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# **2004 ANNUAL REPORT**

# Corporate Profile

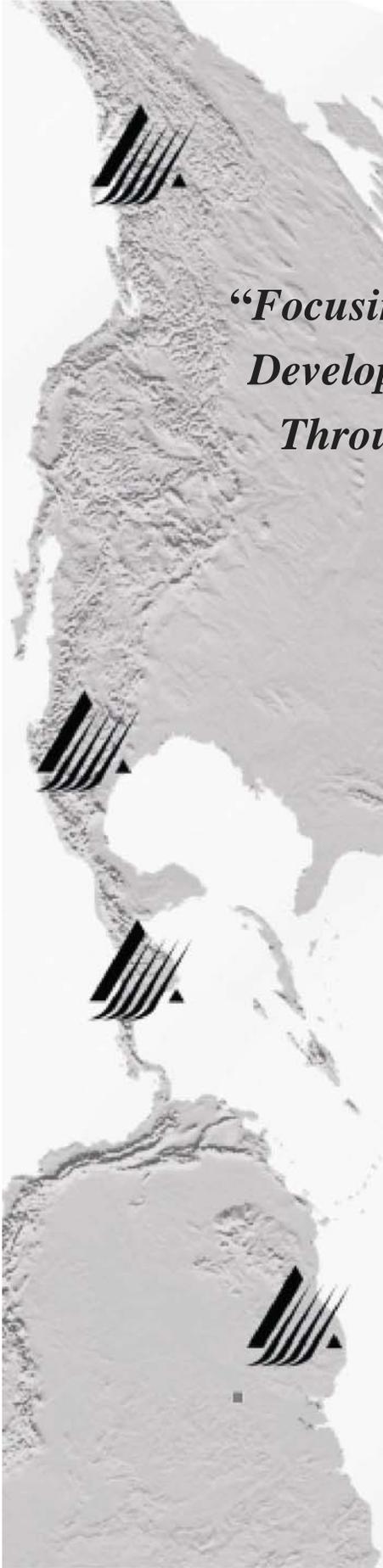
- ◆ Canarc Resource Corp. (CCM : TSX and CRCUF : OTC-BB) is a growth-oriented gold exploration and mining company focused on the discovery and development of large gold deposits in North, Central and South America.
- ◆ Our principal projects include the high grade New Polaris gold deposit in Canada and the large tonnage Benzdorp gold discovery in Suriname. The Company also enjoys modest annual income from its Bellavista and Sara Kreek projects.
- ◆ Canarc's management team has the technical and financial expertise that comes from decades of experience in the mining industry. Canarc is strong financially and major shareholders include Barrick Gold, Kinross Gold and the Veneroso Gold Fund.

## 2004 Highlights

- ◆ Phase 2 deep drilling program at Benzdorp confirmed the discovery of significant porphyry gold-copper mineralization in the JQA prospect area.
- ◆ All thirteen drill holes intersected bulk tonnage, low grade gold values including 0.48 gpt over 400.8 m, 0.55 gpt over 256.0m and 0.60 gpt over 169.0 at Benzdorp.
- ◆ Only 30% of the 500 m by 500 m JQA surface anomaly was tested by the deep drilling and many other gold prospects at Benzdorp remain to be drilled.
- ◆ Raised CA \$490,000 to commence the Phase 1 in-fill drilling program at New Polaris.
- ◆ All eleven drill holes intersected the high grade C veins, including 31.9 gpt over 8.05 m, 15.3 gpt over 9.0m and 11.6 gpt over 14.5 m at New Polaris.
- ◆ Metallurgical testing increased over-all gold recovery to 95% by flotation and autoclaving at New Polaris.

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Certain statements contained herein regarding the Company and its operations constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. All statements that are not historical facts, including without limitation statements regarding future estimates, plans, objectives, assumptions or expectations of future performance, are "forward-looking statements". We caution you that such "forward looking statements" involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results and future events to differ materially from those anticipated in such statements. Such risks and uncertainties include fluctuations in precious metal prices, unpredictable results of exploration activities, uncertainties inherent in the estimation of mineral reserves and resources, fluctuations in the costs of goods and services, problems associated with exploration and mining operations, changes in legal, social or political conditions in the jurisdictions where the Company operates, lack of appropriate funding and other risk factors, as discussed in the Company's filings with Canadian and American Securities regulatory agencies. The Company expressly disclaims any obligation to update any forward-looking statements.



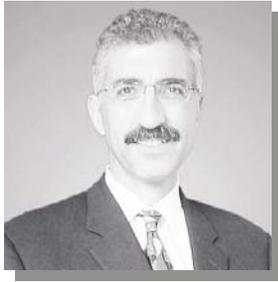
*“Focusing on the Discovery and  
Development of Gold Deposits  
Throughout the Americas”*

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# President's Letter to Shareholders



*Bradford J. Cooke*

## **Dear Shareholders:**

Last year saw the first significant correction of the new commodity bull market, as the gold price rose marginally but gold stocks fell in 2004. On the year, gold rose 1% to close at US\$420 per oz. but the XAU dropped 15% to the 95 level at year-end.

Canarc shares finished flat for 2004, closing at CA\$0.54 per share, but the share price did rise to the CA\$1.10 range during the year based on the new discovery of a potentially large gold deposit on the Benzdorp property in Suriname. Investor interest was also spurred by multiple high-grade drill intercepts from the New Polaris property in BC late in the year.

## **Overview of 2004**

In 2004, Canarc focused primarily on deep drilling at Benzdorp in order to follow up on the successful shallow drilling program in 2003. A CA\$3 million financing in late 2003 provided the funds to commence a Phase 2, 10 hole diamond drilling program on the JQA prospect. By Q3, it was clear the company had a significant new gold-copper porphyry find in the JQA area.

Holes B204-41 to 50 each returned 0.4 gpt. to 0.6 gpt gold grades over 100 to 400 m core lengths, still open in all directions. In fact less than 30% of the JQA target area was drill tested and substantial potential remains to be tested. In addition, most of the other gold prospect areas along the 20 km long gold belt at Benzdorp have not yet been drilled.

Having received numerous expressions of interest from major gold companies regarding Benzdorp, management turned its focus in Q4 to seeking a strategic partner for that project. Discussions are now underway. In addition, a CA \$500,000 financing was closed in order to fund a 10 hole Phase 1 infill drilling program on the New Polaris property.

Each hole returned high grade gold intercepts over significant widths, such as 0.93 opt Au (31.9 gpt Au) over 26.4 feet (8.05 m) and 0.34 opt Au (11.7 gpt Au) over 47.0 feet (14.3 m). The drilling clearly established the presence of shallow, thick, high grade zone immediately below the lowest mine level 600 within the C veins that should provide a quick payback on capital investment.

## Outlook for 2005

Although a slow down of economic growth in China and a post-election honeymoon for the \$US dollar have held gold back in recent months, the prevailing US policy of monetary expansion to manage their record trade and budget deficits will ultimately drive the gold price higher in 2005.

In the same way, the current correction in small-cap gold shares will likely come to an end in 2005. However, to ensure that Canarc shares continue to appreciate, management not only plans to further advance the Benzdorp and New Polaris projects this year, we will also pursue strategic new opportunities for growth in the gold sector, including the possibility of a major new acquisition.

Canarc is currently assessing the possible strategic opportunities to finance the New Polaris and Benzdorp projects in 2005. Projects such as the Bellavista mine and the Sara Kreek mine are under review to determine how best to realize value from these smaller, non-core assets.



A 50 to 70 hole in-fill drilling program is being considered for New Polaris in order to establish a 600,000 oz. reserve suitable for a feasibility study to build a 65,000 oz. per year high grade, underground gold mine. A 10 to 20 hole exploration drilling program is being assessed for Benzdorp in order to establish an initial gold resource at JQA and to test other gold targets.

Given our moderately bullish outlook for gold in 2005, and managements' new strategic plan to create shareholder value, the coming year should be very rewarding for Canarc shareholders. We thank you for your continued support.

*On Behalf of the Board of Directors*  
**CANARC RESOURCE CORP.**

**Bradford J. Cooke**  
*President and C.E.O.*



# New Polaris Property - Canada

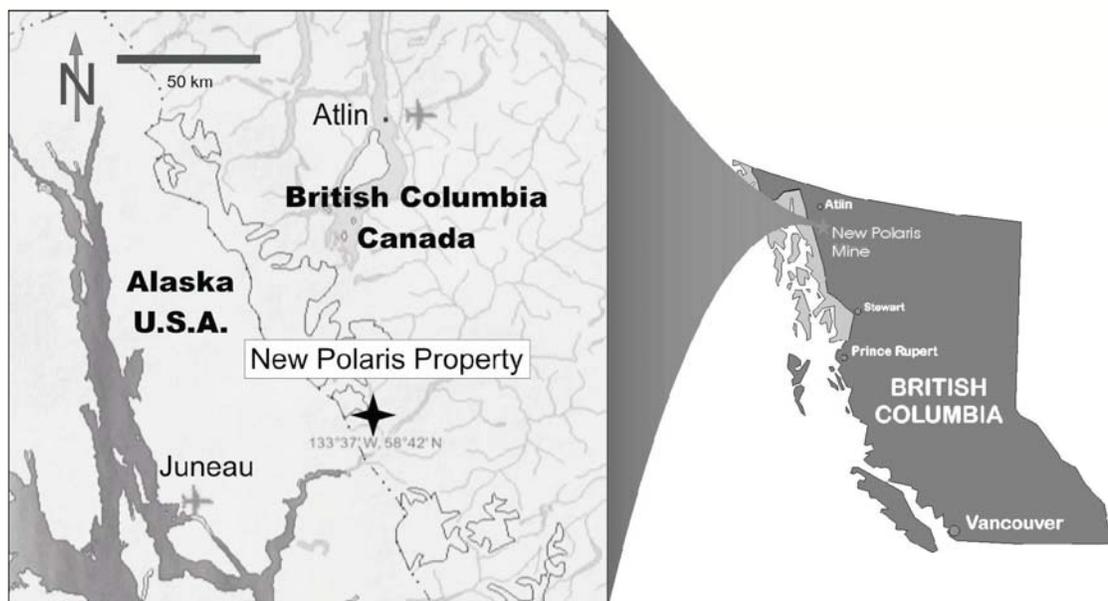
**Introduction:** A small, high grade, underground, past producing gold mine, New Polaris has become one of the largest gold deposits in western Canada in recent years as a result of Canarc's successful exploration drilling programs. This 3,000 acre property is located in northwestern British Columbia about 60 miles south of Atlin. Canarc owns a 100% interest, subject to a 15% net profits royalty, which can be reduced to 10% NPI by issuing 100,000 shares.

**History:** Discovered by prospectors in 1929, a 200 tpd mine and mill was built and operated from 1937 to 1942 and again from 1946 to 1951. A total of 232,000 oz. gold was produced from 760,000 tons ore grading 0.35 oz per ton. Flotation concentrates were shipped seasonally for refining to the smelter in Tacoma, WA. The first barge load of concentrate in 1951 sank in a storm off the B.C. coast, causing the mine to shut down. Cominco leased and upgraded the mill in 1952 and used it to process their nearby Tulsequah Chief copper-zinc ores from 1953 to 1957. New Polaris then fell dormant for 30 years until exploration resumed in 1988.



*Camp facilities at the New Polaris property*

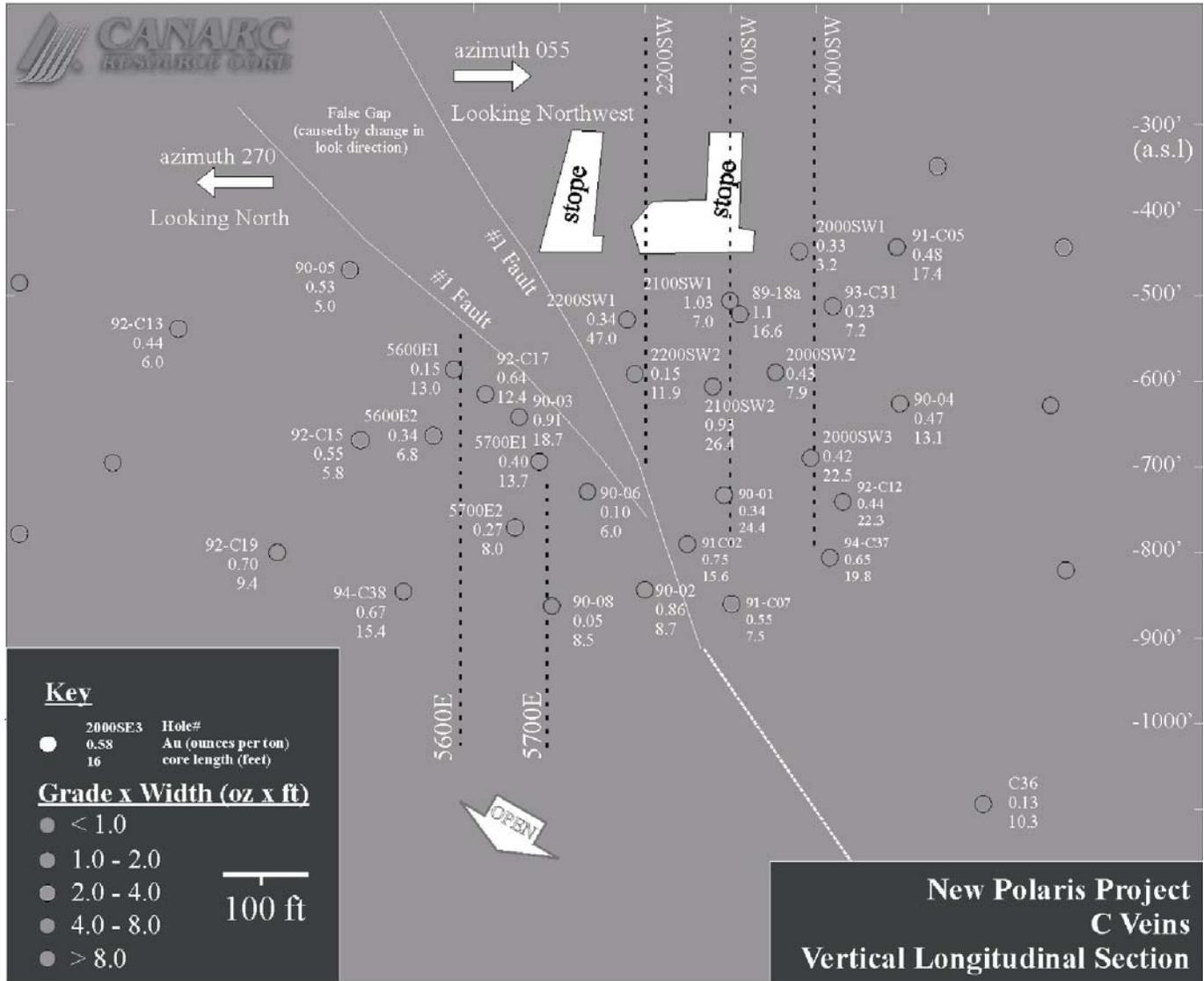
**Resources:** A historic resource was estimated in 1997 to be 3.6 million tons grading 0.36 ounce per ton containing 1.3 million ounces gold. However, this estimate predates the CIM resource reporting standards, it does not comply with NI 43-101, Canarc is in the process of completing the in-fill drilling necessary to classify a portion of the resource, and therefore the historical estimate should not be relied upon. The mineralization is wide open at depth and to a certain extent along strike.



# New Polaris Property - Canada

**Recent Work:** An 11 hole, Phase 1 in-fill drilling program was completed on the New Polaris property in late 2004. Each hole returned high grade gold intercepts over significant widths, such as 0.93 opt Au (31.9 gpt Au) over 26.4 feet (8.05 m) and 0.34 opt Au (11.7 gpt Au) over 47.0 feet (14.3 m). The drilling clearly established the presence of shallow, thick, high grade zone immediately below the lowest mine level 600 within the C veins that should provide a quick payback on capital investment.

**Current Status:** New Polaris is an advanced stage exploration project requiring additional in-fill drilling in order to define proven and probable ore reserves followed by a full feasibility study. Canarc's immediate goal is to outline a minimum 600,000 oz. resource suitable for a 600 ton per day mine that would produce 65,000 oz per year for at least 9 years, with the potential to expand to 900 tons/day or 100,000 oz per year.



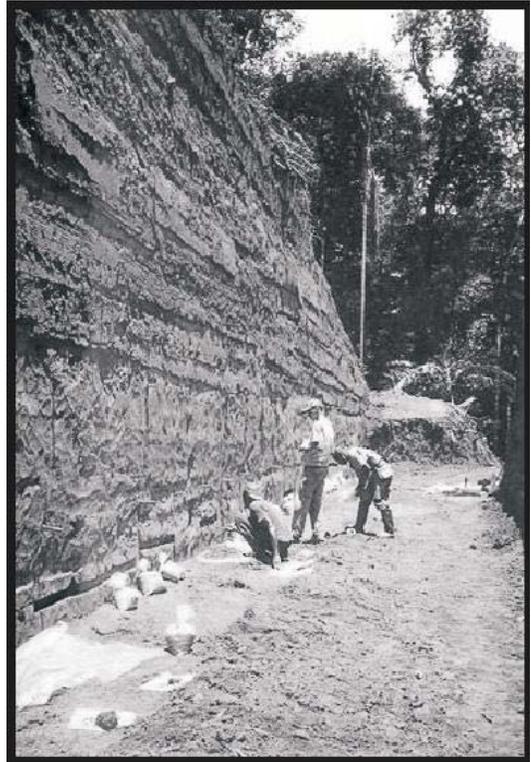
# Benzdorp Property - Suriname

**Introduction:** Benzdorp is historically the most prolific gold producing region in the Republic of Suriname, with alluvial production exceeding 1 million oz. gold. The property spans 138,000 hectares along the border with French Guyane, some 300 km southeast of the capital city, Paramaribo. Canarc holds an option to acquire 80% of the shares of Benzdorp Gold NV, the local company that owns the concessions (effectively a 100% interest subject to a 20% NPI or 3% NSR) in partnership with Gras-salco, the state-owned mining company.

**History:** Gold production was first recorded from Benzdorp in the late 1800's when English and Dutch companies exploited the alluvial deposits. The Jungle Queen dredge produced over 500,000 oz. alone over a 40 year period. In recent times, hundreds of small-scale miners have produced up to 20,000 oz. gold each year by hydraulicing and sluicing the river gravels. Canarc acquired its option in 1996 and commenced exploration work to seek out the underlying lode sources to the placer gold.



*Exploration Manager inspects drill core samples from JQA discovery zone*



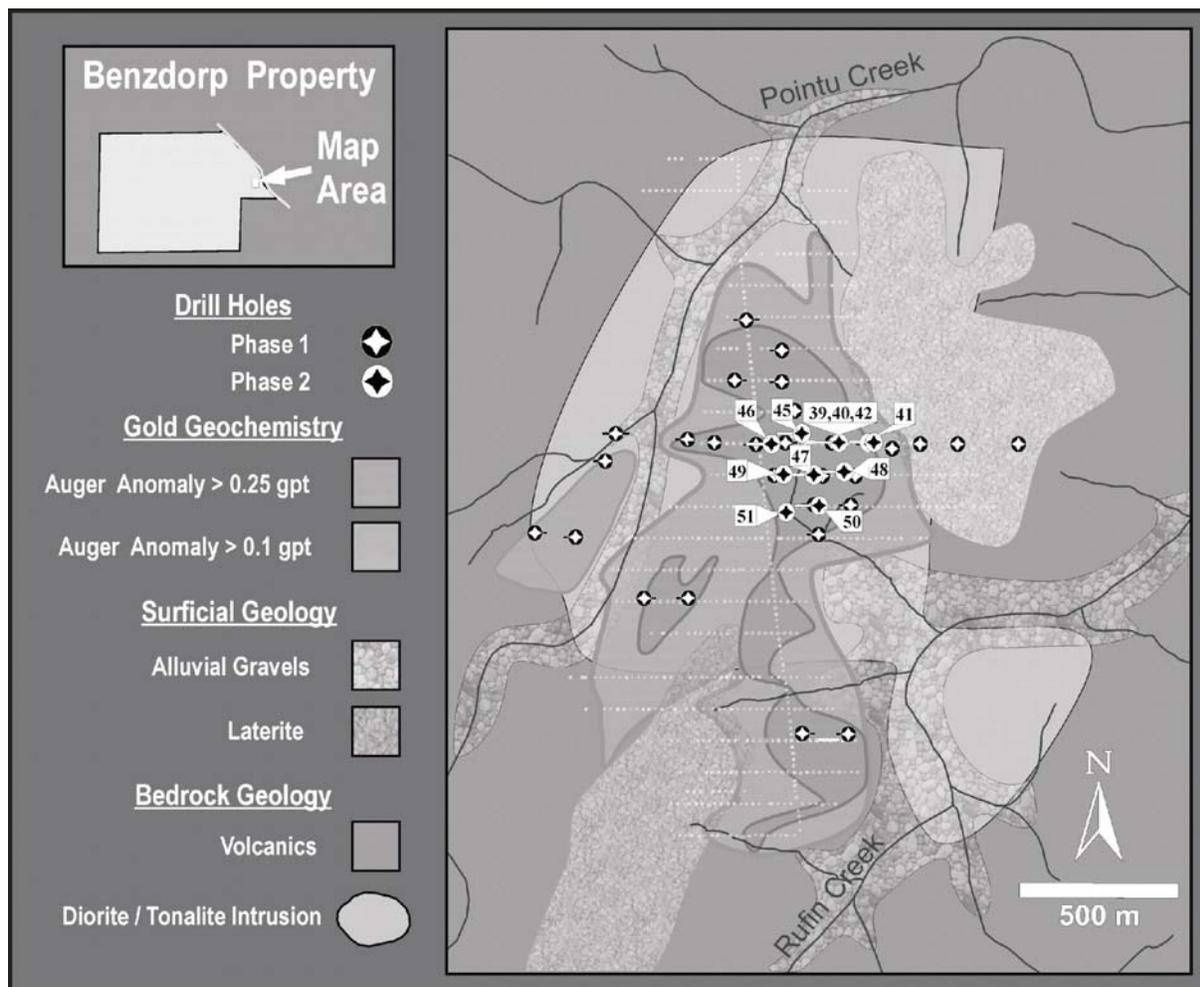
*Sampling Porphyry gold mineralization in JQA trench 97-2*

**Potential:** Since every creek for more than 10 km has produced gold, the property potential is estimated to be several million oz. gold, with by-product copper, in large tonnage, low grade, incipient porphyry-type deposits and smaller tonnage, higher grade vein-type deposits. The incipient porphyry prospects show strong similarities, geologically to the 26 million oz. Boddington mine complex in western Australia (Newmont/Anglogold/Newcrest), and economically to the low-cost bulk saprolite mining of the 6 million oz. Paracatu mine owned by Kinross in Brazil.

# Benzdorp Property - Suriname

**Recent Work:** To date, Canarc has completed 1000's of soil samples and 100's of deep auger holes to identify 12 gold prospect areas and 5 long, deep bulldozer trenches and 38 shallow drill holes to test portions of 3 prospect areas. In 2004, the porphyry gold potential of the JQA prospect was confirmed by 13 deep drill holes. Holes B204-41 to 51 each returned 0.4 gpt. to 0.6 gpt gold grades over 100 to 400 m core lengths, still open in all directions, including 0.82 gpt over 100.58 m, 1.14 gpt over 120.4 m, 0.48 gpt over 400.81 m and 0.52 gpt over 237.69 m.

**Current Status:** Less than 30% of the JQA target area was drill tested and substantial potential remains. In addition, most of the other gold prospect areas along the 20 km long gold belt at Benzdorp have not yet been drilled. Having received numerous expressions of interest from major gold companies regarding Benzdorp, Canarc is now seeking a strategic partner in order to unfold its full gold potential.



*JQA Benzdorp Property Map*



# Sara Kreek Property - Suriname

**Introduction:** Sara Kreek covers a small operating placer gold mine on a large exploitation concession in the Republic of Suriname, South America. This 22,500 hectare property is located in east-central Suriname, some 160 km south of the capital city, Paramaribo. Canarc owns a 100% interest (subject to a 20% NPI or up to a 5 ½ NSR) in the subsurface mineral rights, as well as an 80% interest (reverting to 50% after payback of our investment) in the surface mineral rights. Our local partner, Suriname Wylap Development Corp., currently operates the placer mine on the property.

**History:** Gold production was first recorded from Sara Kreek in the late 1800's when English and Dutch companies exploited the alluvial deposits. The gold-fields produced over 500,000 oz of gold, then fell dormant for 50 years. Canarc acquired its property interests in 1994 and invested over US\$ 5.5 million on placer gold mining and mineral exploration. Production commenced in 1995, peaked at an estimated 12,000 oz in 1999 and totaled an estimated 5,000 oz in 2004.

**Potential:** The potential for a small, high grade, open pit lode mine was evaluated for the DP saprolite prospect in a feasibility study in 1999. Several other saprolite prospects also have small, high grade mining potential gold historically and has the potential for additional discoveries of high grade, lode gold deposits. Because the gold prospects at Sara Kreek exhibit both shear-hosted or porphyry-type mineralization related to quartz-carbonate veins or stockworks, the underlying bedrock gold potential could exceed 1 million oz.



**Recent Work:** From 1994 to 1999, Canarc completed 20,000 soil and silt samples, hundreds of deep auger holes, several kilometers of machine trenching and 29 diamond drill holes. Canarc found multiple soil anomalies, including two main mineralized shear zones that extend for 7 km and 6 km respectively, and confirmed high grades over mineable widths in four gold prospect areas. Trench results include 13.6 gpt over 10 m, 2.3 gpt over 40 m and 1.2 gpt over 160 m. Drill intersections include 7.0 gpt over 13.5 m, 2.9 gpt over 16.6 m and 5.9 gpt over 10.7 m. In 1999, Canarc completed a feasibility study on the DP zone that recommended commercial production from a small, high grade, open pit to produce 13,500 oz. at a cash cost of US \$62 per oz.

**Current Status:** The Sara Kreek Placer mine currently operates at about break-even, notwithstanding the recent high gold price. No exploration work has been carried out since Canarc attempted to finance the DP mine in 1999 and Wylap subsequently tried to mine the DP deposit. Canarc intends to re-evaluate the potential for small-scale saprolite mining as well as seeking a partner for the project.

## Bellavista Property - Costa Rica

**Introduction:** Bellavista is an epithermal gold deposit currently being developed by majority owner Glencairn Gold into a 60,000 oz per year, open pit, heap leach gold mine. The mine-site is located near the town of Miramar, 80 km west of the capital city, San Jose in central Costa Rica. Canarc owns up to a 20% carried interest (after payback) whereby Glencairn must incur all development costs to production, subject to payback from cash flow.

**History:** The Bellavista and Montezuma mines produced small amounts of gold-silver ore from underground workings at the turn of the century. In the 1980's, Minera Rayrock acquired a controlling interest and by 1996, had completed US \$15 million in exploration work to outline a 2 million oz gold deposit. Wheaton River Minerals bought Rayrock's interest in 1997, completed additional drilling and a new feasibility study. Glencairn bought out Wheaton River in 2002, raised project financing in 2003 and commenced mine development in 2004 with the goal to achieve commercial production in 2005.

**Reserves:** Rayrock outlined resources totalling 1.96 million oz. contained in 37.4 million tonnes grading 1.63 gpt, economic at US \$400 gold. Wheaton River identified a smaller proven reserve of 11.2 million tonnes grading 1.54 gpt for 555,000 oz. (436,000 recoverable oz.) suitable for low cost open pit mining and heap leach processing. Glencairn states it may be possible to extend the mine-life by expanding the pit.

**Recent Work:** Glencairn has been commissioning the mine, with ore being placed on the leach pads at a rate of 4,000 tonnes per day. Approximately 53,000 tonnes of ore at grades equal to or higher than expected from the mine's feasibility study have been mined to date. As of April 18, 41,000 tonnes of ore have been stockpiled and approximately 608,000 tonnes of waste material mined.

All conveyor systems, crushers, agglomerators and stackers are operating as designed.

**Current Status:** The first gold pour should take place in June, with about 60,000 tonnes of ore already having been placed on leach pads. Commercial production should be achieved in the third quarter of 2005. The longer-term production target at Bellavista is 5,000 oz gold per month, which would push the annual production rate above 100,000 oz. Canarc intends to seek a buyer for its interest in Bellavista.

## GNC Property - Canada

**Introduction:** The GNC property partially surrounds the high grade Eskay Creek mine of Barrick Gold Corp. The property is joint ventured with Barrick (66 2/3%) and covers the favourable Eskay Creek ore horizon strike and at depth. Barrick continues to explore the property systematically for Eskay Creek-type ore bodies that tend to be small but extremely high grade.

**Location and Access:** Northwestern British Columbia, 80 km northwest of Stewart, B.C. accessible by truck via highway 37 and Eskay access road.

**Description and Ownership:** Three modified grid claims totaling 930 hectares. Canarc's 33 1/3 % interest is carried whereby Barrick must incur exploration and development costs to production, subject to repayment of those costs from cash flow.

**Current Status:** Early stage exploration.



# Auditors' Report to The Shareholders



We have audited the consolidated balance sheets of Canarc Resource Corp. as at December 31, 2004 and 2003 and the consolidated statements of operations and deficit and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2004. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In our opinion, these consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as at December 31, 2004 and 2003 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2004 in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

**KPMG LLP** (signed)

Chartered Accountants

Vancouver, Canada

March 18, 2005

# Financial Statements

## CANARC RESOURCE CORP.

Consolidated Balance Sheets

(expressed in thousands of United States dollars)

	December 31, 2004	December 31, 2003
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 715	\$ 1,902
Marketable securities (Note 3)	867	193
Receivables and prepaids	115	36
Due from related parties (Note 7)	-	31
	<b>1,697</b>	2,162
<b>MINERAL PROPERTIES</b> (Note 4)	<b>9,066</b>	10,489
<b>EQUIPMENT</b> (Note 5)	<b>14</b>	231
	<b>\$ 10,777</b>	\$ 12,882
<b>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 273	\$ 338
Due to related party (Note 7)	118	-
	<b>391</b>	338
<b>NON-CONTROLLING INTEREST IN SUBSIDIARY</b>	<b>84</b>	121
<b>SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
Share capital (Note 6(a))	49,234	47,906
Contributed surplus (Note 6(b))	1,088	524
Deficit	(40,020)	(36,007)
	<b>10,302</b>	12,423
	<b>\$ 10,777</b>	\$ 12,882
Nature of operations (Note 1)		
Commitments and contingencies (Note 4)		
Subsequent event (Note 6)		
Refer to the accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements		

Approved by the Directors:

/s/ Bradford Cooke

Director

/s/ Chris Theodoropoulos

Director



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## Consolidated Statements of Operations and Deficit

(expressed in thousands of United States dollars, except per share amounts)

	Years ended December 31,		
	2004	2003	2002
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Amortization	\$ 5	\$ 7	\$ 9
Corporate development	4	31	2
Employee and director remuneration (Note 7)	201	150	-
Foreign exchange (gain)	(42)	(177)	(3)
General and administrative	336	293	249
Property investigations	12	-	23
Shareholder relations	153	138	26
Stock-based compensation (Note 6(c))	639	502	182
Travel	63	68	5
<b>Loss before the undernoted</b>	<b>(1,371)</b>	<b>(1,012)</b>	<b>(493)</b>
Investment and other income	680	162	246
Write-off of equipment	(212)	-	-
Write-down of marketable securities	(4)	(19)	(18)
Write-down of mineral properties	(3,143)	(14)	(7,220)
Non-controlling interest	37	7	8
<b>Loss for the year</b>	<b>(4,013)</b>	<b>(876)</b>	<b>(7,477)</b>
Deficit, beginning of the year	(36,007)	(35,131)	(27,654)
<b>Deficit, end of the year</b>	<b>\$ (40,020)</b>	<b>\$ (36,007)</b>	<b>\$ (35,131)</b>
<b>Basic and diluted loss per share</b>	<b>\$ (0.07)</b>	<b>\$ (0.02)</b>	<b>\$ (0.17)</b>
Weighted average number of shares outstanding	55,956,982	49,332,516	45,075,058
Refer to the accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements			

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## Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

(expressed in thousands of United States dollars)

	Years ended December 31,		
	2004	2003	2002
<b>Cash provided from (used for):</b>			
<b>Operations:</b>			
Loss for the year	\$ (4,013)	\$ (876)	\$ (7,477)
Items not involving cash:			
Amortization	5	7	9
Stock-based compensation	639	502	182
Non-controlling interest	(37)	(7)	(8)
Gain on marketable securities	(667)	(144)	(238)
Unrealized currency translation gain	(66)	(55)	-
Write-off of equipment	212	-	-
Write-down of marketable securities	4	19	18
Write-down of mineral properties	3,143	14	7,220
	(780)	(540)	(294)
Changes in non-cash working capital items:			
Receivables and prepaids	(79)	(10)	67
Due to/from related parties	149	(4)	(16)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(65)	307	(64)
	(775)	(247)	(307)
<b>Financing:</b>			
Issuance of common shares	1,253	2,739	516
<b>Investing:</b>			
Proceeds from disposal of marketable securities	1,245	588	733
Acquisition of marketable securities	(1,190)	(217)	(610)
Mineral properties, net of recoveries	(1,720)	(1,155)	(160)
Purchase of equipment, net of proceeds of disposition	-	(21)	(27)
	(1,665)	(805)	(64)
<b>(Decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>(1,187)</b>	<b>1,687</b>	<b>145</b>
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	1,902	215	70
<b>Cash and cash equivalents, end of year</b>	<b>\$ 715</b>	<b>\$ 1,902</b>	<b>\$ 215</b>
Supplemental disclosure with respect to cash flows (Note 10)			
Refer to the accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements			



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Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

Years ended December 31, 2004, 2003 and 2002

(tabular dollar amounts expressed in thousands of United States dollars, except per share amounts)

**1. Nature of Operations**

Canarc Resource Corp. (the "Company"), a company incorporated under the laws of British Columbia, is in the mineral exploration business and has not yet determined whether its mineral properties contain reserves that are economically recoverable. The recoverability of amounts capitalized for mineral properties is dependent upon the existence of economically recoverable reserves in its mineral properties, the ability of the Company to arrange appropriate financing to complete the development of its properties, confirmation of the Company's interest in the underlying properties (Notes 4(e) and 4(f)), the receipt of necessary permitting and upon future profitable production or proceeds from the disposition thereof.

The Company has incurred significant operating losses and has an accumulated deficit of \$40,020,000 at December 31, 2004. Furthermore, the Company has working capital of \$1,306,000 as at December 31, 2004, which is not sufficient to achieve the Company's planned business objectives. These financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, which assumes the realization of assets and liquidation of liabilities in the normal course of business. The Company's ability to continue as a going concern is dependent on the continued financial support from its shareholders and other related parties, the ability of the Company to raise equity financing, and the attainment of profitable operations, external financings and further share issuances to meet the Company's liabilities as they become payable. These financial statements do not include any adjustments to the recoverability and classification of recorded asset amounts and classification of liabilities that might be necessary, should the Company be unable to continue as a going concern.

**2. Significant Accounting Policies****(a) Basis of presentation:**

These consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company, its subsidiaries, all of which are wholly-owned except for Sara Kreek Resource Corporation N.V., in which the Company holds an 80% interest, Minera Aztec Silver Corporation, in which the Company holds a 63% interest, and Carib Industries Ltd., in which the Company holds a 78.5% interest, and its 40% owned investee, Benzdorp Gold N.V., which is proportionately consolidated. All significant intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated.

**(b) Cash and cash equivalents:**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash and short-term liquid investments having terms to maturity when acquired of three months or less. Short-term investments having terms to maturity when acquired of greater than three months and less than one year are included in marketable securities.

**(c) Marketable securities:**

Marketable securities include investments in shares of companies and other investments capable of reasonably prompt liquidation. Share investments are carried at the lower of cost and quoted market value at the reporting date. Short-term deposits and other short-term investments are carried at the lower of cost plus accrued interest and quoted market value.

**(d) Mineral properties:**

All costs related to investments in mineral properties are capitalized on a property-by-property basis. Such costs include mineral property acquisition costs and exploration and development expenditures, net of any recoveries. The costs related to a property from which there is production, together with the costs of mining equipment, will be amortized using the unit-of-production method. When there is little prospect of further work on a property being carried out by the Company or its partners or when a property is abandoned or when the capitalized costs are not considered to be economically recoverable, the related property costs are written down to the amount recoverable.

## 2. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

The amounts shown for mineral properties represent costs incurred to date, less recoveries and write-downs, and are not intended to reflect present or future values.

### (e) Equipment:

Equipment is recorded at cost and, for that equipment subject to amortization, the Company uses the declining balance method at rates varying from 20% to 30% annually. Amortization on equipment used directly on exploration projects is not charged against operations until the related property is in production.

### (f) Stock-based compensation plan:

The Company has a share option plan which is described in Note 6(c). The Company records all stock-based payments granted on or after January 1, 2003 using the fair value method. In 2002, the Company accounted for stock-based compensation to employees by the settlement method whereby no compensation expense was recorded for options granted at the quoted market value and consideration received on exercise of stock options was recorded as share capital. Options granted to non-employees in 2002 were accounted for using the fair-value method. Prior to 2002, all stock-based compensation was accounted for using the settlement method.

Under the fair value method, stock-based payments are measured at the fair value of the consideration received or the fair value of the equity instruments issued or liabilities incurred, whichever is more reliably measurable and are charged to operations over the vesting period. The offset is credited to contributed surplus. Consideration received on the exercise of stock options is recorded as share capital and the related contributed surplus is transferred to share capital.

### (g) Asset retirement obligations:

During the year ended December 31, 2004, the Company adopted the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants ("CICA") Handbook Section 3110 "*Asset Retirement Obligations*" ("HB 3110"). This new standard recognizes statutory, contractual or other legal obligations related to the retirement of tangible long-lived assets when such obligations are incurred, if a reasonable estimate of fair value can be made. These obligations are measured initially at fair value and the resulting costs capitalized to the carrying value of the related asset. In subsequent periods, the liability is adjusted for any changes in the amount or timing and for the discounting of the underlying future cash flows. The capitalized asset retirement cost is amortized to operations over the life of the asset.

Prior to the adoption of HB 3110, the Company had accounted for reclamation and closure costs by accruing an amount associated with the retirement of tangible long-lived assets as a charge to operations over the life of the asset. The Company adopted HB 3110 retroactively with a restatement of prior periods presented. However, the adoption of HB 3110 resulted in no changes to amounts previously presented.

### (h) Income taxes:

The Company follows the asset and liability method for accounting for income taxes. Under this method, future tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases, and losses carried forward. Future tax assets and liabilities are measured using substantively enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The effect on future tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in income in the period that includes the substantive enactment date. Future tax assets are recognized to the extent that they are considered more likely than not to be realized. The valuation of future income tax assets is adjusted, if necessary, by the use of a valuation allowance to reflect the estimated realizable amount.

### i) Loss per share:

Basic loss per share is computed by dividing the loss available to common shareholders by the weighted average number of shares outstanding during the year. For all years presented, loss available to common shareholders equals the reported loss. The Company uses the treasury stock method for calculating diluted earnings per share. Under the treasury stock method, the weighted average number of common shares outstanding used for the calculation of diluted earnings per share assumes that the proceeds to be received on the exercise of dilutive share options and warrants are used to repurchase common shares at the average market price during the year. In the Company's case, diluted loss per share presented is the same as basic loss per share as the effect of outstanding options and warrants in the loss per share calculation would be anti-dilutive.



## 2. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

### (j) Foreign currency translation:

The Company uses the United States dollar as its reporting currency, and accounts denominated in currencies other than the United States dollar have been translated as follows:

- Revenue and expense items at the rate of exchange in effect on the transaction date;
- Non-monetary assets and liabilities at historical exchange rates, unless such items are carried at market, in which case they are translated at the exchange rate in effect on the balance sheet date; and
- Monetary assets and liabilities at the exchange rate at the balance sheet date.

Exchange gains and losses are recorded in the statement of operations in the period in which they occur.

### (k) Use of estimates:

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Significant areas requiring the use of management estimates relate to impairment of mineral properties, determination of reclamation obligations, valuation allowances for future income tax assets, and assumptions used in determining the fair value of non-cash stock-based compensation. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

### (l) Fair value of financial instruments:

The fair values of the Company's cash and cash equivalents, receivables, and accounts payable and accrued liabilities approximate their carrying values due to the short terms to maturity. The fair value of marketable securities is disclosed in Note 3. It is not practicable to determine the fair value of amounts due to or from related parties due to their related party nature and the absence of a market for such instruments.

## 3. Marketable Securities

The quoted market value of shares of companies is approximately \$2,077,782 at December 31, 2004 (2003 - \$564,553).

	2004	2003
Investment in shares of companies, at cost	\$ 1,081	\$ 533
Cumulative write-downs	(214)	(340)
	\$ 867	\$ 193

Investment in shares of companies includes shares of Endeavour Silver Corp. ("Endeavour"), a company which has certain directors in common with the Company. At December 31, 2004, these shares had a cost of \$873,944 (2003 - \$356,184), a carrying value of \$810,335 (2003 - \$162,622) and a quoted market value of approximately \$1,977,290 (2003 - \$512,245). The Company also holds 250,000 warrants of Endeavour with an exercise price of CAD\$0.35 and an expiry date of October 6, 2005, and holds another 200,000 warrants with an exercise price of CAD\$2.00 and an expiry date of October 22, 2005. Endeavour's shares closed at CAD\$1.67 on December 31, 2004.

## 4. Mineral Properties

	2004			2003		
	Acquisition Costs	Exploration/Development	Total	Acquisition Costs	Exploration/Development	Total
British Columbia:						
New Polaris (Note 4(a)(i))	\$ 3,605	\$ 749	\$ 4,354	\$ 3,605	\$ 288	\$ 3,893
Eskay Creek (Note 4(a)(ii))	188	14	202	188	14	202
Costa Rica:						
Bellavista (Note 4(b))	89	-	89	89	-	89
Suriname:						
Sara Kreek (Note 4(c)(i))	100	-	100	1,567	1,717	3,284
Benzdorp (Note 4(c)(ii))	301	3,983	4,284	181	2,840	3,021
Mexico:						
Sonia II (Note 4(d)(i))	10	19	29	-	-	-
Other (Note 4(d)(ii))	-	8	8	-	-	-
	\$ 4,293	\$ 4,773	\$ 9,066	\$ 5,630	\$ 4,859	\$ 10,489

#### 4. Mineral Properties (continued)

(a) British Columbia:

(i) New Polaris:

The New Polaris property, which is located in the Atlin Mining Division, British Columbia, is 100% owned by the Company subject to a 15% net profit interest which may be reduced to a 10% net profit interest within one year of commercial production by issuing 150,000 common shares to Rembrandt Gold Mines Ltd. During fiscal 2001, the Company wrote-down the property by \$3,187,104 to reflect management's estimate of the property's recoverable value at that time, and continued depressed gold markets contributed to further write-downs of \$5,486,286 early in fiscal 2002. Acquisition costs at December 31, 2004 and 2003 include a reclamation bond for CAD\$249,000.

(ii) Eskay Creek:

The Company owns a one-third carried interest in the Eskay Creek property, Skeena Mining Division, British Columbia, pursuant to a joint venture with Barrick Gold Corporation. The property is subject to a 2% net smelter return in favour of a related company.

(b) Bellavista, Costa Rica:

The Company holds a net profit interest in the Bellavista property, which is located near San Jose, Costa Rica. A property agreement giving Glencairn Gold Corporation ("Glencairn") the right to earn a 100% working interest in the property calls for pre-production payments to be made to the Company in the amount of \$117,750 annually up to and including the year commercial production commences. The pre-production payments for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002 were made by the previous property holder, Wheaton River Minerals Inc. ("Wheaton"), for cash of \$58,875 and the issuance of 529,000 common shares of Wheaton. Glencairn paid the Company \$117,500 in the year ended December 31, 2004.

The Company has a net profit interest in Bellavista in which the Company is entitled to 5.67% of the net profits during the first payback period, as defined, then increasing to 10.40% during the second payback period and then to 20.24% of net profits thereafter, once commercial production commences. Thirty-five percent of this net profit interest will reduce the net profit interest to be received from Glencairn until \$317,741 in advance royalty payments are repaid.

(c) Suriname:

(i) Sara Kreek:

The Company holds 80% of the shares of Sara Kreek Resource Corporation N.V., the company that holds the Sara Kreek concession. The Company may be required to issue an additional 200,000 shares to the vendor upon completing a feasibility study and commencing commercial production of the underground deposits. During fiscal 2002, the Company wrote down the property by \$1,717,000 to reflect management's estimate of the property's recoverable value, and in fiscal 2004, the property was further written down by \$3,184,000 to a nominal \$100,000 in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles. However, a loan to the vendor that was included in acquisition costs, with a principal balance of \$400,000 plus accrued interest remains outstanding and continues to be owed to the Company. The write-down of the property for accounting purposes does not affect the Company's legal claim and right to recover the outstanding loan plus accrued interest owed to it, and the Company continues with its collection efforts.

(ii) Benzdorp:

In April 1996, the Company entered into an option agreement with Grasshopper Aluminum Company N.V. ("Grassalco") to earn up to an 80% interest in the Benzdorp property by making cumulative cash payments of \$750,000 and property expenditures totalling \$5 million over a four-year period. In August 2002, the Company and Grassalco amended the option agreement. Cash payments prior to commercial production were reduced to \$300,000 and exploration expenditures of \$5 million were to be incurred by April 2005.



4. **Mineral Properties** (continued)

## (c) Suriname: (continued)

Pursuant to the amended option agreement, the Company will owe Grassalco an additional \$250,000 payable on or before 30 days after the commencement of commercial production if a feasibility study has not been completed by October 6, 2005. For the years 2006 to 2008, the Company will owe an additional \$250,000 payable on or before 30 days after the commencement of commercial production. However, if a feasibility study has not been completed by October 6, 2008, then the annual additional cash payments of \$250,000 will increase at that time to \$500,000. These additional cash payments shall be treated as advance payments against the Grassalco's shareholder ownership interest and shall be deductible from Grassalco's net profit share or net smelter profit from exploiting the deposits.

The Company has earned a 40% interest in the Benzdorp property, and expects to exercise its right to increase its interest by making additional option payments and exploration expenditures (Note 4(e)). During fiscal 2004, Grassalco transferred the Benzdorp concessions to an incorporated company in which the Company owns 40% and Grassalco owns 60%.

## (d) Mexico:

## (i) Sonia II:

In July 2004, the Company's 63% owned subsidiary, Minera Aztec Silver Corporation ("Aztec") entered into an option agreement to earn up to a 100% interest in the Sonia II property by making cumulative cash payments of \$250,000 over a four-year period subject to financing, of which \$10,000 has been paid.

## (ii) Other:

In March 2001, pursuant to a Letter of Intent with Teck Cominco Limited, Aztec was granted an option to acquire a 100% interest, subject to a 2% net smelter return royalty, in two mineral claims located in Mexico in consideration of incurring exploration expenditures on the property in the aggregate of \$500,000 and issuing an aggregate of 500,000 shares of Aztec over a four year period. In fiscal 2003, the Company determined not to proceed with the option and wrote off the associated property costs.

## (e) Expenditure options:

To maintain the Company's interest and to fully exercise the options under various property agreements covering its properties, the Company must incur exploration expenditures on the properties and make payments in the form of cash and/or shares to the optionors as follows:

	Option/Advance Royalty Payments	Expenditure Commitments	Shares
Benzdorp (Note 4(c)(ii)):			
2005 <sup>(i)</sup>	\$ -	\$ 290	-
On commercial production <sup>(ii)</sup>	450	-	-
Sara Kreek (Note 4(c)(i)):			
On commercial production	-	-	200,000
New Polaris (Note 4(a)(i)):			
Net profit interest reduction or buydown	-	-	150,000
Mexico (Note 4(d)):			
Sonia II:			
2005	20	-	-
2006	40	-	-
2007	60	-	-
2008	120	-	-
	\$ 690	\$ 290	350,000

<sup>(i)</sup> Management fees of 10% are included in exploration expenditure commitments.

<sup>(ii)</sup> Paid on or before 30 days after the commencement of commercial production.

#### 4. Mineral Properties (continued)

These amounts may be reduced in the future as the Company determines which properties to continue to explore and which to abandon.

##### (f) Mineral properties contingencies:

The Company has diligently investigated rights of ownership of all of its mineral properties/concessions and, to the best of its knowledge, all agreements relating to such ownership rights are in good standing. However, all properties/concessions may be subject to prior claims, agreements or transfers, and rights of ownership may be affected by undetected defects.

#### 5. Equipment

	2004				2003			
	Accumulated			Net Book	Accumulated			Net Book
	Cost	Amortization	Write-Off	Value	Cost	Amortization	Value	
Mining equipment	\$ 177	\$ -	\$ 177	\$ -	\$ 177	\$ -	\$ 177	
Vehicles	15	-	15	-	15	-	15	
Office equipment	160	126	20	14	160	121	39	
	\$ 352	\$ 126	\$ 212	\$ 14	\$ 352	\$ 121	\$ 231	

#### 6. Share Capital

##### (a) Authorized and issued:

The Company's authorized share capital comprises 100,000,000 common shares without par value.

The Company's issued share capital is as follows:

	Number of Shares	Amount
Balance at December 31, 2001	43,834,801	\$ 44,491
Issued:		
Private placements (Note 6(a)(i))	2,400,000	433
Exercise of warrants (Note 6(d))	375,000	83
Exercise of share appreciation rights	549,643	118
Balance at December 31, 2002	47,159,444	45,125
Issued:		
Private placements (Note 6(a)(ii))	4,697,500	2,639
Exercise of warrants (Note 6(d))	615,000	92
Exercise of options (Note 6(c))	60,000	9
Exercise of share appreciation rights	526,504	41
Balance at December 31, 2003	53,058,448	47,906
Issued:		
Private placements (Note 6(a)(iii))	810,000	372
Exercise of warrants (Note 6(d))	4,090,000	786
Exercise of options (Note 6(c))	360,000	170
Balance at December 31, 2004	58,318,448	\$ 49,234



## 6. Share Capital (continued)

Common shares issued for consideration other than cash are recorded at the quoted market value of the shares as of the agreement date, except in the case of common shares issued on exercise of stock options and share appreciation rights under the Company's stock option plan, which include the fair value of related options or rights previously allocated to contributed surplus.

- (i) In June 2002, the Company closed a private placement for 1,080,000 units at CAD\$0.18 per unit and 70,000 common shares at CAD\$0.22125 per share, for gross proceeds of CAD\$209,888. Each unit was comprised of one common share and one share purchase warrant; each share purchase warrant was exercisable to acquire one common share at CAD\$0.21 until April 8, 2004 (Note 6(d)).

In November 2002, the Company closed a private placement for 1,250,000 units at CAD\$0.40 per unit for gross proceeds of CAD\$500,000. Each unit was comprised of one common share and one-half of a share purchase warrant; each whole share purchase warrant was exercisable to acquire one common share at CAD\$0.50 until September 10, 2004 (Note 6(d)).

- (ii) In March 2003, the Company closed a private placement for 1,250,000 units at CAD\$0.52 per unit for gross proceeds of CAD\$650,000. Each unit was comprised of one common share and one-half of a share purchase warrant; each whole share purchase warrant was exercisable to acquire one common share at CAD\$0.63 until February 4, 2005, which expired unexercised (Note 6(d)).

In November 2003, the Company closed two private placements. One private placement was for 250,000 units at CAD\$1.05 per unit for gross proceeds of CAD\$262,500. Each unit was comprised of one flow-through common share and one-half of a share purchase warrant; each whole share purchase warrant was exercisable to acquire one common share at CAD\$1.25 until November 13, 2005 (Note 6(d)). A finder's fee of 17,500 units was issued, with each unit comprised of one non-flow-through common share and one-half of a share purchase warrant; each whole share purchase warrant was exercisable to acquire one common share at CAD\$1.25 until November 13, 2005 (Note 6(d)). The finder's fee has been shown on a net basis in share capital. These funds were expended in 2003. The second private placement was for 3,080,000 units at CAD\$0.90 per unit for gross proceeds of CAD\$2,772,000. Each unit was comprised of one common share and one-half of a share purchase warrant; each whole share purchase warrant is exercisable to acquire one common share at CAD\$1.10 until November 13, 2005 (Note 6(d)).

In December 2003, the Company closed a private placement for 100,000 units at CAD\$1.05 per unit for gross proceeds of CAD\$105,000. Each unit was comprised of one flow-through common share and one-half of a share purchase warrant; each whole share purchase warrant is exercisable to acquire one common share at CAD\$1.25 until December 30, 2005 (Note 6(d)). These funds were expended in 2004.

- (iii) In October 2004, the Company closed a private placement for 750,000 flow-through common shares at CAD\$0.65 per share for total proceeds of CAD\$487,500, which were expended in 2004. A finder's fee of 60,000 non-flow-through common shares was issued and has been shown on a net basis in share capital.

- (b) Contributed surplus:

	Balance at December 31, 2003				\$ 524
	Changes during the year:				
	Exercise of options				(75)
	Fair value of stock options recognized				639
	Balance at December 31, 2004				\$ 1,088

## 6. Share Capital (continued)

### (c) Stock option plan:

The Company has a stock option plan that allows it to grant options to its employees, directors and consultants to acquire up to 12,374,095 common shares, of which options for 5,649,000 common shares are outstanding as at December 31, 2004. The exercise price of each option equals the high/low average price for the common shares on the Toronto Stock Exchange based on the last five trading days before the date of the grant. Options have a maximum term of ten years and terminate 30 days following the termination of the optionee's employment, except in the case of death, in which case they terminate one year after the event. Vesting of options is made at the discretion of the Board at the time the options are granted. At the discretion of the Board, certain option grants provide the holder the right to receive the number of common shares, valued at the quoted market price at the time of exercise of the stock options, that represent the share appreciation since granting the options.

The continuity of stock options for the years ended December 31, 2004, 2003 and 2002 is as follows:

	2004		2003		2002	
	Number of Shares	Weighted average price exercise (CAD\$)	Number of Shares	Weighted average price exercise (CAD\$)	Number of Shares	Weighted average price exercise (CAD\$)
Outstanding, beginning of year	4,509,000	\$0.47	3,629,000	\$0.39	2,549,000	\$0.45
Granted	1,500,000	\$0.82	1,730,000	\$0.54	1,900,000	\$0.21
Exercised	(360,000)	\$0.34	(60,000)	\$0.20	-	-
Converted to stock appreciation rights on exercise	-	-	(790,000)	\$0.25	(820,000)	\$0.17
Outstanding, end of year	5,649,000	\$0.57	4,509,000	\$0.47	3,629,000	\$0.39
Exercise price range (CAD\$)	\$0.17 - \$1.05		\$0.17 - \$1.05		\$0.17 - \$0.92	

The following table summarizes information about stock options outstanding at December 31, 2004:

Range of Exercise Prices (CAD\$)	Year of Expiry	Options Outstanding			Options Exercisable		
		Number Outstanding as at Dec 31, 2004	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life (Number of Years)	Weighted Average Exercise Prices (CAD\$)	Number Exercisable as at Dec 31, 2004	Weighted Average Exercise Prices (CAD\$)	
\$0.17 - \$1.05	2005	520,000	0.3	\$0.48	520,000	\$0.48	
\$0.17 - \$0.92	2007	1,245,000	2.7	\$0.63	1,245,000	\$0.63	
\$0.51 - \$0.65	2008	1,430,000	3.5	\$0.53	1,430,000	\$0.53	
\$0.25 - \$1.00	2009	1,704,000	4.6	\$0.73	1,454,000	\$0.74	
\$0.27	2010	750,000	5.6	\$0.27	750,000	\$0.27	
		5,649,000	3.6	\$0.57	5,399,000	\$0.57	

At December 31, 2004, 5,399,000 options are exercisable and expire at various dates from March 27, 2005 to June 23, 2010, with a weighted average remaining life of 3.6 years. Options for 250,000 shares are not exercisable until the market price of the Company's shares closes above CAD\$1.25 per share on the Toronto Stock Exchange for 30 consecutive trading days. During the year ended December 31, 2004, the Company recognized stock-based compensation of \$638,808 (2003 - \$502,000) based on the fair value of options granted on or after January 1, 2003 that were earned by the provision of services during the year.



## (c) Stock option plan (continued)

At December 31, 2004, 5,399,000 options are exercisable and expire at various dates from March 27, 2005 to June 23, 2010, with a weighted average remaining life of 3.6 years. Options for 250,000 shares are not exercisable until the market price of the Company's shares closes above CAD\$1.25 per share on the Toronto Stock Exchange for 30 consecutive trading days. During the year ended December 31, 2004, the Company recognized stock-based compensation of \$638,808 (2003 - \$502,000) based on the fair value of options granted on or after January 1, 2003 that were earned by the provision of services during the year.

During the year ended December 31, 2002, pursuant to the new CICA standard of accounting for stock-based compensation at that time, the fair value of stock options granted to non-employees, in the amount of \$63,957, has been recorded as stock-based compensation expense. In addition, the fair value of stock options granted to employees that were convertible to stock appreciation rights of \$118,000 was recorded as stock-based compensation expense. Compensation expense for other stock options granted to directors and employees using the fair value based method is disclosed as pro-forma information for fiscal 2002.

The pro forma effect on loss and loss per share for the year ended December 31, 2002, had the Company accounted for stock options granted to directors and employees using the fair value based method would have been to increase reported loss by \$103,000 and loss per share would have remained unchanged.

Option pricing models require the input of highly subjective assumptions including the expected price volatility. Changes in the subjective input assumptions can materially affect the fair value estimate, and therefore the existing models do not necessarily provide a reliable single measure of the fair value of the Company's stock options.

The fair value of stock options granted and the assumptions used to calculate compensation expense are estimated using the Black-Scholes Option Pricing Model as follows:

	2004	2003	2002
Fair value of options granted during the year	\$0.43	\$0.29	\$0.10
Risk-free interest rate	2.90%	3.49%	4.55%
Expected dividend yield	0%	0%	0%
Expected stock price volatility	94%	89%	92%
Expected option life in years	4	4	4

## (d) Warrants:

At December 31, 2004, the Company had outstanding warrants to purchase an aggregate 2,348,750 common shares as follows:

Exercise Prices (CAD\$)	Expiry Dates	Oustanding at December 31, 2003	Issued	Exercised	Expired	Oustanding at December 31, 2004
\$0.20	May 17, 2004	3,000,000	-	(3,000,000)	-	-
\$0.21	April 8, 2004	465,000	-	(465,000)	-	-
\$0.50	September 10, 2004	625,000	-	(625,000)	-	-
\$0.63	February 4, 2005 <sup>(1)</sup>	625,000	-	-	-	625,000
\$1.25	November 13, 2005	133,750	-	-	-	133,750
\$1.10	November 13, 2005	1,540,000	-	-	-	1,540,000
\$1.25	December 30, 2005	50,000	-	-	-	50,000
		6,438,750	-	(4,090,000)	-	2,348,750

**(d) Warrants: (continued)**

(1) Warrants with an expiry date of February 4, 2005 expired unexercised subsequent to December 31, 2004.

At December 31, 2003, the Company had outstanding warrants to purchase an aggregate 6,438,750 common shares as follows:

Exercise Prices (CAD\$)	Expiry Dates	Oustanding at December 31, 2002	Issued	Exercised	Expired	Oustanding at December 31, 2003
\$0.20	May 17, 2004	3,000,000	-	-	-	3,000,000
\$0.21	April 8, 2004	1,080,000	-	(615,000)	-	465,000
\$0.50	September 10, 2004	625,000	-	-	-	625,000
\$0.63	February 4, 2005	-	625,000	-	-	625,000
\$1.25	November 13, 2005	-	133,750	-	-	133,750
\$1.10	November 13, 2005	-	1,540,000	-	-	1,540,000
\$1.25	December 30, 2005	-	50,000	-	-	50,000
		4,705,000	2,348,750	(615,000)	-	6,438,750

At December 31, 2002, the Company had outstanding warrants to purchase an aggregate 4,705,000 common shares as follows:

Exercise Prices (CAD\$)	Expiry Dates	Oustanding at December 31, 2001	Issued	Exercised	Expired	Oustanding at December 31, 2002
\$0.35	June 16, 2002	525,000	-	(375,000)	(150,000)	-
\$0.18 /	May 17, 2003 /					
\$0.20	May 17, 2004	3,000,000	-	-	-	3,000,000
\$0.21	April 8, 2004	-	1,080,000	-	-	1,080,000
\$0.50	September 10, 2004	-	625,000	-	-	625,000
		3,525,000	1,705,000	(375,000)	(150,000)	4,705,000

(e) Shares reserved for issuance:

	Number of Shares
Outstanding, December 31, 2004	58,318,448
Property agreements (Note 4(e))	350,000
Stock options (Note 6(b))	5,649,000
Warrants (Note 6(c))	2,348,750
Fully diluted, December 31, 2004	66,666,198



## 7. Related Party Transactions

At December 31, 2004 and 2003, amounts due to and from related parties comprise balances owing to and from companies with certain common directors. The amounts were for reimbursement of costs in the normal course of business and for out-of-pocket property expenditures of \$69,500 charged by Endeavour to the Company. At December 31, 2004, the Company had a balance due to Endeavour of CAD\$142,476, and at December 31, 2003, had a balance due from Endeavour of CAD\$33,604 and a balance due from a director of the Company for CAD\$6,000 for travel advances.

General and administrative costs during 2004 include CAD\$Nil (2003 – CAD\$60,000 and 2002 - CAD\$120,000) of consulting fees charged by a company controlled by a director of the Company, and CAD\$86,438 (2003 - CAD\$90,000 and 2002 - CAD\$Nil) of salaries paid to a director. In fiscal 2004, the Company paid a total of CAD\$34,500 (CAD\$Nil for both 2003 and 2002) to all directors in their capacity as Directors of the Company.

In April 2004, the Company participated in a private placement for 500,000 units of Endeavour at CAD\$1.60 per unit. Each unit was comprised of one common share and one-half of a share purchase warrant; each whole share purchase warrant entitles the Company to acquire one common share at an exercise price of CAD\$2.00 and has an expiry date of October 22, 2005.

In November 2003, the Company participated in a private placement for 500,000 units of Endeavour at CAD\$0.30 per unit. Each unit was comprised of one common share and one-half of a share purchase warrant; each whole share purchase warrant entitles the Company to acquire one common share at CAD\$0.35 until October 6, 2005.

## 8. Segment Disclosures

The Company has one operating segment, being mineral exploration, and substantially all assets of the Company are located in Canada except for certain mineral properties as disclosed in Note 4 and \$Nil (2003 - \$94,400) of mining equipment and vehicles which are located in Suriname.

## 9. Income Taxes

The reconciliation of income tax provision computed at statutory rates to the reported income tax provision is as follows:

	2004	2003	2002
Canadian statutory tax rates	35.62%	37.62%	39.62%
Income tax benefit computed at Canadian statutory rates	\$ 1,421	\$ 336	\$ 2,962
Foreign tax rates different from statutory rate	588	(2)	(28)
Temporary differences not recognized in year	(1,786)	(15)	(2,840)
Permanent differences	(209)	(109)	-
Unrecognized tax losses	(14)	(210)	(94)
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

The significant components of the Company's future income tax assets as at December 31, 2004 and 2003 are as follows:

## 9. Income Taxes (continued)

	2004	2003
Future income tax assets:		
Non-capital losses carried forward	\$ 1,318	\$ 1,572
Capital losses carried forward	28	26
Resource properties	2,564	2,285
Equipment	390	295
	4,300	4,178
Valuation allowance	(4,300)	(4,178)
Future income tax assets, net	\$ -	\$ -

At December 31, 2004, the Company has non-capital losses for Canadian tax purposes of approximately \$3,699,000 which expire on various dates to 2011, and Canadian capital losses of approximately \$160,000 which are without expiry.

## 10. Supplemental Disclosure with respect to Cash Flows

	2004	2003	2002
Non-cash financing and investing activities:			
Settlement of accounts payable with marketable securities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13
Fair value of stock options allocated to shares issued on exercise of:			
Share appreciation rights	-	41	118
Stock options	75	1	-
Supplemental cash flow information:			
Income taxes paid	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Interest paid	-	-	-



# Management's Discussion & Analysis

For the Year Ended December 31, 2004

## **CAUTION – FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS**

Certain information, estimates and projections contained herein constitute forward-looking statements regarding the Company, its operations and projects. All statements that are not historical facts, involving without limitation, statements regarding future projections, plans and objectives, are forward-looking statements which involve risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results and future events to differ materially from those anticipated in such statements.

Such risk factors and uncertainties include fluctuations in precious metal prices, the unpredictable results of exploration activities, uncertainties inherent in the estimation of mineral reserves and resources, higher capital and operating costs, risks associated with exploration and mining operations and other risk factors, as discussed in the Company's filings with Canadian and American securities regulatory agencies. The Company disclaims any obligation to update any forward-looking statements.

### **1.0 Preliminary Information**

The following Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") of Canarc Resource Corp. (the "Company") should be read in conjunction with the accompanying audited consolidated financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2004, 2003 and 2002, all of which are available at the SEDAR website at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

All financial information in this MD&A is prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles ("CAD GAAP"), and all dollar amounts are expressed in United States dollars unless otherwise indicated.

All information contained in the MD&A is as of March 29, 2005 unless otherwise indicated.

### **1.1 Background**

The Company is a Canadian resource company engaged in the acquisition, exploration and development of precious metal properties in Canada, Costa Rica, Mexico and Suriname. The Company owns or holds, directly or indirectly, interests of between 20% to 100% in a total of five precious metal properties, which are known as the New Polaris and GNC properties in British Columbia, Canada, the Bellavista property in Costa Rica, and the Sara Kreek and Benzdorp properties in Suriname. The Company also holds or has rights to increase its working interests up to 100% in certain mineral properties in Suriname.

The Company owns a 100% interest in the New Polaris property, which is located in the Atlin Mining Division, British Columbia, and is subject to a 15% net profit interest, which may be reduced to a 10% net profit interest within one year of commercial production by issuing 150,000 common shares to Rembrandt Gold Mines Ltd.

The Company owns a 33⅓% carried interest in the Eskay Creek property, Skeena Mining Division, British Columbia, pursuant to a joint venture with Barrick Gold Corporation. The property is subject to a 2% net smelter return in favour of a related company.

The Company holds a net profit interest in the Bellavista property, which is located near Miramar, Costa Rica. A property agreement giving Glencairn Gold Corporation ("Glencairn") the right to earn a 100% working interest in the property calls for pre-production payments to be made to the Company in the amount of \$117,750 annually up to and including the year commercial production commences. The Company has a net profit interest in Bellavista which the Company is entitled to 5.67% of the net profits during the first payback period, then increasing to 10.40% during the second payback period and then to 20.24% of net profits thereafter. Thirty-five percent of this net profit interest will reduce the net profit interest to be received from Glencairn until \$317,741 in advance royalty payments are repaid.

The Company holds 80% of the shares of Sara Kreek Resource Corporation N.V., the company that holds the Sara Kreek concession and operates a placer gold mine thereon located in the Republic of Suriname. The Company owns a 100% interest (subject to royalties) in the subsurface mineral rights and 80% interest (reverting to 50% after payback of the Company's investment) in the surface mineral rights. The Company may be required to issue an additional 200,000 shares to the vendor upon completing a feasibility study and commencing commercial production of the underground deposits.

## 1.1 Background (continued)

In April 1996, the Company entered into an option agreement with Grasshopper Aluminum Company N.V. (“Grassalco”) to earn up to an 80% interest in the Benzdorp property located in the Republic of Suriname by making cumulative cash payments of \$750,000 and property expenditures totalling \$5,000,000 over a four-year period. In August 2002, the Company amended its option agreement. Cash payments prior to commercial production were reduced to \$300,000 and the period to incur exploration expenditures totalling \$5,000,000 was extended to April 2005. Also, the Company will owe Grassalco an additional \$250,000 payable on or before 30 days after the commencement of commercial production if a feasibility study has not been completed by October 6, 2005. Each year thereafter, the Company will owe an additional \$250,000 payable on or before 30 days after the commencement of commercial production. However, if a feasibility study has not been completed by October 6, 2008, then the annual additional cash payments of \$250,000 will increase at that time to \$500,000. These additional cash payments shall be treated as advance payments against the Grassalco’s shareholder ownership interest and shall be deductible from Grassalco’s net profit share or net smelter profit from exploiting the deposits. To December 31, 2004, the Company had earned a 40% interest in the Benzdorp property, and the Company expects to exercise its right to increase its interest. In February 2004, the Company and Grassalco incorporated a company in Suriname and transferred the Benzdorp concessions to it, on behalf of the Company (40%) and Grassalco (60%).

## 1.2 Overall Performance

As the Company is focused on its exploration activities, there is no production, sales or inventory in the conventional sense. The recoverability of costs capitalized to mineral properties and the Company’s future financial success will be dependent upon the extent to which it can discover mineralization and determine the economic viability of developing such properties. Such development may take years to complete and the amount of resulting income, if any, is difficult to determine with any certainty at this time. Many of the key factors are outside of the Company’s control. The sales value of any mineralization discovered and developed by the Company is largely dependent upon factors beyond the Company’s control such as the market prices of the metals produced. As the carrying value and amortization of mineral properties and capital assets are, in part, related to the Company’s mineral reserves and resources, the estimation of such reserves and resources is significant to the Company’s position and results of operations.

Gold markets continued to show strength as the cumulative average increased from \$310 per ounce in fiscal 2002 to \$363 in fiscal 2003 and then to \$410 in fiscal 2004 and then to \$427 for the period from January 1, 2005 to March 18, 2005. Peaks in gold prices were prevalent especially in early 2004 when prices hit a high of \$425 and then settled in the \$400 level by mid 2004 and then reached a high of \$454 in December 2004. For 2005, the high / low prices ranged from \$411 to \$444.

Most of the Company’s exploration efforts in fiscal 2004 were focused on the Phase 2 exploration drilling program on the Benzdorp property. The JQA prospect is just one of twelve gold prospect areas along the easternmost 10% of the 138,000 hectare Benzdorp property. The primary target at JQA is a 500 metre by 500 metre zone of saprolite-hosted, porphyry-gold mineralization that is continuously mineralized on surface. The target is a bulk tonnage, low grade, open pittable gold-copper porphyry deposit that could be profitably mined due to economies of scale.

In 2004, the Company completed 3,984 metres of diamond drilling in 13 holes. All 13 holes encountered significant porphyry gold mineralization in saprolite starting at surface. Of the 11 holes that penetrated bedrock, 8 holes intersected strong porphyry gold-copper, stock-work mineralization over a 200 metre by 200 metre area, extending the JQA mineralized zone up to 350 metres in depth. The porphyry gold mineralization in each of these 8 holes starts at surface, implying a very low strip ratio of waste to ore. Higher grade gold mineralization was typically intersected in the near surface, oxidized saprolite and two of the holes bottomed in ore-grade mineralization in bedrock. The JQA mineralized zone is wide open along strike, and to a certain extent at depth.

The deep drilling program for the JQA prospect also intersected significant copper values within the zone of mineralization. These copper intersections are hosted by quartz stockworks confirming the porphyry nature of gold-copper mineralization at the JQA prospect. Copper mineralization is a bit more intermittent than the gold mineralization. In 2005, the Company plans to further assess the metallurgical characteristics of saprolite and bedrock mineralization from the JQA prospect in order to determine the viability of gold recovery, and preliminary metallurgical testing was completed in 2004. The Company also plans to conduct a Phase 3 drilling program of about 3,000 metres in approximately 15 holes in order to extend the area of JQA mineralization in bedrock and to test other targets.



## 1.2 Overall Performance

The CAD\$487,500 flow-through non-brokered private placement in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2004 provided the financing needed to complete the Phase 1 in-fill drilling program for the New Polaris property located in northwest British Columbia. The Phase 1 in-fill drilling resulted in multiple high grade gold intercepts. Eleven holes totalling of 8,008 feet (2,441 metres of core) were drilled in late 2004 on 100 feet (30 metres) spacings to test the C zones over an initial 500 feet (152 metres) strike length by 200 feet (61 metres) down dip below the deepest mine level. All eleven drill holes intersected economically significant gold grades and vein widths in two main, sub-parallel, en-echelon, shear-veins, the "Upper C" and "Lower C".

Individual drill intercepts returned assays such as 0.93 opt (31.9 gpt) gold over 26.4 feet (8.05 metres) in the lower C vein and 0.45 opt (15.3 gpt) over 29.5 feet (9.0 metres) in the Upper C vein. The weighted average of all 22 vein intercepts graded 0.42 opt (14.4 gpt) over a 12.4 feet (3.78 metres) core length. True widths of the veins are estimated to be 85% to 90% of the core lengths. The C zones are still wide open at depth and to a certain extent along strike.

A Phase 2 in-fill drilling program is now being planned for 2005, subject to financing, to continue defining and extending the known C zones at 100 feet intervals over a 1,000 feet (305 metre) strike length and 1,200 feet (366 metre) down-dip. It will also target two of the known Y zones over a 500 feet (152 metres) length and 1,200 feet (366 metre) down dip. The purpose of this drilling program is to outline at least a 550,000 ounce resource amenable to a feasibility study for a 65,000 ounces per year high grade, underground gold mine with a minimum 8-year mine-life.

Metallurgical testing of gold ores from the New Polaris property has improved gold recoveries to the 95% level by optimizing the grinding, autoclaving and leaching processes. The likely metallurgical process now under consideration is the shipping of gold concentrates from the New Polaris minesite to an existing "third party" autoclave elsewhere in North America. Additional detailed metallurgical testwork will be needed for any feasibility study on New Polaris.

Glencairn, the operator for the Bellavista mine in Costa Rica, is expected to complete and to commence gold production in the second quarter of 2005. Based upon estimates by Glencairn, the Bellavista mine has ore reserves of 11.2 million tonnes grading 1.54 grams per tonne gold, containing about 555,000 ounces of gold, with a gold recovery rate of 78.6%, can produce an average annual rate of 60,000 ounces gold per year, and has a mine life of 7.3 years and a cash operating cost of \$198 per ounce. At a \$425 gold price, the Company's net profit interest is expected to generate about \$5.6 million in undiscounted cash flows, net of advance royalty payments of \$317,741, over the expected mine life of 7 years. The Company received its annual pre-production cash payment of \$120,556 from Glencairn in January 2005.

In July 2004, the Company's 63% owned subsidiary, Minera Aztec S.A. de C.V., entered into three option agreements to acquire up to a 100% interest in three properties in Mexico. Two properties totalling \$69,469 were written off by the end of fiscal 2004. Cumulative cash payments for the remaining property totalling \$250,000 are to be paid over a four year period subject to financing, of which \$10,000 have been paid.

## 1.3 Selected Annual Information

All financial information is prepared in accordance with CAD GAAP, and all dollar amounts are expressed in United States dollars unless otherwise indicated.

(in \$000s except per share amounts)	For the Years Ended December 31,		
	2004	2003	2002
Total revenues	\$ 680	\$ 162	\$ 246
Loss before discontinued operations and extraordinary items:			
(i) Total	\$ (4,013)	\$ (876)	\$ (7,477)
(ii) Basic per share	\$ (0.07)	\$ (0.02)	\$ (0.17)
(iii) Fully diluted per share	\$ (0.07)	\$ (0.02)	\$ (0.17)
Net loss:			
(i) Total	\$ (4,013)	\$ (876)	\$ (7,477)
(ii) Basic per share	\$ (0.07)	\$ (0.02)	\$ (0.17)
(iii) Fully diluted per share	\$ (0.07)	\$ (0.02)	\$ (0.17)
Total assets	\$ 10,777	\$ 12,882	\$ 10,217
Total long-term liabilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Dividends per share	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

## 1.4 Results of Operations

### Fiscal Year 2004 – Year ended December 31, 2004 compared with December 31, 2003

The higher net loss for the year ended December 31, 2004 relative to fiscal 2003 was primarily attributable to the write-down of mineral properties, more specifically the Sara Kreek property in accordance with CAD GAAP. In fiscal 2004, the Sara Kreek property was written-down by \$3,184,000 to \$100,000. However a loan of \$400,000 plus accrued interest continues to be owed to the Company for the Sara Kreek property, and such write-down does not adversely reduce the Company's legal claim and right to recover such debt owed to it, and the Company continues with its collection efforts. General and administrative expenses and salaries continue to account for a significant portion of operating expenses, and have a cumulative increase of about 21% relative to 2003, reflecting the addition of staff in the middle of fiscal 2003 and ancillary functions to support ongoing corporate and financing activities and more active exploration and drilling programs of the Company for the New Polaris property in British Columbia and for the Benzdorp property in Suriname in 2004 which continued from 2003. Mineral expenditures, net of recoveries, increased by 49% in 2004 relative to 2003, as the Company completed the Phase 2 drilling program for Benzdorp and the Phase 1 in-fill drilling program for the New Polaris property in 2004. A foreign exchange gain was recognized in fiscal 2004 as the United States dollar depreciated during the year ended December 31, 2004, given that certain accounts of the Company are maintained in Canadian dollars which would conversely appreciate relative to the U.S. dollar and given its financial statements are stated in terms of U.S. dollars. The depreciation in the U.S. dollar was more significant in the 2003 fiscal year which resulted in a higher foreign exchange gain from the translation of CAD\$ stated accounts to US\$ amounts. The stock-based compensation expense reflects the granting of stock options during the year and was slightly higher in 2004 than in 2003 even though fewer options were granted in 2004. This is attributable to the higher expected stock price volatility in 2004 than in 2003. Revenues reflect the gains realized from the disposition of marketable securities. These gains increased significantly in 2004 as the Company disposed of shares of Endeavour Silver Corp. ("Endeavour"), a company which share certain common directors, in which gains of \$662,548 were realized.

As at December 31, 2004, the Company has mineral properties which are comprised of the following:

(in \$000s)	December 31, 2004		
	Acquisition Costs	Exploration/Development	Total
British Columbia:			
New Polaris	\$ 3,605	\$ 749	\$ 4,354
Eskay Creek	188	14	202
Costa Rica:			
Bellavista	89	-	89
Suriname:			
Sara Kreek	100	-	100
Benzdorp	301	3,983	4,284
Mexico:			
Sonia II	10	19	29
Other	-	8	8
	\$ 4,293	\$ 4,773	\$ 9,066

At December 31, 2004, to maintain its interest and to fully exercise the options under various property agreements covering the properties located in British Columbia (Canada), Mexico and Suriname, the Company must incur exploration expenditures on the properties and make payments in the form of cash and/or shares to the optionors as follows:





## 1.5 Summary of Quarterly Results (continued)

During the fourth quarter of fiscal 2004, dispositions of marketable securities contributed to gains of \$514,000 and the year-end write-down of the Sara Kreek property by \$3,184,000 significantly increased the net loss for the quarter. The property write-down in turn resulted in the decrease in total assets by the 2004 year-end, which was partially offset by the additional exploration expenditures of \$411,000 for the New Polaris property in the fourth quarter.

## 1.6 Liquidity and Capital Resources

The Company is in the development stage and has not yet determined whether its mineral properties contain reserves that are economically recoverable. The recoverability of amounts capitalized for mineral properties is entirely dependent upon the existence of economically recoverable reserves, the ability of the Company to obtain the necessary financing to complete the development and upon future profitable production. The Company knows of no trends, demands, commitments, events or uncertainties that may result in the Company's liquidity either materially increasing or decreasing at the present time or in the foreseeable future. Material increases or decreases in the Company's liquidity are substantially determined by the success or failure of the Company's exploration programs and overall market conditions for smaller resource companies. Since its incorporation in 1987, the Company has endeavored to secure valuable mineral properties that in due course could be brought into production to provide the Company with cash flow which would be used to undertake work programs on other projects. To that end, the Company has expended its funds on mineral properties that it believes has the potential to achieve cash flow

within a reasonable time frame. As a result, the Company has incurred losses during each of its fiscal years since incorporation. This result is typical of smaller mining companies and will continue unless positive cash flow is achieved.

The following table contains selected financial information of the Company's liquidity:

		December 31,	December 31,
(in \$000s)		2004	2003
Cash and cash equivalents		\$ 715	\$ 1,902
Working capital		\$ 1,306	\$ 1,824

The Company has significantly more cash and cash equivalents and working capital at December 31, 2003 than at December 31, 2004. This was largely attributable to the Company completing four private placements in 2003 which raised equity financing of CAD\$3,789,500. In fiscal 2004, the Company closed only one private placement which provided equity financing of CAD\$487,500. However the exercise of options and warrants provided proceeds of CAD\$1,134,050 in fiscal 2004, whereas the exercise of options and warrants only provided proceeds of CAD\$141,050 in fiscal 2003. In spite of the latter, financings from equity capital in fiscal 2003 were significantly higher than in fiscal 2004.

The Company's Phase 1 in-fill drilling program for the New Polaris property and the Phase 2 drilling program for the Benzdorp property, both of which were completed in fiscal 2004, and ongoing operating expenses reduced its cash resources and its working capital at December 31, 2004 relative to December 31, 2003 year end. In fiscal 2004, further expenditures of \$461,000 were incurred for the New Polaris property and \$1,263,000 for the Benzdorp property.

Proceeds from the disposition of marketable securities increased from \$588,000 in 2003 to \$1,245,000 in 2004, primarily from the disposition of the Company's shareholdings in Endeavour, which increased in value. Its investment in Endeavour also contributed to the increase in the overall quoted market value of the Company's marketable securities which increased from \$564,553 at December 31, 2003 to \$2,077,782 at December 31, 2004.

The Company has entered into a number of option agreements for mineral properties that involve payments in the form of cash and/or shares of the Company as well as minimum exploration expenditure requirements. Under the Item 1.5 - Results of Operations, further details of contractual obligations are provided as at December 31, 2004. The Company will continue to rely upon equity financing as its principal source of financing its projects.



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

At the discretion of the Board, certain option grants provide the option holder the right to receive the number of common shares, valued at the quoted market price at the time of exercise of the stock options, that represent the share appreciation since granting the options.

## **1.8 Transactions with Related Parties**

Amounts due to related parties comprise of balances owing to companies with certain common directors. The amounts were for reimbursement of costs in the normal course of business and for mineral property expenditures. At December 31, 2004, the Company had a balance due to Endeavour of CAD\$142,476. General and administrative costs during 2004 include CAD\$86,438 of salaries paid to a director. Also, in fiscal 2004, the Company paid a total of CAD\$34,500 to all directors in their capacity as Directors of the Company.

In April 2004, the Company participated in a private placement for 500,000 units of Endeavour at CAD\$1.60 per unit. Each unit was comprised of one common share and one-half share purchase warrant; each whole warrant is exercisable to acquire one common share at an exercise price of CAD\$2.00 and has an expiry date of October 22, 2005.

## **1.9 Fourth Quarter**

The section, Item 1.6 - Summary of Quarterly Results, provides further details for the fourth quarter.

### ***Critical Accounting Estimates***

The preparation of financial statements requires the Company to make estimates that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Significant areas requiring the use of estimates relate to mineral properties.

Acquisition costs of mineral properties and exploration and development expenditures incurred thereto are capitalized and deferred. The costs related to a property from which there is production will be amortized using the unit-of-production method. Capitalized costs are written down to their estimated recoverable amount if the property is subsequently determined to be uneconomic. The amounts shown for mineral properties represent costs incurred to date, less recoveries and write-downs, and do not reflect present or future values.

### ***Changes in Accounting Policies Including Initial Adoption***

Asset retirement obligations:

During the year ended December 31, 2004, the Company adopted the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants ("CICA") Handbook Section 3110 "*Asset Retirement Obligations*" ("HB 3110"). This new standard recognizes statutory, contractual or other legal obligations related to the retirement of tangible long-lived assets when such obligations are incurred, if a reasonable estimate of fair value can be made. These obligations are measured initially at fair value and the resulting costs capitalized to the carrying value of the related asset. In subsequent periods, the liability is adjusted for any changes in the amount or timing and for the discounting of the underlying future cash flows. The capitalized asset retirement cost is amortized to operations over the life of the asset.

Prior to the adoption of HB 3110, the Company had accounted for reclamation and closure costs by accruing an amount associated with the retirement of tangible long-lived assets as a charge to operations over the life of the asset. The Company adopted HB 3110 retroactively with a restatement of prior periods presented. However, the adoption of HB 3110 resulted in no changes to amounts previously presented.

### 1.10 Outstanding Share Data

The Company's authorized share capital comprises 100,000,000 common shares without par value.

Changes in the Company's share capital for the year ended December 31, 2004 are as follows:

	Number of Shares	Amount (in \$000s)
Balance at December 31, 2003	53,058,448	\$ 47,906
Issued:		
Private placement	810,000	372
Exercise of warrants	4,090,000	786
Exercise of options	360,000	170
Balance at December 31, 2004	58,318,448	\$ 49,234

### 1.10 Outlook

Although it currently has sufficient capital to satisfy existing operating and administrative expenses in the short term, the Company will continue to depend upon equity capital to finance its existing projects. There are no assurances that capital requirements will be met by this means of financing as inherent risks are attached therein including commodity prices, financial market conditions, and general economic factors. The Company does not expect to realize any operating revenues from its properties in the foreseeable future.

### 1.12 Risk Factors

The following is a brief discussion of those distinctive or special characteristics of the Company's operations and industry that may have a material impact on, or constitute risk factors in respect of, the Company's future financial performance.

#### *Exploration and Development Risks*

There is no assurance given by the Company that its exploration and development programs and properties will result in the discovery, development or production of a commercially viable ore body.

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. There is no assurance that the Company's mineral exploration and development activities will result in any discoveries of bodies of commercial ore. The economics of developing gold and other mineral properties are affected by many factors including capital and operating costs, variations of the grade of ore mined, fluctuating mineral markets, costs of processing equipment and such other factors as government regulations, including regulations relating to royalties, allowable production, importing and exporting of minerals and environmental protection. Substantial expenditures are required to establish reserves through drilling, to develop metallurgical processes to extract metal from ore, and to develop the mining and processing facilities and infrastructure at any site chosen for mining. No assurance can be given that funds required for development can be obtained on a timely basis. The marketability of any minerals acquired or discovered may be affected by numerous factors which are beyond the Company's control and which cannot be accurately foreseen or predicted, such as market fluctuations, the global marketing conditions for precious and base metals, the proximity and capacity of milling facilities, mineral markets and processing equipment, and such other factors as government regulations, including regulations relating to royalties, allowable production, importing and exporting minerals and environmental protection. In order to commence exploitation of certain properties presently held under exploration concessions, it is necessary for the Company to apply for an exploitation concession. There can be no guarantee that such a concession will be granted.

#### *Financing Risks*

There is no assurance given by the Company that it will be able to secure the financing necessary to explore, develop and produce its mineral properties.



## 1.12 Risk Factors *Financing Risks (continued)*

The Company does not presently have sufficient financial resources or operating cash-flow to undertake by itself all of its planned exploration and development programs. The development of the Company's properties may therefore depend on the Company's joint venture partners and on the Company's ability to obtain additional required financing. There is no assurance the Company will be successful in obtaining the required financing, the lack of which could result in the loss or substantial dilution of its interests (as existing or as proposed to be acquired) in its properties as disclosed herein. The Company's ability to continue as a going concern is dependent on continued financial support from its shareholders and other related parties, the ability of the Company to raise equity capital financing, and the attainment of profitable operations, external financings and further share issuance to satisfy working capital and operating needs.

### ***Estimates of Mineral Deposits***

There is no assurance given by the Company that any estimates of mineral deposits herein will not change.

Although all figures with respect to the size and grade of mineralized deposits, or, in some instances have been prepared, reviewed or verified by independent mining experts, these amounts are estimates only and no assurance can be given that any identified mineralized deposit will ever qualify as a commercially viable mineable ore body that can be legally and economically exploited. Estimates regarding mineralized deposits can also be affected by many factors such as permitting regulations and requirements, weather, environmental factors, unforeseen technical difficulties, unusual or unexpected geological formations and work interruptions. In addition, the grade of ore ultimately mined may differ from that indicated by drilling results. There can be no assurance that gold recovered in small-scale laboratory tests will be duplicated in large-scale tests under on-site conditions. Material changes in mineralized tonnages, grades, stripping ratios or recovery rates may affect the economic viability of projects. The existence of mineralized deposits should not be interpreted as assurances of the future delineation of ore reserves or the profitability of future operations. The presence of clay in the mineralized material may adversely affect the economic recovery of gold from the mining operations planned at properties in Suriname. The refractory nature of gold mineralization at New Polaris may adversely affect the economic recovery of gold from mining operations.

### ***Mineral Prices***

There is no assurance given by the Company that mineral prices will not change.

The mining industry is competitive and mineral prices fluctuate so that there is no assurance, even if commercial quantities of a mineral resource are discovered, that a profitable market will exist for the sale of same. Factors beyond the control of the Company may affect the marketability of any substances discovered. The prices of precious and base metals fluctuate on a daily basis, have experienced volatile and significant price movements over short periods of time, and are affected by numerous factors beyond the control of the Company, including international economic and political trends, expectations of inflation, currency exchange fluctuations (specifically, the U.S. dollar relative to other currencies), interest rates, central bank transactions, world supply for precious and base metals, international investments, monetary systems, and global or regional consumption patterns (such as the development of gold coin programs), speculative activities and increased production due to improved mining and production methods. The supply of and demand for gold are affected by various factors, including political events, economic conditions and production costs in major gold producing regions, and governmental policies with respect to gold holdings by a nation or its citizens. The exact effect of these factors cannot be accurately predicted, and the combination of these factors may result in the Company not receiving adequate returns on invested capital or the investments retaining their respective values. There is no assurance that the prices of gold and other precious and base metals will be such that the Company's properties can be mined at a profit.

### ***Title Matters***

There is no assurance given by the Company that it owns legal title to its mineral properties.

The acquisition of title to mineral properties is a very detailed and time-consuming process. Title to any of the Company's mining concessions may come under dispute. While the Company has diligently investigated title considerations to its mineral properties, in certain circumstances, the Company has only relied upon representations of property partners and government agencies. There is no guarantee of title to any of the Company's properties. The properties may be subject to prior unregistered agreements or transfers, and title may be affected by unidentified and undetected defects. In British Columbia and elsewhere, native land claims or claims of aboriginal title may be asserted over areas in which the Company's properties are located.

## 1.12 *Risk Factors* (continued)

### ***Conflicts of Interest***

There is no assurance given by the Company that its directors and officers will not have conflicts of interest from time to time.

The Company's directors and officers may serve as directors or officers of other public resource companies or have significant shareholdings in other public resource companies and, to the extent that such other companies may participate in ventures in which the Company may participate, the directors of the Company may have a conflict of interest in negotiating and concluding terms respecting the extent of such participation. The interests of these companies may differ from time to time. In the event that such a conflict of interest arises at a meeting of the Company's directors, a director who has such a conflict will abstain from voting for or against any resolution involving any such conflict. From time to time several companies may participate in the acquisition, exploration and development of natural resource properties thereby allowing for their participation in larger programs, permitting involvement in a greater number of programs and reducing financial exposure in respect of any one program. It may also occur that a particular company will assign all or a portion of its interest in a particular program to another of these companies due to the financial position of the company making the assignment. In accordance with the laws of the Province of British Columbia, Canada, the directors of the Company are required to act honestly, in good faith and in the best interests of the Company. In determining whether or not the Company will participate in any particular exploration or mining project at any given time, the directors will primarily consider the upside potential for the project to be accretive to shareholders, the degree of risk to which the Company may be exposed and its financial position at that time.

### ***Uninsured Risks***

There is no assurance given by the Company that it is adequately insured against all risks.

The Company may become subject to liability for cave-ins, pollution or other hazards against which it cannot insure or against which it has elected not to insure because of high premium costs or other reasons. The payment of such liabilities would reduce the funds available for exploration and mining activities.

### ***Environmental and other Other Regulatory Requirements***

There is no assurance given by the Company that it has met all environmental or regulatory requirements.

The current or future operations of the Company, including exploration and development activities and commencement of production on its properties, require permits from various foreign, federal, state and local governmental authorities and such operations are and will be governed by laws and regulations governing prospecting, development, mining, production, exports, taxes, labour standards, occupational health, waste disposal, toxic substances, land use, environmental protection, mine safety and other matters. Companies engaged in the development and operation of mines and related facilities generally experience increased costs, and delays in production and other schedules as a result of the need to comply with applicable laws, regulations and permits. There can be no assurance that approvals and permits required in order for the Company to commence production on its various properties will be obtained. Additional permits and studies, which may include environmental impact studies conducted before permits can be obtained, are necessary prior to operation of the other properties in which the Company has interests and there can be no assurance that the Company will be able to obtain or maintain all necessary permits that may be required to commence construction, development or operation of mining facilities at these properties on terms which enable operations to be conducted at economically justifiable costs.

Failure to comply with applicable laws, regulations, and permitting requirements may result in enforcement actions including orders issued by regulatory or judicial authorities causing operations to cease or be curtailed, and may include corrective measures requiring capital expenditures, installation of additional equipment or remedial actions. Parties engaged in mining operations may be required to compensate those suffering loss or damage by reason of the mining activities and may have civil or criminal fines or penalties imposed for violations of applicable laws or regulations. New laws or regulations or amendments to current laws, regulations and permits governing operations and activities of mining companies, or more stringent implementation of current laws, regulations or permits, could have a material adverse impact on the Company and cause increases in capital expenditures or production costs or reduction in levels of production at producing properties or require abandonment or delays in development of new mining properties.



### **1.12 Risk Factors (continued)**

#### ***Foreign Countries and Regulatory Requirements***

Many of the Company's properties are located in countries outside of Canada, and mineral exploration and mining activities may be affected in varying degrees by political stability and government regulations relating to the mining industry. Any changes in regulations or shifts in political attitudes may vary from country to country and are beyond the control of the Company and may adversely affect its business. Such changes have, in the past, included nationalization of foreign owned businesses and properties. Operations may be affected in varying degrees by government regulations with respect to restrictions on production, price controls, export controls, income and other taxes and duties, expropriation of property, environmental legislation and mine safety. These uncertainties may make it more difficult for the Company and its joint venture partners to obtain any required production financing for its mineral properties.

#### ***Currency Fluctuation and Foreign Exchange Controls***

The Company maintains a portion of its funds in U.S. dollar denominated accounts. The majority of the Company's property and related contracts are denominated in U.S. dollars. The Company's operations in countries other than Canada are normally carried out in the currency of that country and make the Company subject to foreign currency fluctuations and such fluctuations may materially affect the Company's financial position and results. In addition future contracts may not be denominated in U.S. dollars and may expose the Company to foreign currency fluctuations and such fluctuations may materially affect the Company's financial position and results. In addition, the Company is or may become subject to foreign exchange restrictions which may severely limit or restrict its ability to repatriate capital or profits from its properties outside of Canada to Canada. Such restrictions have existed in the past in countries in which the Company holds property interests and future impositions of such restrictions could have a materially adverse effect on the Company's future profitability or ability to pay dividends.

#### ***Third Party Reliance***

The Company's rights to acquire interests in certain mineral properties have been granted by third parties who themselves hold only an option to acquire such properties. As a result, the Company may have no direct contractual relationship with the underlying property holder.

### **1.13 Controls and Procedures**

#### ***Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures***

Based upon the evaluation of the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures regarding the Company's audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2004 and this MD&A, the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that the disclosure controls and procedures were effective to ensure that material information relating to the Company was made known to others within the company particularly during the period in which this report and accounts were being prepared, and such controls and procedures were effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports that it files or submits under regulatory rules and securities laws is recorded, processed, summarized and reported, within the time periods specified. Management of the Company recognizes

### **1.14 Additional Information**

Additional information relating to the Company are as follows:

- (a) may be found on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com);
- (b) may be found in the Company's annual information form; and
- (c) is also provided in the Company's financial statements for its most recently completed financial year ended December 31, 2004.

# Management Team & Board of Directors



**Bradford Cooke, M.Sc., P.Geo., President, CEO and Director**, is a professional geologist with 29 years experience in the mining industry, focusing on the financing, acquisition, exploration and development of mining projects world-wide.



**Derek Bullock, P.Eng., Director**, is a mining engineer who brings over 40 years of mine operating, engineering, and consulting experience and resource company management to the Board of Directors.



**Leonard Harris, Metallurgical Engineer, Director**, is a professional engineer with a metallurgy diploma and over 50 years experience in all aspects of mineral processing and mining operations, including the construction of the Yanacocha gold mine in Peru



**Chris Theodoropoulos, L.L.B., Director**, is a securities lawyer with over 20 years experience in mining, corporate and securities law, specializing in the start-up and management of resource companies and the resolution of commercial disputes.



**Godfrey Walton, M.Sc., P.Geo., Vice President, Exploration**, is a professional geologist with 31 years experience in the mining sector, specializing in the exploration and development of ore deposits throughout the Americas.



**Philip Yee, M.B.A., C.P.A., C.G.A., Manager, Finance and Controller**, is a certified general accountant with an MBA degree and 16 years experience in corporate management, regulatory reporting, accounting, auditing and taxation.



**James Moors, B.Sc., P.Geo., Manager, Exploration**, is a professional geologist with 17 years experience in the minerals industry, specializing in exploration for and discovery of precious metal deposits in North America.



**Bruce Bried, B.Sc., P.Eng., Consultant Mining**, is a professional engineer with over 30 years experience in mine engineering, operations, and reclamation, especially for underground, high grade vein gold and silver mines in North America.



**Gregg Wilson, M.SCI., Manager, Investor Relations**, is a corporate communications professional with over 10 years experience in the natural resource sector as well as an extensive background in business administration and management.



**Stewart Lockwood, L.L.B., M.B.A., Secretary and Legal Counsel**, is a securities lawyer with an MBA degree and 20 years experience in corporate and securities law, business management and stock exchange listings.





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