

# **Champion Iron Mines Limited**

(formerly Champion Minerals Inc.)

## **Condensed Interim Consolidated Financial Statements**

**December 31, 2012**

(expressed in Canadian dollars)

(unaudited)

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## Consolidated Statements of Financial Position

(expressed in Canadian dollars)

(unaudited)

	Notes	As at December 31, 2012 \$	As at March 31, 2012 \$
<b>Assets</b>			
Current			
Cash and cash equivalents		6,523,734	41,401,828
Short-term investments		66,000	66,000
Receivables	3	1,697,224	4,022,303
Due from Cartier Iron Corporation	6	-	135,170
Prepaid expenses and deposits		581,745	538,095
		8,868,703	46,163,396
Long-term advances	4 and 11	7,000,000	-
Investments	5	3,247,386	-
Exploration and evaluation	6	81,612,858	63,502,139
		100,728,947	109,665,535
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Current			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	10	2,318,483	6,414,484
<b>Shareholders' equity</b>			
Capital stock	7	121,468,772	106,947,813
Warrants	7	4,165,187	3,783,003
Contributed surplus		8,908,597	8,947,921
Deficit		(36,132,092)	(24,005,626)
		98,410,464	95,673,111
Non-controlling interest	6	-	7,577,940
		98,410,464	103,251,051
		100,728,947	109,665,535
Commitments	4 and 6		
<b>On behalf of the Board:</b>			
	Thomas Larsen <b>Director</b>	Donald Sheldon <b>Director</b>	

# Champion Iron Mines Limited

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## Consolidated Statements of Loss and Comprehensive Loss

(expressed in Canadian dollars)

(unaudited)

	3 months ended December 31,		9 months ended December 31,	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Revenue</b>				
Interest	37,043	74,196	231,783	249,219
Other income	-	140,000	58,400	163,425
	<u>37,043</u>	<u>214,196</u>	<u>290,183</u>	<u>412,644</u>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Professional fees	87,391	49,445	251,350	197,718
Consulting fees	261,145	241,472	1,026,292	608,153
Share-based compensation	-	1,455,000	-	4,314,000
General and administrative	230,801	183,699	841,144	537,738
Investor relations	322,229	299,172	1,008,840	804,012
Travel	121,370	166,591	252,175	400,636
Unrealized loss on investments	705,000	-	2,644,614	-
	<u>1,727,936</u>	<u>2,395,379</u>	<u>6,024,415</u>	<u>6,862,257</u>
<b>Loss and comprehensive loss</b>	<u>(1,690,893)</u>	<u>(2,181,183)</u>	<u>(5,734,232)</u>	<u>(6,449,613)</u>
<b>Loss per share - basic and diluted</b>	<u>(0.01)</u>	<u>(0.02)</u>	<u>(0.05)</u>	<u>(0.07)</u>
<b>Weighted average number of shares outstanding - basic and diluted</b>	<u>119,326,465</u>	<u>88,026,600</u>	<u>116,905,382</u>	<u>86,296,717</u>

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## Consolidated Statements of Changes in Equity

(expressed in Canadian dollars)

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	Capital stock \$	Warrants \$	Contributed surplus \$	Deficit \$	Non- controlling interest \$	Total \$
<b>Balance, March 31, 2012</b>	106,947,813	3,783,003	8,947,921	(24,005,626)	7,577,940	103,251,051
Issued for exploration and evaluation (note 6)	71,850	-	-	-	-	71,850
Acquisition of non-controlling interest (note 6)	13,020,000	1,780,000	-	(5,922,846)	(8,877,154)	-
Transaction costs on acquisition of non-controlling interest (note 6)	-	-	-	(469,387)	-	(469,387)
Exercise of stock options	51,750	-	-	-	-	51,750
Fair value of stock options exercised	39,324	-	(39,324)	-	-	-
Exercise of warrants	25,599	-	-	-	-	25,599
Fair value of warrants exercised	15,505	(15,505)	-	-	-	-
Fair value of warrants expired	1,382,311	(1,382,311)	-	-	-	-
Contribution by joint venture partner	-	-	-	-	1,299,214	1,299,214
Share issue costs	(85,380)	-	-	-	-	(85,380)
Loss	-	-	-	(5,734,232)	-	(5,734,232)
<b>Balance, December 31, 2012</b>	<b>121,468,772</b>	<b>4,165,187</b>	<b>8,908,597</b>	<b>(36,132,091)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>98,410,464</b>
<b>Balance, March 31, 2011</b>	69,130,196	6,234,889	5,152,526	(15,155,271)	1,836,871	67,199,211
Issued for exploration and evaluation	197,000	-	-	-	-	197,000
Exercise of stock options	266,500	-	-	-	-	266,500
Fair value of stock options exercised	177,035	-	(177,035)	-	-	-
Fair value of warrants issued	(12,840)	12,840	-	-	-	-
Exercise of warrants	3,911,615	-	-	-	-	3,911,615
Fair value of warrants exercised	1,410,398	(1,410,398)	-	-	-	-
Share-based compensation	-	-	4,314,000	-	-	4,314,000
Contribution by joint venture partner	-	-	-	-	4,735,009	4,735,009
Loss	-	-	-	(6,449,613)	-	(6,449,613)
<b>Balance, December 31, 2011</b>	<b>75,079,904</b>	<b>4,837,331</b>	<b>9,289,491</b>	<b>(21,604,884)</b>	<b>6,571,880</b>	<b>74,173,722</b>

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## Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

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	9 months ended December 31,	
	2012	2011
	\$	\$
<b>Cash provided by (used in)</b>		
<b>Operating activities</b>		
Loss	(5,734,232)	(6,449,613)
Items not affecting cash		
Share-based compensation	-	4,314,000
Unrealized loss on investments	2,644,614	-
Changes in non-cash operating working capital		
Receivables	2,325,079	(2,494,484)
Prepaid expenses and deposits	(151,296)	(531,406)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(7,801,827)	(1,649,435)
	<u>(8,717,661)</u>	<u>(6,810,938)</u>
<b>Financing activities</b>		
Exercise of stock options	51,750	266,500
Exercise of warrants	25,599	3,911,615
Repayment of note payable	-	(500,000)
Share issue costs	(85,380)	-
	<u>(8,031)</u>	<u>3,678,115</u>
<b>Investing activities</b>		
Short-term investments	-	14,029,734
Advance to Cartier Iron Corporation		(36,040)
	-	-
Long-term advances	(6,500,000)	-
Investment in Fancamp Exploration Ltd.	(5,000,000)	-
Investment in Cartier Iron Corporation	(500,000)	-
Transaction costs on acquisition of non-controlling interest	(469,387)	-
Proceeds on waiver of royalty (note 6)	2,000,000	-
Exploration and evaluation	(15,682,895)	(22,612,464)
	<u>(26,152,282)</u>	<u>(8,618,770)</u>
<b>Net increase in cash and cash</b>	<b>(34,877,976)</b>	<b>(11,751,593)</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period</b>	<b>41,401,828</b>	<b>27,747,442</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents, end of period</b>	<b>6,523,734</b>	<b>15,995,849</b>
<b>Non-cash transactions</b>		
Receipt of option payment in shares of Cartier Iron Corporation	250,000	-
Issue of common shares		
Exploration and evaluation	71,850	197,000
Non-controlling interest	13,020,000	-
Issue of warrants for non-controlling interest	1,780,000	-
<b>Supplementary information</b>		
Interest paid	-	-
Income taxes paid	-	-

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## Notes to Condensed Interim Consolidated Financial Statements

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### 1. Nature of operations

Champion Iron Mines Limited (the "Company") is engaged in the exploration and development of iron ore properties in Quebec and Newfoundland. On August 22, 2012, the Company changed its name from Champion Minerals Inc. to Champion Iron Mines Limited.

The Company was incorporated under the Business Corporations Act of Ontario on April 11, 1985 and its registered office is located at 20 Adelaide Street East, Suite 301, Toronto, Ontario, M5C 2T6.

### 2. Basis of presentation

#### Statement of compliance

These interim financial statements are prepared in accordance with IAS 34, *Interim Financial Reporting*, using accounting policies consistent with IFRS.

The policies applied in these interim financial statements are based on IFRS issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2012. Any subsequent changes to IFRS that are reflected in the annual financial statements for the year ending March 31, 2013 could result in the restatement of these interim financial statements.

These interim financial statements do not include certain information and disclosures normally included in annual financial statements prepared in accordance with IFRS and should be read in conjunction with the Company's annual financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2012.

The interim financial statements were approved and authorized for issue by the Board of Directors on February 12, 2013.

#### Financial instruments

##### *Investments*

The Company has classified investments at fair value through profit or loss.

#### New standards and interpretations not yet adopted

The following new standards, amendments to standards and interpretations are effective for periods beginning on or after January 1, 2013:

##### *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 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 new standards, amendments to standards and interpretations are effective for periods beginning on or after January 1, 2014:

#### *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 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.

#### *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.

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.

#### *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 of these standards and does not plan to early adopt these new standards.

### **3. Receivables**

For the years ended March 31, 2012 and March 31, 2011, the Company filed a Quebec Corporation Income Tax Return claiming a refundable tax credit on exploration expenditures and a Quebec Mining Duties Return claiming a credit on duties refundable for losses, as follows:

	<b>Years ended March 31,</b>	
	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Refundable tax credit on exploration expenditures	9,912,375	3,590,837
Credit on duties refundable for losses	1,403,549	950,061

These credits are not included in receivables as it is the Company's policy to record such credits as a reduction to exploration and evaluation when there is reasonable assurance that the Company has complied with all conditions needed to obtain the credits. The amount of the credits are subject to audit by Revenu Québec and Ressources naturelles et Faune Québec.

#### 4. Long-term advances

	December 31, 2012 \$	March 31, 2012 \$
Sept-Îles Port Authority	6,000,000	—
Canadian National Railway Company	1,000,000	—
	<u>7,000,000</u>	<u>—</u>

##### 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. As at December 31, 2012, the Company has paid \$6,000,000 and the Company will pay the remaining amount of \$19,581,000 secured by the hypothec by 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.

##### 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 committed to contribute \$1,000,000 towards the completion of the feasibility study, of which, the Company has paid \$500,000 as at December 31, 2012. Under certain circumstances, these funds could be refunded to the Company. See note 11 for subsequent event.

#### 5. Investments

	December 31, 2012 \$	March 31, 2012 \$
Fancamp Exploration Ltd.	2,355,386	—
Cartier Iron Corporation	892,000	—
	<u>3,247,386</u>	<u>—</u>

The decrease of \$2,644,614 in the fair value of the investment of Fancamp has been recorded as an unrealized loss on investments in the consolidated statements of loss and comprehensive loss.



## 6. Exploration and evaluation

	March 31, 2012 \$	Acquisition costs \$	Exploration \$	Gain on waiver of royalty \$	December 31, 2012 \$
Fermont					
Consolidated Fire Lake North					
Fire Lake North	31,463,404	–	19,262,507	(150,142)	50,575,769
Oil Can	4,185,865	1,390	860,563	(63,739)	4,984,079
Bellechase	1,564,040	–	16,790	(48,867)	1,531,963
Midway	734,632	–	6,165	(57,657)	684,140
	37,947,941	1,390	20,146,025	(319,405)	57,775,951
Harvey-Tuttle	8,430,336	–	10,141	(352,691)	8,087,786
Moire Lake	4,007,199	–	162,562	(94,193)	4,075,568
O’Keefe Purdy	4,302,515	–	9,897	(266,289)	4,046,124
Other	5,804,683	(328,540)	52,418	(967,422)	4,561,139
	60,492,674	(327,150)	20,381,043	(2,000,000)	78,546,568
Powderhorn	1,490,405	–	3,350	–	1,493,755
Attikamagen	503,198	–	–	–	503,198
Gullbridge	1,015,862	4,473	49,000	–	1,069,336
	63,502,139	(322,677)	20,433,393	(2,000,000)	81,612,858

### Fermont

The Company owns a 100% interest in Fermont consisting of 14 mineral concessions covering an area of 747 square kilometres situated in northeastern Quebec (“Fermont”). For reporting purposes, Fire Lake North, Oil Can, Bellechasse and Midway properties were consolidated into one property known as Consolidated Fire Lake North.

Other properties include the Hope Lake, Casse Lake, Claire Lake, Audrey-Ernie, Three Big Lakes, Aubertin-Tougaard Lakes, Jeannine Lake, Silicate-Brutus Lakes, Penguin and Black Dan properties.

### Acquisition of non-controlling interest in Fermont joint venture

On May 17, 2012, the Company acquired the remaining 17.5% non-controlling interest in the Fermont joint venture from Fancamp Exploration Ltd. (“Fancamp”). As a result of the acquisition, the Company owns a 100% interest in the Fermont and the joint venture between the Company and Fancamp was 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 3% royalty (“Royalty”). The Company retains the right of first refusal on the sale of the Royalty and the option to reduce the Royalty from 3% to 2.5% by purchasing 0.5% of the Royalty for \$1,500,000 from the holder of the 50% interest in the Royalty not owned by Fancamp.

### Acquisition

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”). If the weighted-average closing price of the Company’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 absence of a reliable measurement of the property acquired, the transaction has been measured at the fair value of the common shares and common share purchase warrants issued. The fair value of the 7,000,000 common share purchase warrants was calculated using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following assumptions:

Share price	\$0.93
Risk-free interest rate	1.26%
Expected volatility based on historical volatility	84%
Expected life of warrants	3 years
Expected dividend yield	Nil
Fair value	\$1,780,000
Fair value per warrant	\$0.25

In the event that Fancamp provides notice within 10 days of the receipt of the Company's notice that Fancamp 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:

<b>Interest</b>	Prime rate charged by the Company's bank, calculated and compounded annually, payable by way of set off upon against amounts owed by the Company pursuant to Fancamp's 50% interest in the Royalty.
<b>Security</b>	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.
<b>Repayment</b>	Payable by way of set off against amounts owed by the Company pursuant to 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 warrants equal to the number of Fancamp Warrants exercisable by the Company divided by 5.

Set out below is a summary of the acquisition:

	<b>Fair value</b>
	<b>\$</b>
<b>Consideration</b>	
14,000,000 common shares	13,020,000
7,000,000 warrants	1,780,000
	<u>14,800,000</u>
Non-controlling interest on date of acquisition	8,877,154
	<u>5,922,846</u>

A change in the interest of a joint venture that does not result in a loss of control is accounted for as an equity transaction. As a result, the amount of the consideration in excess of the non-controlling interest on the date of acquisition of \$5,922,846 was charged to the deficit.

Transaction costs for an equity transaction are accounted for as a deduction from equity. Transaction costs of \$469,387 have been charged to the deficit.

*Waiver of option rights*

On May 17, 2012, the Company granted a waiver to Fancamp of the Company's option to purchase 0.5% of 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.

*Private placement for units of Fancamp*

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"). Of the acquisition price of the units, \$2,074,610 was allocated to the common shares and \$925,390 was allocated to the common share purchase warrants.

The fair value of the 10,000,000 common share purchase warrants was calculated using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following assumptions:

	<b>December 31, 2012</b>	<b>May 17, 2012</b>
Share price	\$0.125	\$0.225
Risk-free interest rate	1.14%	1.21%
Expected volatility based on historical volatility	73%	104%
Expected life of warrants	2.4 years	3 years
Expected dividend yield	Nil	Nil
Fair value	\$105,000	\$925,390
Fair value per warrant	\$0.0105	\$0.0925

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 until May 17, 2018, after which time transfers will be permitted subject to certain restrictions.

#### **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.

#### **Grant of option for Cluster 3 Properties to Cartier Iron Corporation (formerly Northfield Metals Inc.)**

On September 28, 2012, the Company granted an option to Cartier Iron Corporation ("Cartier") to acquire a 65% interest in Aubertin-Tougaard, Aubrey-Ernie, Black Dan, Jeannine Lake, Penguin Lake, Silicate-Brutus and Three Big Lakes ("Cluster 3 Properties"). In order to earn its interest, Cartier must make option payments, issue common shares and incur exploration expenditures, as follows:

	<b>Option payments \$</b>	<b>Common shares</b>	<b>Exploration expenditures \$</b>
Upon conditional approval from a stock exchange for the listing of the common shares of Cartier (paid and received)	100,000	1,000,000	–
December 10, 2013	150,000	500,000	500,000
December 10, 2014	250,000	500,000	750,000
December 10, 2015	250,000	500,000	–
December 10, 2016	250,000	–	4,750,000
	<b>1,000,000</b>	<b>2,500,000</b>	<b>6,000,000</b>

Upon Cartier 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. Cartier 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 Cartier 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.

#### **Private placement for common shares of Cartier**

On December 10, 2012, the Company acquired 2,000,000 common shares of Cartier for \$0.25 per common share for cash of \$500,000.

#### **Settlement of amount due from Cartier**

On December 10, 2012, the Company accepted 568,000 common shares of Cartier with a fair value of \$142,000 in settlement of amount due from Cartier. Two officers of the Company are officers of Cartier.

#### **Powderhorn**

The Company owns a 70% interest in the Powderhorn Lake Project ("Powderhorn"), 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 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%.

#### **Attikamagen**

Attikamagen consists of 946 claims covering 310 square kilometres in Labrador and Quebec. Attikamagen is encumbered with an aggregate royalty of \$1.50 per tonne of iron content in any and all iron ore, pellets or other products produced from 52 claims representing the initial claims acquired in 2007 ("Aggregate Royalty"). The Company has an option to purchase the Aggregate Royalty for \$2,500,000.

**Attikamagen option and joint venture agreement**

On May 12, 2008, the Company granted an option to earn up to a 60% interest in its Attikamagen Property. In order to earn its interest, the optionee must incur exploration expenditures as follows:

	<b>Exploration expenditures</b>
	<b>\$</b>
<b>To earn 51% interest</b>	
March 26, 2009 (incurred)	2,500,000
March 26, 2011 (incurred)	2,500,000
March 26, 2012 (incurred)	2,500,000
	<hr/> 7,500,000
<b>To increase to 56% interest</b>	
March 26, 2013 (incurred)	2,500,000
<b>To increase to 60% interest</b>	
March 26, 2014 (extended from March 26, 2013)	3,000,000
	<hr/> 13,000,000

On or about June 6, 2012, the optionee earned an increase in its interest in Attikamagen from 51% to 56%, leaving the Company with a 44% interest.

**Option for the Gullbridge Property**

The Company owns a 51% interest in the Gullbridge Property in the Buchans Mining Camp, Newfoundland and has an option to increase its interest to 85%. In order to earn its 51% interest, the Company made option payments, issued common shares and incurred exploration expenditures as follows:

	<b>Option payments</b>	<b>Common shares</b>		<b>Exploration expenditures</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>To earn 51% interest</b>				
On closing	10,000	50,000	28,500	-
May 5, 2009	10,000	100,000	33,000	200,000
March 23, 2010	-	75,000	76,500	-
May 5, 2011	10,000	75,000	126,000	200,000
May 5, 2012	-	-	-	400,000
	<hr/> 30,000	300,000	264,000	800,000

On May 15, 2012, the Company issued 50,000 common shares with a fair value of \$49,000 in satisfaction of the remaining \$154,000 of exploration expenditures that were to have been incurred by May 5, 2012.

In order to increase its interest from 51% to 85%, the Company must issue common shares and incur exploration expenditures as follows:

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

## 7. Capital stock

### Authorized

An unlimited number of common shares.

### Issued

	Number of common shares	\$
Balance, March 31, 2012	105,214,207	106,947,813
Issued for exploration and evaluation (note 6)	75,000	71,850
Acquisition of non-controlling interest (note 6)	14,000,000	13,020,000
Exercise of stock options	115,000	51,750
Fair value of warrants exercised	–	39,324
Exercise of warrants	22,260	25,599
Fair value of warrants exercised	–	15,505
Fair value of warrants expired	–	1,382,311
Share issue costs	–	(85,380)
<b>Balance, December 31, 2012</b>	<b>119,426,465</b>	<b>121,468,772</b>

### Warrants

A summary of the Company's common share purchase warrants is presented below:

	Number of warrants	Weighted- average exercise price \$	Amount \$
Balance, March 31, 2012	5,198,820	1.62	3,783,003
Issued (note 6)	7,000,000	3.00	1,780,000
Exercised	(22,260)	1.15	(15,503)
Expired	(2,162,338)	1.50	(1,382,311)
<b>Balance, December 31, 2012</b>	<b>10,014,222</b>	<b>2.61</b>	<b>4,165,189</b>

A summary of the Company's warrants outstanding at December 31, 2012 is presented below:

Common share warrant exercise price	Expiry date	Number of warrants
\$1.20 until October 7, 2012, and thereafter, \$1.50 until October 7, 2013	October 7, 2013	2,222,222
\$2.84	February 3, 2013	792,000
\$3.00	May 17, 2015	7,000,000
		<b>10,014,222</b>

### Stock options

The Company has established a stock option plan, under which, the Company may grant up to 15,000,000 stock options (March 31, 2012 – 15,000,000) to directors, officers, employees and consultants. Stock options may be granted for a term not exceeding 5 years and vest on the date of grant. 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. The Company may grant up to 15,000,000 stock options, of which, 11,620,000 stock options have been granted, of which, 115,000 were exercised, leaving 3,380,000 stock options available to be granted.

	Number of options	Weighted- average exercise price \$
Balance, March 31, 2012	12,020,000	1.04
Exercised	(115,000)	0.45
Cancelled	(400,000)	1.30
Balance, December 31, 2012	11,505,000	1.03

A summary of the Company's outstanding stock options at December 31, 2012 is presented below:

Exercise price	Expiry date	Options outstanding and exercisable
\$0.45 (exercised subsequent to December 31, 2012)	January 10, 2013	660,000
\$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, 2015	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
		11,505,000

## 8. Determination of fair values

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 Cartier and accounts payable and accrued liabilities*

The fair values of cash and cash equivalents, short-term investments, receivables, due from Cartier 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 December 31, 2012 and March 31, 2012, the fair value of these balances approximated their carrying values due to their short term to maturity.

### *Investments*

The fair value of 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 of Fancamp 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).

The fair value of the investment in common shares of Cartier is measured using inputs, other than quoted prices included in Level 1, that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.

### 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 or 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

As at December 31, 2012

	Level 1 \$	Level 2 \$	Level 3 \$	Total \$
<b>Financial asset at fair value through profit and loss</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents and short-term investments	6,589,734	—	—	6,589,734
Investment in Fancamp				
Common shares	2,250,000	—	—	2,250,000
Common share purchase warrants	—	105,386	—	105,386
Investment in Cartier				
Common shares	—	892,000	—	892,000

As at March 31, 2012

	Level 1 \$	Level 2 \$	Level 3 \$	Total \$
<b>Financial asset at fair value through profit and loss</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents and short-term investments	41,467,828	—	—	41,467,828

## 9. 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.

This note presents 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 these 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 and 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 and short-term investments and amounts 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 and short-term investments in deposits with high credit quality Canadian chartered banks.

### **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 its liabilities as they come due. The amounts for accounts payable and accrued liabilities are 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 investment as at December 31, 2012 had changed by 10%, with all other variables held constant, the loss would have decreased or increased by approximately \$395,000.

### **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.

## **10. Related party transactions**

	9 months ended December 31,		Outstanding as at December 31,	Outstanding as at March 31,
	2012	2011	2012	2012
	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Exploration and evaluation</b>				
Paid to a company controlled by a director	182,500	110,000	—	—
Paid or payable to 2 companies controlled by	2,860,638	4,742,345	146,196	609,445
<b>Transaction costs on acquisition of non-controlling interest</b>				
Paid for legal fees to a company controlled by a director	205,725	—	—	—
<b>Professional fees</b>				
Paid or payable for legal fees to a company controlled by a director	204,400	132,266	32,874	234,224
<b>Consulting fees</b>				
Paid or payable to a company controlled by a close family member of a director	132,450	—	—	5,748

### **Compensation of key management personnel**

The Company considers its directors and officers to be key management personnel. Transactions with key management personnel are set out as follows:



	9 months ended December 31,		Outstanding as at December 31,	Outstanding as at March 31,
	2012	2011	2012	2012
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Consulting fees	575,000	423,000	45,750	470,748

These transactions were in the normal course of business.

See note 6 for transactions with Cartier.

#### 11. Subsequent event

On February 12, 2013, CN announced that it is suspending the feasibility study for the construction of the proposed new multi-user railway, and accordingly, the Company will receive a refund of the \$500,000 contributed towards the completion of the feasibility study.