SARAMA RESOURCES LTD
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL RESULTS
For the quarter ended September 30, 2012
(November 30, 2012)
(All amounts expressed in United States dollars, unless otherwise indicated)

#### INTRODUCTION

The following management's discussion and analysis ("MD&A") of the operating results and financial position of Sarama Resources Ltd ("the Company", "Sarama", "we", "us" or "our") should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated annual financial statements and the notes thereto of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2011 and the unaudited consolidated interim financial statements for the three and nine month period ended September 30, 2012. These consolidated interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB") and all amounts are expressed in United States dollars, unless otherwise stated.

This MD&A is current as at November 30, 2012. Additional information relating to the Company is available on SEDAR at www.sedar.com under our profile.

### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

These consolidated financial statements and MD&A contain "forward-looking information" within the meaning of applicable Canadian securities legislation. Forward-looking information includes, but is not limited to, information with respect to our planned exploration and development activities, costs and timing of future exploration, results of future exploration and drilling, timing and receipt of approvals, consents and permits under applicable legislation, and the adequacy of financial resources. Any statements that express or involve discussions with respect to predictions, expectations, beliefs, plans, projections, objectives, assumptions or future events or performance are not statements of historical fact and may be forward-looking information. Wherever possible, words such as "plans", "expects" or "does not expect", "budget", "scheduled", "estimates", "forecasts", "anticipate" or "does not anticipate", "believe", "intend" and similar expressions or statements that certain actions, events or results "may", "could", "would", "might" or "will" be taken, occur or be achieved, have been used to identify forward-looking information.

Forward-looking information is based on the reasonable assumptions, estimates, analysis and opinions of management made in light of management's experience and perception of trends, current conditions and expected developments, as well as other factors that management believes to be relevant and reasonable in the circumstances at the date that such statements are made, but which may prove to be incorrect. We believe that the assumptions and expectations reflected in such forward-looking information are reasonable.

Forward-looking statements are subject to risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from expected results. Potential shareholders and prospective investors should be aware that these statements are subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those suggested by the forward-looking statements.

Assumptions have been made regarding, among other things: our ability to carry on our exploration and development activities, our ability to meet our obligations under our property agreements, the timing and results of drilling programs, the discovery of mineral resources and mineral reserves on our mineral properties, the timely receipt of required approvals, the price of gold, the costs of operating and exploration expenditures, our ability to operate in a safe, efficient and effective manner and our ability to obtain financing as and when required and on reasonable terms. You are cautioned that the foregoing list is not exhaustive of all factors and assumptions which may have been used.

### **OVERVIEW**

Sarama Resources Ltd is a mineral exploration company whose principal business objectives are the acquisition, exploration and development of gold properties and resources in West Africa and to date the Company has acquired interests in gold projects located in Burkina Faso, Liberia and Mali. In Burkina Faso, the Company is earning a 100% interest in each of its principal properties in the South Houndé Project area which covers approximately 1,600 km² in the south-west of the country. The Company also holds title to, or has entered into agreements to acquire up to a 100% interest in a number of other permit areas in Burkina Faso, Liberia and Mali.

During the quarter ended September 30, 2012, the Company undertook limited field activities due to the on-set of the rainy season in Burkina Faso. However we did continue to review opportunities and in line with our consolidation plans, during the quarter the Company entered in to an agreement to acquire two permits covering 338km² in the Banfora greenstone belt in Burkina Faso. Soil sampling programs were completed on recently acquired permits along with mapping and targeting work.

In January 2012, the Company commenced an extensive reverse-circulation ("RC") drill program at its South Houndé Project, in particular its Tankoro permit, where encouraging first-pass RC drill results were achieved. Following receipt of the initial RC drill results, a diamond drilling program was commenced. In April 2012, the Company commenced a rotary air blast ("RAB") drill program. These drill programs were completed in June with a total of 35,000 metres of RC drilling, 11,000 metres of diamond drilling and 14,000 metres of RAB drilling being completed. Final results of these drill programs were received toward the end of the September quarter and these were assessed and will be used to plan the next phase of exploration. Scout drilling was undertaken on regional targets within the Tankoro, Bamako and Serakoro 1 permits.

In Liberia, following the completion of airborne geophysical surveys in February 2012, subsequent soil sampling programs were planned and commenced. These soil sampling programs have continued throughout the year with first-pass sampling at the Cape Mount permit being completed in the quarter and also a significant portion of the planned programs on the Gbarpolu and Grand Bassa permits. Assay turnaround has been slow; however the backlog was mostly cleared by the end of the quarter. A 9-kilometre-long gold-in-soil anomaly has been defined in the southern portion of the Cape Mount permit and elevated values have been received on the Gbarpolu permit where two large gold-in-soil anomalies are becoming apparent. Based on the geophysical and soil sampling results received at the Cape Mount and Gbarpolu permits, the Company commenced trenching across anomalous areas to gain a better understanding of the geology.

In Mali, the Company's exploration activities are of a smaller scale than in Burkina Faso and Liberia. Limited work was undertaken in Mali and what work was undertaken was focused in West Mali on the Kandiolé Sud permit where the Company has an option to acquire 100% of the permit. The results of a first-pass soil sampling program have been received with a number of areas within the permit showing elevated gold values. Exploration activity is being planned for the 2012/2013 field season. Elsewhere in Mali, the Company took the decision to terminate the option agreement for the Ourounia permit due to inconclusive results from an earlier scout drill program, on-going holding costs and state of the market for early stage exploration permits in Southern Mali.

# EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

PROPERTY INFORMATION, RECENTLY COMPLETED ACTIVITIES AND OUTLOOK

## Burkina Faso

In Burkina Faso, the Company's activities are focused on the Houndé greenstone belt and, in particular, the southern part of the belt where the Company has assembled a large suite of properties. The Company also continued to assess opportunities and during the quarter, entered into an agreement to acquire two contiguous exploration permits in the Banfora Belt bringing the Company's Burkina Faso land holdings to approximately 3,100 km<sup>2</sup>.

The most advanced of the Burkina Faso properties is the Tankoro Project. Soil sampling and initial scout drilling in 2011 identified a number of anomalies, of which the most advanced has been called the MM Prospect. The Company completed its planned and expanded RC drilling programs in June, drilling a total of 35,000 metres in the six months to the end of June. Following excellent initial drilling results on the MM Prospect, the Company added a diamond drill rig and completed an expanded 11,000 metres program also by June and also a RAB rig and completed a 14,000 metres program on soil targets within a 5 kilometre radius of the MM Prospect. Outlined below is a summary of the status of the principal permits in the southern Houndé greenstone belt. Final results from these drill programs were received during the quarter and have been used in planning the 2012/2013 exploration program.

#### Tankoro

In early 2011, the Company entered into an option agreement to acquire the Tankoro permit. The Company has the right to earn up to a 100% interest with a trailing 1.5% Net Smelter Return ("NSR") royalty, which the Company has an option to acquire for \$1 million at any time after the Company has taken ownership of the permit.

In 2011, initial permit-wide soil sampling programs identified two corridors of anomalous gold-in-soil occurrences, one a 20 kilometre x 4 kilometre corridor striking north-east and a second 10km-long corridor striking north-south. Following a successful scout RC drill program in 2011, a large-scale follow-up RC program was commenced in January 2012. The 50-man exploration camp established in 2011 to support field activities was expanded in the first quarter to accommodate 80 exploration personnel.

Initial RC drilling results were very encouraging and, as a result, a diamond drilling rig was mobilised. An initial 2,800 metres program was undertaken with the primary objective being to gain geological information and determine the nature and orientation of mineralisation. The diamond drill program was extended to 11,000 metres and included three deeper holes which demonstrated down-dip continuity of the MM prospect. A 14,000 metres RAB program designed to test gold-in-soil anomalies within a 5 kilometre radius of the MM Prospect was completed in the second quarter and the program provided valuable information for planning future exploration in the 20 kilometre - long Tankoro structural corridor.

#### Namaré

In 2010, the Company entered into an option agreement to acquire a 100% interest in the Namaré permit with a trailing 1.5% NSR royalty.

In late 2010, the Company undertook permit-wide airborne geophysical and soil sampling surveys. The geophysical data identified four areas of interest that have coincident geochemical anomalies within the permit.

A small scout RC program was completed at the start of the third quarter of 2011 to test several geochemical anomalies and a number of drill holes encountered significant mineralisation. A small auger program was also completed to test several anomalies. Initial exploration work is encouraging and the Namaré permit will be the subject of follow-up exploration work including RAB and RC drilling.

### Bouni

The Company entered into an option agreement to acquire the Bouni permit in 2010. The Company has the right to earn up to a 100% interest with a trailing 1% NSR royalty which the Company has an option to acquire for \$1 million at any time after the Company has taken ownership of the permit.

In 2010, soil sampling survey work was undertaken on what was considered the geologically prospective areas of the permit and this identified several kilometre-scale gold-in-soil anomalies. A small scout RC program was completed at the start of the third quarter of 2011 to test several of the identified anomalies and a number of drill holes encountered significant mineralisation which will be the subject of further follow-up exploration work including RAB and RC drilling.

#### Bamako

In 2011, the Company entered into an option agreement to acquire the Bamako permit. The Company has the right to earn up to a 100% interest with a trailing 1.5% NSR royalty which the Company has an option to acquire for \$1 million.

A broad-spaced soil geochemical survey was completed and identified several kilometre-scale gold anomalies. 3,800 metres of scout RC drilling was undertaken on this permit during the second quarter of 2012, with several significant intercepts requiring follow up.

#### Serakoro 1

The Company acquired gold exploration rights over the Serakoro 1 permit, which has a total area of 250km² and is located in the Houndé Belt in south-western Burkina Faso. Initial soil sampling in the first quarter of 2012 delineated two large gold-in-soil anomalies measuring 25 kilometres and 14 kilometres in length. In the second quarter, following assessment of the anomalies, 9 lines of RC scout drilling totalling 7,000 metres were completed. This scout drilling generated a number of encouraging results including 27 metres @ 3.71g/t and 13 metres @ 2.12 g/t plus numerous other lower grade intercepts that warrant follow up.

### Other Burkina Faso properties

The Company has rights over a number of other permits in Burkina Faso and these are at various stages of exploration. Some permits are in the early reconnaissance stage and others are the subject of soil geochemical surveys. The results of these surveys will be interpreted and used for future targeting of exploration activity.

The Company will continue to undertake follow-up reconnaissance work on these permits including mapping and soil geochemistry surveys with the intent of developing additional exploration targets.

The Company continued to review opportunities to acquire permits as part of its on-going plan to consolidate and improve its land holdings in Burkina Faso. As part of this strategy, during the quarter the Company entered in to an agreement to acquire a 100% interest in two contiguous exploration permits located in the prospective Banfora greenstone belt. The permits cover a combined land area of 338 km² and are adjacent to and along trend from the Company's existing Tiéfora Nord exploration permit. The newly acquired permits are subject to final approval by the government of Burkina Faso and transfer into a Company controlled entity. Previous exploration work conducted by the vendor on these properties includes a 19-hole, 2,300m scout RC drill program, of which 8 holes returned significant intercepts including 13m @ 2.87g/t, 4 metres @ 10.59 and 17 metres @ 1.18 g/t, which are subject to confirmation by the Company. The Company will continue to assess opportunities that fit with its broader strategic objectives and review its landholdings on an ongoing basis.

## Liberia

The Company began looking for opportunities in Liberia in early 2011 and during the second quarter of 2011 it entered into an earn-in agreement to acquire an interest in three permits with a total area of 1,202 km<sup>2</sup>. In mid-2011 and prior to the onset of the rainy season, the Company commenced flying airborne geophysical surveys on these permits. These surveys were completed in the first quarter of 2012.

The Company commenced on-ground mapping and soil sampling across these permits in the fourth quarter of 2011 and these programs have continued into 2012. The receipt of assay results has been slow owing to slow turnaround times at the assay laboratory. Soil sampling on the Cape Mount permit has identified a 9-kilometre long gold-in-soil anomaly that lies 10 kilometres to the north-west of Aureus Mining Inc's 1.7 million ounce New Liberty Project. The Company has commenced trenching across a number of the highly anomalous areas. Initial soil sampling results from the Gboparlu permit are encouraging with kilometre-scale areas of elevated gold-in-soil results and the Company looks forward to completing the final collection and assay of samples to plan future exploration activity. Soil sampling is ongoing at the Company's Grand Bassa permit with only limited assay results received to date.

### Mali

The Company has a number of permits under option and joint venture in Mali. Basic reconnaissance work on these permits has been undertaken. In December 2011 the Company entered an option agreement to acquire a 100% interest in a 110 km² permit (Kandiolé Sud) located in West Mali and proximal to the Senegalo-Malian Shear Zone, which hosts a number of large, high-grade gold mines. A permit-wide soil program was undertaken in the first quarter of 2012 and the results were received in the second quarter. There were numerous elevated grades in the soil samples and the Company plans to follow up these results in the 2012/2013 exploration season. During the quarter the Company took the decision to terminate the option agreement for the Ourounia permit due to inconclusive drill results and on-going holding costs.

On March 22, 2012, a group of soldiers, led by Captain Amadou Sanogo, seized control of Mali's presidential palace and declared the government dissolved and its constitution suspended. On April 8, 2012, the President of Mali, Amadou Touré formally resigned and an interim government, led by the former President of the General assembly, Dioncounda Traoré took control. Since the coup d'état there has been instability in the regional areas of Mali.

The Company has been monitoring the political events in Mali closely. At this point, there have been no access issues with regards to the Company's mineral interests and the Company's plant and equipment has not been affected. Accordingly, there has been no adjustment made to the carrying value of its assets or any provisions made in the financial statements relating to the political events in Mali.

#### SELECTED ANNUAL INFORMATION

The following table includes selected financial information since incorporation of the Company, which occurred on April 8, 2010.

	December 31, 2011	Period from
		April 8, 2010 to
		December 31, 2010
	\$	\$
Interest income	68,608	24,576
Net loss	1,498,805	470,751
Basic and diluted loss per share (cents)	4.4	5.1
Total assets	23,567,233	7,874,691
Total liabilities	1,489,315	104,115

The Company incurred a net loss for the year ending December 31, 2011 of \$1,498,805. The primary drivers of expenses were the costs incurred in maintaining the administration function in Perth, Western Australia (\$2,205,655) and the costs incurred in issuing options to directors and management (\$1,071,000). Administrative costs increased since the previous period due to the employment of two named executive officers (Paul Schmeide as Vice President – Corporate Development and Nick Longmire as Chief Financial Officer) and two additional staff, the lease of the Subiaco office in Perth, Australia, increased use of professional services (both tax and legal) and travel costs associated with investor relations and visiting West Africa.

Offsetting these expenses, were a gain of \$1,885,044 due to the revaluation of the warrant liability. The warrant liability represents the cost to the Company of the warrants issued to shareholders and brokers as part of the initial public offering in November 2011. The liability is revalued at the end of each quarter and movements are recorded in the statement of comprehensive loss.

#### SUMMARISED FINANCIAL RESULTS

Other income
Fair value loss on warrants carried at fair value through profit and loss
Foreign exchange gain/(loss)
General and administrative
Exploration costs written off
Stock-based compensation
Depreciation
Net loss

Three months	Three months	Nine months	Nine months
ended	ended	ended	ended
September 30,	September 30,	September 30,	September 30,
2012	2011	2012	2011
\$	\$	\$	\$
12,261	19,151	46,465	52,126
(736,983)	-	(1,186,886)	-
241,743	(281,908)	339,823	(134,182)
(431,213)	(752,857)	(1,602,887)	(1,534,144)
(1,407,761)	-	(1,407,761)	-
(73,206)	(219,873)	(447,681)	(1,070,543)
(5,916)	(3,509)	(16,188)	(15,571)
(2,401,075)	(1,238,996)	(4,275,115)	(2,702,314)

The Company's loss for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 was \$2,401,075 and \$4,275,115 respectively or \$0.047 and \$0.083 per share compared to a loss of \$1,238,996 and \$2,702,314 or \$0.037 and \$0.088 per share for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2011.

#### Interest income

Interest income is earned on funds held in an Australian Dollar 3-month term deposit and funds held on the transactional accounts across the various currency accounts held by the Company. All funds are held with Tier 1 banks domiciled in Australia.

### Fair value loss on warrant liability

The Company issued a total of 10,243,012 warrants as part of the offer to shareholders and brokers during the initial public offering ("IPO") process. In accordance with IFRS, value was ascribed at the time of IPO, being November 2, 2011 using a Black-Scholes option pricing model.

The warrants are revalued each reporting period using the Black-Scholes model. For the quarter ending September 30, 2012 the warrants were revalued to \$2,274,613 (\$1,537,630 at June 30, 2012) which is carried as a financial liability on the balance sheet. For the nine months ending 30 September, 2012 the revaluation resulted in the recognition of a fair value loss on warrants carried at fair value through the profit and loss of \$1,186,886. The movement in the valuation relates mainly to the fluctuation of the share price between the valuation dates.

### Foreign Exchange Gain/Loss

The Company holds cash reserves in Australian dollars, Canadian dollars, United States dollars, Euros and West African Francs to fund exploration and evaluation activity and pay general and administration costs. The foreign exchange gains and losses disclosed represent fluctuations in the exchange rates of non-United States dollar cash balances (mostly funds held in Canadian dollars, which represent the majority of the Company's cash balance).

### General and administration

General and administration expenses have decreased by \$321,644 to \$431,213 for the quarter ending September 30, 2012 and increased by \$68,743 to \$1,602,887 for the nine months ending September 30, 2012. General and administrative expenses represent the costs incurred in maintaining the administration function in Perth, Western Australia. These costs have decreased in the September quarter due to the reduction in use of external consultants with internal staff now carrying out those responsibilities.

	Three months	Three months	Nine months	Nine months
	ended	ended	ended	ended
	September 30,	September 30,	September 30,	September 30,
	2012	2011	2012	2011
	\$	\$	\$	\$
General and administrative				
Accounting and audit	14,355	60,062	48,236	131,926
Salaries	224,277	290,929	728,961	640,652
Professional Fees	65,265	107,158	242,025	32,867
Office and General	118,830	233,900	438,312	573,145
Travel	8,486	60,808	145,353	155,554
Total	431,213	752,857	1,602,887	1,534,144

### **Exploration costs written off**

Following the assessment of exploration results, on-going holding costs and market for early stage exploration permits in south east Mali, the Company decided to terminate the option agreement with the vendor who holds the licence for the Ourounia permit. In accordance with the Company's accounting policies, all costs including exploration and related administration expenditure which were being carried forward with respect to the Ourounia licence were written off to the statement of comprehensive loss.

### **Stock-based compensation**

On February 20, 2012, the Company issued 1,125,000 employee options to directors, executives, employees and a consultant.

The value of the options was calculated using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. The assumptions used in the model for each of the issues are as follows:

	February 20, 2012	
Volatility	95%	
Expected option life	2.5 - 3 years	
Risk-free interest rate	1%	
Dividend yield	0%	

The options vesting conditions were that 50% vest immediately and 50% vest 12 months from the date of grant, therefore the stock based compensation for the non-vested component is recognised through the statement of comprehensive income/(loss). The fair value of the stock options granted was estimated at \$447,681 and at September 30, 2012, the unvested portion not yet recognised is \$73,206.

# **Depreciation**

Depreciation relates to the assets held by the head office and remains comparable to the comparative period.

#### EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION EXPENDITURE

The Company capitalises all acquisition and exploration costs associated with the property until the property is placed into production, sold or abandoned. The Company spent \$7,812,534 (2011 - \$2,619,297) for the nine months ending September 30, 2012 on exploration and evaluation activities, and \$214,807 on property, plant and equipment (2011 - \$294,008).

### SUMMARISED QUARTERLY RESULTS

The Company became a reporting issuer on November 3, 2011. Quarterly information has been prepared for the quarters back to and including September 30, 2011.

Summarised quarterly results for the past four quarters are:

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Other income
Net profit/(loss) for the period
Basic profit/(loss) per share
Diluted profit/(loss) per share

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September 30, 2012	June 30, 2012	March 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
\$12,261	\$18,435	\$ 28,462	\$ 15,982
\$(2,401,075)	\$1,856,052	\$ (3,723,684)	\$(1,203,509)
(4.7c)	3.8c	(7.2c)	(2.7c)
(4.7c)	3.8c	(7.2c)	(2.2c)

### LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

At this point in time the Company does not generate cash from mining operations. In order to fund its exploration work and administrative activities, the Company is dependent upon raising capital through the issue of shares and the Company continues to believe such financing will be available, as and when required.

As at September 30, 2012 the Company had net working capital of \$6,679,424 (which excludes the warrant financial liability \$2,274,613).

On October 16, 2012 the Company completed its bought-deal offering raising gross proceeds of \$12,000,000 Canadian Dollars ("C\$"). A syndicate of underwriters purchased 13,333,334 units at a purchase price of \$0.90 per unit. Each unit consists of one common share of the Company and one-half of one common share purchase warrant of the Company. Each warrant entitles the holder to purchase one common share of Sarama at a price of C\$1.20 on the date that is two years after closing.

On November 14, 2012 the underwriters exercised their overallotment option pursuant to the bought-deal above. This resulted in the Company receiving gross aggregate proceeds of C\$617,050 and the underwriters purchasing an additional 616,500 common shares and 1,000,000 warrants. The warrants have the same terms as disclosed above as part of the bought-deal.

On November 15, 2012 the Company completed a private placement raising gross proceeds of approximately C\$500,000. The Company issued 555,556 units at a purchase price of C\$0.90 per unit. Each unit was comprised of the same securities as mentioned in the description of the bought-deal disclosed above.

## **USE OF PROCEEDS**

The Company recently updated its forecast in the "Use of Proceeds" table in the Prospectus dated October 10, 2012. Due to the recent disclosure of this new Use of Proceeds table, there are no comparatives at the date of this report. Comparatives will be provided in future Management Discussion and Analysis.

12 Month Expenditure Plan	\$
Burkina Faso	
General and administration and permit payments	1,800,000
Drilling	3,631,250
Soils, trenching & mapping	243,750
Geophysics	550,000
	6,225,000
Liberia	
General and administration and permit payments	400,000
Drilling	800,000
Soils, trenching & mapping	336,000
	1,536,000
Mali	
General and administration and permit payments	115,000
Soils, trenching & mapping	70,000
	185,000
Total Exploration	7,946,000

Head office general & administration	1,800,000
Total Expenditure	9,746,000
Working Capital	8,254,000

### CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS

The Company has the following commitments relating to its office lease and office equipment:

	<b>September 30, 2012</b>	December 31, 2011
	\$	\$
Less than one year	14,520	58,080
Between 1 and 2 years	72,680	72,680
Total	87,200	130,760

On June 28, 2012 the Company entered into a contract to purchase two new properties in the Banfora greenstone belt, Burkina Faso. Upon the permits covering the properties being registered in the name of the Company's local subsidiary, the Company will make a first instalment payment to the vendor of either, at the Company's sole discretion, US\$100,000 cash or the equivalent in common shares in Sarama Resources Ltd. A second payment, of either US\$100,000 cash or the equivalent in common shares of Sarama, at the Company's sole discretion, will be due to the vendor upon successful re-issue of either or both of the exploration permits covering the properties to Sarama by the government of Burkina Faso after the end of the current terms in July 2014. The shares, if any, in Sarama issued in connection with this transaction will be subject to a mandatory 4-month hold period required under applicable securities laws.

### **COMMON SHARE DATA (As at November 30, 2012)**

Common shares outstanding	63,513,313
Options issued to directors, executive officers, employees and consultants	4,050,000
Warrants issued to shareholders and agents	16,909,679
Common shares outstanding assuming exercise of all options and warrants	84,472,992

## RISK AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Company's operations and results are subject to a number of different risks at any given time. These risk factors include, but are not limited to:

- 1. the Company's limited operating history;
- 2. negative operating cashflow and the need for additional financing;
- 3. early stage exploration and no mineral resources or mineral reserves;
- 4. global economic conditions;
- 5. dependence on key management and qualified personnel;
- 6. exploration, development and mining risks;
- 7. title and property risks;
- 8. risks related to the presence of artisanal miners;
- 9. risks associated with operations in Africa;

- 10. risks associated with maintaining a skilled workforce;
- 11. risks relating to government regulations;
- 12. environmental laws, regulations and risks;
- 13. uncertainty of acquiring necessary permits and compliance with terms;
- 14. infrastructure risks;
- 15. uninsurable risks:
- 16. enforcement of legal rights;
- 17. market factors and volatility of commodity prices;
- 18. fluctuations in foreign exchange rates;
- 19. competition;
- 20. acquisition risks;
- 21. conflicts of interest;
- 22. price volatility in publicly traded securities
- 23. dilution;
- 24. dividends;
- 25. passive foreign investment corporation classification; and
- 26. political risk.

For a detailed explanation of each of these risks number 1 to 25, please refer to page 34 of the Company's annual information form dated August 23, 2012. The Company's annual information form is published at www.sedar.com.

The Company has now added political risk to its list of key risks and uncertainties. Recent events in Mali have highlighted this.

### CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES

The preparation of the Company's consolidated financial statements requires management to make certain estimates that affect the amounts reported. The accounting estimates considered to be significant include estimates of the recoverability of exploration and evaluation expenditures and stock-based compensation.

The Company capitalises its exploration and evaluation expenditure. The recoverability of these amounts is dependent upon a number of factors including the discovery of economically recoverable mineral deposits on the properties, the ability of the Company to obtain the financing necessary to develop the properties, the ability of the Company to obtain the permits and approvals necessary to develop the properties, and future profitable production from the properties, or their disposition for proceeds in excess of their carrying amounts.

The Company calculates the value of stock-based compensation using the Black-Scholes Option Pricing model. As the Company's shares have limited trading history, the volatility of the stock is calculated using a basket of comparative companies.

### **OFF-BALANCE SHEET TRANSACTIONS**

During the period ended September 30, 2012, and up to the date of this report, the Company had no off-balance sheet transactions.

## RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

Certain pronouncements were issued by the IASB or the IFRIC that are mandatory for accounting periods after December 31, 2011. Many are not applicable or do not have a significant impact to the Company and have been excluded from the table below. The following have not been adopted and are being evaluated to determine their impact on the Company:

a) IFRS 9 Financial Instruments ("IFRS 9") was issued by the IASB in October 2010 and will replace IAS 39 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement ("IAS 39"). The approach in IFRS 9 is based on how an entity manages its financial instruments in the context of its business model and the contractual cash

flow characteristics of its financial assets. Most of the requirements in IAS 39 for classification and measurement of financial liabilities were carried forward unchanged to IFRS 9. The new standard also requires a single impairment method to be used, replacing the multiple impairment methods in IAS 39. IFRS 9 is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2015;

- b) IFRS 10 "Consolidated Financial Statements" effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2013 with early adoption permitted, establishes principles for the presentation and preparation of consolidated financial statements when an entity controls one or more of the entities;
- c) IFRS 11 "Joint arrangements" ("IFRS 11") was issued by the IASB in May 2011 and will replace IAS 31 "Interests in Joint Ventures" and SIC 13 "Jointly Controlled Entities Non Monetary Contributions by Venturers". IFRS 11 is effective for the annual period beginning on or after January 1, 2013;
- d) IFRS 12 "Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities" requires the disclosure of information that enables users of financial statements to evaluate the nature of, and risks associated with its interest in other entities and the effects of those interests on its financial position, financial performance and cash flows. The IFRS is effective January 1, 2013 with early adoption permitted; and
- e) IFRS 13 "Fair Value Measurement" effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2013, with early adoption permitted, provides the guidance on the measurement of fair value and related disclosures through a fair value hierarchy.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information relating to the Company is available on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

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