

**CANADA ZINC METALS CORP.**

**CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010 and 2009**

**(UNAUDITED – PREPARED BY MANAGEMENT)**

# CANADA ZINC METALS CORP.

## NOTICE OF NO AUDITOR REVIEW OF CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Under National Instrument 51-102, Part 4, subsection 4.3(3)(a), if an auditor has not performed a review of the interim consolidated financial statements, they must be accompanied by a notice indicating that the consolidated financial statements have not been reviewed by an auditor.

The accompanying unaudited interim consolidated financial statements of the Company have been prepared by management and approved by the Audit Committee and Board of Directors of the Company.

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

February 28, 2011

# CANADA ZINC METALS CORP.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS  
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2010 AND JUNE 30, 2010

	December 31, 2010		June 30, 2010
	(unaudited)		(audited)
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 21,089,125	\$	9,281,997
Receivables	237,463		67,972
METC recoverable (Note 3)	–		921,063
Prepaid expenses	170,680		373,081
Marketable securities (Note 2)	366,875		450,000
	<b>21,864,143</b>		<b>11,094,113</b>
<b>Other assets</b>	<b>89,000</b>		<b>89,000</b>
<b>Equipment and leasehold improvements</b>	<b>5,913</b>		<b>3,973</b>
<b>Long-term prepaid expenses and deposits</b>	<b>192,145</b>		<b>75,000</b>
<b>Resource properties (Note 3)</b>	<b>57,032,919</b>		<b>52,179,664</b>
	<b>\$ 79,184,120</b>	\$	<b>63,441,750</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>			
<b>Current</b>			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 357,111	\$	1,295,366
Due to related parties (Note 6)	1,902		61,532
	<b>359,013</b>		<b>1,356,898</b>
<b>Future income taxes</b>	<b>7,040,397</b>		<b>7,040,397</b>
<b>Shareholders' equity</b>			
Capital stock (Note 4)	90,012,403		72,370,651
Contributed surplus (Note 4)	9,037,492		8,226,203
Deficit	(27,242,480)		(25,627,399)
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) (Note 2)	(22,705)		75,000
	<b>71,784,710</b>		<b>55,044,455</b>
	<b>\$ 79,184,120</b>	\$	<b>63,441,750</b>

Subsequent events (Note 9)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

## CANADA ZINC METALS CORP.

CONSOLIDATED INTERIM STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND DEFICIT  
FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010 AND 2009  
(UNAUDITED – PREPARED BY MANAGEMENT)

	Three months ended December 31,		Six months ended December 31,	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
<b>ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES</b>				
Administration	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000
Amortization	445	651	903	1,302
Bank charges	621	1,085	1,483	1,969
Bonuses	–	97,750	–	97,750
Consulting	366,494	236,812	476,769	411,625
Flow-through taxes (adjustment)	–	(10,189)	–	(2,368)
Investor Relations	46,504	463	62,462	463
Management fees	37,500	37,500	75,000	75,000
Office and miscellaneous	20,142	14,481	32,178	23,939
Professional fees	3,779	20,549	36,779	27,060
Regulatory fees	13,745	2,495	19,440	4,995
Rent	15,056	15,075	30,133	28,938
Stock-based compensation	676,505	313,062	734,066	352,498
Transfer agent fees	4,761	1,663	6,309	3,022
Travel and promotion	22,332	4,667	31,049	33,925
Wages and benefits	95,728	82,861	184,850	206,025
<b>Loss before other items</b>	<b>(1,318,612)</b>	<b>(833,925)</b>	<b>(1,721,421)</b>	<b>(1,296,143)</b>
<b>OTHER ITEMS</b>				
Interest and other income	36,515	6,907	106,340	17,769
<b>Loss for the period</b>	<b>(1,282,097)</b>	<b>(827,018)</b>	<b>(1,615,081)</b>	<b>(1,278,374)</b>
<b>Deficit, beginning of period</b>	<b>(25,960,383)</b>	<b>(16,885,649)</b>	<b>(25,627,399)</b>	<b>(16,434,293)</b>
<b>Deficit, end of period</b>	<b>\$(27,242,480)</b>	<b>\$(17,712,667)</b>	<b>\$(27,242,480)</b>	<b>\$(17,712,667)</b>
<b>Basic and diluted loss per share</b>	<b>\$ (0.01)</b>	<b>\$ (0.01)</b>	<b>\$ (0.02)</b>	<b>\$ (0.01)</b>
<b>Weighted average number of shares outstanding</b>	<b>116,990,078</b>	<b>88,754,213</b>	<b>109,445,885</b>	<b>88,611,564</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

## CANADA ZINC METALS CORP.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE LOSS  
FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010 AND 2009  
(UNAUDITED – PREPARED BY MANAGEMENT)

		Three months ended December 31,		Six months ended December 31,
	2010	2009	2010	2009
<b>Loss for the period before comprehensive loss</b>	\$ (1,282,097)	\$ (827,018)	\$ (1,615,081)	\$ (1,278,374)
<b>Adjustment for the change in fair value of securities during the period (Note 2)</b>	(3,955)	–	(97,705)	–
<b>Comprehensive loss for the period</b>	\$ (1,286,052)	\$ (827,018)	\$ (1,712,786)	\$ (1,278,374)

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# CANADA ZINC METALS CORP.

## CONSOLIDATED INTERIM STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010 AND 2009 (UNAUDITED – PREPARED BY MANAGEMENT)

	Three months ended December 31,		Six months ended December 31,	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>				
Loss for the period before comprehensive loss	\$ (1,282,097)	\$ (827,018)	\$ (1,615,081)	\$ (1,278,374)
Items not affecting cash:				
Amortization	445	651	903	1,302
Stock-based compensation	676,505	313,062	734,066	352,498
Changes in non-cash working capital items:				
(Increase) decrease in receivables	136,072	81,154	(169,491)	56,592
Decrease in METC recoverable	–	–	921,063	–
(Increase) decrease in prepaid expenses	(57,680)	16,258	202,401	(3,049)
Increase in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(25,101)	(41,408)	(684,409)	(40,490)
(Increase) decrease in due to/ from related parties	1,902	50,000	(3,326)	47,530
Cash used in operating activities	(549,954)	(407,301)	(613,874)	(863,991)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>				
Equipment and leasehold improvements	(1,911)	–	(2,843)	–
Long-term prepaid expenses and deposits	–	–	(117,145)	–
Marketable securities costs	(14,580)	–	(14,580)	(375,000)
Resource property costs	(1,720,517)	(289,546)	(5,163,405)	(1,184,616)
Cash used in investing activities	(1,737,008)	(289,546)	(5,297,973)	(1,559,616)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>				
Issuance of common shares, net of issuance costs	18,067,250	153,250	18,086,000	153,250
Common shares repurchased	(132,037)	(47,080)	(367,025)	(124,193)
Cash provided by financing activities	17,935,213	106,170	17,718,975	29,057
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents during the period</b>	<b>15,648,251</b>	<b>(590,677)</b>	<b>11,807,128</b>	<b>(2,394,550)</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period</b>	<b>5,440,874</b>	<b>4,585,521</b>	<b>9,281,997</b>	<b>6,389,394</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents, end of period</b>	<b>\$ 21,089,125</b>	<b>\$ 3,994,844</b>	<b>\$ 21,089,125</b>	<b>\$ 3,994,844</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents</b>				
Cash	\$ 120,125	\$ 50,844	\$ 120,125	\$ 50,844
Guaranteed Investment Certificates	\$ 20,969,000	\$ 3,944,000	\$ 20,969,000	\$ 3,944,000

### Supplemental disclosure with respect to cash flows (Note 5)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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 NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

These interim consolidated financial statements have been prepared using Canadian generally accepted accounting principles (Canadian GAAP). The interim consolidated financial statements include normal recurring adjustments, which in management’s opinion, are necessary for a fair presentation of the financial results of the interim period presented.

The disclosures in these statements do not conform in all aspects to the requirements of Canadian GAAP for annual financial statements. These statements follow the same accounting policies and methods of their application as the most recent annual consolidated financial statements. These statements should be read in conjunction with the Company’s June 30, 2010 consolidated financial statements and notes thereto.

**2. MARKETABLE SECURITIES**

During fiscal 2010, the Company invested \$375,000 by subscribing for 1,875,000 units of TNR Gold Corp. (“TNR”) at a price of \$0.20 per unit. The quoted market value of the marketable securities as of December 31, 2010 was \$346,875 (June 30, 2010 – \$450,000).

During the period ended December 31, 2010, the Company invested \$14,580 by purchasing 10,000 shares of Gold Hawk Resources Inc. (“GHK”) in the open market at a price of \$1.458 per share. The quoted market value of the marketable securities as of December 31, 2010 was \$20,000.

The Company included net unrealized losses on marketable securities of \$97,705 in other accumulated comprehensive income (loss) in the shareholders’ equity section of the consolidated balance sheets.

As at December 31, 2010, the marketable securities and accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) are comprised of the following:

	Number of Shares	Cost	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Fair Market Value
Balance, June 30, 2010	1,875,000	\$ 375,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 450,000
Additions	10,000	14,580	5,420	20,000
Adjustment for change in fair value of securities during the period	–	–	(103,125)	(103,125)
Balance, December 31, 2010	1,885,000	\$ 389,580	\$ (22,705)	\$ 366,875

**3. RESOURCE PROPERTIES**

Title to resource properties involves certain inherent risks due to the difficulties of determining the validity of certain claims as well as the potential for problems arising from the frequently ambiguous conveyancing history characteristic of many resource properties. The Company has investigated title to all of its resource properties and, to the best of its knowledge, title to all of its properties are in good standing.

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**3. RESOURCE PROPERTIES (cont'd...)**

**DA Property, Northwest Territories**

The Company holds an 8.2% interest, subject to a 5% gross overriding royalty (“GOR”) on diamonds, a 5% net smelter returns (“NSR”) royalty on other minerals, and a 10% net profits interest (“NPI”), in certain mineral claims located in the Northwest Territories. Pursuant to an amended and restated Mineral Property Option Agreement, dated August 30, 1998, the Company has the option to reduce the GOR and NSR interests to 2.25% and 2%, respectively, and eliminate entirely the NPI by completing certain share issuances and cash payments to the original property owner within 90 days of a production decision.

**Kechika Regional, British Columbia**

**Akie Property, British Columbia**

The Company owns a 100% interest in the Akie property, which resulted from Company expenditures and the acquisition of Ecstall Mining Corporation.

In addition to the Akie property, the Company controls a large contiguous group of claims which comprise the Kechika Regional project. These claims are underlain by geology identical to that on the Akie property (Cardiac Creek deposit) and Cirque.

The following table summarizes resource property expenses by property:

	<b>Akie Property</b>	<b>Kechika Regional</b>	<b>DA</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Acquisition Costs:</b>				
Balance, June 30, 2010 and December 31, 2010	\$ 24,175,329	\$ 328,432	\$ 71,535	\$ 24,575,296
<b>Deferred Exploration Costs:</b>				
Balance, June 30, 2010	26,281,810	1,172,533	150,025	27,604,368
Additions:				
Camp equipment	23,688	–	–	23,688
Camp operating	139,661	–	–	139,661
Drilling	4,107,743	–	–	4,107,743
Geological consulting	78,726	–	–	78,726
Geotechnical program	481,254	–	–	481,254
Environmental studies	22,183	–	–	22,183
Balance, December 31, 2010	31,135,065	1,172,533	150,025	32,457,623
<b>December 31, 2010</b>	<b>\$ 55,310,394</b>	<b>\$ 1,500,965</b>	<b>\$ 221,560</b>	<b>\$ 57,032,919</b>

The Company has applied for the 20% British Columbia Mining Exploration Tax Credit (“METC”) and the enhanced tax credit of an additional 10% for Mountain Pine Beetle affected areas, on qualified mining exploration costs incurred by the Company in fiscal 2009. The METC application for \$1,688,438 has not been recorded by the Company pending receipt of the Notice of Assessment from the Canada Revenue Agency.

During the period ended December 31, 2010, the Company received a refund of \$921,063 of METC for its fiscal 2008 application.

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4. CAPITAL STOCK AND CONTRIBUTED SURPLUS

(a) Authorized and issued

	Number of Shares	Amount	Contributed Surplus
Authorized Unlimited common shares without par value			
Balance, June 30, 2010	102,711,414	\$ 72,794,784	\$ 8,042,623
Private placements (i)	31,386,224	18,000,000	–
Share issuance costs (i)	–	(47,000)	–
Exercise of options (ii)	490,000	248,552	(115,552)
NCIB shares returned to treasury (iii)	(1,029,000)	(735,204)	298,234
Stock- based compensation	–	–	734,066
Balance, December 31, 2010	133,558,638	90,261,132	8,959,371
Less repurchase of capital stock – NCIB (iii)	(353,500)	(248,729)	78,121
<b>Balance, December 31, 2010</b>	<b>133,205,138</b>	<b>\$ 90,012,403</b>	<b>\$ 9,037,492</b>

During the period ended December 31, 2010:

- i. the Company completed a non-brokered private placement with Tongling Nonferrous Metals Group Holdings Co. Ltd. (“Tongling”) of 31,386,224 units at a price of \$0.5735 per unit for total gross proceeds of \$18,000,000. Each unit consists of one common share and one half of a common share purchase warrant. Each whole warrant shall entitle the purchaser to purchase, at any time within 24 months from closing, one additional common share of the Company at a price of \$0.675 during the first year and at a price of \$0.775 during the second year. The Company paid \$47,000 in share issuance costs on this private placement.
- ii. an aggregate of 490,000 stock options were exercised at a weighted average price of \$0.27 per share and 490,000 common shares were issued for total proceeds of \$133,000. In addition, a reallocation of \$115,552 from contributed surplus to share capital was recorded on the exercise of these options.
- iii. the Company received TSX Venture Exchange (“TSXV”) approval to extend a normal course issuer bid (“NCIB”) to purchase at market price up to 5,135,570 common shares, being approximately 5% of the Company’s issued and outstanding common shares through the facilities of the TSXV. The new bid commenced on August 1, 2010 and will stay open for 12 months.

The Company repurchased 792,500 shares of its common shares for a total consideration of \$367,025 at a weighted average price of \$0.46 per share under the NCIB, of which \$559,800 was recorded as a reduction to capital stock for the assigned value of the shares, and \$192,775 was allocated to contributed surplus.

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**4. CAPITAL STOCK AND CONTRIBUTED SURPLUS (cont'd...)**

**(a) Authorized and issued (cont'd...)**

The total NCIB purchases are summarized as follows:

	August 1, 2009 to July 31, 2010	August 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010	Total NCIB purchases
Number of shares	744,000	638,500	1,382,500
Purchase price	\$ 311,501	\$ 296,076	\$ 607,577

The purchases are made in accordance with the policies and rules of the TSXV. The Company will pay the market price of the common shares at the time of acquisition and will not purchase more than 2% of the total issued and outstanding common shares within any 30 day period.

A total of 1,029,000 common shares, of which 590,000 were repurchased during fiscal 2010, were cancelled and returned to the Company's treasury. The remaining 353,500 shares were returned to the treasury for cancellation subsequent to the period ended December 31, 2010.

**(b) Stock options**

The Company has adopted a 20% fixed stock option plan whereby the Company has reserved 20,557,283 common shares under the amended plan. The term of any options granted under the plan is fixed by the Board of Directors and may not exceed ten years from date of grant.

The number of options granted to a consultant in a 12 month period must not exceed 2% of the issued shares of the Issuer from the date of grant. Options issued to consultants performing investor relations activities must vest in stages over 12 months with no more than 1/4 of the options vesting in any three month period. Stock options granted to directors, officers and employees of the Company vest immediately.

Stock option transactions and the number of stock options outstanding are summarized as follows:

	Number of Options	Weighted Average Exercise Price
Balance, June 30, 2010	7,225,500	\$ 0.47
Granted	1,870,000	0.54
Exercised	(490,000)	0.27
Expired	(100,000)	0.64
Balance, December 31, 2010	8,505,500	\$ 0.50
Exercisable, December 31, 2010	7,145,500	\$ 0.50

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**4. CAPITAL STOCK AND CONTRIBUTED SURPLUS (cont'd)**

**(b) Stock options (cont'd...)**

Stock options outstanding and exercisable at December 31, 2010 are summarized as follows:

Number of Options	Exercise Price	Expiry Date	Exercisable
10,000	\$0.81	January 9, 2011	10,000
155,000	\$0.70	November 14, 2016	155,000
22,500	\$0.25	November 14, 2011	22,500
175,000	\$0.25	April 10, 2012	175,000
50,000	\$0.25	July 3, 2012	50,000
50,000	\$1.15	July 3, 2012	50,000
70,000	\$1.30	November 28, 2012	70,000
420,000	\$1.05	February 11, 2018	420,000
318,000	\$0.25	February 11, 2018	318,000
150,000	\$0.25	April 1, 2013	150,000
75,000	\$1.05	April 29, 2013	75,000
200,000	\$0.25	October 21, 2013	200,000
1,130,000	\$0.25	October 31, 2018	1,130,000
700,000	\$0.40	September 22, 2014	437,500
430,000	\$0.40	October 9, 2019	430,000
860,000	\$0.41	October 13, 2016	700,000
100,000	\$0.50	November 16, 2012	100,000
100,000	\$0.70	November 16, 2012	100,000
1,320,000	\$0.63	January 15, 2020	1,307,500
300,000	\$0.50	May 15, 2015	75,000
440,000	\$0.50	November 8, 2020	440,000
1,430,000	\$0.55	November 24, 2020	730,000
<b>8,505,500</b>			<b>7,145,500</b>

During the period ended December 31, 2010, under the fair value based method, a total of \$734,066 (2009 – \$352,498) in stock-based compensation expense was recorded in the statements of loss and deficit for vested stock options granted to directors, officers, employees and consultants of the Company.

The fair value of stock options used to calculate compensation expense has been estimated using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following weighted average assumptions:

December 31,	2010	2009
Risk free interest rate	2.53%	2.43 %
Expected dividend yield	0%	0%
Stock price volatility	106%	92%
Expected life of options	9.9 years	7.17 years

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**4. CAPITAL STOCK AND CONTRIBUTED SURPLUS (cont'd)**

**(b) Stock options (cont'd...)**

The weighted average fair value of options granted during the period ended December 31, 2010 was \$0.47 (2009 – \$0.25) per share.

**(c) Warrants**

As at December 31, 2010, the Company had outstanding share purchase warrants, enabling holders to acquire common shares as follows:

Number of Warrants	Exercise Price	Expiry Date
2,500,000	\$ 0.800	December 7, 2011
15,693,112	0.675 <sup>(1)</sup>	November 16, 2011
	0.775 <sup>(1)</sup>	November 16, 2012
18,193,112		

<sup>(1)</sup> Warrants are exercisable at a price of \$0.675 during the first year and at a price of \$0.775 during the second year.

Warrant transactions and the number of warrants outstanding and exercisable are as follows:

	Number of Warrants	Weighted Average Exercise Price
Balance, June 30, 2010	2,500,000	\$ 0.800
Granted (Note 4(a) (i))	15,693,112	0.675
Balance, December 31, 2010	18,193,112	\$ 0.692

**5. SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE WITH RESPECT TO CASH FLOWS**

December 31,	2010	2009
Cash paid during the period for interest	\$ 54,689	\$ –
Cash paid during the period for income tax	\$ 579,877	\$ –

During fiscal 2009, the Company issued 7,863,778 flow-through common shares for gross proceeds of \$7,077,400. The flow-through agreements require the Company to renounce certain deductions for Canadian exploration expenditures incurred on the Company's resource properties. The Company was unable to incur exploration expenditures between the September 2008 flow-through share issuance and December 31, 2009 to the extent it originally anticipated.

**5. SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE WITH RESPECT TO CASH FLOWS (cont'd)**

During the period ended December 31, 2010, the Company filed the amendments to eligible Canadian exploration expenditures previously renounced to the flow-through shareholders that subscribed for the Company's common shares in fiscal 2009. As a result of the expenditure shortfall and the amendment of the previous renunciations of explorations expenditures, the Company paid \$579,877 in part XII.6 tax for 2009 and an additional \$54,689 in interest.

As at December 31, 2010, the Company fully spent the required amount of the flow-through funds on eligible exploration expenditures, which were renounced to the flow-through shareholders for the 2010 calendar year.

Significant non-cash transactions for the period ended December 31, 2010 included:

- (a) resource property expenditures of \$196,375 (June 30, 2010 -\$450,222) in accounts payable;
- (b) resource property expenditures of \$Nil (June 30, 2010 -\$56,304) in due to related parties;
- (c) an allocation of stock-based compensation expense of \$115,552 to contributed surplus (Note 4(a)(i)) upon the exercise of 490,000 stock options; and
- (d) unrealized loss of \$97,705 (2009 - \$Nil) in marketable securities, which was allocated to accumulated other comprehensive income (Note 2).

Significant non-cash transactions for the period ended December 31, 2009 included:

- (e) resource property expenditures of \$61,885 (June 30, 2009 - \$76,249) in accounts payable; and
- (f) an allocation of stock-based compensation expense of \$154,209 to contributed surplus upon the exercise of 642,500 stock options.

**6. TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES**

During the period ended December 31, 2010:

- (a) the Company paid or accrued \$75,000 (2009 – \$75,000) for management fees and \$30,000 (2009 – \$30,000) for administrative fees to a company partially controlled by a director and an officer of the Company;
- (b) the Company paid or accrued \$10,000 (2009 - \$48,000) for consulting and geological services fees, included in resource properties, to a company controlled by a former director of the Company;
- (c) the Company paid \$54,600, that was due to a company controlled by a former director of the Company at June 30, 2010; and
- (d) as at December 31, 2010, \$1,902 (June 30, 2010 - \$6,932) was due to a director of the Company for reimbursement of business expenses.

These transactions were in the normal course of operations and were measured at the exchange amount, which is the amount of consideration established and agreed to by the related parties.

## 7. CAPITAL DISCLOSURE

The Company's objective is to manage its capital to ensure that there are adequate capital resources to safeguard the Company's ability to continue as a going concern through the optimization of its capital structure. The capital structure consists of shareholders' equity and working capital.

In order to achieve this objective, the Company makes adjustments to it in light of changes in economic conditions and risk characteristics of the underlying assets. To maintain or adjust capital structure, the Company may invest its excess cash in interest bearing accounts of Canadian chartered banks and/or raise additional funds externally as needed. The Company has no significant debt and is not subject to externally imposed capital requirements. There were no changes to the Company's capital management structure during the period ended December 31, 2010.

## 8. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

### Financial Risk Management

The Company is exposed in varying degrees to a variety of financial instrument related risks.

#### *Credit Risk*

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will fail to discharge an obligation and cause the other party to incur a financial loss. The Company's primary exposure to credit risk is on its bank accounts and short-term investments, whose balances at December 31, 2010 were \$120,125 and \$20,969,000, respectively. Bank accounts are held with a major bank in Canada. As all of the Company's cash is held by a Canadian bank and all the cash equivalents are also held by the same Canadian bank, there is a concentration of credit risk with one bank in Canada. This risk is managed by using a major bank that is a high credit quality financial institution as determined by rating agencies. The Company's secondary exposure to credit risk is on its receivables. This risk is minimal as receivables consist primarily of refundable government sales taxes.

#### *Currency Risk*

The Company operates in Canada and is therefore not exposed to significant foreign exchange risk arising from transactions denominated in a foreign currency.

#### *Interest Rate Risk*

The Company is exposed to interest rate risk as its bank accounts and guaranteed investment certificates ("GIC") earn interest income at variable rates. As at December 31, 2010, the Company had \$20,969,000 in various GIC investments earning fixed and variable rates of approximately 1.2% on average. Subsequent to the period ended December 31, 2010, the Company re-invested \$14M in higher fixed rate cashable GICs.

#### *Liquidity Risk*

Liquidity risk arises through the excess of financial obligations over available financial assets due at any point in time. The Company's objective in managing liquidity risk is to maintain sufficient readily available reserves in order to meet its liquidity requirements at any point in time. The Company achieves this by maintaining sufficient cash and cash equivalents. As at December 31, 2010, the Company was holding cash of \$96,874 and GICs of \$20,969,000 to settle current liabilities of \$359,013. Management believes it has sufficient funds to meet its current obligations as they become due.

**8. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (cont'd)**

*Price risk*

The Company is exposed to price risk with respect to commodity and equity prices. Equity price risk is defined as the potential adverse impact on the Company's earnings due to movements in individual equity prices or general movements in the level of the stock market. Commodity price risk is defined as the potential adverse impact on earnings and economic value due to commodity price movements and volatilities. The Company closely monitors certain commodity prices, individual equity movements, and the stock market to determine the appropriate course of action to be taken by the Company.

**9. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Subsequent to the period ended December 31, 2010:

- (a) the Company announced a flow-through private placement of up to 4,650,000 units at a price of \$0.77 per unit for gross proceeds of up to \$3,580,500. Each unit will consist of one flow-through common share and one-half share purchase warrant of the Company. Each whole warrant will entitle the holder to purchase one additional common share at a price of \$0.95 for a period of 18 months from closing.

A finder's fee of 5% will be paid in cash on a portion of the private placement. The private placement is subject to TSX Venture Exchange approval.

The proceeds are to be used for further exploration of the Akie SEDEX zinc-lead property and to explore the balance of the Company's portfolio of mineral holdings.

- (b) 353,500 common shares purchased under NCIB were returned to the Company's treasury and cancelled;
- (c) the Company paid a cash bonus of \$360,000 to a company partially controlled by a director and an officer of the Company;
- (d) 380,000 stock options were exercised at a weighted average price of \$0.30 per share and 380,000 common shares were issued for total proceeds of \$112,300; and
- (e) the Company granted an aggregate of 150,000 stock options to a consultant of the Company, exercisable for a period of 4 years, at a price of \$0.60 per share.