



# **Midland Exploration Inc.**

Management's Discussion and Analysis

September 30, 2017

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The following discussion and analysis (the “MD&A”) of the financial condition and results of the operations of Midland Exploration Inc. (“Midland” or “the Corporation”) constitutes management’s review of the factors that affected the Corporation’s financial and operating performance for the year ended September 30, 2017. This MD&A should be read in conjunction with the Corporation’s audited financial statements as at September 30, 2017 prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”). All figures are in Canadian dollars unless otherwise noted.

Further information regarding the Corporation and its operations are filed electronically on the System for Electronic Document Analysis and Retrieval (SEDAR) in Canada and can be obtained from [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

Abbreviation	Period
Fiscal 15	October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015
Q1-16	October 1, 2015 to December 31, 2016
Q2-16	January 1, 2016 to March 31, 2016
Q3-16	April 30, 2016 to June 30, 2016
Q4-16	July 1, 2016 to September 30, 2016
Fiscal 16	October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016
Q1-17	October 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016
Q2-17	January 1, 2017 to March 31, 2017
Q3-17	April 30, 2017 to June 30, 2017
Q4-17	July 1, 2017 to September 30, 2017
Fiscal 17	October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017
Fiscal 18	October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018

## 1. NATURE OF ACTIVITIES

Midland, incorporated on October 2, 1995 and operating under the Business Corporations Act (Québec), is a company in the mining exploration business. The Corporation’s operations include the acquisition and exploration of mining properties. The Corporation’s shares are listed on the TSX Venture Exchange (the “Exchange”) under the MD ticker.

## 2. OVERALL PERFORMANCE

Midland has an adjusted working capital of \$11,678,771 as of September 30, 2017 (\$13,787,092 as of September 30, 2016, which includes \$3,078,910 as of September 30, 2016 of investments in guaranteed investment certificates with expiry dates over 1 year (nil as of September 2017)), which will allow the Corporation to execute its exploration program for at least the next three years (*note: adjusted working capital is a non-IFRS financial performance measure which has no standard definition under IFRS. See section 6: Working Capital*).

From October 1, 2016 to December 7, 2017, the Corporation completed several private placements by issuing 3,591,208 flow-through shares for total gross proceeds of \$4,848,130.

During Fiscal 17, the Corporation signed several option and partnership agreements:

- On February 10, 2017, the Corporation signed a letter of intent creating a strategic alliance with Altius Minerals Corporation (“Altius”), whereby Altius and the Corporation will combine their efforts to jointly explore the gold potential of the extensive James Bay region. The Corporation is the operator;
- On April 27, 2017, the Corporation signed an option agreement with IAMGOLD Corporation (“IAMGOLD”) whereby IAMGOLD may earn, in three options, a maximum interest of 65% in the Héva property, by fulfilling \$500,000 cash payments and \$14,000,000 exploration work. IAMGOLD is the operator;

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**2. OVERALL PERFORMANCE (CON'D)**

- On August 29, 2017, the Corporation signed an option agreement with Niobay Metals Inc. ("Niobay") whereby Niobay may earn, in two options, a maximum interest of 65% in the La Peltrie property, by fulfilling \$250,000 cash payments and \$3,000,000 exploration work. Midland is the operator.

On March 28, 2017, JOGMEC withdrew from the option agreement signed on January 21, 2014 and abandoned its right to exercise its option to acquire a 50% interest in the Pallas PGE property.

As operator, Midland incurred exploration expenditures totalling \$6,243,161 (\$4,869,973 in Fiscal 16), on its properties of which \$1,274,505 was recharged to its partners (\$1,924,414 in Fiscal 16). The operating partners incurred \$631,255 of exploration expenses (\$370,439 in Fiscal 16). Also, the Corporation invested \$619,147 (\$443,316 in Fiscal 16) to complete several property acquisitions in Quebec of which \$100,422 was recharged to its partners (\$55,608 in Fiscal 16).

The Corporation reported a loss of \$1,214,056 in Fiscal 17 compared to \$807,158 for Fiscal 16.

**Selected annual information**

	<b>Fiscal 17</b>	<b>Fiscal 16</b>	<b>Fiscal 15</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Revenues	96,193	107,423	301,452
Loss	(1,214,056)	(807,158)	(629,098)
Loss per share, basic and diluted	(0.02)	(0.01)	(0.02)

  

	<b>As at September 30,</b>		
	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Total assets	26,477,605	24,456,678	24,407,655

**3. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

Operating expenses increased to \$1,864,707 for Fiscal 17 compared to \$1,332,206 in Fiscal 16:

- Salaries increased to \$584,630 (\$456,275 in Fiscal 16). Bonuses based on objectives for \$94,500 were paid (\$93,166 in Fiscal 16). Since January 2016, the Corporation pays directors fees and the expense for Fiscal 17 is \$51,000 (\$34,875 in Fiscal 16).
- Stock-based compensation increased to \$285,429 (\$96,951 in Fiscal 16). 475,000 options were granted in Fiscal 15, 500,000 in Fiscal 16 and 695,000 in Fiscal 17. Their fair value was estimated at \$123,500, \$250,000 and \$362,250 respectively. This fair value was accounted for according to its vesting period (up to 18 months) or the period in which the services were rendered. Part of this fair value was recorded in the statement of earnings as stock-based compensation (\$66,913 in Fiscal 15, \$96,951 in Fiscal 16 and \$285,429 in Fiscal 17) and the other part was capitalized within the deferred exploration expenses (\$32,035 in Fiscal 15, \$16,162 in Fiscal 16 and \$164,088 in Fiscal 17). The options vest over 18 months and it should be noted that the grant of options occurred in August for Fiscal 15 and Fiscal 16 while it occurred in February for Fiscal 17.
- Office expenses increased to \$133,918 (\$83,856 in Fiscal 16). Computers and participation in different associations like the Consorem explain this variance.
- Conference and mining industry involvement increased to \$173,937 (\$127,278 in Fiscal 16). More employees from Midland participated to the conferences and also this year the New Orleans conference was added to its agenda.

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**3. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (CONT'D)**

- Impairment of exploration and evaluation assets (non-cash items) increased to \$232,075 (\$82,174 in Fiscal 16) and the explanations can be found in the investing activities section found later in this MD&A.

Project management fees decreased to \$96,193 (\$107,423 in Fiscal 16). Exploration on Pallas generated more management fees in Fiscal 17, nevertheless Casault and Jouvex generated less fees in Fiscal 17. On the other hand, the BJ Altius generated new management fees in Fiscal 17.

Interest income decreased to \$169,368 (\$225,491 in Fiscal 16) due to gradual decrease of the funds invested since the \$14.4 million private placement closed in May 2015.

A \$382,090 (\$192,134 in Fiscal 16) recovery of deferred income taxes was recognized to record the amortization, in proportion of the work completed, of the premium related to flow-through shares renunciation following the November 2016 and March 2017 private placements (November 2015 in Fiscal 16).

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**4. INVESTING ACTIVITIES**

Deferred exploration expenses Fiscal 17	Balance beginning	Geology	Geophysics	Drilling	Geo-chemistry	Line cutting	Sub total	Stock-based compensation	Recharge	Tax credits	Option payment	Write-off	Net change	Balance end Fiscal 167
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Abitibi</b>														
Maritime Cadillac	236,090	2,380	-	48,313	3,842	-	<b>54,535</b>	1,700	-	(54)	-	-	<b>56,181</b>	<b>292,271</b>
Laflamme Au	1,893,853	23,712	109,332	183,492	5,778	-	<b>322,314</b>	9,692	-	(23,795)	-	-	<b>308,221</b>	<b>2,202,064</b>
Patris Au	221,646	3,486	-	4,827	-	-	<b>8,313</b>	198	(8,313)	-	-	-	<b>198</b>	<b>221,884</b>
Casault Au	352,708	85,689	143,777	1,056,768	48,958	25,523	<b>1,358,610</b>	18,247	(686,997)	(80,708)	-	-	<b>611,257</b>	<b>963,965</b>
Jouvex Au	351,966	2,806	97,369	-	-	20,923	<b>119,695</b>	1,871	(60,549)	(1,553)	-	-	<b>60,867</b>	<b>412,833</b>
Heva Au	157,076	52,441	12,157	300	3,609	35,580	<b>102,897</b>	11,325	(1,193)	(9,310)	-	-	<b>104,909</b>	<b>261,985</b>
Valmond	120,742	3,572	-	-	-	-	<b>3,572</b>	-	-	-	-	-	<b>3,572</b>	<b>124,314</b>
Samson	78,203	4,333	-	518	-	-	<b>4,851</b>	1,379	-	(1,022)	-	-	<b>5,208</b>	<b>83,411</b>
La Peltrie	652,484	54,870	312,312	16,654	-	49,275	<b>428,152</b>	16,409	(23,947)	(10,473)	-	-	<b>415,100</b>	<b>1,067,584</b>
Adam	42,841	31,420	58,410	4,251	-	-	<b>94,081</b>	1,700	-	(7,467)	-	-	<b>88,314</b>	<b>131,155</b>
Abitibi Au	173,644	23,893	4,050	114	1,376	-	<b>26,627</b>	1,254	-	(861)	-	-	<b>29,826</b>	<b>203,470</b>
<b>Grenville-Appalaches</b>														
Weedon Cu Zn Au	523,230	61,136	7,000	-	32,763	-	<b>100,899</b>	4,346	-	(1,578)	-	-	<b>103,667</b>	<b>626,897</b>
Gatineau Zn	29,024	12,381	200	-	-	-	<b>14,981</b>	-	-	-	-	-	<b>14,981</b>	<b>44,005</b>
<b>Bay-James</b>														
Bay-James Au	261,886	92,070	40,700	-	3,889	-	<b>136,659</b>	-	-	(35,950)	-	-	<b>100,709</b>	<b>362,595</b>
Eleonore Au	1,629,303	113,385	-	-	10,650	-	<b>124,035</b>	6,423	-	(36,242)	-	-	<b>94,216</b>	<b>1,723,519</b>
JV Eleonore AU	124,692	202,506	-	533	16,368	-	<b>219,407</b>	18,280	-	(71,097)	-	-	<b>166,590</b>	<b>291,282</b>
JV BJ Altius	-	346,681	59,018	-	24,228	-	<b>429,927</b>	4,328	(214,964)	(56,510)	-	-	<b>162,781</b>	<b>162,781</b>
<b>Québec Labrador</b>														
Ytterby REE	183,583	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(183,583)	<b>(183,583)</b>	-
<b>Northern Quebec</b>														
Pallas PGE	369,500	60,191	-	474,576	32,084	-	<b>566,851</b>	<b>6,703</b>	(278,542)	(125,766)	-	-	<b>169,246</b>	<b>538,746</b>
Willbob Au	565,271	597,926	-	1,164,421	328,509	-	<b>2,090,856</b>	<b>60,233</b>	-	(589,487)	-	-	<b>1,561,602</b>	<b>2,126,873</b>
<b>Projects generation</b>	74,069	23,436	-	-	-	-	<b>23,436</b>	-	-	(6,339)	-	-	<b>17,097</b>	<b>91,166</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,041,811</b>	<b>1,798,314</b>	<b>844,325</b>	<b>2,954,767</b>	<b>512,054</b>	<b>133,701</b>	<b>6,243,161</b>	<b>164,088</b>	<b>(1,274,505)</b>	<b>(1,058,212)</b>	-	<b>(183,583)</b>	<b>3,890,949</b>	<b>11,932,760</b>

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	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Abitibi</b>														
Maritime Cadillac	232,965	5,736	-	-	-	-	5,736	-	-	(2,611)	-	-	3,125	236,090
Laflamme Au	1 507,229	72,290	88,123	305,091	19,263	6,352	491,119	2,591	-	(107,086)	-	-	386,624	1,893,853
Patris Au	219,143	9,395	1,093	4,068	-	-	14,556	2,503	(14,556)	-	-	-	2,503	221,646
Casault Au	298,888	98,395	171,736	1,066,313	115,092	32,287	1,483,823	15,548	(1,427,271)	(18,280)	-	-	53,820	352,708
Jouvex Au	348,457	30,921	113,208	167,340	15,543	-	327,012	3,509	(327,012)	-	-	-	3,509	351,966
Heva Au	35,133	148,663	-	-	21,227	900	170,790	503	-	(49,350)	-	-	121,943	157,076
Valmond Au	120,742	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	120,742
Samson Au	439	10,499	74,791	519	576	-	86,385	1,932	-	(10,553)	-	-	77,764	78,203
La Peltrie	118,209	26,148	276,334	247,159	15,384	63,480	628,505	3,541	-	(97,771)	-	-	534,275	652,484
Adam	-	3,602	32,037	-	-	11,625	47,264	-	-	(4,423)	-	-	42,841	42,841
Abitibi Au	117,841	18,752	47,813	-	-	6,875	73,440	347	-	(17,984)	-	-	55,803	173,644
<b>Grenville-Appalaches</b>														
Weedon Cu Zn Au	484,279	14,845	-	29,445	594	-	44,884	347	-	(6,280)	-	-	38,951	523,230
Gatineau Zn	28,892	132	-	-	-	-	132	-	-	-	-	-	132	29,024
<b>Bay-James</b>														
Bay-James Au	248,057	15,049	168	-	2,043	-	17,260	-	-	(3,431)	-	-	13,829	261,886
Eleonore Au	1,527,352	136,269	-	-	15,615	-	151,884	2,430	-	(52,363)	-	-	101,951	1,629,303
JV Eleonore AU	-	192,846	-	-	22,164	-	215,010	3,627	-	(93,945)	-	-	124,692	124,692
<b>Québec Labrador</b>														
Ytterby ETR	172,054	6,144	-	-	5,385	-	11,529	-	-	-	-	-	11,529	183,583
<b>Northern Quebec</b>														
Pallas PGE	269,391	265,441	-	932	44,812	-	311,185	4,229	(155,575)	(59,730)	-	-	100,109	369,500
Willbob Au	111,951	336,606	90,828	314,881	29,313	-	771,628	4,069	-	(322,377)	-	-	453,320	565,271
<b>Projects generation</b>														
	59,390	17,831	-	-	-	-	17,831	-	-	(3,152)	-	-	14,679	74,069
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,900,412</b>	<b>1,409,564</b>	<b>896,131</b>	<b>2,135,748</b>	<b>307,011</b>	<b>121,519</b>	<b>4,869,973</b>	<b>45,176</b>	<b>(1,924,414)</b>	<b>(849,336)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,141,399</b>	<b>8,041,811</b>

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**4. INVESTING ACTIVITIES (CON'T)**

Expenses Exploration and evaluation	Actual Fiscal 16			Actual Fiscal 17			Budget Fiscal 17			Budget Fiscal 18		
	Midland	Partners	Total	Midland	Partners	Total	Midland	Partners	Total	Midland	Partners	Total
Properties	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>100% owned by Midland</b>												
Abitibi Au	73,440	-	73,440	29,433	-	29,433	255,000	-	255,000	30,000	-	30,000
Valmond	-	-	-	3,572	-	3,572	5,000	-	5,000	5,000	-	5,000
Samson	86,385	-	86,385	4,851	-	4,851	30,000	-	30,000	100,000	-	100,000
Adam	47,264	-	47,264	94,081	-	94,081	50,000	-	50,000	100,000	-	100,000
Weedon Cu-Zn-Au	44,884	-	44,884	100,899	-	100,899	100,000	-	100,000	60,000	-	60,000
Gatineau Zn	132	-	132	14,981	-	14,981	35,000	-	35,000	5,000	-	5,000
Baie James Au	17,260	-	17,260	136,659	-	136,659	50,000	-	50,000	300,000	-	300,000
Éléonore Au	151,884	-	151,884	124,035	-	124,035	250,000	-	250,000	100,000	-	100,000
Willbob	771,628	-	771,628	2,090,856	-	2,090,856	1,000,000	-	1,000,000	2,000,000	-	2,000,000
Pallas PGE Jogmec	155,610	155,575	311,185	288,309	278,542	566,851	150,000	150,000	300,000	5,000	-	5,000
Génération de projet	17,997	-	17,997	23,436	-	23,436	30,000	-	30,000	120,000	-	120,000
	1,366,484	155,575	1,522,059	2,911,112	278,542	3,189,654	1,955,000	150,000	2,105,000	2,825,000	-	2,825,000
<b>With option, operated by Midland and paid by partner</b>												
La Peltrie	628,505	-	628,505	409,164	23,947	457,058	150,000	-	150,000	-	500,000	500,000
<b>With option, operated and paid by the partner</b>												
Patris – Teck	-	155,155	155,155	-	292,255	292,255	-	700,000	700,000	-	15,000	15,000
Heva Au	170,790	-	170,790	102,894	71,744	246,382	400,000	-	400,000	-	500,000	500,000
	170,790	155,155	325,945	102,894	363,999	538,638	400,000	700,000	1,100,000	-	515,000	515,000
<b>In joint venture</b>												
Maritime-Cadillac- Agnico-Eagle 51%	5,736	5,086	10,822	54,535	56,761	111,296	100,000	100,000	200,000	100,000	100,000	200,000
Vermillon- Soquem 53.4%	16,887	16,476	33,363	-	-	-	10,000	10,000	20,000	5,000	5,000	10,000
Ytterby REE-Jogmec 49.4%	11,529	-	11,529	-	-	-	5,000	5,000	10,000	-	-	-
Laflamme Au – Abcourt 27.4%	491,119	-	491,119	322,314	-	322,314	150,000	-	150,000	200,000	-	200,000
Casault – Soquem 50%	56,552	1,427,271	1,483,823	673,718	687,591	1,361,309	335,000	350,000	685,000	300,000	300,000	600,000
Jouvex – Soquem 50%	-	327,012	327,012	60,549	60,549	121,098	48,000	50,000	98,000	100,000	100,000	200,000
JV Eleonore Osisko 50%	215,010	208,278	423,288	219,407	219,407	438,814	300,000	300,000	600,000	275,000	275,000	550,000
JV Altius 50%	-	-	-	214,963	214,964	429,927	-	-	-	300,000	300,000	600,000
	796,833	1,984,123	2,780,956	1,545,486	1,239,272	2,784,758	948,000	815,000	1,763,000	1,280,000	1,080,000	2,360,000
	<b>2,962,612</b>	<b>2,294,853</b>	<b>5,257,465</b>	<b>4,968,656</b>	<b>1,881,813</b>	<b>6,946,160</b>	<b>3,453,000</b>	<b>1,665,000</b>	<b>5,118,000</b>	<b>4,105,000</b>	<b>2,095,000</b>	<b>6,200,000</b>



#### 4. INVESTING ACTIVITIES (CONT'D)

When the work is done and paid by the partners, the expenses are not included in the Midland accounts. The previous table shows all the work being done on Midland's properties including work done and paid by operating partners. This table excludes stock-based compensation that has been capitalized.

Gino Roger, geological engineer, president and chief executive officer of Midland, qualified person under NI 43-101, has reviewed the following technical disclosure.

##### HIGHLIGHTS

- ***New high-grade gold discoveries on Willbob, Labrador Trough***
- ***New Zn, Ni-Cu and Au discoveries with Altius in James Bay***
- ***New Cu-rich boulders field discoveries with Osisko in James Bay***
- ***New gold showing found on Lasalle, James Bay***
- ***New gold zone identified on Casault with Soquem***
- ***New drilling program commencing on Heva with Iamgold***
- ***A total of 10,357 metres were drilled during Fiscal 16 (12,351.0 metres during Fiscal 16). Moreover, an additional 2,901 metres were drilled October and November 2017.***

##### ABITIBI

#### 4.1 Maritime-Cadillac (Au) in partnership with Agnico Eagle and operated by Agnico Eagle

##### *Property Description*

The property is located in the Abitibi region in Quebec, along the Cadillac-Larder break and is composed of 7 claims. The Corporation holds 49% of the Maritime-Cadillac property located south of the Lapa mine. This property is subject to a 2% net smelter return ("NSR") royalty; half of the royalty can be bought back for a payment of \$1,000,000.

As per the agreement signed in June 2009 and amended in November 2012 and May 2013, Agnico Eagle Mines Limited ("Agnico Eagle") and the Corporation are in a joint venture and future work are shared 51% Agnico Eagle - 49% the Corporation.

##### *Exploration work on the property*

Following the identification of new drilling targets that were generated on Maritime-Cadillac using a 3D-Model, two (2) short drill holes totalling 618.0 metres were completed during Q2-17.

Hole 141-17-36 was completed at a final depth of 303.0 metres and tested high historical gold values obtained from the Maritime-Cadillac zone. Drill hole 141-17-36 intersected a gold-bearing zone grading 1.46 g/t Au over 31.60 metres from 112.80 to 144.40 metres, including 2.2 g/t Au over 15.6 metres on the historic Maritime-Cadillac showing, at a vertical depth of approximately 100 metres. This gold-bearing zone comprises several higher grade intervals including 4.3 g/t Au over 0.9 metre (124.1 to 125.0 m), 3.4 g/t Au over 1.0 metre (126.0 to 127.0 m) and 5.7 g/t Au over 0.6 metre (135.0 to 135.6 m). The gold mineralization is hosted in an altered felsic intrusion, described as a silicified albitite that contains up to 3-5% pyrite-pyrrhotite-arsenopyrite, finely disseminated throughout the intrusion.

Hole 141-17-37 was completed at a final depth of 315.0 metres and tested the intersection between the Dyke East gold-bearing structure with the Maritime Contact. This second hole was collared approximately 250 metres north of the Maritime-Cadillac zone. Drill hole 141-17-37 yielded an isolated value of 2.92 g/t Au over 1.2 metre, from 127.3 to 128.5 metres, in a minor shear zone hosting up to 30% quartz veinlets.

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**4. INVESTING ACTIVITIES (CONT'D)**

Agnico Eagle is currently preparing the next phase of drilling consisting in three (3) holes totalling 1,200 metres to test the continuity of the Maritime-Cadillac zone.

**4.2 Laflamme (Au-Ni-Cu-PGE), in partnership with Abcourt Mines Inc. and operated by Midland**

*Property Description*

In 2009, the Corporation staked claims by map staking about 25 kilometres west of Lebel-sur-Quévillon in the Abitibi region. As at September 30, 2017, the Laflamme property consists of a total of 668 claims covering an area of approximately 35,550 hectares and Midland holds 70% of the property.

On August 17, 2009, the Corporation signed an agreement with Aurbec Mines Inc., (previously a subsidiary of North American Palladium Ltd.). As of July 31, 2011, Aurbec earned its 50% interest in the Laflamme property but no longer contributed in the exploration programs and therefore was diluted. On June 17, 2016, Abcourt Mines Inc. acquired the property following the bankruptcy of Aurbec.

Some claims were dropped in Fiscal 17, therefore the Corporation impaired partially for \$6,846 the exploration property cost (\$7,147 in Fiscal 16).

*Exploration work on the property*

A new drilling program totaling 1,425.0 metres and consisting in three (3) drill holes was completed in the area of the Copernick (Ni-Cu-PGE) discovery during Q2-17.

Hole LAF-16-42EXT started at depth of 198.0 metres and ended at a final depth of 522.0 metres, for a total length of 324.0 metres. Unmineralized ultramafic rocks were intersected but no significant assay result was obtained.

Hole LAF-17-43 tested the Copernick zone at about 100 metres to the west and was completed at a depth of 600.0 metres. Ultramafic rocks were intersected between 337.35 and 388.0 metres but are only weakly mineralized overall with disseminated traces to 0.5% Po and of Cpy. No significant assay result was obtained.

Hole LAF-17-44 was completed at a final depth of 501.0 metres and was testing the Copernick zone at approximately 100 metres to the east. This hole intersected a porphyritic gabbro instead of ultramafic rocks as it was expected. No ultramafic rock was intersected in that hole. Few quartz-carbonate veinlets with Py were cut but no significant assay results was obtained.

Midland is preparing a ground geophysical survey (SQUID) aiming to detect new conductors associated with the ultramafic rocks confirmed in 2017 to the east of Copernick.

**4.3 Patris (Au), in partnership with Teck and operated by Teck**

*Property Description*

The Patris property is located about 30 kilometres to the north-east of Rouyn-Noranda and as at September 30, 2017 consists in 289 claims covering an area of approximately 12,162 hectares. Some claims are subject to the following NSR royalties:

- 1%, the Corporation can buy it back for \$500,000 per 0.5% tranche for a total of \$1,000,000;
- 1.5%, the Corporation can buy it back for \$500,000 per 0.5% tranche for a total of \$1,500,000.
- 2%, the Corporation can buy it back for \$1,000,000 per 1% tranche for a total of \$2,000,000;
- 2%, the Corporation can buy it back for \$1,000,000 per 1% tranche for a total of \$2,000,000;
- 2%, the Corporation can buy it back for \$500,000 the first 1% tranche and for \$1,000,000 for the second 1% tranche, for a total of \$1,500,000.

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**4. INVESTING ACTIVITIES (CONT'D)**

The Corporation signed an option agreement with Teck Resources Ltd ("Teck") on September 6, 2013 and amended it on May 20, 2014 and on May 30, 2016 to accommodate the delays in permitting. Under the agreement, Teck may earn, in three options, a maximum interest of 65%, by fulfilling the following conditions:

	Payments in cash	Work
	\$	\$
<b>First Option for a 50% initial interest</b>		
On or before August 31, 2015 (firm commitment)(completed)	-	500,000
On or before August 31, 2017 (completed)	-	800,000
On or before August 31, 2018	-	1,700,000
	-	3,000,000
<b>Second Option for a 10% additional interest</b>		
On or before August 31, 2019, \$500,000 of exploration work and \$60,000 cash payment for each additional 2% interest	300,000	2,500,000
<b>Third Option for a 5% additional interest</b>		
On or before August 31, 2021, \$1,000,000 of exploration work for each additional 1% interest	-	5,000,000
<b>Total, for a 65% maximum interest</b>	<b>300,000</b>	<b>10,500,000</b>

Teck will be project operator during the First Option.

*Exploration work on the property*

The assay results were received from the drilling program completed on Patris in December 2016. This program consisted in three (3) holes totalling 744.0 metres. As a result of this program, an important alteration corridor affecting the ultramafic rocks and the porphyritic dykes was identified over a distance of 1.1 kilometre between holes PAT-15-03 and PAT-16-10. The best assay result returned 0.68 g/t Au over 1.60 metre in hole PAT-16-10.

**4.4 Casault (Au), in partnership with SOQUEM and operated by Midland**

*Property Description*

The Casault property is located about 40 kilometres to the east of the Detour Lake gold project located north of the city of La Sarre, Abitibi and as at September 30, 2017, this property consists in 315 claims covering an area of approximately 17,338 hectares.

On October 10, 2014, the Corporation signed a letter of intent with SOQUEM to grant SOQUEM the option to acquire a 50% undivided interest in its Casault and Jouvex properties. By October 10, 2016, SOQUEM completed the \$4,500,000 work commitment, acquired a 50% undivided interest in the Casault Jouvex property and is now in joint venture with Midland.

*Exploration work on the property*

During Q2-17, a drilling program consisting in eight (8) holes totalling 2,208.0 metres was completed mostly in the area west of the Timiskaming-type conglomerate basin and to the south-east of the Bug Lake Southeast zone owned by Balmoral. Three IP grids were also completed and the final report was completed. Several new IP anomalies located near the northern contact of the Timiskaming basin were identified.

Drill hole CAS-17-86 targeted an induced polarization anomaly located where the regional Sunday Lake Fault cuts the western end of a Timiskaming-type conglomerate basin, and intersected a new gold-bearing zone grading 3.1 g/t Au over 1.40 metres (180.50 to 181.90 m), including an interval at 3.94 g/t Au over 0.90 metre (181.00 to 181.90 m). This zone is included within a larger anomalous envelope which yielded a gold value of 0.56 g/t Au over 16.0 metres, from 180.50 to 196.50 metres.

#### **4. INVESTING ACTIVITIES (CONT'D)**

In addition to this new zone, three other zones with anomalous gold values were intersected higher up the drill hole, between 119.4 and 172.6 metres downhole depth.

An additional IP-OreVision survey, totalling approximately 10 km, was completed in the area of hole CAS-17-86. The survey identified an anomalous response associated with the Sunday Lake fault zone.

During Q4-17, a drilling program consisting in five (5) drillholes totalling 1,638.0 metres was completed. This program tested the lateral extensions (100 metres spacing) of the mineralized zone intersected in hole CAS-17-86 (Vortex Zone). Assays are pending.

#### **4.5 Jouvex (Au), in partnership with SOQUEM and operated by Midland**

*Property Description*

The Jouvex property is located about 50 kilometres to the southwest of Matagami and as at September 30, 2017 is composed of 348 claims covering an area of approximately 19,424 hectares. Some claims were dropped therefore the Corporation impaired partially for \$7,707.

See the Casault section for the details on the agreement signed with SOQUEM.

*Exploration work on the property*

Two IP-OreVision grids were completed during on Jouvex in the northern part of the property. Preliminary results show the presence of several chargeability anomalies and the presence of a strong formational conductor on the west grid.

Midland and Soquem are preparing a drilling program for next winter in order to test the best IP anomalies detected on these grids.

#### **4.6 Heva (Au), operated by Midland**

*Property Description*

The Heva West block consists of 4 contiguous claims adjacent to the west of the Maritime-Cadillac property, currently a 49% Midland / 51% Agnico Eagle. The Heva East block is located about 4 kilometres to the southeast and consists of 30 contiguous claims largely covering sedimentary rocks of the Cadillac Group just north of the Piché Group. Some claims are subject to a 2% NSR royalty to the original holders, half of the royalty can be bought back for a payment of \$1,000,000.

On April 27, 2017, the Corporation signed an option agreement with IAMGOLD Corporation ("IAMGOLD") whereby IAMGOLD may earn, in three option, a maximum interest of 65% in the Héva property, by fulfilling the following conditions:

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**4. INVESTING ACTIVITIES (CONT'D)**

	Payments in cash	Work
	\$	\$
<b>First Option for a 50% initial interest</b>		
Upon signature (completed)	50,000	-
On or before April 30, 2018 (\$250,000 firm commitment)	70,000	500,000
On or before April 30, 2019	80,000	700,000
On or before April 30, 2020	120,000	1,200,000
On or before October 31, 2021	180,000	1,600,000
	500,000	4,000,000
<b>Second Option for a 10% additional interest</b>		
Within 2 years from the date the first option is exercised, \$500,000 of exploration work for each additional 1% interest	-	5,000,000
<b>Third Option for a 5% additional interest</b>		
Within 2 years from the date the second option is exercised, \$1,000,000 of exploration work for each additional 1% interest	-	5,000,000
<b>Total, for a 65% maximum interest</b>	<b>500,000</b>	<b>14,000,000</b>

IAMGOLD is the operator.

*Exploration work on the property*

During Q1-17, a detailed ground magnetic survey was conducted and a prospecting program was completed in follow-up on soil geochem anomalies. Results from the prospecting returned several new showings including 41.0 g/t Au , 9.2 g/t Au (East sector), 13.9 g/t Au, 8.0 g/t Au (Centre sector) and 1.7 g/t Au (West sector).

During Q4-17, Iamgold started a trenching program consisting in seven (7) trenches. Moreover, 1,500 metres drilling program which is planned to start in early December. These programs will test the best structural, geological and geophysical (IP-Mag) targets identified during the compilation phase.

**4.7 Valmond (Au), operated by Midland**

*Property Description*

The Corporation acquired claims by map staking about 50 kilometres to the west of the town of Matagami, Abitibi. As at September 30, 2016, this property consists in 111 claims covering an area of approximately 6,179 hectares. Some claims were dropped therefore the Corporation impaired partially for \$1,831.

**4.8 Samson Ni-Cu-PGE operated by Midland**

*Property Description*

As at September 30, 2017, the Samson property consists of 227 claims covering a surface area of about 12,601 hectares about 50 kilometres west of the town of Matagami, in Abitibi.

On September 3, 2014, the Corporation signed an agreement with Sphinx whereby Sphinx could have acquired 50% of the Samson property subject to \$275,000 payments in cash (\$40,000 completed) and \$3,500,000 exploration work (\$555,854 completed). On December 11, 2015, Sphinx terminated the agreement on the Samson property.

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**4. INVESTING ACTIVITIES (CONT'D)**

**4.9 La Peltrie (Au), operated by Midland**

*Property Description*

As at September 2017, the La Peltrie property comprises 515 claims covering a surface area of about 28,438 hectares and encompasses possible subsidiary faults to the south of the regional Lower Detour Fault over a distance of more than 10 kilometres.

On August 24, 2017, the Corporation acquired 4 claims from Globex Mining Enterprises Inc. ("Globex") by granting a 1% Gross Metal royalty to Globex.

On August 29, 2017, the Corporation signed an option agreement with Niobay Metals Inc. ("Niobay") whereby Niobay may earn, in two options, a maximum interest of 65% in the Héva property, by fulfilling the following conditions:

	<b>Payments in</b>	
	<b>cash</b>	<b>Work</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>First Option for a 50% initial interest</b>		
Upon signature (completed, 200,000 shares of Niobay received, valued at \$30,000)	30,000	-
On or before December 31, 2017 (firm commitment)	-	500,000
On or before August 31, 2018	30,000	-
On or before August 31, 2019	50,000	400,000
On or before August 31, 2020	70,000	600,000
On or before August 31, 2021	70,000	1,500,000
	<b>250,000</b>	<b>3,000,000</b>

Following the initial earn-in of its 50% interest, Niobay may earn an additional tranche of 15% interest for an undivided 65% interest in the Properties, by producing a Preliminary Economic Study on or before August 31, 2023.

The Corporation is the operator.

*Exploration work on the property*

A VTEM-type electromagnetic survey totalling approximately 560 km was completed during Q2-17 in the southern portion of the property. The final interpretation is in progress.

Moreover, a new OreVision IP survey, totalling approximately 65 kilometres, was completed in Q2-17 on lines at a 200-metre spacing in the west part of the La Peltrie property. The survey was mainly designed to cover an iron formation with anomalous gold values, which has seen very little drill-testing, over a distance of more than 1.5 kilometres. The OreVision survey identified a new high-priority drilling target, characterized by a chargeability anomaly defined over approximately 600 metres, associated with an interpreted NW-SE-trending structure which has never been drill-tested. This anomaly cross-cuts the gold-bearing iron formation, and two historic drill holes, respectively located 250 metres east and 250 metres west of the structure, yielded gold-bearing intercepts grading 0.24 g/t Au over 19.50 metres (drill hole 11-493-01) and 0.35 g/t Au over 9.30 metres (drill hole 11-493-02).

Several other new OreVision anomalies were also identified along this iron formation, as well as another very similar gold-bearing iron formation located approximately 3.5 kilometres further west, where historic drill holes yielded anomalous gold values up to 0.14 g/t Au over 19.0 metres (drill hole 1180-97-09).

#### **4. INVESTING ACTIVITIES (CONT'D)**

During Q4-17, a drilling program comprising seven (7) drillholes totalling 1,881.0 metres was completed. This program tested the best IP-OreVision targets identified on the West and Central grids. Assays are pending.

##### **4.10 Adam (Cu-Au), operated by Midland**

###### *Property Description*

The Adam property is wholly owned by Midland and is located about 65 kilometres west of the town of Matagami. As at September 30, 2017, it consists of 243 claims covering a surface area of about 13,512 hectares in the Abitibi region of Quebec.

The Adam property has strong gold and copper potential located about 15 kilometres east of the B26 zone held by SOQUEM and about 20 kilometres east of the former Selbaie mine, which historically produced 56.5 Mt grading 1.9% Zn, 0.9% Cu, 38.0 g/t Ag and 0.6 g/t Au.

On December 12, 2014, the Corporation signed an agreement with Sphinx whereby Sphinx could have acquired 50% of the Adam property subject to \$250,000 payments in cash (\$20,000 completed) and \$3,000,000 exploration work (\$174,449 completed). On December 11, 2015, Sphinx terminated the agreement on the Adam property.

###### *Exploration work on the property*

A VTEM electromagnetic survey totalling 224 km was completed during Q2-17 in the northwest part of the property. Several formational-type conductors were identified.

A detailed compilation of the historical works on the Adam property was completed during Q3-17. The data will be reviewed during Q1-18.

##### **4.11 Abitibi Gold (Au) operated by Midland**

###### *Property Description and exploration work on the property*

As at September 2017, the Abitibi Gold property comprises 119 claims covering a surface area of about 6,469 hectares. Some claims were dropped therefore the Corporation impaired partially for \$37,220 during Fiscal 16.

###### *Exploration work on the property*

A compilation of the historical works on the Mistouac group of claims was completed during Q4-17.

#### **GRENVILLE-APPALACHES**

##### **4.12 Weedon (Cu-Zn-Au) operated by Midland**

###### *Property Description*

This property is located in the Eastern Townships, about 120 km south of Quebec City and as at September 30, 2016 is comprised of 111 claims covering an approximate area of 6,575 hectares. Some claims are subject to NSR royalties of:

- 1%, the Corporation can buy it back the royalty for \$500,000 per 0.5% tranche for a total of \$1,000,000;
- 0.5%, the Corporation can buy it back this royalty for \$500,000;
- 1.5% on all metals except gold and silver, the Corporation can buy it back for \$500,000 per 0.5% tranche for a total of \$1,500,000.

Some claims were dropped therefore the Corporation impaired partially for \$7,091 (\$7,756 in Fiscal 16) the exploration property cost.

**4. INVESTING ACTIVITIES (CONT'D)**

*Exploration work on the property*

During Q1-17, a till sampling program had been completed along the road to the northeast of the Weedon mine as well as a ground EM test in the vicinity of Lingwick. A very weak conductor was detected to the south of the 2006 Cu-Zn showing.

During Q3-17, a follow-up till survey was completed to the NE of the Weedon mine over the anomaly that was found last year near the road. The follow-up survey confirmed the presence and extended the first till anomaly.

**4.13 Gatineau Zinc (Zn), operated by Midland**

*Property Description*

Midland owns a 100% interest in a land position for zinc, including as at September 30, 2017, 194 claims covering 11,433 hectares distributed in the Gatineau Area, approximately 200 kilometres northwest of the city of Montreal. Some claims were dropped therefore the Corporation impaired partially for \$3,808 (7,344 in Fiscal 16).

*Exploration work on the property*

In Fiscal 17, no exploration work was done on the property. Midland is currently seeking for a partner.

**4.14 Vermillon (Cu-Au), in partnership with SOQUEM and operated by SOQUEM**

*Property Description*

The Vermillon property is located some 90 km southwest of the town of La Tuque, Quebec and consists as at September 30, 2017 of 16 contiguous claims covering a total surface area of 934 hectares in joint venture 53.4% SOQUEM/ 46.6% Midland.

**JAMES BAY**

**4.15 James Bay Gold JV (Au), operated by Osisko**

*Property Description*

On June 13, 2016, a joint-venture agreement (50%-50%) was signed with Osisko Exploration James Bay Inc. ("Osisko") whereby Osisko and the Corporation will cooperate and combine their efforts to explore the JV Eleonore property recently staked by the two corporations. The property is located 12 kilometres southeast and northwest of Goldcorp's Eleonore deposit. The property regroups several properties for a total of 664 claims covering a surface area of about 34,715 square kilometres.

*Exploration work on the property*

The first regional exploration program carried out in 2016 included till surveys (717 samples), lake sediment surveys (102 samples) as well as prospecting work (240 rock samples). As a result of this work, several prospective areas were delineated, including eleven (11) high-priority areas that will be the focus of a ground follow-up during the next phase of exploration.

These new exploration targets, identified during the 2016 program, may be divided into two broad areas, located on either side of the Eleonore mine: the Northwest Area and the Southeast Area. Anomaly thresholds for tills and lake sediments were characterized by Osisko using their regional database for the James Bay region.



#### 4. INVESTING ACTIVITIES (CONT'D)

##### Northwest Area

- Target 1: Characterized by a cluster of till samples with anomalous gold values above the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile ("PCT"), over more than 2 kilometres, in heavy mineral concentrates and in the fine fraction.
- Target 2: Presence of an anomaly in gold grain counts in till samples and of arsenic values > 95 PCT in the fine fraction, in addition to a 2-metre-wide iron formation that graded 0.17 g/t Au in the prospecting campaign.
- Target 3: A follow-up on an anomaly in gold grain counts in till samples yielded a copper anomaly > 95 PCT in the fine fraction.
- Target 4: Anomaly covering more than 6 square kilometres, characterized by four (4) lakes with anomalous gold values > 99 PCT and one lake with anomalous arsenic > 99.5 PCT.

##### Southeast Area

- Target 5: Cluster of gold and copper anomalies in the fine fraction of till samples > 95 PCT.
- Target 6: Area characterized by several gold anomalies identified by prospecting, with values of 0.48 g/t Au, 0.28 g/t Au, 0.21 g/t Au and 0.17 g/t Au in grab samples collected in mafic volcanic rocks and paragneisses with pyrrhotite and pyrite mineralization. This area is located at the contact between the La Grande and Opinaca subprovinces. The contact between these two geological subprovinces is the most important gold metallotect in the region.
- Target 7: Three copper anomalies in the fine fraction of till samples > 95 PCT, combined with a zinc anomaly > 99 PCT; a float boulder also yielded a grade of 6.85% Cu.
- Target 8: Target characterized by favourable geology identified during prospecting, with the presence of a silicified paragneiss with calc-silicate alteration and 2-10% pyrite and 2-3% pyrrhotite mineralization, which yielded values up to 0.31 g/t Au in grab sample. This target is also located directly along the prolific contact between the La Grande and Opinaca subprovinces.
- Target 9: A gold anomaly > 95 PCT in the fine fraction, where cursory prospecting work was carried out in 2016.
- Target 10: Cluster of lake sediment anomalies over more than 5 kilometres, characterized by two gold anomalies > 99.5 PCT, one gold anomaly > 95 PCT, and one antimony anomaly > 98 PCT.
- Target 11: Several lakes with anomalous antimony values ranging from 0.3 to 0.9 ppm Sb.

In the southern part of the project, in a poorly known area, a field of copper-rich, sub-angular diorite boulders were discovered. Four (4) diorite boulders sampled in 2016 and 2017 returned **8.28% Cu**, **6.85% Cu**, **4.54% Cu** and **3.45% Cu** in grab samples. Mineralisation consists in decimeter-thick, disseminated chalcopyrite ribbons in the boulders. The Cu±Mo±Ag±Bi geochemical signature of the boulders and the dioritic host rock suggest a porphyry copper system. These boulders are all found within a 100 meters diameter zone, which suggests a local source. Pyrrhotite-bearing diorite outcrops were observed near the boulders but the source of the copper mineralization has not been found yet.

The autumn 2016 and summer 2017 campaigns have also delineated a 600 meters x 100 meters area very anomalous in gold hosted in amphibolites. Twelve (12) samples of amphibolite mineralized in disseminated pyrrhotite, pyrite and chalcopyrite, returned more than 0.1 g/t Au, with a maximal value of **0.82 g/t Au**, out of 25 samples collected in the area in 2016 and 2017. This type of low-grade mineralized halo is common around orogenic gold deposits. The gold-anomalous amphibolites are located near the prolific contact between the geological subprovinces of La Grande and Opinaca. This contact hosts most of the important gold deposits and showings in the area, such as the Eleonore Mine and the Cheechoo prospect, located about 30 kilometers north-west of this area.

#### 4. INVESTING ACTIVITIES (CONT'D)

Midland and Osisko plan a 2018 follow-up program (IP survey) in the area with the Cu-rich boulders and approved a \$700,000 budget.

##### 4.16 JV JB Altius (Au), in partnership with Altius operated by Midland

###### *Property description*

On February 10, 2017, the Corporation signed a letter of intent creating a strategic alliance with Altius Minerals Corporation ("Altius"), whereby Altius and the Corporation will combine their efforts to jointly explore the gold potential of the extensive James Bay region. The Corporation is the operator.

The following projects were identified as designated projects: Elrond (48 claims on 2 487 hectares), Gondor (41 claims on 2 107 hectares), Isengard (132 claims on 6 758 hectares), Minas Tirith (45 claims on 2 399 hectares) and Shire (538 claims on 28 610 hectares).

###### *Exploration work on the property*

The compilation and targeting work for the 2017 summer reconnaissance campaign was completed during Q3-17. Several new interesting areas were targeted using Quebec Government data (alterations, veins, sulfides, rock assays, Au in stream sediments), and by the compilation of assessment reports from other companies. Follow-up till sampling and prospection are proposed for the summer field campaign on these.

During Q4-17, Midland and Altius reported two base metal discoveries. Midland announced the discovery of a new high-grade massive sulphide zinc showing, as part of its strategic exploration alliance with Altius Minerals Corporation. The new showing, named "O'Connor" is located approximately 80 kilometers east of Nemaska, Eeyou Istchee, Quebec, in an under explored area. Mineralization ranges from coarse grained sphalerite in quartz 'exhalite' that returned **7.53% Zn and 4.5 g/t Ag** to massive coarse pyrrhotite-pyrite-sphalerite that returned up to **2.79% Zn and 4.4 g/t Ag** in grab samples (note that grab samples are selective by nature and values reported may not be representative). One pyritic massive sulfide also returned 0.09% Co and 6.8 g/t Ag from grab samples. The mineralization is interpreted as the distal part of a volcanogenic massive sulfide system. The mineralized horizon was traced over 150 meters and remains open along strike both west and east.

Midland also announced the discovery of a new nickel-copper-cobalt showing, in the context of its strategic exploration alliance with Altius Minerals Corporation. The mineralization consists in a meta-pyroxenite with about 15% disseminated pyrrhotite and 3% pentlandite that returned **1.07% Ni, 0.24% Cu, 0.09% Co** and 4.5% S from a grab sample from outcrop (note that grab samples are selective by nature and values reported may not be representative). Another outcrop of meta-pyroxenite located about 100 metres from the first sample location also returned **0.46% Ni** with a low sulfur value of 1.11% in a grab sample. The new showing is located about 12 km southeast of the Clearwater Au deposit and 25 kilometers east of Hydro-Quebec's Eastmain-1 dam.

Following those discoveries, a Heli-borne VTEM survey was performed over the Shire and Moria showings. On the Moria project, electromagnetic anomalies (EM) that could indicate massive Ni-Cu sulfide mineralization were identified in several areas, notably in the northeastern extension of the Gimli/Gloin Ni-Cu-Co showings, in an area without outcrops. On the Shire project, the EM survey demonstrates that the O'Connor Zn-Co showing is located on a 15-km long string of EM anomalies. Pyrrhotite-pyrite massive sulfides and quartz-sulfides exhalites were observed in several places along this regional EM conductor. These results suggest a new massive sulfide belt on the Shire project.

#### **4. INVESTING ACTIVITIES (CONT'D)**

During Q4-17, Midland and Altius also announced the discovery of new gold showings. On the Elrond project, located about 80 kilometers south of Radisson, Quebec, grab samples from an amphibolite strongly mineralized in arsenopyrite and pyrite yielded values of **4.52 g/t Au** and **3.23 g/t Au**, (*note that grab samples are selective by nature and values reported may not be representative*). About 100 meters to the north, a grab sample of silicified amphibolite yielded **1.81 g/t Au**. Overall, 10 grab samples out of 59 collected from the Elrond project returned gold values over 0.1 g/t Au. Three of these Au-anomalous samples are late pegmatitic dykes that have a Au±Mo±Bi±As signature (up to 0.89 g/t Au, 268 ppm Bi, and 628 ppm Mo). The presence of Au-Bi-Mo bearing, late pegmatitic/granitic dykes, suggests that the area has a potential for Alaska-type intrusion-related gold deposits. The Elrond project is located directly at the prolific contact between the La Grande and Opinaca geological subprovinces, which hosts many important gold deposits and showings in the James Bay region (such as Eleonore, La Grande Sud, Cheechoo, Corvet-Est, Orfée and La Pointe). There is no previous exploration recorded on the project.

The Minas Tirith project is located directly on the James Bay road, about 90 kilometers south-east of Eastmain, Quebec. It is located very close to the Pontax regional shear zone that forms the boundary between the La Grande and Opinaca subprovinces in the area. The project was staked based on historical anomalous gold values in grab samples reported from a previous exploration campaign. A grab sample from wacke displaying Eleonore-type calc-silicate alteration and injected with quartz veins returned **5.23 g/t Au**. Four (4) grab samples out of 16 collected from Minas Tirith returned anomalous gold values over 0.1 g/t Au. This is the first known significant gold showing (> 1g/t Au) in the area, the closest one being more than 40 kilometers away to the north-east.

The new Helm's Deep project is located on the shore of the Eastmain-1 reservoir, about 20 kilometers south-east of the Clearwater gold deposit. The project was staked following the discovery of a new gold showing that yielded **2.42 g/t Au** in a grab sample, in a strongly sheared sandstone with trace pyrite. Grab sampling of quartz-tourmaline-biotite veins within sandstones also returned anomalous gold values of 0.72 g/t Au and 0.68 g/t Au. Four (4) grab samples out of a total of 39 collected in the western part of the project returned more than 0.1 g/t Au. Gold mineralization is hosted in sandstones and polymictic conglomerates that exhibit widespread calc-silicate alteration peripheral to zones of biotite-tourmaline alteration. The alteration and host rocks at Helm's Deep are reminiscent of the Eleonore gold deposit. There is no previous exploration recorded on the project.

##### **4.17 Éléonore Gold Properties (Au) operated by Midland**

###### *Property Description*

The Éléonore new property is divided in three distinct blocks with two of them within 25 kilometres from the Éléonore gold discovery of Goldcorp and one southeast 30 km further along strike. It encompasses a group of 258 claims covering an area of approximately 13,532 hectares as at September 30, 2017. Some claims were dropped therefore the Corporation impaired partially for \$9,932 in Fiscal 16.

###### *Exploration work on the property*

During Q4-17 a prospecting program was completed on the Eleonore Centre property. No significant result was obtained during this program.

##### **4.18 James Bay Gold (Au), operated by Midland**

###### *Property Description*

Midland owns a 100% interest on 342 claims as at September 30, 2017 covering 17,675 hectares in the James Bay Area. Some claims were dropped therefore the Corporation impaired partially for \$12,002 the exploration property cost (\$5,613 in Fiscal 16).

#### **4. INVESTING ACTIVITIES (CONT'D)**

##### *Exploration work on the property*

During Q4-17, Midland completed a prospecting program on the Lasalle property. The Lasalle property is located about 35 kilometers south of Hydro-Quebec's LG-3 airport and of the Trans-Taïga road. The highlight of the 2017 campaign is the discovery of three new gold showings along a gold-bearing shear zone that is several kilometers long, located at a metasediments/metavolcanics contact. The three new gold showings returned respectively 22.6 g/t Au, 7.03 g/t Au and 2.35 g/t Au.

The 2017 prospection campaign was focused in the eastern part of the Lasalle property, in an area that was not previously explored by Midland and in which gold-bearing shear zones identified to the west was interpreted as continuing. A grab sample of a silicified and foliated amphibolite containing about 1% pyrite, located in a 100 meters thick shear zone, returned 22.6 g/t Au, as well as strongly anomalous copper, bismuth and molybdenum (*note that grab samples are selective by nature and values reported may not be representative of mineralized zones*). Along the same shear zone, 750 meters east, another grab sample of foliated amphibolite returned 7.03 g/t Au and anomalous copper and bismuth. Finally, a further 800 meters east in the same shear zone, a grab sample of paragneiss with pyrite, galena and sphalerite stringers returned 2.35 g/t Au, 105 g/t Ag, 3.32% Pb and 5.53% Zn, along with strongly anomalous bismuth and antimony. Eighteen (18) outcrop samples collected during the 2017 campaign returned more than 0.1 g/t Au, out of a total of 132 samples.

#### **NORTHERN QUEBEC**

##### **4.19 Pallas (PGE),** in partnership with JOGMEC and operated by Midland

##### *Property Description*

As at September 30, 2017, the property totals 584 claims covering approximately 26,503 hectares in the Labrador Trough («Trough») some 80 kilometres west of Kuujjuaq, Québec. Some claims were dropped therefore the Corporation impaired partially for \$5,923 the exploration property cost in Fiscal 17.

On March 28, 2017, JOGMEC withdrew from the option agreement signed on January 21, 2014 and abandoned its right to exercise its option to acquire a 50% interest in the Pallas PGE property.

##### *Exploration work on the property*

During Q1-17, a diamond drilling program consisting in six (6) holes totalling 1,239 metres was completed. These drill holes tested the Apophis, Ida and Hektor showings at various depths and were completed at the end of October. All the assay results have been received and the best results were obtained from the Hektor and Apophis showings that returned 2.1 g/t PGE+Au over 1.15 metre in hole CE-16-06 and 1.26 g/t PGE+Au over 0.35 metre in hole CE-16-08.

##### **4.20 Willbob (Au),** operated by Midland

##### *Property Description*

The Willbob property in the Labrador Trough consists of 1,450 claims covering about 66,562 hectares, and is located approximately 66 kilometres west-southwest of Kuujjuaq (Québec), near and in a geological environment similar to Midland's Pallas Project which is currently being worked in partnership with JOGMEC.

##### *Exploration work on the property*

A drilling program consisting in eight (8) holes totaling 1,299 m was completed during Q1-17 with the objective to test the extensions of the Lafrance and Golden Tooth surface showings.

#### 4. INVESTING ACTIVITIES (CONT'D)

During the helicopter-supported drilling campaign, four (4) shallow drill holes (2 sections of 2 drill holes each) were completed on each of the Lafrance and Golden Tooth showings for a total of eight (8) drill holes totaling 1,299 m.

Lafrance showing:

- 1.62 g/t Au over 1.0 m (WB-16-01 ; 9.30 to 10.30 m)
- 1.00 g/t Au over 4.6 m incl. 3.3 g/t Au over 1.2 m (WB-16-02; 5.00 to 9.60 m)
- 0.30 g/t Au over 11.2 m incl. 1.6 g/t Au over 0.95 m (WB-16-03; 9.20 to 20.40 m)
- 0.17 g/t Au over 1.5 m (WB-16-04; 16.60 to 18.10 m)

Golden Tooth showing:

- 1.12 g/t Au over 3.65 m incl. 4.98 g/t Au over 0.5 m (WB-16-05; 30.15 to 33.80 m)
- 1.28 g/t Au over 6.35 m incl. 3.81 g/t Au over 0.95 m (WB-16-06; 45.05 to 51.40 m)
- 0.74 g/t Au over 2.65 m incl. 1.15 g/t Au over 0.85 m (WB-16-07; 41.60 to 44.25 m)
- 2.14 g/t Au over 1.5 m (WB-16-08; 70.00 to 71.50 m)

In addition to these gold-bearing intercepts located directly underneath the Lafrance and Golden Tooth surface showings, several new gold-bearing zones were intersected at shallow depth, including these best results:

New zone at Lafrance:

- 0.31 g/t Au over 24.5 m incl. 2.28 g/t Au over 0.8 m (WB-16-02; 65.00 to 89.50 m)

New zones at Golden Tooth:

- 0.71 g/t Au over 2.5 m incl. 2.6 g/t Au over 0.45 m (WB-16-05; 122.50 to 125.00 m)
- 1.88 g/t Au over 0.85 m incl. 1.9 g/t Au sur 0.35 m (WB-16-05 ; 131.85 to 132.70 m)
- 1.40 g/t Au over 2.1 m incl. 3.0 g/t Au over 0.35 m (WB-16-06; 23.95 to 26.05 m)
- 1.84 g/t Au over 3.3 m incl. 3.1 g/t Au over 1.7 m (WB-16-06; 30.50 to 33.80 m)
- 0.35 g/t Au over 1,5 m (WB-16-07 ; 23.50 to 25.00 m)
- 0.96 g/t Au over 1.4 m (WB-16-07; 64.80 to 66.20 m)
- 1.62 g/t Au over 1.25 m (WB-16-07; 74.35 to 75.60 m)
- 1,52 g/t Au over 0.65 m (WB-16-07 ; 163.60 to 164.25 m)
- 0.94 g/t Au over 3.2 m incl. 2.14 g/t Au over 1.1 m (WB-16-08; 103.80 to 107.00 m)

About 600 metres northwest of the Golden Tooth showing, the Golden Tooth North (GTN) occurrence was discovered during the summer 2016 prospecting campaign, with gold values reaching 12.15 g/t Au. The GTN zone has also been traced over more than 300 metres strike length and yielded values up to 13.2 g/t Au, 13.1 g/t Au, 9.5 g/t Au, 8.9 g/t Au and 4.5 g/t Au in grab samples. These grab samples were collected in a diorite unit altered to albite-chlorite and hosting quartz-calcite veining with pyrrhotite-arsenopyrite mineralization. A channel completed this fall on GTN-4 which had historically returned gold values up to 5.5 g/t Au, returned 1.91 g/t Au over 2.0 m, including 3.5 g/t Au over 1.0 m which includes 5.8 g/t Au over 0.5 m.

A new gold-bearing sector called Dragon Head and located about 1.5 kilometre north-west of Golden Tooth North returned values of 14.5 g/t Au, 1.4 g/t Au and 1.1 g/t Au.

In the Kuni area, new polymetallic (Pb-Zn-Ag-Au) mineralization was discovered with grades reaching 5.5% Pb and 3.4% Zn; and 4.8% Pb and 3.2% Zn in grab samples. Another grab sample in this area also yielded a gold value reaching 7.4 g/t Au.

Further south, a new showing, dubbed Stars, yielded Cu-Au-Ag values reaching 1.2% Cu, 2.7 g/t Au and 13.6 g/t Ag in grab sample. This new showing shows some gold-bearing massive sulphides characteristics with mineralization consisting in massive pyrrhotite-pyrite with chalcopyrite. A total of 11 grab samples were collected over an outcropping area of approximately 40 metres by 20 metres.

#### 4. INVESTING ACTIVITIES (CONT'D)

In an effort to validate a historical channel sample result obtained by Noranda in the 1980s on the Dessureault showing, a channel sample was collected by Midland this fall on the historical channel which had graded 12.0 g/t Au over 3.3 metres. The channel sample (duplicate) collected by Midland graded 6.2 g/t Au over 3.9 metres including 8.9 g/t Au over 2.0 metres (note that true thicknesses cannot be determined at this time with the information available). In addition, several grab samples collected by Midland returned excellent values grading up to 31.8 g/t Au, 22.9 g/t Au, 21.6 g/t Au, 11.2 g/t Au, 10.5 g/t Au, 9.9 g/t Au and 9.5 g/t Au.

During Q3-17 and Q4-17, Midland completed a prospecting program at the property scale. Also, a lake bottom sampling program was completed. During this program, a total of fourteen (14) drill holes totalling 3,505 metres were completed. These holes tested the extensions of the Golden Tooth, GTN, Kuurok, Polar Bear, Sunshine and Stars surface showings. Because of some unexpected delays with the lab, the final and complete assay results of the drilling program have not been received yet.

##### New results (Prospecting program)

The "Alias" showing is located about 2 kilometers north-west of the Golden Tooth showing (up to 3.1 g/t Au / 1.7 meters in a 2016 DDH). Grab sampling of outcrops and subcropping boulders in a 100 meters x 25 meters area yielded several high gold values: **72.7 g/t Au, 48.6 g/t Au, 19.95 g/t Au, 2.72 g/t Au, 2.58 g/t Au, 2.28 g/t Au, 2.24 g/t Au, 1.86 g/t Au and 1.82 g/t Au**. Overall, 16 grab samples out of 23 collected in the area yielded more than 0.1 g/t Au (*note that grab samples are selective by nature and values reported may not be representative*). Mineralization in the area consists in many decimeter-thick tension quartz veins, strongly mineralized in pyrite-chalcopyrite, crosscutting gabbros exhibiting strong ankerite alteration halos visible over several meters. The veins appear to define new north-south "brittle shear zones" that remain open to the north and south. It is the first significant example of this new mineralization style on the project.

The "Wayne" showing is located in a new, highly prospective area in the northeast portion of the project. A grab sample of diorite containing 5% disseminated pyrrhotite and with centimeter-thick quartz veins yielded **32.7 g/t Au**. About 200 meters south-east, another grab sample yielded **2.49 g/t Au**; it is a diorite with 5-10% disseminated pyrrhotite in the wallrock of a quartz tension vein; the vein itself yielded a low gold value of 0.03 g/t Au. More sampling was done subsequently around these high gold values; results are pending.

The "Kavi" showing is located more than 80 kilometers south of the previous two showings, on claims that were acquired during winter 2017. Two grab samples from this area yielded **6.63 g/t Au, 1.32% Pb, 12.3 g/t Ag, and 2.56 g/t Au, 4.96% Cu, 29.7 g/t Ag**. The samples are a few meters apart and were collected from a brittle fault zone with quartz-calcite-chalcopyrite-galena veins cutting a gabbro. More samples will be collected from the structure in a later exploration phase. This new gold-bearing structure is located only a few hundred meters east of the Robelin regional fault; the Robelin fault appears to control the high-grade gold showings on Osisko Mining/Barrick's Kan project, located about 30 kilometers north (up to 10.7 g/t Au over 5.0 metres in channels and 4.62 g/t Au over 8.0 meters in drillholes; Osisko Mining press release from January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017). The discovery of this new, very promising showing in a completely unexplored portion of the Willbob project clearly outlines the strong regional gold potential of the project.

#### **4. INVESTING ACTIVITIES (CONT'D)**

The new "SP" showing is located about 600 meters east of the Golden Tooth showing (up to **3.1 g/t Au / 1.7 meters** in drillhole in 2016). Grab samples of mineralized quartz veins, found within a 120 meters x 50 meters area, yielded three very high gold values: **419 g/t Au, 38.3 g/t Au** and **21.7 g/t Au**. Anomalous gold values were also found in the wallrock of the veins, which sometimes contains quartz veinlets: 2.04 g/t Au, 0.454 g/t Au, 0.256 g/t Au, 0.176 g/t Au, 0.17 g/t Au. Mineralization in the area consists in a series of quartz-ankerite tension-type veins, up to 10 cm thick, containing clusters of pyrite-galena±sphalerite, crosscutting a strongly chloritized and ankeritized quartz diorite with disseminated pyrite. Overall, nine (9) grab samples out of 15 collected from the area returned more than 0.1 g/t Au (*note that grab samples are selective by nature and values reported may not be representative of mineralized zones*).

The new "Serpent" showing is located about 4.5 kilometers south of the Golden Tooth showing, in a poorly explored area where no gold mineralization was known before. The mineralization of the Serpent showing is found within a 50-cm thick shear zone injected with quartz-calcite-chlorite±pyrite veins, crosscutting a gabbro. A grab sample from this zone returned **15.35 g/t Au**, and three (3) other samples also yielded anomalous values: 0.487 g/t Au, 0.448 g/t Au, 0.254 g/t Au. Overall, four (4) grab samples out of 6 samples collected from the shear zone returned more than 0.1 g/t Au.

#### **QUEBEC / LABRADOR**

##### **4.21 Ytterby (REE), in partnership with JOGMEC and operated by Midland**

###### *Property Description*

On December 2, 2017, the last 31 claims of Ytterby Quebec were dropped while all the claims in Labrador were dropped during Fiscal 2017. The Corporation wrote off entirely the Labrador claims for \$185,625 (some claims were dropped in Fiscal 16 therefore the Corporation impaired partially for \$7,162 the exploration property cost and all the Quebec claims had been written off in previous years). Therefore, as of December 2, 2017, the February 23, 2010 memorandum of agreement signed with JOGMEC is de facto terminated and JOGMEC has lost its 49.4% interest.

###### *Exploration work on the property*

No exploration work conducted during Fiscal 17.

#### **PROJECTS GENERATION**

Midland continued some geological compilation programs in Quebec for the acquisition of new strategic gold, uranium and base metal properties.

##### **Other Activities**

Midland is pro-active in the acquisition of new mineral exploration properties in Quebec. Management is constantly reviewing other opportunities and other projects to improve the portfolio of the Corporation. Acquisition opportunities outside of Quebec will also be considered. Midland prefers to work in partnership and fully intends to secure new partnerships for its properties and its 100% owned properties.

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**5. FINANCING ACTIVITIES**

The Corporation finances itself mainly through share issuance.

On November 17 and 24, 2016, the Corporation completed a private placement by issuing 1,284,354 flow-through shares at \$1.35 per share, for total gross proceeds of \$1,733,876. In connection with the private placement, the Corporation paid finder's fees of \$60,650. Directors and officers of the Corporation participated in these placements for a total consideration of \$136,100.

On March 16, 2017, the Corporation completed a private placement by issuing 614,000 flow-through shares at \$1.35 per share, for total gross proceeds of \$828,900.

On November 22, 2017, the Corporation completed a private placement by issuing a total of 1,692,854 flow-through shares at \$1.35 per share, for total gross proceeds of \$2,285,354. In connection with the private placement, the Corporation paid finder's fees of \$64,572. Directors and officers of the Corporation participated in these placements for a total consideration of \$131,625 under the same terms as other investors.

**6. WORKING CAPITAL**

**6.1 Non-IFRS Financial Performance Measure**

Midland has included a non-IFRS measure, "Adjusted working capital", to supplement its financial statements, which are presented in accordance with IFRS.

Midland believes that this measure, together with measures determined in accordance with IFRS, provide investors with an improved ability to evaluate the underlying performance of the Corporation. Non-IFRS measures do not have any standardized meaning prescribed under IFRS, and therefore they may not be comparable to similar measures employed by other companies. The data is intended to provide additional information and should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for measures of performance prepared in accordance with IFRS.

Midland has an adjusted working capital of \$11,678,771 as of September 30, 2017 (\$13,787,092 as of September 30, 2016) which is calculated as follow:

	<b>Fiscal 17</b>	<b>Fiscal 16</b>
	\$	\$
Current assets	12,497,871	11,369,712
Investments – non-current portion	-	3,078,910
Current liabilities	(819,100)	(661,530)
<b>Adjusted working capital</b>	<b>11,678,771</b>	<b>13,787,092</b>

**6.2 Cash flow required**

Management is of the opinion that it will be able to maintain the status of its current exploration obligations and to keep its properties in good standing. Advanced exploration of some of the mineral properties would require substantially more financial resources. In the past, the Corporation has been able to rely on its ability to raise financing in privately negotiated equity offerings. There is no assurance that such financing will be available when required, or under terms that are favourable to the Corporation. The Corporation may also elect to advance the exploration and development of mineral properties through joint-venture participation.



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**6. WORKING CAPITAL (CONT'D)**

	<b>Annualized</b>
<b>Cash flow required</b>	<b>\$</b>
Operating expenses, excluding non-cash items	1,360,000
Project management fees and interest income	(70,000)
Exploration budget paid by Midland (covering the exploration work requirements following the November 2017 flow-through private placement of \$2,285,354)	4,105,000
Mining credits of preceding year (Fiscal 2017)	(1,040,000)
Staking and property maintenance	200,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,555,000</b>

**7. SUMMARY OF RESULTS PER QUARTERS**

For the eight most recent quarters:

	<b>Q4-17</b>	<b>Q3-17</b>	<b>Q2-17</b>	<b>Q1-17</b>
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Revenues	25,587	12,850	24,997	32,759
Net loss	(550,307)	(110,435)	(261,195)	(292,119)
Loss per share	(0.01)	-	-	(0.01)
Total assets	26,477,605	26,956,987	27,010,601	25,846,801
	<b>Q4-16</b>	<b>Q3-16</b>	<b>Q2-16</b>	<b>Q1-16</b>
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Revenues	37,257	3,889	23,937	42,340
Net loss	(291,829)	(183,150)	(136,778)	(195,401)
Loss per share	(0.01)	-	-	-
Total assets	24,456,678	24,273,206	24,548,029	24,315,888

No adjustments were required following the early adoption of IFRS 9 (see Section 16).

**8. FOURTH QUARTER**

The Corporation reported a loss of \$550,307 for Q4-17 compared to a loss of \$291,829 for Q4-16.

The Corporation earned project management fees of \$25,587 in Q4-17 (\$37,257 in Q4-16). In Q4-17, the most active projects with partners were mainly Casault with Soquem and BJ Altius. In Q4-16, the most active projects with partners were mainly Casault and to a lesser extent Pallas.

Total expenses increased to \$615,532 in Q4-17 compared to \$382,449 in Q4-16:

- Salaries increased to \$136,065 (\$107,700 in Q4-16) due to salary increase.
- Stock-based compensation increased to \$65,705 (\$40,702 in Q4-16). Of the multiple factors influencing this expense, we notice that the fair value estimated with the Black Scholes model for the Fiscal 2017 and 2016 is approximately doubled from the fair value estimated for the August 2015 grant.
- Impairment of exploration and evaluation assets (non-cash items) increased to \$227,584 (\$61,261 in Fiscal 16). During Q4-17, the Ytterby property was written off for \$185,625, since no exploration program is planned in the near future and all the claims on the Labrador side were dropped. In the normal course of managing a portfolio of properties, some claims were dropped and the following properties were partially impaired:

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**8. FOURTH QUARTER (CONT'D)**

- During Q4-17: Laflamme for \$6,846, Jouvex for \$7,707, Valmond for \$1,831, Weedon for \$2,671, Gatineau for \$3,808, James Bay Au for \$12,002, Pallas for \$5,923 and generation of projects for \$1,242.
- During Q4-16, some claims were dropped and the following properties were partially impaired: Abitibi Au for \$26,239, Gatineau for \$7,344, Ytterby for \$7,162, Laflamme for \$7,147, Weedon for \$7,756 and James Bay Au for \$5,613.

In Fiscal 17, a \$15,960 (nil in Q4-16) recovery of deferred income taxes was recognized to record the amortization, in proportion of the work completed, of the premium related to flow-through shares renunciation following the March 16, 2017 private placement. All the exploration work relating to the November 20, 2015 private placement was completed before March 31, 2016 and therefore there was no recovery of deferred income taxes recognized during Q4-16.

The Corporation incurred \$2,261,784 (\$1,656,615 in Q4-16) in exploration expenses of which \$354,964 (\$628,486 in Q4-16) was recharged to the partners. The exploration expenses incurred in Q4-17 were mostly executed on Willbob, Casault and BJ Altius whereas in Q4-16, the exploration expenses were mostly executed on Casault, Willbob, JV Eleonore, Pallas and Heva. The Corporation acquired properties for \$99,071 net mostly on BJ Altius (\$141,993 net in Q4-16 mostly on Abitibi).

**9. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

The following are the related party transactions that occurred in Fiscal 17:

*In the normal course of operations:*

- A firm in which René Branchaud (director and corporate secretary) is a partner charged legal fees amounting to \$76,821 (\$63,568 in Fiscal 16);
- A company controlled by Ingrid Martin (chief financial officer) charged accounting fees totaling \$120,964 (\$145,310 in Fiscal 16) of which \$51,508 (\$69,620 in Fiscal 16) relates to her staff;
- As at September 30, 2017, the balance due to the related parties amounted to \$7,861 (\$16,300 as at September 30, 2016).

*Out of the normal course of operations:*

- Directors and officers of the Corporation participated in the flow-through private placement of November 2016 for \$136,100 (November 2015 for \$96,050). The directors and officers subscribed to the units private placement and the flow-through private placement under the same terms and conditions set forth all subscribers.

**10. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

See section 5 on financing activities.

**11. OUTSTANDING SHARE DATA**

	As at December 7, 2017	As at September 30, 2017
	Number	Number
Common shares	58,854,411	57,161,557
Options	3,190,000	3,190,000
Warrants	20,622,569	20,622,569
	<b>82,666,980</b>	<b>80,974,126</b>

## **12. STOCK OPTION PLAN**

The purpose of the stock option plan is to serve as an incentive for the directors, officers and service providers who will be motivated by the Corporation's success as well as to promote ownership of common shares of the Corporation by these people. There is no performance indicator relating to profitability or risk attached to the plan.

The number of common shares granted is determined by the Board of Directors. On December 10, 2015, the board of directors approved an increase in the number of common shares reserved for issuance under the Corporation's fixed number stock option plan from 4,000,000 to 5,400,000. Such amendment to the plan was approved by the Exchange. The exercise price of any option granted under the plan shall be fixed by the Board of Directors at the time of grant and shall not be lower than the closing price on the day preceding the grant. The term of the option will not exceed ten years from the date of grant. The options normally vest 1/6 per 3 months from the grant date, or otherwise as determined by the Board of Directors.

## **13. OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS**

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

## **14. COMMITMENT**

In February 2016, the Corporation extended the lease for five years, from March 2017 to February 2022. The rent is \$31,432 for the first year and thereafter will be indexed annually at the highest of the increase of the consumer price index or 2.5%.

## **15. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES**

When preparing the financial statements, management undertakes a number of judgments, estimates and assumptions about recognition and measurement of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. The actual results could differ from the judgments, estimates and assumptions made by management, and will seldom equal the estimated results. Information about the significant judgments that have the most significant effect on the recognition and measurement of assets, liabilities, income and expenses are discussed below.

### **JUDGMENTS**

#### **15.1 Impairment of exploration and evaluation ("E&E") assets**

Determining if there are any facts and circumstances indicating impairment loss or reversal of impairment losses is a subjective process involving judgment and a number of estimates and interpretations in many cases.

Determining whether to test for impairment of E&E assets requires management's judgment, among others, regarding the following: the period for which the entity has the right to explore in the specific area has expired during the period or will expire in the near future, and is not expected to be renewed; substantive expenditure on further E&E of mineral resources in a specific area is neither budgeted nor planned; exploration for and evaluation of mineral resources in a specific area have not led to the discovery of commercially viable quantities of mineral resources and the entity has decided to discontinue such activities in the specific area; or sufficient data exists to indicate that, although a development in a specific area is likely to proceed, the carrying amount of the E&E asset is unlikely to be recovered in full from successful development or by sale.

## **15. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES (CONT'D)**

When an indication of impairment loss or a reversal of an impairment loss exists, the recoverable amount of the individual asset must be estimated. If it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of the individual asset, the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs must be determined. Identifying the cash-generating units requires considerable management judgment. In testing an individual asset or cash-generating unit for impairment and identifying a reversal of impairment losses, management estimates the recoverable amount of the asset or the cash-generating unit. This requires management to make several assumptions as to future events or circumstances. These assumptions and estimates are subject to change if new information becomes available. Actual results with respect to impairment losses or reversals of impairment losses could differ in such a situation and significant adjustments to the Corporation's assets and earnings may occur during the next period.

The total impairment loss of the E&E assets recognized is \$232,075 for Fiscal 17 (\$82,174 for Fiscal 16). No reversal of impairment losses has been recognized for the reporting periods.

### **15.2 Deferred taxes**

The assessment of availability of future taxable profits involves judgment. A deferred tax asset is recognized to the extent that it is probable that taxable profits will be available against which deductible temporary differences and the carry-forward of unused tax credits and unused tax losses can be utilized. Judgment is also involved in the determination of the expected manner of realisation or settlement of the carrying amount of the Corporation's assets and liabilities which is expected to be through the sale of the Corporation's assets.

### **15.3 Valuation of credit on duties refundable for loss and the refundable tax credit for resources.**

Refundable credit on mining duties and refundable tax credit related to resources for the current and prior periods are measured at the amount expected to be recovered from the taxation authorities using the tax rates and tax laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the statement of financial position date. Uncertainties exist with respect to the interpretation of tax regulations, including credit on mining duties and tax credit related to resources for which certain expenditures could be disallowed by the taxation authorities in the calculation of credits, and the amount and timing of their collection. The calculation of the Corporation's credit on mining duties and tax credit related to resources necessarily involves a degree of estimation and judgment in respect of certain items whose tax treatment cannot be finally determined until notice of assessments and payments have been received from the relevant taxation authority.

Differences arising between the actual results following final resolution of some of these items and the assumptions made, or future changes to such assumptions, could necessitate adjustments to credit on mining duties and tax credit related to resources, exploration and evaluation assets and expenses, and income tax expense in future periods. The amounts recognized in the financial statements are derived from the Corporation's best estimation and judgment as described above. However, the inherent uncertainty regarding the outcome of these items means that eventual resolution could differ from the accounting estimates and therefore impact the Corporation's financial position and its financial performance and cash flows.

## **16. ACCOUNTING STANDARDS ISSUED RECENTLY**

The most relevant standards, amendments and interpretations issued up to the date of the issuance of these financial statements are listed below.

### **16.1 Accounting standards adopted in current fiscal year**

The Corporation has adopted the following new and revised standards, along with any consequential amendments, effective October 1, 2016. These changes were made in accordance with the applicable transitional provisions.

#### **a) IFRS 9, Financial Instruments, (“IFRS 9”)**

The Corporation has elected to early adopt the requirements of *IFRS 9, Financial Instruments* with a date of initial application of October 1, 2016. This standard replaces *IAS 39, Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement (“IAS 39”)*. IFRS 9 eliminates the classification of financial instruments as “available-for-sale” and “held to maturity” and the requirement to bifurcate embedded derivatives with respect to hybrid financial assets. This standard incorporates a new hedging model, which increases the scope of hedged items eligible for hedge accounting, and aligns hedge accounting more closely with risk management. This standard also amends the impairment model by introducing a new “expected credit loss” model for calculating impairment. This new standard also increases required disclosures about an entity’s risk management strategy, cash flows from hedging activities, and the impact of hedge accounting on the financial statements.

IFRS 9 uses a single approach to determine whether a financial asset is measured at amortized cost or fair value, replacing the multiple rules in IAS 39. The approach in IFRS 9 is based on how an entity manages its financial instruments and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial assets. Most of the requirements in the IAS 39 for classification and measurement of financial liabilities and for the derecognition of financial assets were carried forward in IFRS 9.

The accounting for the financial instruments and the line item in which they are included in the statement of financial position were unaffected by the adoption of IFRS 9.

In accordance with the transitional provision of IFRS 9, the financial assets and liabilities held on October 1, 2016 were reclassified retrospectively without prior period restatement based on the new classification requirements taking into account the business model under which they are held at October 1, 2016 and the cash flow characteristics of the financial assets at their date of initial recognition.

No measurement adjustments were required to the opening balances as at October 1, 2016.

### **16.2 Accounting standards issued but not yet effective**

#### **a) IFRS 16 Leases**

In January 2016, the IASB issued IFRS 16. IFRS 16 sets out the principles for the recognition, measurement, presentation and disclosure of leases for both parties to a contract, which is the customer (“lessee”) and the supplier (“lessor”). IFRS 16 replaces IAS 17, Leases (“IAS 17”), and related interpretations. Save for short term leases and leases of low value assets, all leases result in the lessee obtaining the right to use an asset at the start of the lease and, if lease payments are made over time, also obtaining financing. Accordingly, IFRS 16 will eliminate the classification of leases as either operating leases or finance leases as is required by IAS 17 and, instead, introduces a single lessee accounting model. Applying that model, a lessee is required to recognize:

- assets and liabilities for all leases with a term of more than 12 months, unless the underlying asset is of low value; and
- depreciation of lease assets separately from interest on lease liabilities in the statement of loss and comprehensive loss.

**16. ACCOUNTING STANDARDS ISSUED RECENTLY (CONT'D)**

The new standard is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2019 with an early adoption permitted if IFRS 15 Revenue from contracts with customers is also applied. Management has not yet evaluated the impact that this new standard will have on its financial statements.

**17. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

For a description of the financial instruments and the risk associated, please refer to notes 2.5 and 14 of the September 30, 2017 financial statements.

**18. RISK FACTORS**

The following discussions review a number of important risks which management believes could impact the Corporation's business. There are other risks, not identified below, which currently, or may in the future exist in the Corporation's operating environment.

**18.1 Exploration and Mining Risks**

The business of exploration for minerals and mining involves a high degree of risk. Few properties that are explored are ultimately developed into producing mines.

Currently, there are no known bodies of commercial ore on the mineral properties of which the Corporation intends to acquire an interest and the proposed exploration program is an exploratory search for ore. Unusual or unexpected formations, formation pressures, fires, power outages, labor disruptions, flooding, cave-ins, landslides and the inability to obtain suitable or adequate machinery, equipment or labor are other risks involved in the conduct of exploration programs. The Corporation, from time to time, increases its internal exploration and operating expertise with due advice from consultants and others as required.

The economics of developing gold and other mineral properties is affected by many factors including the cost of operations, variation of the grade of ore mined and fluctuations in the price of any minerals produced. There are no underground or surface plants or equipment on the Corporation's mineral properties.

**18.2 Titles to Property**

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

**18.3 Permits and Licenses**

The Corporation's operations may require licenses and permits from various governmental authorities. There can be no assurance that the Corporation 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.

## **18. RISK FACTORS (CONT'D)**

### **18.4 Metal Prices**

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

### **18.5 Competition**

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

### **18.6 Environmental Regulations**

The Corporation's operations are subject to environmental regulations promulgated by government agencies from time to time. Environmental legislation provides for restrictions and prohibitions of spills, release or emission of various substances produced in association with certain mining industry operations, such as seepage from tailing disposal areas, which could result in environmental pollution.

A breach of such legislation may result in imposition of fines and penalties. In addition, certain types of operations require submissions to and approval of environmental impact assessments. Environmental legislation is evolving 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. The Corporation intends to fully comply with all environmental regulations.

### **18.7 Conflicts of Interest**

Certain directors and officers of the Corporation are also directors, officers or shareholders of other companies that are similarly engaged in the business of acquiring, developing and exploiting natural resource properties. Such associations may give rise to conflicts of interest from time to time. The directors or officers of the Corporation are required by law to act honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of the Corporation and to disclose any interest, which they may have in any project or opportunity of the Corporation. If a conflict of interest arises at a meeting of the board of directors, any director in a conflict will disclose his interest and abstain from voting on such matter. In determining whether or not the Corporation will participate in any project or opportunity, the directors will primarily consider the degree of risk to which the Corporation may be exposed and its financial position at that time.

### **18.8 Stage of Exploration**

The Corporation's properties are in the exploration stage and to date none of them have a proven ore body. The Corporation does not have a history of earnings or return on investment, and there is no assurance that it will produce revenue, operate profitably or provide a return on investment in the future.

## **18. RISK FACTORS (CONT'D)**

### **18.9 Industry Conditions**

Mining and milling operations are subject to government regulations. Operations may be affected in varying degrees by government regulations such as restrictions on production, price controls, tax and mining duty increases, expropriation of property, pollution controls or changes in conditions under which minerals may be mined, milled or marketed. The marketability of minerals may be affected by numerous factors beyond the control of the Corporation, such as government regulations. The Corporation undertakes exploration in areas that are or could be the subject of native land claims. Such claims could delay work or increase exploration costs. The effect of these factors cannot be accurately determined.

### **18.10 Uninsured Hazard**

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

### **18.11 Capital Needs**

The exploration, development, mining and processing of the Corporation's properties will require substantial additional financing. The only current source of future funds available to the Corporation is the sale of additional equity capital. There is no assurance that such funding will be available to the Corporation or that it will be obtained on terms favourable to the Corporation or will provide the Corporation with sufficient funds to meet its objectives, which may adversely affect the Corporation's business and financial position. Failure to obtain sufficient financing may result in delaying or indefinite postponement of exploration, development or production on any or all of the Corporation's properties or even a loss of property interest.

### **18.12 Key Employees**

Management of the Corporation rests on a few key officers, the loss of any of whom could have a detrimental effect on its operations. The Corporation has a key man insurance covering the President of the Corporation.

### **18.13 Canada Revenue Agency and provincial agencies**

No assurance can be made that Canada Revenue Agency and provincial agencies will agree with the Corporation's characterization of expenditures as Canadian exploration expenses or Canadian development expense or the eligibility of such expenses as Canadian exploration expense under the Income Tax Act (Canada) or any provincial equivalent.



**19. FORWARD LOOKING INFORMATION**

Some statements contained in this MD&A, specially the opinions, the projects, the objectives, the strategies, the estimates, the intent and the expectations of Midland that are not historical data, are forward looking statements. Such statements can be recognized by the terms “forecast”, “anticipate”, “consider”, “foresee” and other terms and similar expressions. These statements are based on information available at the time they are made, on assumptions established by the management and on the management expectation, acting in good faith, concerning future events and concerning, by their nature, known and unknown risks and uncertainties mentioned herein (see the section 17 Risks factors). The real results for Midland could differ in an important way of those which state or that these forward looking statements show the possibility for. Consequently it is recommended not to trust unduly these statements. These statements do not reflect the potential incidence of special events which could be announced or take place after the date of this MD&A. These statements speak only as of the date of this MD&A. Midland undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, other than as required by applicable law.

December 7, 2017

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