

## **KUYA SILVER CORPORATION**

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

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## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The following Management's Discussion & Analysis ("MD&A") provides a review of activities, results of operations and the financial condition of Kuya Silver Corporation ("Kuya Silver", the "Company", "we", or "our") as at and for the year ended December 31, 2023. This MD&A should be read in conjunction with the Company's audited annual consolidated financial statements and related notes thereto for the year ended December 31, 2023. References to "Kuya Silver" in this MD&A refer to the Company and its subsidiaries taken as a whole.

Readers are cautioned that this MD&A contains forward-looking statements about expected future events and financial and operating performance of the Company, and that actual events may vary from management's expectations. Readers are encouraged to read the Cautionary Note on Forward-Looking Statements included in this MD&A and to consult the Company's audited annual consolidated financial statements and corresponding notes for the year ended December 31, 2023, which are available under the Company's profile on the SEDAR+ website at www.sedarplus.ca.

The Company's management is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial statements and this MD&A. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Accounting Standards ("IFRS") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board and as included in Part 1 of the CPA Canada Handbook – Accounting and the interpretations of the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee. This MD&A has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of securities regulators, including National Instrument ("NI") 51-102 of the Canadian Securities Administrators.

All amounts disclosed in this MD&A are expressed in United States ("US") dollars ("USD"), unless otherwise noted. Canadian dollars are represented by CAD \$. Information contained herein is presented as at April 18, 2024 (the "Report Date") unless otherwise indicated.

### **COMPANY OVERVIEW**

Kuya Silver is a mineral exploration and development company with a focus on acquiring, exploring, and advancing precious metals properties in Peru and Canada. The Company's head office and principal address is located at 150 King Street West, Suite 200, Toronto, ON, M5J 1J9. The Company was incorporated on July 15, 2015, under the Business Corporations Act (British Columbia) and the Company's registered and records office is located at 40440 Thunderbird Ridge, Squamish, BC, V8B 0G1. The Company's shares are listed on the Canadian Securities Exchange ("CSE") under the symbol KUYA.

## **OVERVIEW OF EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION ASSETS**

### Bethania Silver Project (Huancavelica, Peru)

The Bethania Silver Project is comprised of the Bethania mine (Santa Elena mining concession) that operated from 2010 to 2016, the Carmelitas concessions, and the Tres Banderas concessions as detailed below and collectively covers approximately 4,295 hectares. One of the Company's key goals for the Bethania Silver Project is to develop a 350 tonnes per day ("tpd") mining operation that would include the construction of a 350 tpd processing plant as contemplated in the Amended and Restated Preliminary Economic Assessment (the "PEA") which was filed on SEDAR+ on October 10, 2023 and posted on the Company's website. The PEA envisages a 350 tpd underground mine feeding a processing plant that would process mineralized material and also incorporates the potential to toll-mill mineralized material prior to the construction and commissioning of a new processing plant at site.

## <u>Bethania</u>

On December 15, 2020, Kuya Silver completed the purchase of 100% of the shares of Minera Toro del Plata S.A.C. ("MTP"), a privately held Peruvian company based in Lima that owns 100% of the Bethania Silver Property (Santa Elena concession) and Chinita I concession located in the district of Acobambilla, department of Huancavelica, Peru. MTP operated the Bethania mine from 2010 to 2016, by mining ore from underground and trucking it to nearby plants for processing into concentrates.

## Carmelitas Concessions

On May 14, 2021, the Company announced the acquisition of three mineral concessions, Carmelita 2005, Carmelita 2005 I and Carmelita 2005 II concessions (collectively "Carmelitas"), which are strategically located less than three kilometers west of Bethania, located in the district of Acobambilla, department of Huancavelica and in the district of Chongos Altos, department of Junín, Peru. The Carmelitas concessions were host to small-scale mining activities until early 2020, producing silver-polymetallic material very similar to Bethania. Kuya Silver plans to incorporate Carmelitas into its operating activities at Bethania going forward.

The initial total purchase price of \$892,500 consisted of \$492,500 in cash and \$400,000 in common shares in Kuya Silver. Upon signing of the agreements, \$293,500 was paid (including \$42,500 of other costs allocated to the transaction). The remaining \$199,000 was due on May 14, 2022, and the \$400,000 in common shares in the capital of the Company was due to be issued on the eighteen-month anniversary of signing the agreements (November 14, 2022) at a deemed price per common share equal to the 10-day average closing price of the common shares on the CSE, ending on the day prior to issuance.

On September 21, 2022, we announced an amendment to this agreement, which increased the total purchase price from \$892,500 to \$952,500 including the earlier issuance of common shares. Kuya Silver issued 1,084,490 common shares, equivalent in value to \$400,000 (at a price of CAD\$0.49 per share, equivalent to the 20-day volume-weighted average price ending on September 16, 2022, as per the calculation of the deemed price of the common shares in the amended agreement). The remaining \$259,000 was paid in cash in tranches with the final payment of \$100,000 being made on January 30, 2023.

## OVERVIEW OF EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION ASSETS (cont'd...)

### Bethania Silver Project (Huancavelica, Peru) (cont'd...)

### Tres Banderas Concessions

The Tres Banderas concessions are located primarily in the department of Huancavelica, Peru (with some concessions extending into the departments of Lima and Junín), in the vicinity of, or surrounding Bethania. Tres Banderas 01 through 07 mining claims, (that are near to and contiguous with the Santa Elena mining concession, which includes the Bethania mine) were acquired through an open application process from 2019 and 2022 by Kuya Silver S.A.C. ("Kuya S.A.C."). In early 2023, a mineral concession for Tres Banderas 08 (contiguous with Tres Banderas 06 to the south) was awarded to Kuya S.A.C.

## Silver Kings Project (Ontario, Canada)

On March 1, 2021, the Company completed an agreement to acquire, from Electra Battery Materials Corporation ("Electra"), certain silver-cobalt mineral exploration assets (the "Kerr Assets"), as well as an option to acquire up to 70% of the balance of Electra's silver-cobalt mineral exploration assets (the "Remaining Assets") located in the historic Cobalt, Ontario silver-cobalt mining district. As part of that agreement, the Company had the option of forming a joint venture with Electra ("Silver Kings JV"), through its wholly owned subsidiary Cobalt Industries of Canada Inc. ("CIC"), the company that holds the Remaining Assets. On December 31, 2022, the Company and Electra amended the original agreement to provide the Company with the right to acquire 100% of the Remaining Assets, which was then completed in January 2023.

Since November 2021, Kuya has also acquired (primarily through claim-staking) additional mining claims in the Cobalt mining district, with some being adjacent to the Kerr Assets or the Remaining Assets, and others located in nearby prospective areas. These claims are collectively referred to as the Sunrise Claims.

The Silver Kings Project encompasses the 100%-owned Kerr Assets ("Kerr Project"), the Remaining Assets and the Sunrise Claims totaling 14,414 hectares in the Coleman, Gilles Limit, Lorrain, South Lorrain, Kittson, Barr, Klock, and Dane townships in north-eastern Ontario. Certain of the claims that are part of the Remaining Assets are subject to a 2% net smelter returns royalty as detailed below in the "Other Silver Kings Properties (formerly Silver Kings JV)" section. The Company continually manages its property position based on strategic goals, geological potential and expenditure requirements and may increase or decrease these holdings from time to time.

Following consolidation of the Silver Kings Project land package, as a next step, the Company executed two separate diamond drill programs in 2023 at the Silver Kings Project targeting silver-cobalt mineralization in the Kerr Project area, specifically on the Campbell-Crawford and Airgiod properties.

### Kerr Project

On September 30, 2021, the Company obtained control of CobalTech Mining Inc. ("CobalTech") the company that holds the Kerr Assets which includes twelve patents in both Coleman and Gilles Limit townships, a lease, and several mineral claims. In connection with the acquisition, a reclamation provision in the amount of \$1,842,580 has been recorded for future reclamation and rehabilitation obligations on the Kerr Assets.

## OVERVIEW OF EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION ASSETS (cont'd...)

### Other Silver Kings Properties (formerly Silver Kings JV)

To fully exercise the option on the Remaining Assets, the Company was to make payments totaling CAD \$2,000,000 and complete work commitments of CAD \$4,000,000 by September 1, 2024. As per the December 31, 2022 amendment to the original agreement, the Company acquired a 100% interest in the Remaining Assets by making payments of CAD \$2,000,000 (including what had been already paid at the time). As per the amendment, the Company granted a 2% royalty on net smelter returns from commercial production on the Remaining Assets to Electra. The Company is no longer required to complete any work commitments.

The original agreement provided that Kuya Silver may issue an equivalent value in common shares of the Company at the 20-day volume weighted average price immediately prior to the date the actual respective payment is made in lieu of making the cash payments. On September 1, 2021, the Company issued 671,141 common shares to Electra, in in lieu of a CAD \$1,000,000 cash payment. Following this payment, the Company and Electra had intended to enter a Joint Venture Agreement ("JVA") for the joint exploration and development of the project. In advance of the commitments due on September 1, 2022, Electra provided a notice of waiver of the requirements of the JV Earn-In Payment Schedule on a temporary basis, to allow sufficient time for Kuya Silver and Electra to negotiate, finalize and execute an amendment to the agreement in respect of the Remaining Assets. On December 31, 2022, the Company and Electra completed the amendment, as described above. On January 31, 2023, the Company issued 2,702,703 common shares to Electra, in lieu of the CAD \$1,000,000 cash payment to acquire the remaining interest. Additionally on January 31, 2023, the Company issued 405,405 common shares to Electra, for settlement of CAD \$150,000 of accounts payable and accrued liabilities due to Electra.

On March 24, 2023, the Company entered into a settlement agreement with Canadian Silver Hunter Inc. ("CSH") and Cobalt Projects International Corp. (a subsidiary of Electra, "CPIC"), which settles a dispute (the "Dispute") between CSH and CPIC regarding certain mineral properties previously optioned by CPIC from CSH. The Dispute was transferred to the Company upon the Silver Kings JV amended Purchase Agreement and Option. To settle the Dispute, the Company issued 1,666,667 common shares to CSH and obtained a 100% interest in the mineral properties associated with the Dispute. In connection with settling the Dispute, the Company also entered into an agreement with CSH granting CSH a 2% royalty on net smelter returns from the related mineral properties.

## CORPORATE UPDATE AND OUTLOOK

## Financings

The Company started 2023 with \$1,196,879 in cash, from financings obtained through various means during 2022. Included in the opening cash balance were the remaining flow-through share funds of \$844,780 from a December 2022 flow-through financing.

## <u>April 2023</u>

In April 2023, the Company closed, in two tranches, a non-brokered private placement and issued 6,686,888 units at a price of CAD \$0.27 per unit for total proceeds of CAD \$1,805,460 for general working capital requirements. Each unit consisted of one common share and one-half of one transferable common share purchase warrant. Each whole warrant entitles the holder to acquire one common share at a price of CAD \$0.50 per common share for a period of 24 months from the date of issue. The Company paid a total of CAD \$28,524 for finders' fees and issued 105,644 finders' warrants in connection with this private placement. Each finder's warrant entitles the holder to acquire one common share for a period of 24 months from the date of issue.

## July 2023

In July 2023, the Company closed a non-brokered private placement and issued 2,920,219 units at a price of CAD \$0.44 per unit for total proceeds of CAD \$1,284,896 for qualified exploration expenditures on exploration programs on the Company's Canadian properties. Each unit consisted of one flow-through common share and one-half of one non-flow-through common share purchase warrant. Each whole warrant entitles the holder to acquire one non-through common share at a price of CAD \$0.60 per common share for a period of 18 months from the date of issue. The Company paid a total of CAD \$69,174 for finders' fees and issued 157,213 finders' warrants in connection with this private placement. Each finder's warrant entitles the holder to acquire one non-flow-through common share at a price of CAD \$0.61 per common share for a period of 18 months from the date of issue. The Company paid a total of CAD \$69,174 for finders' fees and issued 157,213 finders' warrants in connection with this private placement. Each finder's warrant entitles the holder to acquire one non-flow-through common share at a price of CAD \$0.44 per common share for a period of 18 months from the date of issue. The flow-through shares were issued at a premium of USD 133,029.

### August 2023

In August 2023, the Company closed, in two tranches, a non-brokered private placement and issued 2,781,300 units at a price of CAD \$0.27 per unit for total proceeds of CAD \$750,951 for general working capital purposes. Each unit consisted of one common share and one-half of one transferable common share purchase warrant. Each whole warrant entitles the holder to acquire one common share at a price of CAD \$0.50 per common share for a period of 24 months from the date of issue. The Company paid a total of CAD \$15,147 for finders' fees and issued 56,100 finders' warrants in connection with this private placement. Each finder's warrant entitles the holder to acquire one common share for a period of 24 months from the date of issue.

## CORPORATE UPDATE AND OUTLOOK (cont'd...)

Financings (cont'd...)

## December 2023

In December 2023, the Company closed the first tranche of a \$1,200,000 non-brokered private placement pursuant to an agreement with Trafigura Pte Ltd ("Trafigura") through two its subsidiaries, whereby Trafigura has invested \$229,594 (CAD \$312,179) to acquire 1,248,716 units of Kuya Silver at a price of CAD \$0.25 per unit to support the restart of production from the Bethania mine. Each unit consists of one common share in the capital of Kuya Silver and one common share purchase warrant. Each warrant entitles the holder to acquire one common share for CAD \$0.37 until December 7, 2025. Trafigura has agreed to hold the common shares acquired in the offering for a minimum of one year and will immediately exercise the warrants if the common shares trade at a premium of 25% to the warrant exercise price for one month. The Company paid a finder's fee to a qualified non-related party in the amount of CAD \$27,014 in connection with the financing.

The second tranche of the private placement closed in April 2024. Details of the \$970,000 financing can be found in the subsequent events section of this document.

In December 2023, the Company closed, in two tranches, a non-brokered private placement pursuant to the listed issuer financing exemption under Part 5A of National Instrument 45-106 – Prospectus Exemptions (the "LIFE Exemption") by issuing 13,921,000 units at a price of CAD \$0.25 per unit for gross proceeds of CAD \$3,480,250. Each unit consisted of one common share and one common share warrant. Each warrant entitles the holder to thereof to acquire one additional common share at an exercise price of CAD \$0.37 per common share for a period of 24 months from the date of issuance. The warrants are subject to accelerated expiration whereby if the closing trading price of the common shares on the CSE or such other stock exchange where the majority of the trading volume occurs, for any period of 15 consecutive trading days equals or exceeds CAD \$0.50, the Company may, upon issuing a press release (the "Acceleration Notice") accelerate the expiry date of the warrants to the date that is 15 days following the date of the Acceleration Notice. If the warrants are not exercised by the accelerated expiry date, the warrants will expire and be of no further force or effect. The net proceeds of the financing will be used for development expenses at Bethania site, exploration at the Silver Kings project and general working capital requirements. A total of CAD \$161,815 was paid as a cash commission and 434,940 non-transferable common share warrants with an exercise price of CAD \$0.25 per common share for a period of 24 months from date of issue were issued to qualified parties.

On December 29, 2023, the Company closed a non-brokered flow-through private placement for aggregate gross proceeds of CAD \$450,240 with a single investor for qualified exploration expenditures on exploration programs on the Company's Canadian properties. The Company issued 1,608,000 flow-through units at a price of CAD \$0.28 per unit, each consisting of one common share in the capital of the Company and one-half of one non-transferable common share warrant. Each whole warrant is convertible into a non-flow-through common share of the Company at a price of CAD \$0.37 per common share until December 28, 2025. A finder's fee of CAD \$20,447 was paid to a qualified non-related party. The flow-through shares were issued at premium of CAD \$56,280 (\$42,598).

## CORPORATE UPDATE AND OUTLOOK (cont'd...)

#### **Exploration and evaluation assets**

#### Bethania Silver Project

One of the Company's key goals for the Bethania Silver Project is to resume mining operations and to build a 350 tpd processing plant. However, in the immediate future, the Company's management is focused on reviewing options which includes resuming underground mining activities and to conduct toll-milling (i.e. processing ore at a third-party mill into saleable concentrate) prior to construction of the processing plant, which could generate near-term cash flow while de-risking the mining operation by providing valuable production experience, training to the potential workforce and advancing the underground development required for eventual full-scale production.

The Company plans to restart operations by toll milling mineralized material at one or more of the nearby mills in the area. There is a robust spot market for milling services within trucking distance from the Bethania project, and in the past the Company has disclosed agreements with service providers such as: Compania Minera San Valentin and Peru Sol. The Company maintains discussions with several mills with a goal of minimizing costs, including trucking expense, and maximizing concentrate production performance. Environmental and social factors are also considered by Kuya Silver in committing to any third-party business arrangements.

In early 2024, Kuya Silver started preparatory work necessary to restart production over the coming months to recondition and upgrade the underground working areas which have seen little to no traffic for the past seven years. The pre-production work included removal and replacement or reinforcement of certain underground supports, water pumping (dewatering), removal of broken rock material, tunnel, rail and ventilation maintenance, etc. Initial production has focused on areas with existing underground infrastructure and will transition over time to newly developed areas. Kuya Silver plans to recondition and improve historical working areas to a high standard in order to reduce safety risks and improve productivity and maintain that same high standard as it develops new areas of the mine.

The Company's management also believes there are opportunities to expand on the Company's exploration strategy throughout the Bethania district, including the Carmelitas concessions, where several high-priority targets are ready to be followed up with mapping and sampling programs to advance these targets to a drill-ready stage. The Company recently completed an initial surface sampling program at Carmelitas, which was successful in discovering a new zone of mineralized veins and demonstrated that silver polymetallic vein mineralization could be more extensive than previously understood. Between two vein systems identified at Carmelitas (also referred to as Carmelitas Main and Carmelitas Norte) and the Company's understanding of the Bethania mine area, the Company can identify at least 2.3 kilometres of combined strike length of mineralized vein systems which collectively to date have seen minimal exploration at depth.

## CORPORATE UPDATE AND OUTLOOK (cont'd...)

### Exploration and evaluation assets (cont'd...)

### Silver Kings Project

Kuya Silver has completed transactions that consolidate 14,414 hectares of exploration claims, patents, and leases under the scope of the Silver Kings Project. While management sees many targets throughout the property package, exploration in the near-term is focused in the vicinity of Kerr Lake (2 km southeast of the town of Cobalt), where our most advanced targets are located, including Campbell-Crawford, Airgiod and North Drummond targets (also referred to as the Kerr Project). In early 2023, the Company made a new silver vein discovery on the Campbell-Crawford claim, which is now known as the Angus Vein. Since then, the Company has identified other veins and vein structures both in drilling and on the surface in close proximity to the Angus Vein which have been shown to host silver-cobalt mineralization. In our most recent drill campaign performed during fourth quarter of 2023, the Company further extended the footprint of silver-cobalt mineralized veins on the Campbell-Crawford property, delineating several new veins. In addition, Kuya Silver drilled a successful step-out hole intersecting a newly identified mineralized vein on the adjacent Airgiod property, approximately 250 m west of the Angus Vein discovery. The second phase of 2023 drilling was completed, with results released in January 2024. Currently exploration plans for the remainder of the year include surface work and detailed geophysics in order to refine specific drill targets on the project with an emphasis on advanced targets in the Kerr Lake and Silver Centre areas.

## **OVERALL PERFORMANCE AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

Details of certain financial metrics for the three months and years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, and for the year ended December 31, 2021 are described below.

Selected Financial Information	Three months ended December 31					Year ended December 31		
		2023		2022		2023	2022	2021
Total Assets	\$	27,284,071	\$ 24,49	8,697	\$	<b>27,284,071</b> \$	24,498,697 \$	27,142,602
Total non-current financial liabiities	\$	1,815,709	\$ 1,85	2,489	ć	1,815,709	1,852,489 \$	2,114,555
Revenue	\$	-	\$	-	\$	- \$	- \$	-
Exploration & evaluation expenditures		951,556	24	4,606		2,518,775	1,773,259	4,208,356
Administrative expenses <sup>1</sup>		502,669	80	8,951		1,910,734	3,001,002	2,696,090
Share-based compensation Equity loss in Cobaltech		76,925	4	1,296		316,925	733,622	523,670 208,172
Other (income) expense		(157,291)	1	1,390		(209,527)	151,689	(624,556)
(Loss) for the period	\$	(1,373,859)	\$ (1,106	,243)	\$	(4,536,907) \$	(5,659,572) \$	(7,011,732)
(Loss) per share (Basic and diluted) <sup>2</sup> :	\$	(0.02)	\$ (	0.02)	\$	(0.06) \$	(0.12) \$	(0.20)
Cash dividends declared	\$	-	\$	-	\$	- \$	- \$	-

1. Administrative expenses exclude share-based compensation.

2. In periods when the Company has a loss, diluted loss per share is the same as basic loss per share.

During the fourth quarter of 2023, the Company had a loss of \$1,373,859 as compared to a loss of \$1,106,243 in the same quarter of 2022. The loss for the quarter was comprised of \$951,556 (2022 - \$244,606) in exploration and evaluation expenditures, \$502,669 (2022 - \$808,951) in administrative expenses excluding share-based compensation of \$76,925 (2022 - \$41,926), and net other income of \$157,291 (2022 - \$11,390 expense). Net other income for the three months ended December 31, 2023, included income due to the recognition of flow-through premium of \$100,368 (2022 - \$nil), a foreign exchange gain of \$71,714 (2022 - \$11,390 loss), and accretion expense of \$14,790 (2022 - \$11,525). Losses for the fourth quarter were higher in 2023 compared to the same quarter in 2022 due to increased spending on exploration & evaluation on the Silver Kings project, partially offset with lower administrative expenses due to lower salaries and benefits, office and travel expenses, and lower share based compensation.

The loss for the year ended December 31, 2023, of \$4,536,907 (2022 - \$5,659,572) was comprised of \$2,518,775 (2022 - \$1,773,259) in exploration and evaluation expenditures, \$1,910,734 (2022 - \$3,001,002) in administrative expenses, excluding share-based compensation of \$316,925 (2022 - \$733,622), and \$209,528 of other income (2022 – net other expense of \$151,689). Other income (net of other expense) for the year ended December 31, 2023, consisted of income from the recognition of flow-through share premium of \$242,573 (2022 - \$657), a gain on settlement of accounts payable and accrued liabilities of \$13,440 (2022 - \$4,797), a gain from foreign exchange of \$13,207 (2022 – loss of \$108,981), and accretion expense of \$59,693 (2022 – \$48,162). Losses for the year ended December 31, 2023 were lower than the same period as 2022 due to significant reductions in spending on administrative expenses including share-based compensation. Other income also contributed to the lower loss in 2023 due to the recognition of the flow-through share premium and a lower foreign exchange loss recorded in 2023.

## OVERALL PERFORMANCE AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (cont'd...)

#### **Exploration and Evaluation Expenditures**

Exploration and evaluation expenditures for the three months and year ended December 31, 2023, and 2022 are as follows:

	Three months e	nded	Year e	nded	
Exploration and evaluation expenditures	December 3	31	December 31		
	 2023	2022	2023	2022	
Bethania Silver Project					
Civil works and engineering	\$ 38,290	18,897 \$	77,605	351,262	
Geology and drilling	1,739	-	22,995	151,498	
Operations and supplies	70,220	76,948	198,852	354,753	
Property maintenance, licences and rights	6	-	36,673	10,709	
Safety and environment	24,044	34,374	71,003	183,858	
Value Added Tax ("VAT")	13,517	23,605	93,144	212,373	
Wages and benefits	51,332	59,258	213,279	330,193	
	 199,148	213,082	713,551	1,594,646	
Silver Kings Project					
Civil works and engineering	57,615	-	210,574		
Geology and drilling	492,504	-	1,021,236		
Operations and supplies	43,117	14,199	146,287	56,166	
Property maintenance, licenses and rights	54,976	(3,865)	54,976	9,701	
Safety and environment	2,159	6,263	4,829	8,104	
Wages and benefits	102,037	14,927	367,322	104,642	
	 752,408	31,524	1,805,224	178,613	
Total	\$ 951,556 \$	244,606	<b>2,518,775</b> \$	1,773,259	

#### Bethania Silver Project

With the completion of the Amended and Restated PEA in the third quarter of 2023, and the management decision in mid-2022 to focus on reviewing options to add further value to the Bethania Silver Project, including evaluating toll-milling options, we incurred costs primarily for general operating and maintenance costs at Bethania. In the current quarter, expenditures have continued to be incurred primarily on general operating and maintenance costs.

### Silver Kings Project

Exploration and evaluation expenditures during 2023 was predominantly focused on two drill programs which totaled 9,371 metres combined between spring and fall programs. The first phase drilling tested several targets in the Kerr Project, with a focus on the Campbell-Crawford property where the new Angus Vein discovery was made. The second half program continued to test and expand the understanding of buried silver-cobalt mineralization at Campbell-Crawford, with one hole in the adjacent Airgiod property making a new vein discovery at depth (Moran Vein). Kuya Silver also completed a bedrock stripping, mapping and geochemical sampling program on several targets in between the two drill programs successfully developing additional drill targets.

## OVERALL PERFORMANCE AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (cont'd...)

#### **Administrative Expenses**

Administrative Evenences	Three mon	ths ended		Year ended		
Administrative Expenses	Decem	ber 31		December 31		
	 2023		2022	2023	2022	
Administrative costs	\$ 31,400	\$	9,931 \$	<b>61,496</b> \$	41,503	
Consulting fees	-		4,810	7,431	11,021	
Directors' fees	24,774		24,980	99,988	101,363	
Filing fees	7,685		32,070	32,593	58,998	
Warrants issued for loans	-		-		52,012	
Management fees	15,420		15,450	62,236	64,561	
Marketing and investor relations	62,345		58,312	178,117	281,681	
Office and miscellaneous	70,120		148,646	332,072	541,693	
Professional fees	122,475		122,291	296,402	378,100	
Share-based compensation	76,925		41,296	316,925	681,610	
Shareholder communication	2,354		1,642	10,786	13,342	
Transfer agent	3,277		2,754	15,634	12,390	
Travel	14,733		75,368	127,311	224,171	
Wages and benefits	148,086		312,697	686,668	1,272,179	
	\$ 579,594	\$	850,247 \$	<b>2,227,659</b> \$	3,734,624	
ess: Share based compensation <sup>1</sup>	(76,925)		(41,296)	(316,925)	(733,622)	
Cash - Admin costs	\$ 502,669	\$	808,951 \$	1,910,734 \$	3,001,002	

1. Share based compensation consists of warrants issued for loans and share based compensation.

Administrative expenses (excluding share-based compensation) of \$502,669 were incurred in the three months ended December 31, 2023, as compared to \$808,951 in the same period in 2022. For the year ended December 31, 2023, the costs were \$1,910,734 (2022 - \$3,001,002). The decrease in administrative expenses for both the quarter and year ended December 31, 2023, versus the comparable periods last year reflect a continuing conservation of funds in the administrative spend. Share based compensation is lower in both the quarter and year ended December 31, 2023 versus the comparable periods in 2022. The main drivers of the reduced costs in share-based compensation were the reduced expense recorded for the stock options in 2023 as the stock options issued in 2022 and prior periods had a calculated fair value higher than those issued in 2023 and the fact that there were fewer headcount receiving share based compensation. Wages and benefits were lower in both the quarter and year ended December 31, 2023, as compared to last year due to a reduction in overall executive salaries and a lower headcount. The current and interim CFO fees are recorded in professional fees. In addition, professional fees were lower due to not having interim reviews performed by our auditors in 2023 versus 2022.

## OVERALL PERFORMANCE AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (cont'd...)

### **Other Items**

Included in other income/expense for the periods are the following: the recognition of the flow-through share premium as flow-through funds are spent, foreign exchange loss/(gain), gain on settlement of accounts payable and accrued liabilities, and accretion expense on reclamation provisions. Foreign exchange losses and gains are due to fluctuations in the Peruvian Sol ("PEN") and the USD to the CAD. The foreign exchange gain for the fourth quarter of 2023 was \$71,714 and for the year ended December 31, 2023, we recorded a gain of \$13,207 (2022 – loss of \$66,648 and \$108,981 respectively). Also included in the other expense for the fourth quarter of 2023 and the year ended December 31, 2023, was \$14,790 (2022 – \$11,525) and \$59,693 (2022 - \$48,162) respectively of accretion expense related to the reclamation provision which was recorded as an increase to the reclamation provision on Kerr. On December 2022, the Company had an amount on the balance sheet of flow-through share premium of \$118,269 on the issuance of flow-through shares in 2022.

In July 2023, the Company recorded a flow-through share premium of \$133,029 on a second issuance of flowthrough shares. In December 2023, the Company recorded a flow-through share premium of \$42,598 on a third issuance of flow-through shares. Flow-through share premiums are amortized to the statement of loss on a pro-rata basis as qualifying resource expenditures are incurred. The Company incurred exploration and evaluation expenditures on the Silver Kings Project by the end of the second quarter of 2023 leading to the full recognition of the flow-through premium of the December 2022 flow-through share issuance. For the fourth quarter of 2023, the partial recognition of the premium on the 2<sup>nd</sup> issuance of flow-through shares was \$124,304 which was recorded to other income as continued qualifying expenditures were made on the Silver Kings Project. In total, \$242,573 of other income on amortization of flow-through share premiums for the year ended December 31, 2023 (2022 - \$657) was recorded. Lastly, the gain on settlement of accounts payable in the current year was a result of issuing shares to Electra to settle debt in the first quarter of 2023.

## CUMULATIVE EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION COSTS

The following table presents the cumulative exploration and evaluation costs incurred by the Company on its properties for the year ended December 31, 2023:

Project	Bethania Silver Project	Silver Kings Project	Total
Civil works and engineering	\$ 2,226,843	\$ 210,574 \$	2,437,417
Geology and drilling	1,281,967	1,303,670	2,585,637
Operations and supplies	1,210,860	257,684	1,468,544
Property maintenance, licences and rights	110,344	76,563	186,907
Safety and environment	464,402	40,365	504,767
Value Added Tax("VAT")	1,069,761	-	1,069,761
Wages and benefits	1,052,848	763,855	1,816,703
Expense recovery from Electra	-	(119,175)	(119,175)
Total	\$ 7,417,025	\$ 2,533,536 \$	9,950,561

Cumulative costs are as follows: Bethania Silver Project, since acquisition of 100% on December 15, 2020; Silver Kings Project, which consists of Kerr Assets from September 30, 2021 (consolidation date), Silver Kings JV from September 1, 2021 (initial earn-in payment date) to January 31, 2023 (payment for amended Option) and Silver Kings Project from January 31, 2023.

## Bethania Silver Project

The Company's goal for the Bethania Silver Project is to develop a 350 tpd mining operation that would include the construction of a 350 tpd processing plant and substantial progress has been made on that project since completion of the acquisition on December 15, 2020. The cumulative costs detailed in the table above, reflect the achievement of the following:

- Completion of a 5,000-metre drill program at Bethania
- Completion of an initial mineral resource and filing a National Instrument 43-101 ("NI 43-101") Technical Report
- Completion of a technical report relating to the PEA, prepared in accordance with NI 43-101
- Permitting of the project, including receipt of the construction authorization for a 350 tpd processing plant as well as tailings management facilities and other infrastructure.

The next significant milestone for the Company on the Bethania Silver Project is to initiate mine reconditioning and underground development required to restart mining operations. Further work may include finalizing plans and making a construction decision on the process plant, with the ability to achieve these milestones subject to raising the required funding.

## CUMULATIVE EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION COSTS (cont'd...)

#### Silver Kings Project

In 2021, we completed two separate first-pass drill programs; drilling approximately 3,500 metres at the 100%owned Kerr Project area with another 1,800 metres drilled at the Silver Kings JV. The costs in the above table reflect expenditures for these drill programs (and related activities such as review of assay results and compiling historical data etc.), property maintenance costs and other related activities. During 2022, the Company focused on consolidating a greater property package at the Silver Kings Project through both staking new claims and amending our option agreement with Electra to acquire 100% of the Remaining Assets, subject to a royalty of 2% of net smelter returns, which was completed during the first quarter of 2023. We completed drill programs totaling 9,371 metres over the course of 2023 with the results from the final batch of assays being reported early in the first quarter of 2024.

### SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY FINANCIAL RESULTS

The following table sets out selected unaudited quarterly financial information for the most recent eight quarters. The amounts presented have been prepared in accordance with IFRS for all eight quarters.

	2023			2022					
		Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1
Selected Financial Information									
Revenue	\$		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Exporation & evaluation expenditures	\$	951,556	301,766	423,522	841,931	244,606	317,701	566,085	644,867
Administrative expenses <sup>1</sup>	\$	502,669	455,119	455,365	497,581	808,951	739,771	770,806	681,474
Share-based compensation	\$	76,925	86,096	75,616	78,288	41,296	184,044	278,618	229,664
(Gain) on settlement of accounts payable and	\$								
accrued liabilities	\$			-	(13,440)	-	-	(4,797)	-
Foreign exchange loss/(gain) and other <sup>2</sup>	\$	(157,291)	67,373	(49,444)	(56,725)	11,390	78,643	42,772	23,681
Loss for the period	\$	1,373,859	910,354	905,059	1,347,635	1,106,243	1,320,159	1,653,484	1,579,686
(Loss) per share - Basic and diluted <sup>3</sup> :	\$/share	(0.02)	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.03)	(0.03)	(0.04)

1. Administrative expenses exclude share-based compensation.

2. Other includes items such as interest income, accretion expense (commencing in the period ended March 31, 2022), and the recognition of the flow-through share premium on qualified exploration and evaluation expenditures starting in the first quarter of 2023 and continuing through to the fourth quarter of 2023.

3. In periods when the Company has a loss, diluted loss per share is the same as basic loss per share.

The Company currently has no revenue. Loss for the period can significantly vary quarter-over-quarter based on the amount of exploration and evaluation expenditures incurred, share-based compensation expense reported, and other items. Exploration and evaluation expenditures vary based on the exploration and evaluation activities in process during the period and time of year; share-based compensation expense can vary based on the timing and valuation of grants of share-based awards; and the timing and amount of other recurring and non-recurring items such as foreign exchange loss/(gain), (gain) on settlement of accounts payable and accrued liabilities, accretion expense, and the recognition of the flow-through share premium on qualified exploration and evaluation expenditures, and other expense/(income).

## SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY FINANCIAL RESULTS (cont'd...)

The first quarter of 2022 included costs for completing the mineral resource estimate and advancing the PEA and engineering work related to the Bethania Silver Project. Exploration and evaluation costs were also incurred for the continued surface sampling and trenching program at Bethania which commenced on November 15, 2021. While administrative costs remained relatively consistent throughout 2022, due to financing constraints, no new exploration programs were undertaken in the last three quarters of 2022. Expenditures focused on completing the PEA study, keeping the Bethania property in good standing, completing engineering work and mine plans at Bethania and assessing various options to add value for the Bethania Silver Project. During the fourth quarter of 2022, the Company completed the negotiations on the amendments to the Silver Kings JV agreement.

During the first and second quarters of 2023, the Company ramped up work on the Silver Kings Project. In the fourth quarter of 2022, we raised CAD \$1,150,000 in flow-through funds, which was spent on the Silver Kings Project in 2023. There was a decrease in funds spent on exploration and evaluation costs on the Bethania Silver Project compared to 2022.

In the third and fourth quarter of 2023, a flow-through share issuance provided funds for the continuing work on the Silver Kings Project. Administrative expenses continued to remain lower than 2022 due to the decreases in overall wage costs, office and miscellaneous expenses, and travel. Share based compensation is relatively consistent across all quarters in 2023 and generally lower than 2022 due to the higher attributed fair value of the options in periods before 2023 and lower headcount of those receiving share based compensation. Included in foreign exchange (gain)/loss was a gain for the quarter of \$71,714, a gain on the flow-through share premium of \$100,368 which has been recorded in each of the 2023 quarters, and an accretion expense of \$14,790.

## LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

	or the year ended December 31, 2023	For the year ended December 31, 2022
CASH FLOWS FROM (USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Loss for the period	\$ (4,536,907) \$	(5,659,572)
Items not involving cash	192,403	812,797
Change in non-cash working capital	50,601	(132,951)
Net cash used in operating activities	(4,293,903)	(4,979,726)
CASH FLOWS FROM (USED IN) INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Disposal of facilities and equipment	20,500	-
Additions to exploration and evaluation assets	(100,000)	(60,000)
Net cash used in investing activities	(79,500)	(60,000)
CASH FLOWS FROM (USED IN) FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from issuance of share capital	6,014,197	4,460,268
Share issue costs	(188,463)	(391,502)
Net cash provided by financing activities	5,825,734	4,068,766
Change in cash	1,452,331	(970,960)
Effect of foreign exchange on cash	977	15,228
Cash, beginning of period	1,196,879	2,152,611
Cash, end of period	\$ 2,650,187 \$	1,196,879

The Company's cash position increased from \$1,196,879 at December 31, 2022, to \$2,650,187 as at December 31, 2023. After taking into account the net cash of \$5,825,734 provided by the issuance of share capital and the proceeds realized from the disposal of \$20,500 of equipment, \$4,293,903 of cash was used for operating activities and \$100,000 for investing activities during year ended December 31, 2023. Throughout 2023, cash was used primarily for general and administrative expenses and exploration and evaluation expenditures, with more spending being directed to exploration and evaluation expenditures than the previous year and less spending directed to administrative expenses than in the previous year. In addition, there was cash paid for additions to exploration and evaluation assets. This was for the remaining balance owed on the Carmelitas property (part of Bethania) and had been previously accrued. Additionally, \$20,500 was received in the year from the sale of vehicles. This compares to \$60,000 of cash used in investing activities during 2022. Net cash proceeds from share capital issued was \$5,789,715 in the current year as compared to net cash proceeds of \$5,825,734 for the prior year.

The Company had net working capital of \$2,012,055 as at December 31, 2023, compared to net working capital of \$341,259 as at December 31, 2022, as shown below. Although the Company had cash in excess of current liabilities as at December 31, 2023, \$388,309 of the cash relates to unspent flow-through share proceeds which is required to be only spent on qualified Silver Kings exploration costs. As such, without additional financing the Company would not be able to meet its projected administrative costs over the next twelve months.

## LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES (cont'd...)

Working Capital	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Current assets	\$ 3,005,783	\$ 1,562,906
Current liabilities	993,728	1,221,647
Net working capital	\$ 2,012,055	\$ 341,259

Kuya Silver's continuation as a going concern is dependent upon its ability to complete financings sufficient to meet current and future obligations, the successful results from its business activities, and its ability to operate profitably and generate funds. While we raised gross proceeds of CAD \$5,857,569 (\$4,460,268) in fiscal 2022, and CAD \$8,084,156 (\$6,014,197) in the year ended December 31, 2023, additional funding will be needed to continue to fund ongoing administrative costs, exploration and evaluation related expenditures and advancement of the Bethania Silver Project and the Silver Kings Project over the upcoming twelve months.

Kuya Silver is continuing to explore and pursue various potential sources of financing, but there is no certainty that any additional financings will be completed. These factors indicate the existence of material uncertainty which may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. Different basis of measurement may be appropriate if the Company is not expected to continue operations for the foreseeable future.

### **Use of Proceeds**

Except for the CAD \$1,150,000 of flow-through shares issued in December 2022, the funds raised in fiscal 2022 were used for general working capital purposes, which includes expenditures on exploration and evaluation assets and administrative expenses. The flow-through share funds raised in 2022 were spent on qualifying exploration expenditures on the Silver Kings Project during 2023. The CAD \$1,284,896 of flow-through share funds raised in July 2023 are being used on exploration expenditures of the Silver Kings Project. The funds raised via private placements during the second and third quarter of 2023 of CAD \$2,556,411 were to be used and were used for working capital purposes. The funds raised in the fourth quarter are to be used for start up operations at the Bethania mine site, Silver Kings exploration expenditures, and working capital purposes throughout 2024.

### TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

We have identified the members of our Board of Directors ("Board") and certain senior officers as our key management personnel. The following summarizes the Company's related party transactions with those parties and their spouses during the three months and year ended December 31, 2023 and 2022:

Related Party Transactions	Three months ended December 31			Year ended December 31		
	 2023	2022	2023	2022		
Compensation, Management <sup>1</sup>	\$ 122,588	135,080	512,407	554,821		
Compensation, Directors <sup>2</sup>	23,865	23,950	96,318	97,125		
Share-based compensation, Management <sup>1,3,4</sup>	46,059	272	188,666	418,443		
Share-based compensation, Directors <sup>1,3</sup>	14,119	19,359	81,587	137,498		
Consulting fees	-	-		5,957		
	\$ 206,631 \$	178,661	878,978	1,213,844		

1. The Company's Senior Officers and spouses included above were David Stein, Christian Aramayo, Stephen Peters, Lesia Burianyk, and Angela Vargas.

2. The Company's Independent Directors included above were Andres Recalde, Dale Peniuk, Maura Lendon, and Javier Del Rio.

3. Share-based compensation for management and directors represent the fair value using the Black-Scholes option pricing model of options.

4. Share-based compensation for management also includes the fair value of restricted share units in the 2023 period. Restricted share units are recorded at fair value based on the market value on the grant date and charged to profit or loss over the vesting period of the restricted share units.

As at December 31, 2023, included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities was \$31,049 (December 31, 2022 - \$53,703) owing to officers and directors.

In addition to management personnel, we have also identified SICG S.A.C., a company which provides engineering and subcontractor services to our operations in Peru as a related party as this company also provides key management personnel services to Kuya which are included in "Compensation, Management" in the Related Party Transactions table above. During the three months and year ended December 31, 2023, administrative and exploration and evaluation expenditures of \$19,225 (2022 - \$29,268) and \$83,739 (2022 - \$219,290) respectively were paid to this entity.

### COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

### Commitments

During the year ended December 31, 2023, the Company raised flow-through funds and agreed to use its commercially reasonable best efforts to incur qualifying exploration expenditures by December 31, 2024. As at December 31, 2023, the Company was obligated to incur \$423,235 (CAD \$560,647) in qualifying exploration expenditures.

## COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (cont'd...)

### Contingencies

The Company may be involved in legal proceedings arising in the ordinary course of business, including the actions described below. The potential amount of the liability with respect to such legal proceedings is not expected to materially affect the Company's financial position and results from operations. The Company has accordingly not accrued any amounts related to the litigations below (unless otherwise noted). The Company intends to vigorously defend these claims.

As at December 31, 2023, the Company has the following contingencies:

MTP withheld an accrued payment of \$140,000 due to Compañía Minera San Valentín S.A.C. ("San Valentin") and an arbitration was initiated by San Valentin against the Company before an arbitration panel. The Company was ordered to pay \$93,597 plus penalties, interest and legal fees to the courts per a judicial order in settlement for the \$140,000. In November 2021, the Company paid \$93,597 to the courts towards the settlement. There is currently \$46,403 included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities as at December 31, 2023 with respect to San Valentin for penalties, interest and legal fees.

During the year ended December 31, 2023, MTP received a first-instance court judgement ordering MTP to pay \$170,876 plus interest to Andes Consorcio Minera Del Peru S.A.C. ("ACOMIMPE"). ACOMIMPE had originally claimed \$1,167,835 relating to work performed prior to the Company's purchase of MTP in 2020. The Company has filed an appeal and is seeking to have this claim be declared unfounded. ACOMIMPE has also filed an appeal of this judgement which, combined with the Company's appeal, may result in a greater or lesser amount to be awarded. The outcome of this matter is not determinable at this time.

## SHARE CAPITAL INFORMATION

The authorized capital of the Company consists of an unlimited number of common shares without par value and an unlimited number of preferred shares without par value. As at April 18, 2024, there were no preferred shares issued and outstanding. Balances of the number of common shares, stock options, share purchase warrants, and restricted share units outstanding from December 31, 2023, to the Report Date are summarized below.

Common shares	
Balance as at December 31, 2023	92,922,899
Issued	5,807,256
Balance as at Report Date	98,730,155
Stock options	
Balance as at December 31, 2023	2,609,800
Granted	812,500
Expired	(62,500)
Balance as at Report Date	3,359,800
Share purchase warrants	
Balance as at December 31, 2023	34,055,679
Issued	5,266,324
Exercised	(103,432)
Balance as at Report Date	39,218,571
Restricted share units	
Balance as at December 31, 2023	762,500
Granted	812,500
Expired	(437,500)
Balance as at Report Date	1,137,500

### CAPITAL AND FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

### **Capital Management**

The Company defines capital as cash, debt, and the components of shareholders' equity. The Company's objectives when managing capital are to identify, pursue, and complete the exploration and development of its exploration and evaluation assets, to maintain financial strength, to meet its on-going liabilities, to continue as a going concern, to maintain creditworthiness, and to maximize returns for shareholders over the long term. The Company manages its capital in a manner consistent with the risk characteristics of the assets it holds. All financing, including equity and debt, are analyzed by management and approved by the Board of Directors. The Company does not have any externally imposed capital requirements. There has been no significant change in the Company's objectives, policies, and processes for managing its capital during the year ended December 31, 2023.

## **Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

The Company did not enter into any off-balance sheet arrangements or transactions during the period.

## **Financial Instrument Risk**

The Company's Board of Directors has overall responsibility for the establishment and oversight of the Company's risk management framework. As at December 31, 2023, the Company's risk exposure and the impact on the Company's financial instruments are summarized below:

## Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will fail to discharge an obligation and cause the other party to incur a financial loss. The Company's credit risk is primarily attributable to its liquid financial assets, being cash and receivables. The Company's primary bank accounts are held with major Canadian banks and funds are transferred to the subsidiary's foreign bank accounts as required to cover current expenditures, minimizing the risk to the Company. Receivables are primarily due from a government agency.

### Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The Company's approach to managing liquidity is through regular monitoring of cash requirements. When necessary, the Company obtains financing from various investors to ensure all future obligations are fulfilled. The Company has sufficient cash as at December 31, 2023, to settle its current liabilities as they come due but additional funds are required to continue current operations for the upcoming twelve months.

## Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. Market risk is comprised of three types of market price changes:

## CAPITAL AND FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (cont'd...)

Foreign currency exchange risk – This risk relates to any changes in foreign currencies in which the Company transacts. The Company incurs costs for goods and services denominated in currencies other than the presentation currency and is subject to foreign currency risk on assets and liabilities denominated in currencies other than the United States dollar. The effect of a 10% change in the foreign exchange rate on monetary balances held in United States dollar and Peruvian soles accounts would be approximately \$54,000 recorded in profit or loss for the year ended December 31, 2023. The effect of a 10% change in the foreign exchange rate on monetary balances held in CAD dollar and Peruvian soles accounts would be approximately \$279,000 recorded in other comprehensive income or loss for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Interest rate risk – This risk relates to the change in the borrowing rates affecting the Company. The Company is not exposed to interest rate risk as it does not have any significant financial instruments with interest rates, with the exception of cash. Interest earned on cash is based on prevailing bank account interest rates, which may fluctuate. A 1% increase or decrease in the interest rates would have a nominal impact in interest income for the year ended December 31, 2023.

*Price risk* – This risk relates to fluctuations in commodity and equity prices. The Company closely monitors commodity prices of precious and base metals, individual equity movements, and the stock market to determine the appropriate course of action to be taken by the Company. Fluctuations in pricing may be significant.

The Company does not currently use financial instruments designed to hedge these market risks.

### Fair value hierarchy

The Company's financial instruments recorded at fair value require disclosure about how the fair value was determined based on significant levels of inputs described in the following hierarchy:

<u>Level 1</u> – Quoted prices are available in active markets for identical assets or liabilities as of the reporting date. Active markets are those in which transactions occur in sufficient frequency and value to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis.

<u>Level 2</u> – Pricing inputs are other than quoted prices in active markets included in level 1. Prices in level 2 are either directly or indirectly observable as of the reporting date. Level 2 valuations are based on inputs including quoted forward prices for commodities, time value and volatility factors, which can be substantially observed or corroborated in the marketplace.

<u>Level 3</u> – Valuations in this level are those with inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data.

The Company's financial instruments consist of cash, receivables, accounts payable and accrued liabilities. The fair value of cash, receivables, accounts payable and accrued liabilities approximates their carrying values due to the short-term nature of these financial instruments.

## **RISK FACTORS**

Kuya Silver is subject to the usual risks associated with a junior mineral exploration and mining company conducting business internationally and competes for access to financing, specialized third party service providers and human capital against other exploration companies, some of whom may be better capitalized. While Kuya Silver has been successful in raising financing in the past, commencement of underground mining, toll-milling (i.e., processing ore at a third- party mill into saleable concentrate) prior to construction and/or construction and commissioning of a processing plant, tailings storage facility and related infrastructure, if considered appropriate moving forward, may require substantial additional financing that is not guaranteed.

The Company's operating and capital costs are affected by the cost of commodities and goods such as fuel and supplies, which have been assumed to be available for purchase. It has also been assumed that the Company will have access to the required amount of sufficiently skilled labour as required for operations. Certain factors are outside the Company's control and an increase in the costs of (due to inflation, impacts of the Russia and Ukraine conflict, supply chain disruptions or otherwise), or a lack of availability of, commodities, goods and labour may have an adverse impact on the Company's financial condition and results of operations. The current global economic environment has caused significant volatility in foreign exchange rates, which may also have an adverse impact on the Company's financial conditions.

An investor should carefully consider the following risk factors in addition to the other information contained in this MD&A. The risks and uncertainties below are not the only ones related to the Company. Additional risks and uncertainties of which the Company is not currently aware, or that the Company currently considers to be immaterial, may also impair the Company's business. If any of the following risks materialize, the Company's business may be harmed, and its financial condition and results of operations may suffer significantly. An investment in the Company's common shares is speculative and involves a high degree of risk due to the nature of the Company's business and the present stage of the Company's operations. Investors should not invest in the Company's common shares unless they can afford to lose their entire investment.

### Ability to Obtain Financing

Future exploration and development of, and production from, the Company's mineral properties, including the Bethania Silver Project, the Silver Kings Project, and any new properties in which the Company may acquire an interest, will be dependent on the Company's ability to obtain capital through equity financing and/or debt financing, or to obtain other means of financing. There is no assurance that the Company will be successful in obtaining required financing as and when needed, or on terms and at rates reasonably acceptable to the Company. Volatile precious metals markets may make it difficult or impossible for the Company to obtain financing on favourable terms, or at all. Even if the Company is successful in starting production at the Bethania Silver Project in accordance with its plans, there can be no assurance that the Company will produce concentrate in sufficient quantities to make capital investments (or scheduled debt repayments, if any), and the Company may need to raise capital from other sources. Further, there is no assurance that the Company's future cash flow will be sufficient to fund the Company's operations without requiring any additional capital to meet planned initiatives, and to fund investment, exploration, evaluation, and development activities for the foreseeable future. Any material change in the Company's capital plans could significantly change the cash and working capital required by the Company.

#### <u>Permits</u>

The Company's activities and plans are subject to obtaining and renewing permits from governmental authorities. Obtaining or renewing the necessary permits is a complex and time-consuming process, with unique features in each jurisdiction, and it can require the Company to consult with various stakeholders and make costly commitments. The success of the Company's efforts to obtain and renew permits, and the length of these processes, depend on many variables beyond the Company's control, including the interpretation of applicable laws and regulations made by the relevant governmental authority. There can be no assurance, in relation to any of the Company's mineral projects, that necessary permits will be obtained by the Company in a timely manner, or at all, or that necessary Permits already held by the Company will be maintained in good standing or renewed in a timely manner, or at all. Further, new legislation may contain requirements for permits in addition to those that the Company already holds or is already pursuing. It is also possible that permits previously issued to the Company may be suspended for a variety of reasons, or that the relevant governmental authority may disagree with the Company on the scope, limitations, or meaning of an existing permit or group of related permits. Permits have been granted to the various owners of the Bethania Property since the implementation of the first Peruvian environmental regulations. These permits have been transferred from owner to owner and are now held by MTP, the Peruvian subsidiary of the Company that owns the Bethania Property. The mine area was originally approved in 2009 through a Declaración de Impacto Ambiental (environmental impact statement) (the "DIA"), which addressed the environmental and social impact of the mine and allowed mining operations on the Santa Elena concession. The DIA has been modified several times, most recently in 2017. In December 2020, an application was submitted for further modification of the DIA, in support of the proposed expansion project, and that process is ongoing. In August 2020, the process plant area, tailings storage facility, and associated infrastructure for the proposed expansion project were approved through an Estudio de Impacto Ambiental semidetallado (semi-detailed environmental impact assessment) (the "EIA-sd"), following significant consultation with local stakeholders. The EIA-sd has been registered with the federal Ministry of Energy and Mines ("MEM"), as required. Until May 2021, MTP qualified as a Pequeño Productor Minero (small mining producer) ("PPM"), and accordingly, the Bethania Property was under the jurisdiction of the Dirección Regional de Energía y Minas for the Huancavelica Region ("DREM"), which is an agency of the Huancavelica regional government. As a PPM under the jurisdiction of DREM, MTP enjoyed several advantages over mining companies that are subject to the General Regime administered by federal agencies, including a streamlined permitting process. Following the S&L Acquisition, MTP lost its PPM status and became subject to the more onerous General Regime, but because MTP initiated certain permitting processes with DREM before losing its PPM status, it was entitled to and managed to complete ongoing processes with DREM. In January 2022, DREM authorized the construction of a process plant with an installed capacity of 350 tonnes per day, and related infrastructure, including a tailings management facility. In addition, DREM granted MTP a processing concession for the intended location of the plant. Similarly, the application to modify the DIA was submitted while MTP still had PPM status, and DREM continues to review that application. Going forward, all new permitting processes for either the mine area or the plant at the Bethania Property will take place at the national level, under the General Regime. KUYA SILVER CORPORATION MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION & ANALYSIS (Expressed in US Dollars) DECEMBER 31, 2023 27 RISK FACTORS (cont'd...) Permits (cont'd) While the Company believes that it has all the material Permits required in the ordinary for the construction of the Bethania process plant, underground mining, and start of commercial production at the Bethania mine (Santa Elena mining concession), provided that the Company abides by the approved specifications and does not produce or process more than 350 tonnes of mineralized material per day from the relevant concessions and operations are executed within approved time frames. A recent weather event caused significant damage to the explosive storage facility, and a repaired and upgraded facility is currently being permitted. The Company believes it can operate the mine temporarily without storing explosives on site, however no assurance can be given that this event, or any other similar unplanned or natural event, that require approval by permitting authorities will not cause a material delay or suspension of operations. Any delay or failure to obtain a new Permit or renew an existing Permit.

## Permits (cont'd)

for the Bethania Silver Project on reasonable terms, or the expiry, suspension, or revocation of any such Permit, or any challenge to or rejection of the Company's understanding or interpretation of its existing Permits by any governmental authority, or any challenge to the status (including change to the interpretation of permitting regime status, e.g. small miner vs. general regime), validity, or terms of any of the Company's existing Permits launched by a third party, could have a material adverse effect on the Company's ability to implement its plans for the Bethania Silver Project, which in turn could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, operations, and financial condition.

## Limited Operating History

The Company is a relatively new company with a limited operating history and no history of mining operations, production, or revenue generation. The Company has yet to generate a profit from its activities in Peru or elsewhere and anticipates that it may take a significant period to achieve positive cash flow from operations. The Company is subject to all the business risks and uncertainties associated with any new business enterprise, including the risk that it will not achieve its growth objective.

## Exploration, Development, and Operating Risks

The exploration for, and development of, mineral deposits involve significant risks that even a combination of careful evaluation, experience and knowledge may not eliminate. Notwithstanding that the Company owns the Bethania Property, which can be considered a small-scale operating mine, the Company is in the process of exploring other properties in Peru, Canada, and other jurisdictions and few properties that are explored are ultimately developed into producing mines. Major expenses may be required to locate and determine Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves, to develop metallurgical processes, and to construct mining and processing facilities at any site. It is impossible to ensure that the Company's exploration and development programs will result in profitable commercial mining operations.

The operations of the Company are subject to all the hazards and risks normally encountered in the exploration, development, and production of precious metals and other minerals, including unusual and unexpected geologic formations, seismic activity, rock bursts, cave-ins, flooding, and other conditions involved in the drilling and removal of material, any of which could result in damage to, or destruction of, mines, processing facilities, and related infrastructure, damage to life or property, environmental damage, and possible legal liability. Although the Company plans to take adequate precautions to manage and minimize risk, processing operations are subject to hazards, such as equipment failure and failure of retaining dams around tailings disposal areas, which may result in environmental pollution and consequent liability.

## Political and Social Risk in Peru

The Bethania Silver Project is in Peru, and the Company's activities in Peru are conducted through Peruvian subsidiaries. Mining is a longstanding and important part of Peru's economy, but it is also controversial. There is an increasing level of public attention and advocacy relating to the real and perceived effect of mining activities. The mining industry in Peru is often criticized for causing environmental damage, harming rural communities, and failing to share, in an equitable manner, the wealth generated by mining with the people who are most affected by mining operations. For these reasons, mining operations in Peru are sometimes the target of protests and blockades by local communities, farmers, and Indigenous groups.

The 2021 presidential election in Peru resulted in the election of Pedro Castillo, who campaigned on a far-left agenda, described the mining industry in negative terms, and pledged to redistribute the economic benefits of mining. The government of Mr. Castillo has come into conflict with the mining industry over its policy announcements, decisions on permitting, and actions in response to protests and blockades. Although the government's stance on the mining industry appears to have moderated somewhat, it continues to pursue reforms that could, if implemented, have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, operations, and financial condition. For example, the Peruvian government has proposed tax reform legislation that would significantly increase the tax burden on mining companies. Pedro Castillo was impeached in December 2022 and replaced by the Vice President.

For the reasons noted above and other reasons, the Company's activities in Peru are subject to various political, economic, and other risks and uncertainties. Risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, changing political conditions arising from changes of government and otherwise, renegotiation or nullification of existing concessions, Permits, and contracts, changes in taxation policies, restrictions on foreign exchange and repatriation of funds, currency controls, protectionism, expropriation of the Company's assets, labour disruptions, including strikes and work stoppages, conflicts with members of local communities, including protests and blockades of the Company's assets, terrorism, corruption of government officials, high rates of inflation, and civil unrest or war.

The Company is not aware of any significant local opposition to exploration and development of the Bethania Silver Project, but there can be no assurance that it will not arise. Local opposition could arise at any time, and such opposition could be violent. If the Company were to experience resistance or unrest in connection with its Peruvian operations, it could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, operations, and financial condition. The Bethania Property is close to a small community, and accordingly, the Company's activities in that area must be carried out by experienced local personnel in accordance with a thoughtful stakeholder engagement plan. Social acceptance is an integral part of mineral project development in Peru, and lack of social acceptance poses a serious risk at all stages in the life cycle of a mine.

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## RISK FACTORS (cont'd...)

## Political and Social Risk in Peru (cont'd...)

There can be no assurance that the Company will be successful in fostering and maintaining social acceptance of the Bethania Silver Project, or avoiding the disruptions experienced by other mining companies in Peru. Further, while the Company takes security measures to protect both personnel and property, there is no guarantee that such measures will prove to be adequate or effective. The occurrence of illegal activity against the Company, its personnel, or its assets cannot be accurately predicted and could have a material adverse effect on the Company's operations. The Company's activities in Peru are also subject to extensive laws and regulations governing, among other matters, exploration and development of mines, environmental protection (including biodiversity and water, soil and air quality and use), management and use of toxic substances and explosives, waste management, closure and reclamation, health and safety, labour, human rights, cultural heritage, taxes, restrictions on production, price controls, import and export, taxation, maintenance of claims, tenure, government royalties, and expropriation of property. Official interpretations of existing laws and regulations are subject to change, and the Company's interpretation of any law, rule, or regulation, or the terms of any Permit, may differ from the interpretation held by government authorities. To comply with existing laws and future laws, the Company may be required to make significant capital or operating expenditures, or face restrictions on, suspensions of, or delays in development of its properties. There is no guarantee that new constraints on the Company's operations, or additional taxes, will not be imposed, including those that might have significant economic impacts on the Company's operations and financial condition. Further, the legal and regulatory framework in Peru can at times be unclear and inconsistent, and any failure to comply with applicable laws and regulations could lead to, among other things, the imposition of substantial fines, penalties, and sanctions, the revocation of Permits, expropriation of assets, forced reduction or suspension of operations, and other civil, regulatory, or criminal proceedings, the extent of which cannot be reasonably predicted. The Company does not carry political risk insurance.

## Fluctuating Metal Prices and Marketability of Metals and Concentrates

The market price of silver and other metals is volatile and affected by many factors beyond the Company's control, including but not limited to international supply and demand, consumer product demand levels, technological innovation, international economic trends, commodity prices, operations costs, variations in mineral grade, currency exchange rate fluctuations, interest rates, the rate of inflation, and regional and global political events. Depending on the price of silver and other metals, the Company may determine that it is impractical to continue its exploration and development activities. Sustained downward movements in mineral market prices could render less economic, or uneconomic, some or all of the exploration and development activities planned or intended by the Company. Further, the marketability of concentrates may be affected by government regulation of royalties, production amounts and quality, storage and transportation of concentrate, and the import and export of minerals or other materials, the effect of which cannot be accurately predicted.

### **Environmental Factors**

The Company's activities are subject to environmental regulation in each jurisdiction in which it operates. Environmental legislation worldwide is evolving in a manner that will result in stricter standards and enforcement, increased fines and penalties for non-compliance, more stringent environmental assessments of proposed projects, and a heightened degree of responsibility for companies and their officers, directors, and employees. Although the Company works diligently to comply with all environmental laws and regulations that apply to the Company's activities, there can be no assurance that the Company has been or will be in full compliance.

Further, there can be no assurance that any changes in environmental laws and regulations, or the interpretation or enforcement of environmental laws and regulations by any governmental authority, will not adversely affect the Company's operations or financial condition, and a breach of any such laws or regulations could result in fines and penalties. The costs of compliance with existing and future laws and regulations has the potential to reduce the profitability of future operations. Environmental hazards, whether caused by previous owners or operators of the Company's mineral properties, or by the Company itself, may exist on the Company's mineral properties but be unknown to the Company at present.

Exploration and development activities at, and the pursuit of commercial production from, the Company's mineral properties may be subject to environmental review processes under environmental assessment legislation. Compliance with any environmental review process may be costly and delay commercial production. Further, there is a risk that the Company would not be able to proceed with commercial production upon completion of the environmental review process, if government authorities do not approve the proposed mine, or if the costs of compliance with applicable laws and regulations adversely affect the commercial viability of the proposed mine.

Factors beyond the control of the Company, such as delays in environmental review processes, may interfere with the Company's ability to remedy compliance issues inherited from previous owners or operators of the Company's mineral properties in a timely manner, or at all. For example, as noted above under "Permits," in connection with the Company's acquisition of the Bethania Property in December 2020, an application was submitted to DREM for modification of the DIA. The DIA modification set out a detailed proposal for the construction of a water treatment plant at the Santa Elena mining concession, among other infrastructure improvements. Approval of the DIA modification will allow the Company to move forward with the water treatment plant, which is required for lawful discharge of underground mine water, but the application is still under review by DREM. Although the Company has taken all reasonable steps to expedite approval of the DIA modification, in the interest of full compliance with environmental laws and regulations in Peru, the granting of an approval and the timing of such approval cannot be predicted with confidence.

Insurance against certain environmental risks, including potential liability for pollution and other hazards resulting from the disposal of waste products from production, is not generally available to companies within the mining industry. The Company may be materially adversely affected if it incurs losses related to any significant events that are not covered by its insurance policies.

### Mineral Resource Estimates are Inherently Uncertain

The Company has a Mineral Resource estimate for the Bethania Silver Project but none of its other mineral properties. Mineral Resource estimates are expressions of judgment based on knowledge, experience, and industry practice. There are numerous uncertainties inherent in estimating Mineral Resources, including many factors beyond the control of the Company, and accordingly, the Bethania Silver Project may yield less mineral production under actual conditions than is currently estimated. In determining whether to advance the Bethania Silver Project or any other development project towards production, the Company must rely upon estimates of the Mineral Resource and grades of mineralization in relation to that project.

Estimates that were valid when made may change significantly upon new information becoming available. Until mineralized zones are mined and processed, Mineral Resources and grades are only estimates based upon geological interpretation and statistical inferences drawn from drilling and sampling, which may prove to be imprecise and unreliable. Further, the Company cannot guarantee that mineral recovery rates achieved in small-scale tests will be duplicated in large-scale tests under on-site conditions or during commercial production.

There can be no assurance that the Mineral Resource estimate for the Bethania Silver Project is accurate or that the actual mineralization can be mined or processed profitably. If the Company encounters mineralization different from what has been predicted by past sampling and drilling, the Mineral Resource estimate for the Bethania Silver Project may need to be adjusted, and mining plans may need to be altered in a way that negatively affects the economic viability of the Bethania Silver Project and its return on capital. The Mineral Resource estimate for the Bethania Silver Project has been determined and valued based on assumptions that may prove to be incorrect. In addition, extended declines in the market price for silver and other metals may render some or all of the mineralization at the Bethania Silver Project uneconomic and adversely affect the Company's ability to conduct commercial operations on a profitable basis.

### Production Decision Without Identified Mineral Reserves

There are no Mineral Reserves at the Bethania Silver Project. The Company may decide to proceed with its plan to optimize, expand, and restart commercial production at the Bethania Property based on the upcoming preliminary economic assessment, but without having completed any feasibility studies. Accordingly, the Company may not base its production decision on any feasibility studies of Mineral Reserves demonstrating economic and technical viability of the Bethania Silver Project. Mineral properties that are placed into production without the benefit of a feasibility study have historically had a higher risk of failure. The Company's preliminary economic assessment will include inferred Mineral Resources, which are considered too speculative geologically to have economic considerations applied to them that would enable them to be categorized as Mineral Reserves. There can be no assurance that the conclusions of the preliminary economic assessment will ever be realized. Further, the absence of Mineral Reserves increases the uncertainty that the mineralization at the Bethania Silver Project can be economically produced, and if so, for what period of time, or that the Bethania Silver Project will be profitable.

## **Competition**

The Company's competition is intense in all aspects of its business. The Company competes with many companies in the mining industry, including large, well-established mining companies with significantly greater financial and technical resources and operational experience. Attractive mineral properties in Peru and Canada with the potential for commercial mining operations are scarce and may not be available on terms that the Company considers acceptable, or at all. As a result, the Company may be unable to compete effectively with other mining companies to acquire desirable mineral properties. Further, the Company's competitors may be able to respond more quickly to new laws and regulations or emerging technologies or devote greater resources to the expansion or efficiency of their operations, than the Company can. In addition, the Company's competitors may make strategic acquisitions or establish cooperative relationships among themselves or with third parties. Companies with projects or mines in close proximity to the Bethania Silver Project may have interests that come into operational or legal conflict with ours, including conflicts over shared infrastructure or resources. The Company's inability to successfully compete with other companies would have a material adverse effect on its results of operation and business.

## Dependence on Key Personnel

The Company's success depends, in large part, on its ability to attract and retain qualified key management personnel. The number of people skilled in acquisition, exploration, development, and operation of mineral properties is limited, and competition for such people is intense. The Company's growth and viability has depended, and will continue to depend, on the efforts of key personnel and the Company's ability to both retain existing key personnel and attract additional key personnel to financial, administrative, legal, and technical roles within the Company, as well as additional staff for operations in Peru and Canada. The loss of any key personnel, or the inability to recruit new skilled and experienced executives, could increase the Company's recruiting and training costs and decrease the Company's operating efficiency, productivity, and cash flow, which may have a material adverse effect on the Company's development projects, future operations, cash flows, and financial condition. Although the Company has employment agreements or management agreements with its key personnel, it does not have keyman life insurance. The Company provides its key personnel with long-term incentive compensation which generally vests over several years and is designed to retain these individuals and align their interests with those of the Company's shareholders. While the Company believes that it will continue to be successful in attracting and retaining qualified personnel, there can be no assurance of such success.

## Volatility of Share Price

The Company's share price is highly volatile and subject to significant price and volume fluctuations as a result of many factors, some of which are beyond the Company's control, including fluctuations in the market price of silver and other metals, government regulations, performance of the Company's competitors, and general market conditions. Further, capital markets in general, and the market for precious metals producers in particular, have experienced extreme price and volume fluctuations in recent years that have often been unrelated or disproportionate to the operating performance of the companies concerned. These broad market and industry factors, including public perception of the prospects of mining companies in general, may adversely affect the market price of the Company's common shares, regardless of operating performance.

## Volatility of Share Price (cont'd...)

The Company's common shares are also subject to wide price and volume fluctuations arising from the public's reaction to Company announcements, including announcements relating to the Company's prospects, litigation, arrival or departure of key personnel, operating performance, recommendations by research analysts, and the risk factors described herein, all of which can individually or collectively can have a significant detrimental impact on the market price of the Company's common shares. Following periods of volatility in the market price of a company's securities, investors sometimes initiate securities class-action litigation. Any such litigation, if initiated against the Company, could result in substantial costs and a diversion of management's attention, regardless of the merits.

## Lack of Dividends

The Company has never declared or paid any dividends on its common shares. The Company intends to retain its future earnings, if any, for the foreseeable future, to finance its exploration and development activities and the further expansion of its business.

## **Risk of Dilution**

Depending on the Company's exploration, development, and capital investment plans, acquisition activities, and operating and working capital requirements, the Company may issue additional shares as a means of raising capital or satisfying its obligations under option agreements or joint venture agreements, including but not limited to the Company's agreement with Electra in relation to the Silver Kings Project, or under exploration agreements or impact benefit agreements with Indigenous communities. If the Company is required to issue additional shares or decides to enter into joint venture arrangements in order to raise financing through the sale of shares at prices per share different that than the price paid by investors, investors' interests in the Company will be diluted, and investors may suffer dilution in their net book value per share, depending on the price at which the shares are sold.

The Company has also granted, and in the future may grant, to directors, officers, employees, and consultants, stock options to purchase shares as non-cash incentives, in accordance with the Company's stock option plan and the policies of the CSE. The issuance of additional shares upon the exercise of the stock options will cause existing shareholders to experience dilution of their ownership interests. As of the date of this MD&A, the issued and outstanding common shares and stock options, share purchase warrants, finder's fee units, and restricted share units are disclosed in the Share Capital Information section above, with the result that if all stock options, share purchase warrants, finder's fee units, and restricted share units were exercised and common shares were issued, they would represent approximately 22.35% of the Company's issued and outstanding common shares. Insurance and Uninsured Risks

The business of the Company is subject to various risks and hazards, including adverse environmental conditions, industrial accidents, labour disputes, unusual or unexpected geological conditions, ground or slope failures, rock bursts, cave-ins, changes in the regulatory environment, and natural phenomena such as inclement weather conditions, floods, and earthquakes. Such occurrences could result in damage to mineral properties, production facilities, or equipment, personal injury or death, environmental damage, delayed or interrupted operations, and possible legal liability.

### Insurance and Uninsured Risks

Although the Company maintains insurance to protect against certain risks in such amounts as it considers reasonable, the Company's insurance will not cover all the potential risks associated with its operations, and insurance coverage may not be available, or may not be adequate, to cover any resulting liability. It is not always possible to obtain insurance against all the risks described above, and further, the Company may decide not to insure against certain risks because of high premiums, or for other reasons. Moreover, insurance against risks such as environmental pollution, or other hazards as a result of exploration and development, is not generally available to the Company or other companies in the mining industry on acceptable terms. Losses from these events may cause the Company to incur significant costs that could have a material adverse effect upon its financial performance and results of operations.

## Foreign Exchange

The Company may be adversely affected by future fluctuations in foreign exchange rates. For example, to the extent the actual Canadian dollar to U.S. dollar exchange rate is less than the exchange rate used in this MD&A, the costs of the Company's future exploration and development activities at the Bethania Silver Project will increase, and thereby decrease funds available for general and administrative expenses and the Company's available unallocated capital. By way of further example, although the Company's equity financings are generally received in Canadian dollars, expenditures on the Bethania Silver Project are generally expected to be incurred in U.S. dollars and Peruvian soles, and accordingly, fluctuations in the Canadian dollar to U.S. dollar exchange rate, or in the Canadian dollar to Peruvian sol exchange rate, could have a material adverse effect on the Company.

### Financial Reporting Standards and Internal Controls

The Company prepares its financial reports and statements in accordance with accounting policies and methods prescribed by IFRS. In the preparation of financial reports and statements, management may need to rely upon assumptions, make estimates, or use its best judgment in determining the financial condition or results of operations of the Company. Significant accounting details are described in more detail in the notes to the Company's annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2021. Although the Company believes its financial reporting and financial statements are reliable, the Company cannot provide absolute assurance in that regard.

The Company's failure to maintain effective internal controls over financial reporting could result in the loss of investor confidence in the reliability of its financial statements, result in harm to the Company's business, and negatively impact the trading price of the Company's common shares. In addition, any failure to implement new or improved controls as required, or difficulties encountered in their implementation, could harm the Company's operating results, or cause it to fail to meet its reporting obligations. There can be no assurance that the Company will be able to remediate material weaknesses, if any, identified in future periods, or maintain all the controls necessary for continued compliance, and there can be no assurance that the Company will be able to retain sufficient skilled finance and accounting personnel, especially considering the increased demand for such personnel among publicly traded companies.

## Growth Strategy

As part of its growth strategy, the Company continues to seek new acquisition opportunities in Peru, Canada, and elsewhere, including both past-producing mines and exploration and development opportunities, with a focus on silver. As such, the Company may from time to time acquire additional mineral properties or the securities of companies that hold mineral properties. The Company's success at completing acquisitions will depend on numerous factors, including but not limited to identifying acquisitions that fit the Company's strategy, negotiating acceptable terms with the vendor of the business or property to be acquired, and obtaining approval from applicable regulatory authorities. Business or property acquisitions could place increased pressure on the Company's cash flow, if such acquisitions involve cash consideration or the assumption of obligations requiring cash payments. Acquisitions involving large shares issuances by the Company would also result in dilution to existing shareholders. (See "Risk of Dilution" above.)

Failure to select appropriate acquisition projects (including failure to properly assess value, strengths, weaknesses, liabilities, risks, and potential profitability), negotiate acceptable arrangements (including financing arrangements), or integrate the acquired businesses and their personnel into the Company may result in unanticipated costs, diversion of management attention from existing businesses and day-to-day operations, loss of key employees, and financial losses.

There can be no assurance that any acquisitions or business arrangements that the Company may pursue will be on favourable terms or ultimately benefit the Company. Acquisitions may involve special risks, circumstances, or legal liabilities, including environmental liabilities. These and other risks related to acquiring and operating acquired companies and properties could have a material adverse effect on the Company's results of operations and financial condition, and the price of the Company's common shares. Further, to acquire companies and properties, the Company may be required to use available cash, incur debt, issue additional securities, enter into off-take, royalty agreements or metal streaming agreements, or a combination of any one or more of these. Such uses could affect the Company's future flexibility and ability to raise capital, operate, explore, and develop its properties, and could dilute existing shareholders and decrease the price of the Company's common shares. Shareholders may have no right to evaluate the merits or risks of any future acquisition undertaken by the Company, save as required by applicable laws.

### **Title to Mineral Properties**

The acquisition and maintenance of title to mineral properties is a very detailed and time-consuming process. While the Company has carried out reviews of title to its mineral properties in Peru and Canada, this should not be construed as a guarantee that title to such interests will not be challenged or impugned. Title insurance is generally not available for mineral properties, and the Company's ability to ensure that it has obtained secure title may be severely constrained. Third parties may have valid claims underlying portions of the Company's interests, including overlapping claims, prior unregistered liens, agreements, royalty claims, claims by Indigenous or other local communities, and other encumbrances, and title may be affected by, among other things, undetected defects. If any such challenge is successful, this could have a material adverse effect on the development of the Company's properties as well as its results of operations, cash flows and financial position. In addition, the Company may be unable to operate its properties as permitted or to enforce its rights with respect to its properties.

### Surface Rights and Access

Although the Company acquires the rights to minerals in the ground subject to the mineral titles that it acquires, in most cases the Company does not automatically acquire any rights to, or ownership of, the surface of the areas covered by those mineral titles. In some jurisdictions, applicable law provides for rights of access to the surface for the purpose of carrying on mining activities, but the enforcement of such rights is costly and time-consuming. It is therefore often necessary to negotiate surface access or purchase the surface rights. There can be no assurance that, despite having the right at law to access the surface and conduct mining activities, the Company will be able to negotiate satisfactory agreements with the owners and occupiers of land, and accordingly, the Company may be unable to carry out planned mining activities. The inability of the Company to access land or obtain required surface rights could have a material adverse effect on the Company's ability to explore and develop mineral properties.

Peruvian law does not vest surface rights with mineral rights, and any proposed development of a mineral property in Peru requires the purchase of surface rights or negotiation of an appropriate access agreement with the owners of the surface rights. The Company has multiple agreements in place with the local community of Bethania for the use of land in relation to the Bethania Silver Project. Although the Company expects to comply with, maintaining, or renew these agreements in the normal course, as applicable, there can be no assurance that the Company will be successful in obtaining and maintaining the land access or surface rights that it requires for the advancement of the Bethania Silver Project.

### Force Majeure Events including Pandemics, Natural Disasters and Other Disruptions

The Company's operations may be adversely impacted by factors that are beyond the Company's control including pandemics, natural disasters, labour and social or political disruptions including the outbreak of war. Such factors may not be foreseeable and may significantly adversely affect global economic conditions, the supply and costs of essential materials and services, and currency volatility.

There could be a resurgence of COVID-19, or there could emerge another pandemic, in each case with new and unanticipated effects and that could adversely impact the Company's operations and prospects. See also Pandemics and Communicable Disease below.

Climate change has increased the incidence of natural disasters caused by weather and climate extremes including heatwaves, droughts, forest fires, atmospheric rivers, torrential downpours and flooding. Future incidents could significantly adversely affect the Company's operations or properties. See also Climate Change below.

Other events and factors that are beyond the Company's control but that may have a significant adverse effect on the Company's operations include but are not limited to strikes and labour disruptions and political instabilities including political protests or coups. While the Company works to mitigate the effects of these uncontrollable events, there is no assurance that they will be effective in doing so in future, particularly when multiple events coincide, and they may negatively impact the Company's operations and prospects.

## **Global Economic Conditions**

The Company's operations could be adversely affected by general conditions in the global economy and global financial markets, including such conditions as contribute to inflation, and cause currency fluctuations and market volatility. Recent global financial conditions have been characterized by increased volatility. A severe or prolonged economic downturn could result in a variety of risks to the Company's business, including adversely affecting the Company's ability to raise capital when needed on acceptable terms, or at all, causing the Company to incur costs in excess of the Company's expectations or resulting in the financial instability of companies who supply products or services to the Company. The Company cannot anticipate all the ways in which the current or future economic climate and financial market conditions could adversely impact the Company's business. These conditions are beyond the Company's control and there can be no assurances that any mitigating actions by the Company will be effective. See also Inflation below.

### Pandemics and Communicable Disease

Infectious disease, such as COVID-19, may resurge at any time, either globally or in specific countries or regions, due to the emergence of new variants or for other reasons. In addition, there could be entirely new diseases introduced to the environment which could have similar or greater disruptive effects. Any such resurgence or new disease could adversely affect global or local economies, or lead to the renewal of restrictions, either of which could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business. The duration, severity, and geographic spread of any such resurgence or new disease, and its impact on the Company's operations and prospects, cannot be estimated with any degree of certainty.

### Climate Change

Many governments have introduced or are moving to introduce climate change legislation and initiatives, whether in fulfillment of international treaty commitments or otherwise. Regulation in respect of emissions (such as carbon taxes) and energy efficiency is becoming more stringent. If the regulatory trend to reduce greenhouse gas emissions continues, compliance may impose additional costs on some of the Company's operations, since diesel fuel or other fossil fuels may be used to power generators and other equipment at the Company's mineral properties.

In addition, the Company's operations could be exposed to various physical risks from climate change, including changes in rainfall rates, reduced water availability, higher temperatures, increased snowfall, and other extreme weather events. Events or conditions such as flooding or drought could disrupt exploration, development, mining, processing, transportation, and rehabilitation activities, create shortages of various resources or commodities, damage the Company's mineral properties or equipment, and increase health and safety risks on site. Such events or conditions could also have adverse effects on the communities around the Company's mineral properties, such as food insecurity, water scarcity, loss or destruction of infrastructure and private property, displacement, and the spread of disease. There can be no assurance that the Company's efforts to mitigate the risks of climate change will be effective or that climate change will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's operations and financial condition.

## **Inflation**

The general rate of inflation impacts the economies and business environments in which the Company operates. Inflation increased significantly in 2022 and has continued to be elevated in 2023 as compared to historical norms. Accordingly, the Company expects that costs of all inputs to the Company's operations, including drilling and supplier costs and general employee and overhead costs, will increase. Increased inflation and any economic conditions resulting from governmental attempts to manage or reduce inflation, such as the imposition of higher interest rates or wage and price controls, may negatively impact the Company's costs, and have an adverse effect on the Company's operations and prospects.

## Health and Safety

Mining, like other extractive industries, is subject to potential risks and liabilities due to accidents. Any accident could result in serious injury or death, environmental damage, or damage to Company assets. Further, any accident that occurs on any of the Company's mineral properties, or involves any employee, contractor, consultant, or supplier of the Company, or involves any equipment or other assets owned or operated by the Company, could have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial position, interrupt the Company's exploration and development activities, lead to a loss or suspension of existing Permits and reduced ability to obtain or renew Permits, harm the reputation of the Company, damage the Company's relations with local communities, or reduce the perceived appeal of the Company as an employer or business partner.

The Company's employees, contractors, consultants, and suppliers who work at or visit mineral properties in the performance of their duties are subject to many inherent risks, including but not limited to rock bursts, cave-ins, flooding, electrocution, falls, air quality problems, fire, explosions, hazardous substances, and accidents involving mobile equipment and other machinery. If any such risk were to materialize, it could cause occupational illness, temporary or permanent health issues, personal injuries, or death for an individual or multiple people. The Company strives to mitigate all such risks in compliance with local and international standards, and has implemented various health and safety measures designed for that purpose, including improved risk identification and reporting systems, effective management systems to identify and minimize health and safety risks, health and safety training, and the promotion of enhanced employee commitment and accountability.

Such precautions, however, may not be sufficient to eliminate all health and safety risks, and the Company's employees, contractors, consultants, and suppliers may fail to consistently follow the rules and procedures that are in place or take advantage of related resources that are made available by the Company. There can be no assurance that no occupational health and safety incidents will occur, and any incidents that do occur may adversely affect the business of the Company and its future operations. For example, the Company's financial position may be affected by monetary damages, settlements, judgements, fines, penalties, and deductibles or risk retention arising from or relating to any incident.

## Information Systems and Cybersecurity

Cybersecurity refers to the combination of technologies, processes, and procedures established to protect an organization's information technology systems and data from unauthorized access, attack, or damage. The Company is subject to cybersecurity risks. Cybersecurity risks have increased significantly in recent years, and while the Company has not experienced any material losses relating to cyberattacks or other information security breaches, it could suffer such losses in the future.

The Company's operations depend, in part, on information technology systems that securely process, maintain, and transmit information critical to the business. In addition, the Company and its third-party service providers collect and store sensitive data in the ordinary course of business, including personal information of the Company's employees, as well as proprietary and confidential business information relating to the Company, and in some cases, the Company's suppliers, investors, joint venture partners, and other stakeholders.

Many organizations, including the Company, make significant and increasing use of, and depend on, electronic data communication and storage, including the use of cloud-based services and personal devices, and accordingly, the Company is exposed to evolving technological risks relating to information. Disruption or damage to, or failure of, the Company's information technology systems may arise from various sources, including but not limited to hacking, computer viruses, malware, ransomware, security breaches, natural disasters, power loss, vandalism, theft, and defects in design. The Company cannot guarantee that it will be successful in securing its electronic information, and there may be instances where the Company is exposed to malware, ransomware, cyberattacks, or other unauthorized access or use of the Company's information.

Any data breach or other improper or unauthorized access or use of the Company's information could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, and could severely damage the Company's reputation, compromise the Company's network or systems, and result in the loss of sensitive information, the destruction or corruption of data, the misappropriation of assets, incidents of fraud, disruption of the Company's normal operations, and the incurring of additional time and expense to remediate and improve the Company's network and systems. Further, the Company could be subject to legal and regulatory liability in connection with any cyberattack or breach, including potential breaches of laws relating to the protection of personal information. As cyber threats continue to evolve, the Company will be required to expend resources to adopt or enhance protective measures or to investigate and remediate any security vulnerabilities.

## Legal Proceedings

Legal proceedings may be brought against the Company for various reasons. For example, the Company could be sued in relation to its business activities, volatility in its stock price, or failure to comply with its disclosure obligations. Regulatory and other government agencies in Peru, Canada, and other jurisdictions may bring legal proceedings against the Company for the purpose of enforcing applicable laws and regulations, including in relation to securities, tax, and environmental matters. Investigation, defense, and settlement costs can be substantial, even in relation to claims that have no merit, and accordingly, any legal proceedings could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flows, or prospects. In addition, legal proceedings may result in significant distraction of the Company's management and other employees.

## Legal Proceedings (cont'd...)

The Company may become party to disputes governed by the rules of local or international arbitration. The Company may also be the subject of legal claims in Canada in respect of its activities in Peru or another foreign jurisdiction. In the event of a dispute relating to the Company's assets or operations in Peru or another foreign jurisdiction, the Company may be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of foreign courts, or may not be successful in subjecting foreign persons to the jurisdiction of courts in Canada. The Company's inability to enforce its rights could have a material adverse effect on its business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flows, or prospects.

Management is committed to conducting business in an ethical and responsible manner, which it believes will reduce the risk of legal disputes, but there can be no assurance that this strategy will be effective.

### Reliance on Local Advisors

The Company's most important development project is in Peru. Peruvian legal and regulatory requirements with respect to mineral exploration and mining activities, as well as local business customs and practices, are different from those in Canada. Although certain officers and directors of the Company have significant experience in Peru, and the Company benefits greatly from their expertise, the Company must rely, to some extent, on external legal counsel in Peru, and on external consultants based in Peru, to keep abreast of material legal, regulatory, and governmental developments as they pertain to the Company's business operations, and to assist the Company with its governmental relations efforts. In addition, the Company relies on local experts for advice on banking, financing, labour, and tax matters. There can be no assurance that the Company's reliance on local advisors will result in the Company's full compliance with Peruvian legal and regulatory requirements or success in navigating the Peruvian business environment. Any failure to identify, understand or meet the requirements of doing business in Peru could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, financial condition, and results of operations.

### Anti-Corruption and Anti-Bribery Laws

The Company's activities in Peru require interactions with a wide range of public officials at various levels of government. These interactions are subject to the Corruption of Foreign Public Officials Act (Canada) ("CFPOA"), as well as anti-corruption and anti-bribery laws in Peru, any breach or violation of which could lead to adverse impacts on the Company's business and financial condition. The CFPOA and similar laws in other jurisdictions generally prohibit companies and their intermediaries, including employees, consultants, contractors, suppliers, and agents, from making improper payments to public officials for the purpose of obtaining or retaining any business advantage. Under the CFPOA, a company may be found liable for violations not only by its employees, but also by its consultants, contractors, suppliers, and other third parties that are acting on its behalf or perceived to be doing so. In recent years, there has been a general increase worldwide in the amount of enforcement and the severity of penalties under anti-corruption and anti-bribery laws, resulting in heightened risk for Canadian companies, like the Company, that are developing mineral projects in Peru.

## Anti-Corruption and Anti-Bribery Laws (cont'd...)

The Code mandates compliance by the Company and its directors, officers, and employees with the CFPOA and other anti-corruption and anti-bribery laws. There can be no assurance, however, that the Code and any procedures for its enforcement will be effective in ensuring that the Company, its employees, contractors, suppliers, and third-party agents strictly comply with such laws. If the Company, any employee of the Company, or anyone acting on its behalf or perceived to be doing so, is alleged to have violated anti-corruption and anti-bribery laws, in Peru or elsewhere, the Company may be subject to reputational harm, decline in the market price of the Company's common shares, securities class action litigation, investigations and prosecutions by governmental authorities in Canada, legal defense and settlement costs, and distraction of the Company's management and other employees. Any conviction of the Company for violating such laws, or any other official determination that the Company has violated such laws, whether in Canada, Peru, or elsewhere, may have further adverse effects on the Company's business and financial condition, including but not limited to civil and criminal fines and penalties, revocation of mineral rights, loss of Permits, and seizure of the Company's assets.

The Canadian Extractive Sector Transparency Measures Act ("ESTMA") requires public disclosure of payments to governments by companies engaged in the commercial development of oil, gas, or minerals that are listed on a Canadian securities exchange or meet certain other criteria. Mandatory annual reporting is required for extractive companies with respect to payments made to foreign and domestic governments at all levels, including Indigenous communities and entities established by multiple governments. ESTMA requires reporting on the payment of any taxes, royalties, fees, production entitlements, bonuses, dividends, and infrastructure improvement payments, and any other prescribed payment over \$100,000. Failure to report, false reporting, or structuring payments to avoid reporting, may result in fines of up to \$250,000. If the Company becomes subject to an enforcement action under CFPOA or is found to have violated ESTMA, this may result in the imposition of significant penalties, fines, or other sanctions on the Company, reputational harm, and other adverse effects on the Company's business and financial condition.

## Significant Shareholder Risk

As of the date of this MD&A, the Company's officers and directors beneficially own or control, directly or indirectly, approximately 11,316,786 common shares of the Company, which in the aggregate represent approximately 11.46% of the Company's outstanding common shares. As a result, if some or all of these shareholders act together, they may have the ability to control certain matters submitted to the Company's shareholders for approval, including amendments to the Company's articles of incorporation and by-laws and the approval of any business combination. This ability may delay or prevent any acquisition of the Company or cause the market price of the Company's common shares to decline. These shareholders may have interests that differ from other shareholders.

### Fluctuation in the Price of Commodities

The prices and availability of commodities or inputs used or consumed in connection with the Company's operations, including but not limited to fuel, electricity, water, and reagents, fluctuate and affect the costs of those operations. These fluctuations can be unpredictable, are beyond the control of the Company, can occur with little or no warning, and may have a material adverse impact on the Company's financial condition and cause delays in the exploration and development of the Company's mineral properties.

## Enforcement of Legal Rights Outside Canada

Several of the Company's subsidiaries are organized under the laws of Peru, and some of the Company's directors, managers, and advisors are based in Peru. Given that the Bethania Silver Project is located outside of Canada, and several key individuals associated with the Company are not residents of Canada, investors may have difficulty in effecting service of process within Canada on foreign persons and collecting from or enforcing against foreign persons any judgements obtained by the Canadian courts or Canadian securities regulatory authorities. Similarly, if a dispute arises from the Company's operations in Peru or another foreign jurisdiction, the Company may be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of Peru or the applicable foreign jurisdiction or may not be successful in subjecting foreign persons to the jurisdictions of courts in Canada.

### Mine Closure Risks

In the future, the Company may be required to close any mine that the Company operates. The key risks for mine closure include, without limitation, long-term management of permanent engineered structures and acid rock drainage, achievement of environmental closure standards, orderly transition or demobilization of employees, contractors, and suppliers, and transfer of the site, with its associated permanent structures and other infrastructure, to new owners or custodians. Successful completion of these tasks will depend on the Company's ability to accurately estimate costs in advance and make provisions for them, negotiate and implement agreements with governmental authorities, local communities, employees, and contractors. The consequences of a difficult closure include but are not limited to costs in excess of the Company's expectations, delays in handing over the site, environmental damage, fines and penalties imposed by governmental authorities, conflicts with local communities, and harm to the Company's reputation, any of which could adversely affect the Company's business and financial position.

## Conflicts of Interest

Certain directors and officers of the Company serve as directors or officers of other companies. Accordingly, a conflict of interest may arise between their duties as directors or officers of the Company and their duties in respect of such other companies. If any such company is evaluating or pursuing a business opportunity that the Company is also evaluating or pursuing, or if any such company has or proposes to enter into an agreement, venture, or business relationship with the Company, or if any such company is in a dispute with the Company, a conflict of interest would arise between their duties as a director or officer of the Company and their duties in respect of such other company.

The Company's directors and officers are required by the BCBCA and the Code to act honestly, in good faith, and in the best interests of the Company and its shareholders. They are aware that the BCBCA contains provisions governing accountability of directors and officers for corporate opportunity and requiring disclosure of conflicts of interest. Where applicable, conflicts of interest involving the Company's directors and officers will be managed and resolved in the manner set out in the BCBCA, which requires directors and officers to disclose conflicts of interest, and in the case of directors, to refrain from voting on any related matter, unless otherwise permitted under the BCBCA.

There can be no assurance, however, that all conflicts of interest will be identified in a timely manner or at all, or that the interests of the Company will receive priority in every conflict of interest. Further, under certain circumstances, a conflict of interest may expose the Company to liability and impair its ability to achieve its business objectives.

## Conflicts of Interest (cont'd...)

To the best of the Company's knowledge, there are no conflicts of interest between the Company and any director or officer of the Company, except as disclosed below.

The Company has an agreement with SICG S.A.C. ("SICG"), a Peruvian consulting firm, under which SICG provides strategic advice in relation to the Company's interests in Peru and performs project management, engineering, and related services for the Bethania Silver Project (the "SICG Agreement"). Christian Aramayo, the COO and a director of the Company, is also a director and minority shareholder of SICG, and Mr. Aramayo's father, Hector Aramayo, is the founder and principal of SICG. Mr. Aramayo has disclosed his interest in the SICG Agreement to the Board, as required by the BCBCA and the Code. Although the Company is confident that Mr. Aramayo has acted and will continue to act in the best interests of the Company, and the Company does not believe that Mr. Aramayo's interest in the SICG Agreement poses any risk to, or will have any negative impact on, the Bethania Silver Project or any other aspect of the Company's business, there can be no assurance that the Company has managed or will in the future manage this issue effectively.

## Risk of Loss of Concentrate in Storage or Transit

The Company intends to produce concentrates from the Bethania Silver Project. These concentrates will have significant value. Storage and transportation of concentrate give rise to several risks, including but not limited to theft, sabotage, accidents, losses caused by adverse weather conditions, delays in delivery of shipments, and environmental liabilities. While the Company plans to mitigate the risks to its concentrate, whether in storage or during transportation, including by obtaining insurance, there can be no assurance that these measures will be effective, and any theft or loss of concentrate may have a material adverse impact on the Company's financial position and its relationships with purchasers of concentrate, local communities, and governmental authorities.

## Unauthorized Mining

Illegal mining activities may occur near or and on the Company's mineral properties in Peru. Illegal mining is associated with several negative impacts, including environmental degradation, human rights abuses, and child labour. In addition, substantial illegal mining activities at the Bethania Silver Project or the Company's other mineral properties in Peru may result in the loss of mineralized material, disrupt or delay the Company's operations, and have a material adverse effect on the value or potential value of those properties. It may be difficult for the Company to prevent or control any illegal mining activities on and around its mineral properties. The Company has engaged security personnel and taken other security measures at the Bethania Silver Project to address the issue of illegal mining, but there can be no assurance that these measures will be effective.

### ACCOUNTING DISCLOSURES

### **New Accounting Policies Adopted**

### IAS 12, Income Taxes

Effective January 1, 2023, the Company adopted the amendments to *IAS 12, Income Taxes*, which requires companies to recognize deferred tax on particular transactions that, on initial recognition, give rise to equal amounts of taxable and deductible temporary differences. There was no impact on the audited annual consolidated financial statements on adoption.

## ACCOUNTING DISCLOSURES (cont'd...)

#### New standards, interpretations, and amendments to existing standards not yet effective

A number of new standards and amendments to standards and interpretations have been issued by the IASB and are effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2024, which have not been applied in preparing these consolidated financial statements as they are not yet effective. The standards and amendments to standards that would be applicable to the consolidated financial statements of the Company are the following:

### IAS 1, Presentation of Financial Statements

The amendments clarify the requirements for classifying liabilities as current or non-current. The amendments provide a more general approach to the classification of liabilities based on the contractual arrangements in place at the reporting date. This amendment is effective for financial statements beginning on or after January 1, 2024, with early adoption permitted.

The Company is assessing the potential impact of the application of this standard.

## SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

In addition to the transactions disclosed in the Share Capital Information section, on April 11, 2024, the Company closed the final tranche of a \$1,200,000 non-brokered private placement pursuant to an agreement with Trafigura Pte Ltd ("Trafigura") through two its subsidiaries, whereby Trafigura has invested \$970,000 (CAD \$1,316,581) to acquire 5,266,324 units of Kuya Silver at a price of CAD \$0.25 per unit to support the restart of production from the Bethania mine. Each unit consists of one common share in the capital of Kuya Silver and one common share purchase warrant. Each warrant entitle the holder to acquire one common share for CAD \$0.37 until April 11, 2026. Trafigura has agreed to hold the common shares acquired in the offering for a minimum of one year and will immediately exercise the warrants if the common shares trade at a premium of 25% to the warrant exercise price for one month.

### CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

All statements, other than statements of historical fact, contained or incorporated by reference in this MD&A, including but not limited to any information as to the future financial or operating performance of the Company, constitute "forward-looking information" or "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of certain securities laws, and are based on expectations, estimates and projections as of the date of this MD&A. Forward-looking statements contained in this MD&A include, but are not limited to, those under the headings "Company Overview," "Corporate Update and Outlook" and "Liquidity and Capital Resources," and include, without limitation, statements with respect to: capital requirements and capital expenditures; the Company's working capital needs for the next twelve months, and the availability of financing to meet those needs; the schedules and budgets for the Company's development projects; success of exploration and development activities; project studies; and permitting matters. The words "may," "can," "could," will," "expect," "believe," "plan," "intend," "explore," "estimate," "advance," "future," "target," "goal,", "objective," "possibility," "opportunity," "anticipate," "potential," "ongoing," "next," "pursue," and "continue," and similar words and phrases, and variations of these words and phrases, and statements that certain actions, events or results may, could, should or will be taken, will occur or will be achieved, identify forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are necessarily based upon estimates and assumptions that, while considered reasonable by the Company as of the date of such

## CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS (cont'd...)

statements, are inherently subject to significant business and economic uncertainties and contingencies. The estimates and assumptions of the Company referenced, contained or incorporated by reference in this MD&A, which may prove to be incorrect, include but are not limited to the various assumptions set forth herein, as well as: (1) there being no significant disruptions affecting the operations of the Company, whether due to extreme weather events or other natural disasters, labour disruptions (including but not limited to strikes or workforce reductions), supply disruptions, power disruptions or damage to equipment; (2) permitting for the Company's development projects being consistent with the Company's current expectations; (3) advancement of exploration consistent with the Company's projects; (4) political and legal developments in any jurisdiction in which the Company operates being consistent with its current expectations including, without limitation, the impact of any political tensions and uncertainty in the

Republic of Peru or any restrictions or penalties imposed, or actions taken, by any government, including but not limited to potential amendments to customs, tax and mining laws; (5) the completion of studies on the timelines currently expected and the results of those studies being consistent with the Company's current expectations; (6) certain price assumptions for silver; (7) access to capital markets consistent with the Company's expectations, and sufficient to fund the activities of the Company for the next twelve months; (8) potential direct or indirect operational impacts resulting from infectious diseases or pandemics such as the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic; (9) the effectiveness of preventative actions and contingency plans put in place by the Company to respond to the

COVID-19 pandemic, including, but not limited to, social distancing and travel restrictions; and (10) changes in national and local government legislation or other government actions, particularly in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Known and unknown factors could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements. Such factors include, but are not limited to: the inaccuracy of any of the foregoing assumptions; fluctuations in the currency markets; fluctuations in the spot and forward price of silver or certain other commodities (such as fuel and electricity); changes in national and local government legislation, taxation, controls, policies and regulations; the security of personnel and assets; political or economic developments in Canada, Peru or other countries in which the Company does business or may carry on business; business opportunities that may be presented to, or pursued by, the Company; operating or technical difficulties in connection with mining or development activities; employee relations; litigation or other claims against, or regulatory investigations and/or any enforcement actions, administrative orders or sanctions in respect of the Company (and/or its directors, officers, or employees) including, but not limited to, securities class action litigation in Canada, Peru or any applicable anti-corruption, international sanctions and/or anti-money laundering laws and regulations in Canada, Peru or any other applicable jurisdiction; the speculative nature of silver exploration and

development including, but not limited to, the risks of obtaining necessary licenses and permits; and contests over title to properties, particularly title to undeveloped properties. In addition, there are risks and hazards associated with the business of silver exploration, development, and mining, including environmental hazards, industrial accidents, unusual or unexpected formations, pressures, cave-ins, and flooding (and the risk of inadequate insurance, or the inability to obtain insurance, to cover these risks). Many of these uncertainties and contingencies can directly or indirectly affect, and could cause, the Company's actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied in any forward-looking statements made by, or on behalf of, the Company. There can be no assurance that forward-looking statements will prove to be accurate, as actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such statements. Forward-looking statements are provided for the purpose of providing information about management's expectations and plans relating to the future. All of the forward-looking statements made by this cautionary note and those made in our other filings with securities regulators. These factors are not intended to represent a complete list of the factors that could affect the Company. The Company disclaims any intention or obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements or to explain any material difference between subsequent actual events and such forward-looking statements, except to the extent required by applicable law.