arrangements in place at the reporting date. These amendments are effective for reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2023 and apply to the Company for the 2024 fiscal year. These

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amendments are not expected to have any impact on the financial statements and are expected to have no significant impact on future financial statements.

#### 3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND ESTIMATES

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires the use of judgments and estimates that affect the amount reported and disclosed in the consolidated financial statements and related notes. These judgments and estimates are based on management's best knowledge of the relevant facts and circumstances, having regard to previous experience, but actual results may differ materially from the amounts included in the financial statements. Information about such judgments and estimation is contained in the accounting policies and notes to the financial statements, and the key areas are summarized below.

Areas of judgment and key sources of estimation uncertainty that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognized in these consolidated financial statements are:

- Assessment of Impairment for Mineral Properties
- Assumption of control of Mnombo for accounting purposes

Each of these judgments and estimates is considered in their respective notes or in more detail below.

Assessment of Impairment for Mineral Properties

The Company applies judgment to assess whether there are impairment indicators present that give rise to the requirement to conduct an impairment test. Events or changes in circumstances that could trigger an impairment test include; (i) significant adverse changes in the business climate including decreases in forecasted future metal prices; (ii) significant changes in the extent or manner in which the asset is being used or their physical condition including significant decreases in mineral reserves; and (iii) significant decreases in the market price of the asset.

Assumption of control of Mnombo and Waterberg JV Co. for accounting purposes

The Company has judged that it controls Mnombo for accounting purposes as it owns 49.9% of the outstanding shares of Mnombo and has contributed all material capital to Mnombo since acquiring its 49.9% share. Currently there are no other sources of funding known to be available to Mnombo. If in the future Mnombo is not deemed to be controlled by the Company, the assets and liabilities of Mnombo would be derecognized at their carrying amounts. Amounts recognized in other comprehensive income would be transferred directly to retained earnings. If a retained interest remained after the loss of control it would be recognized at its fair value on the date of loss of control. Although the Company controls Mnombo for accounting purposes, it does not have omnipotent knowledge of Mnombo's other shareholders activities. Mnombo's 50.1% shareholders are historically disadvantaged South Africans. The Company also determined that it controls Waterberg JV Co. given its control over Mnombo as well as its power over the investee.

#### 4. MINERAL PROPERTIES

Since mid-2017, the Company's only active mineral property has been the Waterberg Project located on the Northern Limb of the Bushveld Igneous Complex.

Total capitalized costs for the Waterberg Project are as follows:

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Balance August 31, 2021	\$	43,953
Additions	·	2,968
Write-off costs associated with prospecting right closures		(223)
Foreign currency translation adjustment		(6,325)
Balance August 31, 2022	\$	40,373
Additions		4,900
Foreign currency translation adjustment		(3,659)
Balance August 31, 2023	\$	41,614

# Waterberg Project

## Ownership

On September 21, 2017, Waterberg JV Co. issued shares to acquire all existing Waterberg partner joint venture interests, resulting in 100% of the Waterberg prospecting rights being owned by Waterberg JV Co. Impala Platinum Holdings Ltd. ("Implats") subsequently acquired a 15% interest in Waterberg JV Co. on November 6, 2017 by way of the Implats Transaction (as defined below). Later, in March 2019 Japan Organization for Metals and Energy Security (formerly Japan Oil, Gas and Metals National Corporation) ("JOGMEC") completed the sale of a 9.755% interest in Waterberg JV Co. to Hanwa Co., Ltd ("Hanwa"). In June 2023 JOGMEC and Hanwa reported the establishment of a special purpose company, HJ Platinum Metals Ltd. ("HJM"), to hold and fund their future equity interests in the Waterberg Project. The combined interests of JOGMEC and Hanwa have been consolidated into a 21.95% interest for HJM going forward, with JOGMEC to fund 75% of future equity investments into HJM and Hanwa the remaining 25%.

The Company currently holds a controlling 50.02% interest in Waterberg JV Co., comprised of a direct 37.05% interest and an indirect 12.97% interest by way of its 49.9% shareholding in Black Economic Empowerment ("BEE") partner Mnombo. Mnombo owns a 26.0% direct interest in Waterberg JV Co., Implats a 15.0% direct interest, and HJM a 21.95% direct interest.

## Mining Right

On January 28, 2021, the South African Department of Mineral Resources and Energy ("DMRE") issued a letter to Waterberg JV Co. notifying the Company that a mining right (the "Waterberg Mining Right") had been granted over the Waterberg Project area as applied for in 2018. The Waterberg Mining Right was notarially executed on April 13, 2021, was registered at the Mineral and Petroleum Titles Registration Office on July 6, 2021 and currently remains active.

## Project Area and Location

At August 31, 2023, the Waterberg Project consisted of active prospecting rights, applied for prospecting rights and the Waterberg Mining Right with a combined active project area of 29,161 hectares, located on the Northern Limb of the Bushveld Igneous Complex, approximately 85 km north of the town of Mokopane. Of the total project area, 20,482 hectares are covered by the Waterberg Mining Right. On March 9, 2022, Waterberg JV Co. passed a resolution to apply for closure on 50,951 gross hectares of prospecting rights, of which 14,209 hectares are now held within the granted mining right, leaving a net 36,742 hectares of uneconomic prospecting rights closed or in process of being closed. Capitalized costs of \$223 associated with the prospecting right closures were written off during the previous year.

## Appeals and Legal Matters

On and following March 5, 2021, three notices of appeal were filed by individual appellants against the January 28, 2021 granting of the Waterberg Mining Right. Waterberg JV Co. filed formal rebuttals to each action. On October 13, 2022, the Minister of the DMRE ruled to dismiss all these appeals. In his ruling

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the Minister provided the regulatory reasons why each appeal was denied and also confirmed the DMRE's assessment that Waterberg JV Co. has complied with BEE requirements and social and labour plan community consultation procedures.

On May 7, 2021, an opposition group filed an application for an order in the High Court of South Africa to review and set aside the decision by the Minister of the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment to refuse condonation for the late filing of that group's appeal against the grant of an EA for the Waterberg Mine in November 2020. The attorneys acting for Waterberg JV Co. filed a notice to oppose the application and required the group's legal counsel to file proof of the mandate to represent the appellant group. Since filing their review application, the appellants have done nothing to progress their action and their legal counsel has not filed a proof of mandate.

On July 30, 2021, a group located near planned surface infrastructure filed an urgent interdict application. Waterberg JV Co. promptly filed an answering affidavit denying urgency and arguing that the application was without merit. The applicants did not respond and were obliged to remove their application from the urgent court roll. Host community Ketting applied to join as an interested party to the application and another host community submitted a confirmatory affidavit, both communities being in support of the Waterberg Mine. In July 2022 Waterberg JV Co. filed a Notice of Set Down with the High Court in Limpopo and a hearing to rule on the interdict application occurred on May 22, 2023, at which hearing the court dismissed the urgent interdict application and ordered the applicants to pay costs to the defendants.

#### Implats Transaction

On November 6, 2017, the Company and JOGMEC closed a transaction (the "Implats Transaction"), whereby Implats purchased an aggregate 15% equity interest in Waterberg JV Co. for \$30 million. The Company sold an 8.6% interest for \$17.2 million and JOGMEC sold a 6.4% interest for \$12.8 million. As part of the transaction, Implats also acquired an option to increase its holdings in Waterberg JV Co. to 50.01% (the "Purchase and Development Option") in exchange for certain payments and project funding, and a right of first refusal to enter into an offtake agreement, on commercial arm's-length terms, for the smelting and refining of mineral products from the Waterberg Project ("Offtake ROFR") if Waterberg JV Co. proposes an offtake agreement with a third party. JOGMEC or its nominee retains a right to direct the marketing of Waterberg concentrate and to receive, at market prices, platinum, palladium, rhodium, gold, ruthenium, iridium, copper and nickel in refined mineral products at the volumes produced from the Waterberg Project.

On June 15, 2020, Implats delivered a formal notice of their election not to exercise their Purchase and Development Option due to increased economic uncertainty and reduced risk appetite in the short, medium and long-term as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Implats currently retains a 15.0% direct participating interest in Waterberg JV Co. and the Offtake ROFR.

#### Acquisition and Development of the Waterberg Project

In October 2009, PTM RSA, JOGMEC and Mnombo entered into a joint venture agreement regarding the Waterberg Project (the "**JOGMEC Agreement**"). Under the terms of the JOGMEC Agreement JOGMEC completed a \$3.2 million work requirement to earn a 37% interest in the Waterberg JV property, leaving the Company with a 37% interest and Mnombo with a 26% interest. Following JOGMEC's earn-in, the Company funded Mnombo's 26% share of costs, totalling \$1.12 million, until the earn-in phase of the joint venture ended in May 2012.

On November 7, 2011, the Company entered an agreement with Mnombo to acquire 49.9% of the issued and outstanding shares of Mnombo in exchange for a cash payment of R1.2 million and the Company's agreement to pay for Mnombo's 26% share of costs on the Waterberg JV property until the completion of a feasibility study. Mnombo's share of expenditures prior to this agreement, and Mnombo's share of expenditures post DFS, are still owed to the Company (\$8.7 million at August 31, 2023, including accrued interest). The portion of Mnombo not owned by the Company is accounted for as a non-controlling interest, calculated at \$8.5 million at August 31, 2023 (\$7.8 million – August 31, 2022).

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To August 31, 2023, an aggregate total of \$85.4 million has been funded by all parties for exploration and engineering on the Waterberg Project. Until the Waterberg prospecting rights were transferred to Waterberg JV Co., all costs incurred by other parties were treated as cost recoveries by the Company.

#### 5. LION BATTERY TECHNOLOGIES INC.

Lion was incorporated on June 17, 2019, with the objective to research new lithium battery technology utilizing platinum and palladium. The Company received 400,000 common shares of Lion, valued at a price of \$0.01 per share, as the original founder of Lion. On July 12, 2019, the Company and Anglo American Platinum Limited ("Amplats") entered investment, shareholder and research agreements to facilitate Lion's objectives. Initially the Company and Amplats agreed to equally invest up to an aggregate of \$4.0 million into Lion and on July 6, 2021 the Company and Amplats agreed to increase the planned funding to Lion by a further \$2.73 million, to a total of up to \$6.73 million, in order to allow the acceleration of certain research and commercialization activities (see below). All agreed funding into Lion by the Company and Amplats is to be exchanged for preferred shares of Lion at a price of \$0.50 per share over an approximate three to five year period. Amplats and the Company have funded Lion equally for an aggregate \$4.15 million as of August 31, 2023 as follows:

Date	Gross Funding to Lion
July 2019	\$1,100
June 2020	\$700
February 2021	\$700
February 2022	\$500
February 2023	\$590
June 2023	\$560
Total	\$4,150

The Company accounts for Lion using equity accounting as Lion is jointly controlled with Amplats. Lion pays a fee of \$3 per month to the Company for general and administrative services.

## Research Program - Florida International University

On July 12, 2019, Lion entered into a Sponsored Research Agreement ("SRA") with Florida International University ("FIU") to fund a \$3.0 million research program over approximately three years. On July 6, 2021 Lion agreed to increase the planned amount of research funding to FIU by a further amount of \$1.0 million, for a total of up to \$4.0 million. As the research developed and milestones were achieved further tranches have been forwarded to FIU with the sixth tranche of funding of \$350 being forwarded in June 2023. Lion has provided aggregate research funding in the amount of \$3.7 million to FIU as of August 31, 2023.

On August 4, 2020, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office issued Patent No. 10,734,636 B2 entitled "Battery Cathodes for Improved Stability" to FIU. The patent includes the use of platinum group metals and carbon nanotubes and other innovations in a lithium battery. A second patent related to this technology was issued in December 2020 and a third was issued in June 2021. On October 4, 2022 a fourth patent No. 11,462,743 B2 was issued under the title "Battery comprising a metal interlayer" to FIU. This fourth patent involves the use of palladium as interlayer in batteries to stabilize and enable lithium metal anodes in various existing and emerging lithium battery technologies. On February 21, 2023 a fifth patent No. 11,588,144 B2 entitled "Battery Cathodes for Improved Stability" was issued to FIU. The patent involves the fabrication of cathodes using palladium as a catalyst in carbon nanotubes. Further patents are currently applied for. Under the SRA, Lion has exclusive rights to all intellectual property being developed by FIU including patents granted. Lion is also reviewing several additional and complementary opportunities focused on developing next-generation battery technology using platinum and palladium.

On June 21, 2023 the Company reported that Lion had engaged The Battery Innovation Center ("**BIC**") in Newberry, Indiana to help drive commercialization of its next generation lithium-sulfur and enhanced lithium-ion (NMC) technology using the unique catalytic properties of platinum and palladium. Under an agreed scope of work (the "**SOW**"), during late calendar 2023 and early 2024 BIC is to conduct independent small scale and large scale trials to validate Lion's proprietary platinum and palladium based

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electrode composition, slurry, and films in both lithium-sulfur and lithium-ion (NMC811) coin and pouch cells. The SOW also includes additional research and development focused on improving performance and scale-up with the goal of creating prototypes for commercialization consideration.

#### 6. PROPERTY, EQUIPMENT AND OTHER

			R	light to Use	
	Buildings	Other		Asset	Total
August 31, 2021	\$ 215	\$ 73	\$	182	\$ 470
Additions	-	41		-	41
Disposals	-	(3)		-	(3)
Depreciation	(11)	(24)		(70)	(10 <del>5</del> )
Foreign Exchange	(32)	(12)		(7)	`(51)
August 31, 2022	\$ 172	\$ 75	\$	105	\$ 352
Additions	-	94		312	406
Disposals	-	(4)		-	(4)
Depreciation	(10)	(31)		(66)	(107)
Foreign Exchange	(16)	`(8)		(3)	`(27)
August 31, 2023	\$ 146	\$ 126	\$	348	\$ 620

In 2023 the Company capitalized \$24 of depreciation to mineral properties (2022 - \$14)

### 7. SPROTT LOAN

In August, 2019, the Company entered a \$20 million senior secured credit facility (the "Sprott Facility") with Sprott Private Resource Lending II (Collector), LP ("Sprott") which was to mature on August 14, 2022, but was fully repaid in February 2022. During the year ended August 31, 2022, the Company repaid the then outstanding \$9.4 million principal balance recognizing a loss on settlement of \$279. During the year ended August 31, 2022, interest payments of \$293 were made and effective interest of \$378 was recognized. Upon full repayment of the Sprott Facility in February 2022, the Company's pledge of its South African assets as security was fully released.

#### 8. CONVERTIBLE NOTES

On June 30, 2017, the Company closed a private placement of \$20 million aggregate principal amount of convertible senior subordinated notes due in 2022 (the "Convertible Notes"). The Convertible Notes bore interest at a rate of 6 7/8% per annum, payable in cash or at the election of the Company, in common shares of the Company or a combination of cash and common shares. During the year ended August 31, 2022 effective interest of \$1,275 was recognized on the Convertible Notes.

On January 20, 2022, the Company announced the purchase and cancellation, on a private placement basis, of the \$19.99 million of Convertible Notes then outstanding. The principal outstanding balance of these Convertible Notes was repaid through the issuance of 11,793,509 common shares, at a price of \$1.695 per share. The Company purchased \$11.99 million of the Convertible Notes from an affiliate of Kopernik Global Investors, LLC on February 4, 2022 and \$8 million of the Convertible Notes from affiliates of Franklin Templeton Investments on February 10, 2022.

# 9. LEASE

The Company recognizes lease liabilities and a right of use asset in relation to leases. The right to use asset is recorded in Property, equipment and other and is in relation to an office lease. The office lease was extended for five years during 2023. Lease payments due for leases with terms less than one year total \$31.

The following table summarizes the Company's lease liabilities:

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As at	August 31, 2023	ugust , 2022
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 125	\$ 203
Additions	312	-
Accretion of interest	20	14
Payments	(88)	(87)
Foreign Exchange	(3)	(5)
Balance, End of year	\$ 365	\$ 125
Current (included in Accounts Payable)	48	81
Non-current	 317	44
Balance, End of year	365	125

#### 10. SHARE CAPITAL

#### (a) Authorized

Unlimited common shares without par value.

## (b) Shares Issued

#### Fiscal 2023

On July 27, 2022, the Company entered into an equity distribution agreement with BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc. as Canadian Agent, and BMO as U.S. Agent, for a new at-the-market equity program (the "2022 ATM") to distribute up to \$50,000 of common shares. No common shares were sold pursuant to the 2022 ATM prior to August 31, 2022. In the year ended August 31, 2023 the Company sold 1,089,503 shares at an average price of \$1.81 for gross proceeds of \$1,975 and net proceeds of \$1,527 after share issuance costs of \$448 were deducted.

## Fiscal 2022

During the year ended August 31, 2022, the Company sold an aggregate of 7,923,842 shares pursuant to an at-the-market offering governed by the terms of a February 2021 equity distribution agreement with BMO Capital Markets (the "**2021 ATM**"). The Company sold these shares at an average price of \$2.48 for gross proceeds of \$19,656. Total share issuance costs of \$1,554 were recognized during the year.

On February 11, 2022, the Company closed a non-brokered private placement with Deepkloof Limited ("**Deepkloof**"), a subsidiary of existing major shareholder Hosken Consolidated Investments Limited ("**HCI**") for 3,539,823 common shares at a price of \$1.695 each for gross proceeds of \$6,000 maintaining HCI's ownership in the Company at approximately 26% at that time.

On February 4 and 10, 2022, the Company issued 7,073,746 and 4,719,763 shares respectively at a price of \$1.695 each in connection with the repayment of the Convertible Notes (See Note 8 for further details).

#### (c) Incentive stock options

The Company has entered into Incentive share purchase option agreements under the terms of its share compensation plan with directors, officers, consultants and employees. Under the terms of the share purchase option agreements, the exercise price of each option is set, at a minimum, at the fair value of the common shares at the date of grant. Options of the Company are subject to vesting provisions. All exercise prices are denominated in Canadian Dollars.

The following tables summarize the Company's outstanding share purchase options:

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	Number of Share Options	Average Exercise Price in CAD
Options outstanding at August 31, 2021	3,808,521	\$ 3.96
Granted	1,273,000	\$ 2.36
Expired	(1,256,517)	\$ 4.08
Exercised	(158,333)	\$ 1.86
Options outstanding at August 31, 2022	3,666,671	\$ 3.45
Granted	1,358,000	\$ 2.36
Forfeited	(170,167)	\$ 3.20
Exercised	(60,667)	\$ 1.81
Options outstanding at August 31, 2023	4,793,837	\$ 3.17

In fiscal 2023, the weighted average share price when options were exercised was \$2.31 (2022 \$1.91).

Number Outstanding at August 31, 2023	Number Exercisable at August 31, 2023	se Price in CAD	Average Remaining Contractual Life (Years)
937,000	644,778	\$ 6.58	2.30
99,000	66,000	\$ 3.90	2.94
42,000	14,000	\$ 3.40	3.06
601,836	666,836	\$ 2.61	0.61
21,000	7,000	\$ 2.52	3.50
1,113,000	-	\$ 2.37	4.09
1,135,000	388,333	\$ 2.32	3.29
200,000	-	\$ 2.28	4.69
645,001	645,001	\$ 1.81	1.26
4,793,837	2,431,948		2.72

During the year ended August 31, 2023, the Company granted 1,158,000 share purchase options, which will vest in three tranches on the first, second and third anniversary of the grant. A further 200,000 share purchase options were issued with 50,000 vesting September 8, 2023 and 150,000 vesting when certain performance conditions are met.

During the year ended August 31, 2022, the Company granted 1,273,000 share purchase options, which will vest in three tranches on the first, second and third anniversary of their respective grants.

During the year ended August 31, 2023, the Company recorded \$1,757 of stock compensation expense (August 31, 2022 - \$2,278) related to share purchase options, of which \$1,649 was expensed (August 31, 2022 - \$2,103) and \$108 was capitalized to mineral properties (August 31, 2022 - \$175).

The Company used the Black-Scholes model to determine the grant date fair value of share purchase options granted. The following assumptions were used in valuing share purchase options granted during the years ended August 31, 2023 and August 31, 2022:

Year ended	August 31, 2023	August 31, 2022
Risk-free interest rate	3.45%	1.18%
Expected life of options	3.9 years	3.5 years
Annualized volatility <sup>1</sup>	89%	87%
Forfeiture rate	0.6%	2.0%
Dividend rate	0.0%	0.0%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The Company uses its historical volatility as the basis for the expected volatility assumption in the Black Scholes option pricing model.

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#### (d) Deferred Share Units

The Company has established a deferred share unit ("**DSU**") plan for non-executive directors. Each DSU has the same value as one Company common share. DSUs must be retained until the director leaves the Board of Directors, at which time the DSUs are redeemed.

During the year ended August 31, 2023, director fees of \$178 (August 31, 2022 - \$161) were paid by the issuance of DSU's. A recovery of \$143 (August 31, 2022 - \$483) was recorded in share based compensation for the revaluation of fully vested DSU's.

At August 31, 2023 a total of 715,191 DSUs were issued and outstanding.

#### (e) Restricted Share Units

The Company has established a restricted share unit ("**RSU**") plan for officers and certain employees of the Company. Each RSU represents the right to receive one Company common share following the attainment of vesting criteria determined at the time of the award. RSUs vest over a three-year period.

During the year ended August 31, 2023, a stock compensation expense of \$496 was recorded (August 31, 2022 - \$611) of which \$476 was expensed (August 31, 2022 - \$544) and \$20 was capitalized (August 31, 2022 - \$67). During the year ended August 31, 2023 the Company issued 274,649 RSUs which vest evenly on the first, second and third anniversary of issuance. At August 31, 2023, 435,239 RSUs were issued and outstanding, with Nil being vested.

#### 11. NON-CONTROLLING INTEREST

Company	Proportion of ownership and voting rights held by non-controlling interests		ownership and voting rights held by non-controlling			ulated trolling ests
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
Mnombo Wethu Consultants (Pty) Limited	50.1%	50.1%	-	-	\$ 8,503	\$ 7,828
Waterberg JV Co <sup>1</sup>	63.05%	63.05%	-	-	13,142	11,226
				Total	\$21,645	\$ 19,054

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Includes the 26% owned by Mnombo

### 12. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

All amounts receivable and amounts payable owing to or from related parties are non-interest bearing with no specific terms of repayment. Transactions with related parties are in the normal course of business and are recorded at consideration established and agreed to by the parties. Transactions with related parties are as follows:

- (a) During the year ended August 31, 2023, \$314 (August 31, 2022 \$314) was paid or accrued to independent directors for directors' fees and services.
- (b) During the year ended August 31, 2023, the Company paid or accrued payments of \$53 (August 31, 2022 \$57) from West Vault Mining Inc., for accounting and administrative services. The Company and West Vault Mining have one officer in common.
- (c) In May 2018, Deepkloof made a strategic investment in the Company by way of participation in a public offering and a private placement. Through the terms of the May 2018 private placement, HCl acquired a right to nominate one person to the board of directors of the Company and a right to participate in future equity financings of the Company to maintain its pro-rata interest. HCl has exercised its right to nominate one person to the board of directors. As of August 31, 2023, HCl's ownership of the Company was reported at 24,837,349 common shares, representing a 24.8%

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interest in the Company. Subsequent to year end, HCI subscribed to a private placement of 2,118,645 common shares at US\$1.18 per share for gross proceeds to the Company of \$2.5 million, (see Subsequent Events (Note 20) for further details).

(d) During the year ended August 31, 2022, the Company purchased and cancelled, on a private placement basis, the outstanding principal balance of \$8 million of the Convertible Notes from affiliates of Franklin Templeton Investments (See Note 7 for further details).

#### Key Management Compensation

The remuneration the CEO, CFO and other key management personnel and the directors during the years ended August 31, 2023 to 2021 is as follows:

Year ended	August	31, 2023	Augus	t 31, 2022	Augus	t 31, 2021
Salaries	\$	889	\$	899	\$	1,236
Severance <sup>1</sup>		-		-		828
Directors' fees		314		289		241
Share-based payments – management		1,359		1,882		2,556
Share-based payments – directors <sup>2</sup>		14		(465)		617
Total	\$	2,576	\$	2,605	\$	5,478

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>During fiscal 2021, the Company's former President and CEO resigned from the Company.

#### 13. CONTINGENCIES AND COMMITMENTS

The Company's remaining minimum payments under its office and equipment lease agreements in Canada and South Africa total approximately \$574 to February 2029.

From year end the Company's aggregate commitments are as follows:

Payments Due by Year										
	<	1 Year	1 –	- 3 Years	4 –	5 Years	> 5	Years	T	otal
Lease Obligations	\$	118	\$	284	\$	151	\$	-	\$	553
Environmental Bonds		43		129		86		-		258
Totals	\$	161	\$	413	\$	237	\$	-	\$	811

# Africa Wide Legal Action - Dismissed

On April 26, 2018 a transaction was completed selling 100% of the share interests in Maseve Investments 11 (Pty) Ltd. ("**Maseve**") to Royal Bafokeng Platinum Limited ("**RBPlat**") in a transaction valued at approximately US \$74.0 million. Maseve owned and operated the Maseve Mine. Africa Wide Mineral Prospecting and Exploration Proprietary Limited ("**Africa Wide**") was required to simultaneously sell its 17.1% interest together with the Company's 82.9% interest in Maseve.

In September 2018, Africa Wide instituted legal proceedings in South Africa against PTM RSA, RBPlat and Maseve seeking to set aside the sale of Maseve. A trial to hear evidence occurred in the High Court of South Africa in October, 2021. On June 14, 2022, the High Court dismissed Africa Wide's challenge. Africa Wide appealed the ruling, which was ultimately dismissed by the South Africa Supreme Court of Appeal on November 10, 2022. Africa Wide was ordered to make payment of the defendants' costs.

On July 10, 2023, the Company received notice that Africa Wide had applied to the President of the Supreme Court of Appeal for a reconsideration of the November 10, 2022 ruling of the Supreme Court of Appeal. On October 6, 2023, the South African Supreme Court of Appeal dismissed Africa Wide's application, ruling that no exceptional circumstances warranting reconsideration or variation of the decision refusing their application for leave to appeal were established. Africa Wide was again ordered to pay costs. The Company has made no accruals for the awards of costs due to the uncertainty of the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Share-based payments – directors, includes the revaluation of fully vested DSU's

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recoverable amount.

#### 14. SUPPLEMENTARY CASH FLOW INFORMATION

Net change in non-cash working capital:

Year ended	August 31, 2023	August 1, 2022
Amounts receivable, prepaid expenses and other assets Accounts payable and other liabilities	\$ (172) (473)	\$ (173) (66)
	\$ (645)	\$ (239)

#### 15. SEGMENTED REPORTING

Segmented information is provided on the basis of geographical segments as the Company manages its business through two geographical regions – Canada and South Africa. The Chief Operating Decision Maker ("CODM") reviews information from the below segments separately so the below segments are separated.

The Company evaluates performance of its operating and reportable segments as noted in the following table:

At August 31, 2023	Assets		Liabilities
Canada South Africa	\$ 5,787 44,234	\$	2,213 434
	\$ 50,021	\$	2,647
At August 31, 2022	Assets		Liabilities
Canada South Africa	\$ 12,037 41,642	\$	1,777 347
	\$ 53,679	\$	2,124
Loss for the year ended	August 31, 2023	Α	ugust 31, 2022
Canada South Africa	\$ 5,016 647	\$	6,965 1,278
	\$ 5,663	\$	8,243

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#### 16. GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	Year Ending August 31, 2023	Year Ending August 31, 2022	Year Ending August 31, 2021
Salaries and benefits	\$ 1,220	\$ 1,594	\$ 1,794
Legal	320	754	505
Technical consulting fees	549	364	405
Accounting	383	317	331
Insurance	353	368	311
Regulatory fees	209	276	252
Shareholder relations	184	108	235
Depreciation	83	91	122
Travel	282	196	96
Severance	-	-	828
Other	311	273	242
Total	\$ 3,894	\$ 4,341	\$ 5,121

#### 17. CAPITAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The Company's objectives in managing its liquidity and capital are to safeguard the Company's ability to continue as a going concern and provide financial capacity to meet its strategic objectives. The capital structure of the Company consists of share capital, contributed surplus, accumulated other comprehensive loss and accumulated deficit.

The Company manages the capital structure and makes adjustments to it in light of changes in economic conditions and the risk characteristics of the underlying assets. To maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Company may issue new shares, issue new debt, acquire or dispose of assets.

In order to facilitate the management of its capital requirements, the Company regularly updates the Board of Directors with regard to budgets, forecasts, results of capital deployment and general industry conditions. The Company does not currently declare or pay out dividends.

#### 18. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND RISK MANAGEMENT

## **Financial Instruments**

The fair value hierarchy establishes three levels to classify the inputs of valuation techniques used to measure fair value. As required by IFRS 13, Fair Value Measurement, assets and liabilities are classified in their entirety based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below:

- Level 1: Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;
- Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability either directly or indirectly; and
- Level 3: Inputs that are unobservable (supported by little or no market activity).

The fair values of the Company's cash and cash equivalents, trade and other payables approximate their carrying values, which are the amounts recorded on the consolidated statement of financial position, due to their short-term nature. The Company's other liabilities are categorized as Level 2

#### Risk Management

The Company examines the various financial risks to which it is exposed and assesses the impact and likelihood of occurrence. These risks may include credit risk, liquidity risk, currency risk, interest rate risk and other price risks.

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#### (a) Credit risk

Credit risk arises from the risk that the financial asset counterparty, may default or not meet its obligations timeously. The Company minimizes credit risk by monitoring the reliability of counterparties to settle assets. The maximum exposure to the credit risk is represented by the carrying amount of all the financial assets.

## (i) Cash

In order to manage credit and liquidity risk the Company holds cash only with Canadian chartered and South African banks. The Company limits its exposure to credit loss by placing the majority of its cash and cash equivalents with two major financial institutions in Canada and South Africa and investing only in short-term obligations that are guaranteed by the Canadian government or by Canadian and US chartered banks with expected credit losses estimated to be de minimus.

## (ii) Performance Bonds

In order to explore and develop its properties in South Africa, the Company was required to post performance bonds as financial guarantees against future reclamation work. These funds are held with Standard Bank of South Africa Limited with the DMR as beneficiary in accordance with the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act (the "MPRDA") and the Company's environmental management programme.

## (b) Liquidity risk

The Company has in place a planning and budgeting process to help determine the funds required to support the Company's normal operating requirements and its exploration and development plans. The Company regularly updates the Board of Directors with regard to budgets, forecasts, results of capital deployment and general industry conditions.

The Company may be required to source additional financing by way of private or public offerings of equity or debt or the sale of project or property interests in order to have sufficient cash to make debt repayments and working capital for continued exploration on the Waterberg Projects, as well as for general working capital purposes.

Any failure by the Company to obtain additional required financing on acceptable terms could cause the Company to delay development of its material projects or could result in the Company being forced to sell some of its assets on an untimely or unfavourable basis. Any such delay or sale could have a material and adverse effect on the Company's financial condition, results of operations and liquidity.

# (c) Currency risk

The Company's functional currency is the Canadian dollar, while the consolidated presentation currency is the United States Dollar. The functional currency of all South African subsidiaries is the Rand, while the functional currency of Lion is the US Dollar. The Company's operations are in both Canada and South Africa; therefore, the Company's results are impacted by fluctuations in the value of foreign currencies in relation to the Rand and Canadian and United States dollars. The Company's significant foreign currency exposures on financial instruments comprise cash, accounts payable and accrued liabilities. The Company has not entered into any agreements or purchased any instruments to hedge possible currency risks at this time.

The Company is exposed to foreign exchange risk through the following financial instruments denominated in a currency other than Canadian dollars:

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Year ended	August 31, 2023	August 31, 2022
Cash (Rand)	\$ 1,918	\$ 1,527
Cash (USD)	4,934	10,689
Accounts receivable (Rand)	176	250
Accounts payable (Rand)	434	347

The Company's comprehensive loss is affected by changes in the exchange rate between its operating currencies and the United States dollar. At August 31, 2023, based on this exposure a 10% strengthening/weakening in the United States dollar versus Rand foreign exchange rate and Canadian dollar would give rise to a decrease/increase in comprehensive loss for the year presented of approximately \$4.6 million, (August 31, 2022 - \$4.6 million).

# (d) Interest rate risk

The Company's interest income earned on cash and on short term investments is exposed to interest rate risk. At August 31, 2023, based on this exposure an increase/decrease of 1% (eg. 4% to 5%) in the average interest rate would give rise to an increase/decrease in the net loss for the year of approximately \$97.

At August 31, 2023, the carrying amounts of cash, amounts receivable, performance bonds and accounts payable and accrued liabilities are considered to be reasonable approximations of their fair values due to the short-term nature of these instruments.

# 19. INCOME TAXES

The income taxes shown in the consolidated earnings differ from the amounts obtained by applying statutory rates to the earnings before provision for income taxes due to the following:

	2023	2022		2021
Loss before income taxes	\$ 5,621	\$ 8,250	\$	13,008
Income tax recovery at statutory rates	(1,518)	(2,227)		(3,512)
Difference of foreign tax rates	(7)	` (13)		` 19 <sup>°</sup>
Non-deductible expenses and non-taxable portion of capital gains	921 <sup>°</sup>	983		1,061
Changes in unrecognized deferred tax assets and other	646	1,250		2,487
Income tax expense (recovery)	42	(7)		55
Income tax (recovery) expense consists of:				
Current income taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$	-
Deferred income taxes	42	(7)	·	55
	\$ 42	\$ (7)	\$	55

The gross movement on the net deferred income tax account is as follows:

	2023	2022	2021
Deferred tax liability at the beginning of the year	\$ - \$	- \$	-
Tax recovery (expense) relating to the loss from	(42)	-	(55)
continuing operations			
Tax recovery relating to components of other	42	(7)	55
comprehensive loss			
Tax recovery recorded in deficit	-	-	
Deferred tax liability at the end of the year	\$ - \$	- \$	-

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The significant components of the Company's net deferred income tax liabilities are as follows:

	2023	2022	2021
Convertible notes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (389)
Loans payable	-	-	(180)
Mineral properties	(2,090)	(2,241)	(2,597)
Loss carry-forwards	2,090	2,241	3,166
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 

Unrecognized deductible temporary differences, unused tax losses and unused tax credits are attributed to the following:

	2023	2022	2021
Tax Losses:			_
Operating loss carry-forwards – Canada	\$ 158,670 \$	159,298	\$ 158,619
Operating loss carry-forwards – South Africa	133,524	103,917	35,958
Net capital loss carry-forwards	-	-	-
	\$ 292,194 \$	263,215	\$ 194,577
<u>Temporary Differences:</u>			
Mineral properties	\$ 7,394 \$	7,632	\$ 7,931
Financing Costs	1,948	2,993	3,611
Property, plant and equipment	675	697	728
Other	1,111	866	800
	\$ 11,128 \$	12,188	\$ 13,070

The Company's Canadian operating loss carry-forwards expire between 2026 and 2040. The Company's South African operating loss carry-forwards do not expire. The Company's Canadian unused investment tax credit carry-forwards expire between 2029 and 2035. The Company's Canadian net capital loss carry-forwards do not expire.

### **20. SUBSEQUENT EVENT**

On September 18, 2023, the Company announced it had completed a private placement of 2,118,645 shares at a price of US\$1.18 per common share resulting in gross proceeds of \$2.5 million to the Company. The private placement was subscribed for and issued to existing major shareholder HCI who following the placement held 26.3% of the Company's common shares.