

## TASEKO ANNOUNCES STRONG QUARTERLY OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE; COPPER SALES IMPACTED BY VANCOUVER PORT CONGESTION

November 10, 2010, Vancouver, BC – Taseko Mines Limited (TSX: TKO; NYSE Amex: TGB) ("Taseko" or the "Company") reports the results for the three months ended September 30, 2010. This release should be read with the Company's Financial Statements and Management Discussion & Analysis ("MD&A"), available at [www.tasekomines.com](http://www.tasekomines.com) and filed on [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com). Except where otherwise noted, all currency amounts are stated in Canadian dollars. Taseko's 75% (effective March 31, 2010) owned Gibraltar Mine is located north of the City of Williams Lake in south-central British Columbia. Sales and production volumes reflected in this release are on a 100% basis unless otherwise indicated.

For the three months ending September 30, 2010, Gibraltar produced 25.7 million pounds of copper and 252,000 pounds of molybdenum at total cash costs of US\$1.40/lb. For the nine months ended September 30, 2010, Gibraltar has produced 68.9 million pounds of copper and 665,000 pounds of molybdenum.

Taseko had an operating profit of \$17.5 million and earnings before tax and other items of \$12.6 million (on a 75% basis) for the three months ended September 30, 2010 and \$47.7 million year to date, compared to an operating profit of \$9.4 million and earnings before tax and other items of \$4.7 million (on a 100% basis) for the three months ended September 30, 2009.

Revenue for the quarter was \$37.5 million from the sale of Taseko's 75% share of 11.1 million pounds of copper and 261,000 pounds of molybdenum at an average realized price of US\$3.76 per pound for copper and US\$15.89 per pound for molybdenum.

Russell Hallbauer, President and CEO of Taseko commented, "The third quarter results, with respect to production performance of 25.7 million pounds of copper production, costs of US\$1.40/lb and realized copper price of US\$3.76 were excellent. Unfortunately, a large shipment of copper concentrate, originally scheduled to load in late September, was delayed until early October due to port congestion in Vancouver. Our revenue recognition policy does not allow us to book revenue until copper concentrate has been loaded on a marine vessel. As a result, approximately 16 million pounds of copper remained in inventory at quarter end."

Mr. Hallbauer continued, "The third quarter demonstrated the ability of the mine to achieve low cost copper production. Mill throughput was eight percent higher than the second quarter and 19 percent higher than the same period in 2009. A combination of higher tonnage through the concentrator, copper recovery at nearly 90 percent and slightly higher copper head grade resulted in strong copper production and operational results. All modernization projects are effectively complete with the exception of the SAG mill direct feed system, which is expected to be commissioned early in the new year."

Mr. Hallbauer added, "In November, the Federal Government announced that the Prosperity Project 'as proposed' could not be approved. While this is an obvious setback for our Company, its shareholders and the citizens of British Columbia, we believe that the Federal government is prepared to consider an alternative plan. Since we received the decision eight days ago management has initiated discussions with Federal and Provincial officials to learn more about the issues."

"At this time we are unable to provide definitive details on how the project could be altered as we do not understand the criteria that need to be met. We expect to have more information to provide to everyone in the coming weeks."

### ***Gibraltar Mine***

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#### ***Three-Month Sales***

- Copper in concentrate sales volume in the three months ended September 30, 2010 was 11.1 million pounds compared to 11.8 million pounds of copper in concentrate sold during the three months ended September 30, 2009.
- There were 0.4 million pounds of copper cathode sold in the three months ended September 30, 2010 compared to 0.9 million pounds sold in the three months ended September 30, 2009.
- The average price realized for sales of copper during the period was US\$3.76 per pound, compared to US\$2.65 per pound realized in the three months ended September 30, 2009. The realized price included adjustments on final invoices related to prior quarters.
- Molybdenum in concentrate sales volume in the three months ended September 30, 2010 was 261,000 pounds compared to 149,000 pounds sold in the three months ended September 30, 2009.
- The average price realized for sales of molybdenum for the three months ended September 30, 2010 was US\$15.89 per pound, compared to US\$12.37 per pound realized in the three months ended September 30, 2009.

#### ***Nine Month Sales***

- Copper in concentrate sales volume increased to 52.1 million pounds in the nine months ended September 30, 2010 from the 49.8 million pounds of copper in concentrate sold during the nine months ended September 30, 2009.
- Copper cathode sales decreased in the nine months ended September 30, 2010 to 0.6 million pounds compared from 1.6 million pounds in the nine months ended September 30, 2009.
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#### ***Quarter-end Inventory***

- Copper concentrate inventory at September 30, 2010 was 16.3 million pounds compared to 3.1 million pounds at June 30, 2010.
- Copper cathode inventory at September 30, 2010 was 0.44 million pounds compared to 0.59 million pounds at June 30, 2010.

- Molybdenum in concentrate inventory at September 30, 2010 was 18,200 pounds compared to 27,000 pounds at June 30, 2010.

The following table is a summary of operating statistics (100%) for the quarter and year to date:

	Three months ended September 30, 2010	Nine months ended September 30, 2010	Three months ended September 30, 2009	Nine months ended September 30, 2009
Total tons mined (millions) <sup>1</sup>	14.0	36.7	8.7	23.5
Tons of ore milled (millions)	3.9	11.1	3.3	9.8
Stripping ratio	2.4	2.3	2.8	1.6
Copper grade (%)	0.358	0.340	0.26	0.32
Molybdenum grade (%Mo)	0.013	0.013	0.011	0.011
Copper recovery (%)	89.4	89.3	79.1	81.7
Molybdenum recovery (%)	24.7	23.9	15.5	25.5
Copper production (millions lb) <sup>2</sup>	25.7	68.9	14.0	53.0
Molybdenum production (thousands lb)	252	665	112	516
Foreign exchange (\$C/\$US)	1.04	1.04	1.10	1.17
Copper production costs, net of by-product credits <sup>3</sup> , per lb of copper	US\$1.19	US\$1.33	US\$1.56	US\$1.08
Off property costs for transport, treatment (smelting & refining) & sales per lb of copper	US\$0.21	US\$0.31	US\$0.30	US\$0.30
Total cash costs of production per lb of copper <sup>4</sup>	US\$1.40	US\$1.64	US\$1.86	US\$1.38

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Total tons mined in 2010 were higher than the corresponding periods in 2009 in order to meet the increased processing capacity of the mill and to operate closer to the deposit average strip ratio based on continued strength in the price of copper. The Gibraltar concentrator continued to perform very well on copper recovery while throughput is steadily increasing toward the targeted 55,000 tons per day level. Copper and molybdenum production for the period was higher than the previous quarters as a result of increased mill throughput, head grade and recovery.

Total cash costs of production for the first nine months of 2010 are higher than the same period 2009 as a result of increased stripping ratio, strengthening Canadian dollar against the US dollar, higher prices for fuel, reagents and grinding media, and increased off property transportation costs in the first and second quarters. Site costs were lower in the current quarter as a result of increased copper production and off-site costs have decreased in the current quarter due to low sales volumes.

### *Infrastructure and Mining Fleet Upgrades*

During the third quarter, the new in-pit primary crusher and conveyor system was operational and had reached full production target rates by the end of the period. This new system reduces the mine's ore haul distance and the original primary crusher is acting as backup.

Replacement of the current single-line tailings system with a two line system was also completed at the end of the second quarter and commissioned in the third quarter. Substitution of the natural gas fired concentrate dryer with a filter press was completed and operating by the end of the third quarter of 2010. This equipment reduces operating costs, provides a more stable operating platform, and is able to handle the higher volumes expected as the mill throughput increases.

Construction of the new SAG mill direct feed system is underway and on track for commissioning in the first quarter of fiscal 2011. This feed system is designed to improve mill availability, increase throughput and reduce costs by eliminating the complicated secondary crusher and fine ore feed system. The new direct feed system will also allow larger mill feed more appropriate for autogenous grinding than can be achieved with the current system.

Copper production for the first nine months of 2010 (68.9 million pounds) was 30% higher than the first nine months of 2009 (53 million pounds) as a result of the investments and operational improvements which have occurred at Gibraltar over the past five years. The Company purchased four new 320 ton capacity haul trucks for the mine and a new 495HR Bucyrus shovel was commissioned in October. This new mining equipment will replace older, smaller machinery, thereby increasing productivity and reducing operating and maintenance costs.

### ***Prosperity***

Taseko holds a 100% interest in the Prosperity property, located 125 kilometers southwest of the City of Williams Lake. The property hosts a large porphyry gold-copper deposit amenable to open pit mining. In early June, the British Columbia Provincial Government granted Taseko a long-term, renewable, 25-year mining lease for the Prosperity Gold-Copper Project, providing the Company with mineral tenure security for the project.

### *Permitting*

On January 14, 2010, Taseko received the environmental assessment certificate for the Prosperity Project from the British Columbia Provincial Ministry of Environment. This is an important milestone as it is the Provincial Government which is responsible for mine development in British Columbia. The Provincial Mines Act permit application was submitted to the Ministry of Energy, Mines, and Petroleum Resources on June 17 and is currently before the Provincial Mine Development Review Committee.

The Canadian Environmental Assessment process, in which public hearings were conducted by a three-person Panel ("Federal Panel") operating under defined Terms of Reference, concluded on May 3, 2010. The Federal Panel submitted its findings to the Federal Minister of Environment on July 2, 2010. The panel findings were essentially the same as the conclusions reached in the Provincial Environmental Assessment but they were not mandated to assess economic and social value generated by the project.

On November 2, 2010, the Federal Minister of Environment announced the Prosperity mine project, *as proposed*, cannot be granted federal authorizations to proceed. Taseko is currently in discussions with both the Federal and Provincial Governments to define the issues and determine solutions so that this mining project can move forward and meet the criteria that the Federal Government deem appropriate.

Taseko will host a conference call on Thursday, November 11, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time (8:00 a.m. Pacific) to discuss these results. The conference call may be accessed by dialing (877) 303-9079, or (970) 315-0461 internationally. A live and archived audio webcast will also be available at [www.tasekomines.com](http://www.tasekomines.com).

The conference call will be archived for later playback until November 18, 2010 and can be accessed by dialing (800) 642-1687 in Canada and the United States, or (706) 645-9291 internationally and using the passcode 15627511.

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Russell Hallbauer  
*President and CEO*

No regulatory authority has approved or disapproved of the information in this news release.

#### Forward Looking Statements

This document contains “forward-looking statements” that were based on Taseko’s expectations, estimates and projections as of the dates as of which those statements were made. Generally, these forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as “outlook”, “anticipate”, “project”, “target”, “believe”, “estimate”, “expect”, “intend”, “should” and similar expressions.

Forward-looking statements are subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause the Company’s actual results, level of activity, performance or achievements to be materially different from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. These included but are not limited to:

- uncertainties and costs related to the Company’s exploration and development activities, such as those associated with continuity of mineralization or determining whether mineral resources or reserves exist on a property;
- uncertainties related to the accuracy of our estimates of mineral reserves, mineral resources, production rates and timing of production, future production and future cash and total costs of production and milling;
- uncertainties related to feasibility studies that provide estimates of expected or anticipated costs, expenditures and economic returns from a mining project;
- uncertainties related to our ability to complete the mill upgrade on time estimated and at the scheduled cost;
- uncertainties related to the ability to obtain necessary licenses permits for development projects and project delays due to third party opposition;
- uncertainties related to unexpected judicial or regulatory proceedings;
- changes in, and the effects of, the laws, regulations and government policies affecting our exploration and development activities and mining operations, particularly laws, regulations and policies;
- changes in general economic conditions, the financial markets and in the demand and market price for copper, gold and other minerals and commodities, such as diesel fuel, steel, concrete, electricity and other forms of energy, mining equipment, and fluctuations in exchange rates, particularly with respect to the value of the U.S. dollar and Canadian dollar, and the continued availability of capital and financing;
- the effects of forward selling instruments to protect against fluctuations in copper prices and exchange rate movements and the risks of counterparty defaults, and mark to market risk;
- the risk of inadequate insurance or inability to obtain insurance to cover mining risks;
- the risk of loss of key employees; the risk of changes in accounting policies and methods we use to report our financial condition, including uncertainties associated with critical accounting assumptions and estimates;
- environmental issues and liabilities associated with mining including processing and stock piling ore; and
- labour strikes, work stoppages, or other interruptions to, or difficulties in, the employment of labour in markets in which we operate mines, or environmental hazards, industrial accidents or other events or occurrences, including third party interference that interrupt the production of minerals in our mines.

For further information on Taseko, investors should review the Company’s annual Form 40-F filing with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission [www.sec.com](http://www.sec.com) and home jurisdiction filings that are available at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).



THREE AND NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2010  
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**1.1 Date**

This Management Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") should be read in conjunction with the unaudited interim consolidated financial statements of Taseko Mines Limited ("Taseko", or the "Company") for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010 and the audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2009, prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles, and publicly available on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

This MD&A is prepared as of November 9, 2010. All dollar figures stated herein are expressed in Canadian dollars, unless otherwise specified.

This discussion includes certain statements that may be deemed "forward-looking statements". All statements in this discussion, other than statements of historical facts, that address future production, reserve potential, exploration drilling, exploitation activities and events or developments that the Company expects are forward-looking statements. Although the Company believes the expectations expressed in such forward-looking statements are based on reasonable assumptions, such statements are not guarantees of future performance and actual results or developments may differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in forward-looking statements include market prices, exploitation and exploration successes, continued availability of capital and financing and general economic, market or business conditions. Investors are cautioned that any such statements are not guarantees of future performance and actual results or developments may differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements.

**Cautionary Note to Investors Concerning Estimates of Measured and Indicated Resources**

This discussion uses the terms 'measured resources' and 'indicated resources'. The Company advises investors that while those terms are recognized and required by Canadian regulations, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission does not recognize them. **Investors are cautioned not to assume that any part or all of mineral deposits in these categories will ever be converted into reserves.**

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Cash Cost of Production

This management discussion uses the term cash cost of production which is a non-GAAP measure intended to provide additional information to investors and should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for measures of performance prepared in accordance with GAAP (see 1.15.5). Cash cost of production is a common performance measure in the copper industry and includes direct cost of operations and related costs through to refined metal, excluding amortization.

**Taseko's 75% (effective March 31, 2010) owned Gibraltar Mine is located north of the City of Williams Lake in south-central British Columbia. Sales and production volumes from the Gibraltar Mine (the "Gibraltar Joint Venture" or the "Joint Venture") reflected in this MD&A are on a 100% basis unless otherwise indicated.**

## 1.2 Overview

Taseko is a mining and mine development company with one operating mine, two advanced stage projects and one exploration property, all located in British Columbia, Canada. These are the Gibraltar copper-molybdenum mine, the Prosperity gold-copper project, the Harmony gold project and the Aley niobium property.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2010, Taseko has continued to focus on completing capital upgrade projects in order to increase throughput and metal recovery at its Gibraltar mine and on advancing engineering, permitting and financing for the Prosperity Project.

Taseko was advised on November 2, 2010 that the Canadian Federal Government would not proceed with permitting on the Prosperity project as it is currently proposed. The Company is currently working with both the Federal and Provincial Governments to define the issues involved so that Prosperity can move forward while meeting the permitting criteria that the Federal Government deem appropriate.

Taseko had an operating profit of \$17.5 million and earnings before tax and other items of \$12.6 million for the three months ended September 30, 2010, compared to an operating profit of \$9.4 million and earnings before tax and other items of \$4.7 million for the three months ended September 30, 2009. Other items included an adjustment to the gain on the sale of the 25% interest in the Gibraltar Joint Venture in the amount of \$3.4 million and an unrealized (non-cash) marked-to-market loss attributable to derivative instruments of \$5 million.

Net earnings were \$1.4 million or \$0.01 per share for the three months ended September 30, 2010 as compared to a net loss of \$2.3 million or (\$0.01) per share for the three months ended September 30, 2009. Net earnings for the current quarter is lower than expected due to approximately 16 million lbs of copper concentrate remaining in inventory (100% basis) as at September 30, 2010 due to a shipment of the concentrate that slipped into early October. The Company received pre-payment for the shipment in the amount of approximately \$16 million prior to September 30, 2010 which was classified as deferred revenue and represented approximately 90% of the value of the shipment.



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The upgraded Gibraltar concentrate filter/dryer circuits and tailings handling projects were completed during the quarter and the Semi Autogenous Grinding (SAG) mill direct feed system is planned to be operating in the first quarter of 2011.

The Gibraltar Mine has continued to invest in the mining fleet during the quarter, purchasing four new 320 tonne capacity haulage trucks all of which have been delivered to the mine. Two of the trucks were erected and put into operation in October and the second two are planned to be operational in December. Also, the construction of a new Bucyrus 495 cable shovel was completed and the machine was commissioned in October.

In other developments, in August, 2010 the Company purchased a series of put options for 15,600 metric tonnes of copper commencing in January and ending in June, 2011 at a strike price of US\$3.00/lb. The strike price sets the minimum price that the Company will realize for its share of the copper production. These put options are only exercised if the spot price declines below the put strike price. The Company participates in the full upside of price increases and is protected from price decreases.

Mr. David Rouleau joined Taseko as Vice President, Operations, during July of 2010. A mining engineer with over 20 years experience in mine operations and development, Mr. Rouleau most recently worked with Canadian Natural Resources Limited in the construction and successful start up of the Horizon Oil Sands project in Fort McMurray, Alberta.

### **1.2.1 Gibraltar Mine**

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*Gibraltar Mine Production and Cost Performance*

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Total tons mined in 2010 were higher than the corresponding periods in 2009 in order to meet the increased processing capacity of the mill and to operate closer to the deposit average strip ratio based on continued strength in the price of copper. The Gibraltar concentrator continued to perform very well on copper recovery while throughput is steadily increasing toward the targeted 55,000 tons per day level. Copper and molybdenum production for the period was higher than the previous quarters as a result of increased mill throughput, head grade and recovery.

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**Gibraltar Joint Venture**

The Gibraltar Mine became an unincorporated joint venture between Taseko Mines Limited and Cariboo Copper Corp. ("Cariboo") (a Japanese consortium) on March 31, 2010. The Company and Cariboo hold 75% and 25% beneficial interests in the Joint Venture, respectively. Under the Joint Venture Agreement, the Company contributed certain assets and liabilities pertaining to the Gibraltar Mine with a deemed fair value of \$747 million to the Joint Venture at the effective date, and Cariboo paid the Company US\$187 million to obtain a 25% interest in the Joint Venture. The Company continues to be the operator of the Gibraltar Mine.

The assets and liabilities contributed by the Company into the Joint Venture were primarily mineral property interests, plant and equipment, inventory, prepaid expenses, reclamation deposits, equipment loan, and capital lease obligations and the site closure and reclamation obligation.

The Company's 75% interest in the assets and liabilities of the Joint Venture as at September 30, 2010, and March 31, 2010, are as follows:

<i>(\$ in thousands)</i>	<b>September 30 2010</b>	<b>March 31 2010</b>
<b>Assets</b>		
Current assets	\$ 77,855	\$ 17,701
Advances for equipment	1,188	1,188
Reclamation deposits	22,890	21,990
Mineral property interests, plant and equipment, net	281,735	251,197
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Current liabilities	\$ 28,143	\$ 4,413
Deferred revenue - current	16,479	-
Long-term liabilities	22,512	11,598
Site closure & reclamation obligation	8,025	7,778

Included within the Company's statement of operations and comprehensive income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010 are the Company's 75% interest in the operations of the Joint Venture. This 75% interest is summarized as follows:

<i>(\$ in thousands)</i>	<b>Three months ended September 30, 2010</b>	<b>Nine months ended September 30, 2010</b>
Revenues	\$ 36,697	\$ 82,699
Operating expenses	18,844	50,653
Depreciation and depletion	1,121	2,929
Other (income) expenses	2,294	2,643
Other comprehensive income	70	164
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>	<b>\$ 14,508</b>	<b>\$ 26,638</b>



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Included within the cash flows of the Company for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010 are the Company's 75% interest in the cash flows of the Joint Venture. This 75% interest is reflected as follows:

<i>(\$ in thousands)</i>	<b>Three months ended September 30, 2010</b>	<b>Nine months ended September 30, 2010</b>
Operating activities	\$ 35,327	\$ 38,325
Investing activities	(26,446)	(30,196)
Financing activities	11,550	15,148

***Infrastructure and Mining Fleet Upgrades***

During the third quarter, the new in-pit primary crusher and conveyor system was operational and had reached full production target rates by the end of the period. This new system reduces the mine's ore haul distance and the original primary crusher is acting as backup.

Replacement of the current single-line tailings system with a two line system was also completed at the end of the second quarter and commissioned in the third quarter. Substitution of the natural gas fired concentrate dryer with a filter press was completed and operating by the end of the third quarter of 2010. This equipment reduces operating costs, provides a more stable operating platform, and is able to handle the higher volumes expected as the mill throughput increases.

Construction of the new SAG mill direct feed system is underway and on track for commissioning in the first quarter of fiscal 2011. This feed system is designed to improve mill availability, increase throughput and reduce costs by eliminating the complicated secondary crusher and fine ore feed system. The new direct feed system will also allow larger mill feed more appropriate for autogenous grinding than can be achieved with the current system.

Copper production for the first nine months of 2010 (68.9 million pounds) was 30% higher than the first nine months of 2009 (53 million pounds) as a result of the investments and operational improvements which have occurred at Gibraltar over the past five years. The Company purchased four new 320 ton capacity haul trucks for the mine and a new 495HR Bucyrus shovel was commissioned in October. This new mining equipment will replace older, smaller machinery, thereby increasing productivity and reducing operating and maintenance costs.

***Labour and Safety***

The number of active personnel at the site at the end of September, 2010 was 440, compared to 377 personnel at the end of December, 2009. There were no lost time accidents in the third quarter of 2010.

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### **1.2.2 Prosperity Project**

Taseko holds a 100% interest in the Prosperity property, located 125 kilometers southwest of the City of Williams Lake. The property hosts a large porphyry gold-copper deposit amenable to open pit mining.

In early June, the British Columbia Provincial Government granted Taseko a long-term, renewable, 25-year mining lease for the Prosperity Gold-Copper Project, providing the Company with mineral tenure security for the project.

#### *Permitting*

On January 14, 2010, Taseko received the environmental assessment certificate for the Prosperity Project from the British Columbia Provincial Ministry of Environment. This is an important milestone as it is the Provincial Government which is responsible for mine development in British Columbia. The Provincial Mines Act permit application was submitted to the Ministry of Energy, Mines, and Petroleum Resources on June 17 and is currently before the Provincial Mine Development Review Committee.

The Canadian Environmental Assessment process, in which public hearings were conducted by a three-person Panel ("Federal Panel") operating under defined Terms of Reference, concluded on May 3, 2010. The Federal Panel submitted its findings to the Federal Minister of Environment on July 2, 2010. The panel findings were essentially the same as the conclusions reached in the Provincial Environmental Assessment but they were not mandated to assess economic and social value generated by the project.

On November 2, 2010, the Federal Minister of Environment announced the Prosperity mine project, *as proposed*, cannot be granted federal authorizations to proceed. Taseko is currently in discussions with both the Federal and Provincial Governments to define the issues and determine solutions so that this mining project can move forward and meet the criteria that the Federal Government deem appropriate.

#### *Gold Stream Agreement*

In May 2010, the Company entered into a gold stream transaction with Franco-Nevada Corporation ("Franco-Nevada"), under which Franco-Nevada will purchase gold equal to 22% of the life of mine gold produced at the project. Staged cash deposits aggregating US\$350 million will be paid during mine construction as well as 2 million Franco-Nevada warrants will be issued on the date of the first advance of the cash payment. For each ounce of gold delivered to Franco-Nevada, Taseko will receive a further cash payment of US\$400 (subject to an inflationary adjustment) or the prevailing market price, if lower. The deposit will be credited with the difference between US\$400 and the market price of gold for each ounce delivered until the deposit is fully credited.

Each warrant is exercisable to purchase one Franco-Nevada common share at a price of \$75.00 until June 16, 2017 and will be listed under the same terms as the warrants listed on TSX under the symbol FNV.WT.A.

The conditions to funding the gold stream include obtaining full financing of the project, receipt of all material permits to construct and operate Prosperity and securing marketing arrangements for the majority of the concentrate.

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### **1.2.3 Harmony Project**

Taseko holds 100% of the Harmony gold project, located on the Queen Charlotte Island -Haida Gwaii on the northwest coast of British Columbia. The Company has undertaken property maintenance and environmental monitoring activities at Harmony since acquiring the project in 2001. Taseko is considering initiating a pre-feasibility level study of Harmony during the 2011 fiscal year to further evaluate the project. The project is in an area designated as a mineral development zone under the Queen Charlotte-Haida Gwaii Land and Resource Management Plan.

### **1.2.4 Aley Project**

Taseko holds 100% of the Aley niobium project in northern British Columbia. The Company completed a 4,368 meter exploration drilling program during the third quarter and is compiling and analyzing the results in order to determine what work will be carried out during 2011. Management believes that there is a strong market for niobium in steel production, so there is excellent opportunity for development if the deposit is confirmed.

### **1.2.5 Market Trends**

Copper prices had an overall upward trend between late 2003 and mid 2008, followed by an unprecedented 70% drop in prices over the final six months of 2008 as a result of uncertainty in global financial markets. The average copper price in 2008 was US\$3.15/lb. Prices stabilized in January 2009 and then began to increase. The average copper price in 2009 was US\$2.34/lb. Price strength has continued in 2010 albeit with continued volatility averaging US\$3.32/lb up to the date of this report.

Gold prices were volatile in late 2008, dropping below US\$800/oz for a two-week period in September, and again from mid October through November. The average gold price for 2008 was US\$871/oz and US\$974/oz in 2009. The average price in 2010 to the date of this report is US\$1,202/oz.

Molybdenum prices increased from US\$7.60/lb in 2003 to peak at US\$34/lb in 2005. Prices averaged US\$25.53/lb in 2006 and US\$30.47/lb in 2007. Molybdenum prices dropped significantly in late 2008, but averaged US\$28.98/lb based on strength earlier in the year. Molybdenum prices continued to drop in 2009 to about US\$8.00/lb in early May, but improved after that and averaged US\$11.28/lb for the year. The average price in 2010 to the date of this report is US\$15.80/lb.

The Company sells its products in United States dollars but its expenses are denominated primarily in Canadian dollars. The nine-month average to September 30, 2010 for one United States dollar was 1.0362 Canadian dollars. At September 30, 2010, one United States dollar was equivalent to 1.0290 Canadian dollars. Current forecasts anticipate continued strength in the Canadian dollar.

## **1.3 Selected Annual Information**

Not applicable. Please refer to the MD&A for the fiscal year December 31, 2009.



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**1.4 Summary of Quarterly Results**

The consolidated financial results reported for September 30, 2010 and June 30, 2010 reflect the Company's 75% interest in the new Joint Venture, which includes the results of operations since April 1, 2010.

*Expressed in thousands of Canadian dollars, except per-share amounts.*

	Sept 30 2010	Jun 30 2010	Mar 31 2010	Dec 31 2009	Sept 30 2009	June 30 2009	Mar 31 2009	Dec 31 2008
<b>Current assets</b>	262,581	238,691	249,118	92,316	90,209	75,950	58,357	41,283
Mineral properties	27,588	26,628	26,566	32,631	32,617	32,617	32,619	32,610
Plant and equipment	263,544	235,535	233,672	305,205	303,434	301,891	295,094	292,390
Other assets	96,190	99,851	96,641	104,943	107,686	107,707	112,321	111,962
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>649,903</b>	<b>600,705</b>	<b>605,997</b>	<b>535,095</b>	<b>533,946</b>	<b>518,165</b>	<b>498,391</b>	<b>478,245</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>	80,998	53,621	78,468	75,179	58,949	61,503	91,195	112,053
Other liabilities	128,626	112,362	139,077	163,223	183,856	165,341	166,596	131,285
Shareholders' equity	440,279	434,722	388,452	296,693	291,141	291,321	240,600	234,907
<b>Total liabilities and shareholders' equity</b>	<b>649,903</b>	<b>600,705</b>	<b>605,997</b>	<b>535,095</b>	<b>533,946</b>	<b>518,165</b>	<b>498,391</b>	<b>478,245</b>
<b>Revenue</b>	37,540	56,453	75,508	55,966	40,132	52,632	40,172	10,576
Mine site operating costs	14,743	30,488	31,559	32,160	24,528	26,203	25,454	42,021
Transportation and treatment	4,115	6,678	8,259	5,724	4,554	7,609	6,202	7,054
Amortization	1,217	1,902	2,580	2,421	1,677	2,142	1,910	1,979
<b>Operating profit (loss)</b>	<b>17,465</b>	<b>17,385</b>	<b>33,110</b>	<b>15,661</b>	<b>9,373</b>	<b>16,678</b>	<b>6,606</b>	<b>(40,478)</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>								
Accretion of reclamation obligation	202	197	256	250	245	239	234	183
Asset retirement obligation change of estimates	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(4,504)
Exploration	3,619	1,519	981	1,519	805	549	534	1,088
Foreign exchange loss (gain)	1,972	(2,774)	(590)	(681)	(3,108)	(7,941)	2,930	3,249
Gain on convertible bond repurchase	-	-	-	-	(948)	(682)	-	-
General and administration	3,139	3,270	2,785	2,197	1,752	2,104	2,329	2,220
Interest expense and accretion charges	652	731	2,101	1,935	2,041	2,765	2,784	3,839
Interest and other income	(2,917)	(10,611)	(1,630)	(1,702)	(1,529)	(1,987)	(2,184)	(1,362)
Loss on prepayment of credit facility	-	-	834	-	-	-	-	-
Loss (gain) on sale of marketable securities	(2,973)	(765)	(349)	(1,004)	816	-	-	-
Loss on equipment disposal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	701
Premium paid on redemption of royalty obligation	-	-	1,302	-	-	-	-	-
Realized loss on derivative instrument	-	3,881	7,661	7,762	3,568	-	-	-
Stock-based compensation	1,176	1,110	5,454	2,385	1,073	1,581	657	1,054
	4,870	(3,442)	18,805	12,661	4,715	(3,372)	7,284	6,468
<b>Earnings (loss) before other items</b>	<b>12,595</b>	<b>20,827</b>	<b>14,305</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>4,658</b>	<b>20,050</b>	<b>(678)</b>	<b>(46,946)</b>
<b>Other Items:</b>								
Gain (loss) on contribution to the joint venture	(3,363)	-	97,382	-	-	-	-	-
Unrealized gain (loss) on derivative instruments	(5,015)	8,910	7,491	(4,237)	(8,829)	(2,709)	-	-
<b>Earnings (loss) before income taxes</b>	<b>4,217</b>	<b>29,737</b>	<b>119,178</b>	<b>(1,237)</b>	<b>(4,171)</b>	<b>17,341</b>	<b>(678)</b>	<b>(46,946)</b>
Income tax expense (recovery)	2,839	(15,703)	42,729	766	(1,822)	5,936	(4,186)	(7,303)
<b>Earnings (loss) for the period</b>	<b>1,378</b>	<b>45,440</b>	<b>76,449</b>	<b>(2,003)</b>	<b>(2,349)</b>	<b>11,405</b>	<b>3,508</b>	<b>(39,643)</b>
Earnings (loss) per share – basic	0.01	0.24	0.42	(0.01)	(0.01)	0.07	0.02	(0.29)
Earnings (loss) per share – diluted	0.01	0.24	0.40	(0.01)	(0.01)	0.06	0.02	(0.26)



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### 1.4 Results of Operations

The results of operations reported for the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2010 reflect the Company's 75% interest in the new Joint Venture from the inception date of April 1, 2010. Sales and production volumes reflected below are on a 100% basis unless otherwise indicated.

#### *Three months ended September 30, 2010*

During the three months ended September 30, 2010 ("Q3 2010"), Taseko generated operating profit of \$17.5 million compared to \$9.4 million during the three months ended September 30, 2009 ("Q3 2009") and earnings before tax and other items of \$12.6 million for Q3 2010, compared to a profit before tax and other items of \$4.7 million for Q3 2009. Other items include an unrealized (non-cash) mark-to-market loss of \$5.0 million, attributable to derivative instruments related to the copper hedging program. This compares to an unrealized loss of \$8.8 million in Q3 2009, resulting in a decrease in the fair market valuation of the copper hedging program. In addition, the Company recorded a purchase price adjustment in the amount of \$3,363 related to the formation of the Joint Venture during the quarter.

During the three months ended September 30, 2010, the Company had cash outflows from operating activities of \$35.4 million, this compared to an outflow of \$5.7 million for Q3 2009.

The Company recognized revenues of \$37.5 million in Q3 2010, compared to \$40.1 million in the same period in fiscal 2009. Revenues consisted of copper concentrate sales of \$32.9 million (Q3 2009 – \$34.7 million), molybdenum concentrate sales of \$3.2 million (Q3 2009 – \$3.0 million), silver concentrate sales of \$0.3 million (Q3 2009 – \$Nil), and copper cathode sales of \$1.1 million (Q3 2009 - \$2.4 million). For Q3 2010, 11.5 million pounds of copper were sold by the Gibraltar Mine compared to 12.7 million pounds of copper for Q3 2009. The average price per pound of copper sold increased to US\$3.76 per pound for Q3 2010, up from US\$2.65 per pound for Q3 2009. Molybdenum sales from the Gibraltar Mine were 0.3 million pounds for Q3 2010 compared to 0.1 million pounds for Q3 2009. The average price per pound of molybdenum sold increased to US\$15.89 per pound for Q3 2010, up from US\$12.37 per pound for Q3 2009.

Despite the higher realized prices for copper, there was slight decrease in revenue in Q3 2010 over the same quarter last year due to the Company's 75% joint venture allocation of the total revenues from the Gibraltar Joint Venture. In addition, approximately 16.3 million lbs of copper concentrate remained in the Gibraltar Mine ending inventory at September 30, 2010. The Company received a partial payment for a portion of the inventory (approximately \$16 million) prior to the quarter end, this amount was classified as deferred revenue at quarter end. The shipment occurred four days after the period end.

Cost of sales for Q3 2010 were \$18.9 million, compared to \$29.1 million for Q3 2009. Cost of sales for Q3 2010 consists of total production cost of \$27.4 million (Q3 2009 – \$27.7 million) and a credit concentrate inventory adjustment of \$12.5 million (Q3 2009 – credit \$3.2 million). Also included in cost of sales are transportation and treatment costs, which were \$4.0 million for Q3 2010 (Q3 2009 – \$4.6 million). In total, the increase in production costs at Gibraltar Mine is in line with the increase in production volumes, which increased by 30% over the same quarter of last year. The decrease in total production costs reported for the current quarter reflects the Company's 75% joint venture allocation of



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the total production costs. The higher credit inventory adjustment to cost of sales during the period was the result of higher ending inventory levels at quarter end.

Amortization expense for Q3 2010 was \$1.2 million compared to \$1.7 million in Q3 2009. The decrease was due to the lower net expense reflecting the Company's 75% joint venture allocation of the total amortization costs. Mining and milling assets are amortized using the units of production method based on tons mined and tons milled during the period and divided by the estimated tonnage to be mined and milled in the mine plan.

Exploration expenses increased to \$3.6 million in Q3 2010 compared to \$0.8 million in Q3 2009, due to a higher level of exploration activity at the Company's Prosperity and Aley projects (see Section 1.2.2).

General and administrative ("G&A") costs increased to \$3.1 million in Q3 2010 from \$1.8 million in Q3 2009. The increase is primarily due to higher staffing levels supporting the current and projected growth of the business.

Stock-based compensation was \$1.2 million in Q3 2010 compared to \$1.1 million in Q3 2009.

Interest and other income increased to \$2.9 million as compared to \$1.5 million in Q3 2009. The increase is primarily due to the higher amounts of interest being earned on the increased cash position in the 2010 period.

Interest expense and interest accretion decreased to \$0.7 million in Q3 2010 compared to \$1.9 million in Q3 2009 due to the redemption of the Company's convertible bonds during fiscal 2009, and the repayment of the Credit Suisse loan facility.

The Company recorded a foreign exchange loss of \$2.0 million for Q3 2010 compared to a gain of \$3.1 million in Q3 2009. This was due to the Company having fewer US denominated liabilities, when compared to the same quarter of the prior year.

The Company recognized a gain of \$3.0 million on the sale of marketable securities during the period, compared to a loss of \$0.8 million in the same period last year.

Under the existing hedging contracts no realized losses were recorded for Q3 2010 (Q3 2009 – loss \$3.6 million), but the Company recorded an unrealized loss of \$5.0 million for the period (Q3 2009 – loss of \$8.8 million) as a result of the decrease in the fair value of the Company's derivative financial instruments, and the settlement of various transactions under these contracts in the first two quarters of 2010.

Current income taxes recovery in the quarter of \$3.6 million (Q3 2009 – recovery of \$1.2 million) and future income tax expense of \$6.5 million (Q3 2009 – recovery of \$0.6 million) were recorded for Q3 2010. The current income tax recovery is mostly due to the ability of the company to reduce current taxes through the reduction of its existing tax pools. This was offset by the increase in future income tax expense in the quarter and an increase in net future income tax liabilities.



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*Nine months ended September 30, 2010*

Taseko generated operating profit of \$68.0 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2010, compared to \$32.7 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2009. The Company's earnings before tax and other items was \$47.7 million, compared to \$24.0 million for the same period in prior year. Other items include a gain on the contribution to the Joint Venture of \$94.0 million (2009 - \$nil) and an unrealized (non-cash) mark-to-market gain attributable to derivative instruments related to the copper hedging program of \$11.4 million (2009 unrealized loss of \$11.5 million).

The Company had a cash inflow on operating activities of \$55.3 million as compared to an outflow of \$16.4 million for the same nine months in the prior year. The increase in cash inflows primarily result from the increase in sales over the same period of the prior year. The cash outflow from operating activities during the nine months ended September 30, 2009 resulted in part from paying off the negative pricing adjustments that occurred in fiscal 2008 that were settled during Q1 2009.

The Company reported revenues of \$169.5 million for the first nine months of 2010, compared to \$132.9 million in the same period in fiscal 2009. Revenues consisted of copper concentrate sales of \$156.9 million (2009 - \$119.6 million), molybdenum concentrate sales of \$9.5 million (2009 - \$8.1 million), silver concentrate sales of \$1.6 million (2009 - \$1.4 million), and copper cathode sales of \$1.5 million (2009 - \$3.8 million). The increase in revenue was the result of higher copper shipments in 2010 as well as a higher average realized copper price. In 2010, 52.7 million pounds of copper (concentrate and cathode) were sold by Gibraltar Mine compared to 51.4 million pounds of copper (concentrate and cathode) for 2009. The average price per pound of copper sold increased to US\$3.37 per pound for 2010, up from US\$2.06 per pound for 2009. Molybdenum sales were 0.6 million pounds for 2010 which matched the 0.6 million pounds for 2009. The average price per pound of molybdenum sold increased to US\$16.29 per pound for 2010, up from US\$11.69 per pound for the corresponding period in 2009.

Cost of sales was \$95.8 million for the first three quarters of fiscal 2010, compared to \$94.5 million for the same period in fiscal 2009. Cost of sales includes total production cost of \$89.3 million (2009 - \$77.7 million) and a credit concentrate inventory adjustment of \$12.5 million (Q3 2009 - credit adjustment of \$1.6 million). Also included in cost of sales is transportation and treatment costs, which were \$19.0 million for 2010 (2009 - \$18.4 million).

Amortization expense was \$5.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010, which matches the \$5.7 million for the same period in fiscal 2009.

Exploration expenses were \$6.1 million, compared to \$1.9 million for the same period in 2009. The increase is due to a higher level of exploration activity at the Company's Prosperity and Aley projects (see Section 1.2.2).

General and administrative ("G&A") costs were \$9.2 million for the nine months of fiscal 2010, compared to \$6.2 million for the same period in fiscal 2009. The increase is due to higher staffing levels and support costs associated with the growth within the Company.

Stock-based compensation for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 was \$7.7 million, compared to \$3.3 million for the same period in fiscal 2009. The increase is mainly due to the newly granted options in fiscal 2010.



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Interest and other income was \$15.2 million during the first three quarters of fiscal 2010, compared to \$5.7 million for the same period in fiscal 2009. The increase is primarily due to the interest expense recovery of \$8.1 million during the previous quarter, associated with the reversal of a provision for tax liabilities.

Interest expense was \$3.5 million for the nine months of fiscal 2010, compared to \$7.6 million for the same period in fiscal 2009. The decrease is due to the redemption of the Company's convertible bonds during fiscal 2009 and repayment of a credit facility at the end of Q1 2010.

The Company recorded a foreign exchange gain of \$1.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010, compared to a gain of \$8.1 million for the same period in fiscal 2009. The change year-over-year is due to the Company having repaid the long-term credit facility in the first quarter of this year, resulting in a significant decrease in its US-dollar denominated liabilities at September 30, 2010.

The Company recognized a gain of \$4.0 million on the sale of marketable securities during the nine month period, compared to a loss of \$0.8 million in the same period last year.

The Company recorded a realized loss of \$11.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 (Q3 2009 - \$3.6 million) and an unrealized gain of \$11.4 million, compared to an unrealized loss of \$11.5 million for the same period last year. This results from the fair market valuation of various call and put option contracts with three separate counter parties and the settlement of the transactions under the contracts during the nine month period.

The Company recognized current income tax expense of \$4.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010, compared to an income tax expense of \$1.5 million for the same period in the prior year. The expense is derived from income from operations, proceeds from the Cariboo transaction and a reversal of historical tax reserves. The Company also recorded a future income tax expense of \$25.5 million (Q3 2009 – recovery of \$1.6 million), due to the reduction in tax pools available used to reduce taxable income from the Cariboo transaction and mine operations.

### 1.6 Liquidity

At September 30, 2010, the Company had cash and equivalents of \$195.4 million, as compared to \$35.1 million at December 31, 2009. In addition, the Company had working capital of \$181.6 million, as compared to working capital of \$17.1 million at December 31, 2009. The increase in working capital was primarily a result of the proceeds from the sale of the 25% interest in the Joint Venture to Cariboo and the prepayment of its long term debt facility and the current portion related thereto.

Management anticipates that sales from copper and molybdenum concentrate and copper cathode, along with the various financing activities disclosed in Section 1.7 *Capital Resources*, and cash management strategies will be sufficient to fund current operations and satisfy obligations as they come due. Management continuously monitors all commitments and planned expenditures necessary to maintain operational and capital spending objectives for the fiscal year.

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*Liquidity Risk*

The Company ensures that there is sufficient capital in order to meet short-term business requirements, after taking into account cash flows from operations and the Company's holdings of cash and equivalents. The Company believes that these sources will be sufficient to cover the likely short and long term cash requirements. The Company's cash and equivalents are invested in business bank accounts with a major Canadian financial institution and are available on demand for the Company's programs.

The following are the maturities of contractual obligations (in thousands of Canadian dollars):

<b>As at September 30, 2010</b>	<b>Contractual Obligations</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>Over 3 years</b>
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 23,435	\$ 23,435	\$ –	\$ –	\$ –
Amounts due to a related party	178	178	–	–	–
Capital lease obligations	12,992	1,194	3,945	3,907	3,946
Long-term equipment loan	21,404	1,486	5,942	7,449	6,527
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 58,009</b>	<b>\$ 26,293</b>	<b>\$ 9,887</b>	<b>\$ 11,356</b>	<b>\$ 10,473</b>

The Company is also committed to equipment financing in relation to expansion activities at the Gibraltar Mine in the amount of \$9.6 million. This represents the Company's 75% allocation for the financing arrangements relating to the purchase of four new haul trucks, the first two have been commissioned, with the remaining two by the end of December, 2010.

The Company also has purchase orders in the normal course of operations for capital equipment. The orders have specific delivery dates and financing of this equipment will be through existing cash resources.

Other than those obligations disclosed in the notes to the consolidated financial statements for the nine months ended September 30, 2010, the Company has no other material capital commitments for capital expenditures, long-term debt, capital lease obligations, operating leases or any other long-term obligations.

## **1.7 Capital Resources**

The Company's primary sources of liquidity and capital resources are our cash flow provided from operations as well as equity and debt financings.

*Debt Financings*

In February 2009, the Company entered into and drew down a US\$30 million 36-month term facility agreement (the "Facility") with Credit Suisse. During Q3 2009, the Company and Credit Suisse, as Facility Agent, and Investec Bank plc amended the Facility to increase the existing Facility by an additional US\$20 million and the Company drew these additional funds. Under the amended facility agreement, the US\$50 million Facility was repayable commencing April 2010 and every second month thereafter in equal installments of US\$4.2 million until February 2012. The Facility interest rate was



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LIBOR plus 5 percent and was due and payable bi-monthly. The long-term credit facility security provided under the terms of the relevant agreement included certain equipment of the Gibraltar Mine, a general security pledge, and the treatment and refining off-take agreement in addition to a corporate guarantee.

In Q1 2010, the Company prepaid the Facility without penalty. A loss of \$0.8 million was recorded in the Company's statement of operations as a result of the prepayment of the Facility and the requirement to simultaneously expense deferred financing costs.

In September 2010, the Joint Venture entered into a 5-year capital lease agreement to finance the purchase of a new haul truck for the Gibraltar Mine in the amount of \$4.3 million. The terms of the lease require monthly installments of approximately \$83,000 beginning in October 2010 and ending in August, 2015, at a nominal annual interest rate of 5.99%. The Company guaranteed this financing.

In September 2010, the Joint Venture entered into a new 48-month term equipment loan to finance the purchase of a new shovel for the Gibraltar Mine in the amount of \$18.8 million. The loan is secured by the underlying shovel at the Gibraltar Mine. The loan is repayable in monthly installments of approximately \$435,000 beginning in September 2010 through to August 2014. The loan bears a fixed interest rate of 5.349% and is guaranteed by the Company and Cariboo.

### *Equity Financings*

See Section 1.11 Proposed Transactions below

### *Other Financings*

During the prior fiscal year, the Company entered into an agreement with an unrelated investment partnership, Gibraltar Royalty Limited Partnership ("GRLP"). Gibraltar sold to GRLP a royalty for \$6.5 million.

Annual royalties were payable by Gibraltar to GRLP at rates ranging from \$0.003 per pound to \$0.004 per pound of copper produced during the period from September 1, 2009 to December 31, 2030 (the "Royalty Period"). These royalty payments were to be recognized as an expense during the period.

The Company classified the principal balance of royalty obligation as a financial liability to be settled in a future period. The Company had a pre-emptive option to repurchase ("call") the royalty obligation by acquiring the GRLP partnership units after March 1, 2010 to December 31, 2012 in consideration of a payment equal to the funds received by the Company plus a 20% premium payable in the Company's shares or cash. GRLP also had a right to sell ("put") its GRLP partnership units to the Company at fair value after April 1, 2010 to December 31, 2012. However, this "put" right was subject to the Company's pre-emptive right to exercise the "call" in advance of any "put" being exercised and completed.

In Q1 2010, the Company exercised its "call" option through the issuance of 1,556,355 shares of the Company and recognized an expense of \$1.3 million related to a premium on early redemption.

### **1.8 Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

None.

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**1.9 Transactions with Related Parties**

Hunter Dickinson Services Inc. ("HDSI") (formerly Hunter Dickinson Inc.) is a private company which until recently was owned equally by several public companies, one of which is Taseko. During the first quarter of the current fiscal year, the Company sold its interest in HDSI for nominal value. HDSI has certain directors in common with the Company and carries out geological, engineering, corporate development, administrative, financial management, investor relations, and other management activities for, and incurs third party costs on behalf of the Company. On July 2, 2010, the HDSI services agreement was modified and services are now provided based on annually set hourly rates.

Costs for services rendered and costs incurred on behalf of the Company by HDSI during the quarter ended September 30, 2010 were \$0.9 million, as compared to \$0.6 million in Q3 2009. Costs for the nine month period ended September 30, 2010 were \$2.1 million (2009 – \$2.1 million).

Under the terms of the Joint Venture Operating Agreement, the Joint Venture pays a management fee to the Company for services rendered by the Company to the Joint Venture as operator of the Gibraltar Mine. During the nine month ended September 30, 2010, the Company earned \$1.5 million in management fees of which 25% in the amount \$0.38 million (2009 – nil) was recorded in the Company's accounts as other income.

**1.10 Fourth Quarter**

Not applicable.

**1.11 Proposed Transactions**

*Franco-Nevada Gold Stream Transaction*

On May 12, 2010, the Company announced it had entered into an arrangement (the "Arrangement") with Franco-Nevada Corporation ("Franco-Nevada") to sell 22% of the gold to be produced from the Prosperity Project. Commencing with the construction of the Prosperity Mine, the Company will receive from Franco-Nevada funding totaling US\$350 million. Upon delivery of the gold to Franco Nevada, once Prosperity is in production, a fixed price payment will be made to the Company equal to the lesser of US\$400/oz. and the spot price at the time of sale (subject to a 1.0 % annual compounding adjustment starting on the 4th anniversary of the Arrangement).

Under terms of the Arrangement, the unpaid amount of the Deposit will remain refundable until it is reduced to nil. The Deposit will be reduced by an amount equal to the difference between the spot price of gold and the USD\$400/oz fixed price and multiplied by the total ounces of gold delivered to Franco-Nevada. If at the end of the initial 40-year term of the Arrangement, the Deposit has not been reduced to nil, the Company will refund the outstanding portion of the Deposit to Franco-Nevada.



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### *At-the-Market Equity Financing*

Subsequent to September 30, 2010, the Company obtained a receipt in respect of the final short-form base shelf prospectus from regulatory authorities. The shelf registration will, subject to securities regulatory requirements, allow the Company to make offerings of common shares, warrants, subscription receipts, debt securities, or any combination of such securities up to an aggregate offering price of \$300 million during the 25 month period that the final short form base shelf prospectus, including any amendments thereto, remains effective.

During October, the Company filed a prospectus supplement to its final base shelf prospectus, with regulatory authorities. The Company also entered into an 'At the Market Issuance Agreement', with a third party, under which the Company may, at its discretion, from time to time sell up to a maximum of 18,600,000 of its common shares through "at-the-market" ("ATM") issuance. The third party will act as sales agent for any sales made under the ATM. The common shares will be sold at market prices prevailing at the time of a sale. The Company is not required to sell any of the reserved shares at any time during the term of the ATM, which extends until November 1, 2012, and there are no fees for having established the arrangement. The ATM Issuance Agreement does not prohibit the Company from conducting other financings.

### **1.12 Critical Accounting Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian GAAP requires companies to establish accounting policies and to make estimates that affect both the amount and timing of recording of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses. Some of these estimates require judgments about matters that are inherently uncertain.

On an ongoing basis, management reviews its estimates, including those related to revenue recognition, asset retirement obligations ("ARO"), mineral resources and reserves, depletion, depreciation and impairment, income taxes, stock-based compensation, inventories and the copper hedging program. Actual results could differ from these estimates. The discussion of the accounting policies that require management's estimates can be found on pages 18 to 21 of the Company's 2009 Annual MD&A. These have not materially changed since December 31, 2009.

### **1.13 Change in Accounting Policies including Initial Adoption**

#### *(a) New Accounting Standards adopted:*

As a result of the Company's joint venture over the Gibraltar Mine on March 31, 2010, the Company has adopted the following standard on a prospective basis with no restatement to prior period financial statements.

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*CICA 3055 – “Interests in Joint Ventures”*

The Company's interests in jointly controlled assets are accounted for using proportionate consolidation. The Company combines its share of the joint venture's individual income and expenses, assets and liabilities and cash flows on a line-by-line basis with similar items in the Company's financial statements. The Company recognizes the portion of gains or losses on the sale of assets by the Company to the joint venture that is attributable to the other venturers. The Company does not recognize its share of profits or losses from the joint venture that result from the Company's purchase of assets from the joint venture until it resells the assets to an independent party. However, a loss on the transaction is recognized immediately if the loss provides evidence of a reduction in the net realizable value of current assets, or an impairment loss.

*(b) New Accounting Standards Not Yet Adopted:*

*(i) Business Combinations/Consolidated Financial Statements/Non-Controlling Interests*

The AcSB issued CICA Sections 1582, *Business Combinations*, 1601, *Consolidated Financial Statements*, and 1602, *Non-Controlling Interests* which superseded current Sections 1581, *Business Combinations* and 1600 *Consolidated Financial Statements*. These new Sections replace existing guidance on business combinations and consolidated financial statements to harmonize Canadian accounting for business combinations with IFRS. These Sections will be applied prospectively to business combinations for which the acquisition date is on or after the beginning of the first annual reporting period beginning on or after January 1, 2011. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of the adoption of these changes on its consolidated financial statements.

*ii) Transition to International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”)*

The AcSB confirmed in February 2008 that International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”) will replace Canadian generally accepted accounting principles (“GAAP”) for publicly accountable enterprises for financial periods beginning on and after January 1, 2011.

Accordingly, the Company will be required to present its financial statements in accordance with IFRS for its fiscal year beginning January 1, 2011. As the comparative period ending December 31, 2010 will also require presentation in accordance with IFRS, the Company's transition date for converting to IFRS is January 1, 2010 (the “Transition Date”). The following discussion provides further information about the Company's IFRS convergence activities.

**Management of IFRS Convergence Project**

The Company has begun the process of transitioning from GAAP to IFRS. It has established a formal project plan, allocated internal resources and engaged expert consultants, monitored by a Steering Committee to manage the transition from GAAP to IFRS reporting. The Steering Committee regularly updates the Audit Committee and the Board of Directors with the progress of the convergence project through communication and meetings.

The Company is in the process of evaluating its overall readiness to transition from GAAP to IFRS including the readiness of its staff, Board of Directors, Audit Committee and auditors. The IFRS

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convergence project instituted consists of three primary phases, which in certain cases will occur concurrently as IFRS is applied to specific areas:

- Phase 1 - Initial Scoping and Impact Assessment Analysis: to isolate key areas that will be impacted by the transition to IFRS.
- Phase 2 - Evaluation and Design: to identify specific changes required to existing accounting policies, information systems and business processes, together with an analysis of policy alternatives allowed under IFRS and development of draft IFRS financial statements.
- Phase 3 - Implementation and Review: to execute the changes to information systems and business processes, completing formal authorization processes to approve recommended accounting policy changes and training programs across the Company's finance and other staff, as necessary. This will culminate in the collection of financial information necessary to compile IFRS compliant financial statements, including embedding IFRS principles in business processes, and Audit Committee review and approval of the financial statements.

The Company is now in the evaluation and design phase having completed most of the initial scoping and impact assessment in Q4 2009. A detailed timetable has been prepared to manage the transition and to monitor the progress of the transition project. At the date of preparing this MD&A, the Steering Committee has presented the project plan and its initial scoping and impact assessment to the Audit Committee. We expect to complete the quantification of financial statement impacts by the end of Q4 2010.

**First-time Adoption of International Financial Reporting Standards**

IFRS 1, *First-time Adoption of International Financial Reporting Standards* ("IFRS 1"), sets forth guidance for the initial adoption of IFRS. Commencing for the period ended March 31, 2011 the Company will restate its comparative fiscal 2010 financial statements for annual and interim periods to be consistent with IFRS. In addition, the Company will reconcile equity and net earnings from the previously reported fiscal 2010 GAAP amounts to the restated 2010 IFRS amounts.

IFRS generally requires that first-time adopters retrospectively apply all IFRS standards and interpretations in effect as at the first annual reporting date. IFRS 1 provides for certain mandatory exceptions and optional exemptions to this general principle.

The Company anticipates using the following IFRS 1 optional exemptions:

- to apply the requirements of IFRS 3, *Business Combinations*, prospectively from the Transition Date;
- to apply the requirements of IFRS 2, *Share-based Payments*, to equity instruments granted which had not vested as of the Transition Date;
- to apply the borrowing cost exemption and apply IAS 23, *Borrowing Costs*, prospectively from the Transition Date; and
- to elect not to comply with IFRIC 1, *Changes in Existing Decommissioning, Restoration and Similar Liabilities*, for changes in such liabilities that occurred before the Transition Date.

Changes to estimates previously made are not permitted. The estimates previously made by the Company under GAAP will not be revised for application of IFRS except where necessary to reflect any changes resulting from differences in accounting policies.

### **Impact of Adoption of IFRS on Financial Reporting**

While GAAP is in many respects similar to IFRS, conversion will result in differences in recognition, measurement, and disclosure in the financial statements. Based on a high-level scoping assessment, the following financial statement areas are expected to be significantly impacted:

#### **Property, Plant and Equipment (PP&E)**

Under IAS 16, *Property, Plant and Equipment*, are recognized initially at cost if it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the entity and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. Costs include all expenditures directly attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management. There is no specific guidance in IFRS relating to deferred stripping costs during the production phase. However, these types of costs do meet the definition of an asset under IAS 16 given that the Company's current accounting policy is to capitalize these costs since it provides a probable future economic benefit or a betterment (which implies future economic benefit).

Under IAS 16, each part of an item of PP&E with a cost that is significant in relation to the total cost of the item shall be depreciated separately. In order to meet this requirement, componentization is generally required. The Company does not currently componentize to the same level as would be required under IFRS. Componentization would be required only to the extent that different depreciation methods or rates are appropriate and those components are material. In addition major inspections or overhaul costs are identified and accounted for as a separate component under IFRS if that component is used for more than one period. The Company does not currently have a policy for major overhaul costs. Practically, this should be factored into the determination of the components of PP&E.

#### **Income Taxes**

IAS 12, *Income Taxes*, requires the recognition of deferred tax assets or liabilities for all deductible and taxable temporary differences except for temporary differences created in a transaction that is:

- (a) not a business combination and
- (b) at the time of the transaction, affects neither accounting profit nor taxable profit.

Under GAAP, the Company recognizes a deferred tax liability on temporary differences arising on the initial recognition of the Aley mineral property interest and Oakmont net profit interest (where the accounting basis of the asset acquired exceeded its tax basis) in a transaction which was not a business combination and affected neither accounting profit/(loss) nor taxable profit/(loss).

As of the Transition Date, the Company will derecognize all deferred tax liabilities which had been previously recognized on the initial acquisition of the Aley mineral property interest and the Oakmont net profit interest since these transactions are deemed not to be a business combination and affected neither accounting profit/(loss) nor taxable profit/(loss) with a corresponding reduction in the related asset.

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In addition, a deferred tax asset is recognized to the extent it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which the deductible temporary differences can be utilized. Under GAAP, tax assets are recognized if it is more likely than not. Probable is not defined in IAS 12. However, entities have often used a definition of more likely than not similar to GAAP. However, IAS 12 does not preclude a higher threshold. Accordingly, a difference will not result as long as the Company uses more likely than not as its definition of probable.

**Impairment of Assets**

Per IAS 36, *Impairment of Assets*, an entity shall assess at the end of each reporting period whether there is any indication that an asset may be impaired. If any such indication exists, the entity should estimate the recoverable amount of the asset. The indicators of impairment are generally consistent with those of GAAP. An asset should be written down to its recoverable amount if the recoverable amount is less than its carrying value.

The recoverable amount is equal to the higher of the fair value less cost to sell and its value in use. It is not necessary to determine both if one indicates no impairment exists. The value in use is based on a discounted cash flow model. This approach is different than GAAP (i.e. one step model under IFRS compared to two step model under GAAP).

To the extent possible, individual assets should be tested for impairment. However, if it is not possible to determine the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an entity should determine the recoverable amount of the Cash Generating Unit ("CGU") to which the asset belongs. The definition of a CGU is different from the Canadian definition of an Asset Group.

In addition, the Company has in the past written down mineral property amounts for certain mineral properties. Under IAS 36, the Company would be required to reconsider whether there is any indication that an impairment loss recognized in a prior period may no longer exist or has decreased on transition and thereafter on an annual basis. If such indicators exist, a new recoverable amount should be calculated and all or part of the impairment charge should be reversed to the extent the recoverable amount exceeds its carrying value. This is different than GAAP where write ups are not permitted.

**Asset Retirement Obligations ("ARO")**

Under IAS 37, *Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets*, an ARO is recognized when there is a legal or constructive obligation to restore a site for damage that has already occurred, it is probable a restoration expense will be incurred and the cost can be estimated reliably. This is different than GAAP where only legal obligations are considered.

Cost includes the cost of dismantling and removing items and restoring the site on which they are located, the obligation for which is incurred either when the items are acquired or as a consequence of having used the items during a particular period for purposes other than to produce inventories. This is different from GAAP where all change in ARO are recognized as a cost of the related asset.

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Under IFRS, the amount recognized as a provision shall be the best estimate of the expenditures required to settle the present obligation. This is significantly different from GAAP where third party costs are required. Under IAS 37, the provision would be based on management's best estimate. This estimate could be a third party cost if it is management's intention to hire a third party to complete the work or an internal estimate of the cost if the Company intends to use its own equipment and resources to do this work.

Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the amount of the provision should be the present value of the expenditures expected to be required to settle the obligation. This is consistent with GAAP. However, the discount rate used would be a pre-tax rate specific to the liability rather than the Company's credit adjusted risk free rate and should not reflect risks for which the future cash flow estimates have been adjusted. Unwinding of the discount (i.e. accretion) is included in finance costs.

The ARO provision should be reviewed at the end of each reporting period and adjusted to reflect the current best estimate. Changes may result from changes in the amount or timing of the cash outflows or changes in discount rates. This is different from GAAP where changes in discount rates alone would not result in a change in the ARO. Accordingly, the Company will need to assess the discount rate applicable to the ARO on an ongoing basis. As the Company has elected to apply the IFRS exemption related to asset retirement obligations, the Company will not retroactively adjust the obligation on transition for changes in discount rate that may have occurred from time to time.

**IFRS Impact on Our Organization**

The conversion to IFRS will impact the way the Company presents its financial results. The first financial statements prepared using IFRS (i.e. interim financial statements for the three months ended March 31, 2011) will be required to include numerous notes disclosing extensive transitional information and full disclosure of all new IFRS accounting policies.

The Company has obtained an understanding of IFRS from intensive training of its finance personnel. Further, our finance personnel include employees who have prepared financial statements under IFRS previously.

The Company is currently evaluating the impact of the conversion on its accounting systems and has not determined whether significant changes to its accounting systems are required. The Company expects to complete this evaluation by Q4 2010.

In addition, the Company will evaluate its internal and disclosure control processes as a result of its conversion to IFRS, assess the impacts of adopting IFRS on its contractual arrangements to identify any material compliance issues such as its debt covenants and other commitments and consider the impacts the transition will have on its internal planning process and compensation arrangements. The Company expects to complete this evaluation by Q4 2010.

**1.14 Financial Instruments and Other Instruments**

All financial instruments, including derivatives, are included on the Company's balance sheet and measured either at fair value or amortized cost. Changes in fair value are recognized in the statements of

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operations or accumulated other comprehensive income, depending on the classification of the related instruments.

All financial assets and liabilities are recognized when the entity becomes a party to the contract creating the asset or liability. All financial instruments are classified into one of the following categories: held for trading, held-to-maturity, loans and receivables, available-for-sale financial assets, or other financial liabilities. Please refer to note 3(d) of the audited consolidated financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009 for the list of the Company's financial instruments and their classifications.

The Company is exposed in varying degrees to financial instrument related risks. The Company's board of directors approves and monitors the risk management processes, including treasury policies, counterparty limits, controlling and reporting structures. The Company is exposed to the following risks from its financial instruments:

- a.) *Credit Risk* – Credit risk is the risk of potential loss to the Company if a customer or counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations. The Company is exposed to credit risk from its receivables and marketable securities. In general, the Company manages its credit exposure by transacting only with reputable counterparties. The Company monitors the financial condition of its customers and counterparties to contracts.
- b.) *Liquidity Risk* – The Company ensures that there is sufficient capital in order to meet short term business requirements, after taking into account cash flows from operations and the Company's holdings of cash and cash equivalents. The Company believes that these sources will be sufficient to cover the likely short and long term cash requirements.
- c.) *Market Risk* – The significant market risk exposures to which the Company is exposed are foreign exchange risk, interest rate risk and commodity price risk. These are discussed further below:

*i) Foreign exchange risk*

The Company's revenues from the production and sale of copper and molybdenum are denominated in US dollars. However the Company's operating expenses are primarily incurred in Canadian dollars and its liabilities are primarily denominated in Canadian dollars. The results of the Company's operations are subject to currency transaction risk and currency translation risk. The operating results and financial position of the Company are reported in Canadian dollars in the Company's consolidated financial statements. The fluctuation of the US dollar in relation to the Canadian dollar will consequently have an impact upon the profitability of the Company and may also affect the value of the Company's assets and the amount of shareholders' equity. The Company's revenues and treatment and transportation charges are substantially denominated in US dollars, whereas all other expenses are substantially denominated in Canadian dollars. The Company has not entered into any agreements or purchased any instruments to hedge possible currency risks at this time.

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*ii) Interest rate risk*

In respect of financial assets, the Company's policy is to invest cash at floating rates of interest and cash reserves are to be maintained in cash equivalents in order to maintain liquidity, while achieving a satisfactory return for shareholders. Fluctuations in interest rates impact on the value of cash equivalents and reclamation deposits.

In respect to financial liabilities, the long-term equipment loans carry fixed interest rates ranging between 5.349% and 8.6% per annum, and as such are not subject to fluctuations in interest rates. The royalty obligation is offset by a promissory note held by the Company.

*iii) Commodity price risk*

The value of the Company's mineral resource properties is related to the price of gold, copper, molybdenum and niobium and the outlook for these minerals. Gold, copper, molybdenum and niobium prices historically have fluctuated widely and are affected by numerous factors outside of the Company's control, including, but not limited to, industrial and retail demand, central bank lending, forward sales by producers and speculators, levels of worldwide production, short-term changes in supply and demand because of speculative hedging activities, and certain other factors related specifically to gold.

The profitability of the Company's operations is highly correlated to the market price of copper, molybdenum, niobium and gold. If metal prices decline for a prolonged period below the cost of production of the Gibraltar mine, it may not be economically feasible to continue production.

During fiscal 2009, the Company introduced a copper hedging program. The program is a part of the Company's risk management strategy and was conceived due to the copper price variability experienced in fiscal 2008 and the perceived need to mitigate the potential risks to revenue and operating margins.

The strategy used to manage copper price risk is called a "zero cost cap and collar" whereby the Company buys a copper "put" option and simultaneously sells an offsetting "call" option. During the period, the Company purchased a series of put options that sets a minimum price that the Company will realize for a portion of its copper production during the first six months of 2011. These put options are only exercised if the spot price declines below the put strike price of \$3.00/lb. The Company will continue to review its hedge position from time to time in light of prevailing market and economic conditions.

**1.15 Other MD&A Requirements**

Additional information relating to the Company, including the Company's Annual Information Form, is available on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

**1.15.1 Additional Disclosure for Venture Issuers without Significant Revenue**

Not applicable. The Company is not a Venture Issuer.

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**1.15.2 Disclosure of Outstanding Share Data**

The following details the share capital structure as at November 9, 2010, the date of this MD&A. These figures may be subject to minor accounting adjustments prior to presentation in future consolidated financial statements.

	Expiry date	Exercise price	Number	Number
Common shares				187,041,353
Share purchase option	24-Feb-11	\$4.50	26,000	
	28-Mar-11	\$2.18	310,000	
	28-Mar-11	\$2.63	40,000	
	22-Aug-11	\$4.09	15,000	
	10-Dec-11	\$1.00	1,063,800	
	24-Feb-12	\$3.07	165,000	
	24-Feb-12	\$4.50	135,000	
	30-Jul-12	\$2.17	26,000	
	15-Jan-13	\$4.77	982,000	
	10-Dec-13	\$1.00	2,546,000	
	12-Jan-14	\$1.15	2,000,334	
	21-Apr-14	\$1.71	1,446,167	
	2-Dec-14	\$4.14	150,000	
	5-Jan-15	\$4.46	1,925,000	
	15-Jan-15	\$4.77	150,000	
	28-Jan-15	\$5.00	210,000	
	16-Feb-15	\$4.59	120,000	
	6-Apr-15	\$5.39	100,000	
				11,410,301
Preferred shares redeemable into Taseko Mines Limited common shares				12,483,916

### **1.15.3 Internal Controls over Financial Reporting Procedures**

The Company's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal controls over financial reporting. Any system of internal controls over financial reporting, no matter how well designed, has inherent limitations. Therefore, even those systems determined to be effective can provide only reasonable assurance with respect to financial statement preparation and presentation.

On March 31, 2010, the Company entered into a Joint Venture Formation Agreement (the "JVFA") with Cariboo Copper Corp. Please refer to note 4 of the accompanying financial statements. In connection with the JVFA, the Company is updating its internal controls over financial reporting, as necessary, to reflect additional processes and controls. Other than the joint venture, there are no significant changes in internal controls over financial reporting that occurred during the period ended September 30, 2010, that could have materially affected or are reasonably likely to materially affect the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

### **1.15.4 Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

The Company has disclosure controls and procedures in place to provide reasonable assurance that any information required to be disclosed by the Company under securities legislation is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the applicable time periods and to ensure that required information is gathered and communicated to the Company's management so that decisions can be made about timely disclosure of that information.

### **1.15.5 Non GAAP Measures**

This document includes certain non-GAAP performance measures including "cash production costs" that do not have any standardized meaning prescribed by GAAP and may not be comparable to similar measures presented by other companies. The Company believes that these measures are commonly used, in conjunction with conventional GAAP measures, by certain investors to enhance their understanding of the Company's performance. The Company's use of these non-GAAP measures is intended to provide additional information that should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for performance measures prepared in accordance with GAAP. The table on the following page provides a reconciliation of the non-GAAP measures to reported GAAP measures.

### **1.15.6 Risk Factors**

A description of the Company's risks and uncertainties can be found on pages 33 to 36 of the Company's 2009 Annual MD&A. Risks to the Company reported in the Company's 2009 Annual MD&A include risks related to volatility in metals prices, financing risks, risks associated with the Company's exploration projects, exchange rate risk, uncertain project realization values, general mining risks, share price volatility risk, environmental risks and potential equity dilution risks. These risk factors have not materially changed since December 31, 2009.



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**Cash Production Cost**

The following table is a summary of operating statistics (100%) for the year to date:

	<b>Nine months ending September 30, 2010</b>
<b>GAAP operating costs (in thousands of CAD)</b>	<b>\$ 89,268</b>
Add: inventory adjustments	(12,478)
Less: molybdenum credits	(9,463)
Less: silver credits	(1,608)
Net operating costs (in thousands of CAD)	65,719
Total copper production (in thousands of lbs)	68,913
Cost per lb (CAD)	1.37
Average exchange rate	1.0362
<b>Cost per lb (USD)</b>	<b>\$ 1.33</b>
GAAP treatment and transportation costs (in thousands of CAD)	19,052
Treatment and transportation per lb of copper (in CAD)	0.32
Average exchange rate	1.0362
<b>Treatment and transportation cost per lb (in USD)</b>	<b>0.31</b>
<b>Total cash cost per lb of copper (in USD)</b>	<b>\$ 1.64</b>



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(Expressed in thousands of Canadian Dollars)

(Unaudited)

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## Interim Consolidated Balance Sheets

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	September 30 2010 (unaudited)	December 31 2009
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash and equivalents	\$ 195,417	\$ 35,082
Restricted cash (note 10)	2,603	3,153
Marketable securities and investments (note 5)	11,518	11,856
Accounts receivable	13,485	12,505
Inventory (note 6)	29,713	21,792
Prepaid expenses	1,493	2,112
Advances for equipment (note 15(a))	-	1,119
Current portion of promissory note	5,411	4,697
Asset under derivative instruments (note 12)	2,941	-
	262,581	92,316
<b>Advances for equipment</b> (note 15(a))	1,726	2,122
<b>Reclamation deposits</b>	23,179	29,421
<b>Promissory note</b>	71,285	73,400
<b>Mineral property interests, plant and equipment</b> (note 7)	291,132	337,836
	<b>\$ 649,903</b>	<b>\$ 535,095</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 23,435	\$ 14,821
Amounts due to a related party (note 8)	178	13
Current portion of long-term credit facility (note 11)	-	21,896
Current portion of long-term loan obligations (note 9)	8,397	5,782
Current portion of deferred revenue	16,654	175
Current portion of royalty obligations (note 13)	5,411	11,208
Liability under derivative instruments (note 12)	-	18,935
Income taxes payable	25,291	370
Current portion of future income taxes	1,632	1,979
	80,998	75,179
<b>Income taxes</b> (note 14)	2,078	32,299
<b>Royalty obligations</b> (note 13)	53,160	57,621
<b>Deferred revenue</b>	525	656
<b>Long-term credit facility</b> (note 11)	-	29,609
<b>Long-term loan obligations</b> (note 9)	22,512	16,916
<b>Site closure and reclamation obligation</b>	8,025	9,807
<b>Future income taxes</b>	42,326	16,315
	209,624	238,402
<b>Shareholders' equity</b>		
Share capital	337,434	323,734
Tracking preferred shares (note 17c)	26,642	26,642
Contributed surplus	25,961	20,318
Accumulated other comprehensive income	5,552	4,576
Retained earnings (deficit)	44,690	(78,577)
	440,279	296,693
Commitments (note 15)		
Subsequent events (note 17)		
	<b>\$ 649,903</b>	<b>\$ 535,095</b>

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

### Approved by the Board of Directors

/s/ Ronald W. Thiessen  
Ronald W. Thiessen  
Director

/s/ Russell E. Hallbauer  
Russell E. Hallbauer  
Director

# TASEKO MINES LIMITED

## Interim Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income

(Unaudited - Expressed in thousands of Canadian Dollars, except per share amounts)

	Three months ended		Nine months ended	
	September 30, 2010	September 30, 2009	September 30, 2010	September 30, 2009
<b>Revenue</b>				
Copper	\$ 34,320	\$ 37,117	\$ 160,038	\$ 124,866
Molybdenum	3,220	3,015	9,463	8,070
	37,540	40,132	169,501	132,936
<b>Cost of sales</b>	18,858	29,082	95,842	94,550
<b>Depletion, depreciation and amortization</b>	1,217	1,677	5,699	5,729
<b>Operating profit</b>	17,465	9,373	67,960	32,657
<b>Expenses (income)</b>				
Accretion of reclamation obligation	202	245	655	718
Exploration	3,619	805	6,119	1,888
Foreign exchange loss (gain)	1,972	(3,108)	(1,392)	(8,119)
Gain on convertible bond repurchase	–	(948)	–	(1,630)
General and administration	3,139	1,752	9,194	6,185
Interest accretion on convertible debt	–	156	–	1,260
Interest and other income	(2,917)	(1,529)	(15,158)	(5,700)
Interest expense	652	1,885	3,484	6,330
Loss (gain) on sale of marketable securities	(2,973)	816	(4,087)	816
Loss on prepayment of credit facility (note 11)	–	–	834	–
Premium paid on the redemption of royalty obligation (note 13)	–	–	1,302	–
Realized loss on derivative instruments (note 12)	–	3,568	11,542	3,568
Stock-based compensation	1,176	1,073	7,740	3,311
	4,870	4,715	20,233	8,627
Earnings before other items	12,595	4,658	47,727	24,030
Other items				
Gain (loss) on contribution to the joint venture (note 4)	(3,363)	–	94,019	–
Unrealized gain (loss) on derivative instruments (note 12)	(5,015)	(8,829)	11,386	(11,538)
Earnings (loss) before income taxes	4,217	(4,171)	153,132	12,492
Current income tax expense (recovery) (note 14)	(3,622)	(1,220)	4,341	1,542
Future income tax expense (recovery)	6,461	(602)	25,524	(1,614)
<b>Net earnings (loss) for the period</b>	\$ 1,378	\$ (2,349)	\$ 123,267	\$ 12,564
Other comprehensive income (loss)				
Unrealized gain (loss) on available-for-sale reclamation deposit	70	344	85	(661)
Unrealized gain on available-for-sale marketable securities	2,776	1,027	2,061	7,753
Reclassification of realized gain (loss) sale of marketable securities	–	936	(1,031)	936
Tax effect	(355)	(289)	(139)	(1,154)
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>	\$ 2,491	\$ 2,018	\$ 976	\$ 6,874
<b>Total comprehensive income (loss)</b>	\$ 3,869	\$ (331)	\$ 124,243	\$ 19,438
<b>Earnings (loss) per share</b>				
Basic	\$ 0.01	\$ (0.01)	\$ 0.66	\$ 0.07
Diluted	\$ 0.01	\$ (0.01)	\$ 0.64	\$ 0.07
<b>Weighted average number of common shares outstanding (expressed in thousands)</b>				
Basic	184,975	182,197	185,748	170,027
Diluted	192,419	182,197	193,192	176,301

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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## Interim Consolidated Statements of Shareholders' Equity

(Expressed in thousands of Canadian Dollars, except for per share and share amounts)

	Nine months ended September 30, 2010 <i>(unaudited)</i>		Year ended December 31, 2009	
<b>Common shares</b>				
	<u>Number of shares</u>		<u>Number of shares</u>	
Balance at beginning of the period	182,924,664	\$ 323,734	153,187,116	\$ 285,690
Share purchase options at \$1.00 per share	554,000	554	893,750	894
Share purchase options at \$1.15 per share	1,236,667	1,422	66,333	76
Share purchase options at \$1.71 per share	100,667	172	33,666	58
Share purchase options at \$1.90 per share	–	–	7,000	13
Share purchase options at \$2.07 per share	20,000	41	50,000	103
Share purchase options at \$2.18 per share	32,000	70	100,000	218
Share purchase options at \$3.07 per share	35,000	108	11,000	34
Share purchase options at \$4.03 per share	60,000	242	–	–
Share purchase options at \$4.50 per share	52,000	234	–	–
Share purchase options at \$4.77 per share	4,000	19	–	–
Fair value of stock options allocated to shares issued on exercise	–	2,097	–	2,108
Shares issued for the purchase of royalty interest (note 13)	1,556,355	7,813	–	–
Shares issued for donation	225,000	928	–	–
Equity financings at \$1.45 per share, net of issue costs	–	–	19,490,084	26,817
Warrants exercised	–	–	9,085,715	7,723
Balance at end of the period	186,800,353	337,434	182,924,664	323,734
<b>Equity component of convertible debt</b>				
Balance at beginning of the period		–		3,832
Repurchase of convertible bond		–		(3,832)
Balance at end of the period		–		–
<b>Tracking preferred shares</b>				
Balance at beginning and end of the period		26,642		26,642
<b>Contributed surplus</b>				
Balance at beginning of the period		20,318		14,561
Stock-based compensation		7,740		5,696
Repurchase of convertible bond		–		2,169
Fair value of stock options allocated to shares issued on exercise		(2,097)		(2,108)
Balance at end of the period		25,961		20,318
<b>Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)</b>				
Balance at beginning of the period		4,576		(6,680)
Unrealized gain (loss) on reclamation deposits		85		(1,040)
Unrealized gain on available-for-sale marketable securities		2,061		14,263
Reclassification of realized gain on sale of marketable securities		(1,031)		(188)
Tax effect		(139)		(1,779)
Balance at end of the period		5,552		4,576
<b>Retained earnings (deficit)</b>				
Balance at beginning of the period		(78,577)		(89,138)
Net earnings for the period		123,267		10,561
Balance at end of the period		44,690		(78,577)
<b>TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		<b>\$ 440,279</b>		<b>\$ 296,693</b>

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

# TASEKO MINES LIMITED

## Interim Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

(Unaudited - Expressed in thousands of Canadian Dollars)

	Three months ended		Nine months ended	
	September 30, 2010	September 30, 2009	September 30, 2010	September 30, 2009
<b>Operating activities</b>				
Net (loss) earnings for the period	\$ 1,378	\$ (2,349)	\$ 123,267	\$ 12,564
Items not involving cash				
Accretion of reclamation obligation	202	245	655	718
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	1,217	1,677	5,699	5,729
Unrealized foreign exchange loss (gain)	155	(4,050)	(1,723)	(7,876)
Future income taxes	6,461	(602)	25,524	(1,614)
Loss (gain) on contribution to the joint venture (note 4)	3,363	–	(94,019)	–
Gain on convertible debt repurchase	–	(948)	–	(1,630)
Loss (gain) on sale of marketable securities	(2,973)	816	(4,087)	816
Interest accretion on convertible debt	–	156	–	1,260
Interest accretion on long-term credit facility	–	128	211	293
Loss on prepayment of credit facility (note 11)	–	–	834	–
Non cash donation expense	425	–	928	–
Premium paid on the redemption of royalty obligation (note 13)	–	–	1,302	–
Site closure and reclamation expenditures	(45)	(66)	(85)	(1,045)
Stock-based compensation	1,176	1,073	7,740	3,311
Unrealized loss (gain) on derivative instruments	5,015	8,829	(11,386)	11,538
Changes in non-cash operating working capital				
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	8,110	1,076	8,614	(36,398)
Accounts receivable	11,196	266	(980)	(3,070)
Accrued interest recovery (expense) on royalty obligation	317	335	(3,747)	(2,379)
Accrued interest income on promissory note	(1,110)	(1,114)	1,401	85
Amounts due to a related party	2,104	364	165	(871)
Deferred revenue	16,436	3,953	16,348	3,865
Income taxes payable	(4,305)	(464)	(5,300)	1,406
Inventory	(14,498)	(4,988)	(13,158)	(2,123)
Asset/liability under derivative instruments	–	1,790	(3,160)	1,790
Prepaid expenses	740	(397)	235	(2,720)
Cash provided by (used for) operating activities	35,364	5,730	55,278	(16,351)
<b>Investing activities</b>				
Accrued interest income on reclamation deposits	(465)	(305)	(1,003)	(1,601)
Advances to joint venture (note 4)	(132)	–	(3,363)	–
Funds released from reclamation deposits	–	–	–	3,900
Funds released from restricted cash	(95)	2,326	514	4,400
Investment in derivative asset	(7,331)	–	(7,331)	–
Investment in marketable securities	(7,793)	(4,421)	(10,993)	(4,421)
Proceeds from contribution to the joint venture (note 4)	–	–	186,811	–
Proceeds from sale of marketable securities	14,049	3,565	16,449	3,565
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(26,115)	(1,769)	(38,417)	(14,327)
Reclamation deposits	–	(45)	–	(45)
Cash provided by (used for) investing activities	(27,882)	(649)	142,667	(8,529)
<b>Financing activities</b>				
Capital lease payments	(726)	(802)	(2,239)	(2,340)
Common shares issued for cash, net of issue costs	88	307	2,862	35,148
Principal repayment of loan obligations	(651)	–	(1,520)	–
Repayment of bank indebtedness	–	–	–	(5,737)
Proceeds from loan obligations	14,077	1,820	14,077	5,016
Proceeds from royalty obligation	–	6,511	–	6,511
Repayment (proceeds) of long term credit facility (note 11)	–	20,910	(50,790)	56,997
Re-purchase of convertible debt	–	(25,270)	–	(33,678)
Cash provided by (used for) financing activities	12,788	3,476	(37,610)	61,917
<b>Increase in cash and equivalents</b>	20,270	8,557	160,335	37,037
Cash and equivalents, beginning of period	175,147	33,067	35,082	4,587
<b>Cash and equivalents, end of period</b>	<b>\$ 195,417</b>	<b>\$ 41,624</b>	<b>\$ 195,417</b>	<b>\$ 41,624</b>

Supplemental cashflow information (note 16)

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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Notes to Interim Consolidated Financial Statements

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## 1. NATURE OF OPERATIONS AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION

Taseko Mines Limited (the "Company") is engaged in mining and mine development. The Company operates one mine, and holds two advanced stage projects and one exploration property, all located in British Columbia, Canada. These are the Gibraltar copper-molybdenum mine, the Prosperity gold-copper project, the Harmony gold project and the Aley niobium property.

These interim consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles. They do not include all the disclosures as required for annual financial statements under generally accepted accounting principles. These interim consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Company's annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2009, which are available through the internet on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

These interim consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its subsidiaries. Interests in joint ventures are accounted for using the proportionate consolidation method. Under this method, the Company includes in its accounts the Company's proportionate share of assets, liabilities, revenues, and expenses. These consolidated financial statements include the Company's pro-rata share of its 75% interest in the Gibraltar Joint Venture since its formation on March 31, 2010 (note 4).

All material intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated.

Operating results for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the full fiscal year ending December 31, 2010.

## 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These interim consolidated financial statements follow the same accounting policies and methods of application as the Company's most recent audited annual financial statements for the financial year ended December 31, 2009, except as described in note 3.

## 3. CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### (a) *New Accounting Standards Adopted:*

As a result of the Company's joint venture over the Gibraltar Mine (note 4) on March 31, 2010, the Company has adopted the following standard on a prospective basis.

#### *CICA 3055 – "Interests in Joint Ventures"*

The Company's interests in jointly controlled assets (note 4) are accounted for using proportionate consolidation. The Company combines its share of the joint venture's individual income and expenses, assets and liabilities and cash flows on a line-by-line basis with similar items in the Company's financial statements. The Company recognizes the portion of gains or losses on the

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sale of assets by the Company to the joint venture that is attributable to the other venturers. The Company does not recognize its share of profits or losses from the joint venture that result from the Company's purchase of assets from the joint venture until it resells the assets to an independent party. However, a loss on the transaction is recognized immediately if the loss provides evidence of a reduction in the net realizable value of current assets, or an impairment loss.

(b) *New Accounting Standards Not Yet Adopted:*

**(i) International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS")**

The Accounting Standards Board ("AcSB") has announced its decision to replace Canadian generally accepted accounting principles ("Canadian GAAP") with IFRS for all Canadian publicly-listed companies. The AcSB announced that the changeover date will commence for interim and annual financial statements relating to fiscal years beginning on or after January 1, 2011. The transition date for the Company to changeover to IFRS will be January 1, 2010. Therefore, the IFRS adoption will require the restatement for comparative purposes of amounts reported by the Company for the year ending December 31, 2010. The Company has already established a formal project plan, allocated internal resources and engaged expert consultants, monitored by a steering committee to manage the transition from Canadian GAAP to IFRS reporting.

**(ii) Business Combinations, Consolidated Financial Statements, Non-Controlling Interests**

The AcSB issued CICA Sections 1582, *Business Combinations*, 1601, *Consolidated Financial Statements*, and 1602, *Non-Controlling Interests*, which superseded current Sections 1581, *Business Combinations*, and 1600, *Consolidated Financial Statements*. These new Sections replace existing guidance on business combinations and consolidated financial statements to harmonize Canadian accounting for business combinations with IFRS. These Sections will be applied prospectively to business combinations for which the acquisition date is on or after the beginning of the first annual reporting period beginning on or after January 1, 2011. Earlier adoption is permitted. If an entity applies these Sections before January 1, 2011, it is required to disclose that fact and apply each of the new sections concurrently. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of the adoption of these changes on its consolidated financial statements.

## 4. GIBRALTAR JOINT VENTURE

On March 31, 2010 (the "Effective Date"), the Company entered into a Joint Venture Formation Agreement (the "JVFA") with Cariboo Copper Corp. ("Cariboo") to establish an unincorporated joint venture, the Gibraltar Joint Venture (the "Joint Venture"), over the Gibraltar Mine. The Company and Cariboo (the "Venturers") hold a 75% and a 25% beneficial interest in the Joint Venture, respectively.

Under the JVFA, the Company contributed certain assets and liabilities of the Gibraltar Mine with a deemed fair value of \$747,245 to the Joint Venture on the Effective Date. Cariboo paid the Company \$186,811 to acquire a 25% interest in the Joint Venture. The Company continues to be the operator of the Gibraltar Mine under a Joint Venture Operating Agreement.

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The assets and liabilities contributed by the Company to the Joint Venture were mineral property interests, plant and equipment, inventory, prepaid expenses, reclamation deposits, capital lease obligations, and site closure and reclamation obligations.

As part of the JVFA, the Company and Cariboo have votes equal to their interest in the Joint Venture. However, certain key strategic, operating, investing and financing policies of the Joint Venture require unanimous approval from the Venturers such that neither of the Venturers is in a position to exercise unilateral control over the Joint Venture.

The total gain on the Company's contribution to the Joint Venture was \$389,528, of which \$94,019 (net of purchase price allocation adjustments) was recognized based on the 25% investment by Cariboo. The remaining 75% of the gain related to the Company's interest in the Joint Venture has been eliminated upon consolidation.

The Company was required to ensure that the Joint Venture had 30 days of working capital for operations upon commencement of the Joint Venture. The Company funded this working capital requirement and for the period ended June 30, 2010 recorded an advance to Joint Venture in the amount of \$3,231. During the period, the Company reclassified this advance as a purchase price adjustment in the amount of \$3,363, which included additional costs on the arrangement of \$132.

The Company's 75% interest in the assets and liabilities of the Joint Venture as at September 30, 2010 are as follows:

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	<b>September 30, 2010</b>
<b>Assets</b>	
Current assets	\$ 77,855
Advances for equipment	1,188
Reclamation deposits	22,890
Mineral property interests, plant and equipment, net	281,735
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Current liabilities	\$ 28,143
Deferred revenue – current	16,479
Long-term liabilities	22,512
Site closure & reclamation obligation	8,025

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Included within the Company's statement of operations and comprehensive income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010 is the Company's 75% interest in the operations of the Joint Venture since inception. This 75% interest is summarized as follows:

	Three months ended September 30, 2010	Nine months ended September 30, 2010
Revenues	\$ 36,697	\$ 82,699
Operating expenses	18,844	50,653
Depreciation and depletion	1,121	2,929
Other (income) expenses	2,294	2,643
Other comprehensive income	70	164
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>	<b>\$ 14,508</b>	<b>\$ 22,638</b>

Included within the cash flows of the Company for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010, are the Company's 75% interest in the cash flows of the Joint Venture. This 75% interest is summarized as follows:

	Three months ended September 30, 2010	Nine months ended September 30, 2010
Operating activities	\$ 35,327	\$ 38,325
Investing activities	(26,446)	(30,196)
Financing activities	11,550	15,148

## 5. MARKETABLE SECURITIES AND INVESTMENTS

	As at September 30, 2010		
	Cost	Unrealized gain	Fair value
Continental Minerals Corporation – common shares	\$ 5,657	\$ 5,861	\$ 11,518

  

	As at December 31, 2009		
	Cost	Unrealized gain	Fair value
Continental Minerals Corporation – common shares	\$ 7,026	\$ 4,830	\$ 11,856

As at September 30, 2010, the Company held 4,481,526 (December 31, 2009 – 5,566,126) shares of Continental Minerals Corporation ("Continental"), a Canadian public company with certain directors in common with the Company. During the three month period ending September 30, 2010, the Company sold the shares of an unrelated Canadian public company for total proceeds of \$14,049 realizing a gain of \$2,973 on the disposition.

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## 6. INVENTORY

	September 30	December 31
	2010	2009
Copper concentrate	\$ 17,037	\$ 5,830
Ore in-process	2,352	1,897
Copper cathode	617	178
Molybdenum	46	70
Materials and supplies	9,661	13,817
	<b>\$ 29,713</b>	<b>\$ 21,792</b>

## 7. MINERAL PROPERTY INTERESTS, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	September 30, 2010		
	Cost	Accumulated amortization	Net book value
Buildings and equipment	\$ 4,711	\$ 2,301	\$ 2,410
Mine equipment	104,800	9,962	94,838
Plant and equipment	78,579	6,953	71,626
Vehicles	3,157	1,493	1,664
Computer equipment	2,543	2,421	122
Social assets	301	–	301
Deferred pre-stripping costs	39,403	5,947	33,456
Construction in progress	45,507	–	45,507
Assets under capital lease	16,896	541	16,355
Asset retirement costs	209	–	209
Net asset retirement obligation adjustment	(3,987)	–	(3,987)
	<b>\$292,119</b>	<b>\$ 29,618</b>	<b>\$262,501</b>
Other equipment and leasehold improvements	1,462	420	1,042
Total mineral property interests			27,589
<b>Mineral properties, plant and equipment</b>			<b>\$ 291,132</b>

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	December 31, 2009		
	Cost	Accumulated amortization	Net book value
Buildings and equipment	\$ 6,281	\$ 2,807	\$ 3,474
Mine equipment	93,043	11,265	81,778
Plant and equipment	104,449	6,824	97,625
Vehicles	2,856	1,593	1,263
Computer equipment	3,390	3,130	260
Social assets	402	–	402
Deferred pre-stripping costs	52,535	5,307	47,228
Construction in progress	60,616	–	60,616
Assets under capital lease	18,222	333	17,889
Asset retirement costs	62	–	62
Net asset retirement obligation adjustment	(5,608)	–	(5,608)
	<b>\$ 336,248</b>	<b>\$ 31,259</b>	<b>\$ 304,989</b>
Other equipment and leasehold improvements	423	207	216
Total mineral property interests			32,631
<b>Mineral properties, plant and equipment</b>			<b>\$ 337,836</b>

As at September 30, 2010, approximately \$45,507 (December 31, 2009 – \$60,616) of plant and equipment was under construction, and consequently was not amortized during the period.

## 8. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND BALANCES

Transactions	Three months ended September 30		Nine months ended September 30	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
Joint Venture – Management fee income (note 8(b))	\$ 187	\$ –	\$ 375	\$ –
Hunter Dickinson Services Inc. (note 8(a)) – Services rendered to the Company and reimbursement of third party expenses	\$ 860	\$ 574	\$ 2,053	\$ 2,103
<b>Due to (from) related parties:</b>	<b>September 30, 2010</b>		<b>December 31, 2009</b>	
Hunter Dickinson Services Inc	<b>\$ 178</b>		<b>\$ 13</b>	

(a) *Hunter Dickinson Services Inc. ("HDSI")*

HDSI is a private company which until recently was owned equally by eight public companies, one of which was Taseko. During the first quarter, the Company sold its interest in HDSI for nominal value. HDSI has certain directors in common with the Company and provides geological, corporate development, administrative and management services to, and incurs third party costs on behalf of the Company and its subsidiaries. On July 2, 2010, the HDSI services

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agreement was modified and services are now provided based on annually set hourly rates. Transactions with HDSI are reflected in the Company's statement of operations and comprehensive income and are measured at the exchange amount based on the agreement. Advances are interest bearing and due on demand.

(b) *Management Fee*

Under the terms of the Joint Venture Operating Agreement, the Joint Venture pays a management fee to the Company for services rendered by the Company to the Joint Venture as operator of the Gibraltar Mine. During the nine month period ended September 30, 2010, the Company earned \$1,500 in management fees, of which the net amount of \$375 (25%) (2009 – Nil), was recorded in the Company's accounts as other income.

(c) *Investment in Common Shares*

The Company holds common shares of Continental Minerals Corporation, a public company related by virtue of certain directors in common (note 5).

## 9. LONG-TERM LOAN OBLIGATIONS

Future obligations under capital leases and long-term loans are as follows:

<b>As at September 30, 2010</b>	<b>Capital Lease Obligations (a)</b>	<b>Long-Term Equipment Loan (b)</b>	<b>Total Long-Term Loan Obligations</b>
2010	\$ 1,193	\$ 1,486	\$ 2,679
2011	3,946	5,941	9,887
2012	3,908	7,448	11,356
2013	2,704	3,916	6,620
Thereafter until 2015	1,242	2,611	3,853
Total payments	\$ 12,993	\$ 21,402	\$ 34,395
Less: interest portion	(1,296)	(2,190)	(3,486)
Present value of obligations	\$ 11,697	\$ 19,212	\$ 30,909
Current portion	(3,515)	(4,882)	(8,397)
Non-current portion	\$ 8,182	\$ 14,330	\$ 22,512

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As at December 31, 2009	Capital Lease Obligations (a)	Long-Term Equipment Loan (b)	Total Long-Term Loan Obligations
2010	\$ 4,543	\$ 2,701	\$ 7,244
2011	4,266	2,701	6,967
2012	4,215	4,710	8,925
Thereafter until 2013	2,612	–	2,612
Total payments	\$ 15,636	\$ 10,112	\$ 25,748
Less: interest portion	(1,648)	(1,402)	(3,050)
Present value of obligations	\$ 13,988	\$ 8,710	\$ 22,698
Current portion	(3,750)	(2,032)	(5,782)
Non-current portion	\$ 10,238	\$ 6,678	\$ 16,916

(a) *Capital Lease Obligations*

Included in property, plant and equipment are mining equipment that the Joint Venture acquired pursuant to four to five year capital lease agreements.

Capital lease obligations as detailed above are secured by plant and equipment and are repayable in monthly installments with fixed interest rates. The capital lease obligations bear fixed interest rates ranging from 5.93% to 8.80% per annum.

During the period, the Joint Venture entered into a 5-year capital lease agreement to finance the purchase of a new haul truck for the Gibraltar Mine in the amount of \$4,306. The terms of the lease require monthly installments of approximately \$83 beginning in September, 2010 and ending in August, 2015 at a nominal annual interest rate of 5.99%. The Company guaranteed this financing.

(b) *Long-Term Equipment Loan*

The Joint Venture has two existing 3-year term equipment loan agreements in place. These loans are secured by the underlying equipment at the Gibraltar Mine. The loans are repayable one month after inception in equal monthly installments in the amount of \$169 until 2012. The last installments are payable in 2012 for a total amount of \$2,131. They currently bear fixed interest rates of 8.53% and 8.63%.

During the period, the Joint Venture entered into a new 48-month term equipment loan to finance the purchase of a new shovel for the Gibraltar Mine in the amount of \$18,769. The loan is secured by the shovel. The loan is repayable in monthly installments of \$435 beginning in September, 2010 through to August, 2014. The loan bears a fixed interest rate of 5.349% and is guaranteed by the Company and Cariboo.

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## 10. RESTRICTED CASH

The Company has pledged \$2,573 (US\$2,500) (December 31, 2009 – nil) of cash as collateral in favor of Investec Bank plc ("Investec") in relation to the Company's producer put and call option contract with Investec (note 12).

During the year ended December 31, 2009, the Company had pledged \$3,153 (US\$3,000) as cash collateral in favour of Credit Suisse to obtain a waiver on a certain clause in the term facility agreement with Credit Suisse. During the three months ended March 31, 2010, these funds were released from restriction due to the prepayment of the term facility (note 11).

## 11. LONG-TERM CREDIT FACILITY

In February 2009, the Company entered into and drew upon a US\$30,000 36-month term facility agreement (the "Facility") with Credit Suisse. In September 2009, the Company and Credit Suisse, as Facility Agent, and Investec Bank plc ("Investec") amended the Facility to increase the existing Facility by an additional US\$20,000 and the Company drew an additional US\$20,000. Under the amended facility agreement, the US\$50,000 Facility was repayable commencing April 2010 and every second month thereafter in equal installments of US\$4,167 until February 2012. The Facility bore interest at LIBOR plus 5 percent which was due and payable bi-monthly. The long-term credit facility security provided under the terms of the relevant agreements included certain equipment at the Gibraltar Mine, a general security pledge, and the treatment and refining off-take agreement (note 15(b) and (c)) in addition to a corporate guarantee.

During the first quarter of 2010, the Company repaid the Facility. A loss of \$834 was recorded in the Company's statement of operations as a result of the early pre-payment of the Facility. The continuity of the Facility is as follows:

Balance at December 31, 2009	\$ 51,505
Accretion for the period	211
Foreign exchange loss (gain)	(1,760)
Prepayment of Facility	(50,790)
Loss on prepayment of facility	834
<b>Balance at September 30, 2010</b>	<b>\$ –</b>

## 12. DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Consistent with the Company's existing strategy to manage its operating margins effectively in volatile copper markets, the Company entered into producer put and call option contracts for approximately 50% of its targeted copper production to the end of 2010.

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Contracts outstanding at September 30, 2010 are as follows:

<b>Contract Period</b>	<b>Floor Price US\$/lb</b>	<b>Cap Price US\$/lb</b>	<b>Purchased metric tonnes (mt) of copper</b>
October to December 2010	\$ 2.50	\$ 3.95	2,250

Under the terms of the above contracts, the Company will receive the prevailing market copper price while within the price range. Should the market price be outside the price range, the Company will receive a minimum of the floor price or a maximum of the cap price if the market price is below the floor price and above the cap price, respectively.

In August, 2010, the Company purchased a series of put options, for 15,600 metric tonnes of copper commencing in January, 2011 and ending in June, 2011 at a strike price of US \$3.00/lb., with a premium per option ranging between \$0.199401 and \$0.211376.

<b>Contract Period</b>	<b>Strike Price US\$/lb</b>	<b>Premium per Contract US\$</b>	<b>Purchased metric tonnes (mt) of copper</b>
January to June 2011	\$ 3.00	\$ 5,275	12,000
January to June 2011	\$ 3.00	\$ 1,678	3,600

The strike price sets the gross minimum price that the Company seeks to realise for its copper production. These put options are only exercised if the spot price declines below the set put strike price. The Company participates in the full upside price increases and is protected from price decreases.

For accounting purposes, the Company determined that these contracts are derivative financial instruments that should be measured at fair value at each reporting date with all changes in fair value included in the net earnings (loss) in the period in which they arise. During the nine month period ended September 30, 2010, the Company recorded a mark-to-market net loss of \$156 (three month period ended September 30, 2010 – \$5,015) of which a loss of \$11,542 was realized (three month period ended September 30, 2010 – nil). The Company recorded an unrealized gain of \$11,386 on contracts outstanding as at September 30, 2010.

The fair value of contracts outstanding at September 30, 2010 is as follows:

<b>Option</b>	<b>Strike Price US\$/lb</b>	<b>Notional Quantity mt of copper</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Fair Value (Liability)/Asset US\$</b>
Call option	\$ 3.95	2,250	Dec 31, 2010	\$ (413)
Put option	\$ 2.50	2,250	Dec 31, 2010	\$ 7
Put option	\$ 3.00	15,600	Jun 30, 2011	\$ 3,265
Total Fair Value of Contracts (in US)				\$ 2,859
Total Fair Value of Contracts (in CAD)				\$ 2,941

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The following table reconciles the Company's derivative financial instruments measured at fair value from January 1, 2010 to September 30, 2010:

	Fair value measurements
Balance at December 31, 2009	\$ (18,935)
Purchases	7,330
Settlements	14,702
Loss included in net income	(156)
<b>Balance at September 30, 2010</b>	<b>\$ 2,941</b>

## 13. ROYALTY OBLIGATIONS

	September 30, 2010	December 31, 2009
Royalty Agreement – Red Mile No. 2 LP	\$ 58,571	\$ 62,318
Gibraltar Royalty LP	–	6,511
<b>Total royalty obligations</b>	<b>\$ 58,571</b>	<b>\$ 68,829</b>

### (a) *Gibraltar Royalty LP*

During 2009, the Company entered into an agreement with an unrelated investment partnership, Gibraltar Royalty Limited Partnership ("GRLP") whereby Gibraltar sold to GRLP a production royalty for \$6,511 cash.

Annual royalties were payable by Gibraltar to GRLP at rates ranging from \$0.003 per pound to \$0.004 per pound of copper produced during the period from September 1, 2009 to December 31, 2030 (the "Royalty Period"). For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010, Gibraltar paid \$nil and \$65 respectively to GRLP. These royalty payments were recognized as an expense during the period.

The Company classified the principal balance of royalty obligation as a current financial liability to be settled in a future period. The Company had a pre-emptive option to repurchase ("call") the royalty obligation by acquiring the GRLP partnership units during the period from March 1, 2010 to December 31, 2012 in consideration of a payment equal to the funds received by the Company plus a 20% premium payable in the Company's shares or cash. GRLP also had a right to sell ("put") its GRLP partnership units to the Company at fair value during the period from April 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012. However, this "put" right was subject to the Company's pre-emptive right to exercise the "call" in advance of any "put" being exercised and completed.

On March 24, 2010, the Company exercised its "call" option through the issuance of 1,556,355 shares of the Company. The 1,556,355 shares were recorded at \$7,813 in the Company's accounts to settle the carrying value of royalty obligation in the amount of \$6,511. A premium of \$1,302 was recorded in the Company's statement of operations as a result of the exercise of the call option. Consequently, at September 30, 2010, no amounts were owed to GRLP (December 31, 2009 – \$6,511).

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## 14. TAX AND INTEREST RECOVERIES

During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010, provisions for certain long term income tax liabilities and associated interest relating to historical tax estimates for the 2004 fiscal year for one of the Company's subsidiaries were reversed. Management believes the probability of this provision being realized would be unlikely. Consequently, the Company included the reversal of this tax provision in its statement of operations and recognized a reversal of income tax in the amount of \$22,523 (three and nine months ended September 30, 2009 – \$nil) and interest in the amount of \$8,098 (three and nine months ended September 30, 2009 – \$nil).

## 15. COMMITMENTS

### (a) *Advances for equipment*

As at September 30, 2010, the Joint Venture paid \$1,188 in advance deposits for equipment to be received in subsequent periods, all currently classified as long-term. The Joint Venture is further committed to equipment purchases in relation to its expansion activities in the amount of \$9,694. The Company also has an equipment advance for equipment of \$538 in relation to its Prosperity project.

### (b) *Treatment and refining agreement*

The Joint Venture has an agreement with MRI Trading AG, a Swiss-based metal trading company, for the treatment and refining certain of copper concentrate from the Gibraltar Mine. Under the terms of the agreement, the Joint Venture has secured long-term and fixed rates for processing copper concentrate until December 31, 2014. The Joint Venture has the right to price payable copper within the concentrate based on a quotational period, declared prior to, and covering each ensuing calendar year.

### (c) *Off-Take Agreement*

As part of the JVFA, the Joint Venture entered into an off-take agreement with Cariboo for the treatment and refining of certain of copper concentrate from the Gibraltar Mine. Under the terms of the off-take agreement, the Joint Venture has secured long-term and fixed rates for processing copper concentrate. The Joint Venture has the right to price payable copper within the concentrate based on a quotational period, declared prior to, and covering each ensuing calendar year.

### (d) *Franco-Nevada Gold Stream Transaction*

In May 2010, the Company entered into a gold production stream transaction with Franco-Nevada Corporation ("Franco Nevada") under which Franco-Nevada purchased a gold stream covering 22% of the life-of-mine gold to be produced by the Company from its proposed Prosperity Gold and Copper Mine. Commencing with the construction of the Prosperity Mine, the Company is to receive from Franco-Nevada funding in staged deposits totaling US\$350,000 (the "Deposit"). Upon delivery of gold to Franco Nevada once the Prosperity Mine is in production, fixed price payments are to be made to the Company equal to the lesser of US\$400 per ounce and the spot price at the time of sale (subject to certain adjustments).

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Under the terms of the agreements with Franco-Nevada, the unpaid amount of the Deposit will remain refundable until it is reduced to nil. The Deposit will be reduced by an amount equal to the difference between the spot price of gold and the US\$400 per ounce fixed price, multiplied by the total ounces of gold delivered to Franco-Nevada. If at the end of the initial 40-year term of the arrangement the Deposit has not been reduced to nil, the Company is to refund the outstanding portion of the Deposit to Franco-Nevada.

## 16. SUPPLEMENTARY CASH FLOW DISCLOSURES

In addition to the non-cash operating, financing and investing activities primarily disclosed, the Company's non-cash operating, financing and investing activities were as follows:

	Three months ended September 30		Nine months ended September 30	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
Shares issued for donation	\$ 425	\$ –	\$ 928	\$ –
Assets under capital lease	\$ 3,230		\$ 3,230	\$ –
Shares issued for redemption of royalty obligation	\$ –	\$ –	\$ 7,813	\$ –
Fair value of stock options transferred to share capital from contributed surplus on exercise of options	\$ 34	\$ 809	\$ 2,097	\$ 897

## 17. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

### (a) Capital Leases

Subsequent to September 30, 2010 and commencing in October, the Joint Venture entered into a five year lease agreement with a third party, for the purchase of a new haul truck in the amount of approximately \$4,309. The truck was commissioned in October 2010. The Company guaranteed this financing.

### (b) Equity Financings

Subsequent to September 30, 2010, the Company obtained a receipt in respect of the final short-form base shelf prospectus from regulatory authorities. The shelf registration will, subject to securities regulatory requirements, allow the Company to make offerings of common shares, warrants, subscription receipts, debt securities, or any combination of such securities up to an aggregate offering price of \$300,000 during the 25 month period that the final short form base shelf prospectus, including any amendments thereto, remains effective.

During October, the Company filed a prospectus supplement to its final base shelf prospectus, with regulatory authorities. The Company also entered into an 'At the Market Issuance Agreement', with a third party, under which the Company may, at its discretion, from time to time sell up to a maximum of 18,600,000 of its common shares through "at-the-market" ("ATM") issuance. The third party will act as sales agent for any sales made under the ATM. The common shares will be sold at market prices prevailing at the time of a sale. The Company is not required to sell any of the reserved shares at any time during the term of the ATM, which extends until November 1, 2012, and there are no fees for having established the arrangement. The ATM Issuance Agreement does not prohibit the Company from conducting other financings.

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## *(c) Gibraltar Tracking Preferred Shares*

In October 2001, the Company and its subsidiary Gibraltar Mines Ltd. ("Gibraltar") completed the acquisition of the Harmony Gold Property ("Harmony") and related assets from Continental, for 12,483,916 series "A" non-voting tracking preferred shares of Gibraltar and \$2,230 cash. The tracking preferred shares were recorded at \$26,642, being their then fair value, and are designed to track and capture the value of Harmony and will be redeemed for common shares of Taseko upon a realization event, such as a sale of Harmony to a third party or commercial production at the Harmony or, at the option of Gibraltar, if a realization event has not occurred by 2011. Accordingly, the tracking preferred shares have been classified within shareholders' equity on the consolidated balance sheet.

The initial paid-up amount for the Gibraltar preferred shares is \$62,770, subject to reduction prior to redemption for certain stated events. The amount will be reduced to the extent that the actual net proceeds of disposition of Harmony is less than \$62,770, or to the extent that the fair market value of Gibraltar's interest in a mine at Harmony is determined to be less than \$62,770. The paid-up amount (as adjusted) will be increased in the event Gibraltar receives consideration by way of granting an option to a third party which forfeits such option and also, in the event of any reduction of the paid-up amount (as adjusted), such amount will be credited to the account should the proceeds of disposition exceed the reduced paid-up amount (as adjusted) by an amount greater than the reduction. In no event will the paid-up amount (as adjusted) exceed \$62,770 nor be less than \$20,000. Net proceeds of disposition shall mean the fair value of all consideration received by Gibraltar as a consequence of a sale of Harmony, net of Gibraltar's reasonable costs of disposition, costs incurred by Gibraltar after the effective date in connection with Harmony, and a reasonable reserve for Gibraltar's taxes arising in consequence of the sale or other disposition of Harmony.

On the occurrence of a realization event (as mentioned above), Gibraltar must redeem the Gibraltar preferred shares by distributing that number of Taseko common shares equal to the paid-up amount (as adjusted) divided by a deemed price per Taseko common share, which will vary dependent on the timing of such realization event. The tracking preferred shares are redeemable at specified prices per common share of Taseko starting at \$3.39 and escalating by \$0.25 per year, currently at \$5.39 (as of December 31, 2009).

If a realization event does not occur on or before October 16, 2011, Gibraltar has the right to redeem the tracking preferred shares for Taseko common shares at a deemed price equal to the greater of the then average 20 day trading price of the common shares of Taseko and \$10.00. The Taseko common shares to be issued to Continental upon a realization event will in turn be distributed pro-rata, after adjustment for any taxes, to the holders of redeemable preferred shares of Continental that were issued to Continental shareholders at the time of the Arrangement Agreement.

If an unrelated third party's acquisition of Continental (the "Acquisition") announced September 17, 2010 proceeds, it is planned, subject to ongoing negotiations with Continental, that the redemption of the tracking preferred shares for Taseko common shares be accelerated to occur just before closing of the Acquisition, which is currently targeted for late 2010. The Taseko common shares issued will be subject to a contractual hold period until October 16, 2011.