

## **CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

For the year ended December 31, 2017

(In accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") and stated in thousands of Canadian dollars, unless otherwise indicated)

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## MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING

The consolidated financial statements, and the notes thereto, of North American Nickel Inc., and its subsidiary have been prepared by management in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"). Management acknowledges responsibility for the preparation and presentation of the consolidated financial statements, including responsibility for significant accounting judgments and estimates and the choice of accounting principles and methods that are appropriate to the Company's circumstances.

Management, in discharging these responsibilities, maintains a system of internal controls designed to provide reasonable assurance that its assets are safeguarded, only valid and authorized transactions are executed and accurate, timely and comprehensive financial information is prepared. However, any system of internal controls over financial reporting, no matter how well designed and implemented, has inherent limitations and may not prevent or detect all misstatements.

The Board of Directors, principally through the Audit and Risk Committee, is responsible for reviewing and approving the consolidated financial statements together with other financial information of the Company and for ensuring that management fulfils its financial reporting responsibilities.

The consolidated financial statements have been audited by Dale Matheson Carr-Hilton LaBonte LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants, who were appointed by the shareholders to examine the consolidated financial statements and provide an independent auditor's opinion thereon. The auditor's report outlines the scope of their examination and their opinion on the consolidated financial statements. Dale Matheson Carr-Hilton LaBonte LLP has full and free access to the Board of Directors

"signed"
Keith Morrison
President and Chief Executive Officer

"signed"
Chris Hopkins
Chief Financial Officer

April 24, 2018



## DALE MATHESON CARR-HILTON LABONTE LLP

CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS

## Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the shareholders and the board of directors of North American Nickel Inc.

## **Opinion on the Consolidated Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying consolidated statements of financial position of North American Nickel Inc. (the "Company") as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, the related consolidated statements of comprehensive loss, changes in equity and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes (collectively referred to as the "financial statements"). In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the years then ended, in conformity with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

## **Going Concern**

The accompanying consolidated financial statements have been prepared assuming that the Company will continue as a going concern. As discussed in Note 1 to the consolidated financial statements, the Company has not generated revenues since inception, has incurred losses in developing its business, and further losses are anticipated. The Company requires additional funds to meet its obligations and the costs of its operations. These factors raise substantial doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. Management's plans in this regard are described in Note 1. The consolidated financial statements do not include any adjustments that might result from the outcome of this uncertainty.

## **Basis for Opinion**

These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's consolidated financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) ("PCAOB") and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. As part of our audits we are required to obtain an understanding of internal control over financial reporting but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB.

Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.



## DALE MATHESON CARR-HILTON LABONTE LLP CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS

We have served as the Company's auditor since 2005.

Vancouver, Canada

April 24, 2018



## **Consolidated Statements of Financial Position**

(Expressed in thousands of Canadian dollars)

	Notes	December 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents		398	630
Short term investments	4	2,500	2,700
Receivables and other current assets	5	242	142
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		3,140	3,472
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	6	49	54
Exploration and evaluation assets	7	50,494	38,342
Reclamation of deposit	7	14	14
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		50,557	38,410
TOTAL ASSETS		53,697	41,882
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade payables and accrued liabilities	8, 11	969	181
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		969	181
TOTAL LIABILITIES		969	181
EQUITY			
Share capital – preferred	10	591	591
Share capital – common	10	73,598	62,315
Reserve	10	5,089	2,767
Deficit		(26,550)	(23,972)
TOTAL EQUITY		52,728	41,701
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		53,697	41,882

Nature of Operations (Note 1) Subsequent Events (Note 18)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these Consolidated Financial Statements.

Approved by the Board of Directors on April 24, 2018

"signed" "signed"

Keith Morrison Doug Ford

Director Audit Committee Chair



# Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Loss (Expressed in thousands of Canadian dollars, except loss per share)

		Year Ended December 31,	Year Ended December 31,	Year Ended December 31,
	Notes_	2017	2016	2015
EXPENSES				
General and administrative expenses	11	(2,375)	(2,021)	(1,789)
Property investigation and port development		-	(15)	(164)
Amortization	6	(25)	(42)	(73)
Share-based payments	10	(504)	(309)	(258)
		(2,904)	(2,387)	(2,284)
OTHER ITEMS				
Interest income		32	28	37
Finance fee	9	-	(95)	-
Interest on capital contribution loan	9	-	(265)	-
Foreign exchange loss		(7)	(158)	(142)
	_	25	(490)	(105)
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE LOSS FOR THE YEAR	: 	(2,879)	(2,877)	(2,389)
Basic and diluted weighted average number of common shares outstanding		465,929,638	269,778,932	188,384,506
Basic and diluted loss per share	_	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these Consolidated Financial Statements.



## Consolidated Statements of Changes in Equity (Expressed in thousands of Canadian dollars, unless otherwise indicated)

	Notes	Number Shares	Share Capital	Preferred Stock	Reserve	Deficit	Total Equity
			\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
BALANCE AT DECEMBER			•	•	•	•	•
31, 2014		169,964,679	42,677	591	5,200	(21,715)	26,753
Net and comprehensive loss		-	-	-	-	(2,389)	(2,389)
Share capital issued through							
private placement	10	29,054,079	6,392	-	-	-	6,392
Share-based payments	10	-	-	-	258	-	258
Forfeited/expired options	10	-	-	-	(284)	284	-
Stock options exercised	10	1,149,000	172	-	(57)	-	115
Warrants exercised	10	7,461,748	1,567	-	-	-	1,567
Share issue costs	10	-	(234)	-	18	-	(216)
BALANCE AT DECEMBER 31, 2015		207,629,506	50,574	591	5,135	(23.820)	32,480
Net and comprehensive loss		-	-	-	-	(2,877)	(2,877)
Share capital issued through							
private placement	10	160,000,000	12,000	-	-	-	12,000
Shares issued for fee on loan	9	952,380	95	-	-	-	95
Capital contribution interest on loan	9	-	-	-	265	-	265
Capital contribution							
reallocation on loan settlement	9	-	265		(265)	-	-
Forfeited/expired options	10	-	-	-	(912)	912	-
Expired warrants	10	-	-	-	(1,813)	1,813	-
Share-based payments	10	-	-	-	309	-	309
Share issue costs	10	-	(619)	-	48	-	(571)
BALANCE AT DECEMBER		0/050400/	(0.045	504	0.747	(00.070)	44 704
31, 2016		368,581,886	62,315	591	2,767	(23,972)	41,701
Net and comprehensive loss		-	-	-	-	(2,879)	(2,879)
Share capital issued through	40	445 000 000	40.077				40.077
prospectus	10	145,030,833	10,877	-	-	-	10,877
Share capital issued through	10	40,982,448	2.074			_	3,074
private placement Share issue costs	10	40,902,440	3,074 (588)	-	39	-	(549)
Value allocated to warrants	10	-	(300)	-	39	-	(349)
issued	10	_	(2,080)	_	2,080	_	_
Forfeited/expired stock options	10	_	(2,000)	_	(283)	283	_
Expired warrants	10	-	-	-	(18)	18	-
Share-based payments	10	-	-	-	504	-	504
BALANCE AT DECEMBER							
31, 2017		554,598,167	73,598	591	5,089	(26,550)	52,728

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these Consolidated Financial Statements.



## **Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**

(Expressed in thousands of Canadian dollars)

## **Year Ended**

	Notes	December 31, 2017	December 31, 2016	December 31, 2015
OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
Loss for the year		(2,879)	(2,877)	(2,389)
Items not affecting cash:				
Amortization		25	42	73
Share based payments		504	309	258
Interest income		(16)	(28)	(37)
Changes in working capital	12	(95)	(52)	(168)
Other:				
Interest received		32	30	65
Finance fee		-	95	-
Interest expense on loan		(2.420)	265	(2.100)
Net cash used in operating activities		(2,429)	(2,216)	(2,198)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
Expenditures on exploration and evaluation assets		(11,385)	(8,604)	(9,023)
Prior year payables for exploration and evaluation				
assets		-	(87)	-
Reclamation deposit		-	(14)	-
Short-term investments		200	(400)	3,700
Purchase of equipment		(20)	(3)	(138)
Net cash used in investing activities		(11,205)	(9,108)	(5,461)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
Proceeds from issuance of common shares		13,951	12,000	6,392
Direct financing costs		(549)	(571)	(216)
Proceeds from exercise of warrants		-	-	1,567
Proceeds from exercise of options		-	-	115
Net cash provided by financing activities		13,402	11,429	7,858
Change in cash equivalents for the year		(232)	105	199
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the year		630	525	326
Cash and cash equivalents, at the end of the year		398	630	525

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these Consolidated Financial Statements.



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## 1. NATURE AND CONTINUANCE OF OPERATIONS

North American Nickel Inc. (the "Company") was incorporated on September 23, 1983, under the laws of the Province of British Columbia, Canada. The head office and principal address is located at 3400 – 100 King Street West, PO Box 130, Toronto, Ontario, M5X 1A4 and the records office of the Company is located at PO Box 63623 Capilano, North Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, V7P 3P1. The Company's common shares trade on the TSX Venture Exchange ("TSXV") under the symbol "NAN".

The Company's principal business activity is the exploration and development of mineral properties in Greenland, Canada and United States. The Company has not yet determined whether any of these properties contain ore reserves that are economically recoverable. The recoverability of carrying amounts shown for exploration and evaluation assets is dependent upon a number of factors including environmental risk, legal and political risk, the existence of economically recoverable mineral reserves, confirmation of the Company's interests in the underlying mineral claims, the ability of the Company to obtain necessary financing to complete exploration and development, and to attain sufficient net cash flow from future profitable production or disposition proceeds.

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the assumption that the Company 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. The ability of the Company to continue operations as a going concern is ultimately dependent upon achieving profitable operations. To date, the Company has not generated profitable operations from its resource activities and will need to invest additional funds in carrying out its planned exploration, development and operational activities. These uncertainties cast substantial doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. These consolidated financial statements do not include any adjustments relating to the recoverability and classification of recorded asset amounts and classification of liabilities that might be necessary should the Company be unable to continue as a going concern.

The exploration and evaluation properties in which the Company currently has an interest are in the exploration stage. As such, the Company is dependent on external financing to fund its activities. In order to carry out the planned exploration and cover administrative costs, the Company will use its existing working capital and raise additional amounts as needed. Although the Company has been successful in its past fundraising activities, there is no assurance as to the success of future fundraising efforts or as to the sufficiency of funds raised in the future. The Company will continue to assess new properties and seek to acquire interests in additional properties if there is sufficient geologic or economic potential and if adequate financial resources are available to do so.

The consolidated financial statements were approved and authorized for issuance by the Board of Directors of the Company on April 24, 2018.

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

## (a) Statement of Compliance

The Company's consolidated financial statements were prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS").

## (b) Basis of Preparation

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified by the revaluation of any financial assets and financial liabilities where applicable. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise judgment in the process of applying the Company's accounting policies. These areas involving a higher degree of judgment or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the consolidated financial statements, are disclosed in Note 3.



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#### (c) Basis of consolidation

These consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiary, North American Nickel (US) Inc. which was incorporated in the State of Delaware on May 22, 2015. Consolidation is required when the Company is exposed, or has rights to variable returns from its involvement with the investee and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the investee. All intercompany transactions, balances, income and expenses are eliminated upon consolidation.

## (d) Foreign currency translation

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the date of the transaction. Foreign currency monetary items are translated at the period-end exchange rate. Non-monetary items measured at historical cost continue to be carried at the exchange rate at the date of the transaction. Non-monetary items measured at fair value are reported at the exchange rate at the date when fair values were determined.

Exchange differences arising on the translation of monetary items or on settlement of monetary items are recognized in profit or loss in the statement of comprehensive loss in the period in which they arise, except where deferred in equity as a qualifying cash flow or net investment hedge.

Exchange differences arising on the translation of non-monetary items are recognized in other comprehensive income in the statement of comprehensive loss to the extent that gains and losses arising on those non-monetary items are also recognized in other comprehensive income. Where the non-monetary gain or loss is recognized in profit or loss, the exchange component is also recognized in profit or loss.

#### (e) Exploration and evaluation assets

Exploration and evaluation assets include the costs of acquiring licenses, costs associated with exploration and evaluation activity, and the fair value (at acquisition date) of exploration and evaluation assets acquired in a business combination. Exploration and evaluation expenditures are initially capitalized. Costs incurred before the Company has obtained the legal rights to explore an area are recognized in profit or loss.

Government tax credits received are generally recorded as a reduction to the cumulative costs incurred and capitalized on the related property.

Exploration and evaluation assets are assessed for impairment if (i) sufficient data exists to determine technical feasibility and commercial viability, and (ii) facts, events and circumstances suggest that the carrying amount exceeds the recoverable amount.

Once the technical feasibility and commercial viability of the extraction of mineral resources in an area of interest are demonstrable, exploration and evaluation assets attributable to that area of interest are first tested for impairment and then reclassified to mining property and development assets within equipment.

Recoverability of the carrying amount of any exploration and evaluation assets is dependent on successful development and commercial exploitation, or alternatively, sale of the respective areas of interest.

The Company may occasionally enter into farm-out arrangements, whereby it will transfer part of an interest, as consideration, for an agreement by the farmee to meet certain exploration and evaluation expenditures which would have otherwise been undertaken by the Company. The Company does not record any expenditures made by the farmee on its behalf. Any cash consideration received from the agreement is credited against the costs previously capitalized to the mineral interest given up by the Company, with any excess consideration accounted for in profit.

When a project is deemed to no longer have commercially viable prospects to the Company, exploration and evaluation expenditures in respect of that project are deemed to be impaired. As a result, those exploration and

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evaluation expenditure costs, in excess of estimated recoveries, are written off to the statement of comprehensive loss/income.

## (f) 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 exploration and evaluation assets 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 restoration asset will be depreciated on the same basis as other mining assets.

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 exploration and evaluation assets 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 reclamation costs, are charged to profit and loss for the period.

The costs of restoration projects 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.

#### (g) Impairment of assets

Impairment tests on intangible assets with indefinite useful economic lives are undertaken annually at the financial year-end. Other non-financial assets, including exploration and evaluation assets, are subject to impairment tests whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that their carrying amount may not be recoverable. Where the carrying value of an asset exceeds its recoverable amount, which is the higher of value in use and fair value less costs to sell, the asset is written down accordingly.

Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the impairment test is carried out on the asset's cash-generating unit, which is the lowest group of assets in which the asset belongs and for which there are separately identifiable cash inflows that are largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets.

An impairment loss is charged to the profit or loss, except to the extent the loss reverses gains previously recognized in other comprehensive loss/income.

## (h) Financial instruments

The Company classifies its financial instruments in the following categories: at fair value through profit or loss, loans and receivables, held-to-maturity investments, available-for-sale and financial liabilities. The classification depends on the purpose for which the financial instruments were acquired. Management determines the classification of its financial instruments at initial recognition.

Financial assets are classified at fair value through profit or loss when they are either held for trading for the purpose of short-term profit taking, derivatives not held for hedging purposes, or when they are designated as such to avoid an accounting mismatch or to enable performance evaluation where a group of financial assets is managed by key management personnel on a fair value basis in accordance with a documented risk management or investment strategy. Such assets are subsequently measured at fair value with changes in carrying value being included in profit or loss.



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The Company has classified cash, short-term investments and receivables as loans and receivables. Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market and are subsequently measured at amortized cost. They are included in current assets, except for maturities greater than 12 months after the end of the reporting period. These are classified as non-current assets.

Held-to-maturity investments are non-derivative financial assets that have fixed maturities and fixed or determinable payments, and it is the Company's intention to hold these investments to maturity. They are subsequently measured at amortized cost. Held-to-maturity investments are included in non-current assets, except for those which are expected to mature within 12 months after the end of the reporting period.

Available-for-sale financial assets are non-derivative financial assets that are designated as available-for-sale or are not suitable to be classified as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, loans and receivables or held-to-maturity investments and are subsequently measured at fair value. These are included in current assets. Unrealized gains and losses are recognized in other comprehensive income, except for impairment losses and foreign exchange gains and losses.

The Company has classified its trade payables as other financial liabilities. Subsequent to initial recognition, trades payable are measured at amortized cost using the effective interest rate method.

Regular purchases and sales of financial assets are recognized on the trade-date – the date on which the Company commits to purchase the asset.

Financial assets are derecognized when the rights to receive cash flows from the investments have expired or have been transferred and the Company has transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership.

At each reporting date, the Company assesses whether there is objective evidence that a financial instrument has been impaired. In the case of available-for-sale financial instruments, a significant and prolonged decline in the value of the instrument is considered to determine whether an impairment has arisen.

#### (i) Loss per share

The Company uses the treasury stock method to compute the dilutive effect of options, warrants and similar instruments. Under this method, the dilutive effect on loss per common share is recognized on the use of the proceeds that could be obtained upon exercise of options, warrants and similar instruments. It assumes that the proceeds would be used to purchase common shares at the average market price during the period.

Basic loss per common share is calculated using the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period and does not include outstanding options and warrants. Dilutive loss per common share is not presented differently from basic loss per share as the conversion of outstanding stock options and warrants into common shares would be anti-dilutive.

## (j) Income taxes

Income tax expense comprises current and deferred tax. Current tax and deferred tax are recognized in net income except to the extent that it arises in a business combination, or from items recognized directly in equity or other comprehensive loss/income.

Current income tax assets and liabilities for the current period are measured at the amount expected to be recovered from or paid to the taxation authorities. The tax rates and tax laws used to compute the amount are those that are enacted or substantively enacted, at the reporting date, in the countries where the Company operates and generates taxable income.

Current income tax relating to items recognized directly in other comprehensive income or equity is recognized in other comprehensive income or equity and not in profit or loss. Management periodically evaluates positions



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taken in the tax returns with respect to situations in which applicable tax regulations are subject to interpretation and establishes provisions where appropriate.

Deferred income tax is provided using the asset and liability method of temporary differences at the reporting date between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts for financial reporting purposes.

The carrying amount of deferred income tax assets is reviewed at the end of each reporting period and recognized only to the extent that it is probable that sufficient taxable profit will be available to allow all or part of the deferred income tax asset to be utilized.

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply to the year when the asset is realized or the liability is settled, based on tax rates and tax laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period.

Deferred income tax assets and deferred income tax liabilities are offset, only if a legally enforceable right exists to set off current tax assets against current income tax liabilities and the deferred income taxes relate to the same taxable entity and the same taxation authority.

## (k) Share-based payments

Where equity-settled share options are awarded to employees, the fair value of the options at the date of grant is recognized over the vesting period. Performance vesting conditions are taken into account by adjusting the number of equity instruments expected to vest at each reporting date so that, ultimately, the cumulative amount recognized over the vesting period is based on the number of options that eventually vest. Non-vesting conditions and market vesting conditions are factored into the fair value of the options granted. As long as all other vesting conditions are satisfied, a charge is made irrespective of whether these non-vesting and market vesting conditions are satisfied. The cumulative expense is not adjusted for failure to achieve a market vesting condition or where a non-vesting condition is not satisfied.

Where the terms and conditions of options are modified, the increase in the fair value of the options, measured immediately before and after the modification, is also recognized over the remaining vesting period.

Where equity instruments are granted to non-employees, they are recorded at the fair value of the goods or services received. Amounts related to the issuance of shares are recorded as a reduction of share capital.

When the value of goods and services received in exchange for the share-based payment cannot be reliably estimated, the fair value is measured by use of a valuation model. The expected life used in the model is adjusted, based on management's best estimate, for the effects of non-transferability, exercise restrictions, and behavioural considerations.

All equity-settled share-based payments are reflected in share-based payments reserve, until exercised. Upon exercise shares are issued from treasury and the amount reflected in share-based payments reserve is credited to share capital along with any consideration paid.

## (I) Share capital

The Company's common shares, preferred shares and share warrants shares are classified as equity instruments.

Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of new shares or options are shown in equity as a deduction from the proceeds.

Proceeds received on the issuance of units, consisting of common shares and warrants are allocated to share capital.

## (m) Equipment

Equipment is stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses.



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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 a significant replaced part is derecognized. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the statement of income and comprehensive income 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.

Depreciation and amortization are calculated on a straight-line method to charge the cost, less residual value, of the assets to their residual values over their estimated useful lives. The depreciation and amortization rate applicable to each category of equipment is as follows:

Equipment	Depreciation rate
Exploration equipment	20%
Computer software	50%
Computer equipment	55%

## New standards adopted during the year ended December 31, 2017:

IAS 7 "Statement of Cash Flows"

Disclosures related to financing activities were amended to require disclosures about changes in liabilities arising from financing activities, including both changes arising from cash flows and non-cash changes. This amendment is effective for years beginning on or after January 1, 2017. The adoption of these amendments did not result in any impact to the Company's financial statements.

IAS 12 "Income Taxes"

Deferred tax was amended to clarify (i) the requirements for recognizing deferred tax assets on unrealized losses; (ii) deferred tax where an asset is measured at a fair value below the asset's tax base, and (iii) certain other aspects of accounting for deferred tax assets. This amendment is effective for years beginning on or after January 1, 2017. The Company has not yet assessed the impact of this standard. The adoption of these amendments did not result in any impact to the Company's financial statements.

## Standards, Interpretations and Amendments Not Yet Effective:

IFRS 9 "Financial Instruments" (IFRS 9)

IFRS 9 addresses classification and measurement of financial assets. It replaces the multiple category and measurement models in IAS 39 for debt instruments with a new mixed measurement model having only two categories: amortized cost and fair value through profit and loss. IFRS 9 also replaces the models for measuring equity instruments. Such instruments are either recognized at fair value through profit or loss or at fair value through other comprehensive income. Where equity instruments are measured at fair value through other comprehensive income, dividends are recognized in the statement of earnings to the extent that they do not clearly represent a return of investment; however, other gains and losses (including impairments) associated with such instruments remain in accumulated comprehensive income indefinitely. Requirements for financial liabilities were added to IFRS 9 in October 2010 and they largely carried forward existing requirements in IAS 39 except that fair value changes due to credit risk for liabilities designated at fair value through profit and loss are generally recorded in other comprehensive income. This standard is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2018. The Company has not yet assessed the impact of this standard.

IFRS 15 "Revenue from Contracts with Customers"



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IFRS 15 was issued in May 2014 to replace IAS 18, Revenue, IAS 11, Construction Contracts, and related interpretations on revenue. IFRS 15 establishes principles to address the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows arising from an entity's contracts with customers. IFRS 15 will also result in enhanced disclosures about revenue, provide guidance for transactions that were not previously addressed comprehensively and improve guidance for multiple element arrangements. Companies can elect to use either a full or modified retrospective approach when adopting this standard and it is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2018. The Company has not yet assessed the impact of this standard.

IFRS 16 "Leases"

IFRS 16 replaces current guidance in IAS 17. Under IAS 17, lessees were required to make a distinction between a finance lease (on the balance sheet) and an operating lease (off balance sheet). IFRS 16 now requires lessees to recognize a lease liability reflecting future lease payments and a "right-of-use asset" for virtually all lease contracts. The IASB has included an optional exemption for certain short-term leases and leases of low value assets, however this exemption can only be applied by lessees. The standard applies to annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2019, with earlier application permitted if IFRS 15, Revenue from Contracts with Customers, is also applied. The Company has not yet assessed the impact of this standard.

## 3. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGMENTS, ESTIMATES AND ASSUMPTIONS

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that can affect reported amounts of assets, liabilities revenues and expenses and the accompanying disclosures. Estimates and assumptions are continuously evaluated and are based on management's historical experience and on other assumptions believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. However, different judgments, estimates and assumptions could result in outcomes that require a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets or liabilities affected in future periods.

The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are:

#### (a) Recoverability of Exploration and Evaluation Assets

The ultimate recoverability of the exploration and evaluation assets of \$50,494 carrying value at December 31, 2017, is dependent upon the Company's ability to obtain the necessary financing and permits to complete the development and commence profitable production at the Manniitsoq Project, or alternatively, upon the Company's ability to dispose of its interest therein on an advantageous basis. A review of the indicators of potential impairment is carried out at least at each period end.

Management undertakes a periodic review of these assets to determine whether any indication of impairment exists. Where an indicator of impairment exists, a formal estimate of the recoverable amount of the assets is made. An impairment loss is recognized when the carrying value of the assets is higher than the recoverable amount and when mineral license tenements are relinquished or have lapsed. In undertaking this review, management of the Company is required to make significant estimates of, among other things, discount rates, commodity prices, availability of financing, future operating and capital costs and all aspects of project advancement. These estimates are subject to various risks and uncertainties, which may ultimately have an effect on the expected recoverability of the carrying values of the assets.

## (b) Restoration Provisions

Management's best estimates regarding the restoration provisions are based on the current economic environment. Changes in estimates of contamination, restoration standards and restoration activities result in changes to provisions from period to period. Actual restoration provisions will ultimately depend on future market prices for future restoration

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obligations. Management has determined that the Company does not have any significant restoration obligations as at December 31, 2017.

## (c) Valuation of Share-Based Compensation

The Company estimates the fair value of convertible securities such as warrants and options using the Black-Scholes Option Pricing Model which requires significant estimation around assumptions and inputs such as expected term to maturity, expected volatility and expected forfeiture rates. The accounting policies in Note 2(k) and Note 10 of the financial statements contain further details of significant assumptions applied to these areas of estimation.

## (d) Going Concern

Financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis unless management either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease trading, or has no realistic alternative to do so. Assessment of the Company's ability to continue as a going concern requires the consideration of all available information about the future, which is at least, but not limited to, twelve months from the end of the reporting period. This information includes estimates of future cash flows and other factors, the outcome of which is uncertain. When management is aware, in making its assessment, of material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast substantial doubt upon the Company's ability to continue as a going concern those uncertainties are disclosed.

#### 4. SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS

Short-term investments are comprised of a highly liquid Canadian dollar denominated guaranteed investment certificate with an initial term to maturity greater than ninety days, but not more than one year, that is readily convertible to a contracted amount of cash. The counter-party is a Canadian financial institution. During the year ended December 31, 2017, the instrument was yielding an annual interest rate range of 1.10% (December 31, 2016 - 1.10% - 1.20%).

## 5. RECEIVABLES AND OTHER CURRENT ASSETS

A summary of the receivables and other current assets as of December 31, 2017 is detailed in the table below:

	December 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
Sales taxes receivable	143	17
Interest receivable	16	9
Other current assets	83	116
	242	142

Other current assets is comprised of prepaid expenses.

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## 6. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

The table below sets out costs and accumulated depreciation as at December 31, 2017 and 2016:

	Exploration Equipment	Computer Equipment	Computer Software	Total
Cost				
Balance – December 31, 2015	47	7	136	190
Additions	-	3	-	3
Balance – December 31, 2016	47	10	136	193
Additions	20	-	-	20
Balance – December 31, 2017	67	10	136	213
Accumulated Depreciation				
Accumulated Depreciation				
Balance – December 31, 2015	28	4	65	97
Balance – December 31, 2015  Depreciation	4	3	35	42
Balance – December 31, 2015  Depreciation		-		
Balance – December 31, 2015	4	3	35	42
Balance – December 31, 2015  Depreciation  Balance – December 31, 2016	32	3	35 <b>100</b>	42 <b>139</b>
Balance – December 31, 2015  Depreciation  Balance – December 31, 2016  Depreciation	32 6	3 <b>7</b> 1	35 100 18	42 <b>139</b> 25
Balance – December 31, 2015  Depreciation  Balance – December 31, 2016  Depreciation  Balance – December 31, 2017	32 6	3 <b>7</b> 1	35 100 18	42 <b>139</b> 25
Balance – December 31, 2015  Depreciation  Balance – December 31, 2016  Depreciation  Balance – December 31, 2017  Carrying Amount	4 32 6 38	3 7 1 8	35 100 18 118	42 139 25 164



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## 7. EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION ASSETS

	Canada US			Greenland	
	Post Creek	Halcyon	Section	Maniitsoq	
	Property	Property	35	Property	Total
			Property		
Acquisition					_
Balance, December 31, 2016	268	206	3	20	497
Acquisition costs – cash	10	8	3	16	37
Balance, December 31, 2017	278	214	6	36	534
Exploration					
Balance, December 31, 2016	1,085	173	-	36,587	37,845
Administration	2	-	-	516	518
Camp operations	-	-	-	3,004	3,004
Corporate social responsibility	-	-	-	37	37
Drilling expenses	-	-	-	3,337	3,337
Environment, health and safety	-	-	-	99	99
Geology	48	14	-	691	753
Geophysics	2	-	-	1,014	1,016
Infrastructure	-	-	-	255	255
Helicopter charter aircraft	-	-	-	3,058	3,058
Property maintenance	-	-	-	7	7
Technical studies	1	-	-	30	31
	53	14	-	12,048	12,115
Balance, December 31, 2017	1,138	187	-	48,635	49,960
Total, December 31, 2017	1,416	401	6	48,671	50,494

	Cana	da	US	Greenland	
	Post Creek Property	Halcyon Property	Section 35 Property	Maniitsoq Property	Total
Acquisition					
Balance, December 31, 2015	258	198	-	11	467
Acquisition costs – cash	10	8	3	9	30
Balance, December 31, 2016	268	206	3	20	497
Exploration	1.005	140		20,002	20.227
Balance, December 31, 2015	1,005	148		28,083	29,236
Administration	-	-	-	132	132
Corporate social responsibility	-	-	-	63	63
Drilling expenses	I	-	-	1,799 2	1,800 2
Environment, health and safety	-	-	-	<del>-</del>	_
Camp operations	-	-	-	2,160 2,472	2,160 2,472
Helicopter charter aircraft Geology	- 78	25	-	2,472 858	961
Geophysics	70	25	-	954	954
Remote sensing	_	_	_	68	68
Technical studies (recovery)	1	_	_	(4)	(3)
. 55541 5144105 (1505151)	80	25	-	8,504	8,609
Balance, December 31,2016	1,085	173	-	36,587	37,845
Total, December 31, 2016	1,353	379	3	36,607	38,342



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The following is a description of the Company's exploration and evaluation assets and the related spending commitments:

#### **Post Creek**

On December 23, 2009, the Company executed a letter of intent whereby the Company has an option to acquire a mineral claim known as the Post Creek Property located within the Sudbury Mining District of Ontario.

On April 5, 2010 and as amended on March 12, 2013, the Company entered into an option agreement to acquire a 100% interest in the Post Creek Property, subject to certain net smelter return royalties ("NSR") and advance royalty payments. To December 31, 2015, the Company has completed the required consideration and acquired its interest in the Post Creek Property. Commencing August 1, 2015, the Company is obligated to pay advances on the NSR of \$10 per annum, totalling \$10 during the year ended December 31, 2017 (December 31, 2016 - \$10), the total of which will be deducted from any payments to be made under the NSR.

During the year ended December 31, 2017, the Company incurred exploration expenditures totalling \$53 (December 31, 2016 - \$80) on the Post Creek Property.

#### Halcyon

On April 5, 2010 and as amended on March 12, 2013, the Company entered into an option agreement to acquire rights to Halcyon Property, subject to certain NSR and advance royalty payments. To December 31, 2015, the Company has completed the required consideration and acquired its interest in the Halcyon Property. Commencing August 1, 2015, the Company is obligated to pay advances on the NSR of \$8 per annum, totalling \$8 during the year ended December 31, 2017, (December 31, 2016 - \$8), the total of which will be deducted from any payments to be made under the NSR arrangement.

During the year ended December 31, 2017, the Company incurred \$14 (December 31, 2016 - \$25) in exploration and license related expenditures on the Halcyon Property.

#### **Section 35 Property**

On January 4, 2016, the Company entered into a 10 year Metallic Minerals Lease (the "Lease") with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for an area covering approximately 320 acres. The terms of the Lease require an annual rental fee at a rate of US \$3.00 per acre for years 1-5 and at a rate of US \$6.00 per acre for years 6-10. The Company shall pay a minimum royalty at a rate of US \$10.00 per acre for the 11<sup>th</sup> year onwards, with an increase of an additional US \$5.00 per acre per year up to a maximum of US \$55.00 per acre per year. A production royalty of between 2% - 2.5% is payable from production of minerals and/or mineral products from an established mining operation area. The Company paid the first year rental fee and the required reclamation deposit of \$14 (US \$10,000). The Department of Natural Resources shall annually review the level of the reclamation deposit and shall require the amount to be increased or decreased to reflect changes in the cost of future reclamation of the leased premises.

During the year ended December 31, 2017, the Company spent a total of \$3 (December 31, 2016 - \$3) in license related expenditures on the Section 35 Property.

#### Maniitsoq

The Company has been granted certain exploration licenses, by the Bureau of Minerals and Petroleum ("BMP") of Greenland for exclusive exploration rights of an area comprising the Maniitsoq Property, located near Ininngui, Greenland. The Property is subject to a 2.5% NSR. The Company can reduce the NSR to 1% by paying \$2,000 on or before 60 days from the decision to commence commercial production.

At the expiration of the first license period, the Company may apply for a second license period (years 6-10), and the Company may apply for a further 3-year license for years 11 to 13. Thereafter, the Company may apply for additional 3-year licenses for years 14 to 16, 17 to 19 and 20 to 22. The Company will be required to pay additional license fees and will be obligated to incur minimum eligible exploration expenses for such years.

The Company may terminate the licenses at any time; however any unfulfilled obligations according to the licenses will remain in force, regardless of the termination.



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Future required minimum exploration expenditures will be adjusted each year on the basis of the change to the Danish Consumer Price Index.

During the year ended December 31, 2017, the Company spent an aggregate of \$12,064 (December 31, 2016 - \$8,513) in exploration and license related expenditures on the Maniitsoq Property, which is comprised of the Sulussugut and Iningui Licenses. Further details on the licenses and related expenditures are outlined below.

## Sulussugut License

(All references to amounts in Danish Kroners, "DKK" are in thousands of DKK)

Effective August 15, 2011, the Company was granted an exploration license (the "Sulussugut License") by the BMP of Greenland for exclusive exploration rights of an area located near Sulussugut, Greenland. The Company paid a license fee of \$6 (DKK 31) upon granting of the Sulussugut License. The application for another 5 year term on the Sulussugut License was submitted to the Greenland Mineral Licence & Safety Authority which was effective on April 11, 2016, with December 31, 2017 being the seventh year. During the year ended December 31, 2016, the Company paid a license fee of \$8 (DKK 40) which provides for renewal of the Sulussugut License until 2020.

To December 31, 2015, under the terms of a preliminary license, the Company completed the exploration requirements of an estimated minimum of DKK 83,809 (approximately \$15,808) between the years ended December 31, 2011 to 2015 by incurring \$26,116 on the Sulussugut License. The accumulated exploration credits held at the end to December 31, 2015, of DKK 100,304 can be carried forward until 2019. Under the terms of the second license period, the Company had no minimum required exploration for the year ended December 31, 2016. As of December 31, 2017, the Company has spent \$44,937 on exploration costs for the Sulussugut License.

To December 31, 2017 and 2016, the Company has completed all obligations with respect to required reduction of the area of the license.

During the year ended December 31, 2017, the Company had approved exploration expenditures of DKK 85,094 (approximately \$16,746) which results in the total carried credits for the Sulussugut License at DKK 246,507 (approximately \$48,513).

During the year ended December 31, 2017, the Company spent a total of \$11,079 (December 31, 2016 - \$7,755) in exploration and license related expenditures on the Sulussugut License.

## Ininngui License

Effective March 4, 2012, the Company was granted an exploration license (the "Ininngui License") by the BMP of Greenland for exclusive exploration rights of an area located near Ininngui, Greenland. The Company paid a license fee of \$6 (DKK 32) upon granting of the Ininngui License. The Ininngui License was valid for 5 years until December 31, 2016, with December 31, 2012 being the first year. The Ininngui License is contiguous with the Sulussugut License.

To December 31, 2016, the Company's expenditures exceeded the minimum requirement and the Company has a surplus of DKK 15,677 (approximately \$3,044) and the Company was granted a credit for the excess, which may be used towards future expense requirements on the Ininngui License until the following years; year 2018 - DKK 2,276, year 2019 - DKK 6,790 and year 2020 - DKK 9,367, should the Company be granted an extension on the exploration license.

The required minimum exploration expenditures on the Ininngui License for year 5, ending December 31, 2016 was DKK 2,715 (approximately \$535). As of December 31, 2017, the Company has spent \$3,698 on exploration costs for the Ininngui License.

Should the Company not incur the minimum exploration expenditures on the license in any one year from years 2-5, the Company may pay 50% of the difference in cash to BMP as full compensation for that year. This procedure may not be used for more than 2 consecutive calendar years and as at December 31, 2017, the Company has not used the procedure for the license.

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During the year ended December 31, 2017, the Company spent a total of \$985 (December 31, 2016 - \$758) in exploration and license related expenditures on the Ininngui License.

## 8. TRADE PAYABLES AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES

	December 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
Trade payables	813	133
Amounts due to related parties (Note 11)	42	2
Accrued liabilities	114	46
	969	181

#### 9. LOAN PAYABLE

On April 22, 2016, the Company issued a term note to Sentient Executive GP IV Limited ("Sentient") and received a loan of \$4,500 (the "Loan"). The Loan was due on April 30, 2017 and was made on an interest free basis. Sentient is a significant shareholder of the Company.

Following the guidance of IFRS 13 "Fair Value Measurements" and IAS 39 "Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement," the Company discounted the Loan at an interest rate of 15% per annum, being the estimated market rate. Accordingly, upon issuance, the Company recorded an amount of \$265 to reserves, which was to be amortized as interest expense over the term of the Loan.

Under the terms of the Loan, Sentient had the right, at its option, to require early pre-payment in the event that, during the term of the Loan, the Company successfully completed an issuance of common shares to third parties for gross proceeds of not less than \$2,000. In the event the maximum offering amount is raised, being \$12,000, Sentient was required to be repaid the full loan of \$4,500. During the year ended December 31, 2016, the Company closed private placements (Note 10), which triggered full repayment of the Loan. The Company repaid the Loan and, accordingly, the full amount of \$265 was reallocated to share capital on settlement and recorded on the statement of comprehensive loss as interest expense.

The Company also issued Sentient 952,380 common shares, at a fair value of \$95, as a finance fee for advancing the Loan.

## 10. SHARE CAPITAL, WARRANTS AND OPTIONS

The authorized capital of the Company comprises an unlimited number of common shares without par value and 100,000,000 Series 1 convertible preferred shares without par value.

a) Common shares issued and outstanding

## 2017

On June 8, 2017, the Company closed a brokered placement, through a prospectus, of units for total gross proceeds of \$10,877. The Company issued 145,030,833 units at a price of \$0.075 per unit. Each unit consists of one common share in the capital of the Company and one-half of one common share purchase warrant. Each warrant entitles the holder to acquire one common share at an exercise price of \$0.12 until June 8, 2019. The Company paid share issuance costs of \$533 and also issued 1,965,093 agent's warrants, exercisable at \$0.075 per warrant until June 8, 2019. The Company allocated a \$1,500 fair value to the warrants issued in conjunction with the private placement and \$61 to agent's warrants. The fair value of warrants was determined on a pro-rata basis using the Black-Scholes Option Pricing Model with the following assumptions;

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expected life of 2 years, expected dividend yield of 0%, a risk-free interest rate of 0.71% and an expected volatility of 98.60%. The Company also granted the agent an overallotment option for a period of 30 days, which expired unexercised. The fair value of overallotment option of \$39 was recorded as a share issuance cost and was determined on a pro-rata basis using the Black-Scholes Option Pricing Model with the following assumptions; expected life of 30 days, expected dividend yield of 0%, a risk-free interest rate of 0.71% and an expected volatility of 66.6%.

On August 15, 2017, the Company closed a non-brokered private placement of units for total proceeds of \$3,074. The Company issued 40,982,448 units at a price of \$0.075 per unit. Each unit consists of one common share in the capital of the Company and one-half of one common share purchase warrant. Each warrant entitles the holder thereof to acquire one common share at an exercise price of \$0.12 until August 15, 2019. The Company allocated a \$519 fair value to the warrants issued from the private placement. Direct financing costs totalled \$16 resulting in net proceeds to the Company of \$3,058. The fair value of warrants was determined on a pro-rata basis using the Black-Scholes Option Pricing Model with the following assumptions; expected life of 2 years, expected dividend yield of 0%, a risk-free interest rate of 1.23% and an expected volatility of 98.64%.

#### 2016

On April 28, 2016, the Company issued 952,380 common shares at a fair value of \$95 as a finance fee.

On July 21, 2016, the Company closed a private placement of 92,668,907 units at a price of \$0.075 per unit for gross proceeds of \$6,950. Each unit consists of one common share of the Company and one half of one common share purchase warrant. Each whole warrant entitles the purchaser to purchase an additional common share at a price of \$0.12 per share until July 21, 2018. Share issuance costs of \$571 were incurred in connection with the private placement. The Company also issued 1,203,695 agent's warrants, exercisable at \$0.075 per warrant until July 21, 2018. The Company allocated a fair value of \$48 to the agent's warrants under the Black-Scholes Option Pricing Model with the following assumptions: expected life of 2 years, expected dividend yield of 0%, a risk-free interest rate of 0.57% and an expected volatility of 91.06%. The Company also granted the agent an overallotment option, which expired unexercised.

On September 12, 2016, the Company closed a private placement and issued 67,331,093 units at a price of \$0.075 per unit for gross proceeds of \$5,050. Each unit consists of one common share of the Company and one half of one common share purchase warrant. Each whole warrant entitles the purchaser to purchase an additional common share at a price of \$0.12 per share until September 12, 2018.

#### 2015

During the year ended December 31, 2015, the Company issued 1,149,000 common shares for stock options exercised at \$0.10 per share for proceeds of \$115. The Company reallocated \$57 from share-based payments reserve to share capital upon exercise.

The Company issued 7,461,748 common shares for warrant exercises at \$0.21 per share for proceeds of \$1,567.

On July 20, 2015, the Company closed a private placement of 29,054,079 units at a price of \$0.22 per unit for proceeds of \$6,392. Each unit consisted of one common share of the Company and one half of one common share purchase warrant. Each whole warrant entitled the purchaser to purchase an additional common share at a price of \$0.30 per share until July 20, 2017. Share issuance costs of \$216 were incurred in connection with the private placement. The Company also issued 251,370 broker's warrants, exercisable at \$0.30 per warrant until July 20, 2017. The Company allocated a fair value of \$18 to the broker's warrants under the Black-Scholes

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Option Pricing Model with the following assumptions: expected life of 2 years, expected dividend yield of 0%, a risk-free interest rate of 0.42% and an expected volatility of 89.61%.

## b) Preferred shares issued and outstanding

As at December 31, 2017, December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, there are 590,931 series 1 preferred shares outstanding.

The rights and restrictions of the preferred shares are as follows:

- i) dividends shall be paid at the discretion of the directors;
- ii) the holders of the preferred shares are not entitled to vote except at meetings of the holders of the preferred shares, where they are entitled to one vote for each preferred share held;
- iii) the shares are convertible at any time after 6 months from the date of issuance, upon the holder serving the Company with 10 days written notice; and
- iv) the number of the common shares to be received on conversion of the preferred shares is to be determined by dividing the conversion value of the share, \$1 per share, by \$0.90.

## c) Warrants

A summary of common share purchase warrants activity during the years ended December 31, 2017, December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015 is as follows:

	December 31, 2017		December 3	December 31, 2016		1, 2015
	Number Outstanding	Weighted Average Exercise Price (\$)	Number Outstanding	Weighted Average Exercise Price (\$)	Number Outstanding	Weighted Average Exercise Price (\$)
Outstanding, beginning of year	95,982,036	0.15	27,738,344	0.49	25,137,030	0.47
Issued	94,971,721	0.12	81,203,692	0.12	14,778,344	0.12
Cancelled / Expired	(14,778,344)	0.30	(12,960,000)	0.71	(4,715,282)	0.21
Exercised		-	-	-	(7,461,748)	0.21
Outstanding, end of year	176,175,413	0.12	95,982,036	0.15	27,738,344	0.49

At December 31, 2017, the Company had outstanding common share purchase warrants exercisable to acquire common shares of the Company as follows:

Warrants Outstanding	Expiry Date	Exercise Price (\$)	Weighted Average remaining contractual life (years)
46,334,451	Jul 21, 2018 <sup>1</sup>	0.12	0.15
1,203,695	Jul 21, 2018	0.075	0.00
33,665,546	Sep 12, 2018 <sup>1</sup>	0.12	0.13
72,515,414	June 8, 2019	0.12	0.59
1,965,083	June 8, 2019	0.075	0.02
20,491,224	August 15, 2019	0.12	0.19
176,175,413		_	1.08

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The warrants are subject to an acceleration clause such that if the volume-weighted average trading price of the Company's common shares on the TSX-V exceeds \$0.18 per common share for a period of 10 consecutive trading days at any date before the expiration date of such warrants, the Company may, at its option, accelerate the warrant expiry date to within 30 days. To December 31, 2017, the Company's common shares have not met the criterion for acceleration.

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## d) Stock options

The Company adopted a Stock Option Plan (the "Plan"), providing the authority to grant options to directors, officers, employees and consultants enabling them to acquire up to 10% of the issued and outstanding common stock of the Company. Under the Plan, the exercise price of each option equals the market price or a discounted price of the Company's stock as calculated on the date of grant. The options can be granted for a maximum term of 10 years.

A summary of option activity under the Plan during the years ended December 31, 2017, December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015 is as follows:

	December 3	1, 2017	December 31, 2016		December 31, 2015	•
	Number Outstanding	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Number Outstanding	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Number Outstanding	Weighted Average Exercise Price
Outstanding,	12,823,000	0.30	9,872,500	0.37	12,548,000	0.31
beginning of year						
Issued	9,137,500	0.12	6,058,000	0.21	1,350,000	0.25
Cancelled /	(1,240,000)	0.24	(3,107,500)	0.34	(2,876,500)	0.11
Expired						
Exercised		-	-	-	(1,149,000)	0.10
Outstanding, end of year	20,720,500	0.23	12,823,000	0.30	9,872,500	0.37

During the year ended December 31, 2017, the Company granted 9,137,500 incentive stock options to employees, directors and consultants with a maximum term of 5 years. All stock options vest immediately and are exercisable at \$0.12 per common share. The Company calculates the fair value of all stock options using the Black-Scholes Option Pricing Model. The fair value of this grant amounted to \$504 and was recorded as a share-based payments expense.

During the year ended December 31, 2016, the Company granted 6,058,000 incentive stock options to employees, directors and consultants with a maximum term of 5 years. The granting of these options resulted in a share-based payments expense of \$278.

During the year ended December 31, 2016, the Company recorded a further \$31 in stock-based compensation for previously issued stock options that vested during the year.

During the year ended December 31, 2015, the Company granted 1,350,000 incentive stock options to employees, directors and consultants with a maximum term of 5 years. Of the total, 200,000 options granted to a consultant vest 25% every 3 months and all other options vested immediately. The granting of these options resulted in a stock-based compensation expense of \$232. The Company recorded a further \$26 in stock-based compensation for previously issued stock options that vested during the year.

The fair value of stock options granted and vested during the years ended December 31, 2017, December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015 was calculated using the following assumptions:

	December 31,	December 31,	December 31,
	2017	2016	2015
Expected dividend yield	0%	0%	0%
Expected share price volatility	66.6% - 100.6%	111% - 113%	157.9% - 170.5%
Risk free interest rate	1.17% – 1.80%	0.68% - 0.79%	0.64% - 0.79%
Expected life of options	5 years	5 years	5years

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Details of options outstanding as at December 31, 2017 are as follows:

Options Outstanding	Options Exercisable	Expiry Date	Exercise Price (\$)	Weighted average remaining contractual life (years)
150,000	150,000	Jan 15, 2018 *	0.15	0.00
200,000	200,000	Apr 22, 2018	0.15	0.00
150,000	150,000	Jul 29, 2018	0.20	0.00
200,000	200,000	Sep 30, 2018	0.37	0.01
2,440,000	2,440,000	Jul 9, 2019	0.62	0.18
200,000	200,000	Aug 27, 2019	0.37	0.02
100,000	100,000	Sep 26, 2019	0.26	0.01
350,000	350,000	Nov 5, 2019	0.21	0.03
1,000,000	1,000,000	Dec 19, 2019	0.22	0.09
900,000	900,000	Feb 3, 2020	0.275	0.09
450,000	450,000	Oct 5, 2020	0.20	0.06
5,443,000	5,443,000	Jan 28, 2021	0.21	0.81
8,137,500	8,137,500	Feb 21, 2022	0.12	1.63
1,000,000	1,000,000	Dec 20, 2022	0.12	0.24
20,720,500	20,720,500			3.17

<sup>\*</sup> Subsequently expired, unexercised.

## e) Reserve

The reserve records items recognized as stock-based compensation expense and other share-based payments until such time that the stock options or warrants are exercised, at which time the corresponding amount will be transferred to share capital. Amounts recorded for forfeited or expired unexercised options and warrants are transferred to deficit. During the year ended December 31, 2017 the Company recorded \$504 of share-based payments to reserve, (December 31, 2016 - \$309) (December 31, 2015 - \$276). During the year ended December 31, 2017, the Company transferred \$301 (December 31, 2016 - \$2,725) (December 31, 2015 - \$284) to deficit for expired options and warrants.

During the year ended December 31, 2016, the Company initially recorded an amount of \$265 to the reserve, which was amortized as interest expense over the term of the Loan and reallocated to share capital upon settlement.

## 11. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The following amounts due to related parties are included in trade payables and accrued liabilities (Note 8):

	December 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
Directors and officers of the Company	42	2
Total	42	2

These amounts are unsecured, non-interest bearing and have no fixed terms of repayment.

## (a) Related party transactions

On August 15, 2017, Sentient subscribed for a total of 38,666,666 units under the private placement equity financing transaction described in Note 10 for a total net proceeds of \$2,900. As part of the subscription, Sentient was granted 19,333,333 common share purchase warrants exercisable at \$0.12 until August 15, 2019.

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On June 8, 2017, Sentient acquired 94,666,666 units in the equity financing as described in Note 10 for net proceeds of \$7,100. As part of the Offering, Sentient was granted 47,333,333 common share purchase warrants exercisable at \$0.12 until June 8, 2019.

As of December 31, 2017, Sentient beneficially owns 356,476,487 common shares constituting approximately 64.27% of the currently issued and outstanding Common Shares.

During the year ended December 31, 2017, the Company recorded \$244 (2016 - \$347) (2015 - \$217) in fees charged by a legal firm in which the Company's chairman is a consultant.

During the year ended December 31, 2017, the Company recorded \$Nil (2016 - \$16) (2015 - \$35) in rent and utilities expense to VMS Ventures Inc. a company that was a significant shareholder and related through common directors, which was included in general and administrative expense.

During the year ended December 31, 2016, the Company issued 952,380 common shares to Sentient for a fee for advancing the loan of \$4,500 at a fair value of \$95. The Company discounted the loan with the interest not being charged by Sentient using an interest rate of 15% per annum and an amount of \$265 was booked to capital contribution reserve.

During the year ended December 31, 2015, the Company recorded \$217 in fees charged by a legal firm in which the Company's chairman is a consultant. The fees have been allocated as \$182 in legal fees and \$35 in share issuance costs.

During the year ended December 31, 2016, Sentient acquired 120,428,939 (2015 - 25,448,503) common shares. The common shares were acquired as to 952,380 common shares (2015 - Nil) at a fair value of \$95 (2015 - \$Nil) as a finance fee and 119,476,559 (2015 - 25,448,503) common shares as part of the private placements at a price of \$8,960 (2015 -\$5,124).

(b) Key management personnel are defined as members of the Board of Directors and senior officers.

Key management compensation was:

	December 31, 2017	December 31, 2016	December 31, 2015
Geological consulting fees – expensed	35	6	72
Geological consulting fees – capitalized	178	44	94
Management fees – expensed	749	756	547
Salaries - expensed	128	103	77
Share-based payments	358	186	36
Total	1,448	1,095	826

## 12. SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION

Changes in working capital for the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015 are as follows:

	December 31,	December 31,	December 31,
	2017	2016	2015
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivables and current assets	(162)	36	(9)
Increase (decrease) in prepaid expenses	46	(73)	21
Increase (decrease) in trade payables and accrued liabilities	21	(15)	(180)
Total changes in working capital	(95)	(52)	(168)

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During the year ended December 31, 2017, the Company:

- i) transferred \$301 from reserve to deficit;
- ii) recorded \$39 in fair value of options to share issuance costs;
- iii) recorded \$2,080 in fair value of agent's warrants to share issuance costs; and
- iv) recorded \$767 in accrued exploration and evaluation expenditures.

During the year ended December 31, 2016, the Company:

- i) recorded \$265 to reserves, which was subsequently reallocated to share capital and amortized as interest expense over the term of the Loan;
- ii) transferred \$2,725 from reserve to deficit;
- iii) recorded \$48 in fair value of agent's warrants to share issuance costs; and
- iv) recorded \$34 in accrued exploration and evaluation expenditures.

During the year ended December 31, 2015, the Company:

- i) transferred \$284 from reserve to deficit; and
- ii) recorded \$86 in accrued exploration and evaluation expenditures.

## 13. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The Company has certain commitments to meet the minimum expenditures requirements on its mineral exploration assets it has interest in.

Effective July 1, 2014, the Company had changes to management and entered into the following agreements for services with directors of the Company and a company in which a director has an interest:

- i) Management fees: \$27 per month effective December 2014.
- ii) Directors' fees: \$2 stipend per month for independent directors and \$3 stipend per month for the chairman of the board.

Each of the agreements shall be continuous and may only be terminated by mutual agreement of the parties, subject to the provisions that in the event there is a change of effective control of the Company, the party shall have the right to terminate the agreement, within sixty days from the date of such change of effective control, upon written notice to the Company. Within thirty days from the date of delivery of such notice, the Company shall forward to the party the amount of money due and owing to the party hereunder to the extent accrued to the effective date of termination.

#### 14. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Company's exposure to market risk includes, but is not limited to, the following risks:

## Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The Convertible Debentures with Sentient no longer bear interest and therefore are not subject to changes in interest payments. The short term investments are held at highly-rated financial institutions and earn guaranteed fixed interest rate and thus are not subject to significant changes in interest payments.

## Foreign Currency Exchange Rate Risk

Currency risk is risk that the fair value of future cash flows will fluctuate because of changes in foreign currency exchange rates. In addition, the value of cash and cash equivalents and other financial assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies can fluctuate with changes in currency exchange rates.

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The Company operates in Canada and Greenland and undertakes transactions denominated in foreign currencies such as United States dollar, Euros and Danish Krones, and consequently is exposed to exchange rate risks. Exchange risks are managed by matching levels of foreign currency balances and related obligations and by maintaining operating cash accounts in non-Canadian dollar currencies. The rate published by the Bank of Canada at the close of business on December 31, 2017 was 1.2550 USD to CAD, 0.6649 EUR to CAD and 0.2018 DKK to CAD.

The Company's Canadian dollar equivalent of financial assets and liabilities that are denominated in Danish Krones consist of accounts payable of \$571 (2016 - \$23) and \$56 in USD currency (2016 - \$Nil).

#### Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation. The credit risk is primarily associated with liquid financial assets. The Company limits exposure to credit risk on liquid financial assets by holding cash and cash equivalents and short term investments at highly-rated financial institutions.

#### Price Risk

The Company is exposed to price risk with respect to commodity prices. Commodity price risk is defined as the potential adverse impact on earnings and economic value due to commodity price movements and volatilities. To mitigate price risk, the Company closely monitors commodity prices of precious metals and the stock market to determine the appropriate course of action to be taken by the Company.

## Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities that are settled by delivering cash or another financial asset. The Company manages the liquidity risk inherent in these financial obligations by regularly monitoring actual cash flows to annual budget which forecast cash needs and expected cash availability to meet future obligations. The financing transactions completed during the year ended December 31, 2017 improved the liquidity position of the Company.

The Company will defer discretionary expenditures, as required, in order to manage and conserve cash required for current liabilities.

The following table shows the Company's contractual obligations as at December 31, 2017:

As at December 31, 2017	Less than 1 year	1 - 2 years	2 - 5 years	Total
Trade and accrued liabilities	969	-	-	969
	969	-	-	969

## Capital Risk Management

The Company manages its capital to ensure that it will be able to continue as a going concern, so that adequate funds are available or are scheduled to be raised to carry out the Company's exploration program and to meet its ongoing administrative and operating costs and obligations. This is achieved by the Board of Directors' review and ultimate approval of budgets that are achievable within existing resources, and the timely matching and release of the next stage of expenditures with the resources made available from capital raisings and debt funding from related or other parties. In doing so, the Company may issue new shares, restructure or issue new debt.

The Company is not subject to any externally imposed capital requirements imposed by a regulator or a lending institution.

In the management of capital, the Company includes the components of equity, loans and borrowings, other current

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liabilities, net of cash and cash equivalents.

	As at December 31,			
	2017	2016		
Equity	52,728	41,701		
Current liabilities	969	181		
	53,697	41,882		
Cash and cash equivalents	(398)	(630)		
Short term investments	(2,500)	(2,700)		
	50,799	38,552		

#### 15. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The fair value hierarchy establishes six levels to classify the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure the fair value.

The six 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 either directly or indirectly
- Level 3 Inputs that are not based on observable market data

#### 16. SEGMENTED INFORMATION

The Company operates in one reportable operating segment being that of the acquisition, exploration and development of mineral properties in three geographic segments being Canada, Greenland and United States (Note 7). The Company's geographic segments are as follows:

	December 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
Equipment		
Canada	19	39
Greenland	30	15
Total	49	54
	December 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
Exploration and evaluation assets		
Canada	1,817	1,732
Greenland	48,671	36,607
United States	6	3

## 17. INCOME TAXES

A reconciliation of the expected income tax recovery to the actual income tax recovery is as follows:

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		ear ended ember 31, 2017	Year ended cember 31, 2016
Net loss	\$	(2,879)	\$ (2,877)
Statutory tax rate		26.0%	26.0%
Expected income tax recovery at the statutory tax rate	-	(749)	(748)
Permanent differences and other		(2)	(80)
Change in valuation allowance		751	828
Net deferred Income tax recovery	\$	-	\$ -

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

	Dec	December 31, 2016		
Exploration and evaluation assets	\$	18	\$	14
Loss carry-forwards		3,048		2,366
Share issuance costs		237		175
Cumulative eligible capital		32		32
Equipment		93		91
		3,428		2,678
Valuation allowance		(3,428)		(2,678)
Net deferred tax asset	\$	-	\$	

The tax pools relating to these deductible temporary differences expire as follows:

	Canadian	Canadian			Canadian
	non-capital	net-capital		Canadian	share issue
	losses	losses	resc	ource pools	costs
2030	\$ 696	\$ -	\$	-	\$ -
2031	517	-		-	-
2032	645	-		-	-
2033	847	=		-	-
2034	1,484	-		-	-
2035	2,141	=		-	-
2036	2,712	=		-	-
2037	2,622				
No expiry	-	57		50,575	912
·	\$ 11,664	\$ 57	\$	50,575	\$ 912

## 18. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Company entered into agreements to complete a non-brokered private placement of up to 233,333,333 units at a price of \$0.075 cents unit for gross proceeds of \$17.5 million. Each unit will consist of one common share and one-half of one common share purchase warrant of the Company. Each warrant will entitle the holder to acquire one common share of the Company at \$0.12 on the date that is 24 months following its issuance date.

On April 19, 2018, the Company announced closing of the non-brokered private placement and raised an aggregate gross proceeds of \$17.5 million through the issuance of 233,333,333 units at a price of \$0.075 per unit.

On March 1, 2018, the Company granted incentive stock options to certain directors, officers, employees and consultants of the Company to purchase up to 5,725,000 common shares in the capital of the Company. All options are exercisable for a period of five years at an exercise price of \$0.12 per share.

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The following Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations ("MD&A") of North American Nickel Inc. ("North American Nickel" or the "Company") is designed to enable the reader to assess material changes in the financial condition of the Company between December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2017, and the results of operations for the three and twelve months ending December 31, 2017 ("Q4 2017" and "FY 2017", respectively) and December 31, 2016 ("Q4 2016" and "FY 2016", respectively). The MD&A should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto of the Company for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016. In this MD&A, references to the Company are also references to North American Nickel and its wholly-owned subsidiary.

The financial statements, and the financial information contained in this MD&A were prepared in accordance with *International Financial Reporting Standards* ("IFRS").

All amounts in the discussion are expressed in thousands of Canadian dollars and in thousands of Danish Kroners ("DKK") where applicable, except per share data and unless otherwise indicated. All amounts in tables are expressed in thousands of Canadian dollars, unless otherwise indicated.

This MD&A contains forward-looking information within the meaning of Canadian securities legislation (see "Forward-looking Information" below for full discussion on the nature of forward-looking information). Information regarding the adequacy of cash resources to carry out the Company's exploration and development programs or the need for future financing is forward-looking information. All forward-looking information, including information not specifically identified herein, is made subject to cautionary language at the end of this document. Readers are advised to refer to the cautionary language included at the end of this MD&A under the heading "Forward-looking Information" when reading any forward-looking information. This MD&A is prepared in accordance with F1-102F1 and has been approved by the Company's board of directors (the "Board") prior to release.

This report is dated April 24, 2018. Readers are encouraged to read the Company's other public filings, which can be viewed on the SEDAR website under the Company's profile at <a href="www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a>. Other pertinent information about the Company can be found on the Company's website at <a href="www.northamericannickel.com">www.northamericannickel.com</a>.

## **Company Overview**

North American Nickel is an international mineral exploration and resource development company listed on the TSX Venture Exchange ("TSXV") as at May 3, 2011 trading under the symbol NAN. The Company's principal asset is its Maniitsoq Property, in southwestern Greenland, a district scale land position. The Company is focussing its resources on exploration and resource development of its Maniitsoq nickel sulphide project, but is also advancing exploration programs at Post Creek and Halcyon in the Sudbury Region of Ontario, and Section 35 in the area of the Eagle Deposit in Michigan, United States.

North American Nickel was incorporated under the laws of the Province of British Columbia, Canada, by filing of Memorandum and Articles of Association on September 20, 1983, under the name Rainbow Resources Ltd. The company's name was changed to Widescope Resources Ltd. on May 1, 1984, and to Gemini Technology Inc. on September 17, 1985. In conjunction with a reverse split of its common shares on a five-old for one-new basis, the Company adopted the name International Gemini Technology Inc., effective September 23, 1993. The Company's name was changed to Widescope Resources Inc., effective July 12, 2006. Effective April 19, 2010, the Company's shareholders approved a special resolution to reorganize the Company's capital structure by consolidating in a reverse stock split the existing common shares on the basis of every 2 old shares being equal to 1 new share and concurrently increasing the authorized capital of the Company from 100,000,000 common shares without par value to an unlimited number of common shares without par value. Also, effective this date, the Company's name was changed to North American Nickel Inc. to reflect its new focus. All references to common shares, stock options, warrants and weighted average number of shares outstanding in this discussion and the accompanying consolidated financial statements retroactively reflect the share consolidation unless otherwise noted.

On August 15, 2011, the Company was granted an exploration license by the Bureau of Minerals and Petroleum of Greenland for exclusive exploration rights over an area totalling 4,841 square kilometres located near Sulussugut, Greenland.

On March 4, 2012, the Company was granted an additional exploration license by the Bureau of Minerals and Petroleum of Greenland for exclusive exploration rights over an area covering a total of 142 square kilometres license and located near Ininngui, Greenland.

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## Overall Performance – Highlights of FY 2017 and as of the Date of this Report

## Financing Activities

- On April 6, 2017, the Company announced the filing of a preliminary short form prospectus in connection with a
  proposed marketed offering of units of the Company (the "Units") for gross proceeds of up to \$15,000 (the
  "Offering"). The Offering was conducted on a best-efforts basis through Paradigm Capital Inc. (the "Agent"), acting
  as agent.
- On June 2, 2017, the Company announced the filing of a final short form prospectus in connection with its previously announced proposed marketed offering of Units of the Company.
- On June 8, 2017, the Company announced the closing of an equity financing in connection with its previously announced marketed offering of the Units for total gross proceeds of \$10,877 (the "Offering"). The Company has issued under the Offering 145,030,833 Units at a price of \$0.075 per Unit. Each Unit consists of one common share in the capital of the Company and one-half of one common share purchase warrant of the Company.
- On August 8, 2017, the Company announced that it has entered into an agreement to complete a non-brokered private placement (the "Placement") of 40,982,448 Units at a price of \$0.075 per Unit for aggregate gross proceeds of \$3,074. Each Unit consists of one common share in the capital of the Company and one-half of one common share purchase warrant of the Company.
- On August 15, 2017, the Company announced the closing of the non-brokered private placement of 40,982,448 Units at a price of \$0.075 per Unit for aggregate gross proceeds of \$3,074.
- On March 29, 2018, The Company announced that it has entered into agreements to complete a non-brokered private placement (the "Placement") of 233,333,333 Units at a price of \$0.075 per Unit for aggregate gross proceeds of \$17,500. Each Unit consists of one common share in the capital of the Company and one-half of one common share purchase warrant of the Company.
- On April 19, 2018, the Company announced closing of the previously announced non-brokered private placement
  and raised an aggregate gross proceeds of \$17.5 million through the issuance of 233,333,333 units at a price of
  \$0.075 per unit.

## Corporate Activities

- On February 22, 2017, the Company granted incentive stock options to certain directors, officers, employees and consultants of the Company to purchase up to 8,137,500 common shares in the capital of the Company pursuant to the Company's stock option plan. All options are exercisable for a period of five years at an exercise price of \$0.12 per share.
- On March 1, 2017, the Company appointed Mr. Alexander Dann as Chief Financial Officer of the Company. Mr.
  Dann has over 20 years' experience leading financial operations and strategic planning for multinational companies,
  primarily in the mining sector.
- On June 29, 2017, the Company announced the results of the Annual General and Special Meeting (the "Meeting") of shareholders held on June 29, 2017. The shareholders ratified and approved the number of directors at six (6) and Doug Ford, Jim Clucas, Gilbert Clark, Christopher Messina, Keith Morrison and John Sabine were re-elected as directors of the Company for the ensuing year. In addition, Dale Matheson Carr-Hilton LaBonte LLP were re-appointed as auditors and shareholders approved the Company's Stock Option Plan as detailed in the Management Information Circular dated as of May 25, 2017.
- On November 15, 2017, the Company announced that it has retained Dr. Peter Lightfoot of Lightfoot Geoscience Inc. as Chief Geologist and appointed Mr. Chris Hopkins as Chief Financial Officer of the Company.
- On December 21, 2017, the Company granted incentive stock options to certain employees and consultants of the Company to purchase up to 1,000,000 common shares in the capital of the Company pursuant to the Company's stock option plan. All options are exercisable for a period of five years at an exercise price of \$0.12 per share.
- On January 31, 2018, the Company announced the retirement of Ms. Patricia Tirschmann as VP Exploration effective February 2, 2018. Ms. Tirschmann will remain as Technical Advisor to the Company and will continue to

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offer guidance to the technical team. The Company's Chief Geologist, Peter Lightfoot assumed the role of Qualified Person and provides technical leadership to the Company.

• On March 1, 2018, the Company granted incentive stock options to certain directors, officers, employees and consultants of the Company to purchase up to 5,725,000 common shares in the capital of the Company pursuant to the Company's stock option plan. All options are exercisable for a period of five years at an exercise price of \$0.12 per share.

## **Exploration & Development Activities**

- On March 15, 2017, the Company announced the positive results of mineralogical studies performed by SGS
  Canada Inc. ("SGS") on four drill core samples of nickel-copper sulphides from the 2016 exploration program at the
  Maniitsoq Ni-Cu-Co-PGE sulphide project in southwest Greenland. The objective of the study was to use
  geometallurgy to characterize and better understand process technology options for this type of sulphide
  mineralization.
- On March 17, 2017, the Company filed a National Instrument 43-101 ("NI-43-101") updated technical report
  documenting its recent work on the its wholly-owned Maniitsoq property in southwest Greenland. The report,
  titled "Updated Independent Technical Report for the Maniitsoq Nickel-Copper-Cobalt-PGM Project, Greenland" was
  filed on SEDAR under the Company's issuer profile at <a href="https://www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a>.
- On March 29, 2017, the Company announced the grant of a watershed prospecting licence for the assessment and development of potential hydropower resources on its wholly-owned Maniitsoq nickel sulphide project in southwest Greenland. The Company intends to assess the watershed as a potential source of power for its Maniitsoq project consistent with the emphasis by the Greenland Government on securing environmentally friendly energy sources for any industrial development, including mining.
- On June 20, 2017, the Company announced that the 2017 exploration program commenced at its 100% owned Maniitsoq nickel-copper-cobalt-PGM project in Southwest Greenland. The Company is undertaking the third year of a focussed three-year strategy to advance the Maniitsoq Project.
- On July 13, 2017, the Company announced that it has finalized the details for the acquisition of a watershed ("0.6H") prospecting licence that overlaps the eastern boundary of its 100% owned Maniitsoq nickel sulphide project in southwest Greenland. The licence provides for the opportunity to investigate the feasibility of hydropower development to provide sufficient power for a mine and mill complex, camp site and harbor facility. The licence has a three-year time frame.
- On August 17, 2017, the Company commenced its Corporate Social Responsibility program by making presentations to communities bordering the Maniitsoq project in southwest Greenland.
- On August 30, 2017, the Company announced a Maniitsog exploration program update.
- On October 10, 2017, the Company announced the report on the first assays from the 2017 drilling program at Maniitsoq nickel-copper-cobalt-PGM project in Southwest Greenland. Assay results were for holes completed at the Mikissoq target area.
- On October 19, 2017, the Company announced further drilling results at Maniitsoq that extends the known Spotty Hill mineralization and indicates further potential at depth.
- On November 14, 2017, the Company announced the drilling results from three holes completed to test the P-013 SE target at Maniitsoq nickel-copper-cobalt-PGM project in Southwest Greenland.
- On November 23, 2017, the Company announced assays results received from drill holes completed to test the P-058 sulphide zone at the Fossilik area on the Company's 100% owned Maniitsoq nickel-copper-cobalt-PGM sulphide project in Southwest Greenland.

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- On December 18, 2017, Company announced further assays results received from seven drill holes and one drill hole extension completed to test targets at Fossilik and the Imiak Hill Complex (IHC).
- On January 17, 2018, the Company announced an exploration update and summary of significant results on its 100% owned Maniitsoq nickel-copper-cobalt-PGM sulphide project in Southwest Greenland and strategy for 2018 exploration.
- On March 1, 2018, the Company announced that it has received the final Hydropower Feasibility Assessment Study
  within watershed 06.H located on the eastern flank of the Company's 100% owned Maniitsoq nickel sulphide
  project in Southwest Greenland.

## Maniitsog Nickel-Copper-PGM Project, Southwest Greenland

The Greenland properties currently being explored for nickel-copper-cobalt-PGM sulphide by the Company have no mineral resources or reserves. The Maniitsoq project is centered 100 kilometres north of Nuuk, the capital of Greenland which is a safe, stable, mining-friendly jurisdiction. The centre of the project is located at 65 degrees 18 minutes north and 51 degrees 43 minutes west and has an arctic climate. It is accessible year-round either by helicopter or by boat from Nuuk or Maniitsoq, the latter located on the coast approximately 15 kilometres to the west. The deepwater coastline adjacent to Maniitsoq is typical of Greenland's southwest coast which is free of pack ice with a year-round shipping season. The optimum shipping conditions are due the warming Gulf Stream flowing continuously past the south west coastline of Greenland. There is no infrastructure on the property; however, the Seqi deep water port and a quantified watershed for hydropower are located peripheral to the project.

The Maniitsoq property consists of two exploration licences, No. 2011/54 and No. 2012/28 comprising 2,689 and 296 square kilometres, respectively. The property is centred on the 75 kilometre by 15 kilometre Greenland Norite Belt which hosts numerous high-grade nickel-copper sulphide occurrences associated with mafic and ultramafic intrusions.

Between 1995 and 2011, various companies carried out exploration over portions of the project area. The most extensive work was carried out by Kryolitselskabet Øresund A/S Company (KØ) who explored the project area from 1959 to 1973. KØ discovered numerous surface and near surface nickel-copper sulphide occurrences and this work was instrumental in demonstrating the nickel prospectivity of the Greenland Norite Belt.

The Company acquired the Maniitsoq project because it believed that modern, time-domain, helicopter-borne electromagnetic (EM) systems would be more effective at detecting nickel sulphide deposits in the rugged terrain of Maniitsoq than previous, older airborne fixed wing geophysical surveys available to previous explorers. In addition, modern, time domain surface and borehole EM systems could be used to target mineralization in the sub-surface.

Effective August 15, 2011, the Company was granted an exploration license, No. 2011/54 (the "Sulussugut License"), by the Bureau of Minerals and Petroleum ("BMP") of Greenland for exclusive exploration rights of an area located near Sulussugut, Greenland. The Sulussugut License was valid for 5 years until December 31, 2015, with December 31, 2011 being the first year providing the Company meets the terms of the license, which includes that specified eligible exploration expenditures must be made. The application for another 5-year term on the Sulussugut License was submitted to the Greenland Mineral Licence & Safety Authority (MLSA) which was effective on April 11, 2016, with December 31, 2017 being the seventh year.

The Greenland MLSA for the year 2016 has adjusted the minimum required exploration expenditures to zero. There will be an annual licence fee on the Sulussugut License for year 7 and forward of approximately DKK 41.

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Details of required work expenditures and accrued work credits are tabulated and given below:

## Sulussugut License - 2011/54 (All amounts in table are expressed in thousands of DKK)

Exploration Commitment		2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Fixed amount		149	310	313	317	-	650
4841 km <sup>2</sup> of DKK 1.460 per k	m <sup>2</sup>						
4841 km <sup>2</sup> of DKK 1.490 per k	m <sup>2</sup>	7,213					
3336 km <sup>2</sup> of DKK 7.760 per k	m <sup>2</sup>		25,887				
2689 km <sup>2</sup> of DKK 7.830 per km <sup>2</sup>				21,055	-	-	
2689 km <sup>2</sup> of DKK 7.940 per km <sup>2</sup>					21,351	-	
2689 km <sup>2</sup> of DKK 16.260 per km <sup>2</sup>							43,723
Exploration obligation		7,362	26,197	21,368	21,668	-	44,374
Approved exploration expenditures		23,616	37,349	55,509	59,150	61,109	85,094
Exploration obligation		(7,362)	(26,198)	(21,368)	(21,668)	-	-
Credit from previous year		1,276	17,530	28,681	62,822	100,304	161,413
Total Credit	DDK	17,530	28,681	62,822	100,304	161,413	246,507
Average Annual Rate DDK to CAD		0.1726	0.1834	0.1968	0.1901	0.1969	0.1968

The accumulated exploration credits held at the end of 2017, DKK 246,507 (approximately \$48,513) can be carried forward as follows:

## Carry forward period:

- a) DKK 59,150 from 2015 until December 31, 2018
- b) DKK 61,109 from 2016 until December 31, 2019
- c) DKK 85,094 from 2017 until December 31, 2020

On the first 5-year license, the Company completed the exploration requirements of an estimated minimum of DKK 83,809 (approximately \$15,808) between the years ended December 31, 2011 to 2015 by incurring \$26,116 on the Sulussugut License.

There was no exploration commitment in year 2016. The Company completed approved expenditures for 2017 DKK 85,094, for 2016, DKK 61,109 (approximately, \$16,746 and \$12,032, respectively). With a credit from 2015 of DKK 59,150 (approximately \$11,250) and credit from 2016 of DKK 61,109 (approximately \$12,032), and a commitment of \$nil left the Company with excess credits of DKK 246,507 (approximately \$48,513). The Sulussugut License area was not reduced in 2017.

## Ininngui License - 2012/28

Effective March 4, 2012, the Company was granted an additional exploration license, No. 2012/28 (the "Ininngui License"), by the BMP of Greenland for exclusive exploration rights over an area near Ininngui, Greenland. The Ininngui License is contiguous with the Sulussugut License. The Ininngui License was valid for 5 years until December 31, 2016. The application for another 5-year term on the Ininngui License was submitted to the Greenland Mineral Licence & Safety Authority (MLSA) which was effective March 14, 2017, with December 31, 2017 being the sixth year.

Details of required work expenditures and accrued work credits are tabulated and given below.

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Ininngui License - 2012/28 (All amounts in table are expressed in thousands of DKK)

<b>Exploration Commitment</b>		2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Fixed amount		155	313	318	323	-
1 <sup>2</sup>	211					
1 <sup>2</sup>		411				
265 km <sup>2</sup> of DKK 7.830 per km <sup>2</sup>			2,075			
1 <sup>2</sup>				2,350		
1 <sup>2</sup>					2,392	
n²						
Exploration obligation		566	2,388	2,668	2,715	
Approved exploration expenditures		2,966	5,470	6,276	6,790	9,367
	(360)	(576)	(2,388)	(2,668)	(2,715)	-
	-	2,512	4,902	7,984	11,592	15,667
DDK	2,512	4,902	7,984	11,592	15,667	25,044
Average Annual Rate DDK to CAD		0.1834	0.1968	0.1901	0.1969	0.1968
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## Carry forward period:

a) DKK 6,276 from 2015 until December 31, 2018
 b) DKK 6,790 from 2016 until December 31, 2019
 c) DKK 9,367 from 2017 until December 31, 2020

On the first 5-year license, the Company completed the exploration requirements of an estimated minimum of DKK 8,697 (approximately \$1,635) between the years ended December 31, 2012 to 2016 by incurring \$2,722 on the Iningui License.

In 2016 (year 5 of the Ininngui License), there was an exploration commitment of DKK 2,715 (approximately \$535). The Company completed approved expenditures for 2016 of DKK 6,790 (approximately \$1,337). With a credit from 2015 of DKK 6,276 and 2016 of DKK 6,790 (approximately \$433 and \$1,337, respectively) and a commitment of DKK Nil for 2017, resulting in excess credits of DKK 25,044 (approximately \$4,929). The Ininngui License area was not reduced in 2017.

For both licenses, future required minimum eligible exploration expenses will be adjusted each year on the basis of the change to the Danish Consumer Price Index.

For both licenses, at the expiration of the second licence period (years 6-10), the Company may apply for a new 3-year licence for years 11 to 13. Thereafter, the Company may apply for additional 3-year licences for years 14 to 16, 17 to 19 and 20 to 22. The Company will be required to pay additional license fees and will be obligated to incur minimum eligible exploration expenses for such years.

The Company may terminate the licenses at any time; however, any unfulfilled obligations according to the licenses will remain in force, regardless of the termination.

## **Exploration History**

## Period - 2012-2015

During the period of 2012 to 2015, the Company undertook numerous exploration activities and completed various mineralogical studies. The details of the results and areas explored can be viewed in technical reports and other pertinent information found on the Company's website at <a href="https://www.northamericannickel.com">www.northamericannickel.com</a>.

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## Year ended December 31, 2016

(All drill intercepts described in this section refer to core lengths not true widths)

March 30, 2016: the Company filed a National Instrument 43-101 Technical Report on the Maniitsog property.

**April 11, 2016:** the Company reported the results of QEMSCAN mineralogical analyses from drill core announcing the potential for high nickel recoveries from Maniitsoq mineralization, similar to results from previous studies.

In 2016, the Company completed an exploration program comprising 9,596 metres of drilling in 30 drill holes and two drill hole extensions, borehole electromagnetic surveys, 13 line-kilometres of surface electromagnetic surveying, 53 line-kilometre of surface induced polarization (IP) surveying and ground follow-up of VTEM, geological and remote sensing targets.

## Exploration and Development Activities during YTD 2017

(All drill intercepts described in this section refer to core lengths not true widths)

March 15, 2017: the Company announced the results of mineralogical studies performed by SGS Canada Inc. ("SGS") on four drill core samples of nickel-copper sulphides from the Mikissoq and P-058 mineralized norite intrusions at the Imiak Hill Complex and Fossilik area, respectively. The objectives of the study were to determine modal mineralogy, mineral texture, nickel, copper and cobalt deportment, and the liberation, association and exposure of the nickel, copper and iron sulphides for each sample.

Highlights from the report include:

- Nickel:
  - o 93.5 to 95.9% of the total nickel in each sample is contained within pentlandite. Potential pentlandite recoveries range from 94.9 to 96.8% based on liberation, association and exposure characteristics of crushed samples stage pulverized to 90% passing 150 micrometres;
  - o 2.3 to 4.4% of the total nickel in each sample is contained within pyrrhotite; and
  - Pentlandite D<sub>50</sub> (μm) grain sizes range from 42 to 46 micrometres.
- Copper
  - All copper is hosted by chalcopyrite. Potential chalcopyrite recoveries for the Mikissoq samples range from 90.6 to 94.3% based on liberation, association and exposure characteristics of crushed samples stage pulverized to 90% passing 150 micrometres. Potential chalcopyrite recovery for the P-058 sample is 75.2%; and
  - o Chalcopyrite  $P_{50}$  (µm) grain sizes range from 26 to 34 micrometres.
- Cobalt:
  - o Pentlandite and pyrite are the main hosts of the cobalt in the samples.
- Orthopyroxene, amphibole, feldspar and clinopyroxene are the major silicates. Talc was identified by QEMSCAN in all samples and confirmed by XRD in two out of the four samples. Talc abundances (in crushed samples) were 0.88% for the P-058 sample and 4.1 to 10.1% for the Mikissoq samples.

March 29, 2017: the Company announced the granting of a watershed prospecting licence for the assessment and development of hydropower resources on its Maniitsoq project. The licence was awarded by the Ministry of Industry, Labour, Trade and Energy of the Greenland Government subsequent to a review of the Companies prospecting plan. The licence provides for the exclusive right to assess and develop potential hydropower resources to produce electricity. The licence is in force for two years with the option to extend it for an additional three years. Subsequently, an exploitation licence can be awarded following a successful assessment of the watershed. A map of watershed 0.6H in relation to the Maniitsoq property boundary is provided in Figure 1.

The Company intends to assess watershed 06.H (Figure 1) as a source of electricity for its Maniitsoq project consistent with the emphasis by the Greenland Government on securing environmentally friendly energy sources for any industrial development, including mining.

May 5, 2017: the Company retained Efla Consulting Engineers ("EFLA") to provide a one-year review of the hydropower potential of the watershed based upon existing in-house databases supplemented by hydrologic data from Asiaq the

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hydrogeology arm of the Greenland Government. The study will include technical, environmental and socio-economic studies as part of the evaluation. EFLA will examine the local topography and provide an initial assessment of the development's viability, identify key areas of risk and suggest mitigation actions, and determine the economic viability of hydropower development at watershed 0.6H.

The Company will work closely with Nukissiorfiit the Greenland Energy Company responsible for supplying most of Greenland with electricity, water and heat from hydropower.

**On June 20, 2017**: the Company commenced the 2017 exploration program at its 100% owned Maniitsoq nickel-copperalt-PGM project in Southwest Greenland.

The primary exploration objective in 2017 was step-out drilling at three key locations, the Imiak Hill Complex (IHC), Fossilik and P-013SE, to advance one or more areas to the delineation drilling stage for 2018 (Figure 2). Concurrently, infrastructure-related and environmental baseline studies and ongoing corporate social responsibility initiatives will be undertaken.

Based on exploration results in 2015 and 2016 approximately 11,000 metres of diamond drilling were targeted for 2017. Drilling is to be accompanied by borehole gyro, electromagnetic (BHEM), optical tele-viewer and physical properties surveys, surface electromagnetic and Induced Polarization ("IP") geophysical surveys, mapping, prospecting, sampling, structural geological studies and 3D modeling. Drill hole targeting will be optimized and new drilling targets will be developed within prospective norite stratigraphy by utilizing 3D integration and modeling of all exploration data.

The three drill targets in 2017 include Fossilik and the IHC where one or more discrete and open sulphide lenses and multiple untested exploration targets have been defined. Target P-013 SE is a new discovery of high grade nickel sulphide mineralization which has been tested by one drill hole to date.

The Company's exploration base camp on Puiattoq Bay was re-opened in late May and early June. The exploration program was carried out from mid-June to late September.

**July 13, 2017**: the Company finalized the details for the acquisition of its previously announced watershed ("0.6H") prospecting licence that overlaps the eastern boundary of its Maniitsoq property.

Environmental surveys and social impact assessments are ongoing and are a requirement for an Exploitation Licence for the Maniitsoq property. Environmental surveys were commenced in June in the areas of active exploration and in the area of watershed 06.H.

**August 30, 2017**: the Company announced an update on the 2017 exploration program at Maniitsoq. Step-out drilling was completed at the P-013 SE target and was in progress at the IHC and Fossilik areas. A total of 5,378 metres in fifteen holes were completed to August 25th out of the total 11,000 metre planned program. An additional drill rig was mobilized to site to increase productivity. The drill program was extended to late September to complete an estimated 9,000 to 9,500 metres. Sample preparation would be completed in-country at a new laboratory in Nuuk for 2017.

October 10, 2017: the Company announced the first assays received from the 2017 drilling program.

Two holes totalling 1,169 metres were completed at the centrally-located Mikissoq target (see Figure 3). Hole MQ-17-135 tested 50 metres down dip of hole MQ-16-118 and intersected 75.75 metres grading 1.10% nickel and 0.43% copper from 359.85 to 435.6 metres down hole. The mineralization comprised magmatic and remobilized sulphides similr to previous intersections (see Figure 4). Sulphide content is variable with higher grade intervals occurring in both the upper and lower portions of the zone.

359.85 – 370.10m: 2.29% nickel and 1.33% copper over 10.25 metres

416.35 – 435.60m: 1.89% nickel and 0.26% copper over 19.25 metres incl.

2.94% nickel and 0.29% copper over 6.0 metres

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The mineralization is characterized by typical high nickel tenors (percent nickel re-calculated to 100% sulphides) of 8-11%. The high tenor is reflected by a sample of a near massive sulphide vein that assayed 9.55% nickel and 0.80% copper over 0.30 metres from 425.90 to 426.20 metres. This sample also contained elevated cobalt and Pt+Pd+Au values of 0.24% and 0.61 g/t, respectively.

A mylonite zone was intersected below the mineralized zone from 437.80 to 456.50 metres. Interpretation of downhole televiewer surveys provided a dip and sense of movement of the mylonite. On this basis the hole was extended to test for a faulted extension of the zone. The hole extension (495 to 783 metres) did not intersect a second sulphide zone but did encounter several norite intervals at depth, locally containing trace amounts of sulphides.

A second hole, MQ-17-139, was collared approximately 50 metres along strike to the southwest of hole MQ-16-117 to test for this zone. A wide zone of norite with weakly disseminated and blebby sulphides was intersected. Assays from this hole are pending.

The lower Mikissoq zone has been intersected over a dip extent of 165 metres, dips sub-vertically and is interpreted to have a pipe-like geometry. BHEM results from MQ-17-135 are dominated by in-hole responses correlating with the more highly sulphidic upper and lower portions of the zone and by a stronger off-hole response located up plunge in the direction of previous drilling. These results do not preclude the continuation of less conductive disseminated and blebby magmatic sulphides in a down dip direction. A possible off-set along the shallowly dipping mylonite zone is yet to be identified.



Figure 1. Location map for the Maniitsoq nickel sulphide project and the area of the watershed Prospecting Licence.

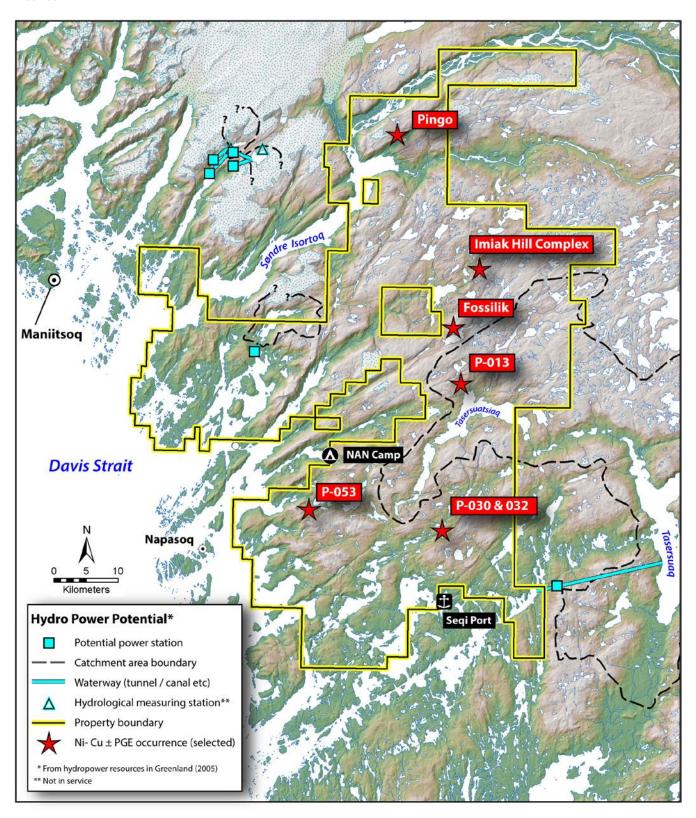




Figure 2. Location of 2017 drilling.

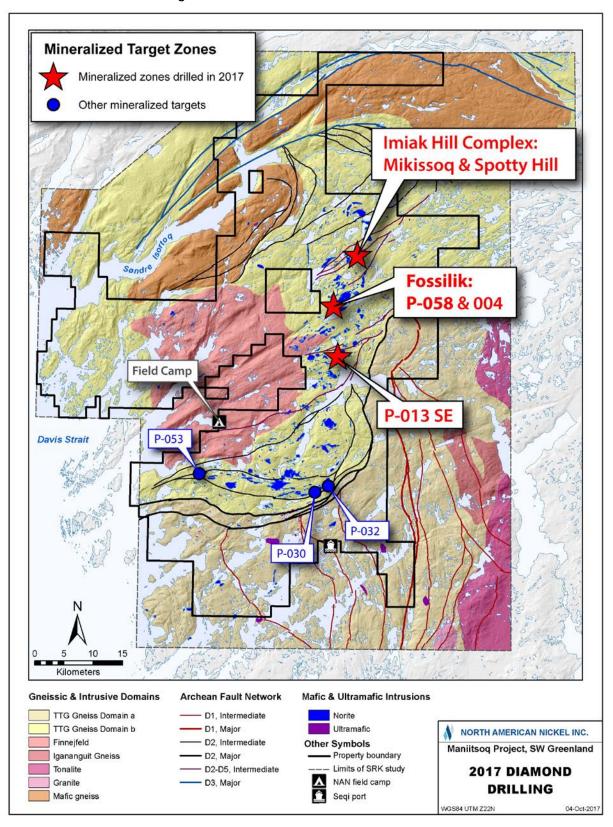




Figure 3. Surface drill plan map of the Mikissoq area.

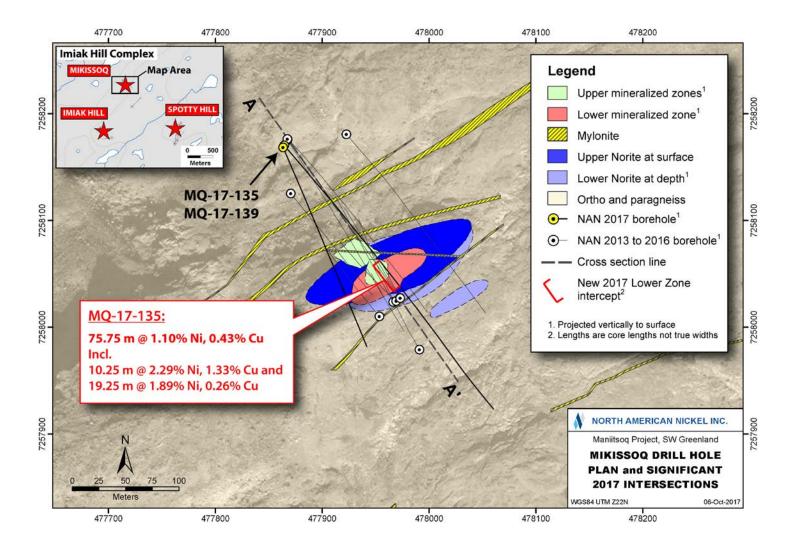
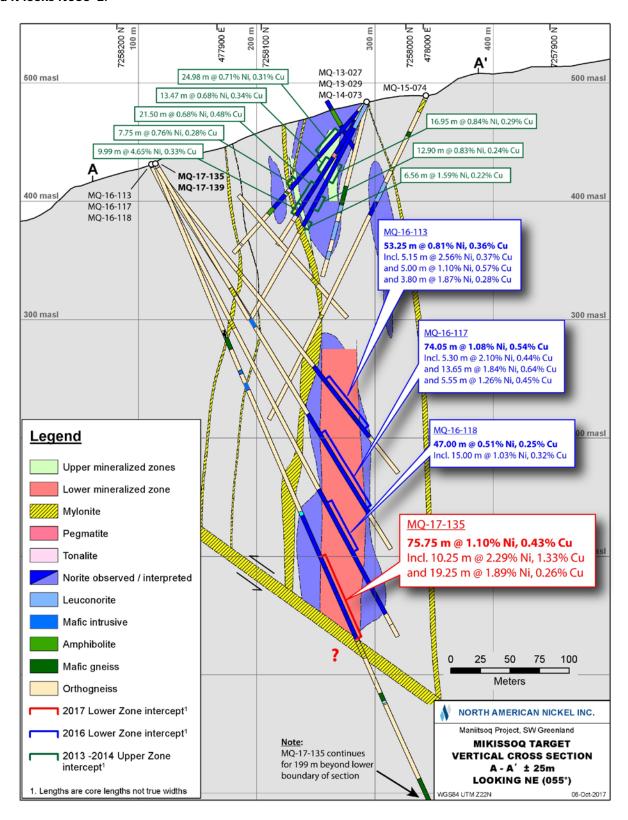




Figure 4. Vertical cross section through the Mikissoq mineralized zones. The azimuth of the section is 145° and it looks N055°E.



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**October 19, 2017**: the Company announced results from two 2017 holes completed to test the Spotty Hill target (Figure 5) at the Imiak Hill Complex (IHC). This drilling extended the known mineralization and indicated further potential at depth. The 2017 exploration program was concluded in late September after completing 23 drill holes totaling 8,767 metres.

Drilling intersected disseminated and blebby magmatic sulphide and remobilized semi-massive to massive stringer, vein and breccia sulphide with high nickel tenors (8.5-10.5%) and elevated PGM contents. The steeply southwest dipping and moderately southeast plunging zone is well defined over a plunge extent of 300 metres based on previous drilling and BHEM surveys prior to 2016. BHEM surveys of the 2016 and 2017 holes define anomalies with a potential change in orientation of the conductive trend at depth and the orientation of interpreted BHEM plates suggests continuity in the mineralization between these two holes (see Figure 6).

Hole MQ-17-141 was drilled 125 metres down plunge of previous hole MQ-16-121 which intersected 4.75 metres of 1.59% nickel and 0.30% copper. This new hole did not intersect significant mineralization but a BHEM survey of this hole, together with results from hole MQ-16-121, has confirmed the presence of untested moderate to high conductance anomalies located between the two holes.

Hole MQ-17-143 tested an off-hole BHEM anomaly detected from previous hole MQ-16-119 and intersected a melanorite-hosted zone of breccia sulphides and sulphide stringers at the target depth. Assay results include:

1.35% nickel, 0.26% copper and 1.85 g/t Pt+Pd+Au over 7.8 metres from 381.0 to 388.8, including

1.69% nickel, 0.33% copper and 2.71 g/t Pt+Pd+Au over 5.0 metres, and

10 g/t Au over 1 metre from 381.0 to 382.0 metres

A wide zone of weakly mineralized melanorite was intersected in the immediate hanging wall to the high-grade zone and returned 0.13% nickel over 39.0 metres from 342.0 to 381.0m down hole.



Figure 5. Surface drill hole plan map of Spotty Hill.

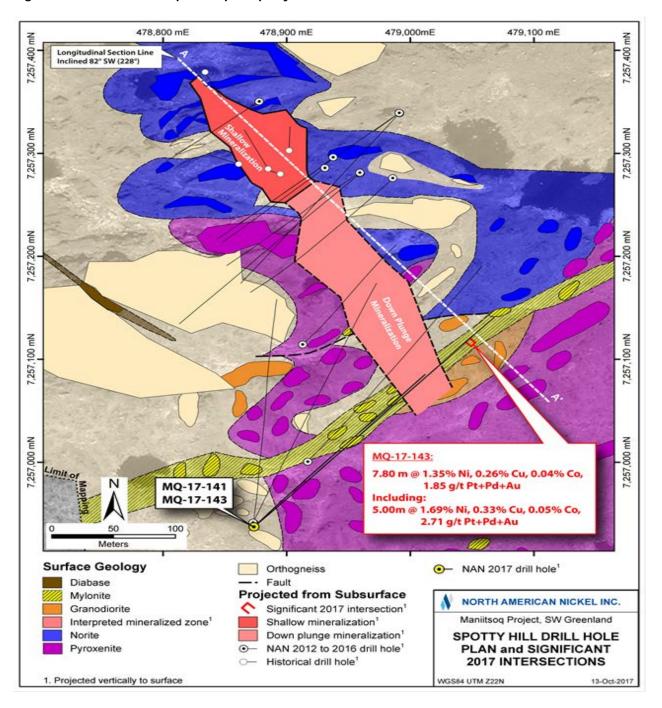
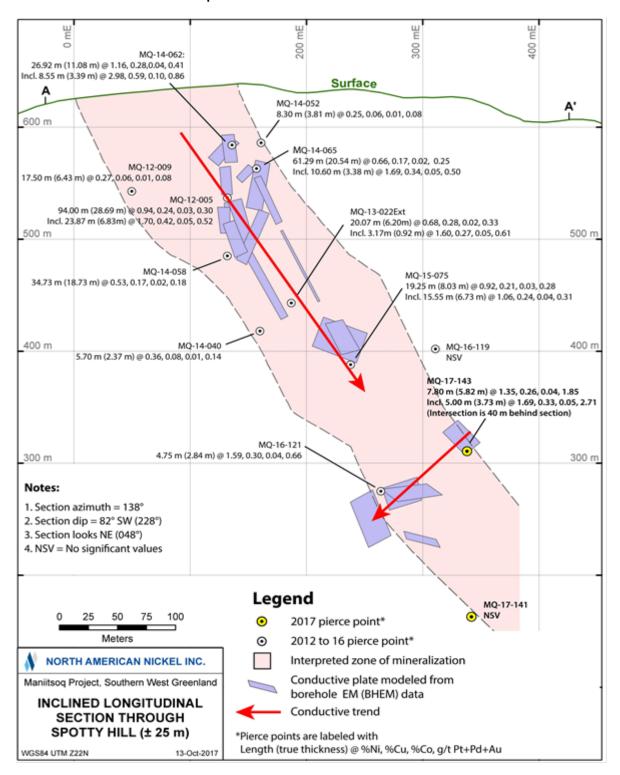




Figure 6. Inclined longitudinal section through the Spotty Hill mineralized zone. The azimuth of the section is 138° and it looks N048° E and dips 82° SW.



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November 14, 2017: the Company received assays from three drill holes completed to test the P-013 SE target.

Six holes totalling 1,331 metres were completed at the centrally located P-013 SE target located 9 km south of the Fossilik area (Figures 7 and 8). The initial three holes were abandoned due to drilling problems. The drilling was carried out to test the down dip extent of high-grade nickel sulphide mineralization intersected in hole MQ-16-109 in 2016. The first drill hole, MQ-17-138, intersected a 53-metre interval of norite but did not contain significant mineralization. Based on BHEM results, this hole is interpreted to have been drilled off to the side of the zone. Two additional holes intersected nickel sulphide mineralization.

Hole MQ-17-140 was targeted using BHEM results from hole MQ-17-138. Norite-hosted disseminated, patchy and remobilized breccia sulphide was intersected 65 metres down dip of the high-grade sulphides in MQ-16-109. The new assays for intersections in MQ-17-140 included:

- 0.65% nickel, 0.47% copper and 0.38 g/t Pt+Pd+Au over 20.85 metres from 247.35 to 268.20 metres including:
  - o 0.75% nickel, 0.64% copper and 0.52 g/t Pt+Pd+Au over 14.25 metres and
  - o 1.65% nickel, 0.12% copper and 0.19 g/t Pt+Pd+Au over 1.20 metres

Hole MQ-17-142 was a down dip step out and intersected the interpreted extension of the sulphide zone 75 metres down dip of MQ-17-140. Results included:

- o 5.7 metres of norite-hosted disseminated, blebby and fracture-controlled sulphides grading 0.50% nickel, 0.51% Cu and 0.79 g/t Pt+Pd+Au from 298.00 to 303.70 metres and
- 0.59 metres of breccia sulphide grading 0.59% nickel, 0.72% copper and 0.30 g/t Pt+Pd+Au from 316.91 to 317.50 metres.

Borehole electromagnetic surveys confirmed the presence of high conductance anomalies between holes MQ-16-109 and MQ-17-140 and detected a moderate conductance off-hole anomaly located between holes MQ-17-140 and MQ-17-142 indicating continuity of the zone between the holes.

The P-013 SE zone has been intersected over a dip extent of 140 metres and is open down dip and along strike. Similar to other Maniitsoq sulphides zones, the P-013 SE zone is comprised both high grade remobilized sulphides with strong BHEM responses and disseminated to blebby sulphide with little or no BHEM response. This new zone is located approximately 225 metres southeast of the P-013 centre area which contains a steeply northwest dipping sulphide zone defined over a dip extent of 100 metres in previous drilling. The P-013 area represents a third location within the Greenland Norite Belt where multiple zones of mineralization have now been identified.



Figure 7: Plan map of the P-013 area showing locations of diamond drill holes, interpreted VTEM conductors and selected assay composites. 2017 drill hole collars are colored in yellow.

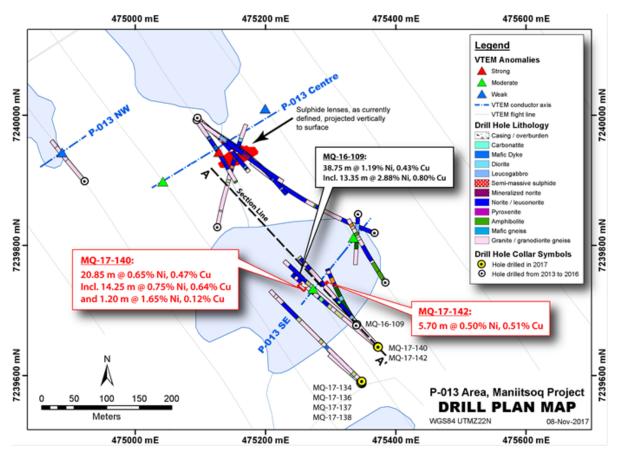
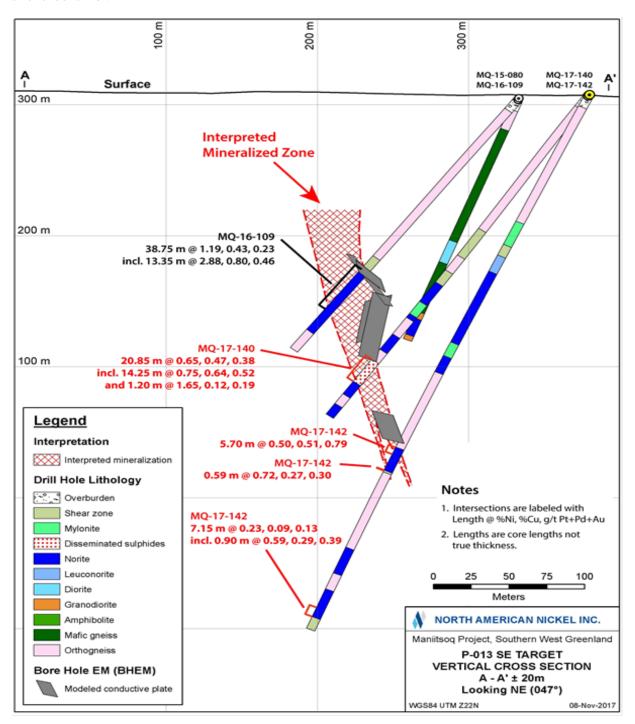




Figure 8: Vertical cross section through the P-013 SE mineralized zone. The azimuth of the section is 137° and it looks N047°E.



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**November 23, 2017**: the Company reported assays results from drill holes testing the P-058 sulphide zone that occurs near the southwest end of the Fossilik intrusion within a northeast striking and steeply northwest dipping zone consisting of mineralized norite, orthogneiss and parallel to sub-parallel mylonite zones. The goal of the 2017 drilling was to test for continuity and potential expansion of the P-058 mineralization at depth as a means of vectoring to the ultimate source of the remobilized sulphides.

Six holes totalling 2,621 metres were completed at the P-058 target. Four holes totalling 2,384 metres were completed to target depth whereas two additional holes were abandoned and did not reach target depth. Drill collar information and a summary of assays are provided in Tables 1 and 2 respectively. A drill plan map is provided in Figure 9 and an inclined longitudinal section is shown in Figure 10.

Hole MQ-17-146 intersected the extension of the P-058 zone comprised of high grade massive nickel sulphide veins with high nickel tenors of 5.5 to 8% and elevated copper and cobalt values. The mineralization is hosted in orthogneiss country rocks, extends to 650 metres below surface based on BHEM results and is open down-dip and plunge. Assay results include:

- Footwall zone: 2.51% nickel, 0.15% copper and 0.08 cobalt over 1.90 metres from 408.30 to 410.20 metres downhole including:
  - o 4.70% nickel, 0.40% copper and 0.18% cobalt over 0.60 metres and
  - o 4.73% nickel, 0.07% copper and 0.12% cobalt over 0.40m
- Main zone: 2.53% nickel, 1.26% copper and 0.07% cobalt over 10.70 metres from 451.50 to 462.20 metres downhole including: (see Figure 4)
  - o 4.97% nickel, 2.30% copper and 0.13% cobalt over 3.50 metres and
  - o 3.35% nickel, 1.31% copper and 0.10% cobalt over 2.20 metres

The P-058 norite intrusion appears to be either widening or merging with a larger norite body at depth to the NNE in the direction of the Fossilik intrusion. This larger volume of norite represents a potential source for P-058 mineralization.



Figure 9. Drill plan for P-058 and the Fossilik area.

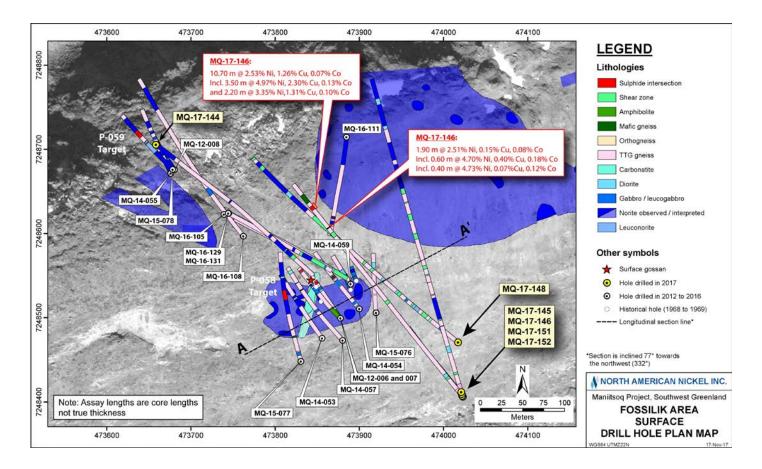
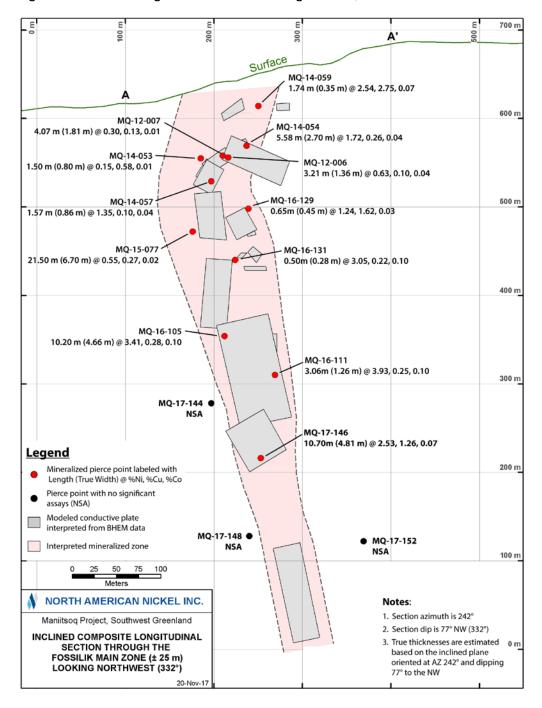




Figure 10. Inclined longitudinal section for target P-058, Fossilik area.



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**December 18, 2017**: the Company received assays results from seven drill holes and one drill hole extension completed to test targets at Fossilik and the Imiak Hill Complex (IHC). Hole MQ-17-153 intersected multiple zones with elevated nickel values at the P-004 target area within the large Fossilik intrusion.

MO-17-153:

15.10m @ 0.51% Ni, 0.13% Cu, 0.02% Co and 0.13 g/t Pt+Pd+Au including

8.00m @ 0.76% Ni, 0.18% Cu, 0.03% Co and 0.17 g/t Pt+Pd+Au

A program of surface plugger sampling east of the Fossilik intrusion documented strongly elevated values for nickel, copper, cobalt and Pt+Pd+Au at several new locations including at the large G-025 norite intrusion. Values include:

2.04% Ni, 0.51% Cu, 0.12% Co and 0.30 g/t Pt+Pd+Au

Based on field mapping, prospecting and re-examination of exploration results melanorites have been identified as an important host to high nickel tenor disseminated sulphide mineralization at Fossilik and associated with the IHC. The larger melanorite bodies have the capacity to host thicker zones of breccia and semi-massive sulphides, potentially in the keels of the intrusions.

## SYNTHESIS OF 2017 DRILLING RESULTS

During the 2017 exploration program, 23 drill holes totalling 8,767 metres were completed to test mineralized zones and geophysical targets in the IHC, Fossilik and P-013 SE areas within the Greenland Norite Belt. Results for 2017 are summarized for seven holes totalling 2,679 metres and for the extension of hole MQ-17-135 at Mikissoq and the 2017 surface sampling program and highlights from this program. A summary of analyses is given in Table 1.

The 2017 program of drilling on the mineral zones of the IHC and Fossilik areas indicate that the plunging zones of mineralization in the IHC and Fossilik areas extend to depth, but these zones do not increase significantly in width and/or lateral extent, and they are often offset by shallow fault zones. Some of the zones are open and untested at depth, so there is some possibility that these zones link to more extensive zones of mineralization, but the strategy of following these zones with drilling and borehole geophysics was reconsidered as an outcome of the 2017 program of work.

TABLE 1: Selected 2017 Assay Results from Mikissoq, Spotty Hill, P-058, P-004 and P-013 SE.

Hole Number		From (m)	To (m)	Core Length (m)	Ni %	Cu %	Co %	S %	Pt g/t	Pd g/t	Au g/t	*Ni Eq %
IHC: Mikiss	IHC: Mikissoq											
MQ-17-135		359.85	435.60	75.75	1.10	0.43	0.03	4.02	0.03	0.02	0.07	1.54
	incl.	359.85	370.10	10.25	2.29	1.33	0.05	8.83	0.03	0.03	0.21	3.43
	and	416.35	435.60	19.25	1.89	0.26	0.04	6.70	0.03	0.02	0.02	2.32
	incl.	417.00	423.00	6.00	2.94	0.29	0.07	10.72	0.02	0.02	0.01	3.55
	and	425.90	426.20	0.30	9.55	0.80	0.24	28.98	0.31	0.19	0.11	11.57
IHC: Spotty Hill												
MQ-17-143		381.00	388.80	7.80	1.35	0.26	0.04	5.42	0.25	0.28	1.32	2.30

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Hole Number		From (m)	To (m)	Core Length (m)	Ni %	Cu %	Co %	S %	Pt g/t	Pd g/t	Au g/t	*Ni Eq %
	incl.	381.00	386.00	5.00	1.69	0.33	0.05	6.89	0.33	0.34	2.04	3.02
	incl.	381.00	382.00	1.00	1.62	0.93	0.04	6.15	0.34	0.37	10.00	5.94
Fossilik: P-0	Fossilik: P-058											
MQ-17-146		408.30	410.20	1.90	2.51	0.15	0.08	14.94	0.00	0.02	0.01	3.10
	incl.	408.30	408.90	0.60	4.70	0.40	0.18	30.89	BD	0.03	0.03	5.99
	and	409.80	410.20	0.40	4.73	0.07	0.12	23.67	0.01	0.04	0.01	5.51
		451.50	462.20	10.70	2.53	1.26	0.07	14.63	0.06	0.02	0.03	3.70
	incl.	452.50	456.00	3.50	4.97	2.30	0.13	28.26	0.09	0.04	0.07	7.10
	and	458.00	460.20	2.20	3.35	1.31	0.10	19.16	0.13	0.02	0.01	4.74
Fossilik: P-0	004											
MQ-17-153		201.60	216.70	15.10	0.51	0.13	0.02	2.05	0.06	0.01	0.06	0.74
	incl.	208.00	216.00	8.00	0.76	0.18	0.03	3.18	0.08	0.02	0.07	1.07
P-013 SE												
MQ-17-140		247.35	268.20	20.85	0.65	0.47	0.02	2.77	0.11	0.05	0.22	1.13
	incl.	247.35	261.60	14.25	0.75	0.64	0.02	3.35	0.15	0.07	0.30	1.39
	and	267.00	268.20	1.20	1.65	0.12	0.04	5.61	0.05	0.09	0.05	2.00
MQ-17-142		298.00	303.70	5.70	0.50	0.51	0.02	2.48	0.07	0.06	0.66	1.13

## Outlook - Exploration and Development for 2018

The Company completed their 2017 exploration program in late September. This program was an \$11.1 million exploration program consisting of 8,767 metres of drilling in 23 holes, two regional and four detailed induced polarisation (IP) surveys covering  $13 \text{km}^2$ , surface and borehole electromagnetic (EM) surveys, borehole gyro, optical tele-viewer and physical properties surveys, a comprehensive review of geochemistry and petrology of the noritic intrusions, a surface geology sampling and mapping program, and 3D modeling of the mineral zones. The program focussed on step-out drilling at the Imiak Hill Complex, Fossilik, P-013 SE, P-004 and P-058.

Follow-up in 2018 will focus attention on the larger differentiated intrusions where more continuous zones of high Ni tenor breccia style sulphide mineralization can be identified by EM methods. The program of work will be driven by deep-looking electromagnetic methods that are sensitive to the core zones of high grade nickel sulphide.

# Maniitsoq Mineralization and Future Plans

Systematic analysis of geochemical data indicates that melanorites (> 12.5 wt MgO) are an important host to disseminated sulphide mineralization at both Fossilik and the IHC and this rock type also hosts thick zones of breccia and semi-massive sulphides. The melanorite keels of large mineralized intrusions such as Fossilik and target G-025 therefore represent an important geological environment to explore for large tonnage, high grade mineralization.

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The Maniitsoq nickel sulphide mineralization consistently displays very high nickel tenors (percent nickel re-calculated to 100% sulphides), typically ranging from 5 to 10.5 wt % making near surface disseminated sulphide zones viable exploration targets in this environment.

Exploration in 2018 is expected to focus on both breccia-massive sulphides, potentially located in intrusion keels, as well near surface disseminated sulphide targets in order to locate larger volumes of sulphides and more quickly achieve the Company's tonnage/size goals for the project.

#### New Mineral Licence

On January 9, 2018 the Company was awarded a mineral licence over a highly prospective block of ground to the west of the Fossilik Intrusion in an area which has very limited nickel exploration, and contains the Qeqertassaq carbonatite complex. A potential program is planned for 2018 and will consist of compilation, field work, surface geochemistry and EM is planned to follow-up on historic drill intersections of rare metal mineralogy and targets from a previous Geotem survey.

# During 2018, the Company will continue its development of the following infrastructure:

Hydroelectric Power Development - North American Nickel's application to the MLSA for a prospecting licence for a watershed adjacent to the Maniitsoq project was submitted to the Greenland government on September 16, 2016. The application requested approval for the Company to begin the collation of available hydrologic, cultural, social and environmental data to assist in the design of future data gathering on the ground. On March 29, 2017, the Company was granted a watershed prospecting licence. It provides the exclusive right to assess and develop potential hydropower resources for the production of electricity. The licence is in force for two years with the option to extend it for an additional three years. An exploitation licence can be awarded following a successful assessment of the watershed. A map of watershed 0.6H in relation to the Maniitsoq property boundary and priority nickel sulphide mineralized zones is provided in Figure 1.

A contract was signed with Efla Consulting Engineers (Iceland) on May 5, 2017 to undertake an assessment of hydropower potential in watershed 0.6H. The first report from Efla was received September 18, 2017. In this pre-feasibility memo and two high priority sites (02.a at 100 GWh/annum and 02.d at 120 GWh/annum) have been defined for further study.

On March 1, 2018, the Company announced that it has received the final Hydropower Feasibility Assessment Study within watershed 06.H from EFLA. Hydropower is the preferred method for the environmentally-sensitive generation of electricity for the operation of any new mining venture including mine, mill, camp site and harbor facility in Greenland.

The feasibility report was prepared by EFLA Consulting Engineers and includes technical, environmental and socio-economic studies and the documentation of physical and economical aspects of hydropower development. The report examined local topography and provides an assessment of the development's viability, identified key areas of risk and suggests mitigation actions, to determine the economic viability of hydropower development at watershed 0.6H. EFLA was retained based on its extensive knowledge of hydropower feasibility assessments, hydropower development work and applied knowledge in the field. EFLA has extensive skill sets in design and consultancy of transmission lines, roads and bridges, as well as of other infrastructural disciplines in arctic conditions that are or may be relevant.

The feasibility analysis of hydropower within watershed 06.H identifies two subordinate watersheds 7038-001 F03 and 7038-001 F04 (Figure 2) with the capacity to supply a 12 MW base load and an 18 MW maximum load and generate 96 GWh per annum for the Maniitsoq Project. The two watersheds included in this assessment have the capacity to supply the required hydroelectricity at an installed cost of \$5.621 USD/kW and \$5.049 USD/kW respectively at a CAPEX of between \$101.2 and \$90.9 million USD respectively. Operating expenses are 1-2% of CAPEX. Both watersheds are close to priority nickel sulphide mineralized zones and the Seqi Port.

Tailings Facility - Discussions were held with the MLSA and the Greenland Department of Nature, Environment and Energy regarding the process for selecting and developing a tailings facility to support nickel mining and milling activities. This process is required to be undertaken as part of the submission of an exploitation licence for extraction of nickel ore. The location of the tailings facility and the process to assess a suitable site for tailings disposal/storage must be undertaken subsequent to the delineation of a mineable nickel deposit thereby avoiding long distance transport of tailings. The development of a tailings facility is considered to be a component of an Environmental Impact Assessment. The process

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includes the determination of the scope of disposal (underground or surface), the selection of several potential tailings sites and the review of these sites for their suitability in terms of environmental impact. Review is done by external advisors to the Greenland government and may include environmental consultants or experts from Aarhuis University (Denmark). Subsequent to public consultation a white paper is produced which will identify any issues that need addressing by the Company. Following this is an abandonment plan to produce the best possible environmental solution.

Corporate Social Responsibility for Greenland-The Company completed presentations in August 2017 to communities bordering the Maniitsoq project, including Nuuk, Napasoq, Atammik, Maniitsoq and Sisimiut. The presentations were made in English but translated into both Greenlandic and Danish with the help of an interpreter. Regional associations (Arctic Business Councils and the Fishers and Hunters Association (KNAPF)) were updated with regards to the Company's exploration progress and upcoming plans for 2018. A compilation of the minutes from the community engagements and a copy of the powerpoint presentation were given to the Qeqqata Municipality. A helicopter-supported tour of the Maniitsoq exploration camp, active drill sites and geophysical crews in the field was given to the Prime Minister and Deputy Premier of Greenland and several Civil Service dignitaries.

# Canada Nickel Projects - Sudbury, Ontario

# **Post Creek Property**

On December 23, 2009, the Company executed a letter of intent whereby the Company had an option to acquire the mineral claim known as the Post Creek Property located within the Sudbury Mining District of Ontario. On April 5, 2010, the Company entered into an option agreement to acquire rights to Post Creek Property. On March 12, 2013, the Post Creek Property Option Agreement was amended, in order to acquire 100% working interests in the property, subject to certain net smelter return royalties ("NSR") and advance royalty payments the Company agreed to the following amended consideration, which was met, cash payments totalling \$138 and the issuance of 1,000,000 common shares. The Company exercised its option on Post Creek and as of August 1, 2015, the Company is obligated to pay advances on the NSR of \$10 per annum, which will be deducted from any payments to be made under the NSR.

The property is located 35 kilometres east of Sudbury in Norman, Parkin, Alymer and Rathburn townships and consists of 39 unpatented mining claims in two separate blocks, covering a total area of 912 hectares held by the Company. The center of the property occurs at UTM coordinates 513000mE, 5184500mN (WGS84, UTM Zone 17N). The Post Creek property lies adjacent to the Whistle Offset Dyke Structure which hosts the past–producing Whistle Offset and Podolsky Cu-Ni-PGM mines. Post Creek lies along an interpreted northeast extension of the Whistle Offset Dyke trend. Offset Dykes and Footwall deposits account for a significant portion of all ore mined in the Sudbury nickel district and, as such, represent favourable exploration targets. Key lithologies are Quartz Diorite related to Offset Dykes and Sudbury Breccia associated with Footwall deposits.

#### Exploration History - 2011 to 2016

(All drill intercepts described in this section refer to core lengths not true widths)

Previous operators completed geological, geophysical and Mobile Metal Ion soil geochemical surveys. Highlights of this work included:

- A drill intersection returning 0.48% copper, 0.08% nickel, 0.054 grams/tonne palladium, 0.034 grams/tonne platinum and 0.020 grams/tonne gold over a core length of 0.66 metres; and
- A grab sample from broken outcrop which returned 0.83% nickel, 0.74% copper, 0.07% cobalt, 2.24 grams/tonne Pt and 1.05 grams/tonne Pd.

A NI 43-101 compliant Technical Report was completed by Dr. Walter Peredery, formerly of INCO, in 2011 and subsequently accepted by the Securities Commission.

The Company carried out exploration programs comprising ground geophysics (magnetics and electromagnetics), diamond drilling (1,533 metres in 7 drillholes), borehole electromagnetic surveys, georeferencing of selected claim posts, prospecting, trenching, geological mapping, sampling and petrographic studies. This work has identified new occurrences of Quartz Diorite dyke and Sudbury Breccia, both of which are geologically significant lithologies known to host ore deposits associated with the Sudbury structure. Ground traverses, trenching and mapping carried out in 2016 outlined a Sudbury Breccia belt of at least 300 metres by 300 metres in size which lies along the same trend at the Whistle Offset Dyke located

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on KGHM property to the southwest. These findings support the potential for the Post Creek property to host both Footwall and Offset Dyke type deposits.

# Year ended December 31, 2016

Work completed on the property during 2016 consisted of geological traverses, prospecting, sampling and trenching carried out in May and June. Selected assay, whole rock and thin section samples were collected for analysis and study. Results have been received and are being compiled.

A final report on an NSERC project completed on the Post Creek Property was received in March 2016 and confirmed the identification of Quartz Diorite ("Post Creek Quartz Diorite" or "CJ Quartz Diorite") in surface trenches. The authors were unable to verify if the exposed Quartz Diorite represented an extension of the Whistle Offset Dyke or a separate new Offset Dyke, but favored the latter. Regardless, the confirmation of Quartz Diorite has significant implications for the exploration potential of the property.

In October 2016, three trenches exposed earlier in 2016 were mapped in detail and identified abundant Sudbury Breccia, locally containing disseminated sulphides. The Sudbury Breccia exposed in the trenches and nearby outcrops are interpreted to be part of a larger Sudbury Breccia belt which is at least 300 metres by 300 metres in size. The breccia belt lies approximately along the projected trend of the Whistle Offset Dyke located on KGHM property to the southwest.

In November 2016, a georeferencing program was completed involving the acquisition of DGPS coordinates for claim posts for selected claims. This work will potentially qualify for assessment work credits and was filed with the government in June 2017.

# Outlook - Exploration and Development for 2018

The Company plans to file assessment work carried out in 2016. In 2017, the Company initiated support for a two-year MITAC project whereby an MSc student will be carrying out field and laboratory study aimed at understanding the mineral resource potential of the Post Creek Property. The Company's support for this project includes internship payments of \$7.5 per annum for two years and access to company exploration data. The Company plans to review and synthesize all newly obtained data to formulate a work plan aimed at defining the overall extents footwall breccia zones and quartz diorite dykes and identifying geological and/or geophysical drill targets.

Ongoing work continues to improve the geological understanding and provide focus for exploration on the Post Creek Property at the NE margin of the Sudbury Basin. The property lies along the extension of the Whistle Offset dyke structure. Surface mapping and petrology has identified pods of quartz diorite and extensive domains of Sudbury Breccia along strike from the Whistle Offset.

## **Halcyon Property**

On April 5, 2010, the Company entered into an option agreement to acquire rights to Halcyon Property. On March 12, 2013, the Halcyon Property Option Agreement was amended. To acquire up to a 100% working interest in the property, subject to certain net smelter return royalties ("NSR") and advance royalty payments the Company agreed to the following amended consideration, which was met, cash payments totalling \$120 and the issuance of 700,000 common shares. Further, commencing on the amended date of August 1, 2015, if the Company exercises its option, the Company will be obligated to pay advances on the NSR of \$8 per annum, which will be deducted from any payments to be made under the NSR.

The property is located 35 Km northeast of Sudbury in the Parkin and Aylmer townships, and consists of 53 unpatented mining claims for a total of 864 hectares. It is readily accessible by paved and all-weather gravel road. Halcyon is adjacent to the Post Creek property and is approximately 2 km north of the producing Podolsky Mine of FNX Mining. Previous operators on the property defined numerous conductive zones based on induced polarization (I.P.) surveys with coincident anomalous Mobile Metal Ions soil geochemistry. Base and precious metal mineralization have been found in multiple locations on the property but follow-up work was never done. The former producing Jon Smith Mine (nickel-copper-cobalt-platinum) is situated 1 Km North of the property.

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# Exploration History 2011 to 2016

During the period 2011 to 2016, the Company carried out a small amount of exploration including ground geophysics (magnetics and electromagnetics), diamond drilling (301 metres in 1 drillhole), a borehole electromagnetic survey, georeferencing of selected claim posts, prospecting, geological mapping, sampling and petrographic studies. The single hole located on the southeast corner of the property was drilled with the purpose of providing geological information and to provide a platform for borehole pulse EM ("BHPEM"). No anomalies were detected although quartz diorite breccia and partial melt material with 2-3% disseminated pyrrhotite and chalcopyrite was intersected over short core lengths. The property is strategically located adjacent to the Company's Post Creek property, located immediately to the south, where new occurrences of both Quartz Diorite and Sudbury Breccia have been identified.

#### Year ended December 31, 2016

Work completed on the property during the year ending December 31, 2016 consisted of geological traverses, prospecting and sampling and was carried out on the southern portion of the Halcyon Property. This program was carried out concurrently with similar work on the Post Creek Property. Selected assay, whole rock and thin section samples were collected for analysis and study. Results have been received and are being compiled.

In November 2016, a georeferencing program was completed involving the acquisition of DGPS coordinates for claim posts for selected claims. This work will potentially qualify for assessment work credits and was filed with the government in June 2017.

# Outlook - Exploration and Development for 2018

Further work of the Halcyon Property will be rationalized with work programs on the adjacent Post Creek Property.

# **US Nickel Project - Michigan**

# Section 35 Property

On January 4, 2016, the Company entered into a 10-year Metallic Minerals Lease (the "Lease") with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for an area covering approximately 320 acres. The terms of the Lease require an annual rental fee at a rate of US \$3.00 per acre for years 1-5 and at a rate of US \$6.00 per acre for years 6-10. The Company shall pay a minimum royalty at a rate of US \$10.00 per acre for the 11<sup>th</sup> year onwards, with an increase of an additional US \$5.00 per acre per year up to a maximum of US \$55.00 per acre per year. A production royalty of between 2% - 2.5% is payable from production of minerals and/or mineral products from an established mining operation area. To date, the Company paid the rental fees for two years (2016 and 2017), plus the required reclamation deposit of US \$10,000. The Department of Natural Resources shall annually review the level of the reclamation deposit and shall require the amount to be increased or decreased to reflect changes in the cost of future reclamation of the leased premises.

There was no exploration work performed during the year ended December 31, 2017.

## Outlook - Exploration & Development for 2018

A surface time-domain Electromagnetic survey planned for 2017 is deferred until 2018 and will be contingent on the submission and approval of work permits.

#### PROJECT PIPELINE

In the context of rising nickel prices and positive developments in the electric vehicle market, the Company will look to enhance shareholder value by aggressively expanding its nickel sulphide project pipeline. The Company's staff are proceeding with compilation work on prospective geological environments related to North American Archean cratonic margins where structural space controls the development of mafic-ultramafic intrusions. The objective of this work is to identify underexplored or unexplored open system intrusions where high large zones of high grade sulphide mineralization are controlled within the footprints of very small intrusions.

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# **Financial Capability**

The Company is an exploration and development stage entity and has not yet achieved profitable operations. The business of the Company entails significant risks. The recoverability of amounts shown for mineral property costs is dependent upon several factors including environmental risk, legal and political risk, the existence of economically recoverable mineral reserves, confirmation of the Company's interests in the underlying mineral claims, the ability of the Company to obtain necessary financing to complete exploration and development, and to attain sufficient net cash flow from future profitable production or disposition proceeds.

At the end of FY 2017, the Company had working capital of \$2,171 (FY 2016 - \$3,291) and reported accumulated deficit of \$26,550 (FY 2016 - \$23,972). The Company will require additional funds to continue its planned operations and meet its obligations.

As at December 31, 2017, the Company had \$2,898 in available cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments (December 31, 2016— \$3,330). There are no sources of operating cash flows. Given the Company's current financial position and the ongoing exploration and evaluation expenditures, the Company will need to raise additional capital through the issuance of equity or other available financing alternatives to continue funding its operating, exploration and evaluation activities, and eventual development of the mineral properties. Although the Company has been successful in its past fundraising activities, there is no assurance as to the success of future fundraising efforts or as to the sufficiency of funds raised in the future.

# **Annual Summary**

The annual summary is set out in the following table. The amounts are derived from the consolidated financial statements prepared under IFRS.

n thousands of CDN dollars, except per share amounts	2017	2016	2015
Net loss	2.879	2.877	2,389
Basic and diluted loss per share	0.01	0.01	0.01
Share capital	73,598	62,315	50,574
Common shares issued	554,595,167	368,581,886	207,629,506
Weighted average shares outstanding	465,929,638	269,778,932	188,384,506
Total assets	53,697	41,882	32,729
Investment in exploration and evaluation assets	11,385	8,604	9,023

#### Results of Operations

Net loss of \$2,879 in FY 2017 approximated net loss in FY 2016, \$2,877 and was higher by \$2 compared to a loss in FY 2016. The higher loss in FY 2017 was mainly driven by higher administrative costs of \$2,375 in FY 2017 compared to \$2,021 in FY 2016 (\$354 increase year-over-year). The higher costs in FY 2017 were offset by higher interest costs and foreign exchange loss in aggregate of \$515 in FY 2016 and higher property investigation cost and amortization expense of \$57 in FY 2016 compared to \$25 in FY 2017. Share-based payments of \$504 in FY 2017 were higher by \$195 compared to \$309 in FY 2016.

#### Total Assets

Total assets during the FY 2017 increased by a net of \$11,815 from the end of FY 2016. The increase is attributed to an increase in receivables and other current assets of \$100 and increase to exploration and evaluation assets of \$12,152 offset by a decrease in cash and cash equivalents and short term investments of \$432 and a minor decrease to property, plant and equipment of \$5.

#### Investment in Exploration and Evaluation Assets

Investment in exploration and evaluation assets relates primarily to the Greenland property. During YTD 2017, the Company spent a total of \$12,152 in additions to exploration and evaluation assets, of which \$12,064 related to Greenland and \$88 to other properties located in Canada and in USA.

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# **Quarterly Results of Operations**

In thousands of CDN dollars, except per share amounts	2017 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter	2017 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter	2017 2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter	2017 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter
Statement of Loss	•	•	•	•
Interest income	12	11	4	5
Net loss	653	600	672	954
Net loss per share - basic and diluted	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
Statement of Financial Position				
Cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments	2,898	5,850	10,511	2,388
Total assets	53,697	55,057	52,593	41,358
Net assets	52,728	53,366	50,997	41,198
Share capital	73,598	74,266	71,727	62,906
Common shares issued	554,598,167	554,595,167	513,612,719	368,581,886
Weighted average shares outstanding	554,595,167	436,049,679	403,644,285	269,778,932
In thousands of CDN dollars, except per share amounts	2016	2016	2016	2016
Statement of Loss	4 <sup>th</sup> quarter	3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter	2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter	1 <sup>s</sup> quarter
Interest income	7	10	6	5
Net loss	630	701	857	689
Net loss Net loss per share - basic and diluted	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Statement of Financial Position				
Cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments	3,330	5,642	3,955	2,052
Total assets	41,882	43,031	36,548	32,129
Net assets	41,701	42,406	31,395	31,998
Share capital	62,315	62,802	51,260	51,165
Common shares issued	368,581,886	368,581,886	208,581,886	207,629,506

# Three Months Ended December 31, 2017, and December 31, 2016

A net loss of \$653 in Q4 2017 compared to a net loss of \$630 in Q4 2016 resulted in an increased loss of \$23 quarter-over-quarter and was due to the following events with salaries and wages cost being the most significant:

- Salaries and wages comprised of vacation benefits totaled \$81 in Q4 2017 compared to a nil amount in Q4 2016.
- The loss in Q4 2017 was further increased by the higher travel related expense of \$88 compared to travel expenses of \$53 in Q4 2016 (\$35 increase on quarter-over-quarter).
- The higher loss in Q4 2017 was offset by lower management fees in Q4 2017 of \$178 compared to \$257 costs in Q4 2016 (\$79 decrease on quarter-over-quarter).
- Other administrative and corporate costs in aggregate of \$14 further contributed to a reduction in the loss in Q4 2017 when compared to Q4 2016.

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## Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2017, and December 31, 2016

The Company incurred a net loss of \$2,879 during FY 2017 compared to a net loss of \$2,877 during FY 2016 resulting in a minimal increase to loss of \$2 (year-over-year). The higher loss in FY 2017 was driven mainly by higher general and administrative costs in FY 2017 of \$2,375 compared to \$2,021 in FY 2016 resulting in \$354 increase on year-over-year basis. The higher general and administrative expense in FY 2017 were mainly due to increased investor relations related expenditures due to the financing transactions completed during FY 2017, higher salaries and higher travel costs. In addition, share-based payments amount of \$504 in FY 2017 was \$195 higher compared to FY 2016 of \$309 and thus further contributing to a higher loss in FY 2017. The higher share-based payments in YTD 2017 result from options issuance in February and December 2017.

The increased loss in FY 2017 was offset by the following lower key expenditures in FY 2017 compared to FY 2016:

- Finance and interest related costs incurred in FY 2016 of \$360 were not incurred in FY 2017.
- Foreign exchange loss in FY 2017 of \$7 was \$151 lower compared to a loss of \$158 in FY 2016.
- Other items such as amortization and property investigation costs in aggregate of \$25 in FY 2017 compared to total of \$57 in FY 2016 resulting in a \$32 decrease.
- Interest income in FY 2017 was \$32 and was higher by \$4 compared to interest of \$28 in FY 2016.

# Liquidity, Capital Resources and Going Concern

# Liquidity

The Company has financed its operations to date primarily through the issuance of common shares and exercise of stock options and warrants. The Company continues to seek capital through various means including the issuance of equity and/or debt and the securing of joint venture partners where appropriate.

The Company's principal requirements for cash over the next twelve months will be to fund the ongoing exploration costs at its mineral properties, general corporate and administrative costs and to service the Company's current trade and other payables.

On June 8, 2017, the Company closed an equity financing offering for total gross proceeds of \$10,877. This financing transaction will improve the liquidity and will increase the capital resources of the Company.

Further, on August 15, 2017, the Company completed a non-brokered private placement of units of the Company ("Units"). Each Unit consists of one common share of the Company (each a "Common Share") and one-half of one common share purchase warrant (each whole warrant, a "Warrant"), with each Warrant entitling the holder thereof to purchase one Common Share at an exercise price of \$0.12 per Common Share for a period of 24 months from its date of issuance. Aggregate gross proceeds of \$3,074 were raised through the issuance of 40,982,448 Units pursuant to the private placement.

Subsequent to December 31, 2017, the Company announced on March 29, 2018, that is has entered into agreements to complete a non-brokered private placement of up to 233,333,333 units at a price of \$0.075 cents unit for gross proceeds of \$17,500. Each unit will consist of one common share and one-half of one common share purchase warrant of the Company. Each warrant will entitle the holder to acquire one common share of the Company at \$0.12 on the date that is 24 months following its issuance date.

#### Working Capital

As at December 31, 2017, The Company had working capital of \$2,171 (December 31, 2016 - \$3,291), calculated as total current assets less total current liabilities. The decrease in working capital is mainly due to the usage of cash to fund exploration expenditures and general corporate expenses and increased trade payables and accrued expenses at end of FY 2017.

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# Going Concern

As at December 31, 2017 the Company had accumulated losses totaling \$26,550. The continuation of the Company is dependent upon the continued financial support of shareholders, its ability to raise capital through the issuance of its securities, and/or obtaining long-term financing.

When managing capital, the Company's objective is to ensure the entity continues as a going concern as well as to maintain optimal returns to shareholders and benefits for other stakeholders. Management adjusts the capital structure as necessary in order to support the acquisition and exploration of mineral properties.

The properties in which the Company currently has an interest are in the exploration stage. As such, the Company is dependent on external financing to fund its activities. In order to carry out the planned exploration and pay for administrative costs, the Company will spend its existing working capital and raise additional amounts as needed. The Company will continue to assess new properties and seek to acquire an interest in additional properties if it feels there is sufficient geologic or economic potential and if it has adequate financial resources to do so.

# **Contractual Obligations and Contingencies**

# **Post Creek**

Commencing August 1, 2015, the Company is obligated to pay advances on the NSR of \$10 per annum. During YTD 2017, the Company paid \$10 which will be deducted from any payments to be made under the NSR.

## Halcyon

Commencing August 1, 2015, the Company is obligated to pay advances on the NSR of \$8 per annum. During YTD 2017, the Company paid \$8 which will be deducted from any payments to be made under the NSR.

The Company had no contingent liabilities as at December 31, 2017.

## Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

There are no off-balance sheet arrangements as at December 31, 2017.

# Critical Accounting Judgements, Estimates and Assumptions

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that can affect reported amounts of assets, liabilities revenues and expenses and the accompanying disclosures. Estimates and assumptions are continuously evaluated and are based on management's historical experience and on other assumptions believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. However, different judgments, estimates and assumptions could result in outcomes that require a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets or liabilities affected in future periods.

The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are:

#### (a) Recoverability of Exploration and Evaluation Assets

The ultimate recoverability of the exploration and evaluation assets of \$50,494 carrying value at December 31, 2017, is dependent upon the Company's ability to obtain the necessary financing and permits to complete the development and commence profitable production at the Manniitsoq Project, or alternatively, upon the Company's ability to dispose of its interest therein on an advantageous basis. A review of the indicators of potential impairment is carried out at least at each period end.

Management undertakes a periodic review of these assets to determine whether any indication of impairment exists. Where an indicator of impairment exists, a formal estimate of the recoverable amount of the assets is made. An impairment loss is

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recognized when the carrying value of the assets is higher than the recoverable amount and when mineral license tenements are relinquished or have lapsed. In undertaking this review, management of the Company is required to make significant estimates of, among other things, discount rates, commodity prices, availability of financing, future operating and capital costs and all aspects of project advancement. These estimates are subject to various risks and uncertainties, which may ultimately have an effect on the expected recoverability of the carrying values of the assets.

#### (b) Restoration Provisions

Management's best estimates regarding the restoration provisions are based on the current economic environment. Changes in estimates of contamination, restoration standards and restoration activities result in changes to provisions from period to period. Actual restoration provisions will ultimately depend on future market prices for future restoration obligations. Management has determined that the Company does not have any significant restoration obligations as at December 31, 2017.

## (c) Valuation of Share-Based Compensation

The Company estimates the fair value of convertible securities such as warrants and options using the Black-Scholes option pricing model which requires significant estimation around assumptions and inputs such as expected term to maturity, expected volatility and expected forfeiture rates. The accounting policies in Note 2(j) and Note 8 of the financial statements contain further details of significant assumptions applied to these areas of estimation.

## (d) Going Concern

Financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis unless management either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease trading, or has no realistic alternative to do so. Assessment of the Company's ability to continue as a going concern requires the consideration of all available information about the future, which is at least, but not limited to, twelve months from the end of the reporting period. This information includes estimates of future cash flows and other factors, the outcome of which is uncertain. When management is aware, in making its assessment, of material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt upon the Company's ability to continue as a going concern those uncertainties are disclosed.

## **Transactions with Related Parties**

The Company's related parties as defined by International Accounting Standard 24 "Related Party Disclosures" (IAS 24), include the Company's subsidiaries, executive and non-executive directors, senior officers and key management personnel. Transactions with related parties are measured at fair value, which is the amount of consideration established and agreed upon by the related parties. All related party transactions entered by the Company have been approved by the Board of Directors of the Company and/or shareholders of the Company as required.

Key management personnel are defined as directors and senior officers of the Company.

Transactions with related parties during year ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 are listed below:

The following amounts due to related parties are included in trade payables and accrued liabilities:

	December 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
Directors and officers of the Company	42	2
Total	42	2

These amounts are unsecured, non-interest bearing and have no fixed terms of repayment.

## (a) Related party transactions

On August 15, 2017, Sentient subscribed for a total of 38,666,666 units under the private placement equity financing transaction described in Note 8 for a total net proceeds of \$2,900. As part of the subscription, Sentient was granted 19,333,333 common share purchase warrants exercisable at \$0.12 until August 15, 2019.

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On June 8, 2017, Sentient acquired 94,666,666 units in the equity financing as described in Note 8 for net proceeds of \$7,100. As part of the Offering, Sentient was granted 47,333,333 common share purchase warrants exercisable at \$0.12 until June 8, 2019.

As of December 31, 1017, Sentient beneficially owns 356,476,487 Common Shares constituting approximately 64.27% of the currently issued and outstanding Common Shares.

During the year ended December 31, 2017, the Company recorded \$244 (2016 - \$347) in fees charged by a legal firm in which the Company's chairman is a consultant.

During the year ended December 31, 2016, the Company recorded \$16 in rent and utilities expense to VMS Ventures Inc. a company that was a significant shareholder and related through common directors, which was included in general and administrative expense. There were no such fees recorded during year ended December 31, 2017.

During the year ended December 31, 2016, the Company issued 952,380 common shares to Sentient for a fee for advancing the loan of \$4,500 at a fair value of \$95. The Company discounted the loan with the interest not being charged by Sentient using an interest rate of 15% per annum and an amount of \$265 was booked to capital contribution reserve.

## (b) Compensation of Key Management Personnel

	Year Ended December 31,				
In thousands of CDN dollars	2017	2016	2015		
Geological consulting fees - expensed	35	6	72		
Geological consulting fees – capitalized	178	44	94		
Management fees – expensed	749	756	547		
Salaries – expensed	128	103	77		
Stock based compensation	358	186	36		
	1,448	1,095	826		

# **Financial Instruments**

In thousands of CDN dollars	Fair Value at December 31, 2017	Basis of Measurement	Associated Risks
Cash and cash equivalents	398	Loans and receivables	Credit and foreign exchange
Short term investments	2,500	Loans and receivables	Credit
Receivable and other current assets	242	Loans and receivables	Credit, foreign exchange
Trade, payables and accrued liabilities	969	Amortized cost	Foreign exchange

**Loans and receivables**— Cash and cash equivalents, short-term deposits, accounts receivables and other current assets, trade, other payables and accrued liabilities mature in the short term and their carrying values approximate their fair values.

# Risk Management

The Company's exposure to market risk includes, but is not limited to, the following risks:

## Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The Convertible Debentures with Sentient no longer bear interest and therefore are not subject to changes in interest payments. The short term investments are held at highly-rated financial institutions and earn guaranteed fixed interest rate and thus are not subject to significant changes in interest payments.

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# Foreign Currency Exchange Rate Risk

Currency risk is risk that the fair value of future cash flows will fluctuate because of changes in foreign currency exchange rates. In addition, the value of cash and cash equivalents and other financial assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies can fluctuate with changes in currency exchange rates.

The Company operates in Canada and Greenland and undertakes transactions denominated in foreign currencies such as United States dollar, Euros and Danish Krones, and consequently is exposed to exchange rate risks. Exchange risks are managed by matching levels of foreign currency balances and related obligations and by maintaining operating cash accounts in non-Canadian dollar currencies. The rate published by the Bank of Canada at the close of business on December 31, 2017 was 1.2550 USD to CAD, 0.6649 EUR to CAD and 0.2018 DKK to CAD.

The Company's Canadian dollar equivalent of financial assets and liabilities that are denominated in Danish Krones consist of accounts payable of \$571 (2016 - \$23) and \$56 in USD currency (2016 - \$Nil).

## Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation. Our credit risk is primarily associated with liquid financial assets. The Company limits exposure to credit risk on liquid financial assets by holding our cash and cash equivalents, short term investments at highly-rated financial institutions.

## Price Risk

The Company is exposed to price risk with respect to commodity prices. Commodity price risk is defined as the potential adverse impact on earnings and economic value due to commodity price movements and volatilities. To mitigate price risk, the Company closely monitors commodity prices of precious metals and the stock market to determine the appropriate course of action to be taken by the Company.

# Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities that are settled by delivering cash or another financial asset. The Company manages the liquidity risk inherent in these financial obligations by regularly monitoring actual cash flows to annual budget which forecast cash needs and expected cash availability to meet future obligations. The financing transactions completed during the year ended December 31, 2017 improved the liquidity position of the Company.

The Company will defer discretionary expenditures, as required, in order to manage and conserve cash required for current liabilities.

# Capital Risk Management

The Company manages its capital to ensure that it will be able to continue as a going concern, so that adequate funds are available or are scheduled to be raised to carry out the Company's exploration program and to meet its ongoing administrative and operating costs and obligations. This is achieved by the Board of Directors' review and ultimate approval of budgets that are achievable within existing resources, and the timely matching and release of the next stage of expenditures with the resources made available from capital raisings and debt funding from related or other parties. In doing so, the Company may issue new shares, restructure or issue new debt.

The Company is not subject to any externally imposed capital requirements imposed by a regulator or a lending institution. In the management of capital, the Company includes the components of equity, loans and borrowings, other current liabilities, net of cash and cash equivalents.

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#### As at December 31,

	2017	2016
Equity	52,728	41,701
Current liabilities	969	181
	53,697	41,882
Cash and cash equivalents	(398)	(630)
Short term investments	(2,500)	(2,700)
	50,799	38,552

# **Future Accounting Standards and Pronouncements**

IFRS 9 "Financial Instruments" (IFRS 9)

IFRS 9 addresses classification and measurement of financial assets. It replaces the multiple category and measurement models in IAS 39 for debt instruments with a new mixed measurement model having only two categories: amortized cost and fair value through profit and loss. IFRS 9 also replaces the models for measuring equity instruments. Such instruments are either recognized at fair value through profit or loss or at fair value through other comprehensive income. Where equity instruments are measured at fair value through other comprehensive income, dividends are recognized in the statement of earnings to the extent that they do not clearly represent a return of investment; however, other gains and losses (including impairments) associated with such instruments remain in accumulated comprehensive income indefinitely. Requirements for financial liabilities were added to IFRS 9 in October 2010 and they largely carried forward existing requirements in IAS 39 except that fair value changes due to credit risk for liabilities designated at fair value through profit and loss are generally recorded in other comprehensive income. This standard is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2018. The Company has not yet assessed the impact of this standard.

IFRS 15 "Revenue from Contracts with Customers"

IFRS 15 was issued in May 2014 to replace IAS 18, Revenue, IAS 11, Construction Contracts, and related interpretations on revenue. IFRS 15 establishes principles to address the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows arising from an entity's contracts with customers. IFRS 15 will also result in enhanced disclosures about revenue, provide guidance for transactions that were not previously addressed comprehensively and improve guidance for multiple element arrangements. Companies can elect to use either a full or modified retrospective approach when adopting this standard and it is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2018. The Company has not yet assessed the impact of this standard.

IFRS 16 "Leases"

IFRS 16 replaces current guidance in IAS 17. Under IAS 17, lessees were required to make a distinction between a finance lease (on the balance sheet) and an operating lease (off balance sheet). IFRS 16 now requires lessees to recognize a lease liability reflecting future lease payments and a "right-of-use asset" for virtually all lease contracts. The IASB has included an optional exemption for certain short-term leases and leases of low value assets, however this exemption can only be applied by lessees. The standard applies to annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2019, with earlier application permitted if IFRS 15, Revenue from Contracts with Customers, is also applied. The Company has not yet assessed the impact of this standard.

## **Risk and Uncertainties**

The business of the Company entails significant risks that may have a material and adverse impact on the future operations and financial performance of the Company and the value of the common shares of the Company. These risks that are widespread risks associated with any form of business and specific risks associated with involvement in the exploration and mining industry. Hence, investment in the securities of the Company should be considered highly speculative. An investment in the securities of the Company should only be undertaken by persons who have sufficient financial resources to enable them to assume such risks.

The following is a general description of all material risks and uncertainties:

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- The Company has negative operating cash flows and might not be able to continue as a going concern;
- The Company will require additional funding in the future and no assurances can be given that such funding will be available on the terms acceptable to the Company or at all;
- The speculative nature of resource exploration and development projects;
- The uncertainty of mineral resource estimates and the Company's lack of mineral reserves;
- The Company's ability to successfully establish mining operations and profitable production;
- Operations of the Company are carried out in geographical areas that are subject to various other risk factors;
- The economic uncertainty of operating in a developing country such as PNG, such as the availability of local labour, local and outside contractors and equipment when required to carry out the Company's exploration and development activities;
- Other foreign operations risks; potential changes in applicable laws and government or investment policies;
- The Company is not insured against all possible risks;
- Environmental risks and hazards;
- The title of the Company's mineral properties cannot be guaranteed and may be subject to prior unregistered
  agreements, transfers and other defects, and the risk of obtaining a mining permit and the successful renewal of
  currently pending renewal applications;
- The commodity prices may affect the Company's value, changes in and volatility of commodity prices and its hedging policies;
- Increased competition in the mineral resource sector;
- The Company may have difficulty recruiting and retaining key personnel;
- Currency fluctuations risk;
- Repatriation of earnings, no assurances that Greenland or any other foreign country that the Company may operate in the future will not impose restrictions on repatriation of earnings to foreign entities;
- No production revenues;
- Stock exchange prices;
- Conflicts of interest;
- Ability to exercise statutory rights and remedies under Canadian securities law;
- Enforceability of foreign judgements;
- Unforeseen litigation;
- The Company's future sales or issuance of common shares;
- Risk of suspension of public listing due to failure to comply with local securities regulations;
- The Company's auditors have indicated that U.S. reporting standards would require them to raise a concern about the company's ability to continue as a going concern;
- · Risk of fines and penalties; and
- · Risk of improper use of funds in local entity.

# **Share Capital Information**

As of the date of this MD&A the following number of common shares of the Company and other securities of the Company exercisable for common shares of the Company are outstanding:

Securities	Common shares on exercise
Common shares	787,931,500
Preferred shares	590,931
Stock options	26,445,500
Warrants	292,842,080
Fully diluted share capital	1,107,810,011

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## **Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

Management has established processes to provide them sufficient knowledge to support representations that they have exercised reasonable diligence that (i) the consolidated financial statements do not contain any untrue statement of material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated or that is necessary to make a statement not misleading in light of the circumstances under which it is made, as of the date of and for the periods presented by the consolidated financial statements; and (ii) the consolidated financial statements fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the Company, as of the date of and for the periods presented.

In contrast to the certificate required for non-venture issuers under National Instrument 52-109 Certification of Disclosure in Issuers' Annual and Interim Filings (NI 52-109), this Venture Issuer Basic Certificate does not include representations relating to the establishment and maintenance of disclosure controls and procedures ("DC&P") and internal control over financial reporting ("ICFR"), as defined in NI 52-109. In particular, the certifying officers filing this certificate are not making any representations relating to the establishment and maintenance of:

- i. controls and other procedures designed to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed by the issuer in its annual filings, interim filings or other reports filed or submitted under securities legislation is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in securities legislation; and
- ii. a process to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with the issuer's accounting policies.

The issuer's certifying officers are responsible for ensuring that processes are in place to provide them with sufficient knowledge to support the representations they are making in this certificate. Investors should be aware that inherent limitations on the ability of certifying officers of a venture issuer to design and implement on a cost-effective basis DC&P and ICFR as defined in NI 52-109 may result in additional risks to the quality, reliability, transparency and timeliness of interim and annual fillings and other reports provided under securities legislation.

# **Caution Regarding Forward Looking Statements**

Statements contained in this MD&A that are not historical facts are forward-looking statements (within the meaning of the Canadian securities legislation and the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995) that involve risks and uncertainties. Forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements with respect to the future price of metals; the estimation of mineral reserves and resources, the realization of mineral reserve estimates; the timing and amount of estimated future production, costs of production, and capital expenditures; costs and timing of the development of new deposits; success of exploration activities, permitting time lines, currency fluctuations, requirements for additional capital, government regulation of mining operations, environmental risks, unanticipated reclamation expenses, title disputes or claims, limitations on insurance coverage and the timing and possible outcome of pending litigation. 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 state that certain actions, events or results "may", "could", "would", "might" or "will be taken", "occur" or "be achieved". 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 risks and other factors include, among others, risks related to the integration of acquisitions; risks related to operations; risks related to joint venture operations; actual results of current exploration activities; actual results of current reclamation activities; conclusions of economic evaluations; changes in project parameters as plans continue to be refined; future prices of metals; possible variations in ore reserves, grade or recovery rates; failure of plant, equipment or processes to operate as anticipated; 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, as well as those factors discussed in the sections entitled "Risks and Uncertainties" in this MD&A. Although the Company has attempted to identify important factors that could affect the Company and may 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. The forward-looking statements in this MD&A speak only as of the date hereof. The Company does not undertake any obligation to release publicly any revisions to these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date hereof to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

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Forward-looking statements and other information contained herein concerning the mining industry and general expectations concerning the mining industry are based on estimates prepared by the Company using data from publicly available industry sources as well as from market research and industry analysis and on assumptions based on data and knowledge of this industry which the Company believes to be reasonable. However, this data is inherently imprecise, although generally indicative of relative market positions, market shares and performance characteristics. While the Company is not aware of any misstatements regarding any industry data presented herein, the industry involves risks and uncertainties and is subject to change based on various factors.

# **Additional Information**

Additional information about the Company and its business activities is available under the Company's profile on the Canadian SEDAR website at <a href="https://www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a>.

## **Qualified Person and Technical Information**

The scientific and technical information contained in this MD&A was prepared by or under the supervision of and reviewed and approved by Peter C. Lightfoot, PhD, P. Geo, the qualified person for the Company under National Instrument 43-101. Mr. Lightfoot is a "Qualified Person" as defined by NI 43-101. Dr. Lightfoot verified the data underlying the information in this MD&A.

For further information relating to the Maniitsoq Project in southwest Greenland, please see the technical report titled *Updated Independent Technical Report for the Maniitsoq Nickel-Copper-Cobalt-PGM Project, Greenland*" dated February 1, 2017 prepared by SRK Consulting (US) Inc. which is available under the Company's issuer profile on SEDAR at <a href="https://www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a>.