Champion Iron Mines Limited (formerly Champion Minerals Inc.) Management's Discussion and Analysis

This Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") provides discussion and analysis of the financial condition and results of operations of Champion Iron Mines Limited (formerly Champion Minerals Inc.) (the "Company") for the 6 months ended September 30, 2012 and should be read in conjunction with the unaudited interim consolidated financial statements and the accompanying notes. The MD&A is the responsibility of management and is dated as of November 14, 2012.

All dollar amounts are stated in Canadian dollars unless otherwise indicated. Additional information relating to the Company, including its Annual Information Form, is available on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

Forward-Looking Statements

This MD&A may contain, without limitation, statements concerning possible or assumed future operations, performance or results preceded by, followed by or that include words such as "believes", "expects", "potential", "anticipates", "estimates", "intends", "plans", "will", "could" and words of similar connotation, which would constitute forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are not guarantees. The reader should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements and information because they involve risks and uncertainties that may cause actual operations, performance or results to be materially different from those indicated in these forward-looking statements. The Company is under no obligation to update any forward-looking statements contained herein should material facts change due to new information, future events or other factors. These cautionary statements expressly qualify all forward-looking statements in this MD&A.

The Company

The Company is a Canadian-based iron ore exploration and development company with properties located in the heart of Canada's premier iron ore mining district, the Labrador Trough. The Company is one of the largest landholders of highly prospective iron ore properties located southwest of Fermont, Quebec and northeast of Schefferville, Quebec.

The Company is a reporting issuer in Ontario, Alberta, British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland and Nova Scotia and its common shares are listed for trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol CHM, the OTCQX under the symbol CPMNF and on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange under the symbol P02 (WKN – A0LF1C).

Overall Performance

Fermont Property Holdings

The Company owns a 100% interest in 14 properties (each a "Property"), formerly 17 properties prior to consolidation, covering 747 square kilometres (collectively, the "Fermont Holdings") located in the Fermont Iron Ore District of northeastern Quebec, which is 250 km north of the St. Lawrence River port town of Port-Cartier, and ranging from 6 to 80 kilometres southwest of Fermont. With the announcement of July 4, 2012 of the Mineral Resource Estimate at the Company's Oil Can Project (one of the Properties in the Fermont Holdings) it was noted that considering the proximity of the Oil Can Deposit to the Company's flagship Fire Lake North Project, for which a Feasibility Study is currently being developed, as well as an assessment of other relevant factors, in accordance with National Instrument 43-101 technical reporting purposes, Fire Lake North and Oil Can were consolidated and are considered a single property going forward. Furthermore, as the Bellechasse and Midway properties are contiguous with the Fire Lake North and the Oil Can properties, there exists an increased prospect for exploiting the Bellechasse resource from potential common infrastructure to be developed to serve Fire Lake North and Oil Can. Accordingly, the Bellechasse and Midway properties were also consolidated with Fire Lake North and Oil Can to form part of a Consolidated Fire Lake North Property. As such, 4 of the 17 Properties were consolidated into one larger property, namely the Consolidated Fire Lake North Property.

The Fermont Holdings are subject to a 3% royalty ("Royalty") payable to the two vendors on a 50/50 basis, of which the Company has the option to purchase a 0.5% interest from one of the vendors for \$1,500,000, which would reduce the Royalty to 2.5%.

On May 17, 2012, the Company acquired the remaining 17.5% joint venture interest in the Fermont Holdings from Fancamp Exploration Ltd. ("Fancamp"). As a result of the acquisition, the Company now owns a 100% interest in the Fermont Holdings and the joint venture between the Company and Fancamp has been terminated. The Company

continues to retain its right of refusal over Fancamp's interest in the Lamellee Property and Fancamp continues to retain its 50% interest in the Royalty. The Company retains the right of first refusal on the sale of the Royalty and the option to purchase 0.5% of the Royalty for \$1,500,000 from the holder of the 50% interest in the Royalty not owned by Fancamp.

a) As consideration for the acquisition, the Company issued 14,000,000 common shares and 7,000,000 non-transferable common share purchase warrants entitling the holder to purchase one common share for \$3.00 between November 17, 2014 and May 17, 2015 ("Champion Warrants") provided that if the weighted-average closing price of Champion's common shares is over \$4.00 per share for 20 consecutive trading days, the Champion Warrants must be exercised within 30 calendar days of the Company providing written notice, or they will be cancelled. In the event that Fancamp provides notice within 10 days of the receipt of the Company's notice that it does not have sufficient funds to exercise the Champion Warrants, the Company will advance a loan to Fancamp to enable Fancamp to exercise the Champion Warrants. The loan will have the following terms and conditions:

Interest

Prime rate charged by the Company's bank, calculated and compounded annually, payable by way of set off upon the commencement of payment of Fancamp's 50% interest in the Royalty.

Security

Assignment of the Fancamp's 50% interest in the Royalty and the common shares of the Company issued pursuant to the exercise of the Champion Warrants.

Repayment

Payable by way of set off upon the commencement of payment of Fancamp's 50% interest in the Royalty. To the extent that the Company exercises the Fancamp Warrants (as defined below), the exercise price payable by the Company will be settled by way of set off against the loan. To the extent that the loan has not been repaid within 15 years from the date of granting of the loan, the common shares of the Company assigned by Fancamp as security for the loan shall be forfeited by Fancamp to the Company.

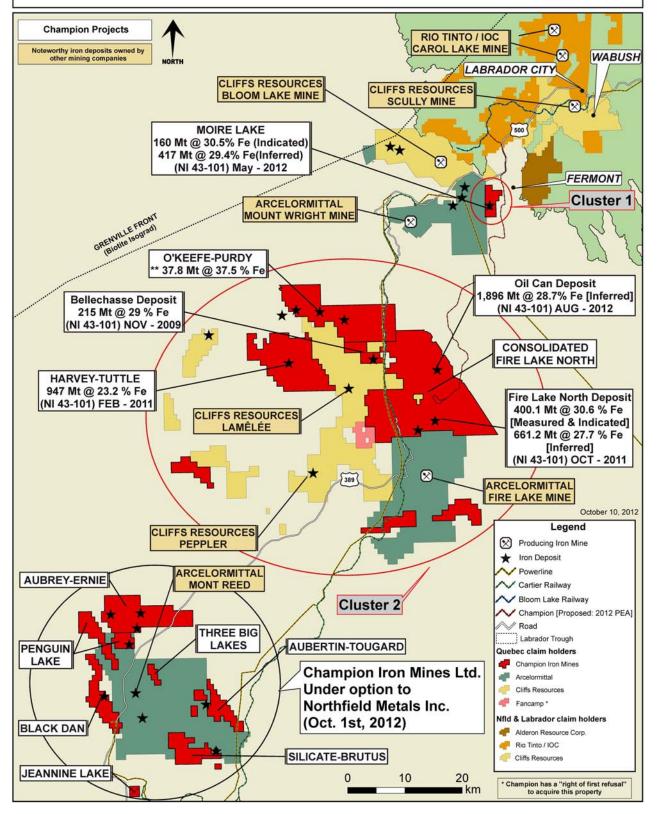
In the event that Fancamp is not able to obtain shareholder approval for a change in control in the event that the Company exercises the Fancamp Warrants, Fancamp has agreed that it will only exercise Champion Warrants equal to the number of Fancamp Warrants exercisable by the Company divided by 5.

- b) On May 17, 2012, the Company granted a waiver to Fancamp of the Company's option to purchase 0.5% of the Fancamp's 50% interest in the Royalty. As consideration for the waiver, Fancamp made a payment of \$2,000,000 to the Company, which the Company used to acquire 8,000,000 common shares of Fancamp for \$0.25 per share.
- c) On May 17, 2012, the Company acquired 10,000,000 units of Fancamp for \$0.30 per unit for cash of \$3,000,000. Each unit consisted of one common share and one non-transferable common share purchase warrant entitling the Company to purchase one common share for \$0.60 between November 17, 2014 and May 17, 2015 ("Fancamp Warrants"). As a result of regulatory requirements, subject to the approval of the shareholders of Fancamp, the Company has agreed not to exercise Fancamp Warrants to the extent that the exercise would result in a change of control of Fancamp. If the weighted-average closing price of the common shares of Fancamp is over \$0.80 per share for 20 consecutive trading days, the Fancamp Warrants must be exercised to the extent that the exercise would not result in a change of control of Fancamp within 30 calendar days of Fancamp providing written notice, or those Fancamp Warrants will be cancelled.

The Company and Fancamp have entered into a reciprocal rights agreement governing certain investor rights and obligations as between them. The Company and Fancamp will each be restricted from transferring securities of the other for a period of six years, after which time transfers will be permitted subject to certain restrictions.

The Fermont Holdings are grouped into three clusters from north to south, termed Clusters 1, 2 and 3, as outlined in the following map:





The Fermont Holdings are located in proximity to and locally contiguous to an operating iron mine and a number of former operating iron mines and projects currently being developed for iron mining.

The following table sets out the current NI 43-101 compliant Measured, Indicated and Inferred Mineral Resources for the Fermont Holdings by Property¹:

			Current Mineral Resources Estimates at 15% Iron Cut-Off					
Property	Cluster	Deposit	Measured		Indica	ted	Infer	red
			tonnes grade		tonnes	tonnes grade		grade
			millions	FeT%	millions	FeT%	millions	FeT%
Moire Lake	1	Lac Moire	-	-	164.0	30.5	417.1	29.4
Consolidated Fire		Fire Lake						
Lake North	2	North	8.4	35.0	391.7	30.5	661.2	27.7
		Oil Can	-	1	-		1,896.0	28.7
		Bellechasse	-	-	-	-	215.0	27.8
		Midway	-	1	-		-	-
Harvey-Tuttle	2	Harvey-Tuttle	-	-	-	-	947.0	23.2
O'Keefe-Purdy	2		-	-	-	-	-	-
Hope Lake	2		-	-	-	-	-	-
Casse Lake	2		-	-	-	-	-	-
Claire Lake	2		-	-	-		-	-
Audrey-Ernie	3		-	-	-		-	-
Three Big Lakes	3		-	-	-		-	-
Aubertin-Tougard								
Lakes	3		-	-	-	-	-	-
Jeannine Lake	3		-	-	-	-	-	-
Silicate-Brutus								
Lakes	3		-	-	-	-	-	_
Penguin	3		-	-	-	-	-	-
Black Dan	3		-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals			8.4	35.0	555.7	30.5	4,136.3	27.3

¹ The current Mineral Resource Estimate was calculated using the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum (CIM), CIM Standards on Mineral Resources and Reserves, Definitions and Guidelines prepared by the CIM Standing Committee on Reserve Definitions. Mineral resources, which are not mineral reserves, do not have demonstrated economic viability. The mineral resource estimate may be materially affected by environmental, permitting, legal, title, taxation, socio-political, marketing, or other relevant issues. Furthermore, the quantity and grade of estimated Inferred Resource reported herein are uncertain and there has been insufficient exploration to categorize them as an Indicated or Measured Resource. It is uncertain if further exploration will result in reclassification of Inferred Mineral Resources to the Indicated or Measured Mineral Resource categories. The tonnage numbers are rounded according to NI 43-101 standards.

Copies of the NI 43-101 Mineral Resource Estimate reports for Consolidated Fire Lake North, Moire Lake, Bellechasse and Harvey-Tuttle are available under the Company's filings on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

Cluster 1

Moire Lake (NI 43-101 Indicated Mineral Resource 164.0 million tonnes: grade 30.5% Total Iron / Inferred Mineral Resource of 417.1 million tonnes; grade 29.4% Total Iron / All categories are at a 15% cutoff grade)

Moire Lake is located 4 kilometres southwest of Fermont, adjoins the eastern boundary of the Mont Wright mine and concentrator operations owned by ArcelorMittal and is 8 kms south of existing railway and other infrastructure.

On March 29, 2012, Champion announced the results of an NI 43-101 Mineral Resource Estimate completed on its Moire Lake Project, based on the results from 21 diamond drill holes completed by the Company in 2011. Using a 15% cutoff grade, the current Mineral Resource Estimate calculated 164.0 million tonnes grading 30.5% Total Iron in the Indicated category with 417.1 million tonnes grading 29.4% Total Iron in the Inferred category. Geological and geophysical evidence indicates that the mineralization continues westward onto ArcelorMittal's Mont Wright property.

Significantly, results of the In-Pit Optimization demonstrate that nearly 100% of the Moire Lake Mineral Resources might be potentially economically exploited. The global Mineral Resource Estimate and In-pit Optimized Mineral Resource Estimate presented above, respectively, include Mineral Resources only within the limits of the Moire Lake property. The Optimized Pit Shell that was generated, however, extends beyond the current western Moire Lake property boundary and includes only overburden and waste rock in this extension.

For comparison purposes, a second In-Pit Optimization was completed constraining not only the resources but the limits of the entire Pit Shell to within the limits of the Moire Lake property. This Optimization indicates that a portion of the resource would likely not be exploited if the pit shell is constrained to the Moire Lake property limits. The High Grade Zone resource, using a 15% cutoff would be reduced from the 164 million tonnes Indicated and 417 million tonnes Inferred to 128 million tonnes Indicated and 305 million tonnes Inferred, respectively.

Of note, the Company did not complete any drilling in 2011 on the 4 kilometre, "Northeast Trend" magnetic anomaly underlying the eastern part of the Moire Lake Project. Outcrops of specular hematite-rich iron formation in exposures up to 40 m across were identified along the Northeast Trend and provide a significant exploration target to potentially delineate additional iron resources.

The Company expects to follow-up the Mineral Resource Estimate with a Preliminary Economic Assessment ("PEA") study.

Cluster 2

Development of several of the Cluster 2 properties – namely the Consolidated Fire Lake North Property is on-going. Some properties, such as Oil Can are within a reasonable distance to the Fire Lake North Project to enable potential development of satellite resources that might be conveyed to a centralized production complex developed at Fire Lake North. It is for this reason that the Company remains dedicated to exploring the Cluster 2 properties in order to identify which of them have the potential for coarse-grained specular-hematite mineralization and prioritize the delineation of these more valued resources for sinter feed. The Company will also continue to further delineate the magnetite-rich resources at other Cluster 2 projects for potential development as sinter/pellet feed source.

Consolidated Fire Lake North (NI 43-101 Measured Mineral Resource of 8.4 million tonnes: grade 35.0% Total Iron / Indicated Mineral Resource 391.7 million tonnes: grade 30.5% Total Iron / Inferred Mineral Resource of 2,772.2 million tonnes; grade 28.4% Total Iron / All categories are at a 15% cutoff grade)

Fire Lake North Property

Fire Lake North is located adjacent (to the north) of ArcelorMittal's operating Fire Lake Mine and is 60 km to the south of Cliffs Natural Resources Inc.'s ("Cliffs") operating Bloom Lake Mine in northeastern Quebec. Fire Lake North is situated at the southern end of the Labrador Trough, which is known to contain coarser grained iron deposits due to higher grade metamorphism within the Grenville geological province. The Fermont-Wabush-Labrador City Iron Ore District is a world-renowned iron ore mining camp and is considered to be an optimal location to develop iron ore resource projects.

An Update of the Preliminary Economic Assessment with an effective date of November 21, 2011 ("PEA") concluded that Fire Lake North has an internal rate of return of 41.5%; net present value of \$4 billion at a cash flow discount rate of 8% and a payback period of 2.3 years. Concentrator production would average 8.7 million tonnes of concentrate per year ("Mtpa") grading 65% iron for the first 25 years of the 40-year mine life; however, the first five years of the financial model will average nearly 10 Mtpa of concentrate production. A copy of the Technical Report on the PEA prepared in accordance with NI 43-101 is available under the Company's filings at SEDAR at www.sedar.com (March 1, 2012). The PEA study has an accuracy of +I-30%, which is considered industry standard for preliminary capital and operating cost estimates.

The financial analysis in the PEA study used a price of \$115 per tonne of iron concentrate (\$/tonne is FOB Sept-Iles) and a mine life of 40 years; the capital payback period is 2.3 years. Table 1 provides the Net Present Values calculated at various discounted cash flow rates for the Base Case production scenario.

Table 1: Fire Lake North – Preliminary Economic Assessment Results (Pre-Tax)					
Internal Rate of Return (IRR) (8% Discount Rate)	41.5	%			
Undiscounted Cash Flow	10.9	\$ billion			
Net Present Value @ 5% Discounted Cash Flow	5.6	\$ billion			
Net Present Value @ 8% Discounted Cash Flow	4.0	\$ billion			
Net Present Value @ 10% Discounted Cash Flow	3.2	\$ billion			
Payback Period (8% Discount Rate)	2.3	Years			

Excluding the contingency, the cost of rail and port infrastructure totals \$325.6 million, as itemized in Table 2. The cost to develop the mine and concentrator complex totals \$841.7 million, which equates to \$97 per tonne of the 8.7 million tonnes of annualized production of iron concentrate, a typical rate for mines in the Fermont Iron Ore District.

Capital expenditures total \$1,368 million for 100% of the project with the cost of rail and port infrastructure included. This PEA study assumes the usage of the Sept-Îles multi-user port facility project that is planned for completion by March 31, 2014.

Table 2: Capital Expenditures (\$ millions)				
Cost Centers	\$ millions			
Pre-stripping of open pit areas	97.5			
Concentrator and site infrastructure including loadout facilities	682.3			
Railway (62km distance and 94km total including turnaround loop and sidings)	228.8			
Port Facilities: Railcar unloading, stacker/reclaimer, conveyors	96.8			
Environmental and Tailings Management	27.9			
Other Pre-Production Costs	34.0			
Sub Total	1,167			
Contingency	201			
Grand Total (100% of the project)	1,368			

The designed "In Pit" resources at an 8% Total Iron cut-off are 921.8 million tonnes grading 28.8% Total Iron. At a 15% cut-off grade, these resources decrease slightly to 908.5 million tonnes, grading 29.1% Total Iron whereas they amount to 833 million tonnes grading 30.1% Total Iron at a 20% cut off. This demonstrates the quality of the "In Pit" resources. The current global NI 43-101 Mineral Resource Estimate was announced on October 3, 2011 (see Champion's press release dated October 3, 2011). As the designed "In Pit" resources of the Fire Lake North Project are now 921.8 million tonnes, the recommendation in the PEA is to evaluate the option of increasing the production rate by adding a second production line in the concentrator. This will be included in the scope of the 2012 Feasibility Study.

The PEA study is based on a stand-alone operation at Fire Lake North and does not consider any other adjacent projects in the area. The resource definition drilling program has been initiated and is designed to convert the majority of the current resources to the Measured and Indicated categories for the 2012 Feasibility Study for both production rate scenarios, i.e., associated to one or two concentrator production lines.

Results from the PEA indicate Fire Lake North to be a viable and economically robust project for the Base Case production scenario. Further evaluation of options to reduce costs and increase concentrate production could significantly enhance the project economics. The additional capital required to increase production with the addition of a second production line would be significantly less than the capital expenditures for this first production line. Other options will be evaluated during the course of the Feasibility Study with a focus on cost reduction. Ongoing discussions with strategic partners and stakeholders to evaluate various rail transportation options are being studied.

The PEA has been developed with a higher degree of detail than normally required, which facilitated the transition into the Feasibility Study phase.

On June 21, 2012, the Company announced the completion of the Phase 1 Feasibility Definition Drilling Program at Fire Lake North. Over 22,000 m of definition drilling has been completed since early January 2012 in the East and West pit areas. The 2012 drilling was focused within the proposed designed pit limits as outlined in the PEA. Three additional, widely spaced step-out drill holes are in-progress in the West pit area, and two additional holes are planned for the East pit area to help determine both the extents of mineralization beyond the current resource (and PEA designed pit limits), plus the number of additional holes that may be required to further delineate this potential resource in a second phase of Feasibility drilling.

In support of the Fire Lake North Feasibility Study, on August 1, 2012 the Company announced metallurgical results of test work performed by SGS Lakefield Research and interpreted by BBA Inc. The test work successfully demonstrated that the Fire Lake North's West Pit and East Pit deposits, which contain predominantly hematite, can be processed using a relatively simple and conventional Autogenous Grinding ("AG") mill with three-stage gravity spiral beneficiation. Due to the very low magnetite content of both deposits, no magnetic recovery circuit is anticipated. The product generated from both heavy liquid separation (HLS) testing and a pilot plant has confirmed that an excellent grade and quality of sinter concentrate can be produced from the West Pit and East Pit deposits. The Company is focused on the development of the West Pit deposit for the upcoming Feasibility Study, with the East Pit deposit possibly serving to supplement the mill feed.

The Company anticipates completing the Feasibility Study by the fourth quarter of 2012.

Oil Can Property

On July 4, 2012 the Company announced the completion of a current Mineral Resource Estimate for Oil Can, located within the larger area consolidated and designated the Consolidated Fire Lake North Property. The Mineral Resource Estimate was completed by P&E, based on 19 drill holes totalling 8,435 m, completed between August 5 and December 11, 2011. The current Mineral Resource Estimate is outlined in the following table (Table 1):

Table 1: Inferred Mineral Resource Estimate¹

7	Cut-Off Grade	Tonnes	Grade	
Zone	FeT%	Millions	FeT%	
	20%+	969	33.2	
Total Oxide	15%+	972	33.2	
	10%+	1,355	23.8	
	20%+	788	25.1	
Total Mixed	15%+	924	24.1	
	10%+	1,027	23.0	
Total All	15%+	1,896	28.7	

The current Mineral Resource Estimate was calculated using the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum (CIM) Standards on Mineral Resources and Reserves, Definitions and Guidelines prepared by the CIM Standing Committee on Reserve Definitions. Mineral resources, which are not mineral reserves, do not have demonstrated economic viability. The mineral resource estimate may be materially affected by environmental, permitting, legal, title, taxation, socio-political, marketing, or other relevant issues. Furthermore, the quantity and grade of estimated Inferred Resource reported herein are uncertain and there has been insufficient exploration to categorize them as an Indicated or Measured Resource. It is uncertain if further exploration will result in reclassification of Inferred Mineral Resources to the Indicated or Measured Mineral Resource categories. The tonnage numbers are rounded according to NI 43-101 standards. Grades are calculated from Total Fe% ("FeT%") sample assays completed by ALS Minerals using the "High Grade/Ores Method" XRF analysis.

The Oil Can Deposit consists of both magnetite-rich "Oxide" iron formation and a "Mixed" magnetite-silicate iron formation hosted within 5 domains separated by possible thrust faults.

P&E utilized a 1:1 C\$-U\$\$ exchange rate, a mining cost of \$1.90/Tonne and \$7.97/Tonne for the processing, G&A and freight costs. The process recovery, estimated to be 60.0%, and an Iron ore price of \$1.77/dmtu were used to complete the Whittle pit optimization with 50 degree overall slopes to estimate the in-situ Mineral Resources. Table 2 presents the results of the In-Pit Optimization at various cut-off grades and demonstrates the economic sensitivity of the resource estimates by indicating the quantity of the mineral resources that may be potentially economically exploited within the optimized pit shell.

Table 2: In-Pit Optimization Sensitivity Estimate

Zono	Cut-Off Grade	Tonnes	Grade
Zone	FeT%	Millions	FeT%
	20%+	964	33.3
Total Oxide	15%+	967	33.2
	10%+	967	33.2
	20%+	781	25.1
Total Mixed	15%+	912	24.1
	10%+	978	23.4
Total All	15% +	1,879	28.8

The Company has completed limited preliminary metallurgical test work for indications of grind size, recovery and potential concentrate quality that might be produced from the Oil Can Mineral Resources. Early results from composites tested at SGS Lakefield Laboratories indicate that a relatively coarse grind and primary magnetic separation could yield a commercial grade magnetite sinter-feed concentrate. Further metallurgical test work will focus on the Oxide resource to evaluate the potential to improve recoveries utilizing secondary gravity separation of the magnetic-tails to recover the specular hematite mineralization that occurs in significant concentrations locally within the deposit, most notably in the South, Central and North zones.

Bellechasse and Midway Properties

As the Bellechasse and Midway properties are contiguous with the Fire Lake North and the Oil Can properties, there exists an increased prospect for exploiting the Bellechasse resource from potential common infrastructure to be developed to serve Fire Lake North and Oil Can. Accordingly, the Bellechasse and Midway properties were consolidated with Fire Lake North and Oil Can to form part of a Consolidated Fire Lake North Property. The Bellechasse Property contains an Inferred Mineral Resource of 215 million tonnes grading 27.8% Total Iron while the Midway Property does not contain any NI 43-101 compliant or historic resource.

Harvey-Tuttle (NI 43-101 Inferred Mineral Resource of 947 million tonnes; grade 23.2% Total Iron at 15% cutoff)

On February 28, 2011, the Company announced the results of an initial NI 43-101-compliant Mineral Resource Estimate for the Harvey-Tuttle Project. The Total Inferred Mineral Resources at Harvey-Tuttle are estimated at 717 million tonnes grading 25.0% Total Iron at a 20% cut-off or 947 million tonnes grading 23.2% Total Iron at a 15% cut-off, the same cut-off used for the Fire Lake North PEA.

The Company has deferred the second phase of diamond drilling at Harvey-Tuttle when 12,500m of drilling originally budgeted for Harvey-Tuttle was redirected to the Fire Lake North Project to meet additional higher priority drilling requirements. Further drilling and the initiation of a PEA at Harvey Tuttle have been deferred in order to better allocate available capital resources on the Company's higher priority projects in both Clusters 1 and 2.

O'Keefe-Purdy

The O'Keefe-Purdy Project is located adjacent to the Harvey-Tuttle Project and to date the Company has completed 6,064 m of drilling in 23 holes at the project. Results for the first fifteen drill holes were announced by the Company on November 30, 2011. Select composite assay results for the remaining eight holes completed at O'Keefe Purdy were announced on April 17, 2012. The O'Keefe Purdy Project's 215 claims cover approximately 19 kilometres of cumulative strike length of magnetic anomaly which is interpreted to define tightly folded specularite, specular hematite and magnetite iron formation. The drilling program was focused mainly on the areas around the three chronicled mineral showings on the project; namely Lac O'Keefe Nord-Est (COGITE # 23B/12-006), Lac O'Keefe Nord-Ouest (COGITE # 23B/12-0003) and Lac Purdy (COGITE # 23B/12-0008) (see http://sigeom.mrnf.gouv.qc.ca/ for COGITE references). No drilling was completed in the eastern part of the property.

Champion will defer a Mineral Resource Estimate for the O'Keefe Purdy Project until additional suggested drilling more thoroughly establishes the full extent of iron mineralization underlying the property.

Acquisition of Hope Lake Extension and Oil Can Extension

On July 26, 2012, the Company acquired a 100% interest in the Hope Lake Extension consisting of 632.45 hectares and the Oil Can Extension consisting of 40.97 hectares. In order to acquire its interest, the Company issued 25,000 common shares with a fair value of \$22,850.

Quality Assurance and Quality Control

All drill core logging and sample preparation was conducted by qualified Company personnel under NI 43-101 standards at the Company's core logging facilities in Wabush (Newfoundland & Labrador) and at the Company's field exploration camps, located south of Fermont (Quebec). The NQ and HQ-sized drill core was split in half. One-half of the NQ or HQ-sized drill core was kept in the core tray for reference purposes and the other half core was individually bagged, tagged, sealed and packed in large nylon bags which were then securely closed and sent by commercial ground transportation for sample preparation at ALS Chemex Laboratories in Val d'Or (Quebec) or Sudbury (Ontario). Analysis of the core pulp samples was conducted at ALS Chemex Laboratories' Vancouver (British Columbia) laboratory facility. Quality Control samples including standards of certified reference material, field duplicates and blank samples were routinely inserted in sample batches including duplicate pulp and coarse reject samples prepared and assayed to further monitor results. ALS Chemex also inserted blank samples, standards and duplicates for Quality Control purposes.

Cluster 3

The Company currently remains dedicated to exploring the Cluster 1 and Cluster 2 areas of its Fermont Holdings. There are no NI 43-101 compliant Mineral Resources in the Aubertin-Tougard, Aubrey-Ernie, Black Dan, Jeannine Lake, Penguin Lake, Silicate-Brutus and Three Big Lakes Properties (collectively, the "Cluster 3 Properties").

On September 28, 2012, the Company granted an option to Northfield Metals Inc. ("Northfield") to acquire a 65% interest in the Cluster 3 Properties. In order to earn its interest, Northfield must make option payments, issue common shares and incur exploration expenditures, as follows:

	Option payments \$	Common shares	Exploration expenditures \$
Upon conditional approval from a Stock Exchange for the listing of the shares of Northfield	100,000	1,000,000	-
1 year after signing of an option and joint venture agreement	150,000	500,000	500,000
2 years after signing of an option and joint venture agreement	250,000	500,000	750,000
3 years after signing of an option and joint venture agreement	250,000	500,000	_
4 years after signing of an option and joint venture agreement	250,000	_	4,750,000
	1,000,000	2,500,000	6,000,000

The Company and Northfield agree that the option constitutes a binding agreement and agreed to negotiate the terms of and execute a mutually satisfactory option and joint venture agreement by December 31, 2012.

Upon Northfield earning its 65% interest, a joint venture will be formed to incur additional exploration expenditures. If the Company does not fund its proportionate interest in the joint venture, its interest will be diluted and, when its interest is reduced below 10%, its interest would be reduced solely to a 1% royalty. Northfield will have the option to reduce the royalty from 1% to 0.5% by making a payment of \$3,000,000.

In the event that the Company or Northfield proposes to acquire any property within 10 kilometres of the Cluster 3 Properties, the acquirer must offer the property at cost to the other party for inclusion in the Cluster 3 Properties.

Two officers of the Company are officers of Northfield.

Agreement with Sept-Îles Port Authority

The Sept-Îles Port Authority ("Port") has committed to complete a planned multi-user port facility with annual loading capacity of 50 million metric tons of iron ore at an estimated cost of \$220 million by March 31, 2014.

On July 13, 2012, the Company signed an agreement ("Agreement") with the Port to reserve annual loading capacity of 10 million metric tons of iron ore ("Annual Reserved Capacity") for an initial term of 20 years with options to renew for 4 additional 5-year terms.

The Port required the Company and other end users to fund a portion of the costs through a "Buy-in Payment", which will constitute an advance on the Company's future shipping, wharfage and equipment fees. The Company's Buy-in Payment is \$25,581,000, which may be paid in 2 instalments (\$12,790,000 payable on signing of the Agreement and \$12,791,000 payable on July 1, 2013) or guaranteed by providing irrevocable guarantees of equivalent value. The Company paid \$1,000,000 on signing of the Agreement and provided the Port with irrevocable guarantees of equivalent value in the form of a deed of hypothec regarding its mining rights, title and interest over Moire Lake and Don Lake. The Company will pay the amount secured by the hypothec in 10 monthly payments of \$1,000,000, \$1,790,000 on June 1, 2013 and \$12,791,000 on July 1, 2013.

The Port is scheduled to deliver operational port facilities on March 31, 2014, which is approximately 18 months prior to the Company commencing production. From the date that the Port delivers operational port facilities until the date that the Company commences production, the Company will make "take or pay" payments to the Port based upon 50% of the Annual Reserved Capacity, which will constitute an advance on the Company's future shipping, wharfage and equipment fees.

The Company and the Port have agreed to sign a lease for a parcel of land to meet the Company's needs for access to the port and storage and the Company will be required to install loading and handling systems approved by the Port to ensure delivery of its iron ore to the port.

Agreement with Canadian National Railway Company

On August 24, 2012, the Company signed an agreement with Canadian National Railway Company ("CN") to participate in a feasibility study of a proposed new multi-user railway that would connect mining projects in the Labrador Trough to the deep water port in Sept- Îles. The Company has committed to contribute \$1,000,000 towards the completion of the feasibility study. Under certain circumstances, these funds could be refunded to the Company.

Exclusive Memorandum of Understanding with Takuaikan Uashat Mak Mani-Utenam Innus First Nation

On April 2, 2012, the Company announced that it entered into a memorandum of understanding with the Takuaikan Uashat Mak Mani-Utenam Innu First Nation ("ITUM") of Uashat, Québec, located near the Port of Sept-Îles.

The memorandum of understanding confirms that ITUM has agreed to enter into exclusive discussions with the Company in connection with the potential development of an entirely new multi-user railway and the potential creation of a partnership, the equity of which would be opened to other users, in order to design, build and manage this new railway. The objective of this new railway would be to service the iron ore industry directly linking the Fire Lake North region to the planned multi-user Port Facility at Pointe Noire, in Sept-Îles, Québec. The participation of ITUM in this railway project is conditional upon, among other things, the negotiation of definitive agreements between the Company and ITUM.

In connection with CN's announcement on August 10, 2012 that together with a group of five mining companies it has committed to work on a feasibility study into the construction of a proposed rail line and terminal handling facility to serve the Quebec/Labrador iron ore range, ITUM issued a press release on September 27, 2012 indicating that without their consent, they opposed the construction of CN's proposed new multi-user railway on their territory.

Attikamagen (Taconite-bearing Sokoman Iron Formation)

The Company owns a 44% (previously 100%) interest in 946 claims comprising 310 square kilometres extending over a 56 kilometre strike length in Labrador and Quebec, including 52 claims comprising the Attikamagen Lake Iron Property ("Attikamagen") in western Labrador which are subject to an aggregate royalty of \$1.50 per tonne of iron content in any and all iron ore, pellets or other products produced. The royalty can be purchased for \$2,500,000.

On May 12, 2008, the Company granted an option to Labec Century Iron Ore Inc. ("Labec"), now a subsidiary of Century Iron Mines Corporation ("Century Iron"), for Labec to earn up to a 60% interest in Attikamagen. In order to earn its interest, Labec must fund exploration expenditures as follows:

	Exploration expenditures \$
To earn 51% interest	·
March 26, 2009 (funded)	2,500,000
March 26, 2011 (funded)	2,500,000
March 26, 2012 (funded)	2,500,000
	7,500,000
To increase to 56% interest	
March 26, 2013 (funded)	2,500,000
To increase to 60% interest	
March 26, 2014	3,000,000
	13,000,000

Labec is solely responsible for funding the exploration program at Attikamagen until such time that it elects to complete its option to earn a 56% or 60% interest, at which time the Company and Labec will be responsible for funding their respective proportionate shares of future exploration and developments costs. On or about February 7, 2012, Labec earned a 51% interest in Attikamagen and on or about May 15, 2012, Labec earned an additional 5% interest in Attikamagen, increasing its interest in Attikamagen to 56%.

On September 24, 2012. Century Iron announced an update on its drilling results and bulk sampling exploration program at Attikamagen. As reported by Century Iron, the drilling program focused on potential taconite and "direct shipping ore" ("DSO¹") targets at Joyce Lake in western Labrador. As of September 10, 2012 Century indicated that a total of 7,807 metres of RC drilling was completed. Century Iron further reported that the first batch of assay results confirmed a zone of high grade iron mineralization at Joyce Lake with intercepts up to 54 metres with over 60% total iron with an average of 6.09% silica.

¹ The DSO term was used by previous operators in the Schefferville mining district to designate "oxidized iron ore" with iron grades in excess of 55%, and is only used here for historical reference and is not intended to imply that a positive economic study has been completed on the Attikamagen Property.

A table of the assay results received by Century Iron from the Attikamagen drilling program can be found in Century Iron's press release dated September 24, 2012, which is available on their corporate website at www.centuryiron.com and it also posted under Century Iron's filings at www.sedar.com.

On September 25, 2012, Century Iron announced an initial mineral resource statement for the Hayot Lake Iron Deposit ("Hayot Lake") located on the Attikamagan project. As reported by Century Iron, Hayot Lake is estimated to contain an Inferred Mineral Resource of 1.723 billion tonnes grading an average of 31.25% Total Iron at a cut-off grade of 20% Total Iron. Century Iron reported that the initial mineral resource statement has been prepared by SRK Consulting (Canada) Inc. ("SRK") in accordance with Canadian Securities Administrators' National Instrument 43-101 "Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects" ("NI"43-101"). Hayot Lake is approximately 18.5km northeast of Schefferville, Quebec.

A summary of the Hayot Lake Mineral Resource Statement and resource estimation methodology can be found in Century Iron's press release dated September 25, 2012, which is available on their corporate website at www.centuryiron.com and it will also be posted under Century Iron's filings at www.sedar.com. SRK's Hayot Lake Mineral resource Technical Report is also available under Century Iron's filings at www.sedar.com.

Powderhorn and Gullbridge (Base Metals)

Powderhorn

The Company owns a 70% interest in the Powderhorn Lake Project ("Powderhorn"), a base metals project which consists of 115 claims covering an area of 29 square kilometres situated in the Buchans-Robert's Arm Belt in Central Newfoundland. Powderhorn is 40 km northeast of, and on strike with, the Buchans Mine Volcanogenic Massive Sulphide deposits which produced 16.2 million tonnes from 5 ore bodies with average mill head grades of 14.5% Zn, 7.6% Pb, 1.3% Cu, 126 g/t Ag and 1.4 g/t Au (source: J.G. Thurlow, 1990). The Company's 70% interest is subject to a joint venture agreement with the vendor which holds the remaining 30% interest.

Powderhorn is encumbered with a 2.85% net smelter royalty ("NSR"), of which 1.85% can be purchased by the joint venture participants for \$2,300,000 to reduce the NSR to 1.0%.

Gullbridge

The Company owns a 51% interest in the Gullbridge Property in the Buchans Mining Camp, Newfoundland, adjacent and to the southeast of Powderhorn.

The Company has the option to increase its ownership up to an 85% interest in Gullbridge. In order to increase its interest in Gullbridge, the Company must issue common shares and incurred exploration expenditures as follows:

	Common shares	Exploration expenditures \$
To increase to 75% interest May 1, 2014	150,000	700,000
To increase to 85% interest	-	All necessary expenditures up to the completion of a positive bankable feasibility study

In 2011, Fugro Airborne Surveys completed 778 line-kilometres of FugroHelitem deep penetrating airborne electromagnetic and magnetic surveying over the Powderhorn and Gullbridge properties. In addition, Quantec Geoscience Ltd. completed seven lines of Titan-24 DC-IP deep-penetrating geophysical ground surveying totaling 23.4 line-kilometres to further investigate 5 prospective target areas identified from 2010 gravity surveys. In November 2011, Abitibi Geophysics (Val D'Or, QC) completed a compilation of all geophysical data acquired for the Powderhorn and Gullbridge projects.

The Titan IP survey detected chargeability and low-resistivity anomalies over Gravity Targets 1 and 4 with depth to top estimated at 400 metres. EM features were also detected over both targets, but appear to be more related to relatively shallow features.

The follow-up work has further indicated prospectivity for blind VMS deposits below the sediment-covered basin between the Powderhorn prospect and the historic Gullbridge mine.

Drilling of Gravity Targets 1 and 4 and deepening an existing hole at Gravity Target 3 have been recommended. The program would involve between 3,000 and 5,000 metres of diamond drilling.

Risks and Uncertainties

The Company is exposed to financing risk as it is not in commercial production on any of its mineral resource properties and, accordingly, has no revenues. The Company finances its operations by raising capital in the equity markets. Although the Company has been successful in raising funds to date, there can be no assurance that additional funding will be available in the future, particularly in light of the volatility and uncertainties associated with current financial equity markets.

The Company is exposed to the inherent risks associated with mineral exploration and development, including the uncertainty of mineral resources and their development into mineable reserves; the uncertainty as to potential project delays from circumstances beyond the Company's control; and the timing of production; as well as title risks, risks associated with joint venture agreements and the possible failure to obtain mining licences.

The Company is exposed to commodity price risk with respect to iron ore prices. A significant decline in metal commodity prices may affect the Company's ability to obtain capital for the exploration and development of its mineral resource properties.

Results of Operations

	3 months ended S	3 months ended September 30,		d September 30,		
	2012	2011	2012	2011		
	\$	\$	\$	\$		
Revenue						
Interest	100,308	64,339	194,740	175,024		
Other income	-	-	58,400	23,425		
	100,308	64,339	253,140	198,449		
Expenses						
Professional fees	131,200	75.000	163.959	148,273		
Consulting fees	412,401	197,225	765,147	366,681		
Stock-based compensation	, -	2,634,000	, -	2,859,000		
General and administrative	299,564	199,974	610,343	354,039		
Investor relations	279,508	231,706	686,611	504,840		
Travel	80,371	151,667	130,805	234,045		
Unrealized loss on investment	475,614	· -	1,939,614	· -		
	1,678,658	3,489,572	4,296,479	4,466,878		
Loss and comprehensive loss	(1,578,350)	(3,425,233)	(4,043,339)	(4,268,429)		

3 months ended September 30

Decrease in loss compared to the comparative period primarily reflects the reduction in stock-based compensation as there were no stock-options granted in the current year.

6 months ended September 30

Decrease in loss compared to the comparative period primarily reflects reduction in stock-based compensation as there were no stock-options granted in the current year, offset by the unrealized loss on investment of \$1,734,000. The increase in consulting fees and general and administrative expenses reflects the increased exploration activities of the Company.

Summary of Quarterly Results

	Q3 2011 \$	Q4 2011 \$	Q1 2012 \$	Q2 2012 \$	Q3 2012 \$	Q4 2012 \$	Q1 2013 \$	Q2 2013 \$
Revenue Loss	Nil	107,697	134,109	64,339	214,196	35,337	152,832	100,308
- Total	4,060,374	1,399,885	843,197	3,425,233	2,181,183	2,400,740	2,464,989	1,578,350
- Per share	0.06	0.02	0.01	0.04	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.01

Variations in total loss from quarter to quarter for 2011 and 2012 is primarily a result of stock-based compensation. Loss for Q1 2013 includes an unrealized loss on investment of \$1,464,000, adjusted to \$475,614 in Q2 2013.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

The Company is not in commercial production on any of its mineral resource properties and, accordingly, the Company has no revenues, other than relatively small amount of interest earned on its cash balances. The Company finances its operations by raising capital in the equity markets.

The Company's monthly "burn rate" (excluding discretionary investor relations and travel expenses) is approximately \$400.000.

As at September 30, 2012, the Company had working capital of \$13,467,206, which included cash and cash equivalents of \$13,943,851. While the Company has sufficient funds to meet its current commitments, the Company will require additional funding to fund its operations and the exploration of its mineral resource properties. During the year, the Company will seek to raise the necessary capital to meet its future funding requirements. Although the Company has been successful in raising funds to date, there can be no assurance that additional funding will be available.

Commitments

The Port of Sept-Îles required the Company and other end-users to fund a portion of the costs of developing new port facilities through a "Buy-in Payment", which will constitute an advance on the Company's future shipping, wharfage and equipment fees. The Company's Buy-in Payment is \$25,581,000, which may be paid in 2 instalments (\$12,790,000 payable on signing of the Agreement and \$12,791,000 payable on July 1, 2013) or guaranteed by providing irrevocable guarantees of equivalent value. The Company paid \$1,000,000 on signing of the Agreement and provided the Port with irrevocable guarantees of equivalent value in the form of a deed of hypothec regarding its mining rights, title and interest over Moire Lake and Don Lake. The Company will pay the amount secured by the hypothec in 10 monthly payments of \$1,000,000, \$1,790,000 on June 1, 2013 and \$12,791,000 on July 1, 2013.

The Port is scheduled to deliver operational port facilities on March 31, 2014, which is approximately 18 months prior to the Company commencing production. From the date that the Port delivers operational port facilities until the date that the Company commences production, the Company will make take or pay payments to the Port based upon 50% of the Annual Reserved Capacity, which will constitute an advance on the Company's future shipping, wharfage and equipment fees.

The Company and the Port have agreed to sign a lease for a parcel of land to meet the Company's needs for access to the port and storage and the Company will be required to install loading and handling systems approved by the Port to ensure delivery of its iron ore to the port.

Related Party Transactions

		Outstanding
	6 months ended	as at
	September 30,	September 30,
	2012	2012
	\$	\$
Exploration and evaluation, geological consulting services		
Alex Horvath, Executive Vice President, Exploration and a director, and A.S.	137,500	-
Horvath Engineering Inc., a company controlled by him		
MRB & Associates, a company controlled by Martin Bourgoin, Executive Vice	2,200,228	348,478
President, Operations		
Jeff Hussey & Associates Inc., a company controlled by Jeff Hussey, Vice	120,000	20,000
President, Development		

	6 months ended September 30, 2012 \$	Outstanding as at September 30, 2012 \$
Transaction costs on acquisition of non-controlling interest Sheldon Huxtable Professional Corporation, a law firm controlled by Donald A. Sheldon, a director	205,725	-
Consulting fees 847785 Ontario Ltd., a company controlled by Thomas G. Larsen, for his services as President and Chief Executive Officer	150,000	-
Marlborough Management Limited, a company controlled by Miles Nagamatsu, for his services as Chief Financial Officer	90,000	16,950
J. Estepa Consulting Inc., a company controlled by Jorge Estepa, for his services as Vice President and Corporate Secretary	90,000	16,950
MRI Advisory AG, a company controlled by Ashwath Mehra, a director	30,000	20,000
Decamine Inc., a company controlled by Jean Depatie, a director	25,000	20,000
Serge Depatie, a member of a director's family	112,450	11,300
Legal fees		
Sheldon Huxtable Professional Corporation, a law firm controlled by Donald A. Sheldon, a director	134,877	36,816

Changes in Accounting Policies including Initial Adoption

New standards and interpretations not yet adopted

A number of new standards, amendments to standards and interpretations are effective for periods beginning on or after January 1, 2013:

Requirements for financial liabilities were added in October 2010 and they largely carried forward existing requirements in IAS 39, *Financial Instruments - Recognition and Measurement*, except that fair value changes due to credit risk for liabilities designated at fair value through profit and loss would generally be recorded in other comprehensive income.

IFRS 10, Consolidation ("IFRS 10")

IFRS 10 requires an entity to consolidate an investee when it is exposed, or has rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the investee and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the investee. Under existing IFRS, consolidation is required when an entity has the power to govern the financial and operating policies of an entity so as to obtain benefits from its activities. IFRS 10 replaces SIC-12 Consolidation—Special Purpose Entities and parts of IAS 27 Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements.

IFRS 11, Joint Arrangements ("IFRS 11")

IFRS 11 requires a venturer to classify its interest in a joint arrangement as a joint venture or joint operation. Joint ventures will be accounted for using the equity method of accounting whereas for a joint operation the venturer will recognize its share of the assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses of the joint operation. Under existing IFRS, entities have the choice to proportionately consolidate or equity account for interests in joint ventures. IFRS 11 supersedes IAS 31, Interests in Joint Ventures, and SIC-13, Jointly Controlled Entities—Non-monetary Contributions by Venturers.

IFRS 12, Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities ("IFRS 12")

IFRS 12 establishes disclosure requirements for interests in other entities, such as joint arrangements, associates, special purpose vehicles and off balance sheet vehicles. The standard carries forward existing disclosures and also introduces significant additional disclosure requirements that address the nature of, and risks associated with, an entity's interests in other entities.

IFRS 13, Fair Value Measurement ("IFRS 13")

IFRS 13 is a comprehensive standard for fair value measurement and disclosure requirements for use across all IFRS standards. The new standard clarifies that fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset, or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants, at the measurement date. It also establishes disclosures about fair value measurement.

Under existing IFRS, guidance on measuring and disclosing fair value is dispersed among the specific standards requiring fair value measurements and in many cases does not reflect a clear measurement basis or consistent disclosures.

Amendments to other standards

In addition, there have been amendments to existing standards, including IAS 27, Separate Financial Statements (IAS 27), and IAS 28, Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures (IAS 28). IAS 27 addresses accounting for subsidiaries, jointly controlled entities and associates in non-consolidated financial statements. IAS 28 has been amended to include joint ventures in its scope and to address the changes in IFRS 10-13.

The following amendment to standards and interpretations is effective for periods beginning on or after January 1, 2015:

IFRS 9, Financial Instruments ("IFRS 9")

IFRS 9 addresses classification and measurement of financial assets and replaces the multiple category and measurement models in IAS 39 for debt instruments with a new mixed measurement model having only two categories: amortized cost and fair value through profit or loss. IFRS 9 also replaces the models for measuring equity instruments, and such instruments are either recognized at fair value through profit or loss or at fair value through other comprehensive income. Where such equity instruments are measured at fair value through other comprehensive income, dividends are recognized in profit or loss to the extent not clearly representing a return of investment; however, other gains and losses (including impairments) associated with such instruments remain in accumulated comprehensive income indefinitely.

Effect of new standards

IFRS 9, IFRS 10, IFRS 11 and IFRS 12 are expected to have an effect on the consolidated financial statements of the Company. The Company has not determined the extent of the impact these standards and does not plan to early adopt these new standards.

Critical Accounting Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires the Company's management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the year in which the estimates are revised and in any future years affected.

Estimates

Information about assumptions and estimation uncertainties that have a significant risk of resulting in a material adjustment within the current financial year are as follows:

Impairment of exploration and evaluation

Expenditures on exploration and evaluation are initially capitalized with the intent to establish commercially viable reserves. The Company makes estimates about future events and circumstances in determining whether the carrying amount of exploration and evaluation exceeds its recoverable amount.

Estimates of mineral resources

The amounts used in impairment calculations are based on estimates of mineral resources. Resource estimates are based on engineering data, estimated future prices, expected future rates of production and the timing of future capital expenditures, all of which are subject to many uncertainties and interpretations. The Company expects that, over time, its resource estimates will be revised upward or downward based on updated information such as the results of future drilling, testing and production levels, and may be affected by changes in commodity prices.

Deferred income taxes

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted or substantively enacted tax rates at the reporting date in effect for the period in which the temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The effect on deferred income tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized as part of the provision for income taxes in the period that includes the enactment date. The recognition of deferred income tax assets is based on the assumption that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which the deductible temporary differences can be utilized.

Share-based compensation

The Company uses the Black-Scholes option pricing model in determining share-based compensation, which requires a number of assumptions to be made, including the risk-free interest rate, expected life, forfeiture rate and expected share price volatility. Consequently, the actual share-based compensation expense may vary from the amount estimated.

Financial instruments and risk management

Fair value

A number of the Company's accounting policies and disclosures require the determination of fair value, for both financial and non-financial assets and liabilities. Fair values have been determined for measurement and/or disclosure purposes based on the following methods. When applicable, further information about the assumptions made in determining fair values is disclosed in the notes specific to that asset or liability.

Cash and cash equivalents, short-term investments, receivables, due from Northfield Metals Inc. and accounts payable and accrued liabilities

The fair values of cash and cash equivalents, short-term investments, receivables, due from Northfield Metals Inc., and accounts payable and accrued liabilities are estimated as the present value of future cash flows, discounted at the market rate of interest at the reporting date. At September 30, 2012 and March 31, 2012, the fair value of these balances approximated their carrying values due to their short term to maturity.

Investment

The fair value in the investment in common shares of Fancamp is measured at the bid market price on the measurement date.

The fair value of the investment in common share purchase warrants is measured using a Black-Scholes option pricing model. Measurement inputs include share price on the measurement date, exercise price, expected volatility (based on historical volatility), expected life, expected dividends and the risk-free interest rate (based on government bonds).

Stock options

The fair value of stock options is measured using a Black-Scholes option pricing model. Measurement inputs include share price on grant date, exercise price, expected volatility (based on historical volatility of securities of comparable companies), weighted average expected life and forfeiture rate (both based on historical experience and general option holder behaviour), expected dividends, and the risk-free interest rate (based on government bonds).

Classification of fair value of financial instruments

The Company classified the fair value of its financial instruments measured at fair value according to the following hierarchy based on the amount of observable inputs used to value the instrument:

- Level 1 quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities;
- Level 2 inputs, other than the quoted prices included in Level 1, that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly:
- Level 3 inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data

Cash and cash equivalents, short-term investments and investment in common shares of Fancamp are measured at fair value at Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy. Investment in common share purchase warrants of Fancamp are measured at fair value at Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

Financial risk management

The Company's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks that arise as a result of its exploration, development, production and financing activities, including credit risk, liquidity risk and market risk.

Set out below is information about the Company's exposure to each of the above risks, the Company's objectives, policies and processes for measuring and managing risk, and the Company's management of capital. Further quantitative disclosures are included throughout the interim consolidated financial statements.

The Board of Directors oversees management's establishment and execution of the Company's risk management framework. Management has implemented and monitors compliance with risk management policies. The Company's risk management policies are established to identify and analyze the risks faced by the Company, to set appropriate risk limits and controls, and to monitor risks and adherence to market conditions and the Company's activities.

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the Company if a counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations. Credit risk arises principally from the Company's cash and cash equivalents, short-term investments and receivables related to amounts due from joint venture partner of \$nil (March 31, 2012 - \$823,547) included in receivables. The maximum exposure to credit risk is equal to the balances of cash and cash equivalents, short-term investments and amount due from joint venture partner.

The Company limits its exposure to credit risk on its cash and cash equivalents by holding its cash and cash equivalents in deposits with a high credit quality Canadian chartered bank.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will encounter difficulty in meeting its financial liabilities that are settled in cash or other financial assets. The Company's approach to managing liquidity risk is to ensure, as far as possible, that it will have sufficient liquidity to meet is liabilities as they come due. The amounts for accounts payable and accrued liabilities are due in less than one year, subject to normal trade terms.

Market risk

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices, such as equity prices, foreign exchange rates, and interest rates will affect the Company's income or the value of its financial instruments. The Company is exposed to equity price risk with respect to investments. The Company estimates that if the fair value of its marketable securities as at September 30, 2012 had changed by 10%, with all other variables held constant, the loss would have decreased or increased by approximately \$327,000.

Interest rate risk

The Company's exposure to interest rate risk is limited due to the short-term nature of its financial instruments. The Company has no interest-bearing debt.

Capital management

Capital of the Company consists of capital stock, warrants, contributed surplus and deficit. The Company's objective when managing capital is to safeguard the Company's ability to continue as a going concern so that it can acquire, explore and develop mineral resource properties for the benefit of its shareholders. The Company manages its capital structure and makes adjustments based on the funds available to the Company in light of changes in economic conditions. The Board of Directors has not established quantitative return on capital criteria for management, but rather relies on the expertise of the Company's management to sustain the future development of the Company. In order to facilitate the management of its capital requirements, the Company prepares annual expenditure budgets that consider various factors, including successful capital deployment and general industry conditions. Management reviews its capital management approach on an ongoing basis and believes that this approach, given the relative size of the Company, is reasonable.

The Company's principal source of capital is from the issue of common shares. In order to achieve its objectives, the Company intends to raise additional funds as required.

The Company is not subject to externally imposed capital requirements and there were no changes to the Company's approach to capital management during the year.

Controls and Procedures

The Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have designed disclosure controls and procedures ("DC&P") to provide reasonable assurance that material information relating to the Company is made known to them by others within the Company, particularly during the period in which the interim filings are being prepared. The Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have also designed internal controls over financial reporting ("ICFR") to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and preparation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

The Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have evaluated the effectiveness of the Company's DC&P and ICFR and concluded that they are ineffective due to the weakness discussed below. As the Company has a limited number of personnel, management has concluded that a weakness exists in the design of internal controls over financial reporting caused by a lack of adequate segregation of duties. This weakness has the potential to result in material misstatements in the Company's financial statements and should also be considered a weakness in its disclosure controls and procedures. Management has concluded that, taking into account the present stage of the Company's development and the best interests of its shareholders, the Company does not have sufficient size and scale to warrant the hiring of additional personnel to correct this weakness at this time. To help mitigate the impact of this weakness and to ensure

quality financial reporting, there are additional supervisory controls exercised by management and audit committee oversight. Commencing with the interim financial statements for the 6 months ended September 30, 2012, interim financial statements will be reviewed by the Company's auditors.

Shares Outstanding at November 14, 2012

Shares

Authorized: Unlimited number of common shares. Outstanding: 119,326,465 common shares.

Warrants Outstanding:

 Common share warrant exercise price
 Expiry date
 outstanding

 \$1.20 until October 7, 2012, and thereafter, \$1.50
 October 7, 2013
 2,222,222

 \$2.84
 February 3, 2013
 792,000

 \$3.00
 May 17, 2015
 7,000,000

 10,014,222

The 7,000,000 common share purchase warrants entitling Fancamp to purchase one common share for \$3.00 are non-transferable and can be exercised only between November 17, 2014 and May 17, 2015, provided that if the weighted-average closing price of the common shares is over \$4.00 for 20 consecutive trading days, the warrants must be exercised within 30 calendar days of the Company providing written notice, or they will be cancelled. In the event that Fancamp provides notice within 10 days of the receipt of the Company's notice that it does not have sufficient funds to exercise the Champion Warrants, the Company will advance a loan to Fancamp.

In the event that Fancamp is not able to obtain shareholder approval for a change in control in the event that the Company exercises the Fancamp Warrants, Fancamp has agreed that it will only exercise warrants equal to the number of Fancamp Warrants exercisable by the Company divided by 5.

Stock options

Authorized:

The Company has a fixed stock option plan under which the Company may grant up to 15,000,000 stock options. On August 10, 2012, the shareholders of the Company approved an amendment to replenish the number of shares reserved for issuance under the stock option plan. Subject to regulatory approval, the Company may grant up to 15,000,000 stock options, of which, 11,620,000 stock options have been granted, of which 15,000 were exercised, leaving 3,380,000 stock options available to be granted.

Outstanding:

		Options
Exercise price	Expiry date	outstanding
\$0.45	January 10, 2013	760,000
\$0.70	May 16, 2013	210,000
\$0.30	September 16, 2014	1,145,000
\$0.33	September 24, 2014	152,500
\$0.405	November 9, 2014	50,000
\$0.80	January 14, 2015	1,450,000
\$0.85	February 2, 2015	300,000
\$1.00	March 2, 2015	350,000
\$1.15	October 1, 2013	70,000
\$1.00	October 3, 2015	2,225,000
\$1.00	October 4, 2015	250,000
\$1.50	October 4, 2015	500,000
\$1.00	October 24, 2015	100,000
\$1.10	November 5, 2015	50,000
\$2.17	January 10, 2016	150,000
\$1.50	June 24, 2016	200,000
\$1.50	September 9, 2016	2,200,000
_ \$1.30	December 23, 2016	1,442,500
	·	11,605,000