
SOUTHSTONE MINERALS LIMITED
Condensed Consolidated Interim Financial Statements
(Expressed in Canadian Dollars)
For the nine months ended
May 31, 2023 and 2022
(Unaudited)

NOTICE TO READER

Responsibility for Financial Statements:

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements of Southstone Minerals Limited for the nine months ended May 31, 2023 and 2022 have been prepared by management in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards applicable to interim financial statements (see note 3 to the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements). Recognizing that the Company is responsible for both the integrity and objectivity of the unaudited financial statements, management is satisfied that these unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements have been fairly presented.

Auditors Involvement:

The external auditors of Southstone Minerals Limited have not audited or performed a review of the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements for the nine-month periods ending May 31, 2023 and 2022.

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Condensed Consolidated Interim Statements of Financial Position

(Unaudited)

(Expressed in Canadian Dollars)

	May 31, 2023	August 31, 2022
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash	\$ 16,387	\$ 18,055
Receivables (Note 6)	385	1,793
Prepaid expenses	-	5,753
Inventories (Note 7)	-	176,619
	<u>16,772</u>	<u>202,220</u>
Non-current assets		
Rehabilitation deposit (Note 15)	173,497	193,396
Equipment (Note 8)	11,121	14,368
Investments (Note 9)	12	-
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 201,402</u>	<u>\$ 409,984</u>
LIABILITIES AND DEFICIENCY		
Current Liabilities		
Trade and other payables (Note 10)	\$ 326,925	\$ 459,379
Promissory notes (Note 11)	484,064	449,759
Loans payable (Note 12)	41,328	46,068
Refundable deposit (Note 15)	61,992	69,102
Rehabilitation provision (Note 15)	279,360	311,401
Deferred recovery (Note 13)	-	8,050
Due to related parties (Note 14)	57,144	-
	<u>1,250,813</u>	<u>1,343,759</u>
Long-term Liabilities		
Loans payable (Note 12)	154,980	172,755
	<u>1,405,793</u>	<u>1,516,514</u>
Deficiency		
Share capital (Note 16)	17,301,635	17,301,635
Reserve for warrants (Note 17)	749,946	749,946
Reserve for share-based payments (Note 18)	2,378,970	2,378,970
Reserve for foreign exchange	377,940	307,789
Accumulated deficit	(22,113,266)	(21,914,153)
	<u>(1,304,775)</u>	<u>(1,175,813)</u>
Non-controlling interest (Note 21)	100,384	69,283
	<u>(1,204,391)</u>	<u>(1,106,530)</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND DEFICIENCY	<u>\$ 201,402</u>	<u>\$ 409,984</u>

Corporate information and nature of operations (Note 1)

Going concern (Note 2)

Commitments (Note 23)

Approved by the Board

/s/“Terry Tucker”

Director

/s/“Samer Khalaf”

Director

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements

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Condensed Consolidated Interim Statements of Loss and Comprehensive Loss

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	Three months ended May 31,		Nine months ended May 31,	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Revenues	\$ 286,198	\$ 116,274	\$ 1,290,485	\$ 710,133
Cost of sales	(258,251)	(155,382)	(1,086,912)	(697,448)
Gross profit	27,947	(39,108)	203,573	12,685
Expenses				
Foreign exchange gain (loss)	(26,566)	(58,529)	(68,135)	(40,594)
Management and consulting (Note 13)	(39,468)	(76,052)	(131,795)	(254,394)
Office and general	(18,015)	(16,663)	(56,242)	(41,777)
Professional fees	(15,739)	(18,114)	(35,742)	(51,036)
Shareholder information	(1,164)	(3,056)	(11,602)	(17,975)
Travel and promotion	62	(130)	(3,778)	(2,296)
	(100,890)	(172,544)	(307,294)	(408,072)
Other Items:				
Finance income (loss)	(8,324)	1,718	(15,223)	3,772
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Net loss for the period	\$ (81,267)	\$ (209,934)	\$ (118,944)	\$ (391,615)
Net income (loss) attributable to:				
Shareholders of the Company	(101,955)	(192,576)	(199,113)	(372,604)
Non-controlling interests	20,688	(17,358)	80,169	(19,011)
	(81,267)	(209,934)	(118,944)	(391,615)
Other comprehensive loss				
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to net loss:				
Exchange differences on translating foreign operations	42,654	56,230	21,083	54,494
Total comprehensive loss for the period	(38,613)	(153,704)	(97,861)	(337,121)
Other comprehensive income (loss) attributable to:				
Shareholders of the Company	67,455	56,230	70,151	54,494
Non-controlling interests	(24,801)	-	(49,068)	-
	42,654	56,230	21,083	54,494
Total comprehensive income (loss) attributable to:				
Shareholders of the Company	(34,500)	(136,346)	(128,964)	(318,110)
Non-controlling interests	(4,113)	(17,358)	31,101	(19,011)
	(38,613)	(153,704)	(97,863)	(337,121)
Basic and fully diluted loss per common share	\$ (0.003)	\$ (0.007)	\$ (0.004)	\$ (0.010)
Weighted average number of shares outstanding – basic and diluted	32,041,888	31,689,555	32,041,888	29,589,181

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Condensed Consolidated Interim Statement of Changes in Deficiency

(Unaudited)

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	Share Capital		Share based payments	Warrants	Foreign Exchange	Deficit	Shareholders	Equity Attributable to	
	Number of shares	Amount						NCI	Total
Balance, August 31, 2021	27,511,888	\$ 17,075,335	\$ 2,378,970	\$ 749,946	\$ 230,066	\$ (21,335,617)	\$ (901,300)	\$ 109,613	\$ (791,687)
Settlement of debt	4,530,000	226,300	-	-	-	-	226,300	-	226,300
Currency translation adjustment	-	-	-	-	54,494	-	54,494	-	54,494
Net loss for the period	-	-	-	-	-	(372,604)	(372,604)	(19,011)	(391,615)
Balance, May 31, 2022	32,041,888	\$ 17,301,635	\$ 2,378,970	\$ 749,946	\$ 284,560	\$ (21,708,221)	\$ (993,110)	\$ 90,602	\$ (902,508)
Balance, August 31, 2022	32,041,888	\$ 17,301,635	\$ 2,378,970	\$ 749,946	\$ 307,789	\$ (21,914,153)	\$ (1,175,813)	\$ 69,283	\$ (1,106,530)
Settlement of debt	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Currency translation adjustment	-	-	-	-	70,151	-	70,151	(49,068)	21,083
Net loss for the period	-	-	-	-	-	(199,113)	(199,113)	80,169	(118,944)
Balance, May 31, 2023	32,041,888	\$ 17,301,635	\$ 2,378,970	\$ 749,946	\$ 377,940	\$ (22,113,266)	\$ (1,304,775)	\$ 100,384	\$ (1,204,391)

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SOUTHSTONE MINERALS LIMITED
Condensed Consolidated Interim Statements of Cash Flows
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Nine months ended May 31,	2023	2022
Operating Activities		
Net loss for the period	\$ (118,944)	\$ (181,681)
Adjustments to reconcile net income/loss to cash flow from operating activities:		
Amortization	1,940	15,207
Interest expense	22,820	14,073
Amortization of deferred recovery	(8,050)	(19,481)
Unrealized foreign exchange gains and losses	(78,043)	11,309
Non-cash working capital items:		
Receivables	1,408	16,477
Inventories	176,619	12,069
Prepaid expenses and deposits	5,753	(1,596)
Trade and other payables	(132,466)	(218,519)
Due to related parties	57,144	-
Cash provided used in operating activities	(71,819)	(352,142)
Financing Activities		
Loans payable	-	61,710
Cash provided by financing activities	-	61,710
Effect of currency translation reserve	70,151	(1,736)
Net increase (decrease) in cash	(1,668)	(292,168)
Cash - Beginning of the year	18,055	433,244
Cash - End of the period	\$ 16,387	\$ 141,076

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Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Interim Financial Statements

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1. CORPORATE INFORMATION AND NATURE OF OPERATIONS

Southstone Minerals Limited (the “Company”) was incorporated under the *British Columbia Business Corporations Act* on April 10, 2007. The Company holds a 43% interest in the Oena Diamond Mine (“Oena”), an alluvial diamond property, located in the Northern Cape Province, Republic of South Africa that consists of one New Order Mining Lease.

The Company is listed on the TSX Venture Exchange (“TSX.V”), under the symbol SML. The address of the Company’s corporate office is 2751 Graham Street, Victoria, British Columbia, V8T 3Z1 Canada.

2. GOING CONCERN

These condensed consolidated interim financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, which assumes the Company will be able to realize its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of operations in the foreseeable future. Realization values may be substantially different from carrying values as shown and these consolidated financial statements do not give effect to adjustments that would be necessary to the carrying values and classification of assets and liabilities should the Company be unable to continue as a going concern.

The outbreak of COVID-19 has resulted in governments worldwide enacting emergency measures to combat the spread of the virus. The duration and impact of the COVID-19 pandemic is unclear at this time and as a result it is not possible for management to estimate the severity of the impact it may have on the financial results and operations of the Company in future periods.

At May 31, 2023, the Company had negative working capital of \$1,234,041 and an accumulated deficit of \$22,113,266. The Company will require additional financing in order to further develop its business, meet its ongoing levels of corporate overhead and discharge its liabilities as they come due. While the Company has been successful in securing financings in the past, there is no assurance that it will be able to do so in the future. These factors indicate the existence of a material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt about the Company’s ability to continue as a going concern. If the going concern assumption was not used, then the adjustments required to report the Company’s assets and liabilities on a liquidation basis could be material to these consolidated financial statements.

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3. BASIS OF PRESENTATION AND STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

3.1 Statement of compliance

These unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements, including comparatives, have been prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (“IASB”) and Interpretations of the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee (“IFRIC”).

These consolidated financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors of the Company on July 21, 2023.

3.2 Basis of measurement

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis. The consolidated financial statements are presented in Canadian dollars. In addition, these consolidated financial statements have been prepared using the accrual basis of accounting, except for cash flow information.

The preparation of these consolidated financial statements in compliance with IFRS requires management to make certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise judgment in applying the Company’s accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgment or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are disclosed in Note 5.

3.3 Principles of consolidation

These consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its subsidiaries (the “Group”). The results of each subsidiary will continue to be included in the consolidated financial statements of the Company until the date that the Company’s control over the subsidiary ceases. Control exists when the Company has the power, directly or indirectly, to govern the financial and operating policies of an entity so as to obtain benefits from its activities.

Details of controlled entities are as follows:

	Country of incorporation	Percentage owned *	
		May 31, 2023	August 31, 2022
TGV Resources (Pty) Ltd (“TGV”)	South Africa	100%	100%
African Star Minerals (Pty) Limited (“ASM”)	South Africa	43%	43%
GAH Mining (Pty) Ltd (“GAH”)	South Africa	100%	100%

*Percentage of voting power is in proportion to ownership, except for ASM (see below).

Generally, there is a presumption that a majority of voting rights results in control. To support this presumption and when the Group has less than a majority of the voting or similar rights of an investee, the Group considers all relevant facts and circumstances in assessing whether it has power over an investee, including:

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3. BASIS OF PRESENTATION AND STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE (continued)

3.3 Principles of consolidation (continued)

- The Group's voting rights and potential voting rights
- The contractual arrangement(s) with the other vote holders of the investee;
- Rights arising from other contractual arrangements; and

The Group re-assesses whether or not it controls an investee if facts and circumstances indicate that there are changes to one or more of the three elements of control. Consolidation of a subsidiary begins when the Group obtains control over the subsidiary and ceases when the Group loses control of the subsidiary. Assets, liabilities, income and expenses of a subsidiary acquired or disposed of during the year are included in the consolidated financial statements from the date the Group gains control until the date the Group ceases to control the subsidiary.

Profit or loss and each component of other comprehensive income (loss) are attributed to the equity holders of the parent of the Group and to the non-controlling interests, even if this results in the non-controlling interests having a deficit balance. When necessary, adjustments are made to the financial statements of subsidiaries to bring their accounting policies in line with the Group's accounting policies. All intra-group assets and liabilities, equity, income, expenses and cash flows relating to transactions between members of the Group are eliminated in full on consolidation.

The Company holds 43% interest in ASM but continues to have the highest percentage shareholding and has elected the majority of the board of directors (the "Board"). The Company maintains control over the entity based on the following factors:

- i) any shareholder can appoint one director of ASM for every 20% shareholding and may remove or replace any appointee;
- ii) board decision is taken by a simple majority of the votes, and the chairman of the Board of ASM is appointed from a director that represents the shareholder with the highest percentage shareholding and the chairman is granted a second or casting vote to give the Company control of the Board; and
- iii) the Board is responsible for the overall direction, supervision and management of ASM.

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4. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

4.1 Exploration and evaluation expenditures

Costs incurred before the Company has obtained the legal rights to explore an area are expensed as incurred.

Exploration and evaluation expenditures include the costs of acquiring licenses and costs associated with exploration and evaluation activities, net of recoveries and sale of tailings. Option payments are considered acquisition costs provided that the Company has the intention of exercising the underlying option.

Property option agreements are exercisable entirely at the option of the optionee. Therefore, option payments (or recoveries) are recorded when payment is made (or received) and are not accrued.

Acquisition costs are capitalized, and exploration and evaluation expenditures are expensed in the period which they incur. The Company capitalizes costs to specific blocks of claims or areas of geological interest. Government tax credits received are recorded as a reduction to the cumulative costs incurred and capitalized on the related property.

Exploration and evaluation assets are tested for impairment if facts or circumstances indicate that impairment exists. Examples of such facts and circumstances are as follows:

- the period for which the Company has the right to explore in the specific area has expired during the period or will expire in the near future, and is not expected to be renewed;
- substantive expenditure on further exploration for and evaluation of mineral resources in the specific area is neither budgeted nor planned;
- exploration for and evaluation of mineral resources in the specific area have not led to the discovery of commercially viable quantities of mineral resources and the entity has decided to discontinue such activities in the specific area; and
- sufficient data exists to indicate that, although a development in the specific area is likely to proceed, the carrying amount of the exploration and evaluation asset is unlikely to be recovered in full from successful development or by sale.

After technical feasibility and commercial viability of extracting a mineral resource are demonstrable, the Company stops capitalizing expenditures for the applicable block of claims or geological area of interest and tests the asset for impairment. The capitalized balance, net of any impairment recognized, is then reclassified to either tangible or intangible mine development assets according to the nature of the asset.

Although the Company has taken steps that it considers adequate to verify title to exploration and evaluation assets in which it has an interest, these procedures do not guarantee the Company's title. Title to exploration and evaluation assets in foreign jurisdictions is subject to uncertainty and consequently, such properties may be subject to prior undetected agreements or transfers and title may be affected by such instances.

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4. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

4.2 Foreign currency transactions

The functional currency of the Company, the parent, is the Canadian Dollar. The functional currency of the subsidiaries incorporated in Republic of South Africa is the South African Rand (“ZAR”). The presentation currency of the consolidated financial statements is the Canadian Dollar.

Transactions and balances:

Foreign currency transactions are translated into functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the date of the transaction. At each statement of financial position date, foreign currency monetary items are translated at the period-end exchange rate. Non-monetary items are translated using the historical rate on the date of the transaction. Non-monetary items that are stated at fair value are translated using historical rate on the date that fair values were determined.

Exchange differences arising on the translation of these foreign currency transactions are recognized in profit or loss in the period in which they arise, except where deferred in equity as a qualifying cash flow or net investment hedge.

Foreign operations:

The financial results and position of foreign operations whose functional currency is different from the Company’s presentation currency are translated as follows:

- assets and liabilities are translated at period-end exchange rates prevailing at that reporting date; and
- income and expenses are translated at average exchange rates for the period.

Exchange differences arising on translation of foreign operations are recognized in other comprehensive income (loss) and recorded in the Company’s foreign currency translation reserve in equity. These differences are recognized in the profit or loss in the period in which the operation is disposed.

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4. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

4.3 Equipment

Equipment is stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognized as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Company and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. The carrying amount of the replaced part is derecognized. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the profit or loss during the financial period in which they are incurred.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing the proceeds with the carrying amount and are recognized in net loss.

Amortization

Amortization in profit or loss is provided on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of the assets as follows:

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| • Vehicles | 12.5% |
| • Equipment | 33% |
| • Plant | 33% |

4.4 Leases

The Company assesses whether a contract is or contains a lease at inception of the contract. A lease is recognized as a right-of-use asset and corresponding liability at the commencement date. Each lease payment included in the lease liability is apportioned between the repayment of the liability and an interest expense. Lease liabilities represent the net present value of fixed lease payments (including in-substance fixed payments); variable lease payments based on an index, rate, or subject to a fair market value renewal condition; amounts expected to be payable by the lessee under residual value guarantees, the exercise price of a purchase option if the Company is reasonably certain to exercise that option, and payments of penalties for terminating the lease, if it is probable that the lessee will exercise that option.

The Company's lease liability is recognized net of lease incentives receivable. The lease payments are discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease or, if that rate cannot be determined, the Company's incremental borrowing rate. The period over which the lease payments are discounted is the expected lease term, including renewal and termination options that the Company is reasonably certain to exercise. Payments associated with short-term leases and leases of low-value assets are recognized as an expense on a straight-line basis in general and administration and sales and marketing expense in the statement of operations and comprehensive loss. Short-term leases are defined as leases with a lease term of 12 months or less. Variable lease payments that do not depend on an index, rate, or subject to a fair market value renewal condition are expensed as incurred, in the statement of income (loss) and comprehensive income (loss).

Right-of-use assets are measured at cost, which is calculated as the amount of the initial measurement of lease liability plus any lease payments made at or before the commencement date, any initial direct costs and related restoration costs. The right-of-use assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the lease term and the useful life of the asset.

During the nine months ended May 31, 2023 and 2022, the Company did not have material lease contracts.

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4. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

4.5 Income Taxes

Income tax expense comprises of current and deferred tax. Current tax and deferred tax are recognized in net income except to the extent that it relates to a business combination or items recognized directly in equity or in other comprehensive loss.

Current income taxes are recognized for the estimated income taxes payable or receivable on taxable income or loss for the current period and any adjustment to income taxes payable in respect of previous years. Current income taxes are determined using tax rates and tax laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the year-end date.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized where the carrying amount of an asset or liability differs from its tax base, except for taxable temporary differences arising on the initial recognition of goodwill and temporary differences arising on the initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction which is not a business combination and at the time of the transaction affects neither accounting nor taxable profit or loss.

Recognition of deferred tax assets for unused tax losses, tax credits and deductible temporary differences is restricted to those instances where it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the deferred tax asset can be utilized. At the end of each reporting period the Company reassesses unrecognized deferred tax assets. The Company recognizes a previously unrecognized deferred tax asset to the extent that it has become probable that future taxable profit will allow the deferred tax asset to be recovered.

4.6 Loss per share

Basic loss per share is computed by dividing the Company's profit or loss applicable to common shares by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the relevant period. Diluted profit or loss per share is computed by dividing the Company's profit or loss applicable to common shares, by the sum of the weighted average number of common shares outstanding and all additional common shares that would have been outstanding if potentially dilutive instruments were converted at the beginning of the period.

4.7 Share-based payments

Where equity-settled share options are awarded to employees or non-employees, the fair value of the options at the date of grant is charged to profit or loss over the vesting period. The number of equity instruments expected to vest at each reporting date is taken into account so that the cumulative amount recognized over the vesting period is based on the number of options that eventually vest. Non-vesting conditions and market vesting conditions are factored into the fair value of the options granted. As long as all other vesting conditions are satisfied, a charge is made irrespective of whether these vesting conditions are satisfied. The cumulative expense is not adjusted for failure to achieve a market vesting condition or where a non-vesting condition is not satisfied.

Where the terms and conditions of options are modified before they vest, the increase in the fair value of the options, measured immediately before and after the modifications, is charged to the Company's profit or loss over the remaining vesting period.

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4. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

4.7 Share-based payments (continued)

Where equity instruments are granted to employees, they are recorded at the fair value of the equity instrument granted at the grant date. The grant date fair value is recognized in profit or loss over the vesting period, described as the period during which all the vesting conditions are to be satisfied.

Where equity instruments are granted to non-employees, they are recorded at the fair value of the goods or services received in profit or loss, unless they are related to the issuance of shares. Amounts related to the issuance of shares are recorded as a reduction of share capital.

When the value of goods or services received in exchange for the share-based payment with non-employees cannot be reliably estimated, the fair value is measured by use of a valuation model. The expected life used in the model is adjusted, based on management's best estimate, for effects of non-transferability, exercise restrictions and behavioural considerations.

All equity-settled share-based payments are reflected in equity reserve, until exercised. Upon exercise, shares are issued from treasury and the amount reflected in equity reserve is credited to share capital, adjusted for any consideration paid. Where a grant of options is cancelled or settled during the vesting period, excluding forfeitures when vesting conditions are not satisfied, the Company immediately accounts for the cancellation as an acceleration of vesting and immediately recognizes the amount that otherwise would have been recognized for services received over the remainder of the vesting period.

4.8 Financial instruments

(i) Non-derivative financial assets

Financial assets are classified into one of three categories: (i) amortized cost; (ii) fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVOCI"); or (iii) fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL"). The classification of financial assets is generally based on the business model in which a financial asset is managed and its contractual cash flow characteristics. A financial asset is measured at fair value net of transaction costs that are directly attributable to its acquisition except for financial assets at FVTPL where transaction costs are expensed. All financial assets not classified and measured at amortized cost or FVOCI are classified as FVTPL. On initial recognition of an equity instrument that is not held for trading, the Company may irrevocably elect to present subsequent changes in the investment's fair value in other comprehensive income/loss.

Financial assets classified as amortized cost are measured using the effective interest method. Amortized cost is calculated by taking into account any discount or premiums on acquisition and fees that are an integral part of the effective interest method. Amortization from the effective interest method is included in finance income. Financial assets classified as FVTPL are measured at fair value with changes in fair values recognized in profit or loss. Equity investments designated as FVTOCI are measured at fair value with changes in fair values recognized in other comprehensive income ("OCI"). Dividends from that investment are recorded in profit or loss when the Company's right to receive payment of the dividend is established unless they represent a recovery of part of the cost of the investment.

The Company classifies cash, and receivables and rehabilitation deposits as amortized cost with subsequent impairments recognized in profit or loss.

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4. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

4.8 Financial instruments (continued)

(i) Non-derivative financial assets (continued)

Impairment

An 'expected credit loss' impairment model applies which requires a loss allowance to be recognized based on expected credit losses. The estimated present value of future cash flows associated with the asset is determined and an impairment loss is recognized for the difference between this amount and the carrying amount as follows: the carrying amount of the asset is reduced to estimated present value of the future cash flows associated with the asset, discounted at the financial asset's original effective interest rate, either directly or through the use of an allowance account and the resulting loss is recognized in profit or loss for the period.

In a subsequent period, if the amount of the impairment loss related to financial assets measured at amortized cost decreases, the previously recognized impairment loss is reversed through profit or loss to the extent that the carrying amount of the investment at the date the impairment is reversed does not exceed what the amortized cost would have been had the impairment not been recognized.

(ii) Non-derivative financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are classified into one of two categories: (i) amortized cost; and (ii) FVTPL, Financial liabilities are initially recognized at fair value less directly attributable transaction costs except for liabilities classified as FVTPL, in which case transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

Subsequently, financial liabilities classified as amortized cost are measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method. The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortized cost of a financial liability and allocating the interest expense over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments through the expected life of the financial liability, or, where appropriate, a shorter period. The Company classifies trade and other payables, promissory notes, loans payable, and due to related party as amortized cost.

Financial liabilities classified as FVTPL include financial liabilities held for trading and financial liabilities designated.

(iii) Derivative financial instruments

Derivative financial instruments are initially recognized at fair value and subsequently measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognized in profit or loss. Transaction costs are recognized in profit or loss as incurred.

The Company has not designated any derivative contracts as hedges and therefore has not applied hedge accounting in these consolidated financial statements.

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4. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

4.9 Non-controlling interest

Non-controlling interest is measured at its proportionate share of the acquiree's identifiable net assets or liabilities. Net income or loss and comprehensive income or loss for the period are allocated between non-controlling interest and shareholders of the parent. Non-controlling interest in subsidiaries must be presented in the consolidated statement of financial position within equity, separately from the equity of the owners of the parent. Changes in the Company's interest in a subsidiary that do not result in a loss of control are accounted for as equity transactions.

4.10 Impairment of non-financial assets

The carrying amount of the Company's non-financial assets are reviewed at each reporting date to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss. An impairment loss is recognized whenever the carrying amount of an asset or its cash generating unit exceeds its recoverable amount. Impairment losses are recognized in profit or loss.

The recoverable amount of assets is the greater of an asset's fair value less cost to sell and value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects the current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset. For an asset that does not generate cash inflows largely independent of those from other assets, the recoverable amount is determined for the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

An impairment loss is only reversed if there is an indication that the impairment loss may no longer exist and there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the recoverable amount. Any reversal of impairment cannot increase the carrying value of the asset to an amount higher than the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognized in previous years.

Assets that have an indefinite useful life are not subject to amortization and are tested annually for impairment.

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4. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

4.11 Restoration and environmental obligations

The Company recognizes liabilities for statutory, contractual, constructive or legal obligations associated with the retirement of long-term assets, when those obligations result from the acquisition, construction, development or normal operation of the assets. The net present value of future restoration cost estimates arising from the decommissioning of plant and other site preparation work is capitalized to the related asset along with a corresponding increase in the restoration provision in the period incurred. Discount rates using a pre-tax rate that reflect the time value of money are used to calculate the net present value. The Company's estimates of restoration costs could change as a result of changes in regulatory requirements, discount rates and assumptions regarding the amount and timing of the future expenditures. These changes are recorded directly to the related asset with a corresponding entry to the restoration provision. The Company's estimates are reviewed annually for changes in regulatory requirements, discount rates, effects of inflation and changes in estimates. These changes are recorded directly to the related asset with a corresponding entry to the provision.

The increase in the restoration provision due to the passage of time is recognized as interest expense. The net present value of restoration costs arising from subsequent site damage that is incurred on an ongoing basis during production are charged to the statement of comprehensive loss in the period incurred.

The costs of restoration projects that were included in the provision are recorded against the provision as incurred. The costs to prevent and control environmental impacts at specific properties are capitalized in accordance with the Company's accounting policy for exploration and evaluation assets.

4.12 Revenue recognition

The Company recognizes revenue using a five-step model. The core principal is that revenue should be recognized to depict the transfer of control of goods and services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration that the Company expects to be entitled for those goods and services.

The Company generates revenue from the sale of diamonds (the "Product") pursuant to contractual arrangements with its customers. All diamonds recovered from the project are virgin diamonds and the revenue earned is accounted for in the statement of income (loss) and comprehensive income (loss). This revenue is recognized when control or title of the Product is transferred from the Company and collection is reasonably assured in accordance with specified contract terms. All revenue is generally earned at a point in time and is based on the consideration that the Company expects to receive for the transfer of the Product to the customer.

Payment terms with customers are generally 30 days from the date of the invoice. The Company generally does not have any sales contracts where the period between the transfer of the Product to the customer and payment by the customer exceeds one year. As a result, the Company does not adjust its revenue transactions for the time value of money.

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4. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

4.13 Fair value of warrants

The Company measures the fair value of warrants issued from financings using the residual method, and compensatory warrants using the Black-Scholes Option Pricing model. When warrants are issued, the fair value is recorded in the warrant reserve, with the corresponding entry to share capital. When warrants are exercised, their fair value is removed from the warrant reserve account and recorded as share capital.

4.14 Segment reporting

Operating segments are reported in a manner consistent with the internal reporting provided to the chief operating decision-makers. The Company's executive management team has been identified as the chief operating decision-makers and are responsible for allocating resources and assessing performance of the operating segments.

4.15 Investment in associate

Investments in entities over which the Company has a significant influence, but not control, are accounted for by the equity method, whereby the original cost of the investment is adjusted for the Company's proportionate share of the investee's income or loss. When the Company's equity investee issues its own shares to outside interests, a dilution gain or loss arises as a result of the difference between the Company's proportionate share of the proceeds and the carrying value of the underlying equity. When net accumulated losses from an equity accounted investment exceed its carrying amount, the investment balance is reduced to zero and additional losses are not provided for unless the Company is committed to provide financial support to the investee.

The Company resumes accounting for the investment under the equity method when the entity subsequently reports net income and the Company's share of that net income exceeds the share of net losses not recognized during the period the equity method was suspended. Profit or loss resulting from transactions between the Company and its associates is eliminated to the extent of the interest in the associate. The Company determines at each reporting date whether there is any objective evidence that the investments in associates are impaired. The financial statements of associates are prepared for the same reporting period as the Company. Where necessary, adjustments are made to bring the accounting policies of its associates into line with those of the Company.

As at May 31, 2023 and 2022, the Company does not hold any investment in associates.

4.16 Inventory and supplies

Inventories, which are rough diamonds, are measured at the lower of cost and net realizable value. The amount of any write-down of inventories to net realizable value is recognized in the period the write-down occurs. Cost is determined using the weighted average method. Cost includes directly attributable mining overhead but excludes borrowing costs. Net realizable value represents the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business, less all estimated costs to completion and selling expenses.

4.17 Accounting standards issued but not yet effective

A number of new standards, amendments to standards and interpretations are not yet effective for the period ended May 31, 2023, and have not been applied in preparing these consolidated financial statements. None of these pronouncements are expected to have material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

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5. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGMENTS

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with IFRS requires the Company to make estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The Company's management reviews these estimates and underlying assumptions on an ongoing basis, based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Revisions to estimates are adjusted for prospectively in the period in which the estimates are revised.

Estimates and assumptions where there is significant risk of material adjustments to assets and liabilities in future accounting periods include:

i) recoverability and measurement of deferred tax assets

In assessing the probability of realizing income tax assets recognized, management makes estimates related to expectations of future taxable income, expected timing of reversals of existing temporary differences and the likelihood that tax positions taken will be sustained upon examination by applicable tax authorities. Estimates of future taxable income are based on forecasted cash flows from operations and the application of existing tax laws in each jurisdiction. Forecasted cash flows from operations are based on life of mine projections internally developed and reviewed by management. The likelihood that tax positions taken will be sustained upon examination by applicable tax authorities is assessed based on individual facts and circumstances of the relevant tax position evaluated in light of all available evidence. Where applicable tax laws and regulations are either unclear or subject to ongoing varying interpretations, it is reasonably possible that changes in these estimates can occur that materially affect the amounts of income tax assets recognized. At the end of each reporting period, the Company reassesses unrecognized income tax assets.

ii) provisions for restoration and environmental obligations and contingent liabilities

The Company assesses its provision for reclamation and remediation on an annual basis or when new material information becomes available. Mining and exploration activities are subject to various laws and regulations governing the protection of the environment. In general, these laws and regulations are continually changing and the Company has made, and intends to make in the future, expenditures to comply with such laws and regulations. Accounting for reclamation and remediation obligations requires management to make estimates of the future costs the Company will incur to complete the reclamation and remediation work required to comply with existing laws and regulations at each mining operation and exploration and development property. Actual costs incurred may differ from those amounts estimated. Also, future changes to environmental laws and regulations could increase the extent of reclamation and remediation work required to be performed by the Company. Increases in future costs could materially impact the amounts charged to operations for reclamation and remediation. The provision represents management's best estimate of the present value of the future reclamation and remediation obligation. The actual future expenditures may differ from the amounts currently provided.

iii) carrying value of inventories

The allocation of costs to inventories and the determination of net realizable value involve the use of estimates. There is a high degree of judgment in estimating future costs, future production levels, recovery levels, and prices. There can be no assurance that actual results will not differ significantly from estimates used in the determination of the carrying value of inventories.

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5. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGMENTS (continued)

Significant judgments

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with IFRS requires the Company to make judgments, apart from those involving estimates, in applying accounting policies. The most significant judgments in applying the Company's financial statements include:

- i) assessment of the Company's ability to continue as a going concern and whether there are events or conditions that may give rise to significant uncertainty (Note 2);

The assessment of the Company's ability to execute its strategy by funding future working capital requirements involves judgment. Estimates and assumptions are continually assessed and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

- ii) determination of control over ASM (Note 3.3);

The determination of control of subsidiaries involves significant judgment. De facto control exists in circumstances when an entity owns less than 50% voting rights in another entity but has control for reason other than voting rights or contractual and other statutory means. The consolidated financial statements include the results of ASM as management has determined that the Company has de facto control over ASM. The Company has the practical ability to direct the relevant activities of ASM and controls the Board of Directors.

- iii) determination of the functional currency of the Company and its subsidiaries; and

The determination of functional currency of the Company and its subsidiaries requires significant judgments. Management considered all of the relevant primary and secondary factors in making this determination.

6. RECEIVABLES

	May 31, 2023		August 31, 2022	
GST/HST/VAT receivables	\$	300	\$	1,698
Other		85		95
Total receivables	\$	385	\$	1,793

7. INVENTORIES

The Company's inventory consists of rough diamonds. As at May 31, 2023 and August 31, 2022, the following inventory was on hand:

	May 31, 2023		August 31, 2022	
Diamonds	\$	-	\$	176,619
Total inventories	\$	-	\$	176,619

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8. EQUIPMENT

	Vehicles		Plant		Total
Cost					
As at August 31, 2021	\$	58,113	\$	86,531	\$ 144,644
Foreign exchange		(4,576)		(6,813)	(11,389)
As at August 31, 2022	\$	53,537	\$	79,718	\$ 133,255
Foreign exchange		(6,709)		(9,990)	(16,699)
As at May 31, 2023	\$	46,828	\$	69,728	\$ 116,556
Accumulated Amortization					
As at August 31, 2021	\$	38,957	\$	64,898	\$ 103,855
Charge for the year		2,796		20,413	23,209
Foreign exchange		(2,584)		(5,593)	(8,177)
As at August 31, 2022	\$	37,918	\$	84,905	\$ 118,887
Charge for the year		1,940		-	1,940
Foreign exchange		(4,151)		(15,177)	(19,328)
As at May 31, 2023	\$	35,707	\$	69,728	\$ 105,435
Net Book Value					
As at August 31, 2022	\$	14,368	\$	-	\$ 14,368
As at May 31, 2023	\$	11,121	\$	-	\$ 11,121

9. INVESTMENTS

During the period, the Company subscribed for 1,152 shares of Padstone Pte. Ltd. (“Padstone”), which represents 10% ownership of Padstone. Padstone is the registered proprietor of all the issued share capital of Pan African Diamonds, which is an independent mining exploration company focused on diamond exploration in Guinea-Conakry.

10. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	May 31, 2023		August 31, 2022	
Trade payables	\$	180,741	\$	291,912
Accrued liabilities		117,545		140,296
Payroll and VAT provisions		28,639		27,171
Total trade and other payables	\$	326,925	\$	459,379

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11. PROMISSORY NOTES

During the year ended August 31, 2018, the Company issued an unsecured promissory note of \$240,408 (US\$185,000), interest bearing at 3% per annum to a third party, with no fixed terms of repayment. As at May 31, 2023, \$292,793 (US\$216,831) (August 31, 2022 - \$275,436 (US\$185,000)) was outstanding.

During the year ended August 31, 2015, the Company issued a combination of secured and unsecured convertible notes at 12% interest. As at May 31, 2023 and 2022 all conversion options expired and therefore became ordinary promissory notes. As at May 31, 2023, \$191,271 is outstanding (August 31, 2022 - \$174,323). A continuity schedule of the previously convertible promissory notes due is as follows:

	May 31, 2023		August 31, 2022	
Balance, beginning of the year	\$	174,323	\$	177,457
Accrued interest		16,340		20,343
Settled via issuance of shares (Note 15)		-		(24,014)
Effect of foreign exchange		608		537
Balance, end of the period	\$	191,271	\$	174,323

12. LOANS PAYABLE

In November 2021, the Company through ASM entered into a Loan and Offtake Agreement with Hall of Diamonds Pty Ltd ("HOD"), pursuant to which HOD provided an unsecured loan to ASM for ZAR750,000 for a term of two years ("Loan 1"). As consideration for the loan, HOD received a right to purchase all of the diamonds produced from Oena by the Company ("Offtake Right 1"). Offtake Right 1 shall expire on the date that HOD has received a minimum sales value of ZAR 750,000. The sale price of the diamonds produced from Oena shall be determined by an independent evaluator appointed by ASM in its sole discretion. As at May 31, 2023, there was a balance of \$51,660 (ZAR 750,000) (August 31, 2022 - \$57,585 (ZAR 750,000)) outstanding on this loan payable.

In April 2022, the Company through ASM entered into another Loan and Offtake Agreement with HOD, pursuant to which HOD provided an unsecured loan to ASM for ZAR 1,500,000 for a term of two years ("Loan 2"). As consideration for the loan, HOD received a right to purchase all diamonds produced from Oena ("Offtake Right 2"), Offtake Right 2 shall expire on the date that HOD has received minimum sales value of ZAR 1,500,000. The sales price ("Valuation Price") of the diamonds produced from Oena shall be the highest price bid during the tender process at a designated tender house located in the Republic of South Africa or an independent evaluator appointed by ASM in its sole discretion. HOD will be allowed to purchase all or a portion of the diamonds at the tender house by paying the Valuation Price to ASM plus any outstanding commissions (typically 1.5%) to the tender house. As at May 31, 2023, there was a balance of \$103,320 (ZAR 1,500,000) (August 31, 2022 - \$115,170 (ZAR 1,500,000)) outstanding on this loan payable amount.

During the year ended August 31, 2022, ASM entered into an advance agreement with HOD for ZAR 600,000. This advance will be repaid with proceeds from Oena mining production revenues. As at May 31, 2023, there was a balance of \$41,328 (ZAR 600,000) (August 31, 2022 - \$46,068 (ZAR 600,000)) outstanding on this advance payable.

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12. LOANS PAYABLE (continued)

The continuity of the Company's outstanding loans is as follows:

		May 31, 2023		August 31, 2022
Balance, beginning of the year	\$	218,823	\$	-
Additions:				
Loan 1		-		61,710
Loan 2		-		121,515
Advance		-		46,068
Effect of foreign exchange		(22,515)		(10,470)
Balance, end of the period	\$	196,308	\$	218,823

13. DEFERRED RECOVERY

In November 2017, the Company entered into a Tailing Investment and Revenue Participation Agreement (the "Tailing Royalty Agreement") with TML Equipment Solutions (Pty) Ltd. ("TML"), whereby TML agreed to provide funding of \$191,042 (R2,096,828) to ensure ongoing operations of Oena with the processing of historical tailings. In return, TML receives a royalty of 10.6% from the net sale (defined in the Tailing Royalty Agreement) of diamonds recovered from processing of tailings. In the event that no diamond sales are generated, the Company is not obligated to make any royalty payments. The Company recognized the funding as a deferred recovery of Oena and amortized the balance over a 5-year term. For the nine-month period ended May 31, 2023, the Company recorded amortization of \$7,918 (2022 - \$24,836) in finance charges in profit and loss. During the nine-month period ended May 31, 2023, there is no diamond revenue (2022 - \$nil) generated from the processing of historical tailings.

14. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The related party transactions are in the normal course of business and are measured at the exchange amount which is the amount agreed by the related parties. Related party transactions not presented elsewhere in these consolidated financial statements are disclosed below:

		May 31, 2023		May 31, 2022
Directors fees	\$	12,176	\$	11,413
Consulting fees (included in management and consulting)		110,619		243,542
Total	\$	122,796	\$	254,955

Key management personnel are those persons having the authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Company, directly or indirectly. Key management personnel include chief executive officer and chief financial officer and members of its Board of Directors. The remuneration of key management personnel was presented in the above table. Key management personnel were not paid post-employment benefit, termination fees or other long-term benefits during the nine-month periods ended May 31, 2023 and 2022.

As at May 31, 2023, \$57,144 (August 31, 2022 - \$nil) is owed to the CEO and certain directors and officers of the Company. Amounts owing are non-interest bearing, unsecured and due on demand.

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15. REHABILITATION PROVISION

A continuity of the Company's rehabilitation provision is as follows:

	May 31, 2023		August 31, 2022	
Balance, beginning of the year	\$	311,401	\$	313,018
Change of estimate		-		35,791
Effect of foreign exchange		(32,041)		(37,408)
Balance, end of the period	\$	279,360	\$	311,401

As at May 31, 2023, the rehabilitation provision relates to Oena. For the year ended August 31, 2022, the Company contracted the services of Site Plan Consulting, an independent consultant specializing in geological surveying. The provision is an estimate of total amount of cash flows required to complete the restoration on the following:

- stock piles and tailings;
- existing facilities; and
- roads and other infrastructure.

Significant estimates and assumptions are made in determining the site restoration provision as there are numerous factors that will affect the ultimate liability payable. Those uncertainties may result in future actual expenditures differing from the amount currently recorded.

The Company carries \$162,645 (ZAR 2,351,000) (August 31, 2022- \$181,299 (ZAR 2,351,000)) in deposits as security against the liability. Of this, \$61,992 (ZAR 1,000,000) (August 31, 2022 - \$69,102 (ZAR 1,000,000)) is refundable to arm's length third parties. Refer to Note 23 regarding commitments for additional deposits.

16. SHARE CAPITAL

(a) Authorized

Unlimited number of common shares without par value.

(b) Issued

Period Ended May 31, 2023

- There were no share capital transactions in the period.

Year Ended August 31, 2022

- On December 7, 2021, debt in the amount of \$226,500 owing to a director and officer of the Company was settled in consideration for 4,530,000 common shares of the Company.

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17. WARRANTS

The continuity of the Company's outstanding warrants is as follows:

	May 31, 2023		August 31, 2022	
	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Number of Warrants	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Number of Warrants
Outstanding, beginning of year	\$ -	-	\$ 1.00	400,000
Expired	-	-	1.00	(400,000)
Outstanding, end of the period	\$ -	-	\$ -	-

18. SHARE BASED PAYMENTS

The Company has a stock option plan whereby the maximum number of shares reserved for issue under the plan shall not exceed 10% of the outstanding common shares of the Company, as at the date of the grant. The maximum number of common shares reserved for issue to any one person under the plan cannot exceed 5% of the issued and outstanding number of common shares at the date of the grant and the maximum number of common shares reserved for issue to a consultant or a person engaged in investor relations activities cannot exceed 2% of the issued and outstanding number of common shares at the date of the grant. Options may be granted for a maximum term of ten years from the date of the grant, are non-transferable and expire within 90 days of termination of employment or holding office as a director or officer of the Company and, in the case of death, expire within one year thereafter. Upon death, the options may be exercised by legal representation or designated beneficiaries of the holder of the option. Stock options vest 50% on grant date and 50% within 365 days from the grant date, except for certain investor relations consultants.

A summary of stock options issued and outstanding is as follows:

	May 31, 2023		August 31, 2022	
	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Number of Options	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Number of Options
Outstanding at beginning of the year	\$ -	-	\$ 0.50	390,000
Expired / Cancelled	-	-	0.50	(390,000)
Outstanding at end of the period	\$ -	-	\$ -	-
Exercisable at end of the period	\$ -	-	\$ -	-

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19. CAPITAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The Company manages its capital structure and makes adjustments to it, based on the funds available to the Company, in order to support the acquisition, exploration and development of mineral properties and its engineering services. The Board of Directors does not establish quantitative return on capital criteria for management, but rather relies on the expertise of the Company's management to sustain future development of the business. The Company defines capital to include its shareholders' equity (deficiency). In order to carry out the planned exploration and pay for administrative costs, the Company will spend its existing working capital and raise additional amounts as needed. The Company will continue to assess new properties and seek to acquire an interest in additional properties if it feels there is sufficient geologic or economic potential and if it has adequate financial resources to do so. Management reviews its capital management approach on an ongoing basis and believes that this approach, given the relative size of the Company, is reasonable. There were no changes in the Company's approach to capital management during the nine-month period ended May 31, 2023.

The Company considers its capital to be shareholders' equity (deficiency), which is comprised of share capital, reserves, deficit and non-controlling interest. The Company is not subject to externally imposed capital requirements

The Company's objective when managing capital is to obtain adequate levels of funding to support its exploration activities, to obtain corporate and administrative functions necessary to support organizational functioning and obtain sufficient funding to further the identification and development of precious metals deposits.

The Company raises capital, as necessary, to meet its needs and take advantage of perceived opportunities and, therefore, does not have a numeric target for its capital structure. Funds are primarily secured through equity capital raised by way of private placements. There can be no assurance that the Company will be able to continue raising equity capital in this manner.

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

20. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Fair Value

The carrying amount of cash, receivables, trade and other payables, promissory notes, refundable deposits and due to related parties approximate fair value due to the relatively short term maturity of these financial instruments. The fair value of the rehabilitation deposit approximates carrying value due to the nature of the financial asset. Loans payable is interest free maturing in two years from the advancement date, its carrying does not materially differ from the fair value when assessed at the market interest rate.

Financial instruments that are measured subsequent to initial recognition at fair value are grouped into a hierarchy based on the degree to which the fair value is observable. Level 1 fair value measurements are derived from unadjusted, quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities. Level 2 fair value measurements are derived from inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability directly or indirectly. Level 3 fair value measurements are derived from valuation techniques that include inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data. As at May 31, 2023 and 2022, the Company does not hold any financial instruments measured at fair value on a recurring basis.

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20. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

Credit and Concentration Risk

Credit risk is the risk of loss associated with a counterparty's inability to fulfill its payment obligations. The Company's credit risk is primarily attributable to cash, and receivables. The Company has no significant concentration of credit risk arising from operations. Cash are held with reputable Canadian and South African chartered banks which are closely monitored by management. Trade receivables are usually received within 30 days.

Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will not have sufficient cash resources to meet its financial obligations as they come due. The Company's liquidity and operating results may be adversely affected if the Company's access to the capital market is hindered, whether as a result of a downturn in stock market conditions generally or related to matters specific to the Company. The Company generates cash flow from both operations as well as financing activities. As at May 31, 2023, the Company had cash of \$16,387 to settle current liabilities of \$1,250,813. The Company intends to meet its financial commitments through loans, private placements, debt conversion, and revenue generated from its operations. All of the Company's financial liabilities have contractual maturities of less than 365 days and are subject to normal trade terms.

Interest Rate Risk

The Company has cash balances and no variable interest-bearing debt. The Company is not subject to significant interest rate risk.

Foreign Currency Risk

Foreign currency risk is the risk that the fair values of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because they are denominated in currencies that differ from their respective functional currency. Diamonds from the South African operations are tendered in United States Dollars and settled in South African Rands at the average rate on the day that the tender closes. The main debt instruments of the group are denominated in Canadian, United States Dollars and South African Rand. The group does not enter into forward cover. As a result, unrealized foreign exchange gains and losses will arise from financial instruments that are unsettled at reporting date and realized foreign exchange gains and losses will arise from the derecognition of financial instruments at the prevailing rate.

A 10% appreciation (weakening) in the USD against the CAD, with all other variables held constant, would result in a \$5,700 increase (decrease) to net loss for the nine-month period ended May 31, 2023.

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21. NON-CONTROLLING INTERESTS

The non-controlling interests consisted of the following:

	May 31, 2023	August 31, 2022
ASM (57% (2022 – 57%))	100,384	69,283
	\$ 100,384	\$ 69,283

Net income (loss) allocated to non-controlling interests:

	May 31, 2023	May 31, 2022
ASM (57% (2022 – 57%))	80,169	(17,358)
	\$ 80,169	\$ (17,358)

The following is the summarized statement of financial position of ASM as at May 31, 2023:

	ASM	
Current:		
Assets	\$	121,296
Liabilities		(412,346)
Total current net assets (liabilities)		(291,050)
Non-current		
Assets		174,873
Liabilities		(196,308)
Total non-current net assets		(21,435)
Total net assets (liabilities)	\$	(312,485)

The following is the summarized statement of financial position of ASM as at August 31, 2022:

	ASM	
Current:		
Assets	\$	186,081
Liabilities		(701,541)
Total current net assets (liabilities)		(515,460)
Non-current		
Assets		196,902
Liabilities		(172,755)
Total non-current net assets		24,147
Total net assets (liabilities)	\$	(491,313)

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21. NON-CONTROLLING INTERESTS (continued)

The following is the summarized comprehensive income of ASM for the nine-month period ended May 31, 2023:

		ASM
Revenue	\$	1,298,965
Net income		140,648
Other comprehensive loss		(49,068)
Total comprehensive income	\$	91,580

The following is the summarized comprehensive loss of ASM for the nine-month period ended May 31, 2022:

		ASM
Revenue	\$	593,859
Net loss		(2,899)
Other comprehensive income		-
Total comprehensive loss	\$	(2,899)

22. SEGMENTED INFORMATION

For the nine-month period ended May 31, 2023, the Company had one reportable segment which was the acquisition, exploration and evaluation, and development of mineral properties.

As at May 31, 2023 and 2022, all of the Company's revenue was earned in South Africa and all long-term assets were held in South Africa.

23. COMMITMENTS

The Company has committed to make additional deposits of \$44,976 (ZAR 652,964) in connection with its rehabilitation provision. There is no formal deadline to make the deposit, however the Company typically complies on an annual basis in connection with filing its estimate of the total asset retirement obligation, as disclosed in Note 15.

On April 19, 2022, ASM entered into a Contract Mining and Diamond Recovery Agreement (the "Agreement") with Oryx Mining (Pty) Ltd ("Oryx") at Oena. Oryx, at its own cost and expense, agreed to provide and maintain all the Plant and Equipment as required to perform the Mining Services. The diamonds produced by Oryx are to be sold via a designated Tender Facility in South Africa and 80% of the gross income of net diamond sales, less commission, is to be paid to Oryx for the duration of the 36-month Agreement. For any individual stones recovered with a gross selling price, less commission, of greater than ZAR 10,000,000, Oryx will be paid 70% of the gross income. Oryx commenced mining operations on June 13, 2022.

On April 11, 2023, Oryx advised the Company that it was discontinuing operations at Oena, and no further production or sales would be produced by Oryx. The Company is seeking a new contractor, or contractors, to recommence operations at Oena. Several potential new contractors have been or will be visiting Oena.

Please see Note 13 for commitments related to deferred recovery.