

# Management Discussion and Analysis



(Formerly Gold Hawk Resources Inc.)

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## Management Discussion and Analysis

Third Quarter Report – September 30, 2011

All figures reported in US Dollars, unless otherwise noted

The following management's discussion and analysis of financial conditions and results of operations (the "MD&A"), has been prepared by management and provides a review of the activities, results of operations and financial condition of Oracle Mining Corp. (the "Company" or "Oracle Mining"). This discussion dated November 10, 2011 complements and supplements the Company's unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements and associated notes for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010, and should be read in conjunction with the consolidated audited Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2010 and related MD&A. Please also refer to the cautionary statement of forward-looking information at the end of this document.

All financial information in this MD&A is prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") and reported in United States dollars unless otherwise noted. Please refer to Note 2 of the September 30, 2011 and 2010 unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements for more information. The consolidated audited Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2010 were prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"). Further details on the conversion to IFRS are provided in this MD&A and in the notes to the Company's unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010.

Additional information about the Company is available under the Company's profile on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) and on the Company's website at [www.oracleminingcorp.com](http://www.oracleminingcorp.com).

### 1. COMPANY OVERVIEW

Oracle Mining is a development stage company incorporated under the Canada Business Corporations Act, and a reporting issuer under the jurisdiction of British Columbia, and it is listed on the TSX Venture Exchange (TSX-V) under the trading symbol OMN. The Company is involved in the acquisition, exploration, development and exploitation of mineral resource projects.

In the third quarter of 2010, the Company acquired the Oracle Ridge copper project located in Arizona, USA. The company has initiated the process of completing a NI 43-101 compliant report on reserves and resources and plans to bring the mine back into production. The Company also owns a 640 hectare mining concession at the Barry-Souart property northeast of Val d'Or in the Province of Quebec.

## **2. ORACLE RIDGE MINE DEVELOPMENT**

The 100% owned Oracle Ridge copper project is located in the Santa Catalina Mountains northeast of Tucson, Arizona, and is the site of the previously operated Oracle Ridge Copper Mine. The necessary mineral rights have been secured by way of purchase and by the lease of 903 acres of adjacent property surface rights. In addition, the Company has acquired 353 acres of existing tailings and adjacent property that it intends to use as its tailings facility upon re-start of mining operations.

### **NI 43-101 Historic Data Base Validation Program – Phase 1**

Oracle Ridge awarded Major Drilling Environmental LLC of Little Falls, Minnesota the Phase 1 surface drilling program. The drill program is for an initial 15,000 feet designed to validate the existing drill hole data. The contract was extended to include the completion of an additional 7,500 feet, for a total of 22,500 feet of drilling. Phase 1 drill core assay results will be compared against and used to verify the historic data prior to undertaking a NI 43-101 compliant technical report on reserves and resources.

A total of 20,030 feet of drilling has been completed to date with initial results meeting expectations. The Phase 1 drill core assay results will be compared against and used to verify the historic data and to complete a new, NI 43-101 compliant technical report on reserves and resources. Oracle Mining is in possession of the historic data base consisting of 534 drill holes totalling more than 163,000 feet of drilling. The available historic drill core samples are in good condition and stored on site and are in the process of being catalogued, logged and assayed as part of the study to bring the project to NI 43-101 standards. Ten historic drill hole cores have been resubmitted for assay as part of the confirmation process.

The Oracle Ridge Copper Mine hosts at least 12 known zones containing multiple beds of primary copper skarn mineralization. During previous operations gold and silver were produced as by-products. Given current precious metal prices a silver/gold credit could potentially enhance project economics. Past ore produced by the mine were not consistently tested for the presence of other minerals, such as magnetite, and the Company has undertaken detailed metallurgy studies as part of the engineering and design studies.

Historically there have been a number of resource and reserve estimates available that were made by reliable, knowledgeable professionals. As part of a 1995 feasibility study for a 2,000 tons-per-day processing plant, the former operator developed a mine plan containing 8.8 million tons grading 2.3% copper diluted, in all categories. This mine plan conformed to United States Securities and Exchange Commission mining reserve definitions in place at that time. The reader is cautioned that the foregoing estimate is not in compliance with National Instrument 43-101 – Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects ("NI 43-101") and is cited for historical purposes only and should not be relied upon until further work is carried out. Oracle Mining believes, however, that the historical resource estimates reported above are material and should be disclosed as these historical results provide an indication of the potential of the property and are relevant to future exploration.

### *Drill Program Results*

The drill program began in mid-February 2011, with 22 holes completed by quarter-end. As of mid-October, three drill rigs are currently working on the surface. The company is installing ventilation equipment and securing the underground mine to Mine Safety and Health Administration ("MSHA") standards in order to start underground drilling in December.

Skyline Assayer and Laboratories, an accredited laboratory in Tucson, Arizona, is contracted to complete all sample preparation and assaying. Oracle Mining is taking the necessary time to analyze for a full suite of elements and have identified silver, gold and iron as potential by-products that could provide additional positive project economic value. Historically the mine's concentrate contained silver and gold credits. A detailed evaluation of this potential will be conducted as the project progresses. The table below presents the assay results for 10 additional holes the Company has drilled in 2011 as disclosed in the Company's October 19th, 2011 media release. Of the 10 holes reported, 7 holes intersected high-grade copper mineralization in areas extending beyond the previously known mineralization.

Highlights include 24 feet of 3.09% copper in Drill Hole ODH006, 30 feet of 3.45% copper in ODH007 and 35 feet of 2.70% in ODH008. The following tabulates the mineralized zones intersected in the assay drill results.

Drill Hole	From (feet)	To (feet)	Interval (feet)	Cu (%)	Au (opt)	Ag (opt)	Fe (%)	Zone	Formation
ODH001	829	837.5	8.5	1.11	0.000	0.100	3.74	9	Martin
And	853	863	10.0	2.09	0.001	0.385	8.60		Abrigo
And	883	898	15.0	2.08	0.011	0.830	7.39		
Includes	888	898	10.0	2.51	0.013	1.085	8.23		
ODH002	209.5	224	14.5	1.41	0.007	0.414	9.77	2	Martin
And	263	283	20.0	1.94	0.006	0.591	4.24		
Includes	263	273	10.0	2.77	0.009	0.930	1.74	1	Abrigo
And	315	335	20.0	1.27	0.004	0.355	4.96		
And	352	398.5	46.5	1.51	0.005	0.308	10.59		Abrigo
Includes	362	391	29.0	1.79	0.004	0.261	13.04		
ODH003	389.5	398	8.5	3.48	0.012	0.791	6.33	New Zone	Escabrosa
And	468	503	35.0	1.22	0.004	0.279	7.83	4 Extension	Escabrosa
And	624	634	10.0	1.73	0.007	0.230	9.69	2 Extension	Martin
ODH004	986	994.5	8.5	1.61	0.009	0.375	13.96	8	Martin
And	1086	1106	20.0	1.28	0.009	0.520	7.52	8 Extension	Abrigo
ODH005	1038.5	1048	9.5	2.18	0.005	0.442	11.45	12 Extension	Martin
and	1176	1216	40	1.59	0.008	0.369	7.27	8	Abrigo
includes	1181	1206	25	2.08	0.009	0.494	8.72		
and	1286	1315	29	1.76	0.002	0.383	15.47		
includes	1301	1315	14	2.67	0.001	0.687	17.19	8	Abrigo
ODH006	306	316	10.0	2.06	0.005	0.495	9.38	New Zone	Escabrosa
And	360	373.5	13.5	1.35	0.007	0.259	15.15	4 Extension	Martin
And	392	426	34.0	2.58	0.012	0.608	17.54		
Includes	397	421	24.0	3.09	0.015	0.800	18.56		
ODH007	247.5	262	14.5	1.59	0.004	0.390	13.88	New Zone	Escabrosa
And	306	355	49.0	2.66	0.010	0.700	15.76	4 Extension	Martin
Includes	325	355	30.0	3.45	0.015	0.990	18.84		
ODH008	461	471	10.0	2.23	0.000	0.665	1.87	2	Martin
And	556	571	15.0	1.86	0.008	0.547	10.35		
And	611	626	15.0	1.93	0.009	0.753	3.82	1	Abrigo
Includes	611	621	10.0	2.35	0.011	0.930	4.01		
And	658	703	45.0	2.32	0.004	0.557	9.91		
Includes	668	703	35.0	2.70	0.004	0.619	11.34		
ODH009	Assays Pending								
ODH0010	618	633	15	1.74	0.011	0.373	12.75	4 Extension	Escabrosa
ODH011	525	565	40.0	1.94	0.010	0.395	17.09	4 Extension	Escabrosa
Includes	525	540	15.0	3.19	0.015	0.633	24.35		

Intervals were calculated using an external 1.0% copper cut-off and may include internal waste to reflect a potential mineable width. True widths will need to be modeled but are believed to be 70-to-100% of the stated interval length. Intervals labeled "Includes" are higher-grade portions of the previous listed interval.

These holes were drilled as part of the Corporation's ongoing historic data base confirmation program. The successful completion of the validation program will allow the Corporation to undertake a NI 43-101 compliant resource estimation. Results to date compare well with the historic data.

### **Process Plant and Tailings Impoundment Activities**

Engineering and design work is continuing and is approximately 40% complete. The plant design and economic study is based on a 2,000 tons-per-day processing facility and related facilities including the tailings impoundment. The process design will be using SAG/Ball mill grinding followed by flash and conventional froth flotation for recovery of copper and precious metals. A copper concentrate will be thickened and filtered for transport. Preliminary production estimates indicate that approximately 140 tons of high-grade copper concentrate could be produced on a daily basis.

The tailings impoundment area design is 60% complete and will support the design of a 10-million-ton dry stack tailings impoundment facility, which is adequate for planned production. The tailings facility design is ready for the final stage of engineering.

Metallurgical testing to validate design assumptions and detail engineering is nearly complete, with the grinding work index studies, mineralogy, flotation, thickening and filtration studies in the final stages of testing and approximately 95% complete. A final report is expected in November.

### **Mining**

Work is currently ongoing to secure the mine safely to MSHA standards in order that access for underground drilling can commence. Mine ventilation equipment has been ordered and is scheduled to be installed in the fourth quarter of 2011. MSHA compliant safety training for both surface and underground operations has been completed by on site project personnel.

### **Permitting and Regulatory Programs**

The regulatory process for the Oracle Ridge copper project includes federal, state and county jurisdictions. Biological, archaeological, hydrological and storm water characterization, waste rock and tailings characterization, and air quality analysis will be systematically studied to support the requisite permit regime. Several of these involve baseline studies for determining any potential impacts from the reactivation of this previously producing mine. The results of the waste characterization of the reclaimed tailings and waste rock were favourable and verified that the waste rock and tailings are non-acid generating and synthetic precipitation leaching procedure results were all below established water quality standards.

**Aquifer Protection Permit ("APP") Significant Amendment** – In August 2011, the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality ("ADEQ") approved the issuance of the APP to the Company. The permit covers the previous area of historic tailings storage and will need to be amended in accordance with Best Available Demonstrated Control Technology (BADTC) before new tailings deposition can occur.

A meeting was held with ADEQ on September 28<sup>th</sup> to present our approach to an amendment application for entering the Expedited APP process. The application and contract for the expediated processing was accepted signed by the ADEQ Water Quality Director on October 5<sup>th</sup>

and ADEQ is in the process of selecting a 3<sup>rd</sup> party consulting group who will be responsible for reviewing our application on ADEQ's behalf. This will expedite the permit process considerably. The expediated permitting program by contract requires permitting decisions in six month timelines. The Company expects to submit the amendment application to ADEQ before mid-December 2011.

**Air Permitting** – The air pre-application meeting was held with Pima County on May 3, 2011. Delivery of the final class II air Quality Permit application was submitted on October 14<sup>th</sup> and is now under review with Pima County.

#### *Qualified Person*

The technical information in this MDA has been prepared in accordance with Canadian regulatory requirements set out in National Instrument 43-101 and reviewed by Glenn R. Clark, P.Eng. of Glenn R. Clark & Associates Limited, and John I. Kyle, P.Eng. of Lyntek, Inc. both consultants for Oracle Mining and Qualified Persons under NI 43-101, who are responsible for the technical information reported herein.

### **3. REVIEW OF FINANCIAL RESULTS**

#### *Three months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010*

For the quarter ended September 30, 2011, the Company had a net loss of \$3.2 million compared to net income of \$1.7 million in the 2010 comparative period. Net income in the comparative period was primarily driven by gains of \$2.6 million arising from the sale of investments. Net loss in the current period is primarily due to exploration and evaluation expenditures at the Oracle Ridge copper project. The current loss for the quarter ended September 30, 2011 consisted of general and administrative expenses of \$1.3 million (2010 - \$0.6 million) and \$2.3 million in exploration and evaluation expenditures (2010 - \$Nil).

The increase in general and administrative expenses for the quarter ended September 30, 2011 compared to the equivalent 2010 period consisted of increased professional and consulting fees of \$0.2 million, increased rent costs, and an increase in salaries of \$0.1 million due to higher staffing levels.

Exploration and evaluation expenditures for the three months ended September 30, 2011 (2010 - \$Nil), consisted of the following:

Design and technical studies	\$	271
Drilling		643
Permitting		693
Site and safety services		366
Site and advisory		351
	\$	<u>2,324</u>

#### *Nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010*

For the nine months ended September 30, 2011, the Company had a net loss of \$10.8 million compared to a net income of \$0.5 million in the 2010 comparative period. Net income in the comparative period is primarily driven by gains of \$2.6 million arising from the sale of certain

investments. Net loss in the current period is primarily due to exploration and evaluation expenditures of \$6.7 million at Oracle Ridge and an increase of \$1.8 million in general and administrative expenses.

The increase in general and administrative expenses for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 compared to the equivalent 2010 period consisted of increased share-based payments of \$0.4 million, increase in salaries of \$0.5 million due to higher staffing and consultant levels, and increased rent costs.

Exploration and evaluation expenditures for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 (2010 - \$Nil), consisted of the following:

Design and technical studies	\$ 942
Drilling	2,122
Permitting	1,882
Site and safety services	848
Site and advisory	937
	<u>\$ 6,731</u>

As at September 30, 2011, total assets were \$35.8 million compared to \$46.5 million as at December 31, 2010. The difference resulted from increased expenditures relating to the ongoing development of the Oracle Ridge copper project, including the exploration program, technical studies and permitting activities.

As at September 30, 2011, total liabilities were \$4.8 million compared to \$5.6 million as at December 31, 2010. They primarily consist of liabilities assumed on the acquisition of the Oracle Ridge copper project, which includes promissory notes payable of approximately \$3.3 million. In January 2011, the Company settled the total liability outstanding for the purchase of land adjacent to the Oracle Ridge copper property for \$0.6 million.

In October 2011, the Company settled \$0.5 million owing on its promissory notes payable.

### Summary of Quarterly Results

The following table presents our quarterly results of operations for each of the last eight quarters.

<i>In thousands of US Dollars except for per share amounts</i>	Sept 30, 2011	Jun 30, 2011	Mar 31, 2011	Dec 31, 2010	Sep 30, 2010	Jun 30, 2010	Mar 31, 2010	Dec 31, 2009
Sales revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest income	18	26	12	23	16	12	12	4
Net income (loss)	(3,218)	(3,621)	(3,928)	(1,664)	1,674	(1,986)	793	22,126
Basic and diluted gain (loss) per share	(0.10)	(0.12)	(0.13)	(0.02)	0.34	(0.15)	0.06	2.08

The financial results for the periods ending prior to January 1, 2010 have been prepared in accordance with Canadian GAAP and have not been restated to IFRS.



#### **4. OUTLOOK**

Major steps in the Company's development process include preparation of a NI 43-101 compliant report outlining reserves and resources, preparation of an economic design and feasibility study, obtaining regulatory permits and approvals for operation, rehabilitating the mine, constructing processing facilities and obtaining mining equipment.

As well, the Company must secure such debt and/or equity financing as necessary to reach commercial production status subsequent to the receipt of all necessary permits and, in particular, a positive feasibility study. The first of these, the Aquifer Protection Permit, was awarded to the Company on July 26, 2011. This permit will require amendment in light of design work being prepared and finalized by engineering consultants to the Company. Further critical permits are the Air Quality Permit covering particle and other emissions associated with the mining process and the Storm Water Discharge Permit.

The confirmation drill program at the Oracle Ridge copper project has completed 22 holes to date, with assay results received and reported for eighteen holes. To date, the results compare favourably with the historic assays and are within expectations. The Company now has three surface drill rigs operating to expedite the drill program and the resulting NI 43-101 compliant report on reserves and resources, and management has decided to expand exploration drilling into such areas of the project as are deemed appropriate in an attempt to increase the historically reported resource.

Management continues to evaluate additional investment opportunities that will deliver value to Oracle's shareholders by combining its assets of cash, an experienced mine operations team and a near-producing asset with a company or project that has a quality producing or near-producing mining property.

#### **5. RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES**

##### **Continuing operations**

At September 30, 2011, the Company had cash and cash equivalents of \$13.1 million, working capital of \$11.9 million, and long-term debt of \$2.6 million. Future financial needs and the continuity of the entity as a going concern will be dependent on the Company's ability to develop the Oracle Ridge copper property into a profitable operating mine. The Company's current working capital is sufficient to meet operating requirements for the next 12 months, however, the Company will require significant funding in the future to complete development of the Oracle Ridge copper project.

##### **Industry and economic factors affecting the Company's performance**

###### *a) Exploration and development*

The business of exploration and development for minerals and mining involves a high degree of risk. Few exploration properties that are explored are ultimately developed into producing mines. Unusual or unexpected formations, formation pressures, fires, power outages, labour disruptions, flooding, cave-ins, landslides, and the inability to obtain suitable or adequate machinery, equipment, or labour are other risks involved in the conduct of exploration programs. The Company from time to time augments its internal exploration and operating expertise with advice from consultants and others as required. The economics of developing mineral properties is affected by many factors including the cost of operations, variation of the grade of

ore mined, and fluctuations in the price of any minerals produced.

*b) Titles to property*

While the Company has diligently investigated title to the various properties in which it has an interest, and to the best of its knowledge, title to those properties are in good standing, this should not be construed as a guarantee of title. The properties may be subject to prior unregistered agreements or transfer or native or government land claims, and title may be affected by undetected defects.

*c) Permits and licenses*

The Company's operations may require licenses and permits from various governmental authorities. There can be no assurance that the Company will be able to obtain all necessary licenses and permits that may be required to carry out exploration, development, and mining operations at its projects.

*d) Metal prices*

Even if the Company's exploration programs are successful, factors beyond the control of the Company may affect the marketability of any minerals discovered. Metal prices have historically fluctuated widely and are affected by numerous factors beyond the Company's control, including international, economic and political trends, expectations for inflation, currency exchange fluctuations, interest rates, global or regional consumption patterns, speculative activities, and worldwide production levels. The effect of these factors cannot be accurately predicted.

*e) Competition*

The mining industry is intensely competitive in all its phases. The Company competes with many companies possessing greater financial resources and technical facilities than itself for the acquisition of mineral interests as well as for recruitment and retention of qualified employees.

*f) Environmental regulations*

The Company's operations are subject to environmental regulations promulgated by government agencies from time to time. Environmental legislation provides for restrictions and prohibitions of spills, release or emission of various substances produced in association with certain mining industry operations, such as seepage from tailing disposal areas, which could result in environmental pollution. A breach of such legislation may result in imposition of fines and penalties. In addition, certain types of operations require submissions to and approval of environmental impact assessments. Environmental legislation is evolving toward stricter standards in which enforcement, fines and penalties for non-compliance are more stringent. Environmental assessments of proposed projects carry a heightened degree of responsibility for companies and directors, officers and employees. The cost of compliance with changes in governmental regulations has a potential to reduce the profitability of operations. The Company intends to fully comply with all environmental regulations.

*g) Conflicts of interest*

Certain directors or proposed directors of the Company are also directors, officers or shareholders of other companies that are similarly engaged in the business of acquiring, developing and exploiting natural resource properties. Such associations may give rise to conflicts of interest from time to time. The directors of the Company are required by law to act honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of the Company and to disclose any interest, which they may have in any project or opportunity of the Company. If a conflict of interest arises at a meeting of the board of directors, any director in a conflict will disclose his

interest and abstain from voting on such matters. In determining whether or not the Company will participate in any project or opportunity, the directors will primarily consider the degree of risk to which the Company may be exposed and its financial position at that time.

*h) Stage of development*

The Company does not have a history of earnings or the provision of return on investment, and in the future there is no assurance that it will produce revenue, operate profitably, or provide a return on investment.

*i) Industry conditions*

Mining and milling operations are subject to government regulations. Operations may be affected in varying degrees by government regulations such as restrictions on production, price controls, tax increases, expropriation of property, pollution controls, or changes in conditions under which minerals may be mined, milled or marketed. The marketability of minerals may be affected by numerous factors beyond the control of the Company, such as government regulations. The effect of these factors cannot be accurately determined.

*j) Uninsured hazards*

Hazards, such as unusual geological conditions, are involved in exploring for and developing mineral deposits. The Company may become subject to liability for pollution or other hazards, which cannot be insured against, or against which the Company may elect not to insure because of high premium costs or other reasons. The payment of any such liability could result in the loss of Company assets or the insolvency of the Company.

*k) Future financing*

Completion of future programs may require additional financing, which may dilute the interests of existing shareholders.

*l) Key employees*

Management of the Company rests on a few key officers, the loss of any of whom could have a detrimental effect on its operations.

## 6. LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

The Company's condensed consolidated interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") applicable to a going concern. The Company's future liquidity will depend upon its ability to develop and finance future profitable business opportunities.

<i>In thousands of US\$</i>	As at			
	Sept 30, 2011	June 30, 2011	Mar 31, 2011	Dec 31, 2010
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 13,146	\$ 17,816	\$ 21,769	\$ 25,406
Working capital	11,876	16,482	20,115	22,624

Cash and cash equivalents as at September 30, 2011 were \$13.1 million compared to \$25.4 million as at December 31, 2010. Working capital was \$11.9 million as at September 30, 2011, compared to working capital of \$22.6 million as at December 31, 2010. The decrease in both cash on hand and working capital was primarily due to funding the development activities at the Oracle Ridge copper project.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2011 the Company paid \$0.5 million of principle owing under the promissory notes. The Company received gross proceeds of C\$0.3 million upon the exercise of options and warrants during the year and had no significant cash financing activities for the comparative period in the prior year.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2011, the Company invested approximately \$0.8 million in plant and equipment. Expenditures in the current year are mainly attributable to the purchase of site equipment of \$0.2 million and drilling equipment of \$0.6 million. The Company did not have any significant investment in plant and equipment in the prior year.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2011, the Company paid \$0.6 million for property adjacent to the Oracle Ridge copper project. The Company intends to use this property as a future dry stacked tailings facility, subject to the necessary permits. In addition, the Company entered into a lease agreement for additional land adjacent to the project and intends to use this land for the same purpose. The lease is for a term of 15 years, with two additional five year renewal terms, with annual payments of \$19,200. The Company paid an initial non-refundable payment of \$57,600 upon execution of the lease.

In June, the Company entered into an option agreement to acquire a 100% interest in a mineral property in Colorado. Under the terms of the agreement, the Company made a cash payment of \$25,000 upon signing of the agreement and is required to make the following payments to keep the option in good standing: a cash payment of \$20,000 on or before June 29, 2012, a cash payment of \$20,000 on or before June 29, 2013, and a cash payment of \$500,000 on or before June 29, 2013.

### Contingencies, commitments and liabilities

As at September 30, 2011 the anticipated cash payments required to satisfy the Company's commitments and liabilities are as follows:

<i>In thousands of US\$</i>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Less than 1 year</b>	<b>1 - 5 years</b>	<b>After 5 years</b>
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 1,235	\$ 1,235	-	-
Notes payable	3,314	1,000	2,314	-
Other long term liability	289	-	289	-
Other lease commitments	603	268	220	115
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,441</b>	<b>\$ 2,503</b>	<b>\$ 2,823</b>	<b>\$ 115</b>

### *Promissory Notes Payable*

As part of the acquisition of Oracle Ridge, the Company assumed promissory notes payable in US dollars that were secured by the Oracle Ridge copper property. The schedule of the US dollar principle payment amounts and maturity dates of the notes as at September 30, 2011 are as follows:

Principal (US\$)	Maturity date
\$500,000	October 31, 2011 <sup>[1]</sup>
\$500,000	April 27, 2012 <sup>[1]</sup>
\$806,500	October 21, 2012 <sup>[1]</sup>
\$1,000,000	October 21, 2013 <sup>[2]</sup>
<b>\$2,806,500</b>	

[1] The notes bear interest until repaid at 8% per annum and interest is not payable until October 21, 2012.

[2] The note bears interest at 8% per annum and the interest is payable when the note comes due on October 21, 2013.

A promissory note payable in the amount of \$0.5 million and maturing on October 31, 2011 was settled by the Company during the fourth quarter of 2011.

As part of the acquisition of Oracle Ridge, the Company assumed an obligation to construct a roadway on the property and committed to spend a minimum amount of \$0.5 million in the realization of this project. The terms of the obligation state that if the Company were unable to complete the construction of the road by June 2011, the Company is liable for the \$0.5 million and this amount will be added to the principle of the Company's 2013 promissory notes payable and will come due in October 2013. As the Company did not complete the construction of the road, the liability has been added to the October 21, 2013 promissory notes. Interest of 8% per annum on the note starts to accrue on June 30, 2011 and is payable when the note comes due in October 2013.

#### *Oracle Ridge*

As part of the share purchase agreement for Oracle Ridge, there is a clause whereby if the seller of Oracle Ridge is required to pay U.S. federal capital tax at a higher rate than 15%, the Company is required to offset the cost of the additional tax up to the equivalent of a U.S. federal capital tax rate of 25%, or US\$470,800. U.S. federal capital tax rates have been frozen at 15% through December 31, 2012; therefore no additional taxes will be owed by the seller on the 2012 promissory notes payable. It is uncertain as to whether U.S. federal capital taxes will be raised in 2013 and therefore any additional consideration in relation to the 2013 notes is not determinable at this time.

#### **Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

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

#### **Proposed Transactions**

As is typical of the mineral exploration and development industry, Oracle Mining is continually reviewing potential merger, acquisition, investment and joint venture transactions and opportunities that could enhance shareholder value.

#### **Financial Instruments and Other Instruments**

The Company's financial instruments consist of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities, other current liabilities, promissory notes payable and other long-term liabilities. The Company has exposures to financial risks of varying degrees of significance which could affect its ability to achieve its strategic objectives for growth and shareholder returns. The principle financial risks to which the Company is exposed are interest rate risk, foreign currency risk, credit risk and liquidity risk.

In management's opinion, the Company is not exposed to significant interest rate or credit risk arising from these financial instruments. The Company is exposed to foreign currency risk through its cash and cash equivalents, other receivables and accounts payable denominated in Canadian dollars. As a result, the Company is subject to foreign exchange risk from fluctuations in foreign exchange rates. At September 30, 2011, with other variables unchanged, a 10% change in the US dollar/Canadian dollar exchange rate would impact pre-tax earnings by \$0.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2011.

### **Transactions with Related Parties**

During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011, the Company paid \$0.1 million and \$0.4 million in advisory fees to directors of the Company.

These transactions were incurred in the normal course of business and are measured at the exchange amount which was the consideration established and agreed to by the related parties.

#### *Compensation of key management personnel*

During the three months ended September 30, 2011, the Company paid salaries to key members of management and director's fees of \$0.3 million (2010 - \$0.3 million). During the nine months ended September 30, 2011, the Company paid salaries to key members of management and director's fees of \$1.0 million (2010 - \$0.8 million). In addition, the Company made share-based payments to the same individuals for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011 of \$0.1 million (2010 - \$0.1 million) and \$0.6 million (2010 - \$0.6 million), respectively.

### **Capitalization**

As at November 10, 2011, the Company had the following issued and outstanding common shares and unexercised stock options and warrants:

	<b>Shares and Potential Shares</b>
Common shares outstanding	31,434,070
Stock options (average exercise price C\$1.77)	3,029,000
<b>Total common shares and potential common shares</b>	<b>34,463,070</b>

## **7. INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING**

The Company's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting. Any system of internal control over financial reporting, no matter how well designed, has inherent limitations and may not prevent or detect misstatements. Therefore, even those systems determined to be effective can only provide reasonable assurance with respect to financial statement preparation and presentation. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies and procedures may deteriorate.

There have been no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting during the quarter ended September 30, 2011 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, internal control over financial reporting. On June 30, 2011, the former CEO of the Company, Kevin Drover, retired and a director of the Company, Paul Eagland, was appointed until such time as a replacement is found.

## **8. CRITICAL JUDGEMENTS AND ESTIMATES**

These unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements are prepared in accordance with IFRS. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period.

The critical judgments that the Company's management has made in the process of applying the Company's accounting policies, apart from those involving estimations (see below), that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognized in the Company's consolidated financial statements are related to the economic recoverability of the mineral properties, the determination of functional currency for the Company and its subsidiaries, the determination that the acquisition of the Oracle Ridge project represents an acquisition of an asset rather than a business combination and the assumption that the Company will continue as a going concern.

Certain of our accounting policies are recognized as critical because they require management to make estimates and assumptions about matters that are inherently uncertain. Our critical accounting policies and estimates relate to:

- The recoverability of amounts receivable and prepayments;
- Impairment of non-financial assets;
- The estimated fair value of short-term investments;
- The estimated useful lives of property, plant and equipment and the related depreciation;
- The inputs used in accounting for share-based compensation expense; and
- Accrued and contingent liabilities.

For a summary of significant accounting policies, please refer to Note 2 of the condensed consolidated interim financial statements.

Management believes it has made estimates that best reflect the facts and circumstances, however, actual results may differ from estimates.

## 9. TRANSITION TO IFRS

IFRS represents standards and interpretations approved by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB"), and are comprised of IFRSs, International Accounting Standards ("IASs"), and interpretations issued by the IFRS Interpretations Committee ("IFRICs") or the former Standing Interpretations committee ("SICs").

Effective January 1, 2011, the Company prepares its financial statements in accordance with IFRS. The comparative financial information of 2010 in the MD&A has also been restated to conform with IFRS. This MD&A should be read in conjunction with Note 17 "Transition to International Financial Reporting Standards" of the Company's unaudited condensed interim financial statements for the three months ended March 31, 2011 and Note 16 "Transition to International Financial Reporting Standards" of the Company's unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011.

To transition from Canadian GAAP to IFRS, the main adjustments include:

- a) Share-based payments: Under Canadian GAAP the Company's policy was to calculate the fair value of stock-based awards with graded vesting as one grant and the resulting fair value is recognized on a straight-line basis over the vesting period. With IFRS each tranche of an award with different vesting dates is considered a separate grant for the calculation of fair value, and the resulting fair value is amortized over the vesting period of the respective tranches.
- b) Available-for-sale investment: On November 12, 2009, the Company ceased to control its former Peruvian subsidiary, Compania Minera San Juan ("CMSJ") as a result of the dilution of its controlling interest by a third party. The Company's remaining interest in CMSJ at December 31, 2009 is 15%. Under Canadian GAAP available-for-sale ("AFS") investments are recorded at cost unless the AFS equity instrument was quoted in an active market. The investment in CMSJ was recorded at its cost of \$nil at January 1, 2010. IFRS requires such investments to be measured at fair value unless fair value is not reliably measurable. The Company has concluded that fair value can be determined at January 1, 2010 for the investment in CMSJ from the sale of the 85% interest in this investment in November 2009 to a third party.
- c) Acquisition of Oracle Ridge: According to Canadian GAAP, if an acquired project does not constitute a business, the transaction is accounted for as the acquisition of an asset and results in a deferred tax asset or liability being recognized for any difference between the resulting carrying value and the tax basis of the asset. Under IFRS, if an acquired project does not constitute a business, the transaction is accounted for as an acquisition of an asset, however, no deferred tax asset or liability is recognized because of the initial recognition exception in IAS 12, which prohibits recording of deferred tax assets or liabilities on asset acquisitions.



## **10. FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION**

This document may contain "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Canadian securities legislation. These forward-looking statements are made as of the date of this document and the Company does not intend, and does not assume any obligation, to update these forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements relate to future events or future performance and reflect management of the Company's expectations or beliefs regarding future events and include, but are not limited to, statements with respect to the estimation of mineral reserves and resources, the realization of mineral reserve estimates, the timing and amount of estimated future production, costs of production, capital expenditures, success of mining operations, environmental risks, unanticipated reclamation expenses, title disputes or claims and limitations on insurance coverage. In certain cases, forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of words such as "plans", "expects" or "does not expect", "is expected", "budget", "scheduled", "estimates", "forecasts", "intends", "anticipates" or "does not anticipate", or "believes", or variations of such words and phrases or statements that certain actions, events or results "may", "could", "would", "might" or "will be taken", "occur" or "be achieved" or the negative of these terms or comparable terminology. By their very nature forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of the Company to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. Such factors include, among others, risks related to actual results of current exploration activities; changes in project parameters as plans continue to be refined; future prices of resources; possible variations in ore reserves, grade or recovery rates; accidents, labour disputes and other risks of the mining industry; delays in obtaining governmental approvals or financing or in the completion of development or construction activities. Although the Company has attempted to identify important factors that could cause actual actions, events or results to differ materially from those described in forward-looking statements, there may be other factors that cause actions, events or results not to be as anticipated, estimated or intended. There can be no assurance that forward-looking statements will prove to be accurate, as actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such statements. Accordingly, readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements.