

# LION ONE METALS LIMITED

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED MARCH 31, 2023

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## INTRODUCTION

The Management Discussion & Analysis ("MD&A") has been prepared by management and reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors on May 12, 2023. Set out below is a review of the activities, results of operations and financial condition of Lion One Metals Limited ("LIO", "Lion One", or the "Company") and its subsidiaries for the period ended March 31, 2023. The following discussion of performance, financial condition and future prospects should be read in conjunction with the Company's unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements for the period ended March 31, 2023 and the audited annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2022. Those financial statements are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board. This discussion covers the period ended March 31, 2023 and the subsequent period up to May 12, 2023, the date of preparation of this MD&A. Monetary amounts in the following discussion are in Canadian dollars unless otherwise noted. The Company is listed on the TSX Venture Exchange ("TSX-V") under the symbol LIO, on the Australian Securities Exchange ("ASX") under the symbol LLO, and on the OTCQX market under the symbol LOMLF.

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#### **OBJECTIVES AND OUTLOOK**

Lion One is focused on advancing premium quality gold assets in Fiji that has: high grades, scope, district scale, and depth potential, with access to infrastructure in a mining-friendly jurisdiction. The Tuvatu Gold Project ("Tuvatu") has received all of the mandatory regulatory approvals, including a 10-year renewable mining lease Special Mining Lease (SML 62) and a 21-year surface lease, for the complete development of mining and processing operations. In August 2022, SML 62 was extended for an additional 10-year renewable term to February 28, 2035. The 384.5 hectare Tuvatu mining lease is located near its epicentre and hosts the high grade, permitted for production, Tuvatu gold resource. Mineralization of the Tuvatu deposit is associated with the emplacement of an alkalic volcanic intrusive complex, with Navilawa Caldera being one of several large mineralized alkaline gold systems aligned along the Viti Levu Lineament, Fiji's gold corridor. The geologic setting of Tuvatu shares affinities with the Vatukoula deposit in the neighboring Tavua Caldera, where over seven million ounces of gold have been recovered since mining commenced at Vatukoula in 1933. In May 2019, SPL 1512 was issued for the Navilawa tenement and Lion One became the first company in modern times to consolidate and carry out systematic exploration over the entire 7km diameter Navilawa Caldera. The Project area consists of four contiguous exploration licenses covering approximately 13,613 hectares.

The Fijian Islands are located along the Pacific Island Arc, which hosts a number of other well-known major mineralized alkaline gold deposits systems such as the Lihir and Porgera gold deposits in Papua New Guinea. This variety of gold system is not prolific in number globally but are among the largest producers of gold in the world, with notable examples in the South Pacific including the Porgera (>25 million ounces gold) and Lihir (>40 million ounces gold) gold mines in Papua New Guinea, and Vatukoula in Fiji, 40km from Tuvatu. A North American example is the Cripple Creek gold mine in Colorado. These deposits, like other alkaline hosted gold deposits, are associated with deep crustal magmas, alkaline rich alteration mineral assemblages, and are valued for their high grades and deep vertical profiles, resulting in large gold endowments.

The Company's objective is to work towards a near-term production start, concomitant with an aggressive exploration program aimed at the continued expansion of deep bonanza-grade resources for the eventual scaled-up development of a larger and richer resource base and prove the concept that the Tuvatu has the potential to become a gold camp with 10 to 20 million gold ounces. In 2019, the Company commenced a deep diamond drilling program targeting feeder structures at depth below the known Tuvatu mineralization and discovered the Deep Feeder 500 Zone ("500 Zone"), which supports the alkaline gold model and the concept that Tuvatu has high-grade gold mineralization extending and evolving at great depths. The Company will continue this deep hole drill program, up to depths of over 1,000m below the surface, to gain a better understanding of the underlying plumbing system which allowed a conduit for the gold-rich fluids from the base of the crust in that area.

The Company now utilizes eight full owned active diamond drilling rigs capable of operating year-round through the rainy season, and a fully operational, quick-response metallurgical and geochemical laboratory at its Fiji head office in Nadi,16km from the project site. Lion One will continue to focus on testing the deep extensions of new high-grade zones of mineralization discovered below Tuvatu in 2020 and shallow resource infill drilling from the surface and underground targeting areas of planned early production.



### HIGHLIGHTS AND SIGNIFICANT SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

#### March Quarter 2023 Exploration Summary:

During the quarter ended March 31, 2023, the Company completed 8,305.1 meters of diamond drilling in 38 completed holes, while a further 5 drill holes were still in progress. The Company is undertaking three tiers of drilling for exploration purposes:

1) shallow resource infill and grade control drilling from surface and underground targeting areas of planned early production

- 2) deep exploration drilling targeting lode extensions beneath the existing Tuvatu resource, and
- 3) regional target areas within the Navilawa caldera, such as Batiri Creek and Matanavatu.

An additional tier of drilling for geotechnical and metallurgical purposes has also been initiated in 2022 and remains ongoing.

March 2023 Quarter Exploration Summary				
Activity	Number			
# of drill holes completed	38			
# of drill holes in progress at end of Quarter	5			
# of meters drilled	8,305.1			
# of drill core samples submitted for analysis	16,138			
# of bulk density analyses from drill core	449			
# of channels excavated and sampled	35			
# of samples from channel sampling	152			
# of rock chip samples collected	136			
# of samples analyzed in Lion One Laboratory	16,253			

During the quarter ended March 31, 2023, the Company continued with its exploration program to confirm the potential for a multi-million ounce alkaline gold system. Two rigs remain focused on exploration drilling such as the deep feeder structure of the main Tuvatu mineralization and/or extensions of known lodes, three rigs are focused on grade control drill programs from underground and two rigs on infill drilling in areas earmarked for initial mining, and the remaining rig has primarily been utilized for geotechnical, water monitoring wells, and diamond drilling for the collection of metallurgical samples.

On January 25, 2023, the Company announced the results from drillholes TUG-147 and TUG-150 targeting the 500 Zone feeder mineralization. Highlight intercepts include:

- TUG-147: 11.10m at 10.67 g/t Au from 263.1 to 274.4m, including
  - 5.7m at 13.45 g/t Au, 1.2m at 51.18 g/t Au, and 4.2m at 9.86 g/t Au.
- TUG-150: 8.4m at 8.84 g/t Au, including
  - o 0.3m at 108.57 g/t Au and 1.2m at 14.71 g/t Au

Given the recent results from the deep drilling program, the Company believes it may add to the overall resource of the Tuvatu orebody. The Company plans to continue additional drilling to test the lateral and vertical extents of this zone which remains open in all directions.

On April 3, 2023, the Company announced the start of mining at Tuvatu by way of extraction of near-surface, highgrade gold bearing mineralization from the URA1 lode. The URA1 lode discovery, first announced on December 8, 2022 had been defined by diamond drilling and subsequently by underground mapping and chip-channel sampling. By end of March 2023, a total of approximately 30m of strike as well as a 9m rise had been developed along this lode, totaling approximately 475 tonnes of mineralized material extracted. The material extracted from this drive represents the first modern extraction from the Tuvatu deposit, and as such represents a significant milestone for the Company.

On April 25, 2023, the Company announced the new high-grade results from grade control drilling at the Company's 100% owned Tuvatu Alkaline Gold Project in Fiji. Following on the initial mining and extraction of the URA1 lode, the Company reported new high-grade results from grade control drilling on the URW1 lode system, approximately 120m to the east of the URA1 lode. Strike drive development on URW1 commenced in April.



Highlights of new high-grade gold mineralization intersected by grade control drilling:

- 88.07g/t Au over 5.7m (including 1,396g/t Au over 0.3m) (TGC-0034)
  - 27.52g/t Au over 5.55m (TUG-056)
  - 20.93g/t Au over 7.2m (TGC-0003)
  - 16.12g/t Au over 9.3m (TGC-0014)
  - 16.48g/t Au over 9.6m (TGC-0002)
  - 14.6g/t Au over 6.6m (TGC-0032)
  - 14.97g/t Au over 5.4m (TGC-0018)
  - 10.85g/t Au over 6.9m (TGC-0013)

Close spaced grade control drilling has resulted in much higher resolution of the lode arrays as compared to previous infill drilling, including the identification of bonanza grade (>50g/t Au) zones. Visible gold observed in several drill holes.

The tightened drill pattern will facilitate optimized development and extraction of high-grade gold mineralization from the URW1 lodes while minimizing dilution. High-grade gold mineralization extracted from the URW1 lode system will contribute significantly to the growing high-grade stockpile constituting the initial feed for the Company's plant and processing facility, on schedule for start-up in Q4 2023.

## Surface Development for Pilot Plant

- All shipments for the 300 Tonne Per Day (TPD) pilot processing plant construction have been delivered. These include Sepro intensive leaching and gravity concentrator modulars, ball mills and other balance processing plant equipment, steel structure and platforms, steel structure of plant buildings, and bulk materials.
- Foundations for ball mill, intensive leaching, thickener, buffer tank, leaching warehouse, leaching systems, ElectroWinning (EW) warehouse, gold room, and cyanide warehouse are completed.
- Crusher ROM (Run of Mine) pad retaining wall completed with rock lining laid on both sides.
- Crusher substation platform completed.
- Screening tower and leaching warehouse streel structure installation are completed.
- Steel structure installation are in progress for crusher tower and cyanide warehouse.
- The two ball mills have been placed on foundations and are leveled.
- Gold room ground floor has been poured.
- Construction of mine workshop and mine change room have been completed and handed over for use.
- Sewage treatment plant has been commissioned and in operation.
- Makeup freshwater system completed and is operational.
- Tailings Storage Facility (TSF) north diversion channel completed.
- Filling TSF embankment continued and excavation within the TSF pond on going.
- Started the TSF sediment control pond area construction by breaking large boulders in this area.

#### Underground Mine Development

During the quarter ended March 2023, the Company achieved the following mining physicals:

- Total tonnes mined at 9,850, with 8,958 tonnes of waste and 892 tonnes of ore
- Total development meters achieved 181.8 meters, with waste development 146.5 meters, and ore drive development 35.3 meters.
- Advanced decline by 103.2 meters and vertical development by 9.2 meters

On April 3, 2023, the Company announced initial mining of near-surface, high-grade gold bearing mineralization has commenced from a recently discovered mineralized lode. To date, strike driving along the new lode totals 14 cuts for an estimated 475 tonnes, much of which has already been added to the Company's mining inventory stockpile.

#### Closed Financing Facility with Nebari

On January 19, 2023 the Company entered into a facility agreement with Nebari Gold Fund 1, LP, Nebari Natural Resources Credit Fund I, LP and Nebari Natural Resources Credit Fund II, LP (collectively, "Nebari"), with Nebari Collateral Agent, LLC as collateral agent and certain Lion One subsidiaries as guarantors, for a financing facility of up to US\$37,000,000 (the "Financing Facility"). The Financing Facility consists of a US\$35,000,000 senior secured first lien term Ioan (the "Loan Facility") and a US\$2,000,000 (\$2,687,800) equity investment ("the Equity Investment") in common shares of the Company.



#### Completed \$27 million bought deal placement

On May 11, 2023, the Company completed a bought deal offering of 29,350,000 units at a price of \$0.92 for gross proceeds of \$27,002,000.

#### **BACKGROUND AND CORE BUSINESS**

Lion One Metals Limited was incorporated on November 12, 1996, under the name X-Tal Minerals Corp. and under the laws of the Province of British Columbia, Canada. On January 28, 2011, the Company executed a reverse takeover of X-Tal by American Eagle Resources Inc. and changed its name to Lion One Metals Limited. Lion One is a reporting issuer in British Columbia and Alberta, with its common shares listed on the TSX Venture Exchange under the symbol "LIO", and a secondary listing of Chess Depository Interests "CDI's" on the Australian Stock Exchange "ASX" under the symbol "LLO". The Company's head office and principal address is 306 – 267 West Esplanade, North Vancouver, BC, V7M 1A5.

The Company's primary asset is the 100% held Tuvatu Gold Project, located 17 km from the Nadi International Airport on the main island of Viti Levu in Fiji. Discovered in 1987, Tuvatu is a high-grade underground gold project situated along the Viti Levu lineament, Fiji's own corridor of high-grade alkaline gold deposits. The Tuvatu resource covers a 5hectare footprint within the 384 hectare mining lease. The project contains numerous high-grade prospects proximal to Tuvatu, at depth, and up to 1.50 km along strike from the resource area, giving near-term production potential and further discovery upside on one of Fiji's largest and underexplored alkaline gold systems. The Tuvatu Project was acquired by Lion One in 2011 and has over 140,000 meters of drilling completed to date in addition to 1,600 meters of underground development. Concomitant with the mine development plan being undertaken, Lion One continues to pursue aggressive exploration drilling of newly defined feeder targets in proximity to the Tuvatu resource, including the prolific 500 Zone, as well as regional targets within the 6 km Navilawa caldera.

In 2019, the Company purchased all of the drilling equipment from Geodrill, a Fijian drilling company, and also employed several experienced drillers and offsiders from Geodrill. This strategic acquisition ensured the Company has available, cost-effective diamond drilling capabilities by operating these drills "in-house". In 2020-2021, the Company purchased three additional deep capacity diamond drill rigs and contracts a sixth diamond drill rig to accelerate the drilling program, with the capabilities to drill to depths beyond 1,000 meters. In March 2022, the Company purchased two additional deep capacity rigs which were delivered to Fiji in September 2022, which brings the total drill rig fleet to eight rigs.

The Company has encountered multiple high-grade intercepts from its high-grade feeder diamond drill program since 2020, which supports the alkaline gold model and the concept that Tuvatu has high-grade gold mineralization extending and evolving at great depths. The Company will continue this deep hole drill program, up to depths of over 1,000m below the surface, to gain a better understanding of the underlying plumbing system which allowed a conduit for the gold-rich fluids from the base of the crust in that area. Alkaline hosted gold deposits are known to extend to great depths, so there are many areas to explore. The Company is also infill drilling from surface and underground targeting areas of planned early production with the Phase 1 and 2 infill programs. Additional sampling, resampling and relogging of earlier diamond drill holes is an ongoing project. Trenching, mapping and sampling within the Company's tenement holding is also continuing.

In May 2019, SPL 1512 was issued for the Navilawa tenement for a 5-year term ending in 2024, which for the first time consolidated the ownership of the entire Navilawa mineral complex under a tenement package with the Tuvatu 384.5 hectare SML 62 Mining Lease at its center. A number of access tracks into the Navilawa tenement were completed and sampling of prospective zones continues with numerous additional targets identified to date. The Company has a large pipeline of drilling targets across the Navilawa Caldera and this program will include deep drilling, further geophysics, mapping and sampling, and targeted exploration of other prospects generated.

In 2019, the Company completed a specialized stream sediment sampling program using the BLEG ("Bulk Leach Extractable Gold") technique over the entire project area. The results from that BLEG sampling program indicates an extensive anomalous area within the northern part of the Navilawa caldera. Furthermore, to better define the underlying structural controls that hosts the high-grade vein network in the Navilawa Caldera, an initial controlled source audio-magnetotelluric ("CSAMT") geophysical program was also completed late in 2019. Following the interpretation of this CSAMT program, the deep drilling program was expanded to include targets identified from that survey. Lion One believes the Tuvatu region can host a deep, high-grade alkaline gold system associated with the interpreted underlying magma chamber beneath the Navilawa Caldera. In 2022-23, the Company contracted Zonge Engineering to carry out a second CSAMT geophysical survey designed to infill and add detail and resolution to the current CSAMT results. The Company also implemented a regional drill program aimed at drill-testing some of the anomalies derived from previous geophysical and geochemical survey results.



#### Closed Nebari Financing Facility and Drawdown Tranche 1 and Equity Raise

On January 19, 2023 the Company entered into a facility agreement with Nebari for a Financing Facility of up to US\$37,000,000. The Financing Facility consists of a US\$35,000,000 senior secured first lien Loan Facility and a US\$2,000,000 Equity Investment in common shares of the Company. The total amount of the Loan Facility will be funded in up to three tranches, with US\$23,000,000 funded on February 9, 2023 (Tranche 1), and an additional US\$12,000,000 available at the Company's option in up to two further tranches (Tranches 2 and 3) within 18 months of closing.

On February 9, 2023, the Company received total proceeds of US\$25,000,000 (\$33,597,500) from its Financing Facility, which was comprised of US\$23,000,000 (\$31,125,900) Tranche 1 loan facility and completion of the US\$2,000,000 (\$2,687,800) Equity Investment, with Nebari purchasing 3,125,348 common shares of the Company at a price of \$0.86 per share.

Interest on Tranche 1 is 8% (plus three-month secured overnight financing rate, as administered by Federal Reserve Bank of New York "SOFR"), and amortization is on the maturity date 42 months from the closing date on August 8, 2026, with no closing fees payable. Tranches 2 and 3 funding is subsequent to an 8% original issue discount and interest is 10% plus SOFR, with progressive amortization over 42 months from the Tranche 2 funding date, with closing fees equal to 2% of the amounts funded. The interest with respect to Tranche 1 will be capitalized and added to the principal amount outstanding of the loan facility from February 9, 2023 to March 31, 2024, with monthly interest payments beginning on March 31, 2024. The interest with respect to Tranche 2 and Tranche 3, commences on the Utilization Date in respect of Tranche 2 and ending on (inclusive) the earlier of: (i) the third Interest Payment Date following the utilization of Tranche 2; and (ii) June 30, 2024.

Following the first month in which the Tuvatu Project produces at least 2,000 ounces of gold, the Company shall pay to Nebari a royalty equal to 0.5% of the net smelter returns on the first 400,000 ounces (equivalent to 2,000 ounces) of gold produced and sold from the Tuvatu Project.

As part of the Tranche 1 loan facility with Nebari, the Company issued 15,333,087 warrants in the Company ("Tranche 1 Warrants") of the Company to Nebari, exercisable into common shares of the Company at a price of \$1.49 for a period of 42 months from issuance. The Tranche 1 Warrants are subject to an accelerator provision whereby the Company may accelerate the expiry date of up to 25% of the initial warrants in the event that the volume weighted average trading price of the common shares of the Company exceeds 100% over the strike price for a period of twenty consecutive days. The Company has the option to accelerate the expiry of further 25% portions of the warrants at fourmonth intervals, up to a maximum of 75% of the warrants issued.

The Company recognized \$5,194,865 of deferred debt costs for the fair value of the Tranche 1 Warrants. The fair value of the Tranche 1 warrants was determined using the Black-Scholes option pricing model using the following assumptions: risk free interest rate 2.99%, expected life of 3.5 years, annualized volatility 75% and dividend rate at nil. The Company also incurred deferred debt costs for professional and legal fees of \$850,832. The deferred debt costs will be amortized over the term of the Loan Facility on an effective interest basis.

All debts under the Loan Facility are guaranteed by the Company and it subsidiaries: American Eagle Resources, Inc., Laimes International Inc., Auksas Inc., and Lion One Pte Limited, and secured by the assets of the Company and pledges of the securities of the aforementioned Company's subsidiaries. The Loan Facility includes certain covenants that are calculated on last day of each calendar month. As at March 31, 2023, the Company was in compliance with all covenants.

#### Completed \$27 million bought deal placement

On May 11, 2023, the Company completed a bought deal offering of 29,350,000 units, at a price of \$0.92 per unit for gross proceeds of \$27,002,000. Each unit consists of a common share of the Company and one-half of one common share purchase warrant. Each whole common share warrant, may be exercised to purchase a common share at a price of \$1.25 until November 11, 2025. The Company also issued 1,755,000 non-transferable compensation options ("CO") to the underwriters, each CO is exercisable to purchase a common share at a price of \$0.92 until November 11, 2025.



#### **EXPLORATION PROGRAM**

### **Diamond Drilling**

During the quarter ended March 31, 2023, the Company continued its diamond drilling program, where it completed 8,305.1 meters of diamond drilling in 38 completed holes with 5 drill holes still in progress at the end of the quarter. The Company continues to advance its deposit-scale and regional diamond drilling program to demonstrate that the project has the potential to become a multi-million ounces gold camp, consistent with Tuvatu as an example of an alkaline gold mineralizing system. Alkaline gold systems typically have large gold endowments due to their high grade and deep vertical extents. Initially, Lion One intersected high grade gold mineralization in TUDDH493 late in 2019, and then once again returned very high-grade intersections in hole TUDDH500 and its two wedges in mid-2020 thereby discovering the 500 Zone Feeder. On June 6, 2022, the Company announced the discovery of a new major portion of the 500 Zone gold feeder including 20.86 g/t Au over 75.9m, from 443.4 to 519.3m from Hole TUG-141. TUG-141 was the longest high-grade intercept yet recorded at Tuvatu and the Company followed it up with holes TUDDH-601, with 12.22 g/t Au over 54.90m from 576.1-631.0m, and TUDDH608, with 17.52 g/t Au over 23.7m at from 594.5-618.2m.

Predominant vein minerals included a combination of quartz, biotite, potassium-rich feldspar, hydrothermal apatite, epidote, a vanadium-rich hydrothermal mica called roscoelite, characteristic of alkaline gold mineralized systems, as well as late-stage carbonate minerals. Gold occurs as native free Au, as well as in association with pyrite, lesser chalcopyrite, sphalerite, galena, trace tetrahedrite, and minor telluride minerals. The mineral textures observed reflect rapid deposition of gold from a metal-saturated ore-forming colloid or fluid; a process referred to as "flashing". Such rapid gold-deposition can result from sudden pressure drops or a sudden change in physico-chemical conditions which destabilizes the fluid triggering the rapid precipitation of metals, and are known to generate very high grades in epithermal gold systems. Tuvatu is a low-sulphur system, with sulphide minerals accounting for less than 5% overall, and include pyrite (2 generations), lesser marcasite, sphalerite, chalcopyrite, and traces of galena, arsenopyrite, tetrahedrite, and bornite.

Mineralization in hole TUDDH500 and the subsequent holes drilled as follow up to that hole display many diagnostic characteristics of feeder style mineralization from an alkaline gold system. Notably, remarkable vertical extent to the high-grade mineralization, and mineral textures that suggest rapid deposition (skeletal, dendritic crystals) from what was a mineral-saturated to supersaturated fluid. This is encouraging, as it suggests the mineralized system was preserved over an extensive vertical dimension, and that the Company has targeted the right part of the system to find additional mineralization.

The Company continues its three-pronged approach with drilling:

1) shallow resource infill and grade control drilling from surface and underground targeting areas of planned early production

2) deep exploration drilling targeting lode extensions and large gaps in drilling beneath the existing Tuvatu resource, and

3) developing regional Tuvatu analogue target areas within the Navilawa caldera, such as Banana Creek, Matanavatu, Batiri and Qalibua Creeks.

Regional drill programs requiring access to remote parts of the Navilawa caldera (SPL1512) was interrupted during the wet season (November to March) but will resume during the dry season beginning in April 2023.

#### Infill/Definition Drilling

Two phases of infill drilling have been planned at Tuvatu with the aim of infilling areas within the current resource and thus augmenting the data density, to further improve the resolution of the geological model in portions of the deposit scheduled for earliest production. Phase 1 infill drilling began in June 2021 and was completed over Zone 2 in mid-February 2022, adding over 8,400m of new data from drill core, including 7,475m of new drilling and 955m of sampling of previously unsampled historic drill core. Multiple bonanza-grade intercepts have been returned from this program, which is aimed at a thorough re-appraisal of the database in portions of the resource earmarked for earliest production (news release dated February 23, 2022). Following the success of the Phase 1 Program, the Company started the Phase 2 Infill Drill Program in February 2022, which was planned for a total of 8,200m of diamond drilling from both surface and underground. To date, Phase 2 infill drilling has completed approximately 6,200m of drilling or 76% of the originally proposed program.

On May 31, 2022, the Company announced the first 11 holes for the Phase 2 infill program on Zone 5, representing 2,375m of diamond drilling, which include significant new intercepts of high- to bonanza-grade Au mineralization that was not known to occur as part of the existing resource model. The Phase 2 infill drill program, as per Phase 1, was designed to confirm the location, size, and continuity of the known mineralized lodes, in portions of the orebody slated for early production (news release dated May 31, 2022). On September 8, 2022, the Company announced the results from 20 additional drill holes, as part of ongoing Phase 2 infill drilling, including 3,900m of diamond drilling in Zone 5.



The additional data outlines high-grade to bonanza-grade mineralized lode swarms less than 100m from surface. Recent modifications to the Phase 2, Zone 5 infill drill program have resulted in additional infill drilling in this portion of the deposit.

The mineralization from the Phase 2 drilling is a highly significant development, as it represents a substantive addition of Au mineralization at grades well in excess of the average resource grade, intersected at relatively shallow levels in the orebody. As a result, the new high-grade mineralization defined by the ongoing infill drill program can be expected to enhance the early part the production stream and hence the immediate economic viability of Tuvatu.

To date, and including the 955m of sampling of historic drilling completed during the Phase 1 infill Program, a total of 128 historic holes have been resampled, for a total of 11,923m, from which 18,413 samples have been collected and submitted for analysis.

On December 8, 2022, the Company announced the discovery a new near-surface lode at Tuvatu. The new lode, named URA1 has been discovered during construction of the development decline; its location corresponds to Tuvatu's near-surface and earliest scheduled production area: Zone 2. The lode has been further defined through underground channel sampling and subsequent diamond drilling. Additionally, the Company also announced that it had intersected ore-grade mineralization several hundred meters to the east of Tuvatu, associated with a distinct CSAMT gradient anomaly in drillhole TUDDH-612.

Highlights include:

- Discovery of near-surface, high-grade URA1 lode from intersection with the development decline, defined through channel sampling (up to 29 g/t Au over 1m in MD-CH-002) and diamond drilling of holes TUDDH-617, 619, and 621 (up to 167.42g/t Au over 0.3m in TUDDH-617, and 27.99 g/t Au over 1.2m in TUDDH-621)
- Provides increase in volume of mineralized material within the portion of the deposit scheduled for earliest production.
- A general N-S orientation of the lode corresponds to other major lodes (e.g., URW1) and may indicate the presence of an additional series of undiscovered lodes further to the West of Tuvatu
- Underscores the substantial near-mine exploration upside.

Highlights TUDDH-612:

- New ore-grade mineralization of 18.53 g/t Au over 0.6m from 492m corresponding to a sharp CSAMT geophysical gradient anomaly.
- May represent the possible strike extension of the UR4 lode at Tuvatu, that may also include the deep highgrade intercept in TUDDH-494 at >1100m depth
- Tuvatu itself is coincident with a CSAMT gradient of similar magnitude; the recurring correspondence of mineralization with such gradients provides strong validation for the viability of this method for discovery of additional mineralized centers in the caldera. Once completed, this data will provide robust drill targets and substantial projected upside for new discovery.

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Grade characteristics of URA1 are consistent with the high-grade nature of Tuvatu, with some of the best drill and underground channel sample intervals summarized below:

Hole ID:

- TUDDH-617: 3.6m at 2.93 g/t Au from 59.7 to 63.3m, including

   0.3m at 17.01 g/t Au from 59.7 to 60.0m
- TUDDH-621: 1.2m at 27.99 g/t Au from 159.3 to 160.5m
- TUDDH-624: 2.1m at 20.16 g/t Au from 79.1 to 81.2m including
- 1.2m at 33.04 g/t Au from 79.1 to 80.3 m and 0.3m at 106.99 g/t Au from 79.7 to 80.0m
   TUDDH-086: 2.05m at 9.14 g/t Au from 241.25 to 243.3m, including
- TODDH-086: 2.05m at 9.14 g/t Au from 241.25 to 243.3m, Includ
   0.7m at 18.7 g/t Au from 241.25 to 241.95

#### Chip-Channel ID:

- MD-CH-001: 2.5m at 9.94 g/t Au, including 0.5m at 32.57 g/t Au
- MD-CH-002: 1.0m at 29.02 g/t Au, including 0.5m at 55.12 g/t Au
- MD-CH-005: 1.5m at 15.17 g/t Au, including 0.5m at 41.94 g/t Au
- MD-CH-011: 2.5m at 10.46 g/t Au, including 0.5m at 44.30 g/t Au
- 1155URA1STHOD.02: 1.4m at 14.7 g/t Au, including 0.5m at 29.2 g/t Au
- 1155URA1STHOD.03: 2.4m at 7.57 g/t Au, including 0.45m at 32.89 g/t Au
- 1155URA1STHOD.07: 2.7m at 6.89 g/t Au, including 0.5m at 24.88 g/t Au

In September 2022, the Company commenced a grade control program from underground targeting areas of planned early production, and to the end of March 2023 has completed a total of 3,505m in 35 diamond drill holes (2 additional holes in progress) for grade control.

On April 25, 2023, the Company announced the new high-grade results from grade control drilling at the Company's 100% owned Tuvatu Alkaline Gold Project in Fiji. Following on the initial mining and extraction of the URA1 lode, the Company reported new high-grade results from grade control drilling on the URW1 lode system, approximately 120m further east. Mining of URW1 is expected to begin over the next 2-4 weeks. Strike drive development on URW1 has commenced.

Highlights of new high-grade gold mineralization intersected by grade control drilling:

- 88.07g/t Au over 5.7m (including 1,396g/t Au over 0.3m) (TGC-0034)
  - 27.52g/t Au over 5.55m (TUG-056)
  - 20.93g/t Au over 7.2m (TGC-0003)
  - 16.12g/t Au over 9.3m (TGC-0014)
  - 16.48g/t Au over 9.6m (TGC-0002)
  - 14.6g/t Au over 6.6m (TGC-0032)
  - 14.97g/t Au over 5.4m (TGC-0018)
  - 10.85g/t Au over 6.9m (TGC-0013)

Close spaced grade control drilling has resulted in much higher resolution of the lode arrays as compared to previous infill drilling, including the identification of bonanza grade (>50g/t Au) zones. Visible was gold observed in several drill holes.

The tightened drill pattern will facilitate optimized development and extraction of high-grade gold mineralization from the URW1 lodes while minimizing dilution. High-grade gold mineralization extracted from the URW1 lode system will contribute significantly to the growing high-grade stockpile constituting the initial feed for the Company's plant and processing facility, on schedule for start-up in Q4 2023.

The URW1 lode system consists of narrow, high-grade to locally bonanza-grade vein arrays and vein swarms that strike approximately N-S and dip sub-vertically to steeply east and is located approximately 120m east of the URA1 lode (Figure 1). A longitudinal section, the distribution of high-grade intercepts defining the URW1 lodes suggests a possible steep S plunging high-grade shoots (Figure 2)



Figure 1: Plan map showing the locations of the URA1 and URW1 lodes (in red) relative to the main Tuvatu decline. The gray outlines indicate planned development to reach the URW1 lodes.



Mineralization consists of abundant free gold, typically in association with light to dark gray chalcedonic quartz and roscoelite, locally accompanied by minor amounts of pyrite, sphalerite, galena and lesser chalcopyrite.







#### Deep Feeder Drilling in the 500 Zone

On June 6, 2022, the Company announced the discovery of a new major portion of the gold feeder including 20.86 g/t Au over 75.9m at depth beneath the existing resource at Tuvatu. Hole TUG-141, targeting a complex network of high-grade structures called the 500 Zone, encountered the longest high-grade intercept yet recorded at Tuvatu, 20.86 g/t Au over 75.9m, including 43.62 g/t Au over 30.0m which includes 90.35 g/t Au over 7.2m. The new discovery is located at depth beneath the current resource fully within the permit boundaries of the Tuvatu mining lease SML 62 (news release dated June 6, 2022).

The mineralized intercepts reported by TUG-141 are a significant development, as the grades and continuity observed by the intercepts in hole TUG-141 are of a magnitude not previously documented at Tuvatu and highlights the largely untapped potential of this alkaline deposit. The significance of having identified what may be a new portion of the principal feeder conduit for Tuvatu confirms the model that has driven this deep exploration program since the discovery of hole TUDDH-500 in July 2020. As part of the deep 500 Zone drill program, hole TUG-141 targeted the upper portion of the 500 Zone at depths between approximately 450-550m where it is projected to connect with the base of lodes making up the Inferred resource. TUG-141 was drilled into a very continuous and exceptionally high-grade zone, 20.86 g/t Au over 75.9m, cored by hydrothermal breccia. Such a zone of extreme fracturing and brecciation has never before been observed at Tuvatu. It is significant to note that the bulk of this mineralized interval is hosted within andesite rather than by intrusive monzonite, the more typical host rock for many lodes at Tuvatu.

Furthermore, it is also notable that the nearest drill holes to TUG-141 are TUG-135 (70m below), TUG-136 (45m to the east), and TUG-138 (60m to the west), indicating that there is considerable space for a substantial increase in the ultimate size of the feeder conduit. All three of these holes have returned previously reported bonanza grade mineralization, similar in tenor and texture to that in TUG-141, including:

- 24.92 g/t Au over 3.70m from 415.7-419.4m in hole TUG-135 including 159.3 g/t Au over 0.30m;
- 87.83 g/t Au over 1.5m from 445.1-446.6m in hole TUG-136 including 108.41 g/t Au over 0.60m;
- and 23.14 g/t Au over 3.0m from 571.5-574.5m in hole TUG-138 including 118.6 g/t Au over 0.30m

The Company's current interpretation of this portion of the 500 Zone feeder is that of a wide zone of dilation associated with the interplay of major structural corridors (UR1 and UR4 lodes) and the main lithological contact between monzonite and andesite that has the potential to extend for tens to hundreds of meters both vertically and along the north south direction. True widths exceeding 10m at the narrower apex of this dilational zone suggest a significant increase in gold ounces once this zone has been adequately drilled off, and this, independent of the rest of the extensive vertical 500 zone feeder. The Company continue to expand this critical zone of high-grade mineralization with ongoing drilling both from the surface and the underground decline.

The high-grade mineralization in the 500 Zone has now been demonstrated to extend over an area approximately 150m along strike and >300m vertically, completely outside the existing resource model. The improved understanding of the orientation of the 500 Zone allows the Company to connect this high-grade feeder to the base of the existing resource. The high-grade mineralization continues to be defined both in the near-surface portion of the deposit, as well as in the expanding the 500 Zone. The additional data generated by the infill drilling and resampling programs will greatly enhance the Company's understanding of the geometry of the veins, and raise the level of confidence needed, ahead of Lion One's near-term underground development at Tuvatu.

On November 7, 2022, the Company announced the results from drillhole TUDDH-608 a direct follow-up to the TUG-141/TUDDH-601 (news release dated November 7, 2022). The dip of this hole at this depth was approximately -64° equating to a true horizontal width of 10.4m. Highlight intercepts from hole TUDDH-608 include:

- 23.70m at 17.52 g/t Au from 594.5-618.2m, including 19.60m at 21.16 g/t Au from 594.5-614.1m:
  - o 6.40m at 42.58 g/t Au from 596.7-603.1m
  - 1.20m at 85.1 g/t Au from 596.7-597.9m
  - o 0.60m at 108.31 g/t Au from 599.8-600.4m

Results from TUDDH 608 provides Lion One with valuable information on the width and continuity of this zone. The outstanding results obtained of 17.52 g/t gold over 23.7m corresponds to a horizontal true width of 10.4m, which is approximately seven times the estimated average mining width, and at a grade that is nearly twice the average grade of the existing resource. The Company will continue drilling several additional holes to test the possible plunge extent estimated by oriented core structural measurements. With the completion of TUDDH-608 the Company is gaining a better understanding the true horizontal width and potential volume of the bonanza-grade feeder zone. The horizontal true width of the zone at the drilled location is 10.4m. Lion One regards the confirmation of the high-grade feeder zone initially identified by TUG-141 and TUGDDH-601 as transformational in that it confirms both continuity and implies extensive volume of the mineralized feeder zone below the current resource.



**Figure 3:** Tuvatu Alkalic gold mine. Blue shapes are areas of known mineralization that define the current resource. Note the trifecta of holes that delineate, in 3 different orientations, the 10.4m true width of the high-grade zone (Brown =>10 g/t Au) which occurs within the larger high-grade 500 feeder zone.



Figure 4: Closer view of the lower portion of Figure 3, depicting the orientation of selected drill holes that define a coherent highgrade portion within the high-grade 500 Zone mineralization entirely below the existing resource.



On November 18, 2022, the Company announced results from TUG-149 which include additional high grade drilling intercepts and expanded the Deep Feeder Zone 500 by increasing the vertical extent of the URW3 lode by at least 180 m. Highlights from TUG-149 including 12.89 g/t Au over 12.9 m from 254.4 m, 84.61 g/t Au over 3.9 m from 318.6 m, and 48.65 g/t Au over 5.4 m from 423.3 m. These intercepts define of a new portion of deep, high-grade feeder material that is separate from, and parallel to, the high-grade zone previously defined by TUG-141/TUDDH-601/TUDDH-608. The new drill intercepts, in conjunction with results from the previously drilled TUG-138 drill hole, correspond to a significant increase in grade with depth along the URW3 lode.



On January 25, 2023, the Company announced the results from drillhole TUG-147, and TUG-150. TUG-147 was drilled across the UR2 structure, intersected 11.1m at 10.67 g/t Au from 263.1 to 274.4m, which includes 5.7m at 13.45 g/t Au, including 1.2m at 51.18 g/t Au, and 4.2m at 9.86 g/t Au corresponding to the intersection of the main NS-trending UR2 lode and NE-trending mineralized veining. The calculated true horizontal width of this intersection is 3.5m.

TUG-150 was targeted to cross the high-grade zone below TUG-141 and north of TUDDH-608 and only skimmed along the UR2 lode at a low angle, but nevertheless, very high-grade mineralization was intersected over a significant downhole length of 8.4m at 8.84 g/t Au, including 0.3m at 108.57 g/t Au, and 1.2m at 14.71 g/t Au which includes 0.3m at 28.51 g/t Au along the UR2 lode, further confirming the bonanza grade nature of the UR2 lode at this location.

Two additional deep holes were completed to end of March 2023 on the 500 Zone; TUG-152 drilled to 578.8m and TUG-153 drilled to 662.0m. Best intercept from TUG-152 returned 2.4m at 34.58 g/t Au from 462.6m depth, including a 0.3m interval at 177.38 g/t Au. Best intercepts from TUG-153 returned 0.9m at 33.15 g/t Au from 440.0m, and 1.8m at 40.54 g/t Au from 453.5m depth, including a 0.3m interval of 145.19 g/t Au.

#### Navilawa Tenement and Exploration Program

In May 2019, SPL 1512 was issued for the Navilawa tenement for a 5-year term renewable in 2024. The tenement area directly adjoins the northern boundary of Lion One's tenements at Tuvatu, which consolidates ownership of the entire Navilawa mineral complex under a contiguous 13,613 hectare tenement package with Tuvatu's 384.5 hectare Mining Lease (SML 62) and mining and processing site, at its center. This is the first time that modern, systematic exploration has been able to be undertaken over the entire area. The Navilawa area has over 10 well defined prospects including the Kingston, Banana Creek, Matanavatu, and Tuvatu North. The most significant historic results returned were surface rock chip samples of 46.30 g/t Au from Banana Creek; 176.27 g/t Au from the Kingston, and 8.50 g/t Au from Tuvatu North. Although little systematic historical exploration has been previously undertaken in the area, a number of prospects have historic workings with short shafts or adits up to 15 meters deep or manual workings on copper- and gold-bearing rocks, as is the case at the Central Ridge prospect. Previous efforts have been primarily focused at Banana Creek, where the Company's team has completed two drill holes totaling 1,458.7m. More recently, work has been focused on the Matanavatu prospect which is approximately half-way between Tuvatu and Banana Creek. Here the Company drilled one hole (TUDDH-553) but was forced to abandon the program after only 188m of drilling due to extreme wet conditions which rendered the work untenable. The program is scheduled to be resumed during the dry season in 2023.

In June 2022, the Company initiated a major benching program following up on positive results from 2021 along Qualibua creek, by extending a new bench in the Batiri creek area towards Banana creek. On August 29, 2022, the Company announced a new regional high grade gold discovery, the Batiri Creek Vein, located in the Navilawa Caldera 1.8 km northeast of the Tuvatu Alkaline Gold Project. This new regional discovery was made as a result of this benching program, referred to as the Batiri Creek occurrence returning 13.3 g/t Au over 4.0m at surface. The Batiri Vein discovery is credited to the Lion One Fiji exploration team's regional benching and surface sampling program targeting new gold bearing systems in under-explored regions peripheral to Tuvatu in the surrounding Navilawa Caldera.

The new structure is characterized by an intense zone of veining on a lithological contact between monzonite and andesite, with two significant N-S and NE-SW oriented structural intersections. The lithological contact and structural intersections observed in the Batiri Vein are comparable to the lithological contact and structural intersections observed from deep extensional drilling in the 500 Zone below the Tuvatu resource where Lion One recently reported the longest and highest-grade intercepts yet recovered at Tuvatu, including 20.86 g/t Au over 75.90m from TUG 141 and 12.22 g/t Au over 54.90m including 20.10m @ 23.03 g/t Au from TUDDH 601.

In August 2022, the Company mobilized a drill rig to this occurrence to test the Batiri Creek discovery. A three-hole program was planned with only two holes completed (TUDDH-611 and 614), with a third hole (TUDDH-615) abandoned after only 96m of drilling due to extreme wet conditions. The highlights include 5.04 g/t Au over 0.3m in hole TUDDH-614. This program resumed in April during the 2023 dry season.

Following the wet season which typically ends in late March-early April, a dedicated mapping/sampling program will aim to identify additional areas for follow-up by diamond drilling. The mapping/sampling program commenced in April 2023.

#### CSAMT survey

On August 16, 2022, Zonge Engineering and Research Organization arrived on site in Fiji to initiate an approximate 26 line-km Controlled Audio Source Magneto-Telluric (CSAMT) geophysical survey. The CSAMT survey was designed to fill in from the previous 2019 CSAMT survey with lines planned between existing lines to ultimately yield a denser, higher resolution coverage of the Navilawa caldera (Figure 5). Due to the early start of the rain season as well as technical and staffing issues which resulted in some problematic data, the survey was not completed in 2022.



Zonge Engineering reinitiated the survey in mid-March 2023 and to date has completed approximately 50% of the remaining survey lines, with some modifications including additional NS lines to the East and West of Tuvatu. It is expected that the survey will be completed by mid-June 2023.

**Figure 5:** Planned CSAMT coverage over the Navilawa caldera structure. Blue lines represent the survey lines completed in 2019; red lines were proposed to be completed in 2022. The 2022 survey had to be terminated prematurely due to weather and equipment issues. The completion of the planned 2022 survey was reinitiated in March 2023.



## Underground Mine and Surface Development for 300 TPD Pilot Plant

During the quarter ended March 31, 2023, the Company mined 9,850 tonnes, with 8,958 tonnes of waste and 892 tonnes of ore and achieved total development meters of 181.8 meters (including waste development 146.5 meters and ore drive development 35.3 meters). The decline was advanced by 103.2 meters and vertical development by 9.2 meters.

During the quarter ended on March 31, 2023, all the pilot processing plant equipment, piping, electrical cables and other bulk materials have been shipped to Fiji and offloaded at the secured laydown yard next to Lion One Nadi office. Steel structure for the electrowinning building, leaching reagent mixing warehouse, and cyanide detox reagent mixing warehouse have been delivered to the laydown yard by the end of March 2023.

The Company commenced construction of the pilot processing plant foundation in September 2022. Foundations for the crusher, screen plant, conveyors, fine ore bin, ball mills, thickeners, intensive leaching and gravity circuits have been completed. Construction of foundations for the leaching tank farm are ongoing and will be completed before end of May 2023. Foundations for the leaching reagent mixing warehouse and tailings reagent mixing warehouse are completed and handed over for building steel structure erection. Foundations for electrowinning building and gold room will be completed by mid-May 2023. In April 2023, the Company commenced the building of steel structure for the leaching reagent mixing warehouse. The pilot plant facilities, including sewage treatment plant, freshwater system, mine workshop, and mine change room, have been completed during the quarter and in April.

The 300TPD pilot plant processing plant erection contractor mobilized to site in late March 2023 and started screening plant steel structure installation in early April 2023. The installation of screening plant steel, screen and bins is now complete. Erection of crusher tower is ongoing. ROM bin has been fabricated and is planned to be lifted in place in mid-May 2023. The primary ball mill and secondary ball mills have been transported to site and installed on foundations. Erection of steel platforms around the ball mills has started.

During the quarter ended on March 31, 2023, the Tailings Storage Facility (TSF) construction has been slowed down due to severe wet weather during the rainy season. Since April 2023, TSF dam and pond construction started progressing well due to favorable dry weather. Along with continuous construction of TSF embankment, construction of sediment control pond was initiated by removal large boulders with rock breakers. Clearing and grubbing along the TSF spillway route was started in late April 2023.



## EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION ASSETS

### Tuvatu Gold Project, Viti Levu

The Company's primary asset is the Tuvatu Gold Project located near Nadi on the island of Viti Levu, Fiji. The Tuvatu Gold Project has been fully permitted for development, construction and mining by the Government of Fiji with the grant of a Special Mining Lease (SML 62) in 2015. In June 2022, the Ministry of Environment of Fiji approved the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) update. The Company has also submitted its Rehabilitation and Closure Plan for the operation. The Company signed a 21-year Surface Lease agreement with local landowners and the iTaukei Land Trust in 2014 and the SML has been granted for a term of ten years provided the Company complies with the terms of the lease. In August 2022, the SML 62 was extended for an additional 10 years ending to February 28, 2035. Extensions to the term can be applied subject to the terms of the lease and the Mining Act.

SML 62 is a designated area within the original boundaries of the Company's SPL's 1283 and 1296. SML 62 provides exclusive rights for the potential development, construction, and operation of mining, processing, and waste management infrastructure at Tuvatu. The Mining Lease area covers 384.5 hectares and contains all of the current NI 43-101 resource and multiple high-grade prospects in the southern part of the Navilawa Caldera. The Tuvatu camp is located 16 km by road from the Lion One Fiji head office adjacent to the International Airport in Nadi, and 35 km from the Port of Lautoka.

The Company holds four exploration licenses (SPL's) for the Tuvatu properties. Under the terms of the SPL's, the Company is required to spend a minimum threshold of expenditures on each of the licenses. In March 2022, the Company received the renewal application for SPL 1465 for a three-year period ending on March 4, 2025.

					Expenditure	Expenditure
			Bond	Bond	Requirement	Requirement
SPL	Issued	Expiry Date	(Fijian \$)	(Canadian \$)	(Fijian \$)	(Canadian \$)
1283	Aug. 24, 2020	Aug. 23, 2025	158,180	96,291	1,400,000	852,242
1296	Aug. 24, 2020	Aug. 23, 2025	158,180	96,291	1,600,000	973,990
1465	Mar. 5, 2022	Mar. 4, 2025	67,979	41,382	679,789	413,817
1512	May 14, 2019	May 13, 2024	516,058	314,147	15,333,305	9,334,057

#### **Mineral Resources**

The Mineral Resource models and estimates, and the site visit were conducted by Mr. Ian Taylor, B.Sc. (Hons), G.Cert. Geostats, M.AusIMM (CP) (Qualified Person [QP]) of Mining Associates Pty Ltd. ("MA"). The Mineral Resource estimate was completed in January 2018 following the completion of the 2016-2017 diamond drilling program and field exploration. This Mineral Resource estimate does not include the 2019-2023 diamond drilling programs. The Mineral Resource has been estimated for each vein individually using Ordinary Kriging (OK) of width and grade, the latter using accumulations, into a three-dimensional (3D) block model. The Mineral Resource has been estimated for each vein individually based on the current drill hole database, historic block models, and geological wireframes. The effective date for the Mineral Resource estimate is January 8, 2018 (See sensitivity of Mineral Resource to cut-off grade in table below).

Cut off	In	dicated Resour	се	Inferred Resource			
(g/t Au)	Tonnes	g/t Au	oz Au	Tonnes	g/t Au	oz Au	
2.0	1,283,000	7.2	296,400	1,822,000	7.2	423,300	
3.0	1,007,000	8.5	274,600	1,325,000	9.0	384,000	
5.0	687,000	10.60	234,300	788,000	12.5	317,500	

On April 29, 2022, the Company published a National Instrument ("NI") 43-101 Preliminary Economic Assessment Update (the "Report" or the "PEA") for the Tuvatu Gold Project ("Tuvatu") as prepared by independent consultants. The reader is cautioned that the Report includes the use of Inferred Mineral Resources, which are considered too speculative geologically to have the economic considerations applied to them that would enable them to be categorized as Mineral Reserves, and as such, there is no certainty the economic results presented in the Report will be realized. Mineral Resources that are not Mineral Reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability. The Report is based on low accuracy level technical and economic assessments and is insufficient to support estimation of mineral reserves or to provide assurance of an economic development case at this stage; or to provide certainty that the conclusions of the Preliminary Economic Assessment will be realized.



## Expenditures incurred on the Fiji properties are as follows:

	June 30,	June 30, June 30,				March 31,
	2021	Additions		2022	Additions	2023
Acquisition costs	\$21,915,063	\$-	\$	21,915,063	\$-	\$ 21,915,063
Camp costs and field supplies	1,669,927	404,544		2,074,471	2,850,209	4,924,680
Consulting fees	4,183,406	863,669		5,047,075	2,793,183	7,840,258
Depreciation	2,119,877	906,196		3,026,073	1,458,564	4,484,637
Development, dewatering,	3,741,133	2,130,822		5,871,955	10,012,009	15,883,964
geology and environmental						
Drilling	6,152,355	706,078		6,858,433	2,194,513	9,052,946
Fiji office administration	6,587,882	1,306,926		7,894,808	2,994,926	10,889,734
Permitting and community						
consults	1,531,738	541,157		2,072,895	467,743	2,540,638
Site works and road building	4,309,633	405,960		4,715,593	130,559	4,846,152
Salaries and wages	10,218,501	1,049,770		11,268,271	3,302,293	14,570,564
Sample preparation, assaying	2,686,190	1,007,668		3,693,858	1,327,736	5,021,594
Technical reports	1,406,565	149,457		1,556,022	143,509	1,699,531
Travel	1,366,842	149,660		1,516,502	536,162	2,052,664
Vehicle and transportation	1,596,270	805,404		2,401,674	422,944	2,824,618
Write-off of exploration assets	(771,648)	-		(771,648)	-	(771,648)
Capitalized finance cost	-	-		-	698,095	698,095
Cumulative foreign currency						
translation adjustment	(2,218,711)	<u>(1,514,371)</u>		(3,733,082)	3,133,437	 <u>(599,645)</u>
	\$66,495,023	\$ 8,912,940	\$	75,407,963	\$ 32,465,882	\$ 107,873,845

A full tenement listing is provided in Schedule "A" at the end of this MD&A.

### **Selected Quarterly Results**

	March 31,	December 31,	September 30,	June 30,
	2023	2022	2022	2022
Total assets	\$ 182,661,161	\$ 147,640,714	\$ 147,162,124	\$ 131,275,674
Exploration and evaluation assets	107,873,845	95,845,120	84,781,639	75,407,963
Property and equipment	14,493,079	14,420,998	11,782,254	10,294,938
Working capital	37,135,946	20,861,205	32,337,138	36,645,040
Interest income	259,126	219,863	169,649	119,254
Net loss for the period	(968,786)	(782,767)	(1,238,814)	(545,663)
Comprehensive gain (loss) for the	(1,050,924)	1,249,957	612,072	(2,465,557)
period				
Basic and diluted loss per share	(0.01)	(0.00)	(0.01)	(0.01)
	March 31,	December 31,	September 30,	June 30,
	2022	2021	2021	2021
Total assets	\$ 133,027,838	\$ 133,185,950	\$ 134,059,118	\$ 134,290,897
Exploration and evaluation assets	73,635,449	71,137,848	69,000,349	66,495,023
Property and equipment	9,693,494	8,497,529	7,284,898	5,996,548
Working capital	43,308,352	49,997,294	54,206,890	57,892,384
Interest income	49,419	87,206	110,461	96,963
Net loss for the period	(809,577)	(779,448)	(374,265)	(1,850,742)
Comprehensive loss for the period	(764,120)	(1,268,369)	(181,320)	(2,712,756)
Basic and diluted loss per share	(0.01)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.01)

The focus of the Company over the periods presented has been the exploration and development of its Fijian exploration and evaluation assets. The Company raised \$40 million gross proceeds in August 2020 from a private placement and \$17 million from warrants exercised in October 2020. With the additional equity raised in 2020, the Company accelerated the development of Tuvatu project resulting in increases in exploration and evaluations assets and property and equipment, offset by declines in working capital. The Company also completed a \$13 million private placement in September 2022 and completed a \$33 million financing in February 2023 (comprised of \$30 million Tranche 1 loan facility and completion of \$3 million private placement), which has increased the total assets and working capital of the Company. Interest income has decreased from June 2021 to March 2022, due primarily to decrease in



cash in savings accounts offset by raising interest rates. Interest income has since increased due to raising interest rates and increase in cash balances from equity and loan facility proceeds. From July 2021 to March 2023, the Company has used the proceeds from the private placements and loan facility and incurred cash outflows of \$32.0 million on exploration and evaluation assets, \$9.8 million on property and equipment, \$17.8 million on deposits for equipment and \$7.0 million on operating activities. The differential between net and comprehensive loss in each period reflects the translation adjustment of the assets and liabilities of the Company's subsidiary, Lion One PTE Limited, which is denominated in Fijian dollars.

## Results of Operations for the nine months ended March 31, 2023 compared to 2022

The comprehensive gain for the nine months ended March 31, 2023 was \$811,105 (2022 – loss of \$2,213,809). Significant changes to the comprehensive loss are explained as follows:

- Investor relations increased by \$183,707 to \$599,352 (2022 \$415,645) due primarily to increase in head count, increased attendance at investor conferences coupled with in person conferences compared to virtual attendance in prior year period.
- Office and administrative expenses increased by \$204,300 to \$557,516 (2022 \$353,216) due to increase in head count at corporate office and higher level of corporate activities in the current period.
- Professional fees increased by \$74,760 to \$399,436 (2022 \$324,676) primarily due to higher legal fees and fees related to financial statement quarterly review engagements initiated in 2022.
- Share-based payments expense increased to \$1,264,985 (2022 \$681,715) due to the employee stock options granted in September 2022.
- Travel expense increased to \$174,434 (2022 \$23,681) primarily due to increase in number of trips with higher level of corporate activities in the current period compared to prior year period.
- During the nine-month period ended March 31, 2023, the Company recognized a foreign exchange translation gain of \$3,801,472 on its net assets denominated in Fijian dollars reflecting a strengthening of the Fijian dollar against the Canadian dollar since June 30, 2022. A foreign exchange translation loss of \$250,519 was recognized in the comparative period.

#### Results of Operations for the three months ended March 31, 2023 compared to 2022

The comprehensive loss for the three months ended March 31, 2023 was \$1,050,924 (2022 – \$764,120). Significant changes to the comprehensive loss are explained as follows:

- Investor relations increased by \$42,141 to \$198,323 (2022 \$156,182) due primarily to increase in head count, increased attendance at investor conferences coupled with in person conferences compared to virtual attendance in prior year period.
- Office and administrative expenses increased by \$103,928 to \$209,677 (2022 \$105,749) due to increase in head count and higher level of corporate activities in the current period.
- Professional fees increased by \$27,979 to \$163,101 (2022 \$135,122) primarily due to higher legal fees and fees related to financial statement quarterly review engagements initiated in 2022.
- During the three-month period ended March 31, 2023, the Company recognized a foreign exchange translation loss of \$82,138 on its net assets denominated in Fijian dollars reflecting a weakening of the Fijian dollar against the Canadian dollar since December 31, 2022. A foreign exchange translation gain of \$45,457 was recognized in the comparative period.

#### Cash flows for the nine months ended March 31, 2023 compared to 2022

Cash, cash equivalent and short-term investments have increased by \$1,112,825 to \$36,862,596 at March 31, 2023 from a balance of \$35,749,771 as at June 30, 2022.

Cash outflows from operating activities increased by \$1,935,729 to \$4,293,208 (2022 – \$2,357,479). This is primarily due to the increase in prepaid expenses and build up in VAT receivables compared to prior year period.



Cash outflows from investing activities increased by \$29,798,416 to \$37,634,040 (2022 - \$7,835,624) due increase in purchases of mining and process plant equipment including deposits made and a higher level of Tuvatu Gold Property exploration and development activities in the current year period, offset by current period redemption of \$2,000,000 guaranteed investment certificates (GICs).

Cash inflows from financing activities included \$45,118,804 due to net cash proceeds on February 2023 Tranche 1 - loan facility and equity raise and net cash proceeds from the September 2022 bought deal offering from (2022 –\$nil) and \$135,000 cash outflows from lease liability payments (2022 - \$135,000 outflows).

## **Financial Position**

Cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments have increased by \$1,112,825 to \$36,862,596 as at March 31, 2023 from a balance of \$35,749,771 as at June 30, 2022, due primarily to \$12,150,376 net cash from September 2022 bought deal equity financing, \$30,279,363 net cash from Tranche 1 - loan facility and \$2,689,065 from equity financing from lender, offset by expenditures on exploration and evaluation assets and property and equipment purchases including deposits for equipment during the current period.

Shareholders' equity increased by \$22,992,751 to \$153,042,830 (June 30, 2022 – \$130,050,079) primarily due to the September 2022 bought deal equity financing, February 2023 equity financing from lender, and share-based payments expense for stock options.

## LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

As at March 31, 2023, the Company had a working capital of \$37,135,946 including cash and cash equivalents and short-term investments of \$36,862,596 as compared to working capital of \$36,645,040 including cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments of \$35,749,771 as at June 30, 2022. On February 9, 2023, the Company closed Tranche 1 of the Financing Facility and Equity Investment receiving US\$25,000,000 (\$33,597,500) and on May 11, 2023, the Company completed a bought deal offering for gross proceeds of \$27,002,000 and as such, the Company believes it has adequate financial resources for the next twelve months. Being in the exploration and development stage, the Company does not have revenue from operations, and relies on equity and debt financing for its continuing financial liquidity.

Management cautions that the Company's ability to raise further funding is not certain. Additional funds will be required in order to pursue the Company's current exploration and development plans. 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 caliber of its management. Actual funding requirements may vary from those planned due to a number of factors, including the progress of exploration and development activities. Management believes it will be able to raise equity capital as required in the long term, but recognizes there will be risks involved that may be beyond their control.

## **CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES**

The Company's accounting policies are described in Notes 2 and 3 of its consolidated financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2022. The preparation of the condensed consolidated interim financial statements requires management to make certain estimates, judgments and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported expenses during the year. Actual results could differ from these estimates. Management considers the following estimates to be the most critical in understanding the judgments and estimates that are involved in the preparation of the Company's consolidated financial statements and the uncertainties that could impact the results of operations, financial condition and cash flows:

#### Functional currency

The functional currency of each of the subsidiaries and the Company were assessed to determine the economic substance of the currency in which each entity performed its operations. The functional currency of the Company is the Canadian dollar. The functional currencies of the Company's subsidiaries have been assessed and incorporate the Canadian dollar, Fijian dollar and Australian dollar as detailed in Note 2 of the condensed consolidated interim financial statements for the period ended March 31, 2023.

#### Exploration and evaluation assets

The carrying value and recoverability of exploration and evaluation assets requires management to make certain estimates, judgments and assumptions about its projects. Management considers the economics of the project, including the latest resource prices and the long-term forecasts, and the overall economic viability of the project. The user is advised to refer to the risks of the Company discussed in the Annual Information Form for the year ended June 30, 2022, which discusses factors that could impair the Company's ability to develop its exploration and evaluation assets in the future.



#### Income taxes

The determination of income tax is inherently complex and requires making certain estimates and assumptions about future events. While income tax filings are subject to audits and reassessments, the Company has adequately provided for all income tax obligations. However, changes in facts and circumstances as a result of income tax audits, reassessments, jurisprudence and any new legislation may result in an increase or decrease in the Company's provision for income taxes.

#### Equity measurements

Share-based payments are subject to estimation of the value of the award at the date of grant using pricing models such as the Black-Scholes option valuation model. The option valuation model requires the input of highly subjective assumptions including the expected share price volatility.

## **PROPOSED TRANSACTIONS**

Other than as disclosed elsewhere in this document, the Company does not have any proposed transactions.

### FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS

Financial instruments of the Company comprise of cash, cash equivalents, short term investments, receivables, deposits, accounts payable and accrued liabilities and lease liability. The carrying values of these financial instruments do not materially differ from their fair values due to their ability for prompt liquidation or their short terms to maturity.

#### Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of potential loss to the Company if the counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations. The Company's credit risk is primarily attributable to its liquid financial assets including cash, cash equivalents, short-term investments and receivables. The Company limits exposure to credit risk on liquid financial assets through maintaining its cash, cash equivalents, short-term investments with high-credit quality financial institutions. Receivables mainly consist of Goods and Services Tax ("GST") receivable from the Government of Canada, GST receivable from the Government of Australia, and Value Added Tax receivable from the Government of Fiji. The Company has not had issues with respect to collectability of these amounts and believes that the credit risk concentration with respect to receivables is minimal.

#### Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will not be able to meet its obligations associated with its financial liabilities. The Company will raise funds for future use from equity financings and other methods as contemplated by management to satisfy its capital requirements and will continue to depend heavily upon these financing activities. All of the Company's current financial liabilities have contractual maturities of 30 days or due on demand and are subject to normal trade terms. As at March 31, 2023, the Company had a working capital of \$37,135,946.

#### Market risk

Market risk is the risk of loss that may arise from changes in market factors such as interest rates, foreign exchange rates, and commodity and equity prices. The Company does not have a practice of trading derivatives.

a) Interest rate risk

The Company has cash balances, investment-grade short-term deposit certificates issued by its banking institution and long-term debt under the loan facility. The Company periodically monitors the investments it makes and is satisfied with the credit ratings of its banks. Advances under the loan facility will bear interest at the 3 month SOFR +8% for Tranche 1 and +10% for Tranche 2/3. The Company manages this risk by monitoring fluctuations in SOFR and in the event 3 month SOFR is in excess of 5%, the Company has the option to pay that portion of the interest attributable to Term SOFR that exceeds 5% by issuing shares of the Company subject to the approval of the TSXV.

b) Foreign currency risk

The Company's property exploration work occurs in Fiji and is conducted in Canadian dollars and Fijian dollars. A portion of the Company's financial assets (liabilities) and other assets are denominated in US dollars and Australian dollars. As such, the Company is exposed to foreign currency risk in fluctuations.

#### c) Price risk

The Company is exposed to price risk with respect to commodity and equity prices. The Company closely monitors commodity prices to determine the appropriate strategic action to be taken by the Company.



## **RISK FACTORS**

Prior to making an investment decision, investors should consider the investment risks set out in the Annual Information Form ("AIF"), located on SEDAR at www.sedar.com, which are in addition to the usual risks associated with an investment in a business at an early stage of development. The directors of the Company consider the risks set out in the AIF to be the most significant to potential investors in the Company, but are not all of the risks associated with an investment in securities of the Company. If any of these risks materialize into actual events or circumstances or other possible additional risks and uncertainties of which the Directors are currently unaware, or which they consider not to be material in relation to the Company's business, actually occur, the Company's assets, liabilities, financial condition, results of operations (including future results of operations), business and business prospects, are likely to be materially and adversely affected. In such circumstances, the price of the Company's securities could decline and investors may lose all or part of their investment.

#### INTERNAL CONTROLS OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

#### Disclosure Controls and Procedures ("DC&P")

The Company has established disclosure controls and procedures to ensure that information disclosed in this MD&A and the related condensed consolidated interim financial statements was properly recorded, processed, summarized and reported to the Company's Board and Audit Committee. The Company's certifying officers conducted or caused to be conducted under their supervision an evaluation of the disclosure controls and procedures as required under Canadian Securities Administration regulations, as at March 31, 2023. Based on the evaluation, the Company's certifying officers concluded that the disclosure controls and procedures were effective to provide a reasonable level of assurance that information required to be disclosed by the Company in its annual filings and other reports that it files or submits under Canadian securities legislation is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time period specified and that such information is accumulated and communicated to the Company's management, including the certifying officers, as appropriate to allow for timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

It should be noted that while the Company's certifying officers believe that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures provide a reasonable level of assurance and that they are effective, they do not expect that the disclosure controls and procedures will prevent all errors and fraud. A control system, no matter how well conceived or operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control system are met.

#### Control over Financial Reporting ("ICFR")

The Company's certifying officers acknowledge that they are responsible for designing internal controls over financial reporting, or causing them to be designed under their supervision in order to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with IFRS.

#### Limitations of Controls and Procedures

The Company's management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, believe that any disclosure controls and procedures or internal controls over financial reporting, no matter how well conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control system are met. Further, the design of a control system must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints, and the benefits of controls must be considered relative to their costs. Because of the inherent limitations in all control systems, they cannot provide absolute assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, within the Company have been prevented or detected. These inherent limitations include the realities that judgments in decision-making can be faulty, and that breakdowns can occur because of simple error or mistake. Additionally, controls can be circumvented by the individual acts of some persons, by collusion of two or more people, or by unauthorized override of the control. The design of any systems of controls also is based in part upon certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events, and there can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions. Accordingly, because of the inherent limitations in a cost-effective control system, misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected.

#### BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS

At March 31, 2023, the Company had no material off balance sheet arrangements such as guarantee contracts, contingent interest in assets transferred to an entity, derivative instruments obligations or any obligations that trigger financing, liquidity, market or credit risk to the Company.



### **RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

The condensed consolidated interim financial statements include the financial statements of Lion One Metals Limited and its 100% owned subsidiaries American Eagle Resources Inc. (Canada), Laimes International Inc. (BVI), Auksas Inc. (BVI), Lion One Limited (Fiji), Lion One Australia Pty Ltd. (Australia) and Piche Resources Pty Ltd. (Australia).

Key management personnel comprise of the: Chief Executive Officer, Managing Director, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Operating Officer, Senior Vice President Exploration and Vice President, Corporate Secretary of the Company, members of the Board of Directors and related companies. The remuneration of the key management personnel is as follows for the period ended March 31:

		2023		2022
Payments to key management personnel: Cash compensation expensed to management fees,	\$	747.828	\$	419.358
professional fees, investor relations, director fees and consulting fee	Ŷ	1 11,020	Ŷ	110,000
Cash compensation capitalized to exploration and evaluation assets		390,000		415,214
Share-based payments		1,431,931		716,335

During the period ended March 31, 2023, the Company paid \$135,000 (2022 - \$135,000) in rent to Cabrera Capital Corp. ("Cabrera"), a company controlled by Walter Berukoff, the CEO and director of the Company. As at March 31, 2023, the Company had a payable of \$Nil (June 30, 2022 - \$Nil) due to Cabrera and a lease liability of \$Nil (June 30, 2022 - \$130,608) due to Cabrera equal to the present value of office space lease payments over the term of the lease.

The Company had a management and corporate services agreement with Cabrera pursuant to which Cabrera provides a fully furnished and equipped business premises as well as management and administration services to the Company. With the exception of rent expense, Cabrera charges the Company on a cost-recovery basis. On April 1, 2023, the Cabrera management and corporate services agreement was renewed for an additional 5-year term.

During the period ended March 31, 2023, the Company paid \$174,405 (2022 - \$58,898) in rent to Lions Den (Fiji) Pte Limited, a company controlled by Walter Berukoff, the CEO and director of the Company, for short-term and long-term accommodations including utilities in Fiji, and has a payable of \$4,254 (June 30, 2022 – receivable \$6,840).

During the period ended March 31, 2023, the Company paid professional fees of \$24,378 (2022 - \$19,326) to a management services company owned by David McArthur, a director of the Company's subsidiary, Lion One Australia Pty Ltd. As at March 31, 2023, the Company had a payable of \$2,990 (June 30, 2022 - \$2,934).

During the period ended March 31, 2023, the Company paid professional fees of \$171,463 (2022 - \$Nil) to Adera LLC, a company owned by Kevin Puil, a director of the Company, for consulting services.

During the period ended March 31, 2023, the Company paid professional fees of \$20,000 (2022 - \$Nil) to Richard Meli, a director of the Company, for consulting services.

#### **OUTSTANDING SHARE DATA**

As at March 31, 2023 and May 12, 2023, the balance of common shares, stock options, warrants and compensation units were issued and outstanding as follows:

	Balance	Balance
	March 31, 2023	May 12, 2023
Common Shares	176,895,241	206,245,241
Warrants	24,007,087	38,682,087
Stock Options	11,530,000	11,530,000
Compensation Options	1,040,880	2,795,880



#### INFORMATION REGARDING FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations contain certain forwardlooking statements. Forward-looking statements include but are not limited to the timing and amount of estimated future production, costs of production, capital expenditures, costs and timing of the development of new deposits, success of exploration activities, permitting time lines, currency fluctuations, requirements for additional capital, environmental risks, unanticipated reclamation expenses, title disputes or claims and limitations on insurance coverage and the timing and possible outcome of pending litigation. In certain cases, forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of words such as "plans", "expects" or "does not expect", "is expected", "budget", "scheduled", "estimates", "forecasts", "intends", "anticipates" or "does not anticipate", or "believes" or variations of such words and phrases, or statements that certain actions, events or results "may", "could", "would", "might" or "will" be taken, occur or be achieved.

Forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of the Company to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. Such risks and uncertainties include, among others, the actual results of current exploration activities, conclusions or economic evaluations, changes in project parameters as plans continue to be refined, possible variations in grade and or recovery rates, failure of plant, equipment or processes to operate as anticipated, accidents, labour disputes, impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on operations or other risks of the mining industry, delays in obtaining government approvals or financing or incompletion of development or construction activities, risks relating to the integration of acquisitions, to international operations, and to the prices of gold and other metals.

While the Company has attempted to identify important factors that could cause actual actions, events or results to differ materially from those described in forward-looking statements, there may be other factors that cause actions, events or results not to be as anticipated, estimated or intended. There can be no assurance that forward-looking statements will prove to be accurate, as actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such statements. Accordingly, readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. The Company expressly disclaims any intention or obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise except as required by law.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information regarding the Company can be found at <u>www.sedar.com</u> and the Company's website <u>www.liononemetals.com</u>.



## SCHEDULE "A"

## LION ONE METALS LIMITED TENEMENT LISTING

TENEMENT DESCRIPTION	TENEMENT NUMBERS <sup>(1)</sup>	PERCENTAGE INTEREST	CHANGES IN THE PERIOD
	FI	JI	
TUVATU GOLD PROJECT, VITI LEVU			
Tuvatu	SML 62	100%	
Tuvatu	SPL 1283	100%	
Yavuna	SPL 1296	100%	
Nagado	SPL 1465	100%	
Navilawa	SPL 1512	100%	

(1) Tenured ground held in Fiji is held under Special Prospecting Licenses (SPL's) and a Special Mining License (SML).

