



Consolidated Financial Statements
Years Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022

Expressed in Canadian Dollars



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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Shareholders of Giga Metals Corporation

Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Giga Metals Corporation (the "Group"), which comprise the consolidated statements of financial position as at December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022 and the consolidated statements of comprehensive loss, changes in equity and cash flows for the years then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of material accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the Group as at December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022, and its consolidated financial performance and its consolidated cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the consolidated financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Material Uncertainty Related to Going Concern

We draw attention to Note 1 to the consolidated financial statements which describes the material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Key Audit Matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the consolidated financial statements of the year ended December 31, 2023. In addition to the matter described in the Material Uncertainty Related to Going Concern section, we have determined the matters described below to be a key audit matter to be communicated in our report. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the consolidated financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

Asset Retirement Obligations

We draw attention to Notes 2 and 8 to the consolidated financial statements. The Group recognizes an asset retirement obligation ("ARO") for future reclamation efforts related to its Turnagain Cobalt Nickel Project.

Why the Matter is a Key Audit Matter

We identified the Group's ARO as a key audit matter due to: (i) the significant judgment and estimate made by management in determining this obligation, including the assessment of the nature and extent of future work to be performed, the future cost of performing the rehabilitation work, and the timing of when the rehabilitation will take place; (ii) a high degree of auditor judgment, subjectivity and effort in performing procedures related to the significant assumptions; and (iii) the audit effort that involved the use of professionals with specialized skill and knowledge in the subject matter.

How the Key Audit Matter was Addressed in the Audit

In responding to the key audit matter, we performed the following audit procedures, amongst others:

- Obtained an understanding of management's process to develop their ARO estimate;
- Engaged a subject matter expert to assist us in evaluating the assumptions, methodology, and data used by the Group;
- Evaluated the methodology used and tested the significant assumptions in the ARO calculations;
- Performed recalculation to verify the accuracy of the estimates; and
- Evaluated the adequacy of the Group's disclosures related to the ARO.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises:

- Management's Discussion and Analysis

Our opinion on the consolidated financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the consolidated financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the consolidated financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

We obtained the other information prior to the date of this auditor's report. If, based on the work we have performed on this other information, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact in this auditor's report. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Consolidated Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Group's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Group or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Group's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these consolidated financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Group's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the consolidated financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with those charged with governance, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be

communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is Diana Huang.

Crowe Mackay LLP

**Chartered Professional Accountants
Vancouver, Canada
April 23, 2024**

Giga Metals Corporation
Consolidated Statements of Financial Position
As at December 31, 2023 and 2022
(Expressed in Canadian Dollars)

	Notes	2023 \$	2022 \$
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents		1,521,171	7,234,134
Receivables	3,12	97,304	75,097
Prepaid expenses and deposits		143,790	184,878
		1,762,265	7,494,109
Non-current assets			
Reclamation deposits		424,000	424,000
Equipment and right of use assets	4	826,979	282,029
Exploration and evaluation assets	5	20,241,768	17,039,792
		21,492,747	17,745,821
TOTAL ASSETS		23,255,012	25,239,930
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Trade payables and accrued liabilities	6,12	286,136	613,221
Lease obligation – short-term	7	109,408	92,347
		395,544	705,568
Non-current liabilities			
Lease obligation – long-term	7	30,073	139,481
Loan		-	40,000
Asset retirement obligations	8	590,000	485,000
		620,073	664,481
TOTAL LIABILITIES		1,015,617	1,370,049
EQUITY			
Share capital	10	68,642,773	68,642,773
Share-based payment reserve	11	11,261,049	10,826,508
Accumulated other comprehensive income ("AOCI")		-	9,838
Accumulated deficit		(60,938,435)	(58,973,630)
TOTAL EQUITY ATTRIBUTABLE TO OWNERS		18,965,387	20,505,489
NON-CONTROLLING INTEREST		3,274,008	3,364,392
TOTAL EQUITY		22,239,395	23,869,881
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		23,255,012	25,239,930

Nature and continuance of operations (Note 1)
Commitments (Note 7)
Subsequent event (Notes 10 and 16)

APPROVED BY:

DIRECTOR "MARK JARVIS" **DIRECTOR** "LYLE DAVIS"

See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements

Giga Metals Corporation
Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Loss
For the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022
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	Notes	2023 \$	2022 \$
Operating expenses			
Amortization	4	113,278	105,368
Consulting fees		75,962	264,093
Corporate communications and investor relations		376,116	310,881
Legal, accounting and audit	12	326,846	418,412
Management and directors fees	12	409,642	264,199
Office and general		318,721	340,727
Travel and accommodation		140,028	50,787
Stock-based compensation	10,12	434,541	1,029,860
		2,195,134	2,784,327
Other items			
Interest income		(123,137)	(70,380)
Finance charge on lease	7	29,391	14,777
Income from sublease of office	7, 12	(32,664)	(45,544)
Impairment of exploration and evaluation assets	5	5,614	173,417
Gain on loan repayment		(10,000)	-
Gain on sale of subsidiary	5	(9,149)	-
		(139,945)	72,270
Loss for the year		(2,055,189)	(2,856,597)
Other comprehensive income (loss)			
Exchange gain (loss) on translation of foreign operations		1,628	13,075
Reclassification of translation gain on sale of subsidiary	5	(11,466)	-
Comprehensive loss for the year		(2,065,027)	(2,843,522)
Loss for the period attributable to:			
Owners of the parent company		(1,964,805)	(2,857,579)
Non-controlling interest		(90,384)	982
		(2,055,189)	(2,856,597)
Comprehensive loss for the period attributable to:			
Owners of the parent company		(1,974,643)	(2,844,504)
Non-controlling interest		(90,384)	982
		(2,065,027)	(2,843,522)
Loss per share attributable to the owners of the parent company – basic and diluted			
	10	(0.02)	(0.03)
Weighted average number of shares outstanding – basic and diluted			
	10	97,904,128	96,611,795

See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements

Giga Metals Corporation
Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity
For the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022
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	Notes	Share capital		Share-based payment reserve \$	AOCI(L) \$	Accumulated deficit \$	Total equity attributable to owners \$	Non- controlling interest \$	Total equity \$
		Number of shares #	Amount \$						
Balance at December 31, 2021		85,653,428	65,238,663	9,567,417	(3,237)	(60,752,641)	14,050,202	-	14,050,202
Public offering of units	10	12,075,700	3,984,981	120,757	-	-	4,105,738	-	4,105,738
Share issuance costs									
Cash finders' fees	10	-	(246,344)	-	-	-	(246,344)	-	(246,344)
Brokers' warrants	10	-	(145,849)	145,849	-	-	-	-	-
Other fees	10	-	(284,803)	-	-	-	(284,803)	-	(284,803)
Exercise of options	10	175,000	58,750	-	-	-	58,750	-	58,750
Transfer on the exercise of options		-	37,375	(37,375)	-	-	-	-	-
Stock-based compensation	10	-	-	1,029,860	-	-	1,029,860	-	1,029,860
Issuance of 15% common shares in Hard Creek Nickel Corp.	5	-	-	-	-	4,636,590	4,636,590	3,363,410	8,000,000
Comprehensive loss for the year		-	-	-	13,075	(2,857,579)	(2,844,504)	982	(2,843,522)
Balance at December 31, 2022		97,904,128	68,642,773	10,826,508	9,838	(58,973,630)	20,505,489	3,364,392	23,869,881
Stock-based compensation	10	-	-	434,541	-	-	434,541	-	434,541
Comprehensive loss for the year		-	-	-	(9,838)	(1,964,805)	(1,974,643)	(90,384)	(2,065,027)
Balance at December 31, 2023		97,904,128	68,642,773	11,261,049	-	(60,938,435)	18,965,387	3,274,008	22,239,395

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Giga Metals Corporation
Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows
For the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022
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	2023 \$	2022 \$
Operating activities		
Loss for the year	(2,055,189)	(2,856,597)
Adjustments for:		
Amortization	113,278	105,368
Stock-based compensation	434,541	1,029,860
Impairment of exploration and evaluation assets	5,614	173,417
Gain on loan repayment	(10,000)	-
Gain on sale of subsidiary	(9,149)	-
Changes in non-cash working capital items:		
Receivables	(22,527)	19,489
Prepaid expenses and deposits	38,729	(24,543)
Trade payables and accrued liabilities	51,443	(5,325)
Net cash flows used in operating activities	(1,453,260)	(1,558,331)
Investing activities		
Expenditures on exploration and evaluation assets	(3,444,606)	(4,433,454)
British Columbia mining tax credits	34,267	201,337
Purchase of equipment	(727,018)	(4,151)
Sale of subsidiary	1	-
Net cash flows used in investing activities	(4,137,356)	(4,236,268)
Financing activities		
Proceeds from issuance of common shares	-	4,164,488
Share issuance costs	-	(531,147)
Proceeds from issuance of common shares of Hard Creek Nickel Corp.	-	8,000,000
Principal repayment of lease obligation	(92,347)	(97,973)
Repayment of loan	(30,000)	-
Net cash flows (used in) provided by financing activities	(122,347)	11,535,368
(Decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(5,712,963)	5,740,769
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning	7,234,134	1,493,365
Cash and cash equivalents, ending	1,521,171	7,234,134
Cash	1,492,421	7,205,384
Cash equivalents	28,750	28,750
	1,521,171	7,234,134
Cash received for interest	123,137	70,208
Cash paid for interest	29,391	15,536
Cash paid for taxes	-	-

Supplemental cash flow information (Note 14)

See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements

1. Nature and continuance of operations

Giga Metals Corporation (the “Company” or “Giga Metals”) was incorporated on January 17, 1983, under the laws of the province of British Columbia, Canada, and its principal activity is the acquisition and exploration of mineral properties in Canada. The Company’s common shares are listed for trading on the TSX Venture Exchange (“TSXV”) under the symbol “GIGA” and the OTCQX under the symbol “GIGGF”. 13,667,755 warrants of the Company commenced trading on the TSXV under the symbol “GIGA.WT” effective May 27, 2021. The warrants were issued under a warrant indenture dated April 23, 2021 pursuant to the Company’s short form prospectus dated April 19, 2021. 12,535,000 warrants of the Company commenced trading on the TSXV under the symbol “GIGA.WT.A” effective February 23, 2022.

The head office, principal address and records office of the Company are located at 700 West Pender Street, Suite 203, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, V6C 1G8. The Company’s registered address is 2500 Park Place, 666 Burrard Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, V6C 2X8.

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the assumption that the Company and its subsidiaries will continue as a going concern, meaning it will continue in operation for the foreseeable future and will be able to realize assets and discharge liabilities in the ordinary course of operations. As at December 31, 2023, the Company’s accumulated deficit was \$60,938,435, the Company had not advanced its mineral properties to commercial production and the Company has no other source of revenue from its operations. The Company’s continuation as a going concern is dependent upon the successful results from its mineral property exploration activities and its ability to attain profitable operations and generate funds there from and/or raise equity capital or borrowings sufficient to meet current and future obligations. These material uncertainties may cast significant doubt upon the Company’s ability to continue as a going concern. As at December 31, 2023, the Company had working capital of \$1,366,721, giving the Company the ability to meet current obligations.

The Company’s business may be affected by changes in political and market conditions, such as interest rates, availability of credit, inflation rates, changes in laws, and national and international circumstances. Recent regional conflicts and potential economic global challenges such as the risk of higher inflation and energy crises, may create further uncertainty and risk with respect to the prospects of the Company’s business.

2. Material accounting policies and basis of preparation

These consolidated financial statements were authorized for issue on April 23, 2024 by the directors of the Company.

Statement of compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards

The consolidated financial statements of the Company comply with IFRS Accounting Standards (“IFRS”) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (“IASB”).

Basis of preparation

The consolidated financial statements of the Company have been prepared on an accrual basis and are based on historical costs, modified where applicable. The consolidated financial statements are presented in Canadian dollars unless otherwise noted.

Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and the entities controlled by the Company (its subsidiaries). The results of each subsidiary will continue to be included in the consolidated financial statements of the Company until the date that the Company's control over the subsidiary ceases. Control exists when the Company has the power, directly or indirectly, to govern the financial and operating policies of an entity so as to obtain benefits from its activities. Inter-company balances and transactions, including unrealized income and expenses arising from inter-company transactions, are eliminated on consolidation.

Details of the subsidiaries are as follows:

	Incorporated in	Percentage owned	
		December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Canadian Metals Exploration Ltd.	Canada	100%	100%
Giga Metals Do Brasil Ltda	Brazil	0%	100%
Hard Creek Nickel Corp.	Canada	85%	85%

Hard Creek Nickel Corp. was incorporated on June 21, 2022.

Giga Metals Do Brasil Ltda was incorporated on June 30, 2020 and sold on April 21, 2023.

Significant estimates and assumptions

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with IFRS requires the Company to make estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The Company's management reviews these estimates and underlying assumptions on an ongoing basis, based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Revisions to estimates are adjusted prospectively in the period in which the estimates are revised.

Estimates and assumptions where there is significant risk of material adjustments to assets and liabilities in future accounting periods include the provisions for restoration and environmental obligations.

Significant judgments

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with IFRS requires the Company to make judgments, apart from those involving estimates, in applying accounting policies. The most significant judgments in applying the Company's consolidated financial statements include:

- The assessment of the Company's ability to continue as a going concern and whether there are events or conditions that may give rise to significant uncertainty; and

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash and highly liquid investments held in the form of money market investments and certificates of deposit with investment terms that allow for penalty free redemption after one month.

Exploration and evaluation expenditures

Costs incurred before the Company has obtained the legal rights to explore an area are expensed as incurred.

Exploration and evaluation expenditures include the costs of acquiring licenses and costs associated with exploration and evaluation activity. Option payments are considered acquisition costs provided that the Company has the intention of exercising the underlying option.

Property option agreements are exercisable entirely at the option of the optionee. Therefore, option payments (or recoveries) are recorded when payment is made (or received) and are not accrued.

Exploration and evaluation expenditures are capitalized. The Company capitalizes costs to specific blocks of claims or areas of geological interest. Government tax credits are recorded as a reduction to the cumulative costs incurred and capitalized on the related property on an accrual basis.

Exploration and evaluation assets are tested for impairment if facts or circumstances indicate that impairment exists. Examples of such facts and circumstances are as follows:

- the period for which the Company has the right to explore in the specific area has expired during the period or will expire in the near future, and is not expected to be renewed;
- substantive expenditure on further exploration for and evaluation of mineral resources in the specific area is neither budgeted nor planned;
- exploration for and evaluation of mineral resources in the specific area have not led to the discovery of commercially viable quantities of mineral resources and the entity has decided to discontinue such activities in the specific area; and
- sufficient data exist to indicate that, although a development in the specific area is likely to proceed, the carrying amount of the exploration and evaluation asset is unlikely to be recovered in full from successful development or by sale.

After technical feasibility and commercial viability of extracting a mineral resource are demonstrable, the Company stops capitalizing expenditures for the applicable block of claims or geological area of interest and tests the asset for impairment. The capitalized balance, net of any impairment recognized, is then reclassified to either tangible or intangible mine development assets according to the nature of the asset.

Share-based payments

The Company operates an employee stock option plan. Share-based payments to employees are measured at the fair value of the instruments issued and amortized over the vesting periods. Share-based payments to non-employees are measured at the fair value of goods or services received or the fair value of the equity instruments issued, if it is determined the fair value of the goods or services cannot be reliably measured, and are recorded at the date the goods or services are received. The corresponding amount is recorded to the share-based payment reserve. The fair value of options is determined using the Black–Scholes option pricing model which incorporates all market vesting conditions. The number of shares and options expected to vest is reviewed and adjusted at the end of each reporting period such that the amount recognized for services received as consideration for the equity instruments granted shall be based on the number of equity instruments that eventually vest.

When options are exercised, the corresponding amounts previously recorded in the share-based payment reserve are transferred to share capital. When options expire unexercised, the corresponding amounts remain in the share-based payment reserve.

Where the terms and conditions of options are modified before they vest, the increase in the fair value of the options, measured immediately before and after the modification, is also charged to profit or loss over the remaining vesting period.

Financial Instruments

Cash and cash equivalents are recorded at fair value through profit and loss ("FVTPL"). Interest receivable and other receivables, reclamation deposits, trade payables and accrued liabilities, lease obligation and loan, initially recognized at fair value, are subsequently recorded at amortized cost using the effective interest rate method.

Impairment of non-financial assets

The carrying amount of the Company's assets (which include equipment and exploration and evaluation assets) is reviewed at each reporting date to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss. An impairment loss is recognized whenever the carrying amount of an asset or its cash generating unit exceeds its recoverable amount. Impairment losses are recognized in profit or loss.

The recoverable amount of assets is the greater of an asset's fair value less cost to sell and value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects the current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset. For an asset that does not generate cash inflows largely independent of those from other assets, the recoverable amount is determined for the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

An impairment loss is only reversed if there is an indication that the impairment loss may no longer exist and there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the recoverable amount. Any reversal of impairment cannot increase the carrying value of the asset to an amount higher than the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognized in previous years.

Assets that have an indefinite useful life are not subject to amortization and are tested annually for impairment.

Foreign currencies

The financial statements for the Company and each of its subsidiaries are prepared using their functional currencies. Functional currency is the currency of the primary economic environment in which an entity operates. The presentation currency of the Company is Canadian dollars. The functional currency of Giga Metals Corporation, Hard Creek Nickel Corp. and Canadian Metals Exploration Ltd. is the Canadian dollar and the functional currency of Giga Metals Do Brasil Ltda was Brazilian Reals.

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions. At the end of each reporting period, monetary assets and liabilities that are denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rates prevailing at that date. Non-monetary assets and liabilities are translated using the historical rate on the date of the transaction. All gains and losses on translation of these foreign currency transactions are charged to profit or loss.

The statement of financial position of each subsidiary is translated into Canadian dollars using the exchange rate at the balance sheet date and the income statement is translated into Canadian dollars using the average exchange rate for the period. All gains and losses on translation of a foreign subsidiary from the functional currency to the presentation currency are charged to other comprehensive (loss) income until the foreign subsidiary is disposed of, at which time, the cumulative amount is reclassified to profit or loss.

Flow-through shares

On the issuance of flow-through shares, any premium received in excess of the market price of the Company's common shares is initially recorded as a liability ("flow-through tax liability"). Provided that the Company has renounced the related expenditures, or that there is a reasonable expectation that it will do so, the flow-through tax liability is reduced on a pro-rata basis as the expenditures are incurred. If such expenditures are capitalized, a deferred tax liability is recognized. To the extent that the Company has suitable unrecognized deductible temporary differences, an offsetting recovery of deferred income taxes would be recorded.

Restoration and environmental obligations

The Company recognizes liabilities for statutory, contractual, constructive or legal obligations associated with the retirement of long-term assets, when those obligations result from the acquisition, construction, development or normal operation of the assets. The net present value of future restoration cost estimates arising from the decommissioning of plant and other site preparation work is capitalized to the related asset along with a corresponding increase in the restoration provision in the period incurred. Discount rates using a pre-tax rate that reflect the time value of money are used to calculate the net present value.

The Company's estimates of restoration costs could change as a result of changes in regulatory requirements, discount rates and assumptions regarding the amount and timing of the future expenditures. These changes are recorded directly to the related asset with a corresponding entry to the restoration provision. The Company's estimates are reviewed annually for changes in regulatory requirements, discount rates, effects of inflation and changes in estimates.

Changes in the net present value, excluding changes in the Company's estimates of restoration costs, are charged to profit or loss for the period.

The net present value of restoration costs arising from subsequent site damage that is incurred on an ongoing basis during production are charged to profit or loss in the period incurred.

The costs of restoration projects that were included in the provision are recorded against the provision as incurred. The costs to prevent and control environmental impacts at specific properties are capitalized in accordance with the Company's accounting policy for exploration and evaluation assets.

Equipment and right of use assets

Equipment and right of use assets are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognized as a separate asset, as appropriate, 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 measured reliably. The carrying amount of the replaced part is derecognized. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to profit or loss during the financial period in which they are incurred.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing the proceeds with the carrying amount and are recognized in profit or loss.

Amortization is calculated on a declining balance method to write off the cost of the assets to their residual values over their estimated useful lives, except for right of use assets that use the straight line method. The amortization rates applicable to each category of equipment and right of use assets are as follows:

Class	Amortization rate
Motor vehicles	30% declining balance
Computer equipment	30% declining balance
Exploration and office equipment	20% declining balance
Right of use asset – office lease	4 years straight line

Share capital

Common shares are classified as equity. Transaction costs directly attributable to the issue of common shares are recognized as a deduction from equity.

The Company has adopted a residual method with respect to the measurement of shares and warrants issued as units. The residual method first allocates fair value to the component with the best evidence of fair value and then the residual value, if any, to the less easily measurable component. The fair value of the common shares issued was determined to be the component with the best evidence of fair value. The remaining balance, if any, was allocated to the attached warrants.

Adoption of New Accounting Standards

The Company has adopted these accounting standards and amendments effective January 1, 2023.

Amendments to IAS 1 and IFRS Practice Statement 2 – Disclosure of Accounting Policies

These amendments continue the IASB's clarifications on applying the concept of materiality. These amendments help companies provide useful accounting policy disclosures, and they include: requiring companies to disclose their material accounting policies instead of their significant accounting policies; clarifying that accounting policies related to immaterial transactions, other events or conditions are themselves immaterial and do not need to be disclosed; and clarifying that not all accounting policies that relate to material transactions, other events or conditions are themselves material. The IASB also amended IFRS Practice Statement 2 to include guidance and examples on applying materiality to accounting policy disclosures. The implementation of these amendments reduced disclosures in the notes to the consolidated financial statements.

Amendments to IAS 8 – Definition of Accounting Estimates

These amendments clarify how companies distinguish changes in accounting policies from changes in accounting estimates, with a primary focus on the definition of and clarifications on accounting estimates. The distinction between the two is important because changes in accounting policies are applied retrospectively, whereas changes in accounting estimates are applied prospectively. Further, the amendments clarify that accounting estimates are monetary amounts in the financial statements subject to measurement uncertainty. The amendments also clarify the relationship between accounting policies and accounting estimates by specifying that a company develops an accounting estimate to achieve the objective set out by an accounting policy. There were no significant impact to the consolidated financial statements as a result of the implementation of these amendments.

Accounting Standards Issued But Not Yet Effective

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

The amendments to IAS 1 provide a more general approach to the classification of liabilities based on the contractual arrangements in place at the reporting date. These amendments are effective for reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2024 and are expected to have no significant impact to the future consolidated financial statements.

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3. Receivables

	December 31, 2023 \$	December 31, 2022 \$
Goods and Service sales tax	67,966	61,549
Interest receivable and other receivables	29,338	13,548
	97,304	75,097

4. Equipment and right of use assets

	Right of use assets - leases \$	Motor Vehicles \$	Computer equipment \$	Exploration and office equipment \$	Total \$
Cost:					
At December 31, 2021	347,048	72,526	89,504	63,991	573,069
Additions	-	-	4,151	-	4,151
Modification of lease	(103,085)	-	-	-	(103,085)
At December 31, 2022	243,963	72,526	93,655	63,991	474,135
Additions	-	30,000	8,310	688,708	727,018
At December 31, 2023	243,963	102,526	101,965	752,699	1,201,153
Depreciation:					
At December 31, 2021	238,601	40,483	51,050	60,278	390,412
Charge for the year	89,469	9,464	5,692	743	105,368
Modification of lease	(303,674)	-	-	-	(303,674)
At December 31, 2022	24,396	49,947	56,742	61,021	192,106
Charge for the year	97,584	9,444	5,616	69,424	182,068
At December 31, 2023	121,980	59,391	62,358	130,445	374,174
Net book value:					
At December 31, 2022	219,567	22,579	36,913	2,970	282,029
At December 31, 2023	121,983	43,135	39,607	622,254	826,979

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5. Exploration and evaluation assets

The Company's deferred exploration costs are as follows:

	Balance, December 31, 2021 \$	Change in year 2022 \$	Balance, December 31, 2022 \$	Change in year 2023 \$	Balance, December 31, 2023 \$
Turnagain Nickel Cobalt Project					
Mineral property interests	179,500	-	179,500	-	179,500
Assays and testing	2,472,337	183,825	2,656,162	21,523	2,677,685
Claims renewal / staking	481,933	4,127	486,060	3,118	489,178
Drilling	16,379,487	1,088,016	17,467,503	-	17,467,503
Environmental studies	2,131,385	237,603	2,368,988	160,260	2,529,248
Exploration data management	998,857	11,595	1,010,452	-	1,010,452
First Nations	337,962	45,339	383,301	132,540	515,841
Geochemistry	111,066	-	111,066	-	111,066
Geological and engineering services	12,621,575	1,602,287	14,223,862	2,159,486	16,383,348
Geophysical services	947,898	24,500	972,398	-	972,398
Metallurgy	4,982,088	381,186	5,363,274	467,105	5,830,379
Petrographic work	43,957	-	43,957	-	43,957
Project management	106,015	-	106,015	-	106,015
Survey, mapping and camp	4,828,265	654,269	5,482,534	278,009	5,760,543
Transportation	3,616,002	186,355	3,802,357	14,189	3,816,546
Advances	100,000	176,287	276,287	(104,987)	171,300
Cost recovery	(56,480)	-	(56,480)	-	(56,480)
Asset retirement obligations	425,000	60,000	485,000	105,000	590,000
Property impairments	(33,058,924)	-	(33,058,924)	-	(33,058,924)
BC refundable mining exploration tax credits	(3,408,561)	(16,397)	(3,424,958)	(34,267)	(3,459,225)
Federal non-refundable mining exploration tax credits, net of valuation allowance	(61,185)	-	(61,185)	-	(61,185)
Book value at date of sale of net smelter royalty	(1,777,377)	-	(1,777,377)	-	(1,777,377)
	12,400,800	4,638,992	17,039,792	3,201,976	20,241,768
Brazil Project					
Assays and testing	3,816	9,495	13,311	-	13,311
Claims renewal / staking	37,216	35,467	72,683	5,387	78,070
Drilling	-	51,979	51,979	-	51,979
Geological and engineering services	4,157	24,836	28,993	227	29,220
Transportation	-	1,013	1,013	-	1,013
Property impairments	-	(173,417)	(173,417)	(5,614)	(179,031)
Foreign exchange translation adjustment	(233)	5,671	5,438	-	5,438
	44,956	(44,956)	-	-	-
	12,445,756	4,594,036	17,039,792	3,201,976	20,241,768

Turnagain Cobalt Nickel Project

The Company has an 85% interest in certain mineral claims, located along the Turnagain River in British Columbia, Canada. One claim is subject to a 4% net smelter return royalty (“NSR”). The Company has the option to purchase all or part of the NSR within four years of commercial production for a price of \$1,000,000 per 1% NSR.

In July 2018, the Company sold a 2% NSR on all future metal production from the Turnagain Nickel-Cobalt Project. The Company had the right to repurchase 0.5% of the 2% NSR (“Repurchase Option”) for US\$20 million, which if exercised would result in a 1.5% remaining NSR. The one-time Repurchase Option was only exercisable prior to the fifth anniversary of the NSR Agreement. The purchaser of the NSR has a right of first refusal on any future sale by Giga Metals of a royalty or product stream or similar instrument.

Joint Venture with Mitsubishi Corporation

On August 15, 2022, the Company announced that it had entered into a binding agreement with Mitsubishi Corporation (“MC”) to form a new company, Hard Creek Nickel Corp. (“Hard Creek”), to jointly pursue the development of the Turnagain Nickel-Cobalt Project. The transaction closed on September 1, 2022.

Hard Creek issued 15% of its common shares to MC for cash consideration of \$8,000,000 and 85% of its common shares to Giga Metals Corporation in exchange for all related assets and liabilities of the Turnagain Nickel-Cobalt Project. Pursuant to the terms of a shareholders’ agreement governing Hard Creek, the Company, with support from MC, will operate the joint venture.

The \$8,000,000 cash consideration was used to complete a Pre-Feasibility Study (“PFS”). Once the Company completes a PFS, further expenditures in the joint venture will be split in accordance with the equity interests of the parties. The PFS was completed in October 2023. The proceeds on sale of the 15% interest in Hard Creek were recognized as non-controlling interest.

	\$
Cash	8,000,000
<u>Total consideration</u>	<u>8,000,000</u>
15% of Hard Creek net assets	
Cash	1,200,000
Reclamation deposits	63,600
Exploration and evaluation assets	2,163,560
<u>Asset retirement obligations</u>	<u>(63,750)</u>
<u>Total net assets allocated to non-controlling interest</u>	<u>3,363,410</u>
<u>Excess recognized in equity (deficit)</u>	<u>4,636,590</u>

Brazil Project

In December 2020, the Company staked 24 exploration permits in southern Piauí State, Northeast Region, Brazil.

On April 21, 2023, the Company sold 100% of its shares in Giga Metals Do Brasil Ltda, which included the exploration permits, for \$1.

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	\$
Cash	1
<u>Total consideration</u>	<u>1</u>
Net assets of Giga Metals Do Brasil Ltda	
Receivables	320
Prepays	2,359
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(361)
<u>Net assets disposed of</u>	<u>2,318</u>
Reclassification of translation gain	(11,466)
<u>Gain on sale of subsidiary</u>	<u>9,149</u>

6. Trade payables and accrued liabilities

	December 31, 2023 \$	December 31, 2022 \$
Trade payables	127,527	432,353
Accrued liabilities	158,609	180,868
	<u>286,136</u>	<u>613,221</u>

7. Lease obligations

The Company entered into an office lease on April 1, 2019 and the Company recognized a lease obligation with respect to the lease expiring March 31, 2023. On October 7, 2022, the lease was extended to March 31, 2025 and treated as a lease modification under IFRS 16, Leases. The terms and the outstanding balances as at December 31, 2023 and 2022 are as follows:

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Right-of-use asset from office lease repayable in monthly instalments of \$10,283 and an interest rate of 16.5% per annum and an end date of March 31, 2025	139,481	231,828
Less: current portion	(109,408)	(92,347)
<u>Non-current portion</u>	<u>30,073</u>	<u>139,481</u>

The following is a schedule of the Company's future minimum lease payments related to the office lease obligation:

	December 31, 2023 \$
2024	123,395
2025	30,849
<u>Total minimum lease payments</u>	<u>154,244</u>
Less: imputed interest	(14,763)
<u>Total present value of minimum lease payments</u>	<u>139,481</u>
Less: current portion	(109,408)
<u>Non-current portion</u>	<u>30,073</u>

The Company subleases part of their office space to other companies. One sublease with a related party (Note 12) is month to month lease at a rate of \$2,346 per month and one sublease was for a rate of \$1,505 per month. The total lease income from the subleasing of the office for the year ended December 31, 2023 was \$32,664 (2022 - \$45,544).

8. Asset retirement obligations

The Company's asset retirement obligation provision consists of costs associated with future reclamation activities on its Turnagain Nickel-Cobalt Project. These activities, which are site specific, generally include costs of labor and materials for earthworks, revegetation, waste management and demolition.

At December 31, 2023, the Company estimated that the fair value of the asset retirement obligations was \$590,000 (2022 - \$485,000). The fair value of the liability was determined to be equal to the estimated remediation costs. Due to the early stages of the project, and that extractive activities have not yet begun, the Company is unable to predict with any precision the timing of the cash flow related to the reclamation activities.

9. Income taxes and mining tax credits

The actual income tax provision differs from the expected amounts calculated by applying the Canadian combined statutory federal and provincial corporate income tax rates to the Company's loss before income taxes. The components of the Company's income tax recovery are as follows:

	Year ended December 31, 2023 \$	Year ended December 31, 2022 \$
Loss before income taxes	(2,055,189)	(2,856,597)
Statutory tax rate	27%	27%
Expected income tax recovery at the statutory tax rate	(554,902)	(771,281)
Items not deductible for tax and other	111,357	264,305
Impact from sale of Giga Metals Do Brasil Ltda	72,963	-
True-up	(11,202)	4,465
Change in unrecognized tax benefits	381,784	502,511
Income tax recovery	-	-

The summary of the Company's unrecognized deductible temporary differences, unused tax losses, and unused tax credits as at December 31, 2023 and 2022 is as follows:

	2023 \$	Expiry	2022 \$	Expiry
Non-capital losses	26,180,000	2026-2043	12,463,000	2026-2042
Foreign operating losses	-	-	148,000	None
Capital losses	3,885,000	None	3,551,000	None
Exploration and evaluation assets	4,626,000	None	16,458,000	None
Equipment and others	283,000	None	427,000	None
Share issuance costs	629,000	2024-2026	890,000	2023-2026

10. Share capital

Authorized share capital

Unlimited number of common shares without par value.

Financings

During the year ended December 31, 2023, the Company did not complete any equity financings.

During the year ended December 31, 2022, the following equity financings were completed:

- I) On February 8, 2022, the Company completed a marketed public offering of 12,075,700 units (the "Units") of the Company for gross proceeds of \$4,105,738. The Units were priced at \$0.34 and are comprised of one common share and one warrant. Each warrant entitles the holder thereof to purchase one common share at a price of \$0.45 until February 8, 2025.

The Company used the residual method to value the share purchase warrants within the Units with a value of \$120,757 allocated to the share purchase warrants.

In connection with the offering, the Company paid a cash commission equal to 6% of the gross proceeds (\$246,344) and 724,542 compensation warrants. Each compensation warrant shall entitle the holder thereof to purchase one Unit at the exercise price of \$0.34 until February 8, 2025. The Company incurred other cash issuance costs including legal and filing fees of \$284,803.

The fair value of \$145,849 for the brokers' warrants was estimated using the Black-Scholes Option Pricing Model and was charged to share issue costs and credited to share-based payment reserve. The assumptions used in the Black-Scholes Option Pricing Model were as follows: share price of \$0.33; exercise price of \$0.34; expected volatility of 99%; expected life of 3 years; a risk-free interest rate of 0.95%; and an expected dividend rate of nil.

Basic and diluted loss per share

The calculation of basic and diluted loss per share for the year ended December 31, 2023 was based on the loss attributable to common shareholders of \$1,964,805 (2022 - \$2,857,579) and the weighted average number of common shares outstanding of 97,904,128 (2022 – 96,611,795).

Diluted loss per share did not include the effect of 9,255,000 stock options and 29,985,170 warrants as the effect would be anti-dilutive.

Stock options

The Company has adopted an incentive stock option plan, which provides that the Board of Directors of the Company may from time to time, in its discretion, and in accordance with the Exchange requirements, grant to directors, officers, employees and technical consultants to the Company, non-transferable stock options to purchase common shares, provided that the number of common shares reserved for issuance will not exceed 10% of the Company's issued and outstanding common shares. Such options will be exercisable for a period of up to 5 years from the date of grant. In connection with the foregoing, the number of common shares reserved for issuance to any one optionee will not exceed five percent (5%) of the issued and outstanding common shares and the number of common shares reserved for issuance to all investor relations and technical consultants will not exceed two percent (2%) of the issued and outstanding common shares. Options may be exercised no later than

90 days following cessation of the optionee's position with the Company or 30 days following cessation of an optionee conducting investor relations activities' position.

On exercise, each option allows the holder to purchase one common share of the Company. The changes in options during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 are as follows:

	Year ended December 31, 2023		Year ended December 31, 2022	
	Number of options	Weighted average exercise price	Number of options	Weighted average exercise price
Options outstanding, beginning	9,240,000	\$ 0.49	7,765,000	\$ 0.50
Options granted	570,000	0.30	1,875,000	0.40
Options exercised	-	-	(175,000)	0.34
Options expired/forfeited	(555,000)	0.51	(225,000)	0.47
Options outstanding, ending	9,255,000	\$ 0.47	9,240,000	\$ 0.49
Options exercisable, ending	7,567,500	\$ 0.49	5,732,500	\$ 0.51

The weighted average share price on the date of option exercise during the year ended December 31, 2022 was \$0.47.

Details of options outstanding as at December 31, 2023 are as follows:

Exercise price	Weighted average contractual life	Number of options outstanding
\$0.30	4.79 years	570,000
\$0.40	3.18 years	1,825,000
\$0.45	2.82 years	1,390,000
\$0.52	2.00 years	5,470,000
\$0.47	2.53 years	9,255,000

Stock-based compensation

During the year ended December 31, 2023, the Company granted 570,000 stock options (2022 – 1,875,000 stock options) with the weighted average grant date fair value of 0.16 per option (2022 - \$0.27 per option). The stock options vest as to 25% on the grant date and 25% every year thereafter. The fair value was determined using the Black-Scholes option pricing model using the following weighted average assumptions:

	2023	2022
Share price	\$0.23	\$0.34
Exercise price	\$0.30	\$0.40
Expected life of options	5.0 years	5.0 years
Annualized volatility	97%	112%
Risk-free interest rate	4.27%	1.75%
Dividend rate	0%	0%

The expected volatility was calculated using the historical stock prices of the Company.

During the year ended December 31, 2023, the Company recorded \$434,541 (2022 - \$1,029,860) of stock-based compensation to the consolidated statement of comprehensive loss based on the vesting of stock options granted.

Warrants

On exercise, each warrant allows the holder to purchase one common share of the Company except for the 888,404 and 724,542 warrants as described below. The changes in warrants outstanding during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 are as follows:

	Year ended December 31, 2023		Year ended December 31, 2022	
	Number of warrants	Average exercise price	Number of warrants	Average exercise price
Warrants outstanding, beginning	28,372,224	\$ 0.53	15,571,982	\$ 0.59
Warrants issued	-	-	12,800,242	0.44
Warrants outstanding, ending	28,372,224	\$ 0.53	28,372,224	\$ 0.53

Details of warrants outstanding as at December 31, 2023 are as follows:

Exercise price	Weighted average contractual life	Number of warrants outstanding
\$0.34	1.11 years	⁽¹⁾ 724,542
\$0.45	1.05 years	⁽³⁾⁽²⁾ 12,964,104
\$0.60	0.31 years	⁽⁴⁾ 14,683,578
\$0.53	0.67 years	28,372,224

- (1) 724,542 of these warrants are exercisable into units with each unit being comprised of one common share and warrant. Each warrant within the unit entitles the holder to purchase one common share at a price of \$0.45 until February 8, 2025.
- (2) 888,404 of these warrants are exercisable into units with each unit being comprised of one common share and warrant. Each warrant within the unit entitles the holder to purchase one common share at a price of \$0.60 until April 23, 2024.
- (3) Subsequent to December 31, 2023, 888,404 of these warrants expired unexercised.
- (4) Subsequent to December 31, 2023, 13,667,755 of these warrants expired unexercised.

11. Share-based payment reserve

The share-based payment reserve records items recognized as stock-based compensation expense and the fair value of agent's warrants until such time that the stock options or warrants are exercised, at which time the corresponding amount will be transferred to share capital.

12. Related party transactions

	Year ended December 31,	
	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Accounting fees	43,175	44,784
Directors' fees	36,000	18,000
Management fees	358,000	232,000
Stock-based compensation	334,134	806,529
	771,309	1,101,313

There was \$2,310 owing to related parties at December 31, 2023 (2022 - \$2,226) included in accounts payable. The balances owing are unsecured, non-interest bearing, and have no specific terms of repayment.

There was \$29,293 receivable from a company with common directors at December 31, 2023 (2022 - \$13,503).

Key management includes the Chief Executive Officer, the President, the Chief Financial Officer and the directors of the Company. Compensation paid or payable to key management for services during the year ended December 31, 2023 amounted to \$367,175 (2022 - \$236,784) for short-term benefits and \$321,684 (2022 - \$779,333) for stock-based compensation.

The Company has a month to month office sublease with a company with common directors (Note 7). During the year ended December 31, 2023, the Company recorded office sublease income of \$28,147 (2022 - \$28,147) relating to the sublease.

13. Financial instruments and financial risk management

The Company is exposed in varying degrees to a variety of financial instrument related risks. The Board of Directors approves and monitors the risk management processes, inclusive of documented investment policies, counterparty limits, and controlling and reporting structures. The type of risk exposure and the way in which such exposure is managed is provided as follows:

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will fail to discharge an obligation and cause the other party to incur a financial loss. The Company's primary exposure to credit risk is on its cash held in bank accounts and financial institutions. This risk is managed by using major banks and financial institutions that are high credit quality financial institutions as determined by rating agencies. The Company's secondary exposure to risk is on its receivables. The risk is minimal as receivables consist primarily of refundable government taxes.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The Company has a planning and budgeting process in place to help determine the funds required to support the Company's normal operating requirements on an ongoing basis. The Company ensures that there are sufficient funds to meet its short-term business requirements, taking into account its anticipated cash flows from operations and its holdings of cash and cash equivalents.

Historically, the Company's sole source of funding has been the issuance of equity securities for cash, primarily through private placements. The Company's access to financing is always uncertain. There can be no assurance of continued access to significant equity funding.

The following is an analysis of the contractual maturities of the Company's liabilities as at December 31, 2023:

	Within one year	Between one and five years	More than five years
Trade payables and accrued liabilities	\$ 286,136	\$ -	\$ -
Lease obligation	123,395	30,849	-
Asset retirement obligations	-	-	590,000
	<u>\$ 409,531</u>	<u>\$ 30,849</u>	<u>\$ 590,000</u>

Foreign exchange risk

Foreign currency risk is the risk that the fair values of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because they are denominated in currencies that differ from the respective functional currency. The Company has exposure to foreign exchange risk with respect to its cash balances. As at December 31, 2023, the Company had cash held in US dollars of US\$32,292 and Brazilian Reals of R\$74,607.

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The Company does not have any significant interest rate risk.

Other price risk

Other price risk is the risk that the fair value of a financial instrument changes due to market risks other than foreign exchange risk or interest rate risk. The Company has no exposure to this risk.

Classification of financial instruments

Financial assets included in the consolidated statement of financial position are as follows:

	December 31, 2023 \$	December 31, 2022 \$
Amortized cost:		
Interest receivable and other receivables	29,338	13,548
Reclamation deposits	424,000	424,000
Fair value through profit or loss:		
Cash and cash equivalents	1,521,171	7,234,134
	<u>1,974,509</u>	<u>7,671,682</u>

Financial liabilities included in the consolidated statement of financial position are as follows:

	December 31, 2023 \$	December 31, 2022 \$
Amortized cost:		
Trade payables and accrued liabilities	286,136	613,221
Lease obligation	139,481	231,828
Loan	-	40,000
	425,617	885,049

Fair value

The fair value of the Company's financial assets and liabilities at amortized cost approximates the carrying amount. Financial instruments measured at fair value are classified into one of three levels in the fair value hierarchy according to the relative reliability of the inputs used to estimate the fair values. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are:

- 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 not based on observable market data.

The following is an analysis of the Company's financial assets measured at fair value as at December 31, 2023 and 2022:

	As at December 31, 2023		
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,521,171	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 1,521,171	\$ -	\$ -

	As at December 31, 2022		
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 7,234,134	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 7,234,134	\$ -	\$ -

14. Supplemental cash flow information

Investing and financing activities that do not have a direct impact on current cash flows are excluded from the consolidated statements of cash flows. During the year ended December 31, 2023, the following transactions were excluded from the consolidated statement of cash flows:

- Exploration and evaluation asset expenditures of \$144,785 included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities at December 31, 2023, less expenditures included in accounts payable at December 31, 2022 of \$521,324 (net inclusion of \$376,539); and,
- Asset retirement obligations of \$105,000 included in exploration and evaluation assets.

During the year ended December 31, 2022, the following transactions were excluded from the consolidated statement of cash flows:

- a) Exploration and evaluation asset expenditures of \$521,324 included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities at December 31, 2022, less expenditures included in accounts payable at December 31, 2021 of \$236,599 (net exclusion of \$284,725);
- b) Exploration and evaluation asset recovery of \$nil included in receivables at December 31, 2022, less amount included in receivables at December 31, 2021 of \$184,940 (net inclusion of \$184,940);
- c) Asset retirement obligations of \$60,000 included in exploration and evaluation assets.
- d) Lease extension of \$200,589 added to right of use assets.
- e) The transfer from share-based payment reserve to share capital of \$37,375, representing the book value of stock options exercised; and,
- f) The issuance of 724,542 brokers' warrants at the fair value of \$145,849.

15. Segmented information

Operating segments

The Company operates in a single reportable operating segment – the acquisition, exploration and development of mineral properties.

Geographic segments

The Company's assets are primarily located in Canada. At December 31, 2023, the Company's assets are located in Canada except for \$nil of assets located in Brazil (2022 - \$33,998).

16. Subsequent event

Expiry of warrants

A total of 14,556,159 warrants expired unexercised (Note 10).