

# CARDERO RESOURCE CORP.

(An Exploration Stage Company)

**Condensed Interim Consolidated Financial Statements** (Expressed in Canadian Dollars)

Six months ended April 30, 2014 and 2013

# **Corporate Head Office**

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The accompanying unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements of the Company have been prepared by and are the responsibility of the Company's management.

The Company's independent auditor has not performed a review of these condensed interim consolidated financial statements in accordance with standards established by the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants for a review of financial statements by an entity's auditor.

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# CARDERO RESOURCE CORP.

# (AN EXPLORATION STAGE COMPANY) Condensed Interim Consolidated Statements of Financial Position

(Expressed in Canadian Dollars)

(Unaudited – Prepared by Management)

		April 30 2014	October 31 2013
ASSETS			
Current			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	170,363	\$ 291,277
Accounts receivable		126,360	4,268,527
Due from related parties (note 9)		173,301	157,131
Deferred financing costs (note 7)		1,420,868	· -
Prepaid expenses		258,120	225,369
		2,149,012	4,942,304
Property, Plant and Equipment (note 3)		419,721	561,041
Investments (note 4)		330,151	496,746
<b>Exploration and Evaluation Advances</b>		55,000	55,000
<b>Exploration and Evaluation Assets</b> (note 5)		57,275,409	78,152,654
Deposits		4,875,886	4,906,636
Total Assets	\$	65,105,179	\$ 89,114,381
LIABILITIES Current			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$	2,866,159	\$ 5,870,254
Short-term loan (note 6)		2,071,093	5,338,312
Flow-through premium liabilities (note 10)		-	232,613
Credit facility (note7)		1,924,689	-
Total Liabilities		6,861,941	11,441,179
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY			
Share Capital		126,163,632	125,528,040
Contributed Surplus		28,181,783	23,847,997
Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income		52,277	12,835
Deficit		(96,154,454)	(71,715,670
Total Shareholders' Equity		58,243,238	77,673,202
Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity	\$	65,105,179	\$ 89,114,381
Subsequent Events (note 11) Going Concern (note 1)			
approved on behalf of the Board:			
Hendrik Van Alphen"	<u>"Stephan Fitch"</u>		
Hendrik Van Alphen, Director	Stephan Fitch, Director	or	

# CARDERO RESOURCE CORP. (AN EXPLORATION STAGE COMPANY)

# Condensed Interim Consolidated Statements of Loss

(Expressed in Canadian Dollars)

(Unaudited – Prepared by Management)

	7	Three Mon		Six Mont Apri		
	2	2014	 2013	2014	 2013	
Administrative Expenses						
Bad debts	\$	113,438	\$ -	\$ 113,438	\$	
Consulting fees (note 9(b))		100,774	320,458	218,582	513,014	
Corporate development		19,030	71,075	46,622	146,770	
Depreciation		45,175	59,413	87,270	118,559	
Insurance		23,128	38,565	51,617	104,774	
Investor relations		12,061	68,235	12,926	121,828	
Office costs		121,030	212,607	259,172	444,326	
Professional fees (note 9(b))		81,387	720,419	162,763	1,000,176	
Property evaluations		3,941	2,331	14,110	125,618	
Regulatory and transfer agent fees		34,059	48,363	80,780	95,012	
Salaries and benefits		405,752	671,525	597,522	1,775,155	
Travel		13,732	87,499	23,428	187,458	
Loss Before Other Items and Income Tax	(	(973,507)	(2,300,490)	(1,668,230)	(4,632,690	
Other Items						
Other income (expenses)		9,109	8,675	(33,734)	377,925	
Foreign exchange gain (loss)		68,661	(111,977)	(439,042)	(206,041	
Interest expense	(1	,022,605)	(49,385)	(2,530,821)	(32,680	
Realized loss on sale of available-for-sale investments (note	`	,- ,,	( - , ,	( , ,- ,	(- ,	
4)		(4,024)	_	(8,613)	17,230	
Unrealized loss on derivative investment (note 4)		-	(356,982)	(87,470)	(416,723	
Unrealized loss on fair value through profit or loss				(,,		
investment		-	(15,000)	-	(16,500	
Impairment losses on available-for-sale investments (note		(61.005)	(515.760)	(72.120)	(1.110.505	
4)		(61,985)	(515,769)	(72,129)	(1,112,535	
Impairment losses on property plant and equipment		(61,856)	_	(61,856)	(2.775.25.4	
Impairment losses on exploration and evaluation assets	(21	000 047)		(21,000,047)	(3,775,254	
(note 5)	(21	,000,947)	-	(21,000,947)		
Loss on sale of subsidiary		-	-	(81,537)	-	
Flow-through Part XII.6 Tax (note 10)		- 06.000	-	(166,152)	-	
Gain on Note restructuring (note 6)		86,022	-	275,742	-	
Gain (loss) on settlement of accounts payable		(21,418)		1,199,653		
	(22	2,009,043	(1,040,438)	(23,006,906)	(5,164,578	
Loss Before Income Taxes	(22	2,982,550	(3,340,928)	(24,675,136)	(9,797,268	
Income Taxes						
Deferred recovery (expense)		(17,821)	37,235	3,739	37,299	
Current recovery		-	-	232,613		
Net Loss for Period	(23	,000,371)	(3,303,693)	(24,438,784)	(9,759,969	
Basic and Diluted Loss Per Share	\$	(0.20)	\$ (0.03)	\$ (0.21)	\$ (0.09)	
Weighted Average Number of Shares Outstanding		,284,421	110,377,106	116,464,753	104,881,123	

# CARDERO RESOURCE CORP. (AN EXPLORATION STAGE COMPANY)

# Condensed Interim Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Loss

(Expressed in Canadian Dollars)

(Unaudited – Prepared by Management)

	Three Mon		Six Months April 3	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Net Loss for the Period	\$ (23,000,371)	\$ (3,303,693)	\$ (24,438,784) \$	(9,759,969)
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of deferred taxes Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations Other comprehensive income (loss) on available-for-sale	(4,826)	(35,425)	10,097	191,550
securities	(121,577)	(44,125)	29,345	(33,180)
Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) for the Period, net of deferred taxes	(126,403)	(79,550)	39,442	158,370
Comprehensive Loss for the Period	\$ (23,126,774)	\$ (3,383,243)	\$ (24,399,342) \$	(9,601,599)

# CARDERO RESOURCE CORP. (AN EXPLORATION STAGE COMPANY)

# **Condensed Interim Consolidated Statements of Shareholders' Equity**

(Expressed in Canadian Dollars)

(Unaudited - Prepared by Management)

	Share	Cap	ital						Currency	Availab			Total	
	~-					(	Contributed		Franslation .	Sa		Sl	nareholders'	
	Shares		Amount		Deficit		Surplus		Account	Invest	ments		Equity	
Balance, October 31, 2012	93,416,454	\$	117,070,689	\$	(41,956,007)	\$	22,278,360	\$	(148,653)	\$	(17,710)	\$	97,226,679	
Net loss for the year	-		-		(29,759,663)		-		-		-		(29,759,663)	
Other comprehensive income														
Unrealized loss on available-for-sale investments	-		-		-		-		-		13,510		13,510	
Functional currency translation	-		-		-		-		165,688		-		165,688	
Shares issued for cash														
Private placement	16,439,816		7,277,903		-		-		-		-		7,277,903	
Exercise warrants	480,000		60,000		-		-		-		-		60,000	
Exercise options	200,000		12,500		-		-		-		-		12,500	
Share issue costs	-		(466,452)		-		47,973		-		-		(418,479)	
Shares issued for non-cash														
Property acquisition	900,000		203,000		-		-		-		-		203,000	
Short-term loan	2,000,000		420,000		-		-		-		-		420,000	
Reclassification of contributed surplus on exercise of warrants	-		662,400		-		(662,400)		-		-		-	
Reclassification of contributed surplus on exercise of options	-		288,000		-		(288,000)		-		-		-	
Short-term loan warrants	-		-		-		1,801,027		-		-		1,801,027	
Share-based payments	-		-		-		671,037		-		-		671,037	
Balance, October 31, 2013	113,436,270	\$	125,528,040	\$	(71,715,670)	\$	23,847,997	\$	17,035	\$	(4,200)	\$	77,673,202	
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Net loss for the period	-		-		(24,438,784)		-		-		-		(24,438,784)	
Other comprehensive income														
Unrealized loss on available-for-sale investments	-		-		-		-		-		29,345		29,345	
Functional currency translation	-		-		-		-		10,097		-		10,097	
Shares issued for cash														
Exercise options	711,000		78,210		-		-		-		-		78,210	
Share issue costs	-		(315)		-		-		-		-		(315)	
Shares issued for non-cash														
Reclassification of contributed surplus on exercise of options	-		42,558		-		(42,558)		-		-		-	
Shares issued in settlement of trade creditors	3,219,617		515,139		-		-		-		-		515,139	
Line of credit warrants	-		-		-		4,190,559	_	-		-	_	4,190,559	
Share-based payments	-		-		-		185,785		-		-		185,785	
Balance, April 30, 2014	117,366,887	\$	126,163,632	\$	(96,154,454)	\$	28,181,783	\$	27,132	\$	25,145	\$	58,243,238	

# CARDERO RESOURCE CORP. (AN EXPLORATION STAGE COMPANY)

# **Condensed Interim Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**

(Expressed in Canadian Dollars)

(Unaudited – Prepared by Management)
Six Months Ended April 30

		2014	2013
Operating Activities	¢	(24.429.794)	(0.750.060
Net loss for the period	\$	(24,438,784) \$	(9,759,969
Items not involving cash		07.070	110.550
Depreciation		87,270	118,559
Share-based payments (note 7)		185,786	94,126
Bad debts		113,438	-
Accretion expense		2,070,196	18,677
Realized loss (gain) on sale of available-for-sale investments (note 4)		8,612	(17,230
Impairment losses on available-for-sale investments (note 4)		72,129	1,112,535
Impairment losses on property plant and equipment (note 4)		21,000,947	-
Impairment losses on property plant and equipment		61,856	-
Unrealized loss on fair value through profit or loss investment (note 4)		-	16,500
Gain on Note restructuring		(275,742)	-
Gain on settlement of accounts payable		(1,199,653)	-
Unrealized loss on derivative investments (note 4)		-	416,723
Realized loss on derivative investment (note 4)		87,470	-
Write-off of exploration and evaluation assets		-	3,775,254
Income taxes recovered		(236,352)	(37,299)
Loss on asset disposal		285	-
Unrealized foreign exchange loss		560,524	53,480
Changes in non-cash working capital items			
Deferred financing costs		(1,420,868)	-
Prepaid expenses		(32,751)	293,925
Due from related parties		(16,170)	60,774
Interest payable		127,899	30,699
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		(259,461)	349,561
Cash Used in Operating Activities		(3,503,369)	(3,473,685)
Turned to And taken			
Investing Activities		(1,153,544)	(12,833,205)
Expenditures on exploration and evaluation assets		30,750	85,000
Decrease (Increase) in deposits		31,467	126,991
Proceeds from sale of investments		2,006	(63,941
Disposal (Purchase) of property, plant and equipment		4,028,729	4,535,111
Accounts receivable		4,028,729	4,333,111
Cash (Used in) Investing Activities		2,939,408	(8,150,044)
Financing Activities			
Proceeds from shares issued, net of issuance costs		77,895	7,335,887
Short term loan and credit line		365,152	5,077,020
Short term toan and credit fine			
Cash Provided by Financing Activities		443,047	12,412,907
Demonstrate and the second second		(120,914)	789,178
(Decrease) Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents		291,277	2,142,499
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of the Period			

#### 1. NATURE OF OPERATIONS AND GOING CONCERN

Cardero Resource Corp. ("Cardero" or the "Company") and its subsidiaries are engaged in the exploration of mineral properties, primarily in Canada, United States, Ghana, Peru and Argentina. The Company considers itself to be an exploration stage company.

The Company is a public company with shares listed on the TSX Exchange and the Frankfurt Stock Exchange. The head office and principal address of the Company are located at 1177 West Hastings Street, Suite 2300, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, V6E 2K3.

#### Going Concern

While these condensed interim consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the basis that the Company will continue as a going concern, which assumes that the Company will be able to meet its commitments, continue operations, realize its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of business for the foreseeable future, the following events and conditions that raise substantial doubt on the validity of that assumption:

- During the period ended April 30, 2014, the Company incurred a loss of \$24,438,784 and as at April 30, 2014 had an accumulated deficit of \$96,154,454 and a working capital deficit of \$4,712,929; and
- Additional sources of financing are required to enable the Company to meet its existing obligations.

During the period ended April 30, 2014, the Company secured a USD 5.0 million line of credit (Note 7) and settled an aggregate of \$2,690,473 of outstanding trade creditors in consideration of the payment, either on closing or over time, of an aggregate of \$1,038,367 in cash plus the issuance of 3,219,617 common shares at a deemed price of \$0.16 per share. The Company received its British Columbia Mineral Exploration Tax Credit in the amount of \$3,734,023 plus interest of \$40,628 for a total of \$3,774,651 and the Company paid USD 3,906,794 (representing the USD 3,700,000 principle amount plus USD 206,794 in interest, of which USD 3,360,957 was paid in cash and USD 545,838 was paid from the line of credit) towards certain outstanding secured notes (Note 6) due on or before March 14, 2014.

The Company will use funds advanced under the line of credit for general working capital.

Notwithstanding these additional sources of funding and settlement of liabilities, further funding is required in order for the Company to meet its existing obligations, commitments and fund ongoing exploration. While the Company has been successful in obtaining its required funding in the past, there is no assurance that sufficient funds will be available to the Company in the future. The Company has no assurance that such financing will be available or be available on favorable terms. Factors that could affect the availability of financing include the progress and results of the Company's exploration properties, the state of international debt and equity markets, investor perceptions and expectations and the global financial and iron ore and metallurgical coal markets. There can be no assurance the Company will be successful in its endeavor to obtain additional financing. These consolidated financial statements do not reflect adjustments in the carrying values of the assets and liabilities, the reported revenues and expenses, and the balance sheet classifications used, that would be necessary if the company were unable to realize its assets and settle its liabilities in the normal course of operations. Such adjustments could be material.

#### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### (a) Basis of presentation

#### Statement of compliance

These condensed interim consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB") applicable to the preparation of interim financial statements, including International Accounting Standard ("IAS") 34, "Interim Financial Reporting". The condensed interim consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the annual financial statements for the year ended October 31, 2013, which have been prepared in accordance with IFRS as issued by the IASB.

#### 2. **SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

#### (a) Basis of presentation (continued)

## **Statement of compliance** (continued)

The condensed interim consolidated financial statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis except for financial instruments classified as available-for-sale or fair value through profit and loss, which are stated at their fair value. In addition, these condensed interim consolidated financial statements have been prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. The presentation and functional currency of the Company is the Canadian dollar.

The Board of Directors approved the condensed interim consolidated financial statements on March 13, 2014.

#### (b) Critical accounting estimates and judgements

The preparation of financial statements requires management to use judgment in applying its accounting policies and estimates and assumptions about the future. Estimates and other judgments are continuously evaluated and are based on management's experience and other factors, including expectations about future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The following discusses the most significant accounting judgments and estimates that the Company has made in the preparation of the financial statements.

#### Mineral property impairment

At the end of each reporting period, the Company assesses each of its mineral resource properties to determine whether any indication of impairment exists. Judgment is required in determining whether indicators of impairment exist, including factors such as: the period for which the Company has the right to explore, expected renewals of exploration rights, whether substantive expenditures on further exploration and evaluation of resource properties are budgeted or planned and results of exploration and evaluation activities on the exploration and evaluation assets. The Company concluded that, as a result of its withdrawal from the Burns Lease (Note 5(c)(ii)), which forms part of the Carbon Creek property, an impairment indicator existed. The Company determined that all attributed expenditures for acquisition and exploration costs in respect of the coal underlying the crown granted district lots related to the Burns Agreement and the Burns Lease would be written off. The Carbon Creek Joint Venture Agreement (Note 5(c)(iii)) is in good standing and further exploration is planned on the remaining joint venture property once additional financing has been obtained. Based on an impairment test performed on the Company's remaining interest in the Carbon Creek Joint Venture property, the Company concluded that no additional impairment was required as at April 30, 2014.

# 3. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	Me	Metallurgy Lab Leasehold Other			Other		Total	
Cost								
Balance, October 31, 2013	\$	619,722	\$	378,184	\$	611,114	\$	1,609,020
Disposals		-		-		(3,719)		(3,719)
Impairment		(179,603)		-		-		(179,603)
Currency translation adjustments		30,561		-		-		30,561
Balance, April 30, 2014	\$	470,680	\$	378,184	\$	607,395	\$	1,456,259
Accumulated depreciation								
Balance, October 31, 2013	\$	344,090	\$	246,845	\$	457,044	\$	1,047,979
Depreciation for the year	Ψ	61,536	Ψ	7,646	Ψ	18,088	Ψ	87,270
Disposal		01,550		7,040		(1,594)		(1,594)
Impairment		(117,581)		_		(1,5) 1)		(117,581)
Currency translation adjustments		20,464		-		-		20,464
Balance, April 30, 2014	\$	308,509	\$	254,491	\$	473,538	\$	1,036,538
Carrying amounts								
At October 31, 2013	\$	275,632	\$	131,339	\$	154,070	\$	561,041
At April 30, 2014	\$	162,171	\$	123,693	\$	133,857	\$	419,721

The Company operates in one industry segment, the mineral resources industry, and in five geographical segments, Canada, United States, Ghana, Peru, and Argentina. All assets are located in Canada except the Metallurgical Testing laboratory, \$162,171 (2013: \$275,632) which is located in the United States.

#### 4. INVESTMENTS

	Shares				
January 31, 2014	Number	Fair Value			
Wealth Minerals Ltd. ("Wealth")	5,022,806	175,798			
Xiana Mining Inc. ("Xiana")	126,800	10,778			
Abzu Gold Inc. ("Abzu Gold")	8,855,007	132,825			
Artha Resources Corporation ("Artha")	2,150,000	10,750			
		\$ 330,151			

	Shares		Warrants					
October 31, 2013	Number Fa		air Value	Number	Fair Value			Total
Trevali Mining Corporation ("Trevali")	-	\$	-	2,074,761	\$	87,470	\$	87,470
Wealth Minerals Ltd. ("Wealth")	5,022,806		150,684	-		-		150,684
Xiana Mining Inc. ("Xiana")	126,800		17,752	-		-		17,752
Indico Resources Ltd. ("Indico")	50,000		5,750	-		-		5,750
Balmoral Resources Ltd. ("Balmoral")	8,000		3,040	-		-		3,040
Abzu Gold Inc. ("Abzu Gold")	9,234,007		184,680	-		-		184,680
Artha Resources Corporation ("Artha")	2,150,000		32,250	-		-		32,250
Ethos Capital Corp.("Ethos")	150,000		15,120	-		-		15,120
	•		•		•	•		•
		\$	409,276		\$	87,470	\$	496,746

#### 4. INVESTMENTS (Continued)

All the resource related companies are considered to be related parties, with the exception of Trevali, Xiana, Abzu and Artha, by virtue of having directors and/or officers in common. All investments in shares are classified as available-for-sale under the financial instruments classification. As investments in warrants are considered to be derivative instruments, they are by definition classified as fair value through profit or loss.

During the period ended April 30, 2014 the Company sold investments for net proceeds of \$31,467 (2013 - \$126,991) at a cost of \$40,080 (2013 - \$109,761) for net (loss) gains on sale of \$(8,613) (2013 - \$17,230). Impairment losses on investments amounted to \$72,129 (2013 - \$1,112,535).

During the period ended April 30, 2014, the Company recorded a realized loss on the fair value of derivatives of \$87,470 (2013 – \$416,723). The Company held 2,074,761 Trevali warrants with an exercise price of \$1.10 which expired, unexercised, on January 16, 2014.

#### 5. EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION ASSETS

The Company's capitalized acquisition and exploration expenditures on its exploration and evaluation assets are as follows:

	U.S.A. (note 7(c))	Ghana (note 7(d))	Canada (note 7(e))	Total
Balance, October 31, 2012	\$ 3,770,227	\$ 11,436,626	\$ 73,116,935	\$ 88,323,788
Acquisition costs:				
Acquisition costs – shares	-	135,000	68,000	203,000
Acquisition costs – cash	557	635,500	5,625,760	6,261,817
Total acquisition costs	557	770,500	5,693,760	6,464,817
Deferred exploration costs:				
Camp	-	146,891	322,482	469,373
Drilling and analysis	-	-	410,761	410,761
Personnel and geology	4,470	248,545	2,342,717	2,595,732
Total exploration costs	4,470	395,436	3,075,960	3,475,866
Total expenditures for the period	5,027	1,165,936	8,769,720	9,940,683
Costs recovered – Exploration	-	-	(3,734,000)	(3,734,000)
Write-offs – Acquisition costs	(353,540)	(6,820,013)	_	(7,173,553)
Write-offs – Exploration costs	(3,421,714)	(5,851,846)	-	(9,273,560)
Total write-offs	(3,775,254)	(12,671,859)	-	(16,447,113)
Currency translation adjustments	-	69,296	-	69,296
Balance, October 31, 2013	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 78,152,654	\$ 78,152,654
Acquisition costs:				
Acquisition costs – cash	_	_	63,438	63,438
Total acquisition costs	-	-	63,438	63,438
Deferred exploration costs:				
Drilling and analysis	_	_	8,416	8.416
Personnel and geology	_	_	51,848	51,848
Total exploration costs	-	-	60,264	60,264
Total expenditures for the period	-	-	123,702	123,702
Write-offs – Acquisition costs	_	_	(6,036,078)	(6,036,078)
Write-offs – Exploration costs		_	(14,964,869)	(14,964,869)
Total write-offs	-	-	(21,000,947)	(21,000,947)
Balance, April 30, 2014	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 57,275,409	\$ 57,275,409

#### 5. EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION ASSETS (Continued)

#### (a) United States of America

During the year ended October 31, 2013 the Company determined that no further exploration will be done on either of the TiTac and Longnose properties. The Company determined that the carrying value of the properties was impaired and wrote off cumulative costs incurred to date of \$3,775,254 as an impairment charge in the consolidated statement of loss.

#### (b) Ghana

On December 8, 2011, three separate prospecting licenses, Sheini North, Middle Sheini and Sheini South, covering the Sheini Hills Iron Ore deposit were granted and Cardero Ghana and a private Ghanaian company have entered into three separate joint ventures (one for each prospecting license), each dated December 12, 2011 and amended on November 2, 2012 (which replace all previous agreements between the parties, including the November 22, 2010 agreement), to explore and, if warranted, develop the lands subject to the prospecting licenses. Ghanaian government approval to the three joint venture agreements was obtained on April 10, 2012. All expenditures incurred prior to December 8, 2011 have been included in property evaluations in the consolidated statement of loss. All expenditures incurred after December 8, 2011 were capitalized and included in exploration and evaluation assets.

During the year ended October 31, 2012, Cardero Ghana elected not to make a payment of USD 500,000 due December 8, 2012 in respect of the joint venture agreement on the Sheini North prospecting license. Accordingly, the Company determined that the carrying value of the property was impaired and wrote off cumulative costs incurred to date of \$374,716 as an impairment charge in the consolidated statement of loss.

Subsequent to the year ended October 31, 2013, Cardero Ghana elected not to make a payment of USD 1,000,000 due December 8, 2012 in respect of the joint venture agreement on the Middle Sheini prospecting license and USD 1,900,000 due December 8, 2013 in respect of the joint venture agreement on the Sheini South prospecting license. Accordingly, the Company determined that the carrying value of the properties were impaired and wrote off cumulative costs incurred to date of \$12,671,859 as an impairment charge in the consolidated statement of loss. The Company has made the determination to withdraw from all three joint ventures.

During the year end October 31, 2013 the Company issued 500,000 common shares at a deemed value of \$135,000 for a finder's fee on the Sheini Hills project.

#### (c) Canada – Carbon Creek Property, British Columbia

To acquire its interest in the Carbon Creek Metallurgical Coal Property, Cardero Coal Ltd. (a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company ("Cardero Coal")) entered into the following agreements:

#### i) Johnson Agreement

On May 18, 2010, Cardero Coal entered into a Coal Tenure Option Agreement, as amended on April 14, 2011, January 14, 2013 and April 12, 2013, ("Johnson Agreement") to acquire, subject to the issuance by the BC Government of certain coal licenses ("Johnson Licenses") in respect of a coal license application over an area located in the Peace River Land District of British Columbia (4 coal licenses issued June 14, 2012), all of the shares ("Shares") of a private Alberta company which holds such coal licenses. Consideration for the acquisition of a 100% interest in the Shares consisted of the following payments, share issuance and option grant:

- \$75,000 on execution of the Johnson Agreement (paid), an additional \$275,000 on or before June 24, 2010 (paid) and a final payment of \$5,000,000 due within four months of the date of issuance of the Johnson Licenses (October 14, 2012). As permitted by the Johnson Agreement, Cardero Coal extended the deadline for the final payment from October 14, 2012 until January

#### 5. EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION ASSETS (Continued

#### (c) Canada – Carbon Creek Property, British Columbia (Continued)

14, 2013 by paying \$20,000 per month. The deadline was further extended to April 14, 2013 by Cardero Coal paying a non-refundable cash deposit of \$1,000,000 on January 14, 2013 (paid), plus an additional \$20,000 per month for each month's extension (\$60,000 paid in total). The deadline was further extended to April 22, 2013 upon payment of a further non-refundable cash deposit of \$1,000,000 (paid April 12, 2013). On April 22, 2013, Cardero Coal exercised the option and paid the balance of \$3,000,000. Immediately following the exercise of option, the coal licenses and other assets of the private company were transferred to Cardero Coal and thereby became part of the Carbon Creek Joint Venture;

- issuance of 400,000 common shares (issued), with a fair value of \$68,000, of the Company concurrently with the \$3,000,000 final option payment; and
- grant of an option to acquire 1,000,000 common shares of Cardero Coal at an exercise price of \$0.15 per share (granted). The option was exercised on March 9, 2011 (prior to the acquisition of Cardero Coal by the Company).

#### ii. Burns Agreement

On June 15, 2010, Cardero Coal entered into an option agreement ("Burns Agreement") to acquire a lease of the coal situated on 10 Crown granted district lots ("CGDL") located in the Peace River Land District of British Columbia. To exercise its option, Cardero Coal was required to pay \$6,000,000 (paid). Cardero Coal has exercised the option agreement.

Under the lease agreement ("Burns Lease"), Cardero Coal will pay a 5% "freight on rail" royalty on all coal sold or \$2 per metric tonne of coal sold, whichever is greater, and 20% on sales for any coal substances sold or consumed on the CGDL. On May 1, 2013 the Burns Lease was amended to include an Advance Royalty payment to be paid until the commencement of the payment of the Royalty. The Advance Royalty is non-refundable and is to be deducted from the amount required to be paid in respect of the Royalty due. On May 30, 2014 the Company withdrew from the Burns Lease. As a consequence, the Burns Lease no longer forms part of the property subject to the Joint Venture Agreement (Note 5(c)(iii)). The Company determined that the carrying value of its interest in the Carbon Creek project was therefore impaired and wrote off cumulative costs incurred to date of \$21,000,947 as an impairment charge in the consolidated statements of loss (note 11).

#### iii. Joint Venture Agreement

On June 15, 2010, Cardero Coal entered into a joint venture agreement (the "Joint Venture Agreement") with a private Alberta partnership, to participate in common operation and exploration, development and production of the Carbon Creek Property. Under the Joint Venture Agreement, the Carbon Creek Property subject to the joint venture will consist of Cardero Coal's interest in the Johnson Licenses and, until May 30, 2014, the Burns Lease, 10 coal licenses held by the joint venture partner (once issued), one coal license held by Cardero Coal (once issued) and any additional coal licenses acquired by a joint venturer within 25 kilometres of the balance of the Carbon Creek Property. Pursuant to the Joint Venture Agreement, the Company will have a 75% interest in the joint venture and is responsible for incurring all costs of carrying out the required exploration, development and mining of the Carbon Creek Property and the marketing of the product produced. The joint venture partner will have a 25% interest in the joint venture which interest is carried and the joint venture partner will therefore not be required to contribute to any such costs. The joint venture partner is entitled to receive, in respect of its 25% interest, 25% of the net proceeds of production following Cardero Coal having recovered, from the proceeds of any production, all monies paid under the Johnson Agreement and all costs incurred by Cardero Coal to develop the mine site and put it into production. To acquire its interest in the joint venture, the Company issued 1,600,000 common shares and warrants to purchase an additional 1,600,000 common shares and made payments of \$6,000,000.

#### 5. EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION ASSETS (Continued)

#### (d) Title and environmental

Although the Company has taken steps to verify the title to mineral properties in which it has or had a right to acquire an interest of such properties, these procedures do not guarantee title (whether of the Company or of any underlying vendor(s) from whom the Company may be acquiring its interest). Title to mineral properties may be subject to unregistered prior agreements or transfers, and may also be affected by undetected defects or the rights of indigenous peoples. Environmental legislations are becoming increasingly stringent and costs and expenses of regulatory compliance are increasing. The impact of new and future environmental legislation on the Company's operations may cause additional expenses and restrictions. If the restrictions adversely affect the scope of exploration and development on the mineral properties, the potential for production on the property may be diminished or negated.

#### 6. SHORT-TERM LOANS

On April 22, 2013, the Company completed a placement of senior secured notes ("Luxor Notes") in the aggregate principal amount of USD 5.5 million with certain affiliates of Luxor Capital Group, LP. ("Luxor"). The Luxor Notes had a one year term and were issued at a 9.1% discount to net the Company USD 5.0 million (\$5,083,398) with interest accruing at the rate of 10% per annum, payable semi-annually (13% after an event of default). The Luxor Notes were secured by a general security agreement over the assets of the Company, as well as a specific pledge of the shares of Cardero Coal. Cardero Coal also provided a corporate guarantee. The Luxor Notes could be redeemed by the Company at any time at par plus accrued interest. Should there be a change of control of Cardero Coal while the Luxor Notes remain outstanding the holders of the Luxor Notes would have the right to put the Luxor Notes to the Company for an amount equal to 110% of par plus accrued interest.

As a bonus for subscribing for and purchasing the Luxor Notes, the holders of the Luxor Notes were issued an aggregate of 2,000,000 common shares of the Company (the "Bonus Shares"). The Bonus Shares were subject to a hold period in Canada until August 25, 2013, plus additional restrictions under United States securities laws.

On August 9, 2013 the Company completed a private placement of senior secured notes ("Notes") in the aggregate principal amount of USD 5.7 million with entities controlled by Robert C. Kopple of Los Angles, California, US ("Lenders"). The net proceeds of the Notes were used to pay the indebtedness owing to Luxor immediately following closing. The Company incurred a loss of \$686,532 on settlement of the Luxor Notes.

Notes in the amount of USD 3.7-million are due no later than December 31, 2013, subsequently extended to February 28, 2014 and further extended to March 14, 2014 (Note 11). The Company paid USD 3,906,794 (representing the USD 3,700,000 principal amount plus USD 206,794 in interest, of which USD 3,360,957 was paid in cash and USD 545,838 was paid from the Company's line of credit) towards the Notes due on or before March 14, 2014 (Note 11). On modification to the debt term the Company recorded a gain of \$207,964. The remaining USD 2.0 million of the Notes are due on August 8, 2014. Interest accrues at the rate of 10 per cent per year payable quarterly. The Notes are secured by a general security agreement over the assets of the Company, as well as a specific pledge of the shares of Cardero Coal. Cardero Coal also provided a corporate guarantee. The notes may be redeemed by the Company at any time at par plus accrued interest. Should there be a change of control of the Company or Cardero Coal while the notes remain outstanding, other than a change of control caused by the Lenders or their associates or affiliates, the holders of the notes will have the right to put the notes to the Company for an amount equal to 110% of par plus accrued interest.

As additional consideration for purchasing the Notes, the Lenders were issued transferrable warrants to purchase an aggregate of 28,359,066 common shares of the Company. The warrants have a term of seven years, and are exercisable at a price of 9.5 cents. The warrants, and any shares issuable on the exercise thereof, will be subject to a hold period in Canada of four months from the date of issuance, plus additional restrictions under United States securities laws. Assuming the full exercise of the warrants, the Lenders, together with their associates and affiliates, and including their current shareholdings (but excluding any additional common shares which may be purchased by them), would then hold in excess of 20% of the Company's then-issued shares (assuming no other share issuances by the Company in the meantime). As this exercise of warrants represents a potential change of control, the Company agreed to seek, and obtained, shareholder approval to the full exercise of the warrants and potential change of control arising therefrom at

#### **6. SHORT-TERM LOANS (Continued)**

its 2014 annual general meeting ("2014 AGM"). As a result of such shareholder approval having been obtained, the Lenders may exercise the warrants in full at any time.

At April 30, 2014, short-term loan transactions are as follows:

	April 30, 20	April 30, 2014 Oc		
Short-term loan	\$ 2,191	,400 \$	6,331,988	
Warrant	(1,801	,027)	(1,801,027)	
Interest payable	159	,100	141,693	
Gain on Note restructuring	(275	,742)	-	
Professional fees	(83	,071)	(83,071)	
Accretion expenses	1,880	,433	748,729	
Balance at April 30, 2014	\$ 2,071	,093 \$	5,338,312	

#### 7. CREDIT FACILITY

On December 5, 2013, the Company secured a USD 5.0 million line of credit ("Credit Line") from the Lenders.

The Credit Line reflects or includes all amounts advanced by the Lenders since the purchase of the Notes, interest due under the Notes, and amounts to be advanced in the future. Interest is payable by the Company on the amount outstanding under the Credit Line from time to time at the rate of 10% per annum. The security granted by the Company in connection with the Notes will extend to all indebtedness of the Company under the Credit Line

All amounts outstanding under the Credit Line are due and payable on or before January 5, 2016.

As additional consideration for the establishment and funding of the Credit Line, the Company has agreed to issue to the Lenders transferrable common share purchase warrants to purchase an aggregate of 38,417,396 common shares of the Company (the "Warrants"). Of this number, 28,359,066 were issued to the Lenders on the closing of the Credit Line on December 5, 2013. The issuance of the additional 10,058,330 Warrants was subject to shareholder approval which was obtained at the 2014 AGM and it is anticipated such warrants will be issued shortly. The Warrants have a term of seven years, and are exercisable at a price of \$0.10 (reduced from \$0.139 with the approval of the Company's shareholders obtained at the 2014 AGM). The warrants were valued using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following assumptions: expected life of 6.95 years, interest rate of 2.08% and volatility of 81.08%. The value of the warrants of \$4,041,810 has been recognized as a deferred financing cost. Of this amount, \$2,620,941 was recognized as a transaction cost during the period as the Credit Line was drawn down. Warrants, and any shares issuable on the exercise thereof, will be subject to a hold period in Canada of four months from the date of issuance, plus additional restrictions under United States securities laws.

At April 30, 2014, long term credit facility transactions are as follows:

	Ap	April 30, 2014					
Credit Facility	\$	3,552,576					
Deferred financing costs		(2,620,941)					
Interest payable		110,492					
Accretion expenses		882,562					
Balance at April 30, 2014	\$	1,924,689					

#### 8. SHARE CAPITAL

#### (a) Authorized

An unlimited number of common shares without par value.

#### (b) Share issuances

During the six months ended April 30, 2014:

- i. On November 8, 2013, 400,000 stock options were exercised at a price of \$0.11 for proceeds of \$44,000.
- ii. On December 12, 2013 the Company completed debt settlements with a number of arm's length creditors. The Company settled \$1,652,105 of outstanding trade debts by issuing 3,219,617 common shares at a deemed price of \$0.16 per share.
- iii. On January 7, 2014, 75,000 stock options were exercised at a price of \$0.11 for proceeds of \$8,250.
- iv. On January 27, 2014, 136,000 stock options were exercised at a price of \$0.11 for proceeds of \$14,960.
- v. On February 26, 2014, 100,000 stock options were exercised at a price of \$0.11 for proceeds of \$11,000.

#### (c) Share purchase warrants

The following common share purchase warrants entitle the holders thereof to purchase one common share for each warrant. Warrants transactions are as follows:

	April 3	0, 2014	October	31, 2013
		Weighted		Weighted
		Average		Average
	Number of	Exercise	Number of	Exercise
	Warrants	Price	Warrants	Price
Warrants outstanding,	20.040.224	Φ. 0.06	6.004.075	Φ. 0.06
beginning of the period	28,948,324	\$ 0.06	6,094,875	\$ 0.96
Issued <sup>(1)</sup>	38,417,396	\$ 0.10	28,948,324	\$ 0.10
Exercised	-	\$ -	(480,000)	\$ 0.125
Expired	(589,258)	\$ 0.53	(5,614,875)	\$ 1.25
Warrants outstanding,				
end of the period	66,776,462	\$ 0.082	28,948,324	\$ 0.06

<sup>(1)</sup> Shareholder approval for the issuance of 10,058,330 of these warrants has been obtained, and it is anticipated that the warrants will be issued shortly.

The weighted average remaining contractual life of warrants outstanding at April 30, 2014 was 6.47 years (2013 – .23 years).

#### 8. SHARE CAPITAL (Continued)

#### (d) Warrants (continued)

Warrants outstanding are as follows:

	Januar	y 31, 2014	Octobe	r 31, 2013
	Exercise	Number of	Exercise	Number of
Expiry Date	Price	Warrants	Price	Warrants
-				
December 19, 2013	\$ -	-	\$ 0.50	114,000
December 28, 2013	\$ -	-	\$ 0.55	351,648
February 8, 2014	\$ -	-	\$ 0.50	123,610
August 8, 2020	\$ 0.095	28,359,066	\$ 0.095	28,359,066
December 5, 2020	\$ 0.10	28,539,066	\$ -	-
December 5, 2020 <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 0.10	10,058,330	\$ -	-
		66,776,462		28,948,324

<sup>(1)</sup> Shareholder approval for the issuance of these warrants has been obtained, and it is anticipated that the warrants will be issued shortly.

#### (e) Stock options

The Company has a stock option plan whereby the Company may grant options to directors, officers, employees and consultants to purchase common shares, provided that the aggregate number of shares subject to such options may not exceed 10% of the common shares outstanding at the time of any grant (not including agent or broker options). The exercise price of each option is required to be set at the higher of the closing price of the Company's common shares on the trading day prior to the date of grant and the five-day volume-weighted average trading price for the five trading days prior to the date of grant (without any discounts). The option term and vesting period is determined by the Board of Directors within regulatory guidelines (the maximum term is ten years). All options are recorded at fair value when granted and are vested at the date for grant. A summary of the status of the stock option plan as of April 30, 2014 and October 31, 2013 and changes during the period ended on those dates is presented below:

	April :	30, 2014	October	31, 2013
		Weighted		Weighted
	Number of	Average	Number of	Average
	Options	Exercise Price	Options	Exercise Price
Options outstanding,	-		-	
beginning of the period	11,165,000	\$ 0.22	9,566,143	\$ 0.98
Granted	2,036,000	\$ 0.18	10,410,000	\$ 0.14
Expired	(2,000,000)	\$ 0.58	(8,611,143)	\$ 0.97
Exercised	(711,000)	\$ 0.11	(200,000)	\$ 0.07
Options outstanding,				
end of the period	10,490,000	\$ 0.15	11,165,000	\$ 0.22

The weighted average remaining contractual life of options outstanding at April 30, 2014 was 4.32 years (2013 - 0.83 years).

The weighted average market price for 711,000 (2013 –Nil) options exercised during the period ended January 31, 2014 was \$0.11 (2013 - \$Nil).

#### 8. SHARE CAPITAL (Continued)

Six Months ended April 30, 2014 and 2013

#### (e) Stock options (continued)

Stock options outstanding are as follows:

		April 30,201	14		October 31, 20	)13
	Exercise	Number of	Exercisable	Exercise	Number of	Exercisable
Expiry Date	Price	Options	at year End	Price	Options	at year End
November 9, 2013	\$ 1.10	-	=	\$ 1.10	400,000	400,000
January 26, 2014	\$ 1.51	-	-	\$ 1.51	225,000	225,000
March 23, 2014	\$ 1.16	-	-	\$ 1.16	25,000	25,000
September 27, 2014	\$ 0.78	125,000	125,000	\$ 0.78	225,000	225,000
January 4, 2015	\$ 0.45	-	-	\$ 0.45	200,000	200,000
May 28, 2015	\$ 0.20	1,925,000	1,925,000	\$ 0.20	2,575,000	2,575,000
July 3, 2020	\$ 0.11	6,404,000	6,404,000	\$ 0.11	7,515,000	7,515,000
February 7, 2016	\$ 0.18	2,036,000	2,036,000	-	-	-
		10,490,000	10,490,000		11,165,000	11,165,000

The Company uses the fair value method for determining share-based payments for all options granted. The fair value was determined using the Black-Scholes option pricing model based on the following weighted average assumptions:

For the three months ended January 31,	2014	2013
Expected life (years)	2.0	2.0
Interest rate	0.98%	1.21%
Volatility	95.85%	62.96%
Dividend yield	0.00%	0.00%

Share-based payment charges for the six months ended April 30, 2014 totalled \$185, 785 (2013 - \$94,126), allocated as follows:

	2014		2013
Investor relations		-	27,002
Salaries and benefits	185,785	5	67,124
	\$ 185,785	5 \$	94,126

The weighted average fair value of options granted during the six months ended was \$0.11 (April 30, 2013 - \$0.14).

#### 9. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

#### (a) Related parties

The Company has entered into a retainer agreement dated May 1, 2007 with Lawrence W. Talbot Law Corporation ("LWTLC"), pursuant to which LWTLC agrees to provide legal services to the Company. Pursuant to the retainer agreement, the Company has agreed to pay LWTLC a minimum annual retainer of \$82,500 (plus applicable taxes and disbursements). The retainer agreement may be terminated by LWTLC on reasonable notice, and by the Company on one year's notice (or payment of one year's retainer in lieu of notice).

#### (b) Transactions with related parties

During the six months ended April 30, 2014 and 2013 the Company incurred the following expenses to officers or directors of the Company or companies with common directors:

	2014	2013
Consulting fees Professional fees	\$ 64,000	\$ 138,000
	\$ 44,136	\$ 50,731

Professional fees include amounts paid to a law firm of which an officer is a shareholder.

#### (c) Due from related parties

Amounts due from related parties are comprised as follows:

	April 30, 2014	(	October 31, 2013
Unsecured promissory notes, 1% per annum, due the earlier of 30 days after demand or the due date, if applicable:			
Wealth	\$ 50,543	\$	42,973
Indico	50,417		53,172
Others	72,341		60,986
	\$ 173,301	\$	157,131

These related party transactions have been measured by the exchange amount, which is the amount agreed upon by the transacting parties.

#### (d) Management compensation

During the six months ended April 30, 2014 and 2013, the Company incurred the following expenses to CEO, CFO and COO (2013 only):

For the six months ended April 30,	2014	2013
Wages and benefits	\$ 169,264	\$ 513,917
Share-based payments	\$ 68,438	\$ 46,348
	\$ 237,702	\$ 560,265

#### 10. INCOME TAXES

During the year ended October 31, 2013 the Company recorded a flow through premium liability in the amount of \$420,056 pursuant to a private placement with a balance of \$232,613. The Company had \$1,661,521 of exploration expenditures to be incurred for flow-through purposes by December 31, 2013. The Company did not incur these expenditures and recorded a Flow-Through Part XII.6 interest and penalty in the amount of \$166,152 and recorded a deferred tax recovery of \$232,613.

#### 11. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent to April 30, 2014:

a) On May 30, 2014, the Company withdrew from the Burns Lease and, as a consequence, the lease of coal granted through the Burns Lease ceased to be a part of the Carbon Creek Joint Venture. The Company determined that the carrying value of the Carbon Creek project was impaired and wrote off all attributed expenditures for acquisition and exploration costs in respect of the coal underlying the CGDL related to the Burns Agreement and the Burns Lease, in the amount of \$21,000,947, as an impairment charge in the consolidated statements of loss.

#### Management's Discussion and Analysis For the six months ended April 30, 2014

#### INTRODUCTION

This Management Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") for Cardero Resource Corp. ("Cardero" or the "Company") for the six months ended April 30, 2014 has been prepared by management, in accordance with the requirements of National Instrument 51-102, as of June 13, 2014, and compares its financial results for the six and three months ended April 30, 2014 to the six and three months ended April 30, 2013. This MD&A provides a detailed analysis of the business of Cardero and should be read in conjunction with the Company's audited consolidated financial statements and the accompanying notes for the years ended October 31, 2013 and October 31, 2012. The Company's reporting currency is the Canadian dollar and all amounts in this MD&A are expressed in Canadian dollars unless otherwise noted. The Company reports its financial position, results of operations and cash-flows in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

#### **Forward-Looking Statements**

This MD&A contains forward-looking statements and forward-looking information (collectively, "forward-looking statements") within the meaning of applicable Canadian and US securities legislation. These statements relate to future events or the future activities or performance of the Company. All statements, other than statements of historical fact, are forward-looking statements. Information concerning mineral resource/reserve estimates and the economic analysis thereof contained in preliminary economic analyses or prefeasibility studies also may be deemed to be forward-looking statements in that they reflect a prediction of the mineralization that would be encountered, and the results of mining that mineralization, if a mineral deposit were developed and mined. Forward-looking statements are typically identified by words such as: believe, expect, anticipate, intend, estimate, postulate, plans and similar expressions, or which by their nature refer to future events. These forward looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements concerning:

- the Company's strategies and objectives, both generally and specifically in respect of the Carbon Creek Metallurgical Coal project in north-east British Columbia ("Carbon Creek");
- the potential for a production decision to be made concerning Carbon Creek, the potential commencement of any development of a mine at Carbon Creek following a production decision and the potential for any production from the Carbon Creek deposit;
- the timing of decisions regarding the timing and costs of exploration programs with respect to, and the issuance of the necessary permits and authorizations required for, the Company's ongoing exploration programs on its properties;
- the Company's estimates of the quality and quantity of the resources and reserves at its mineral properties;
- the timing and cost of any proposed future work with respect to Carbon Creek;
- general business and economic conditions;
- the Company's ability to meet its financial obligations as they come due, and to be able to raise the necessary funds to continue operations; and
- the Company's ability to negotiate acceptable option/joint venture or sale agreements for some or all of its "non-core" properties.

Although the Company believes that such statements are reasonable, it can give no assurance that such expectations will prove to be correct. Inherent in forward looking statements are risks and uncertainties beyond the Company's ability to predict or control, including, but not limited to, risks related to the Company's inability to raise the necessary capital to be able to continue in business and to implement its business strategies, to identify one or more economic deposits on its properties, variations in the nature, quality and quantity of any mineral deposits that may be located, variations in the market price of any mineral products the Company may produce or plan to produce, the Company's inability to obtain any necessary permits, consents or authorizations required for its activities, to produce minerals from its properties successfully or profitably, to continue its projected growth, and other risks identified herein under "Risk Factors". The Company cautions investors that any forward-looking statements by the Company are not guarantees of future performance, and that actual results are likely to differ, and may differ materially, from those expressed or implied by forward looking statements contained in this MD&A. Such statements are based on a number of assumptions which may prove incorrect, including, but not limited to, assumptions about:

- the Company's future cash requirements, and the ability of the Company to raise the funding necessary to carry out its planned activities and to meet its anticipated general and administrative expenses for the remainder of the fiscal year ending October 31, 2014 and, in particular, past the next 2 to 3 months;
- the level and volatility of the price of commodities, and coal in particular;
- general business and economic conditions;
- the timing of the receipt of regulatory and governmental approvals, permits and authorizations necessary to implement and carry on the Company's proposed work programs, particularly at Carbon Creek;
- conditions in the financial markets generally;
- the Company's ability to secure the necessary consulting, drilling and related services and supplies on favourable terms in connection with its ongoing and planned exploration programs;
- the Company's ability to attract and retain key staff;
- the accuracy of the Company's resource/reserve estimates (including with respect to size and grade) and the geological, operational and price assumptions on which these are based;
- the timing of the ability to commence and complete any proposed work at Carbon Creek;
- the anticipated terms of the consents, permits and authorizations necessary to carry out the planned exploration programs at the Company's properties and the Company's ability to comply with such terms on a safe and cost-effective basis;
- the ongoing relations of the Company with its underlying optionors/lessors, its joint venture partners, the applicable regulatory agencies, First Nations in British Columbia and indigenous groups in other countries; and
- that the metallurgy and recovery characteristics of samples from certain of the Company's mineral properties are reflective of the deposit as a whole.

These forward looking statements are made as of the date hereof and the Company does not intend and does not assume any obligation, to update these forward looking statements, except as required by applicable law. For the reasons set forth above, investors should not attribute undue certainty to or place undue reliance on forward-looking statements.

#### **Caution Regarding Adjacent or Similar Mineral Properties**

This MD&A contains information with respect to adjacent or similar mineral properties in respect of which the Company has no interest or rights to explore or mine. The Company advises US investors that the mining guidelines of the US Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") set forth in the SEC's Industry Guide 7 ("SEC Industry Guide 7") strictly prohibit information of this type in documents filed with the SEC. Because the Company meets the definition of a "foreign private issuer" under applicable SEC rules and is preparing this MD&A pursuant to Canadian disclosure requirements under the Canada-U.S. Multi-Jurisdictional Disclosure System, this MD&A is not subject to the requirements of SEC Industry Guide 7. Readers are cautioned that the Company has no interest in or right to acquire any interest in any such properties, and that mineral deposit on adjacent or similar properties are not indicative of mineral deposits on the Company's properties.

#### **Caution Regarding Reference to Resources and Reserves**

National Instrument 43-101 Standards of Disclosure of Mineral Projects ("NI 43-101") is a rule developed by the Canadian Securities Administrators which establishes standards for all public disclosure an issuer makes of scientific and technical information concerning mineral projects. Unless otherwise indicated, all reserve and resource estimates contained in or incorporated by reference in this MD&A have been prepared in accordance with NI 43-101 and the guidelines set out in the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum (the "CIM") Standards on Mineral Resource and Mineral Reserves, adopted by the CIM Council on November 14, 2004 (the "CIM Standards") as they may be amended from time to time by the CIM and, with respect to coal, in the Geological Survey of Canada Paper 88-21 entitled "A Standardized Coal Resource/Reserve Reporting System for Canada" originally published in 1988.

The terms "mineral reserve", "proven mineral reserve" and "probable mineral reserve" are Canadian mining terms as defined in accordance with NI 43-101 and the CIM Standards. These definitions differ from the definitions in SEC Industry Guide 7. The SEC has taken the position that mineral reserves for a mineral property may not be designated unless: (i) competent professional engineers conduct a detailed engineering and economic study, and the "bankable" or "final" feasibility study demonstrates that a mineral deposit can be mined profitably at a commercial rate; (ii) a historic three-year average commodity price is used in any reserve or cash flow analysis used to designate reserves; and (iii) the company has demonstrated that the mineral property will receive its governmental permits, and the primary environmental document has been filed with the appropriate governmental authorities.

In addition, the terms "mineral resource", "measured mineral resource", "indicated mineral resource" and "inferred mineral resource" are defined in and required to be disclosed by NI 43-101 and the CIM Standards; however, these terms are not defined terms under SEC Industry Guide 7 and are normally not permitted to be used in reports and registration statements filed with the SEC. Investors are cautioned not to assume that any part or all of mineral deposits in these categories will ever be converted into reserves. "Inferred mineral resources" have a great amount of uncertainty as to their existence, and great uncertainty as to their economic and legal feasibility. It cannot be assumed that all or any part of an inferred mineral resource will ever be upgraded to a higher category. Under Canadian rules, estimates of inferred mineral resources may not form the basis of feasibility or pre-feasibility studies, except in rare cases. Investors are cautioned not to assume that all or any part of an inferred mineral resource exists or is economically or legally mineable. Disclosure of "contained ounces" in a resource is permitted disclosure under Canadian regulations; however, the SEC normally only permits issuers to report mineralization that does not constitute "reserves" by SEC Industry Guide 7 standards as in place tonnage and grade without reference to unit measures.

Accordingly, information contained in this MD&A and the documents incorporated by reference herein contain descriptions of the Company's mineral deposits that may not be comparable to similar information made public by U.S. companies subject to the reporting and disclosure requirements under the United States federal securities laws and the rules and regulations thereunder.

#### **Caution Regarding Historical Results**

Historical results of operations and trends that may be inferred from the discussion and analysis in this MD&A may not necessarily indicate future results from operations. In particular, the current state of the global securities markets may cause significant reductions in the price of the Company's securities and render it difficult or impossible for the Company to raise the funds necessary to continue operations. See "Risk Factors - Share Price Volatility".

All of the Company's public disclosure filings, including its most recent management information circular, material change reports, press releases and other information, may be accessed via <a href="www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a> and readers are urged to review these materials, including the technical reports filed with respect to the Company's mineral properties.

#### DATE

This MD&A reflects information available as at June 13, 2014.

#### RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

#### **Background**

Cardero is a junior resource mineral exploration company. Its assets consist of interests in mineral properties, investments and cash. The Company funds its operations primarily through the sale of its equity securities, its investments and interests in its mineral properties and, more recently, debt. The mineral exploration business is very high risk (See "Risk Factors").

#### **Exploration Activities**

#### **General**

Cardero is focussed on advanced stage projects, and on bulk commodities such as metallurgical coal, where it can add value through identification and acquisition of advanced projects. Metallurgical coal markets are experiencing a sustained downturn at present and Cardero's strategy is to maintain ownership of metallurgical coal assets, where holding costs are appropriate to market conditions, and to acquire additional coal resources where opportunities arise. Cardero is also reviewing a number of opportunities outside of metallurgical coal, in particular, copper projects.

During the quarter ended April 30, 2014 and to the date of this MD&A, the Company has considered moving forward to carry out a new optimized and restated Prefeasibility Study ("New PFS") for the Carbon Creek project. Tenders for the carrying out of the New PFS have been received but the Company has not moved forward because metallurgical coal markets remain weak and the cost of a New PFS cannot be justified at present. The Company's strategy in respect of Carbon Creek is to maintain its interest to the extent that it makes financial sense and the Company has the ability to do so. To this end, on May 31, 2014, the Company surrendered its interest in the Carbon Creek Coal Lease, as it could not justify making the approximately \$12.5 million in advance royalties required in the next 5 years.

Cardero's current strategy is to seek to option-out or joint venture all of its "non-core" assets, being all assets other than the Carbon Creek project. If it is unable to do so, then it will drop its interest in such projects to reduce its ongoing coats and allow it to preserve its interest in Carbon Creek. The Company has been seeking an extension to its joint venture relating to the Sheini project in Ghana so as to have time to locate a potential buyer for its interest, but has been unable to do so and intends to terminate its interest in that project. The Company is presently involved in negotiations with respect to certain other non-core properties, but there can be no certainty that it will be able to conclude any such transactions.

Property	Total Costs Capitalized at October 31, 2013	Total Costs Capitalized at April 30, 2014	Proposed Fiscal 2014 Expenditures <sup>(1)</sup>
Carbon Creek Metallurgical Coal			
Project, BC, Canada	\$78,152,650	\$57,275,409	\$1,000,000

Note: 1. This amount represents the estimated exploration expenditures for the entire fiscal year ending October 31, 2014 and does not include property acquisition costs. Estimated expenditures are contingent upon ongoing successful results justifying further expenditures, as well as the Company raising the necessary financing to carry out its planned work, as it does not currently have the required funds to carry out the planned work.

# **Material Mineral Property**

#### Carbon Creek Metallurgical Coal Deposit, British Columbia, Canada

The Carbon Creek Metallurgical Coal Project ("Carbon Creek") is the Company's flagship asset and its sole material property at this time. Carbon Creek is an advanced metallurgical coal development project located in the Peace River Coal District of northeast British Columbia, Canada. The Carbon Creek property, held by Cardero Coal Ltd. (a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company ("Cardero Coal")) lies approximately 60 kilometers (km) northwest of the town of Chetwynd, BC and 40km west of the town of Hudson's Hope. Improved forest service roads connect the property with British Columbia Highway 29 between the towns of Chetwynd and Hudson's Hope. The CN Rail line connecting Fort St. John and Tumbler Ridge areas with Prince George passes 40km south of the property. The CN Rail line provides direct access to the ports of Vancouver and Ridley Terminals in Prince Rupert, BC. The northern end of the property is adjacent to the Williston Lake and is approximately 175km east of Mackenzie, BC by water.

The Carbon Creek project is a joint venture between Cardero Coal Ltd. (a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company) ("Cardero Coal") and the Carbon Creek Partnership, with Cardero Coal acting as the manager of the joint venture. Having completed the acquisition of its interest in Carbon Creek in June 2011, the Company released results of an independent preliminary economic assessment in December 2011, followed by a Prefeasibility Study ("PFS") in September 2012.

Until May 31, 2014, Carbon Creek consisted of four coal licenses, twelve applications for coal licenses and a coal lease ("Coal Lease") over the coal underlying certain contiguous crown granted district lots, comprising a contiguous tenure parcel of 17,200 hectares. Effective May 31, 2014 the Company withdrew from the Coal Lease. The withdrawal from the Coal Lease does not affect the status of the joint venture, but reduces the number of coal tenures held by the joint venture.

Prior to issuing notice of withdrawal from the Coal Lease, the Company discussed options and alternatives in detail with the Company's investment banking advisors at Macquarie Capital Markets. The current metallurgical coal commodity market is at an historical low, with benchmarked Hard Coking Coal ("HCC") quarterly prices of US \$120 per tonne. The time-scale within which HCC prices may recover, and the extent of the expected recovery, are unknown. In the context of this market, the making of the scheduled aggregate \$12.5 million in advance royalty payments over the coming 5 years was simply not justifiable and not in the best interests of the Company's shareholders.

The Company advises shareholders that, with the Company's withdrawal from the Coal Lease and the consequent reduction in the size of Carbon Creek, there is no longer a current NI 43-101 report on Carbon Creek and the previous PFS for Carbon Creek dated November 6, 2012 is no longer valid and can no longer be relied upon.

The Company intends, subject to raising the necessary financing, to commission a new NI 43-101 report on Carbon Creek during 2014. It is anticipated that the new report will take account of a number of factors:

- The Carbon Creek resources will consist only of those coal seams located within the coal licenses held by the joint venture ("Licenses") and will exclude any coal seams previously covered by the Coal Lease.
- An additional 23,000 metres of drilling was completed on the Licenses after publication of the Prefeasibility Study in 2012. The new 43-101 report will be based on a new geological model and will contain a new resource estimate, which will include the data from the additional drilling.
- The new drill data has substantially increased the number of seams included in the geological model (from 27 to 47), primarily through improved confidence in correlating seams from hole to hole. It is anticipated that, while the quantum of the resource on the Licenses is not expected to change materially, the increase in the number of seams should allow a re-evaluation of potential mining methods, which may increasing the percentage of surface mineable resources on the Licenses.

#### **Other Mineral Properties**

#### Sheini Hills Iron Ore Project, Ghana

Cardero Ghana Ltd. (an indirect wholly owned Ghanaian subsidiary of the Company ("Cardero Ghana"), has entered into three separate joint ventures (one for each prospecting license), each dated December 12, 2011 (the "Effective Date" of each joint venture) with Emmaland Resources Ltd. ("Emmaland") to explore and, if warranted, develop, the lands subject to three prospecting licenses covering lands located in the Zabzugu-Tatale District in the Northern Region of the Republic of Ghana and referred to as the Sheini Hills Iron Ore Project (approximately 400 square kilometres in aggregate). Pursuant to the joint ventures, Cardero Ghana can acquire a 100% joint venture interest in each of the three prospecting licenses, subject to (a) a 10% NPI in favour of Emmaland and (b) a 10% fully carried interest, in favour of the Government of Ghana, in the portions of the license areas that become the subject of one or more mining licenses subsequently issued to Emmaland.

Cardero Ghana did not make the payment due under the Sheini North joint venture in December 2012, and has not made the payments due under the Sheini North, Central or South joint ventures due in December 2013. The Company has been negotiating with Emmaland for extensions of such payments for an additional year. However, it has been unable to conclude such negotiations and has determined to withdraw from the respective joint ventures and terminate its interest in the Sheini project.

#### Titac Titanium Projects, Minnesota, USA

After a thorough review of the Titac project results to date, the Company has made the determination to withdraw from and terminate the lease on the property and notice of termination has been sent to the lessor.

#### Organullo Project, Argentina

On September 9, 2011, the Company entered into an option/joint venture agreement with Artha Resources Corporation ("Artha"), whereby an Argentinean subsidiary of Artha can earn a 55% working interest in the Organullo property, and thereafter form a joint venture with Cardero Argentina S.A., a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company. On September 11, 2013, Artha officially notified the Company that Artha did not incur the required expenditures and has consequently dropped its option to acquire any interest in the property. The Company's Argentinean subsidiary holds the Organullo property directly, and there are no underlying agreements.

The Company has established an extensive data room and has signed confidentiality agreements with three companies who have expressed an interest in optioning or acquiring the project. There can be no certainty that the Company will be successful in completing a deal.

#### Minas Pirquitas Project, Argentina

On July 14, 2009, the Company and Davcha Resources Pty. Ltd. ("Davcha") finalized the formal agreement in connection with the option to Davcha to earn a 55% interest in the property. Davcha is the operator. Davcha assigned all its interest in such agreement to Artha, which assignment was consented to by Cardero on September 28, 2009. Pursuant to the Cardero/Davcha agreement and the assignment thereof to Artha, Artha is required to incur expenditures of USD 50,000 on or before July 14, 2010 (incurred) and additional expenditures of USD 950,000 on or before July 14, 2013.

As at July 14, 2013, Artha had not expended the required funds in order to exercise their initial option. However, Artha did serve the Company with a *Force Majeure* notice, claiming that Artha had been impeded in making their expenditure because of difficulty in obtaining work permits in the 12 months ending June 2013 and therefore the July 14, 2013 date should be extended for a 12 month period. The Company disputed this position.

As at October 24, 2013, Artha and the Company reached a new agreement. The agreement provides Cardero with a limited time to sell the Pirquitas Project and provides a minimum acceptable price. On completion of a sale within these parameters, Artha will be entitled to receive 25% of the net proceeds. If Cardero is not successful in completing a sale, Artha will have a 12-month period thereafter in which to incur not less than an additional USD 464,008 in exploration expenditures in order to earn a majority 55% interest in the project.

The Company has entered into an agreement with respect to the disposition of the Pirquitas project by Cardero Argentina, S.A. (the Company's Argentinean subsidiary that holds the project), and the Company and Cardero Argentina are presently working to close the transaction, which is subject to a number of conditions precedent. However, there can be no certainty that the Company will be successful in concluding the foregoing transaction.

## Qualified Person(s) and Quality Control/Quality Assurance

EurGeol Keith Henderson, PGeo, Cardero's Executive Vice President and a qualified person as defined by NI 43-101, has supervised the preparation of the scientific and technical information that forms the basis for the mineral property disclosure in this MD&A and has approved the disclosure herein. Mr. Henderson is not independent of the Company, as he is an employee and holds incentive stock options.

#### **Risk Factors**

The Company is in the business of acquiring, exploring and, if warranted, developing and exploiting natural resource properties, primarily in British Columbia, Canada. Due to the nature of the Company's proposed business and the present stage of exploration of its mineral properties (which are primarily early to advanced stage exploration properties with no known resources and or known reserves), the following risk factors, among others, will apply:

Lack of Operating Funds: At the present time, the Company is experiencing significant difficulty in raising additional capital to continue its operations. The Company has taken steps to conserve cash by reducing staffing, halting/delaying further work on its properties, including the Environmental Assessment Application and planned BFS for Carbon Creek, moving to shut down its subsidiaries in Mexico, Peru and the United States and selling, joint venturing or surrendering its interest in its properties other than Carbon Creek. Although the Company continues to pursue potential funding opportunities, there can be no assurance that it will be successful in doing so. If the Company is unable to secure additional financing, it may be forced to further curtail or cease operations and may lose its interest in some or all of its properties, including Carbon Creek, which is its only material property at this time.

Resource Exploration and Development is Generally a Speculative Business: Resource exploration and development is a speculative business and involves a high degree of risk, including, among other things, unprofitable efforts resulting both from the failure to discover mineral deposits and from finding mineral deposits which, though present, are insufficient in size and grade at the then prevailing market conditions to return a profit

from production. The marketability of natural resources which may be acquired or discovered by the Company will be affected by numerous factors beyond the control of the Company. These factors include market fluctuations, the proximity and capacity of natural resource markets, government regulations, including regulations relating to prices, taxes, royalties, land use, importing and exporting of minerals and environmental protection. The exact effect of these factors cannot be accurately predicted, but the combination of these factors may result in the Company not receiving an adequate return on invested capital.

There are no known reserves or resources on any of the Company's properties. The majority of exploration projects do not result in the discovery of commercially mineable deposits of ore. Substantial expenditures are required to establish ore reserves through drilling and metallurgical and other testing techniques, determine metal content and metallurgical recovery processes to extract metal from the ore, and construct, renovate or expand mining and processing facilities. No assurance can be given that any level of recovery of ore reserves will be realized or that any identified mineral deposit, even it is established to contain an estimated resource, will ever qualify as a commercial mineable ore body which can be legally and economically exploited. Mineral resources are not mineral reserves and there is no assurance that any mineral resources will ultimately be reclassified as proven or probable reserves. Mineral resources which are not mineral reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability.

Fluctuation of Commodity Prices: Even if commercial quantities of mineral deposits are discovered by the Company, there is no guarantee that a profitable market will exist for the sale of the minerals produced. The Company's long-term viability and profitability depend, in large part, upon the market price of minerals which have experienced significant movement over short periods of time, and are affected by numerous factors beyond the control of the Company, including international economic and political trends, expectations of inflation, currency exchange fluctuations, interest rates and global or regional consumption patterns, speculative activities and increased production due to improved mining and production methods. The recent price fluctuations in the price of all commodities for which the Company is presently exploring is an example of a situation over which the Company has no control and may materially adversely affect the Company in a manner that it may not be able to compensate for. The supply of and demand for minerals are affected by various factors, including political events, economic conditions and production costs in major producing regions. There can be no assurance that the price of any minerals produced from the Company's properties will be such that any such deposits can be mined at a profit.

Recent market events and conditions: Since 2008, the U.S. credit markets have experienced serious disruption due to a deterioration in residential property values, defaults and delinquencies in the residential mortgage market (particularly, sub-prime and non-prime mortgages) and a decline in the credit quality of mortgage backed securities. These problems have led to a slow-down in residential housing market transactions, declining housing prices, delinquencies in non-mortgage consumer credit and a general decline in consumer confidence. These conditions caused a loss of confidence in the broader U.S. and global credit and financial markets and resulting in the collapse of, and government intervention in, major banks, financial institutions and insurers and creating a climate of greater volatility, less liquidity, widening of credit spreads, a lack of price transparency, increased credit losses and tighter credit conditions. Notwithstanding various actions by the U.S. and foreign governments, concerns about the general condition of the capital markets, financial instruments, banks, investment banks, insurers and other financial institutions caused the broader credit markets to further deteriorate and stock markets to decline substantially. In addition, general economic indicators have deteriorated, including declining consumer sentiment, increased unemployment and declining economic growth and uncertainty about corporate earnings.

While these conditions appear to have improved slightly in 2013 and into 2014, unprecedented disruptions in the credit and financial markets have had a significant material adverse impact on a number of financial institutions and have limited access to capital and credit for many companies. These disruptions could, among other things, make it more difficult for the Company to obtain, or increase its cost of obtaining, capital and financing for its operations. The Company's access to additional capital may not be available on terms acceptable to it or at all.

General Economic Conditions: The recent unprecedented events in global financial markets have had a profound impact on the global economy. Many industries, including the gold and base metal mining industry, are impacted by these market conditions. Some of the key impacts of the current financial market turmoil include contraction in credit markets resulting in a widening of credit risk, devaluations and high volatility in global equity, commodity, foreign exchange and precious metal markets, and a lack of market liquidity. A continued or worsened slowdown in

the financial markets or other economic conditions, including but not limited to, consumer spending, employment rates, business conditions, inflation, fuel and energy costs, consumer debt levels, lack of available credit, the state of the financial markets, interest rates, and tax rates may adversely affect the Company's growth and profitability. Specifically:

- The global credit/liquidity crisis could impact the cost and availability of financing and the Company's overall liquidity
- the volatility of commodity prices may impact the Company's future revenues, profits and cash flow
- volatile energy prices, commodity and consumables prices and currency exchange rates impact potential production costs
- the devaluation and volatility of global stock markets impacts the valuation of the Common Shares, which may impact the Company's ability to raise funds through the issuance of Common Shares

These factors could have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition and results of operations.

Share Price Volatility: In recent years, worldwide securities markets, particularly those in the United States and Canada, have experienced a high level of price and volume volatility, and the market price of securities of many companies, particularly those considered exploration or development stage companies, have experienced unprecedented fluctuations in price which have not necessarily been related to the operating performance, underlying asset values or prospects of such companies. Most significantly, the share prices of junior natural resource companies have experienced an unprecedented decline in value and there has been a significant decline in the number of buyers willing to purchase such securities. In addition, significantly higher redemptions by holders of mutual funds has forced many of such funds (including those holding the Company's securities) to sell such securities at any price. As a consequence, despite the Company's past success in securing significant equity financing, market forces may render it difficult or impossible for the Company to secure placees to purchase new share issues at a price which will not lead to severe dilution to existing shareholders, or at all. Therefore, there can be no assurance that significant fluctuations in the trading price of the Company's common shares will not occur, or that such fluctuations will not materially adversely impact on the Company's ability to raise equity funding without significant dilution to its existing shareholders, or at all.

*Permits and Licenses*: The operations of the Company will require licenses and permits from various governmental authorities. There can be no assurance that the Company will be able to obtain all necessary licenses and permits that may be required to carry out exploration, development and mining operations at its projects, on reasonable terms or at all. Delays in obtaining, or a failure to obtain, such licenses and permits, or a failure to comply with the terms of any such licenses and permits that the Company does obtain, could have a material adverse effect on the Company.

Acquisition of Mineral Properties under Agreements: The agreements pursuant to which the Company has the right to acquire a number of its properties provide that the Company must make a series of cash payments and/or share issuances over certain time periods, expend certain minimum amounts on the exploration of the properties or contribute its share of ongoing expenditures. Failure by the Company to make such payments, issue such shares or make such expenditures in a timely fashion may result in the Company losing its interest in such properties. There can be no assurance that the Company will have, or be able to obtain, the necessary financial resources to be able to maintain all of its property agreements in good standing, or to be able to comply with all of its obligations thereunder, with the result that the Company could forfeit its interest in one or more of its mineral properties.

Title Matters: The acquisition of title to mineral properties can be a very detailed and time-consuming process. Title to, and the area of, mineral properties may be disputed. While the Company has diligently investigated title to all mineral properties in which it has an interest and, to the best of its knowledge, title to all such properties is in good standing or, where not yet granted, the application process appears to be proceeding normally in all the circumstances, this should not be construed as a guarantee of title or that any such applications for concessions will be granted. Title to mineral properties may be affected by undetected defects such as aboriginal or indigenous

peoples' land claims, or unregistered agreements or transfers. The Company has not obtained title opinions for the majority of its mineral properties. Not all the mineral properties in which the Company has an interest have been surveyed, and their actual extent and location may be in doubt.

Surface Rights and Access: Although the Company acquires the rights to some or all of the minerals in the ground subject to the mineral tenures that it acquires, or has a right to acquire, in most cases it does not thereby acquire any rights to, or ownership of, the surface to the areas covered by its mineral tenures. In such cases, applicable mining laws usually provide for rights of access to the surface for the purpose of carrying on mining activities, however, the enforcement of such rights through the courts can be costly and time consuming. It is necessary to negotiate surface access or to purchase the surface rights if long-term access is required. There can be no guarantee that, despite having the right at law to access the surface and carry on mining activities, the Company will be able to negotiate satisfactory agreements with any such existing landowners/occupiers for such access or purchase of such surface rights, and therefore it may be unable to carry out planned mining activities. In addition, in circumstances where such access is denied, or no agreement can be reached, the Company may need to rely on the assistance of local officials or the courts in the applicable jurisdiction, the outcomes of which cannot be predicted with any certainty. The inability of the Company to secure surface access or purchase required surface rights could materially and adversely affect the timing, cost or overall ability of the Company to develop any mineral deposits it may locate. This is a particular problem in many areas of Argentina and Ghana, where blockades of access to the Company's properties, hostile actions by local communities and indigenous peoples and the potential unwillingness of local police or governmental officials to assist a foreign company against its own citizens can result in the Company being unable to carry out any exploration activities despite being legally authorized to do so and having complied with all applicable local laws and requirements. Such issues can also occur in Canada, especially in connection with actions concerning resource development projects and involving first nations and environmental protest groups.

No Assurance of Profitability: The Company has no history of production or earnings and due to the nature of its business there can be no assurance that the Company will be profitable. The Company has not paid dividends on its shares since incorporation and does not anticipate doing so in the foreseeable future. All of the Company's properties are in the exploration stage and, with the exception of Carbon Creek, the Company has not defined or delineated any proven or probable reserves on any of its properties. None of the Company's properties are currently under development. Continued exploration of its existing properties and the future development of any properties found to be economically feasible, will require significant funds. The only present source of funds available to the Company is through the sale of its equity securities, the sale or optioning of a portion of its interest in its mineral properties or debt financing, none of which may be available at any particular time. Even if the results of exploration are encouraging, the Company may not have sufficient funds to conduct the further exploration that may be necessary to determine whether or not a commercially mineable deposit exists. While the Company may generate additional working capital through further equity offerings, through the sale or possible syndication of its properties, or through short-term debt facilities, there is no assurance that any such funds will be available through any of such methods on favourable terms, or at all. At present, it is impossible to determine what amounts of additional funds, if any, may be required. Failure to raise such additional capital could put the continued viability of the Company at risk.

Uninsured or Uninsurable Risks: Exploration, development and mining operations involve various hazards, including environmental hazards, industrial accidents, metallurgical and other processing problems, unusual or unexpected rock formations, structural cave-ins or slides, flooding, fires, metal losses and periodic interruptions due to inclement or hazardous weather conditions. These risks could result in damage to or destruction of mineral properties, facilities or other property, personal injury, environmental damage, delays in operations, increased cost of operations, monetary losses and possible legal liability. The Company may not be able to obtain insurance to cover these risks at economically feasible premiums or at all. The Company may elect not to insure where premium costs are disproportionate to the Company's perception of the relevant risks. The payment of such insurance premiums and of such liabilities would reduce the funds available for exploration and production activities.

Government Regulation: Any exploration, development or mining operations carried on by the Company will be subject to government legislation, policies and controls relating to prospecting, development, production, environmental protection, mining taxes and labour standards. The Company cannot predict whether or not such legislation, policies or controls, as presently in effect, will remain so, and any changes therein (for example,

significant new royalties or taxes), which are completely outside the control of the Company, may materially adversely affect to ability of the Company to continue its planned business within any such jurisdictions.

Foreign Countries and Political Risk: The Company has mineral properties located in Argentina, the United States and Ghana. In such countries, mineral exploration and mining activities may be affected in varying degrees by political or economic instability, expropriation of property and changes in government regulations such as tax laws, business laws, environmental laws and mining laws. Any changes in regulations or shifts in political conditions are beyond the control of the Company and may materially adversely affect it business, or if significant enough, may make it impossible to continue to operate in certain countries. Operations may be affected in varying degrees by government regulations with respect to restrictions on production, price controls, foreign exchange restrictions, export controls, income taxes, expropriation of property, environmental legislation and mine safety.

Dependence Upon Others and Key Personnel: The success of the Company's operations will depend upon numerous factors, many of which are beyond the Company's control, including (i) the ability of the Company to enter into strategic alliances through a combination of one or more joint ventures, mergers or acquisition transactions; and (ii) the ability to attract and retain additional key personnel in exploration, mine development, sales, marketing, technical support and finance. These and other factors will require the use of outside suppliers as well as the talents and efforts of the Company. There can be no assurance of success with any or all of these factors on which the Company's operations will depend. The Company has relied and may continue to rely, upon consultants and others for operating expertise.

Exploration and Mining Risks: Fires, power outages, labour disruptions, flooding, explosions, cave-ins, landslides and the inability to obtain suitable or adequate machinery, equipment or labour are other risks involved in the operation of mines and the conduct of exploration programs. Substantial expenditures are required to establish reserves through drilling, to develop metallurgical processes, to develop the mining and processing facilities and infrastructure at any site chosen for mining. Although substantial benefits may be derived from the discovery of a major mineralized deposit, no assurance can be given that minerals will be discovered in sufficient quantities to justify commercial operations or that funds required for development can be obtained on a timely basis. The economics of developing mineral properties is affected by many factors including the cost of operations, variations of the grade of ore mined, fluctuations in the price of gold or other minerals produced, costs of processing equipment and such other factors as government regulations, including regulations relating to royalties, allowable production, importing and exporting of minerals and environmental protection. In addition, the grade of mineralization ultimately mined may differ from that indicated by drilling results and such differences could be material. Short term factors, such as the need for orderly development of ore bodies or the processing of new or different grades, may have an adverse effect on mining operations and on the results of operations. There can be no assurance that minerals recovered in small scale laboratory tests will be duplicated in large scale tests under on-site conditions or in production scale operations. Material changes in geological resources, grades, stripping ratios or recovery rates may affect the economic viability of projects.

Currency Fluctuations: The Company presently maintains its accounts in Canadian dollars. Due to the nature of its operations in such countries, the Company also maintains accounts in U.S. dollars, Argentinean pesos and Ghanaian cedis. The Company's operations in the United States, Argentina and Ghana and its proposed payment commitments and exploration expenditures under many of the agreements pursuant to which it holds, or has a right to acquire, an interest in its mineral properties are denominated in U.S. dollars, making it subject to foreign currency fluctuations. Such fluctuations are out of its control and may materially adversely affect the Company's financial position and results. The Company does not engage in any hedging programs with respect to currencies.

Environmental Restrictions: The activities of the Company are subject to environmental regulations promulgated by government agencies in different countries from time to time. Environmental legislation generally provides for restrictions and prohibitions on spills, releases or emissions into the air, discharges into water, management of waste, management of hazardous substances, protection of natural resources, antiquities and endangered species and reclamation of lands disturbed by mining operations. Certain types of operations require the submission and approval of environmental impact assessments. Environmental legislation is evolving in a manner which means stricter standards, and enforcement, fines and penalties for non-compliance are more stringent. Environmental assessments of proposed projects carry a heightened degree of responsibility for companies and directors, officers

and employees. The cost of compliance with changes in governmental regulations has a potential to reduce the profitability of operations.

Regulatory Requirements: The activities of the Company are subject to extensive regulations governing various matters, including environmental protection, management and use of toxic substances and explosives, management of natural resources, exploration, development of mines, production and post-closure reclamation, exports, price controls, taxation, regulations concerning business dealings with indigenous peoples, labour standards on occupational health and safety, including mine safety, and historic and cultural preservation. Failure to comply with applicable laws and regulations may result in civil or criminal fines or penalties, enforcement actions thereunder, including orders issued by regulatory or judicial authorities causing operations to cease or be curtailed, and may include corrective measures requiring capital expenditures, installation of additional equipment, or remedial actions, any of which could result in the Company incurring significant expenditures. The Company may also be required to compensate those suffering loss or damage by reason of a breach of such laws, regulations or permitting requirements. It is also possible that future laws and regulations, or more stringent enforcement of current laws and regulations by governmental authorities, could cause additional expense, capital expenditures, restrictions on or suspension of the Company's operations and delays in the exploration and development of the Company's properties.

Limited Experience with Development-Stage Mining Operations: The Company has limited experience in placing resource properties into production, and its ability to do so will be dependent upon using the services of appropriately experienced personnel or entering into agreements with other major resource companies that can provide such expertise. There can be no assurance that the Company will have available to it the necessary expertise when and if it places its resource properties into production.

Estimates of Mineral Reserves and Resources and Production Risks: The mineral resource estimates presented in the Company's filings with securities regulatory authorities, press releases and other public statements that may be made from time to time are based upon estimates made by Company personnel and independent geologists, and no assurance can be given that any particular level of recovery of minerals will in fact be realized or that an identified reserve or resource will ever qualify as a commercially mineable (or viable) deposit which can be legally and economically exploited. The estimating of mineral resources and mineral reserves is a subjective process and the accuracy of mineral resource and mineral reserve estimates is a function of the quantity and quality of available data, the accuracy of statistical computations, and the assumptions used and judgments made in interpreting available engineering and geological information. There is significant uncertainty in any mineral resource or mineral reserve estimate and the actual deposits encountered and the economic viability of a deposit may differ materially from the Company's estimates. Accordingly, there can be no assurance that:

- these estimates will be accurate;
- reserve, resource or other mineralization figures will be accurate; or
- this mineralization could be mined or processed profitably.

Because the Company has not commenced production at any of its properties, and has not defined or delineated any proven or probable reserves on any of its properties, mineralization estimates for the Company's properties may require adjustments or downward revisions based upon further exploration or development work or actual production experience. In addition, the grade of mineralization ultimately mined may differ from that indicated by drilling results and such differences could be material. There can be no assurance that minerals recovered in small-scale tests will be duplicated in large-scale tests under on-site conditions or in production scale. Production can be affected by such factors as permitting regulations and requirements, weather, environmental factors, unforeseen technical difficulties, unusual or unexpected geological formations and work interruptions. Short term factors, such as the need for orderly development of deposits or the processing of new or different grades, may have a material adverse effect on mining operations and on the results of operations. There can be no assurance that minerals recovered in small scale laboratory tests will be duplicated in large scale tests under on-site conditions or in production scale operations. Material changes in reserves or resources, grades, stripping ratios or recovery rates may affect the economic viability of projects. The estimated resources described in the Company's filings with securities regulatory authorities, press releases and other public statements that may be made from time to time should not be interpreted as assurances of mine life or of the profitability of future operations. Estimated mineral resources and

mineral reserves may have to be re-estimated based on changes in applicable commodity prices, further exploration or development activity or actual production experience. This could materially and adversely affect estimates of the volume or grade of mineralization, estimated recovery rates or other important factors that influence mineral resource or mineral reserve estimates. Market price fluctuations for coal, iron ore and other commodities, increased production costs or reduced recovery rates or other factors may render any particular reserves uneconomical or unprofitable to develop at a particular site or sites. A reduction in estimated reserves could require material write downs in investment in the affected mining property and increased amortization, reclamation and closure charges.

Mineral resources are not mineral reserves and there is no assurance that any mineral resources will ultimately be reclassified as proven or probable reserves. Mineral resources which are not mineral reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability.

Enforcement of Civil Liabilities: As many of the assets of the Company and its subsidiaries are located outside of Canada and the United States, and certain of the directors and officers of the Company are resident outside of Canada and/or the United States, it may be difficult or impossible to enforce judgements granted by a court in Canada or the United States against the assets of the Company or its subsidiaries or the directors and officers of the Company residing outside of such country.

Mining Industry is Intensely Competitive: The Company's business of the acquisition, exploration and development of mineral properties is intensely competitive. The Company may be at a competitive disadvantage in acquiring additional mining properties because it must compete with other individuals and companies, many of which have greater financial resources, operational experience and technical capabilities than the Company. The Company may also encounter increasing competition from other mining companies in efforts to hire experienced mining professionals. Competition for exploration resources at all levels is currently very intense, particularly affecting the availability of manpower, drill rigs and helicopters. Increased competition could adversely affect the Company's ability to attract necessary capital funding or acquire suitable producing properties or prospects for mineral exploration in the future.

The Company may be a "passive foreign investment company" under the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, which may result in material adverse U.S. federal income tax consequences to investors in Common Shares that are U.S. taxpayers: Investors in Common Shares that are U.S. taxpayers should be aware that Cardero believes that it has been in one or more prior tax years, and may be in current and future tax years, a "passive foreign investment company" under Section 1297(a) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code (a "PFIC"). However, no determination has been made regarding Cardero's PFIC status for any particular tax year. If Cardero is or becomes a PFIC, generally any gain recognized on the sale of the Common Shares and any "excess distributions" (as specifically defined) paid on the Common Shares must be rateably allocated to each day in a U.S. taxpayer's holding period for the Common Shares. The amount of any such gain or excess distribution allocated to prior years of such U.S. taxpayer's holding period for the Common Shares generally will be subject to U.S. federal income tax at the highest tax applicable to ordinary income in each such prior year, and the U.S. taxpayer will be required to pay interest on the resulting tax liability for each such prior year, calculated as if such tax liability had been due in each such prior year. The amount of any such gain or excess distribution allocated to the tax year of disposition or distribution of the excess distribution and to years before the entity became a PFIC, if any, would be taxed as ordinary income.

Alternatively, a U.S. taxpayer that makes a "qualified electing fund" (a "QEF") election with respect to Cardero generally will be subject to U.S. federal income tax on such U.S. taxpayer's pro rata share of Cardero's "net capital gain" and "ordinary earnings" (as specifically defined and calculated under U.S. federal income tax rules), regardless of whether such amounts are actually distributed by Cardero. U.S. taxpayers should be aware, however, that there can be no assurance that Cardero will satisfy record keeping requirements under the QEF rules or that Cardero will supply U.S. taxpayers with required information under the QEF rules, if Cardero is a PFIC and a U.S. taxpayer wishes to make a QEF election. As a second alternative, a U.S. taxpayer may make a "mark-to-market election" if Cardero is a PFIC and the Common Shares are "marketable stock" (as specifically defined). A U.S. taxpayer that makes a mark-to-market election generally will include in gross income, for each taxable year in which Cardero is a PFIC, an amount equal to the excess, if any, of (a) the fair market value of the Common Shares as of the close of such taxable year over (b) such U.S. taxpayer's adjusted tax basis in the Common Shares.

The above paragraphs contain only a brief summary of certain U.S. federal income tax considerations. Investors should consult their own tax advisor regarding the PFIC rules and other U.S. federal income tax consequences of the acquisition, ownership, and disposition of Common Shares.

#### **Financial Results of Operations**

During the six months ended April 30, 2014, the Company incurred a net loss of \$24,438,784 (2013 – \$9,759,969) and during the three months ended April 30, 2014 the Company incurred a net loss of \$23,091,140 (2013 – \$3,303,693).

The following discussion explains the variations in key components of these numbers. Quarterly results can vary significantly depending on whether the Company has abandoned any properties or granted any stock options.

#### Six Months ended April 30, 2014 compared to six months ended April 30, 2013

The Company's general and administrative costs were \$1,668,230 (2013- \$4,632,690), and reviews of the major items are as follows:

- Consulting fees decreased to \$218,582 (2013 \$513,014), primarily due to a reduction in activity in the Company's subsidiaries and cost reductions implemented by the Company due to less activity;
- Insurance costs decreased to \$51,617 (2013 \$104,774), primarily due to an adjustment of \$35,774 to the understated insurance expenses related to 2013;
- Investor relations costs decreased significantly to \$12,926 (2013 \$121,828), due to a decrease in share based payments to \$Nil (2013 \$27,002), as well as a significant reduction in investor relations activities due to the lack of corporate funds and reduction in the Company's activities. For the same reason, corporate development costs declined to \$46,622 (2013 \$146,770) as did travel costs, which fell to \$23,428 (2013 \$187,458);
- Office costs of \$259,172 (2013 \$444,326) decreased primarily due to a slow-down of activities in the Company, the curtailing of operations in Cardero Coal, and significant reductions in the activities of the Company's Ghanaian, Peruvian and Argentinean subsidiaries due to a curtailing of exploration activities in these countries;
- Professional fees of \$162,763 (2013 \$1,000,176), decreased due to significant reduction in the Company's overall activities and the legal fees from the prior year were due to a loan facility that did not close; and
- Salaries and benefits of \$597,522 (2013 \$1,775,155) decreased due to the termination of all of the Cardero Coal employees, a reduction in work force at the Ghanaian subsidiary and a salary reduction for remaining employees of the Company. Share-based payments of \$185,785 (2013 \$67,124) is included in salaries and benefits.

Other items showed a loss of \$23,006,906 (2013 - \$5,164,578). Due to their nature, these transactions relate to events that do not necessarily generate comparable effects on the Company's operating results. Significant areas of change include:

- Other income of (\$33,734) (2013 \$377,915), of which \$(43,360) (2013 \$109,080) was for providing metallurgical testing services, \$Nil (2013 \$284,056) was for recovery of an outstanding receivable and \$9,626 (2013- (\$15,221) from other;
- Interest expenses increased significantly to (\$2,530,821) (2013 \$32,680), representing the interest on the USD 5.7M secured notes issued in August, 2013 and on the USD 5.0M line of credit established in December, 2013 (of which USD 3.24M has been drawn down);

- The realized loss on Trevali warrants in the current period of \$87,470 (2013 \$416,723). These warrants expired, unexercised, on January 16, 2016;
- Due to a decrease in the fair value of available-for-sale investments the Company recorded a loss of \$72,129 (2013 \$1,112,535). These changes are due to market fluctuations which are entirely outside of the Company's control;
- The Company recognized a gain of \$1,199,653 (2013 \$Nil) on the settlement of certain debts to trade creditors:
- The Company was required to incur \$1,661,521 in exploration expenditures for flow-through purposes on or before December 31, 2013. The Company did not incur these expenditures and was therefore required to pay to the Canada Revenue Agency Flow-Through Part XII.6 interest and penalties in the amount of \$166,152 (2013 \$Nil). The Company entered into an agreement with one of the flow-through investors to absorb all of the reduction and accept a reduced renunciation, in consideration of the payment by the Company of the sum of \$227,500, which has been paid subsequent to April 30, 3014; and
- Impairment losses on exploration and evaluation assets of \$21,000,947 (2013 \$3,775,254). On May 31, 2014, the Company withdrew from the Coal Lease which formed part of property subject to the Carbon Creek joint venture. As a consequence of such withdrawal, the Company determined that the carrying value of Carbon Creek was impaired and wrote off cumulative costs incurred to date of \$21,000,947 as an impairment charge in the consolidated statements of loss.

#### Three Months ended April 30, 2014 compared to three months ended April 30, 2013

The Company's general and administrative costs were \$973,507 (2013 - \$2,300,490), and reviews of the major items are as follows:

- Consulting fees decreased to \$100,774 (2013 \$320,458), primarily due to a reduction in activity in the Company's subsidiaries and cost reductions implemented by the Company due to less activity;
- Investor relations costs decreased significantly to \$12,061 (2013 \$68,235), due to a significant reduction in investor relations activities due to the lack of corporate funds and reduction in the Company's activities. For the same reason, corporate development costs declined to \$19,030 (2013 \$71,075) as did travel costs, which fell to \$13,732 (2013 \$87,499);
- Professional fees decreased significantly to \$81,387 (2013 \$720,419), due to a significant reduction in activity of the Company and the legal fees from the prior year were due to a loan facility that did not close;
- Office costs of \$121,030 (2013 \$212,607), decreased primarily due to a slow-down of activities in the Company, the curtailing of operations in Cardero Coal, and significant reductions in the activities of the Company's Ghanaian, Peruvian and Argentinean subsidiaries due to a curtailing of exploration activities in these countries; and
- Salaries and benefits of \$405,752 (2013 \$671,525), decreased due to the termination of all of the Cardero Coal employees, a reduction in work force at the Ghanaian subsidiary and a salary reduction for remaining employees of the Company. Share-based payments of \$185,785 (2013 \$Nil) is included in salaries and benefits.

Other items showed a loss of \$22,009,043 in the current period versus \$1,040,438 in the comparable period of 2013. Due to their nature, these transactions relate to events that do not necessarily generate comparable effects on the Company's operating results. Significant areas of change include:

- Interest expenses increased significantly to (\$1,022,605) (2013 \$49,385), representing the interest on the USD 5.7M secured notes issued in August, 2013 and on the USD 5.0M line of credit established in December, 2013 (of which USD 3.24M has been drawn down);
- The unrealized loss on warrants of Trevali in the current period of \$Nil (2013 \$356,982);
- Due to a decrease in the fair value of available-for-sale investments the Company recorded a loss of \$61,985 (2013 \$515,769) These changes are due to market fluctuations which are entirely outside of the Company's control;
- The Company was required to incur \$1,661,521 in exploration expenditures for flow-through purposes on or before December 31, 2013. The Company did not incur these expenditures and was therefore required to pay to the Canada Revenue Agency Flow-Through Part XII.6 interest and penalties in the amount of \$166,152 (2013 \$Nil). The Company entered into an agreement with one of the flow-through investors to absorb all of the reduction and accept a reduced renunciation, in consideration of the payment by the Company of the sum of \$227,500, which has been paid subsequent to April 30, 3014; and
- Impairment losses on exploration and evaluation assets of \$21,000,947 (2013 \$3,775,254). On May 31, 2014, the Company withdrew from the Coal Lease which formed part of property subject to the Carbon Creek joint venture. As a consequence of such withdrawal, the Company determined that the carrying value of Carbon Creek was impaired and wrote off cumulative costs incurred to date of \$21,000,947 as an impairment charge in the consolidated statements of loss.

#### SELECTED ANNUAL INFORMATION

The Company's consolidated financial statements for the year ended October 31, 2013 have been prepared in accordance with IFRS. The following selected financial information for the year ended October 31, 2013 is taken from the Company's audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended October 31, 2013. The information for the years ended October 31, 2012 and 2011 are taken from the audited consolidated financial statements for the years ended October 31, 2012 and 2011. This information should be read in conjunction with those statements. Selected annual financial information appears below.

	October 31, 2013	October 31, 2012	October 31, 2011
Interest (expense) revenue	\$(1,389,964)	\$149,434	\$1,659,273
Loss for the year	\$(29,759,663)	\$(11,594,099)	\$ (25,148,877)
Net loss per share	\$(0.27)	\$(0.13)	\$ (0.36)
Total assets	\$89,114,381	\$106,301,442	\$ 108,478,339

#### SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY RESULTS

The table below sets out the quarterly results for the past eight quarters:

#### Fiscal 2014

	F	irst Quarter	S	econd Quarter
Interest income (expenses)	\$	(1,508,216)	\$	(1,022,605)
Gain (loss) on sale of				
investments		(4,589)		(4,024)
Impairment (losses) on				
available-for-sale				
investments		(10,144)		(61,985)
Write-off of exploration and				
evaluation assets		-		(21,000,947)
Net loss		(1,438,413)		(23,000,371)
Net loss per share		(0.01)		(0.20)
Comprehensive loss	\$	(1,272,568)	\$	(23,126,774)

#### Fiscal 2013

	F	irst Quarter	Se	econd Quarter	7	Third Quarter	Fo	ourth Quarter
Interest income (expenses)	\$	16,705	\$	(49,385)	\$	(575,832)	\$	(781,452)
Gain (loss) on sale of								
investments		17,230		-		-		(56,792)
Impairment losses on								
available-for-sale								
investments		(596,766)		(515,769)		(241,454)		(83,041)
Write-off of exploration and								
evaluation assets		(3,775,254)		-		(12,736,509)		64,650
Net loss		( 6,456,276)		(3,303,693)		(16,091,678)		(3,908,016)
Net loss per share		(0.06)		(0.03)		(0.14)		(.04)
Comprehensive loss	\$	(6,384,719)	\$	(3,383,243)	\$	(15,851,258)	\$	(3,961,245)

#### Fiscal 2012

	П	hird Quarter	F	ourth Quarter
Interest income	\$	10,498	\$	(1,944)
Gain (loss) on sale of				
investments		1,250,207		(2,138,529)
Impairment loss		(231,019)		(3,335,434)
Gain on loan settlement		_		-
Write-off of exploration and				
evaluation assets		_		(3,554,667)
Net income (loss)		(3,928,536)		(11,887,299)
Net income (loss) per share		(0.04)		(0.14)
Comprehensive income (loss)	\$	(5,406,555)	\$	5,829,841

**Notes:** 1) There were no discontinued operations or extraordinary items in the periods under review.

2) The basic and diluted losses per share were the same in each of the periods.

The variation seen over such quarters is primarily dependent upon the success of the Company's ongoing property evaluation program and the timing and results of the Company's exploration activities on its then current properties, none of which are possible to predict with any accuracy. There are no general trends regarding the Company's

quarterly results, and the Company's business of mineral exploration is not seasonal. Quarterly results can vary significantly depending on whether the Company has abandoned any properties or granted any stock options or paid any employee bonuses and these are the factors that account for material variations in the Company's quarterly net losses, none of which are predictable. While the Company may seek, in the future, to sell some or all of the interests in other of its exploration and evaluation assets, the timing and potential effect of any such sale is impossible to predict. The write-off of exploration and evaluation assets can have a material effect on quarterly results as and when they occur. Another factor which can cause a material variation in net loss on a quarterly basis is the grant of stock options due to the resulting share-based payment charges which can be significant when they arise. The payment of any employee bonuses, being once-yearly charges, can also materially affect operating losses for the quarters in which they occur. General operating costs other than the specific items noted above tend to be quite similar from period to period, although the Company has taken steps, particularly over the past 4 quarters, to reduce its general operating costs as detailed elsewhere in this MD&A. The variation in income is related solely to the interest earned on funds held by the Company, which is dependent upon the success of the Company in raising the required financing for its activities which will vary with overall market conditions, and is therefore difficult to predict. Interest expense is dependent to a large degree upon the necessity of the Company to secure funding through long or short term debt (until April, 2013, the Company did not have any short or long-term debt or the associated interest expense) and the success of the Company in securing such debt financing, as well as the relative interest rate negotiated, which cannot be predicted in advance. However, the increasing reliance by the Company on short-term debt/lines of credit will have the effect of significantly increasing interest expense over that seen in the quarters prior to the second quarter of the fiscal year ended October 31, 2013 and this is not expected to change for the foreseeable future.

#### LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

The Company has no revenue generating operations from which it can internally generate funds. Over the past three fiscal years, the Company's ongoing operations have been predominantly financed by the sale of its equity securities by way of private placements and the subsequent exercise of share purchase warrants and broker options issued in connection with such private placements. However, the exercise of warrants/options is dependent primarily on the market price and overall market liquidity of the Company's securities at or near the expiry date of such warrants/options (over which the Company has no control) and therefore there can be no guarantee that any existing warrants/options will be exercised. The Company has also successfully generated operating funds through the sale of certain of its resource related investments, some of which had significantly increased in value since their acquisition. However, such returns are subject to fluctuations in the market for the shares of the companies in which the Company has invested, and therefore there can be no assurance that the Company will continue to be able to generate significant additional funds through the liquidation of its investments. As illustrative of this, the current market conditions for junior resource equities have resulted in a significant decline in the market value, and hence the price at which the Company can sell, any of its remaining resource related investments, and the Company does not presently envision raising any further significant funds through the sale of such investments. In addition, the Company has already disposed of the bulk of its resource-related investments and therefore does not anticipate being able to generate material funds through further sales in the foreseeable future. The Company can raise funds through the sale of interests in its mineral properties, and negotiations in this regard are underway, although there can be no assurance that it will be successful in doing so.

In 2013 the Company successfully secured funding through the sale of senior secured notes and establishing secured lines of credit, which, while they generate working capital, also bring with them significant interest expense. In addition, as such financings are denominated in US dollars, they increase the foreign exchange loss risk to the Company as the US-Canadian exchange rate may be significantly lower upon repayment that when the funding was initially secured or advanced.

On August 9, 2013 the Company completed a private placement of senior secured notes (the "Kopple Notes") in the aggregate principal amount of USD 5,700,000 with entities controlled by Robert C. Kopple of Los Angles, California, USA (the "Kopple Lenders"). The full proceeds of the Kopple Notes were used to pay off the indebtedness owing to the holders of certain senior secured notes issued in April 2013 immediately following closing of the Kopple Note transaction.

Kopple Notes in the amount of USD 3,700,000 were due no later than March 14, 2014, while USD 2,000,000 of the Kopple Notes is due on August 8, 2014. Interest will accrue at the rate of 10 per cent per year, payable quarterly. The Kopple Notes are secured by a general security agreement over the assets of the Company, as well as a specific pledge of the shares of Cardero Coal. Cardero Coal also provided a corporate guarantee. The Kopple Notes may be redeemed by the Company at any time at par plus accrued interest. Should there be a change of control of the Company or Cardero Coal while the Kopple Notes remain outstanding, other than a change of control caused by the Kopple Lenders or their associates or affiliates, the holders of the Kopple Notes will have the right to put the Kopple Notes to the Company for an amount equal to 110% of par plus accrued interest.

As additional consideration for purchasing the Kopple Notes, the Kopple Lenders were issued transferrable warrants ("August Kopple Warrants") to purchase an aggregate of 28,359,066 common shares of the Company. The August Kopple Warrants have a term of seven years, and are exercisable at a price of 9.5 cents.

On December 5, 2013 the Company completed the implementation of a USD 5,000,000 million line of credit ("Credit Line") from the Kopple Lenders. The Credit Line reflects or includes all amounts advanced by the Kopple Lenders since the purchase of the Kopple Notes, interest due under the Kopple Notes, and amounts to be advanced in the future. Interest is payable by the Company on the amount outstanding under the Credit Line from time to time at the rate of 10% per annum. The security granted by the Company in connection with the Kopple Notes will extend to all indebtedness of the Company under the Credit Line. In conjunction with the establishment of the Credit Line, the maturity date for USD 3,700,000 million of the Kopple Notes was extended from December 31, 2013 subsequently to February 28, 2014 and further extended to March 31, 2014. All amounts outstanding under the Credit Line are due and payable on or before January 5, 2016. The Kopple Lenders will have the right to seek representation on the Company's board of directors.

In March, 2014, the Company received a total of \$3,774,651 (including interest) in connection with its application for the BC Mineral Exploration Tax Credit ("BCMETC"). On receipt, the BCMETC funds were used to make part of the payment of USD 3,906,794 (representing the USD 3,700,000 principle amount plus USD 206,794 in interest) due on or before March 14, 2014 under the Kopple Notes, with the balance of USD 545,838 in excess of the BCMETC being paid from the Credit Line.

At this time, the Company has no available source of funds to make the USD 2,000,000 repayment of Kopple Notes due August 8, 2014. Pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Credit Line, the Company is obligated to use its reasonable commercial efforts to raise, by way of one or more private placements of equity or subordinated debt, an aggregate minimum net amount of USD 2,200,000 by August 1, 2014; the proceeds of which will be used to repay the Kopple Notes and any accrued interest, due August 8, 2014. The failure to complete such placements is an event of default under the Credit Line. The Company intends to seek to renegotiate the deadlines for both the completion of the required private placements and the repayment of the Kopple Notes still outstanding. If the Company is unable to complete the required private placements, or to renegotiate the due dates of the Kopple Notes still outstanding, the Company will be in default under both the Kopple Notes and the Credit Line, and the Lenders will have the right to realize on their security. If this occurs, it it likely that the Company would lose all interest in Cardero Coal, and hence Carbon Creek. There can be no assurance that the Company will be successful in completing the required private placements or renegotiating the due dates.

As additional consideration for the establishment and funding of the Credit Line, the Company agreed to issue to the Lenders transferrable common share purchase warrants to purchase an aggregate of 38,417,398 common shares of the Company (the "December Kopple Warrants"). Of this number, 28,359,066 were issued to the Kopple Lenders on the closing of the Credit Line on December 5, 2013. The issuance of the additional 10,058,330 December Kopple Warrants is subject to the approval thereof by the Company's shareholders (subsequently obtained, see bel;ow). The December Kopple Warrants have a term of seven years, and are exercisable at a price of \$0.139 (subsequently reduced, see below).

At its 2014 Annual General Meeting held April 4, 2014 in Vancouver, British Columbia ("AGM"), the Company's shareholders approved, by 95.12% of the votes cast (excluding any votes cast by Robert C. Kopple or his affiliates or associates), each of the following matters:

- 1. the issuance of additional December Kopple Warrants to purchase an additional 5,029,165 common shares to E.L. II Properties Trust and warrants to purchase an additional 5,029,165 common shares to the Kopple Family Partnership, LP., and thereby resulting in the Company having made issuable, within a three month period, a number of common shares in excess of 25% of the number of common shares outstanding at the commencement of such three month period;
- 2. the reduction in the exercise price, from \$0.139 to \$0.10, of the issued, and to be issued, December Kopple Warrants:
- 3. the extension of the expiry date of certain incentive stock options to purchase 3,600,000 common shares of the Company at \$0.10 held by Robert C. Kopple ("Kopple Options") to July 3, 2020 (unless sooner exercised) notwithstanding that Mr. Kopple sooner ceases, for any reason, to be qualified to hold incentive stock options under the 2012 Incentive Stock Option Plan of the Company; and
- 4. the exercise, by Mr. Robert C. Kopple, and any of his associates or affiliates, including, without limitation, the Lenders, of the Kopple Option, the August Kopple Warrants, the December Kopple Warrants, which exercises may result in Robert C. Kopple, together with his associates and affiliates (including the Lenders), holding in excess of 19.99% of the then issued common shares of the Company, and the consequent creation of Robert C. Kopple as a control person of the Company.

The Lenders have requested that the Company amend the August Kopple Warrants and the December Kopple Warrants to include a "cashless" exercise feature, and the Company has agreed to do so, subject to settling approved wording in respect thereof. The amendment of the warrants to include such a feature does not require TSX acceptance, provided that an exercise formula acceptable to the TSX is used and it is the intention of the parties to use such a formula.

In December 2013, the Company successfully completed a number of debt settlements with a number of arm's length creditors. Pursuant to such settlements, on December 12, 2013, the Company settled an aggregate of \$2,690,473 of outstanding trade debts in consideration of the payment, either on closing or over time, of an aggregate of \$1,038,367 in cash plus the issuance of 3,219,617 common shares at a deemed price of \$0.16 per share. The Company continues to seek to negotiate additional settlements with other creditors for cash, or cash plus shares.

The Company expects that it will operate at a loss for the foreseeable future. While the Company has secured financing through the establishment of the Credit Line, the Company requires additional funding in order to carry on business and meet its objectives of advancing the Carbon Creek project. The Company is focussed on securing additional funding but, at this time, currently has no funding commitments or arrangements for additional financing beyond the Credit Line and there can be no assurance that it will be successful in doing so.

As April 30, 2014, the Company reported cash and cash equivalents of \$170,363 compared to \$291,277 at October 31, 2013. The change in cash and cash equivalents over the year is comprised of funds used by investing activities of \$2,939,408 and (\$3,503,369) from operations, and \$443,047 provided by financing activities due to drawdowns under the Credit Line and repayment of loan. As at April 30, 2014, the Company had a working capital deficit of \$4,712,929 compared to working capital of \$6,498,875 at October 31, 2013.

Over the past year, the Company has recently taken steps to reduce its cash requirements, including terminating all of the employees of Cardero Coal and several of the Company's employees, terminating certain consulting agreements, implementing a 20% reduction in the salaries of the remaining employees of the Company, stopping work on the BFS and determining not to proceed with application for an EAC for Carbon Creek, selling off or shutting down the operations of its subsidiaries in Mexico, Peru and Argentina and reducing its office space and concurrent expenses. The Company also plans to shut down its materials testing laboratory in South Carolina and to dispose of the existing laboratory equipment, which transaction is in process.

The Company anticipates that its monthly burn rate for general and administrative expenses is approximately \$140,000, and that the undrawn amount available under its current secured line of credit is approximately USD

1.23M (approximately \$1,336,764 as at June 13, 2014). This amount is sufficient to fund the Company's anticipated general and administrative expenditures for the balance of the fiscal year ending October 31, 2014. However, in order to prepare the new 43-101 report in respect of Carbon Creek, and to carry out any work on any of its properties, including Carbon Creek, the Company will be required to raise additional funding. If the Company is unsuccessful in doing so, then it will not be able to proceed with the preparation of the new 43-101 report on Carbon Creek or to carry out any meaningful activities at Carbon Creek.

Other than cash held by its subsidiaries for their immediate operating needs in the United States, Argentina, Peru and Ghana, all of the Company's cash reserves are on deposit with major financial institutions or invested in Government of Canada Treasury Bills or Banker's Acceptances issued by major Canadian chartered banks. The Company does not believe that the credit, liquidity or market risks with respect thereto have increased as a result of the current market conditions. However, in order to achieve greater security for the preservation of its capital, the Company has, of necessity, been required to accept lower rates of interest which has also lowered its potential interest income.

During the period ended January 31, 2014 and to the date of this MD&A, there has been a material change, being a significant reduction, in the Company's contractual obligations for mineral property lease and option payments and committed operating lease obligations as disclosed in its annual MD&A. Such reduction occurred as a result of the Company's withdrawal from the Coal Lease, which has reduced the estimated expenditures for advance royalties. In addition, as the Company has made the decision to withdraw from the Sheini joint ventures, the anticipated payments under those joint ventures are no longer anticipated. As a consequence, the payments due for Mineral Property Leases/Options have been reduced form a total of \$38,609,230 to to approximately \$27,000 per year, representing the anticipated yearly fees payable to the BC Government in respect of the 4 existing coal licenses at Carbon Creek. When and if additional applications for coal licenses are granted, and new coal licenses are issued in respect thereof, such fees will increase correspondingly.

#### OFF BALANCE-SHEET ARRANGMENTS

The Company has no off-balance sheet arrangements.

#### RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the three and six and months ended April 30, 2014, the Company entered into the following transactions with related parties and paid or accrued the following amounts, excluding share-based payment charges in connection therewith:

		Purpose of	Thr	ee Months	Six	Months
Name	Relationship	transaction		Ended	]	Ended
Hendrik van Alphen	CEO, President & a Director of the Company	Wages and Salaries	\$	52,000	\$	104,000
Lawrence W Talbot	VP & General Counsel of the Company	Wages and Salaries	\$	20,000	\$	40,000
Keith Henderson	Executive Vice President of the Company	Wages and Salaries	\$	32,000	\$	32,000
Blaine Bailey	CFO of the Company	Wages and Salaries	\$	25,000	\$	65,000
Glenn Hoffman	CEO of Cardero Iron Ore	Wages and Salaries(\$US)	\$	-	\$	26,666
Marla Ritchie	Corporate Secretary of the Company	Wages and Salaries	\$	15,000	\$	39,000
Stephan Fitch	Director of the Company	Director's fees	\$	3,000	\$	4,000
Stephan Fitch	Director of the Company	Consulting fees	\$	-	\$	6,000
Leonard Harris	Director of the Company	Director's fees	\$	3,000	\$	4,000

Name	Relationship	Purpose of transaction	 ee Months Ended	 x Months Ended
Lawrence W. Talbot	Company controlled by an	Professional fees	\$ 22,068	\$ 44,136
Law Corporation	officer of the Company			
Acuitas Consulting	Company controlled by	Consulting fees	\$ 16,000	\$ 64,000
Ltd.	Executive Vice President of			
	the Company			

During the period ended April 30, 2014 and to the date of this MDA the following stock options where granted to related parties:

(a) On February 7, 2014, there were 2,036,000 stock options, exercisable at \$0.18 per share until February 7, 2016, granted to related parties, as follows:

Name	Relationship	Options
Hendrik van Alphen	CEO & President of the Company	600,000
Keith Henderson	Executive Vice-President of the Company	600,000
Stephan Fitch	Director of the Company	336,000
Blaine Bailey	CFO of the Company	150,000
Marla Ritchie	Corporate Secretary of the Company	150,000

#### PROPOSED TRANSACTIONS

Except as noted elsewhere in this MD&A, although the Company is currently investigating/negotiating with a number of potential financing sources for equity or debt financings and is entertaining proposals for the sale or option/joint venture of one or more of its properties, as at the date of this MD&A there are no proposed transactions where the Board of Directors, or senior management who believe that confirmation of the decision by the Board is probable, have decided to proceed with and which are not disclosed previously or herein.

#### CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements requires management to use judgment in applying its accounting policies and estimates and assumptions about the future. Estimates and other judgments are continuously evaluated and are based on management's experience and other factors, including expectations about future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The following discusses the most significant accounting judgments and estimates that the Company has made in the preparation of the financial statements.

#### Mineral property impairment

At the end of each reporting period, the Company assesses each of its mineral resource properties to determine whether any indication of impairment exists. Judgment is required in determining whether indicators of impairment exist, including factors such as the period for which the Company has the right to explore, expected renewals of exploration rights, whether substantive expenditures on further exploration and evaluation of resource properties are budgeted or planned and results of exploration and evaluation activities on the exploration and evaluation assets. The Company concluded that, as a result of the withdrawal from the Coal Lease, which formed part of Carbon Creek, an impairment indicator existed. The Company determined that all attributed expenditures for acquisition and exploration costs on the Coal Lease (and the precursor coal lease option agreement) would be written off. The joint venture with CCP, and the Company's interest in the remaining coal tenures under the joint venture, is in good standing and further exploration is planned once additional financing has been obtained. Based on an impairment test performed on the Company's remaining interest in Carbon Creek, the Company concluded that no additional impairment was required as at April 30, 2014.

# CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES, INCLUDING INITIAL ADOPTION

Please refer to note 2 of the April 30, 2014 the condensed interim consolidated financial statements for a comprehensive review of the accounting policies adopted during the current period.

#### FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS

The Company's cash at April 30, 2014 was \$170,363 of which \$101,081 was held in US, Argentinean, Ghanaian and Peruvian currencies.

The Company's receivables and payables at April 30, 2014 were normal course business items. The accounts receivable are settled on a regular basis. The Company's investments in Abzu, Wealth, Artha, and Xiana are carried at quoted market value or an estimate thereof, and are classified as "available-for-sale" for accounting purposes. All resource related investments in warrants are classified as fair value through profit or loss and are considered derivative financial instruments where changes to the fair value are included in net income. The Company intends to dispose of its resource-related investments as necessary to fund ongoing operations, although the current market prices and lack of liquidity for certain of such investments seriously affects the Company's ability to so dispose of those investments.

#### EVALUATION OF INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

Internal control over financial reporting means a process designed by, or under the supervision of, the Company's certifying officers, and effected by the Company's board of directors, management and other personnel, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with the Company's GAAP and includes those policies and procedures that:

- (a) pertain to the maintenance of records that in reasonable detail accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the Company;
- (b) are designed to provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with the Company's GAAP, and that receipts and expenditures of the Company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the Company; and
- (c) are designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of the Company's assets that could have a material effect on the annual financial statements or interim financial statements.

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

The Company's management, including the CEO and CFO, have evaluated the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of April 30, 2014. This evaluation was based on the framework in Internal Control – Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission.

Based on that assessment, management concluded that the Company's internal control over financial reporting was not effective as of April 30, 2014.

#### Material Weakness

A material weakness is a deficiency (as defined in PCAOB Auditing Standard No 5), or a combination of deficiencies, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the annual or interim financial statements will not be prevented or detected on a timely basis.

As of April 30, 2014, the Company identified the following material weakness that applies to both disclosure controls and procedures and internal controls over financial reporting;

Due to the significantly reduced number of employees over prior years the Company does not have sufficient resources to maintain adequate segregation of duties as is necessary to ensure complete and accurate financial reporting. Specifically, the Company's Chief Financial Officer is responsible for preparing, authorizing and reviewing information that is integral to the preparation of financial reports. He is also responsible for preparing and reviewing the resulting financial reports. The weakness has the potential to result in material misstatements in the Company's consolidated financial statements that would not be prevented or detected, and as such has been determined to be a material weakness in internal controls over financial reporting which also impacts the Company's disclosure controls and procedures.

As of the date of this report, management has not yet developed a plan to remediate the material weakness. Management has concluded that, taking into account the present stage of the Company's development and the significant difficulty in securing ongoing operating funding, the Company does not have sufficient size and scale to warrant, and cannot realistically afford, the hiring of the additional staff that would be required to correct the weakness at this time.

#### CHANGES IN INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

The Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that there has been no change in the Company's internal control over financial reporting during the period beginning on January 31, 2014 and ended on April 30, 2014, that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

#### DISCLOSURE OF OUTSTANDING SHARE DATA

1. Authorized and Issued capital stock:

As at April 30, 2014:

Authorized	Issued	Book Value
An unlimited number of common shares without par value	117,366,887	\$126,163,632

As at June 13, 2014:

Authorized	Issued	Book Value
An unlimited number of common shares without par value	117,366,887	\$126,157,646

# 2. Options Outstanding:

As at April 30, 2014:

Number	Exercise Price	Expiry Date
125,000	\$ 0.78	September 27, 2014
1,925,000	\$ 0.20	May 28, 2015
6,404,000	\$ 0.11	July 3, 2020
2,036,000	\$ 0.18	February 6, 2016
10,490,000		

#### As June 13, 2014:

Number	Exercise Price	Expiry Date
125,000	\$ 0.78	September 27, 2014
1,925,000	\$ 0.20	May 28, 2015
6,404,000	\$ 0.11	July 3, 2020
2,036,000	\$ 0.18	February 6, 2016
10,490,000		•

## 3. Warrants Outstanding:

As at April 30, 2014:

Number	Exercise Price	Expiry Date
28,359,066	\$ 0.095	August 9, 2020
28,359,066	\$ 0.10	December 5, 2020
$10,058,330^{(1)}$	\$ 0.10	December 5, 2020

<sup>(1)</sup> Warrants not yet issued, although the Company is committed to issue these, shareholder approval having been obtained on April 4, 2014.

#### As at June 13, 2014:

Number	Exercise Price	Expiry Date
28,359,066	\$ 0.095	August 9, 2020
28,359,066	\$ 0.10	December 5, 2020
10,058,330 <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 0.10	December 5, 2020
66,776,462		

<sup>(1)</sup> Warrants not yet issued, although the Company is committed to issue these, shareholder approval having been obtained on April 4, 2014.

#### ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Additional disclosures pertaining to the Company, including its most recent Annual Information Form, financial statements, management information circular, material change reports, press releases and other information, are available on the SEDAR website at <a href="www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a> or on the Company's website at <a href="www.cardero.com">www.cardero.com</a>. Readers are urged to review these materials, including the technical reports filed with respect to the Company's mineral properties.