



# **SANDY LAKE GOLD INC.**

Management's Discussion and Analysis  
**Annual and Fourth Quarter  
Report 2018**

For the year ended May 31, 2018

## **Introduction**

The following management's discussion and analysis ("MD&A") of the financial condition and results of the operations of Sandy Lake Gold Inc. (formerly Lago Dourado Minerals Ltd.) ("Sandy Lake" or the "Company") constitutes management's review of the factors that affected the Company's financial and operating performance for the year ended May 31, 2018. This MD&A was written to comply with the requirements of National Instrument 51-102 – Continuous Disclosure Obligations. This discussion should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements of the Company for the years ended May 31, 2018 and 2017, together with the notes thereto. All dollar figures are reported in Canadian dollars, unless otherwise specified. The Company's audited annual financial statements and the financial information contained in this MD&A are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB") and interpretations of the IFRS Interpretations Committee. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (which consist only of normal recurring adjustments) considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. Information contained herein is presented as of September 20, 2018, unless otherwise indicated.

For the purposes of preparing this MD&A, management, in conjunction with the Board of Directors (the "Board"), considers the materiality of information. Information is considered material if: (i) such information results in, or would reasonably be expected to result in, a significant change in the market price or value of Sandy Lake common shares; (ii) there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable investor would consider it important in making an investment decision; or (iii) it would significantly alter the total mix of information available to investors. Management, in conjunction with the Board, evaluates materiality with reference to all relevant circumstances, including potential market sensitivity.

Additional information relating to the Company is available free of charge on the System for Electronic Document Analysis and Retrieval (SEDAR) website at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

## **Description of Business**

Sandy Lake was incorporated as 7177411 Canada Corporation on May 21, 2009 under the laws of Canada. The Company is a Canadian based exploration company focused on the acquisition of mineral exploration projects. On July 21, 2016, the Company filed articles of amendment to change its name from "Lago Dourado Minerals Ltd." to "Sandy Lake Gold Inc.". The common shares are publicly traded on the TSX Venture Exchange ("TSX-V") under the symbol SLAU.

The head office, principal address and records office of the Company are located at 141 Adelaide Street West, Suite 1101, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, M5H 3L5.

At May 31, 2018, the Company had a working capital deficit of \$102,325 (May 31, 2017 – working capital of \$242,552). The Company had accumulated losses of \$32,418,506 (May 31, 2017 - \$31,818,291) and expects to incur further losses in the development of its business.

While the Company has been successful in securing financing to support past business activities, there is no assurance that it will be able to do so in the future. The Company will require additional financing in order to complete its planned work programs on mineral properties, meet its ongoing levels of corporate overhead and discharge its liabilities as they come due. Accordingly, the financial statements do not reflect the adjustments to the carrying values of assets and liabilities and the reported expenses and financial position classifications that would be necessary were the going concern assumption inappropriate.

Sandy Lake currently controls approximately 42,000 hectares / 104,000 acres of contiguous mineral claim holdings in the Sandy Lake Greenstone Belt. In 2014, a limited drill program in the western part of the claim package returned high grade gold intercepts of 12.86 Au g/t over 6.85 meters and 12.17 Au g/t over

6.2 meters. (Goldeye Exploration Limited ("Goldeye") press release April 9, 2014 available at SEDAR.com).

The Company has recently completed a VTEM airborne and ground geophysics surveys over the Phase 1 target areas. In February 2018, the Company signed a 5,000 meter drill contract and has mobilized all necessary equipment for the project. The Company is currently negotiating an Exploration Agreement with the First Nation communities, whose Traditional Territories encompass the project.

## **Operational Highlights**

### **Corporate**

During the year ended May 31, 2018, the Company earned no revenue and reported a loss of \$600,215 with basic and diluted loss per share of \$0.01. This compares to loss of \$770,388 with basic and diluted loss per share of \$0.01 for the year ended May 31, 2017. On an ongoing basis, the Company will review and evaluate new opportunities to acquire other mineral properties.

On July 19, 2017, the Company closed a non-brokered private placement pursuant to which it issued an aggregate of 7,500,000 units ("Units") and 7,500,000 special warrants ("Special Warrants") at a price of \$0.05 per Unit and \$0.05 per Special Warrant to raise aggregate gross proceeds of \$750,000.

Each Unit consists of one common share of the Company and one share purchase warrant (a "Warrant"), with each Warrant entitling the holder thereof to acquire one additional share at an exercise price of \$0.10 for a period of 24 months.

Mr. Patrick Sheridan purchased 7,500,000 Special Warrants in the private placement. Each Special Warrant will automatically convert into one Unit without any additional payment or action by the holder on the date upon which the Company receives shareholder approval for Mr. Sheridan and his associates to become "control persons" of the Company (within the meaning of the regulations of the TSX-V). The Company proposes to seek such shareholder approval at its next annual meeting of shareholders, by ordinary resolution of the disinterested shareholders.

On November 17, 2017, the Company closed a non-brokered private placement pursuant to which it issued 3,000,000 Units and 5,000,000 Special Warrants to raise aggregate gross proceeds of \$400,000.

Mr. Patrick Sheridan purchased 5,000,000 Special Warrants in the private placement.

On January 9, 2018, the 12,500,000 Special Warrants owned by Patrick Sheridan were converted into 12,500,000 Units since the Company received shareholder approval at its annual general meeting of shareholders. As a result, Patrick Sheridan owns 25,368,148 common shares (26.9%) of the Company.

On February 5, 2018, the Company announced the retirement of Alexander Po as non-executive director and the addition of Michael J. Desmeules to the Board.

On February 28, 2018, the Company completed a non-brokered private placement pursuant to which it issued 10,000,000 units at a price of \$0.055 per unit to raise aggregate gross proceeds of \$550,000. Each unit consisted of one common share of the Company and one share purchase warrant, with each such warrant exercisable to acquire one additional share at an exercise price of \$0.10 for a period of 24 months from the closing of the non-brokered private placement.

On March 6, 2018, the Company granted an aggregate of 1,100,000 stock options to a director and a consultant pursuant to the Company's Stock Option Plan. The options have an exercise price of \$0.09 per

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share and an expiry date of March 6, 2023, and vesting as to 25% immediately and 25% after each of 6, 12, and 18 months after date of grant.

On May 15, 2018, the Company completed a non-brokered private placement pursuant to which it issued 5,000,000 units at a price of \$0.05 per unit to raise aggregate gross proceeds of up to \$250,000. Each unit consisted of one common share of the Company and one share purchase warrant, with each such warrant exercisable to acquire one additional share at an exercise price of \$0.10 for a period of 24 months from the closing of the non-brokered private placement.

On May 31, 2018, Mike Desmeules resigned from the Board.

On August 10, 2018, 50,000 warrants with an exercise price of \$0.10 were exercised for gross proceeds of \$5,000.

On September 18, 2018, the Company announced that it proposed to increase the number of shares issued in its previously announced non-brokered private placement (see press release dated September 12, 2018). It now plans to issue up to 4,700,000 units at a price of \$0.06 per unit to raise aggregate gross proceeds of up to \$282,000. Each unit shall consist of one common share of the Company and one share purchase warrant, with each such warrant exercisable to acquire one additional common share at an exercise price of \$0.10 for a period of 36 months from the closing of the offering. Insiders of the Company may subscribe for up to 3,800,000 units of the offering. The offering remains subject to the receipt of all applicable regulatory approvals.

#### **Exploration Update for Mining Interests**

On January 22, 2018, the Company announced that it acquired by staking, an additional 806 claim units adjacent to the Sandy Lake Project. Treasury Metals Inc. was notified of the said acquisition in accordance with Sec 8.2 of Option Agreement April 2015 and elected not to participate in the 806 claim units.

On February 5, 2018, the Company announced that it completed a ground magnetic survey on portions of the Weebigee area, in the western part of the Sandy Lake Gold District. The recently completed project consisted of ground magnetics over 375 line km. at the NW Arm and Stain River prospects. Results from this survey are currently being analysed and interpreted to assist in the identification of areas of follow up drilling.

The NW Arm area was the subject of a 2,000 m diamond drilling program in 2014. This program encountered significant gold intersections in several of the drill holes, including hole BK14-16 (8.59 g/t over 6.83 m) and BK 14-18 (23.15 g/t over 3.97 m) (see Goldeye March 17, 2014 press release available at SEDAR [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com)).

Sandy Lake's current holdings encompass approximately 50 km of banded iron formation structure which the Company believes to be highly prospective for gold mineralization. The Company's geological and economic models are based on Goldcorp's Musslewhite Mine located 200 km south-east of the project. The Musslewhite Mine is a bulk mineable underground mine which has historical production of 4.4 M oz/Au and currently hosts total reserves of 3.3 M oz/Au. @ grade of 5.92 g/t.

In early 2018, the Company mobilized a drill rig and related equipment to the Weebigee Project site on a winter road in preparation for conducting exploration drilling. After the mobilization was complete, the Company was advised by the First Nations that their community was not prepared to authorize access to the land for the purpose of exploration and the Company immediately ceased work. The Company issued a press release on April 23, 2018 announcing the declaration of an event of force majeure pursuant to the

Option Agreement relating to the Property (as defined in the Option Agreement) at the Weebigee Project due to inability to work on or near, or have any access to the land relating to the Property.

In or about May 24, 2018, the Company acquired by map staking an additional 30 single cell claim units (approx.450 hectares/1100 acres) contiguous to existing Additional Claims at SE region of Claim package. Treasury Metals Inc. was notified of the said acquisition in accordance with Sec 8.2 of Option Agreement April 2015 and elected to participate in the 30 cell claim units.

### **Goldeye Arbitration**

In July 2016, Sandy Lake declared an event of force majeure under the terms of the option agreement between GPM Metals Inc. and Sandy Lake ("Option Agreement") dated as of April 15, 2015 with Goldeye in respect of the Sandy Lake Project. The event of force majeure resulted from the positions taken by local First Nations and discussions with the Government of Ontario, which rendered it necessary for Sandy Lake to cease all work on the Sandy Lake Project until such time as appropriate consultation with the First Nations Bands in the region could be completed.

On or about September 14, 2016, Goldeye served Sandy Lake with a notice of arbitration (the "Notice"). Sandy Lake disputes the allegations made by Goldeye contained in the notice of arbitration and has defended, and intends to continue to defend, its position accordingly. The arbitration has been bifurcated into two hearings: (i) one which commenced on May 8, 2017, to deal only with the declaration of force majeure; and (ii) the other which was scheduled to commence in December 2017 to deal with all other issues, including whether Goldeye met the conditions necessary to exercise the option on the additional interest, which consist of a 100% interest in the 1,421 contiguous claim units known as the East Block, and whether Sandy Lake incurred the required minimum expenditures under the Option Agreement. For each of the aforesaid two hearings, the arbitral tribunal has set a schedule and the arbitration is moving forward as scheduled.

The Arbitrators made an award with regard to the May 8, 2017 hearing as disclosed in the press release dated September 20, 2017. The Arbitral decision found that:

- (a) A force majeure event under the Option Agreement occurred and was declared on July 27, 2016;
- (b) The force majeure event existed continuously, without change, until June 7, 2017;
- (c) The force majeure event was not with the control of Sandy Lake; and,
- (d) The failure of Sandy Lake to comply with its obligations under the Option Agreement to incur the required exploration work expenditures of \$1,000,000 by April 15, 2017 was caused by or arose out of the force majeure event.

On or about February 9, 2018, the Arbitration panel made a partial award in Sandy Lake's favour that: (a) the effective date of the Option Agreement is May 5, 2015; and, (b) that as a result of the force majeure, the date by which Sandy Lake is required to incur \$1,000,000 in exploration work expenditures in accordance with the Option Agreement is June 28, 2018.

There were a number of findings in the reasons for the award that will assist the Company as it manages its operations, including that (a) Sandy Lake can unilaterally communicate and manage the issues on site with the First Nations; and (b) Goldeye has no basis under the Option Agreement to control or direct any of Sandy Lake's exploration work.

The Arbitration resumed its hearings in January and February 2018 on the remaining matters.

On July 9, 2018, the Company announced a partial award in the Arbitration Proceedings with Goldeye. The Arbitral Tribunal has ruled in favour of the Company on all substantive issues (see press release dated July 9, 2018).

The two main issues were the amount of first year expenditures and whether Goldeye exercised an option to participate as a 50% joint venture with the Company in the ownership of a large group of claims staked around the original Weebigee project in 2015. Goldeye, which initiated the proceedings, had alleged that the Company had failed to incur minimum first year expenditures of \$500,000 on the Weebigee property as required by the May 2015 option agreement. The Arbitral Tribunal panel ruled that in fact the Company had incurred expenditures of \$1,292,130 in the first year.

Significantly, the Tribunal also ruled that Goldeye failed to fulfill the conditions for participating as a joint venturer in the surrounding mineral claim land package of approximately 80,000 acres (2,210 claim units), and that Goldeye has no ownership or any other rights over or interests in these claims.

### **Outlook**

With the successful result in the arbitration proceedings to date, the Company will advance the Sandy Lake Project by completing consultations with the First Nations groups in the project area with a view to regaining access to the exploration claims for the purposes of drilling and other exploration activities and to lifting the Force Majeure declared on April 23, 2018. The Company will begin exploration drilling and other exploration activities on its claim package as soon thereafter as practicable.

The Company will fund these exploration activities by pursuing its entitlement to legal and arbitration costs from Treasury Metals Inc. under the partial arbitration award together with the monies raised in the recently announced private placement. In addition, the Company plans to pursue its outstanding counterclaim against Goldeye that is still pending before the arbitration panel.

### **Trends**

Management regularly monitors economic conditions and estimates their impact on the Company's operations and incorporates these estimates in both short-term operating and longer-term strategic decisions. In 2017 and 2018, equity markets in the junior resource sector, particularly the TSX-V, showed signs of improvement, with mining equity values increasing significantly during this period. Strong equity markets generally provide favourable conditions for completing a public merger, financing or acquisition transaction.

Apart from these and the risk factors noted under the heading "Risk Factors" and "Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements", management is not aware of any other trends, commitments, events or uncertainties that would have a material effect on the Company's business, financial condition or results of operations.

### **Capital Resources**

The Company does not have operations that generate cash flow and its long term financial success is dependent on management's ability to discover and develop economically viable mineral deposits. The mineral exploration process can take many years and is subject to factors that are beyond the Company's control.

In order to fund the Company's exploration and development programs and to cover administrative and overhead expenses, the Company raises money through equity sales and from the exercise of stock options and warrants. Although the Company has been successful in the past in obtaining financing to

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fund its exploration activities, there can be no assurance that it will be able to obtain adequate financing in the future or that the terms of such financing will be favourable. Many factors influence the Company's ability to raise funds, including the health of the resource market, the climate for mineral exploration investment, the Company's track record and the experience and calibre of its management.

The Company currently has sufficient financial resources to maintain operations for approximately the next 12 months but cautions that there are significant risks, which are beyond the control of management, related to potential adverse capital market conditions for small early stage exploration companies that occur from time to time.

**Selected Annual Information**

The following table summarizes selected financial data of the Company for the three most recently completed financial years. The information set forth below should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements, prepared in accordance with the IFRS and related notes.

	<b>Year ended May 31, 2018</b>	<b>Year ended May 31, 2017</b>	<b>Year ended May 31, 2016</b>
Total revenues	\$nil	\$nil	\$nil
Total loss	\$(600,215)	\$(770,388)	\$(207,215)
Net loss per share – basic	\$(0.01)	\$(0.01)	\$(0.02)
Net loss per share – diluted	\$(0.01)	\$(0.01)	\$(0.02)
	<b>As at May 31, 2018</b>	<b>As at May 31, 2017</b>	<b>As at May 31, 2016</b>
Total assets	\$8,926,396	\$7,225,945	\$242,328
Total non-current financial liabilities	\$nil	\$nil	\$nil
Distribution of cash dividends	\$nil	\$nil	\$nil

- The net loss for the year ended May 31, 2018, consisted primarily of (i) stock-based compensation of \$162,643; (ii) wages and employee benefits of \$110,974; (iii) professional fees of \$76,325; and (iv) other working capital expenditures incurred to maintain the operations of the Company.
- The net loss for the year ended May 31, 2017, consisted primarily of (i) stock-based compensation of \$415,495; (ii) professional fees of \$128,651; (iii) wages and employee benefits of \$52,581; and (iv) other working capital expenditures incurred to maintain the operations of the Company.
- The net loss for the year ended May 31, 2016, consisted primarily of (i) professional fees of \$112,105; (ii) wages and employee benefits of \$32,575; (iii) unrealized loss on marketable securities of \$14,717; and (iv) other working capital expenditures incurred to maintain the operations of the Company.
- As the Company has no recurring revenue, its ability to fund its operations is dependent upon securing financing. See "Trends" above and "Risk Factors" below.

### Selected Quarterly Information

The following table sets out selected unaudited quarterly financial information of the Company and is derived from unaudited quarterly financial statements prepared by management in accordance with IFRS.

Three Months Ended	Total Revenue (\$)	Profit or Loss	
		Total (\$)	Basic and Diluted (Loss) Income Per Share (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>
2018-May 31	-	(187,999)	(0.00)
2018-February 28	-	(120,481)	(0.00)
2017-November 30	-	(161,845)	(0.00)
2017-August 31	-	(129,890)	(0.00)
2017-May 31	-	(192,103)	(0.00)
2017-February 28	-	(189,914)	(0.00)
2016-November 30	-	(282,964)	(0.00)
2016-August 31	-	(105,407)	(0.00)

<sup>(1)</sup> Per share amounts are rounded to the nearest cent, therefore aggregating quarterly amounts may not reconcile to year-to-date per share amounts.

Another factor that affects the Company's reported quarterly results are reductions in the carrying value of the Company's mineral properties as the result of impairments. The carrying values of the Company's mineral properties are reviewed for potential impairment when circumstances indicate that a potential impairment exists. The size and timing of these impairments can significantly affect the Company's quarterly financial results and cannot be predicted.

### Discussion of Operations

#### Three months ended May 31, 2018, compared with the three months ended May 31, 2017

The Company's net loss totaled \$187,999 for the three months ended May 31, 2018, with basic and diluted loss per share of \$0.00. This compares with a net loss of \$192,103 with basic and diluted loss per share of \$0.00 for the three months ended May 31, 2017. The decrease in net loss of \$4,104 was principally due to the following:

- During the three months ended May 31, 2018, share-based compensation decreased by \$70,478 compared to the three months ended May 31, 2017. The decrease is due to the timing of expensing the estimated fair value of stock options granted in prior and current periods. The Company expenses its stock options in accordance with the vesting terms of the options granted.
- Unrealized loss on marketable securities increased to \$18,801 during the three months ended May 31, 2018 (three months ended May 31, 2017 – gain of \$4,239). The 500,000 Crusader Resources Limited ("Crusader") shares were valued at \$36,937 using the closing share price on February 28, 2018 and was written down to \$18,136 to reflect a decrease in Crusader's share price as at May 31, 2018.
- During the three months ended May 31, 2018, wages and employee benefits increased to \$37,324 compared to \$15,187 for the comparable period. The increase of \$22,137 was primarily due to director fees paid to five directors during the current period compared to three directors in the

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comparative period. In addition, it also includes fees paid to an independent contractor during the current period. There was no independent contractor in the comparative period.

- Investor and community relations increased to \$5,736 for the three months ended May 31, 2018 (three months ended May 31, 2017 - \$2,570). The increase was primarily due to increased travel expenses.
- Professional fees increased to \$33,178 for the three months ended May 31, 2018 (three months ended May 31, 2017 - \$31,908).
- Consulting fees decreased to \$10,094 for the three months ended May 31, 2018 (three months ended May 31, 2017 - \$15,950). The decrease was primarily due to decreased in services provided by consultants.
- All other expenses related to general working capital.

Year ended May 31, 2018, compared with the year ended May 31, 2017

The Company's net loss totaled \$600,215 for the year ended May 31, 2018, with basic and diluted loss per share of \$0.01. This compares with a net loss of \$770,388 with basic and diluted loss per share of \$0.01 for the year ended May 31, 2017. The decrease in net loss of \$170,173 was principally due to the following:

- During the year ended May 31, 2018, share-based compensation decreased by \$252,852 compared to the year ended May 31, 2017. The decrease is due to the timing of expensing the estimated fair value of stock options granted in prior and current periods. The Company expenses its stock options in accordance with the vesting terms of the options granted.
- Unrealized loss on marketable securities increased to \$42,104 during the year ended May 31, 2018 (year ended May 31, 2017 – loss of \$1,419). The 500,000 Crusader shares were valued at \$60,240 using the closing share price on May 31, 2017 and was written down to \$18,136 to reflect a decrease in Crusader's share price as at May 31, 2018.
- During the year ended May 31, 2018, wages and employee benefits increased to \$110,974 compared to \$52,581 for the comparable period. The increase of \$58,393 was primarily due to director fees paid to five directors during the current period compared to three directors in the comparative period. In addition, it also includes fees paid to an independent contractor during the current period. There was no independent contractor in the comparative period.
- Investor and community relations increased to \$24,014 for the year ended May 31, 2018 (year ended May 31, 2017 - \$21,158). The increase was primarily due to increased travel expenses.
- Professional fees decreased to \$76,325 for the year ended May 31, 2018 (year ended May 31, 2017 - \$128,651).
- Consulting fees increased to \$51,144 for the year ended May 31, 2018 (year ended May 31, 2017 - \$42,331). The increase was primarily due to increased in services provided by consultants.
- All other expenses related to general working capital.

As at May 31, 2018, the Company had assets of \$8,926,396 and a net equity position of \$8,431,021. This compares with assets of \$7,225,945 and a net equity position of \$6,952,624 at May 31, 2017. At May 31, 2018, the Company had \$495,375 of current liabilities (May 31, 2017 - \$273,321).

At May 31, 2018, the Company had working capital deficit of \$102,325 (May 31, 2017 – working capital of \$242,552). The Company had cash of \$312,977 at May 31, 2018 (May 31, 2017 - \$364,834). The decrease in working capital of \$344,877 from May 31, 2017 to May 31, 2018, is primarily due to proceeds from the private placements of \$1,950,000 which was offset by operating, mining interest expenses and administration costs.

## **Cash Flow**

At May 31, 2018, the Company had cash of \$312,977. The decrease in cash of \$51,857 from the May 31, 2017 cash balance of \$364,834 was a result of cash outflow in operating activities of \$144,552, cash outflow in investing activity of \$1,823,274 and cash inflow from financing activities of \$1,915,969. Operating activities were affected by adjustments of share-based compensation of \$162,643, unrealized loss on marketable securities of \$42,104 and net change in non-cash working capital balances of \$250,916 because of a decrease in amounts receivable of \$24,094, a decrease in prepaid expenses and deposits of \$4,768 and an increase in accounts payable and accrued liabilities of \$222,054. Investing activity consisted of mining interests expenditures of \$1,823,274. The main portion of mining interest expenditures consist of fees related to the arbitration for a total of \$977,878. Financing activities consisted of the proceeds of \$1,950,000 from non-brokered private placements which was offset by share issue costs of \$34,031.

## **Liquidity and Financial Position**

The activities of the Company, principally the acquisition, exploration, and development of properties prospective for base and precious minerals, are financed through the completion of equity transactions such as equity offerings and the exercise of stock options and warrants. The Company completed private placements of \$750,000 on July 19, 2017, \$400,000 on November 17, 2017, \$550,000 on February 28, 2018, and \$250,000 on May 15, 2018. No options or warrants were exercised during the year ended May 31, 2018. See "Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements" and "Risk Factors".

As at May 31, 2018, the Company had a working capital deficit of \$102,325 (May 31, 2017 – working capital of \$242,552). The Company's continuing operations are dependent on its ability to secure equity and/or debt financing, with which it intends to identify, evaluate and acquire interests in mineral properties. The circumstances that could affect the Company's ability to secure equity and/or debt financing that are reasonably likely to occur are, without limitation, as follows:

- the state of capital markets generally;
- the prevailing market prices for base and precious minerals;
- changes in laws, regulations and political conditions.

Future exploration expenditure on the Company's Weebigee Project will be carried out in a manner consistent with the order of the Arbitration panel as described in the Company's press release dated September 20, 2017, the successful outcome in the arbitration as set out in the reasons of the Arbitration panel on July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 (see press release dated July 9, 2018) and the successful ongoing consultations with the First Nations including the resolution of force majeure issues described in the Company's press release dated April 23, 2018.

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

As of the date of this MD&A, the Company does not have any off-balance-sheet arrangements that have, or are reasonably likely to have, a current or future effect on the results of operations or financial condition of the Company, including, and without limitation, such considerations as liquidity and capital resources.

## **Proposed Transactions**

There are no proposed transactions of a material nature being considered by the Company. The Company continues to evaluate properties and corporate entities that it may acquire in the future.

### **Related Party Transactions**

(a) The Company entered into the following transactions with related parties:

	<b>Year Ended May31, 2018 (\$)</b>	<b>Year Ended May 31, 2017 (\$)</b>
Marrelli Support Services Inc. ("Marrelli Support") (i)	18,222	25,078
	<b>18,222</b>	<b>25,078</b>

(i) On July 8, 2015, the Company entered into an accounting support services agreement with Marrelli Support wherein Marrelli Support provided, beginning July 8, 2015, certain accounting support services to the Company. On July 8, 2015, in connection with such agreement with Marrelli Support, the Company retained Ms. Marie-Josée Audet, a senior employee of Marrelli Support, as its Chief Financial Officer ("CFO"). As at May 31, 2018, Marrelli Support was owed \$1,716 (May 31, 2017 - \$1,695). These amounts are included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

(ii) In connection with the non-brokered private placement completed on July 19, 2017, the following transactions occurred:

- Michele McCarthy, Chair of the Company, subscribed for 500,000 Units;
- Daniel Noone, Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") and director of the Company, subscribed for 1,000,000 Units;
- Jon Douglas, director of the Company, subscribed for 100,000 Units; and
- Patrick Sheridan subscribed for 7,500,000 Special Warrants.

(iii) In connection with the non-brokered private placement completed on November 17, 2017, the following transactions occurred:

- Michele McCarthy, Chair of the Company, subscribed for 100,000 Units;
- Daniel Noone, CEO and director of the Company, subscribed for 400,000 Units; and
- Patrick Sheridan subscribed for 5,000,000 Special Warrants.

(iv) In connection with the non-brokered private placement completed on February 28, 2018, the following transactions occurred:

- Michele McCarthy, Chair of the Company, subscribed for 100,000 units;
- Daniel Noone, CEO and director of the Company, subscribed for 700,000 units;
- Michael Desmeules, director of the Company, subscribed for 400,000 units;
- Bruce Rosenberg, director of the Company, subscribed for 200,000 units; and
- Patrick Sheridan, a major shareholder purchased 4,900,000 units.

(v) In connection with the non-brokered private placement completed on May 15, 2018, the following transactions occurred:

- Daniel Noone, CEO and director of the Company, subscribed for 200,000 units;
- Michael Desmeules, director of the Company, subscribed for 100,000 units;
- Patrick Sheridan, a major shareholder purchased 2,400,000 units.

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(b) The Company has identified its directors and certain senior officers as its key management personnel. The compensation cost for key management personnel is as follows:

<b>Salaries and fees</b>	<b>Year Ended May31, 2018 (\$)</b>	<b>Year Ended May 31, 2017 (\$)</b>
Michele McCarthy, Chair	10,000	10,000
Alexander Po, former Director	5,000	8,614
Bruce Rosenberg, Director	10,000	8,614
Daniel Noone, CEO and Director	10,000	10,000
Jon Douglas, Director	10,000	10,000
Michael Desmeules, Director	5,000	nil
	<b>50,000</b>	<b>47,228</b>

<b>Share-based compensation</b>	<b>Year Ended May31, 2018 (\$)</b>	<b>Year Ended May 31, 2017 (\$)</b>
Michele McCarthy, Chair	19,887	60,138
Daniel Noone, CEO and Director	21,696	65,605
Jon Douglas, Director	19,887	60,138
Alexander Po, former Director	10,848	32,802
Bruce Rosenberg, Director	10,848	32,802
Michael Desmeules, Director	19,718	nil
Marie-Josée Audet, CFO	3,616	10,933
	<b>106,500</b>	<b>262,418</b>

(c) Major shareholder

To the knowledge of the directors and senior officers of the Company, as at May 31, 2018, no person or corporation beneficially owns or exercises control or direction over common shares of the Company carrying more than 10% of the voting rights attached to all common shares of the Company other than as set out below:

	<b>Number of common shares</b>	<b>Percentage of outstanding common shares</b>
Patrick Sheridan	27,768,148	27.93%

### **Capital Risk Management**

The Company considers its capital to consist of share capital, contributed surplus and deficit, in the definition of capital, which as at May 31, 2018, totaled \$8,431,021 (May 31, 2017 - \$6,952,624).

The Company's objective when managing capital is to maintain adequate levels of funding to support its exploration activities and to maintain corporate and administrative functions necessary to support operational activities.

The Company manages its capital structure in a manner that provides sufficient funding for operational activities. Funds are primarily secured through equity capital raised by way of private placements. During the year ended May 31, 2018, the Company completed private placements of \$1,950,000. There can be no assurances that the Company will be able to continue raising equity capital in this manner.

The Company invests all capital that is surplus to its immediate operational needs in short-term, liquid and highly rated financial instruments, such as cash and other short-term guaranteed deposits, and all are held in major financial institutions.

There were no changes to the Company's approach to capital risk management during the year.

### **Financial Instruments and Risk Factors**

The Company's risk management activities include the preservation of capital by minimizing risk related to its cash. The Company does not trade financial instruments for speculative purposes. The Company does not have a risk management committee or written risk management policies. The Company's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks: credit risk, liquidity risk, fair value and market risk (including interest rate risk, currency risk and price risk). There were no changes to the Company's policies and objectives for managing risk during the year.

#### **(a) Credit Risk**

Credit risk is the risk of loss associated with a counterparty's inability to fulfill its payment obligations. The Company is not exposed to any credit risks attributable to customers and does not engage in any sales activities.

The Company's cash are held in major Canadian and International financial institutions and the Company has no investment in non-bank asset-backed commercial paper.

#### **(b) Liquidity Risk**

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will not be able to meet its obligations associated with financial liabilities as they come due. The Company's investment policy is to invest its excess cash in high grade investment securities with varying terms to maturity, selected with regard to the expected timing of expenditures for continuing operations. Accounts payable and accrued liabilities are all current. The Company monitors its liquidity position and budgets future expenditures, in order to ensure that it will have sufficient capital to satisfy liabilities as they come due.

As at May 31, 2018, the Company had current liabilities of \$495,375 (May 31, 2017 - \$273,321) due within 12 months and has cash of \$312,977 (May 31, 2017 - \$364,834) to meet its current obligation. The Company regularly evaluates its cash position to ensure preservation and security of capital as well as maintenance of liquidity.

#### **(c) Fair Value**

Fair value estimates are made at a specific point in time, based on relevant market information and information about the financial instrument. These estimates are subjective in nature and involve uncertainties and matters of significant judgment and therefore cannot be determined with precision. Changes in assumptions could significantly affect estimates.

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The carrying values of amounts receivable and accounts payable and accrued liabilities approximate fair values due to the relatively short term maturities of these instruments.

(d) Market Risk

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates. The Company has no significant risk to future cash flows from interest rate risk. The Company does not use derivative instruments to reduce its exposure to interest rate risk.

Currency risk

The Company's functional and presentation currency is the Canadian dollar and major purchases are transacted in Canadian dollars. As a result, the Company is not exposed to foreign currency risk.

Price risk

The Company is exposed to price risk with respect to equity prices and commodity prices. Equity price risk is defined as the potential adverse impact on the Company's loss due to movements in individual equity prices or general movements in the level of stock market. Commodity price risk is defined as the potential adverse impact and economic value due to commodity price movements and volatilities.

The Company's marketable securities are subject to fair value fluctuations arising from changes in the equity markets and currently amount to \$18,136 (May 31, 2017 - \$60,240).

*Sensitivity Analysis*

Based on management's knowledge and experience of the financial markets, the Company believes the following movements are reasonably possible over a twelve month period:

(i) The Company's marketable securities are subject to fair value fluctuations. As at May 31, 2018, if the fair value of the Company's marketable securities had increased/decreased by 10% with all other variables held constant, profit and loss for the year ended May 31, 2018, would have been approximately \$2,000 (May 31, 2017 - \$6,000) lower/higher. Similarly, as at May 31, 2018, the Company's reported shareholders' equity would have been approximately \$2,000 (May 31, 2017 - \$6,000) higher/lower as a result of a 10% increase/decrease in marketable securities.

**Share Capital**

As at the date of this MD&A, the Company had a total of 99,477,982 common shares.

As at the date of this MD&A, an aggregate of 4,600,000 stock options are outstanding, 3,775,000 of which have vested. Each stock option entitles the holder to acquire one common share at a price of \$0.09 to \$0.15 per common share with an expiry date of October 19, 2021 to March 6, 2023.

As at the date of this MD&A, an aggregate of 37,950,000 warrants are outstanding. Each warrant entitles the holder to acquire one common share at a price of \$0.10 per common share with an expiry date of July 19, 2019 to May 15, 2020.

### **Changes in Accounting Policies**

IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers ("IFRS 15") was issued by IASB in May 2014 and will replace IAS 18 Revenue, IAS 11 Construction Contracts, and related interpretations on revenue. IFRS 15 establishes principles to address the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows arising from an entity's contracts with customers. The Company early adopted IFRS 15 with a date of initial application of June 1, 2017, resulting in no impact on its financial statements.

### **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

IFRS 9 Financial Instruments ("IFRS 9") was issued by the IASB in November 2009 with additions in October 2010 and May 2013 and will replace IAS 39 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement ("IAS 39"). IFRS 9 uses a single approach to determine whether a financial asset is measured at amortized cost or fair value, replacing the multiple rules in IAS 39. The approach in IFRS 9 is based on how an entity manages its financial instruments in the context of its business model and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial assets. Most of the requirements in IAS 39 for classification and measurement of financial liabilities were carried forward unchanged to IFRS 9, except that an entity choosing to measure a financial liability at fair value will present the portion of any change in its fair value due to changes in the entity's own credit risk in other comprehensive income, rather than within profit or loss. The new standard also requires a single impairment method to be used, replacing the multiple impairment methods in IAS 39. IFRS 9 is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2018. The Company does not anticipate the impact to be significant.

IFRS 16 Leases ("IFRS 16") was issued by IASB in January 2016. IFRS 16 is effective for periods beginning on or after January 1, 2019, with early adoption permitted. IFRS 16 eliminates the current dual model for lessees, which distinguishes between on-statement of financial position finance leases and off statement of financial position operating leases. Instead, there is a single, on statement of financial position accounting model that is similar to current finance lease accounting. The extent of the impact of adoption of IFRS 16 has not yet been determined.

### **Risk Factors**

An investment in the securities of the Company is highly speculative and involves numerous and significant risks. Such investment should be undertaken only by investors whose financial resources are sufficient to enable them to assume these risks and who have no need for immediate liquidity in their investment. Prospective investors should carefully consider the risk factors that have affected, and which in the future are reasonably expected to affect, the Company and its financial position.

The Company's business of mineral exploration has a high level of inherent risk associated with it. The Company's exploration activities may also be affected by changes in environmental and other governmental regulation.

The financial condition of the Company is influenced by a number of market risks. Fluctuations in market prices, foreign exchange rates and unit costs of production are the most significant risks experienced by the Company.

The Company purchases insurance to mitigate losses that may arise from certain liability and property risks. The cost of this insurance and the specific protection provided by the policies will vary from year to year depending on the conditions in the insurance market. The Company believes that the insurance program it has in place continues to prudently address its major liability and property risk exposures in the ordinary course of business.

Risks associated with operations are numerous and include environmental pollution, accidents or spills, industrial and transportation accidents, labour disputes, blockades, changes in regulatory environment, natural phenomena and unexpected geological conditions. Many of the foregoing risks and hazards could result in damage to, or destruction of the Company's mineral properties, personal injury or death, environmental damage, delays in or interruption of or cessation of production in its exploration or development activities.

The Company is subject to litigation risks. All industries, including the mining industry, are subject to legal claims, with and without merit. Defence and settlement costs of legal claims can be substantial, even with respect to claims that have no merit. Due to the inherent uncertainty of the litigation process, the resolution of any particular legal proceeding to which the Company is or may become subject could have a material effect on its financial position, results of operations or the Company's mining and project development operations.

The Company is subject to normal worker health, safety and environmental risks associated with its mining and exploration operations. The Board will oversee the health and safety of the Company's operations in order to mitigate potential hazards and optimize the health and safety of employees, contractors and the public in general. Operational changes are increasingly subject to regulatory approval that may include delays due to longer and more complex regulatory review and approval process. These increasing requirements are expected to continue to result in higher administration costs and capital expenditures for compliance.

First Nations in Ontario are increasingly making lands and rights claims in respect of existing and prospective resource projects on lands asserted to be First Nation traditional or treaty lands. Should a First Nation make such a claim in respect of the properties and should such claim be resolved by government or the courts in favour of the First Nation, it could materially adversely affect the business of the Company. In addition, consultation issues relating to First Nation interests and rights may impact the Company's ability to pursue exploration, development and mining at its projects and could result in costs and delays or materially restrict the Company's activities.

### **Disclosure Controls**

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

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

- i) controls and other procedures designed to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed by the issuer in its annual filings, interim filings or other reports filed or submitted under securities legislation is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in securities legislation; and

- ii) a process to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with the issuer's generally accepted accounting principles (IFRS). The Company's certifying officers are responsible for ensuring that processes are in place to provide them with sufficient knowledge to support the representations they are making in this certificate.

Investors should be aware that inherent limitations on the ability of certifying officers of a venture issuer to design and implement on a cost effective basis DC&P and ICFR as defined in NI 52-109 may result in additional risks to the quality, reliability, transparency and timeliness of interim and annual filings and other reports provided under securities legislation.

### **Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements**

This MD&A contains certain forward-looking information and forward-looking statements, as defined in applicable securities laws (collectively referred to herein as "forward-looking statements"). These statements relate to future events or the Company's future performance. All statements other than statements of historical fact are forward-looking statements. Often, but not always, forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of words such as "plans", "expects", "is expected", "budget", "scheduled", "estimates", "continues", "forecasts", "projects", "predicts", "intends", "anticipates" or "believes", or variations of, or the negatives of, such words and phrases, or statements that certain actions, events or results "may", "could", "would", "should", "might" or "will" be taken, occur or be achieved. Forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated in such forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements in this MD&A speak only as of the date of this MD&A or as of the date specified in such statement. The following table outlines certain significant forward-looking statements contained in this MD&A and provides the material assumptions used to develop such forward-looking statements and material risk factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements.

<b>Forward-looking statements</b>	<b>Assumptions</b>	<b>Risk factors</b>
Potential of the Company's properties to contain economic deposits of any mineral discovered	Financing will be available for future exploration and development of the Company's properties; the actual results of the Company's exploration and development activities will be favourable; operating, exploration and development costs will not exceed the Company's expectations; the Company will be able to retain and attract skilled staff; all requisite regulatory and governmental approvals for exploration projects and other operations will be received on a timely basis upon terms acceptable to the Company, and applicable political and economic conditions are favourable to the Company; the price of applicable minerals and applicable interest and exchange rates will be favourable to the Company; no title	Price volatility of any mineral discovered; uncertainties involved in interpreting geological data and confirming title to, and interests in, properties; the possibility that future exploration results will not be consistent with the Company's expectations; availability of financing for and actual results of the Company's exploration and development activities; increases in costs; environmental compliance and changes in environmental and other local legislation and regulation; interest rate and exchange rate fluctuations; changes in economic and political conditions; the Company's ability to retain and attract skilled staff; availability of permits

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	disputes exist with to the Company's properties	
While the Company has no source of revenue, it believes that it has sufficient cash resources to meet its expected general and administrative expenses for the twelve months, starting May 31, 2018, depending on future events  The Company expects to incur further losses in the development of its business	The operating activities of the Company for the next twelve months and beyond, starting from May 31, 2018, and the costs associated therewith, will be consistent with the Company's current expectations; debt and equity markets, exchange and interest rates and other applicable economic conditions are favourable to the Company	Changes in debt and equity markets; timing and availability of external financing on acceptable terms; changes in the operations currently planned for 2019; increases in costs; environmental compliance and changes in environmental and other local legislation and regulation; interest rate and exchange rate fluctuations; changes in economic conditions
The Company's ability to carry out anticipated exploration and maintenance on its property interests and its anticipated use of cash	The exploration and maintenance activities of the Company for the year ended May 31, 2019, and the costs associated therewith, will be consistent with the Company's current expectations; debt and equity markets, exchange and interest rates and other applicable economic conditions are favourable to the Company; satisfactory resolution of force majeure and arbitration matters concerning the Weebigee Project	Changes in debt and equity markets; timing and availability of external financing on acceptable terms; increases in costs; changes in the operations currently planned for 2019; environmental compliance and changes in environmental and other local legislation and regulation; interest rate and exchange rate fluctuations; changes in economic conditions; receipt of applicable permits; uncertainties relating to applicable First Nations matters and arbitration concerning the Weebigee Project
Plans, costs, timing and capital for future exploration and development of the Company's property interests, including the costs and potential impact of complying with existing and proposed laws and regulations	Financing will be available for the Company's exploration and development activities and the results thereof will be favourable; actual operating and exploration costs will be consistent with the Company's current expectations; the Company will be able to retain and attract skilled staff; all applicable regulatory and governmental approvals for exploration projects and other operations will be received on a timely basis upon terms acceptable to the Company; the Company will not be adversely affected by market competition; debt and equity markets, exchange and interest rates and other applicable economic and political conditions are favourable to the Company; the price of any applicable mineral will be	Price volatility of any mineral discovered, changes in debt and equity markets; timing and availability of external financing on acceptable terms; the uncertainties involved in interpreting geological data and confirming title to acquired properties; the possibility that future exploration results will not be consistent with the Company's expectations; increases in costs; environmental compliance and changes in environmental and other local legislation and regulation; interest rate and exchange rate fluctuations; changes in economic and political conditions; the Company's ability to retain and attract skilled staff; availability of permits; market competition; uncertainties relating to applicable First Nations matters and

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	favourable to the Company; no title disputes exist with respect to the Company's properties; satisfactory resolution of force majeure and arbitration matters concerning the Weebigee Project	arbitration concerning the Weebigee Project
Management's outlook regarding future trends, including the future price of any mineral discovered and availability of future financing	Financing will be available for the Company's exploration and operating activities; the price of applicable minerals will be favourable to the Company	Price volatility of any mineral discovered; changes in debt and equity markets; interest rate and exchange rate fluctuations; changes in economic and political conditions; availability of financing
Prices and price volatility for any mineral discovered	The price of any mineral discovered will be favourable; debt and equity markets, interest and exchange rates and other economic factors which may impact the price of any mineral discovered will be favourable	Changes in debt and equity markets and the spot price of any mineral discovered, if available; interest rate and exchange rate fluctuations; changes in economic and political conditions
Consultations with local First Nations for the Weebigee Project	The Company will engage appropriate consultation with local First Nations and with the Government of Ontario which will result in the Company resuming work on the Weebigee Project	Consultations with local First Nations may not result in the Company resuming work on the Weebigee Project or may result in significant additional costs to resume work on the Weebigee Project

Inherent in forward-looking statements are risks, uncertainties and other factors beyond Sandy Lake's ability to predict or control. Please also make reference to those risk factors referenced in the "Risk Factors" section above. Readers are cautioned that the above chart does not contain an exhaustive list of the factors or assumptions that may affect the forward-looking statements, and that the assumptions underlying such statements may prove to be incorrect. Actual results and developments are likely to differ, and may differ materially, from those expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements contained in this MD&A.

Forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause Sandy Lake's actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any of its future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by forward-looking statements. All forward-looking statements herein are qualified by this cautionary statement. Accordingly, readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. The Company undertakes no obligation to update publicly or otherwise revise any forward-looking statements whether as a result of new information or future events or otherwise, except as may be required by law. If the Company does update one or more forward-looking statements, no inference should be drawn that it will make additional updates with respect to those or other forward-looking statements, unless required by law.