



### TASEKO REPORTS 2012 YEAR END RESULTS

This release should be read with the Company's Financial Statements and Management Discussion & Analysis ("MD&A"), available at **www.tasekomines.com** and filed on **www.sedar.com**. Except where otherwise noted, all currency amounts are stated in Canadian dollars. Taseko's 75% owned Gibraltar Mine is located north of the City of Williams Lake in south-central British Columbia. Production volumes stated in this release are on a 100% basis unless otherwise indicated.

**February 21, 2013, Vancouver, BC** – Taseko Mines Limited (TSX: TKO; NYSE MKT: TGB) ("Taseko" or the "Company") reports the results for the year ended December 31, 2012.

### **Highlights**

- Gross profit for the year was \$51.7 million.
- Revenues for 2012 were \$253.6 million from the sale of 66.0 million pounds of copper and 1.0 million pounds of molybdenum (Taseko's 75% share).
- Total production at Gibraltar (100%) for 2012 was 89.7 million pounds of copper and 1.3 million pounds of molybdenum.
- Gibraltar Development Plan 3 (GDP3) is now in the commissioning phase of start-up. During the fourth quarter, the electrical power distribution and reclaim water systems were successfully tied in and became operational and water testing of the new tailings system was completed.
- Spending on the New Prosperity and Aley development projects in 2012 totalled \$17.6 million.
- On December 27, 2012 the Gibraltar Mine signed a long-term labour agreement with its unionized employees. The new agreement will be in place until May 31, 2016.
- Realized copper prices for 2012 were US\$3.61 per pound, in line with the average London Metal Exchange price for 2012.

For the 12 months ended December 31, 2012, Taseko had gross profit of \$51.7 million, a net loss of \$15.7 million and adjusted net earnings of \$1.9 million. This compares to gross profit of \$86.3 million, net earnings of \$27.0 million and adjusted net earnings of \$17.8 million for the 12 months ended December 31, 2011.

Russell Hallbauer, President and CEO of Taseko, commented, "2012 was a year of major transformation for Taseko. While mining companies around the world announced asset write-downs, capital expenditure overruns and operating cost inflation, we advanced our business plan of investing in our mining operations and development assets within defined economic constraints.

While our earnings were affected by our investments on Aley and New Prosperity, we now find ourselves in a position to move these projects forward in 2013. In combination with the completion of our new GDP3 concentrator and continued strength in copper prices, as a result of the ongoing copper market deficit, we expect to generate significant free cash flow over the near term as we position Taseko for future growth."

Mr. Hallbauer continued, "GDP3 is the consummation of six years of modernization and production increases which was only temporarily interrupted by the global financial crisis. Gibraltar is now positioned to be a significant cash flow generator thereby supporting the next phase of our growth strategy.

Gibraltar, when it achieves its full operating potential, will be one of the largest open pit copper mines in North America and notably, one of the largest reserve bases.

During the fourth quarter, tie-ins associated with the GDP3 concentrator were completed and we are systematically progressing through commissioning. Ore has been fed to the concentrator and a short ramp up to commercial production is expected."

Mr. Hallbauer concluded, "Our New Prosperity project team has nearly completed the information requests from the Federal Environmental Review Panel and we anticipate public hearings to begin early in the second quarter.

We are advancing metallurgical testing on Aley ore samples and have now produced a niobium concentrate. We expect to finalize the process flowsheet in the near future which will allow us to complete the feasibility study on the project."

Taseko will host a conference call on Friday, February 22, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. Eastern Time (7:30 a.m. Pacific) to discuss these results. The conference call may be accessed by dialing (877) 303-9079, or (970) 315-0461 internationally. Accompanying presentation slides will be available to download at tasekomines.com. Alternatively, a live and archived webcast will also be available at tasekomines.com. The conference call will be archived for later playback until February 28, 2013 and can be accessed by dialing (855) 859-2056 in Canada and the United States, or (404) 537-3406 internationally and using the passcode 86515171.

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Russell Hallbauer President and CEO

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#### **CAUTION REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION**

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 <a href="https://www.sec.gov">www.sec.gov</a> and home jurisdiction filings that are available at <a href="https://www.sedar.com">www.sec.gov</a>

### Management's Discussion and Analysis

This management's discussion and analysis ("MD&A") is intended to help the reader understand Taseko Mines Limited ("Taseko", "we", "our" or the "Company"), our operations, financial performance, and current and future business environment. This MD&A is intended to supplement and complement the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto, prepared in accordance with IFRS for the year ended December 31, 2012 (collectively, the "Financial Statements"). You are encouraged to review the Financial Statements in conjunction with your review of this MD&A and the most recent Form 40-F/Annual Information Form, which is available on the Canadian Securities Administrators' website at www.sedar.com and on the EDGAR section of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission's ("SEC") website at www.sec.gov.

This MD&A is prepared as of February 21, 2013. All dollar figures stated herein are expressed in Canadian dollars, unless otherwise specified.

#### **Cautionary Statement on Forward-Looking Information**

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 forwardlooking statements. Although we believe 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. All of the forward-looking statements made in this MD&A are qualified by these cautionary statements. We disclaim any intention or obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except to the extent required by applicable law. Further information concerning risks and uncertainties associated with these forward-looking statements and our business may be found in our most recent Form 40-F/Annual Information Form on file with the SEC and Canadian provincial securities regulatory authorities.

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#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

	Three month Decembe		Year ended De	cember 31,
(Cdn\$ in thousands)	2012	2011	2012	2011
Revenues	62,878	60,512	253,607	251,866
Gross profit	6,823	19,277	51,696	86,301
Net earnings (loss)	(6,785)	(7,694)	(15,665)	26,974
Per share ("EPS") 1	(0.04)	(0.04)	(80.0)	0.14
Adjusted net earnings (loss) <sup>2</sup>	(3,950)	9,941	1,854	17,783
Per share ("adjusted EPS") 1,2	(0.02)	0.05	0.01	0.09
Adjusted EBITDA <sup>2</sup>	2,771	19,222	30,560	56,994
Capital expenditures	71,517	16,819	181,997	51,792
			As at De	ecember 31,
			2012	2011
Cash and equivalents			134,995	277,792
Dual currency deposits within other financial assets			-	40,602
Property, plant and equipment			631,997	440,565
Net debt (cash) <sup>2</sup>			117,865	(86,139)
Equity			463,282	496,817

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Calculated using weighted average number of shares outstanding under the basic method.

#### RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AND MARKET REVIEW

#### Gibraltar

Production results for 2012 were slightly below expectations, primarily due to the impact of GDP3 construction activities. In the fourth quarter, progress was made on throughput and costs, although costs continue to be impacted by the added personnel in training for the GDP3 startup. The total number of employees increased from 481 at December 31, 2011 to 612 at December 31, 2012.

The GDP3 project was managed on time and on budget throughout the year and is progressing through the commissioning phase in early 2013. The majority of the mining equipment associated with GDP3 has been commissioned.

#### New Prosperity project

The New Prosperity project was advanced through the Federal environmental assessment (EA) process under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency in 2012. The EA process commenced in November 2011 based on a revised Project Description that included the preservation of Fish Lake and related spawning habitat.

The EA will continue into 2013 and includes a panel review process which is anticipated to occur in the first half of the year. This will be followed by the Panel's preparation of a report that will provide the basis for the Federal Government's decision on the New Prosperity Federal environmental assessment certificate.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Adjusted net earnings, adjusted EPS, adjusted EBITDA, and net debt (cash) are non-GAAP financial performance measures with no standard definition under IFRS. See pages 31-34 of this MD&A.

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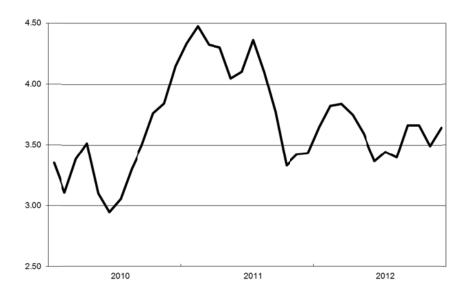
#### Aley project

The Aley niobium project was a core development activity in 2012 with the objective of advancing the project to a NI 43-101 compliant reserve. Ore reserve definition drilling was completed in 2012 and metallurgical, process, and construction engineering requirements are scheduled to be concluded in the first half of 2013. Baseline environmental studies are ongoing.

Market Review

Copper prices

Figure 1: Average monthly spot copper prices (USD per pound) (Source: Bloomberg)



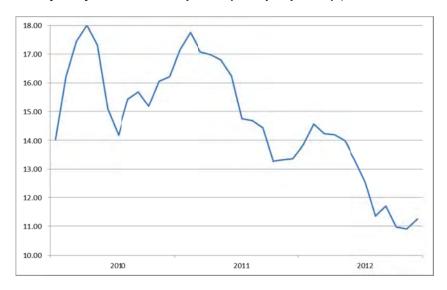
The spot market for copper, based on London Metals Exchange (LME), showed resilience in the fourth quarter of 2012. The highest price during the quarter was US\$3.78 per pound on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and spot copper closed at US\$3.59 per pound reflecting moderate volatility through the quarter.

Copper markets continued to benefit from improved global economic sentiment. LME inventories climbed through the fourth quarter of 2012, but remained well below the high levels experienced in 2010, as demand fell slightly behind supply during the period. Several previously announced new copper projects were shelved in late 2012 due to a multiplicity of issues including capital cost escalations, regulatory impediments, power and water availability, commodity fundamentals among other items, all of which heighten the probability of deficit conditions in the copper market in the coming years.

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Molybdenum prices

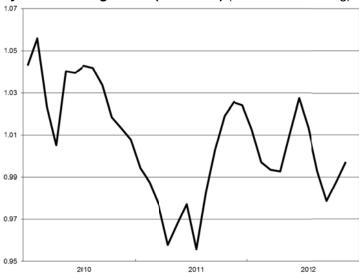
Figure 2: Average monthly molybdenum oxide prices (USD per pound) (Source: Bloomberg)



Molybdenum provides a significant by-product credit in our net operating cash costs of production.

Foreign exchange rates

Figure 3: Average monthly USD exchange rates (CAD/USD) (Source: Bloomberg)



The results of our operations are affected by the Canadian dollar/US dollar exchange rate. Our product sales are denominated in US dollars while the majority of our operating expenses are denominated in Canadian dollars. Fluctuations in the Canadian dollar/US dollar exchange rate can have a significant effect on operating results;

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however, changes in this rate have historically been correlated with offsetting changes in copper prices which have mitigated this effect. Fluctuations in the Canadian dollar/US dollar exchange rate will also have an effect on the net operating cash costs of production as reported in US\$ per pound.

#### **REVIEW OF OPERATIONS**

#### Gibraltar mine

Operating Data (100% basis)	2012	Q4 2012	Q3 2012	Q2 2012	Q1 2012	2011
Tons mined (millions)	66.2	17.9	16.8	15.8	15.7	57.5
Tons milled (millions)	16.3	4.2	4.3	3.9	3.9	15.2
Strip ratio	3.0	2.9	2.8	3.4	2.9	2.8
Copper concentrate						
Grade (%)	0.314	0.298	0.321	0.334	0.305	0.304
Recovery (%)	85.6	84.8	82.8	88.1	87.0	87.7
Production (million pounds Cu)	87.8	21.2	22.9	23.0	20.7	80.8
Sales (million pounds Cu) <sup>6</sup>	89.5	23.0	21.2	27.2	18.1	81.6
Inventory (million pounds Cu) <sup>5</sup>	2.5	2.5	4.3	2.6	6.8	4.2
Copper cathode						
Production (million pounds)	1.9	0.2	0.7	0.9	0.1	2.1
Sales (million pounds)	2.1	0.5	0.9	0.7	-	2.5
Molybdenum concentrate						
Grade (%)	0.011	0.009	0.009	0.013	0.013	0.012
Recovery (%)	36.0	31.0	33.7	36.7	43.1	36.7
Production (thousand pounds Mo)	1,317	223	276	379	438	1,331
Sales (thousand pounds Mo)	1,325	215	279	361	472	1,298
Per unit data (US\$ per pound) 1,4						
Operating cash costs 1,2	\$2.35	\$2.61	\$ 2.35	\$ 2.12	\$ 2.38	\$ 2.04
By-product credits <sup>3</sup>	(0.23)	(0.17)	(0.15)	(0.23)	(0.39)	(0.29)
Net operating cash costs of production <sup>1</sup>	\$2.12	\$2.44	\$ 2.20	\$ 1.89	\$ 1.99	\$ 1.75
Total cash cost of sales 1	\$2.54	\$2.78	\$ 2.60	\$ 2.47	\$ 2.23	\$ 2.25

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Operating cash costs, net operating cash costs of production and total cash costs of sales are non-GAAP financial performance measures with no standard definition under IFRS. See pages 31-34 of the Company's MD&A.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Operating cash costs are comprised of direct mining and processing costs which include personnel costs, mine site general & administrative costs, non-capitalized stripping costs, maintenance & repair costs, operating supplies and external services. Non-cash costs such as share-based compensation and depreciation have been excluded.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> By-product credits are calculated based on actual sales of molybdenum and silver for the period divided by the total pounds of copper produced during the period.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Per unit data may not sum due to rounding.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Balance of finished goods inventory as at the end of the period.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Copper pounds sold reflect total copper pounds sold to our customers. A net smelter payable deduction of approximately 3.5% is applied to derive net pounds of copper sold.

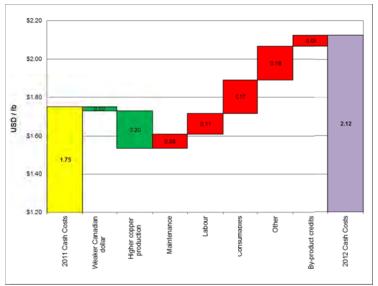
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#### Full-year results

In 2012, Gibraltar mined 66.2 million tons of material, a 15% increase over tons mined in 2011, and milled 16.3 million tons during the year, a 7% increase over the tons milled in 2011. The strip ratio was slightly above the 2011 result. Concentrator hourly throughput had reached designed capacity by year end but mill availability was lower than plan during Q3 and Q4 due, in large part, to significant planned downtime associated with GDP3 tie-ins.

Copper production in 2012 was 89.8 million pounds, an increase of 8% compared to the prior year production of 82.9 million pounds. Molybdenum production during 2012 was 1.3 million pounds which was consistent with production in 2011.

Figure 4: Net operating cash costs of production<sup>1,2</sup> per pound (2011 compared to 2012)



<sup>1</sup> Net operating cash costs of production is a non-GAAP financial performance measure with no standard definition under IFRS. See pages 31-34 of the Company's MD&A.

In 2012, net operating cash costs per pound of copper produced averaged US\$2.12, a 21% increase over the US\$1.75 averaged during the prior-year. The increase in net operating cash cost in 2012 was primarily attributable to increased mining costs of \$80.2 million in 2012 compared to \$53.8 million in 2011. This variance of \$26.5 million equates to US\$0.24 per pound more than 2011. It is comprised of a favourable volume variance of US\$0.09 per pound produced, offset by an unfavourable cost variance of US\$0.33 per pound. The cost areas contributing to the unfavourable variance were:

	US\$ per pound
Labour	\$ 0.11
Maintenance	0.08
Explosives	0.07
Diesel	0.07
	\$ 0.33

<sup>2</sup> Per unit cash costs of production may not sum due to rounding.

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These costs related in part to the preparation of the mine to feed the expanded mill requirements in 2013. Labour costs for both mining and milling were impacted by increased headcount required for GDP3 startup. The workforce increased from 481 employees at the end of 2011 to 612 employees at December 31, 2012.

Total labour costs increased from \$47.1 million in 2011 to \$55.9 million in 2012. This increase is largely attributable to the training requirements in preparation for GDP3 startup, which will not be offset until completion of ramp up.

Higher explosive costs in 2012 relates to an increase in powder factor utilized in order to improve through-put in the mill. Higher diesel costs in 2012 relate to longer truck haul requirements during the year.

Milling costs also increased in 2012 to \$54.6 million compared to \$45.4 million in 2011. This unfavourable variance of \$9.2 million equates to US\$0.06 per pound more than the 2011 levels. It is comprised of a favourable volume variance of US\$0.08 per pound due to increased tons of ore milled being more than offset by unfavourable cost variance of US\$0.14 per pound. The cost areas contributing to the unfavourable variance were:

	US\$ per pound		
Labour	\$ 0.11		
Electricity	0.02		
Grinding media	0.01		
	\$ 0.14		

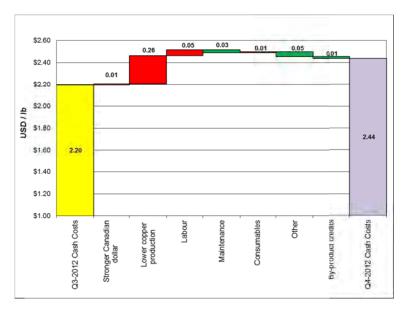
### Fourth quarter results

In the fourth quarter 2012, Gibraltar mined 17.9 million tons of material, a 7% increase over tons mined in the third quarter, and milled 4.2 million tons which was comparable to the 4.3 million tons milled during the third quarter of 2012. The average copper head grade was 0.30%. Copper recovery of 84.8% was below plan but an improvement over the third quarter. Mill hourly throughput rates were achieved during the quarter but operating time was below target as a result of GDP3 tie-ins. Copper recovery at the higher nominal operating levels is improving as circuit restrictions and slurry distribution complications, that were not experienced at the lower throughput levels, are being resolved.

As a result of the lower head grade and reduced mill operating time, copper production during the fourth quarter 2012 was 21.4 million pounds compared to the 23.6 million pounds produced in the third quarter.

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Figure 5: Net operating cash costs of production<sup>1,2</sup> per pound (Q3 2012 compared to Q4 2012)



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Net operating cash costs of production is a non-GAAP financial performance measure with no standard definition under IFRS. See pages 31-34 of the Company's MD&A.

In the fourth quarter 2012, total net operating cash costs per pound of copper produced averaged US\$2.44, an 11% increase over the US\$2.20 per pound averaged in the third quarter. Net operating cash costs were adversely impacted in fourth quarter 2012 by lower copper production and increased labour costs.

#### Gibraltar Development Plan (GDP3)

The new concentrator and molybdenum plant are undergoing wet commissioning which began in December 2012 and is currently progressing circuit by circuit. The facility is on schedule to reach startup production levels during Q1 2013 and continue ramp up to full production.

#### **REVIEW OF PROJECTS**

### New Prosperity project

On September 20, 2012, the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was submitted to the three-member Review Panel established for the federal environmental assessment of the project and, following a review period, the panel responded with a list of information requests that they consider necessary prior to proceeding to public hearings. The Company intends to submit responses to these requests that satisfy the panel's inquiries by the end of February 2013. The next stage in the federal environmental assessment process will be public hearings. This will be followed by the panel's preparation and submission of a report to the Federal Minister of the Environment.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Per unit cash costs of production may not sum due to rounding.

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#### Aley project

The current focus on the Aley niobium project is upgrading the resources announced in March 2012 to a NI 43-101 compliant reserve. In 2012, ore reserve drilling was completed. Work is continuing on metallurgical flow sheets, engineering and environmental studies.

#### FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

### **Earnings**

	-	Year ended December 31,		
(Cdn\$ in thousands)	2012	2011	Change	
Net (loss) earnings	(15,665)	26,974	(42,639)	
Unrealized loss (gain) on derivatives	24,801	(22,944)	47,745	
Gain on sale of marketable securities and dividend income	(1,418)	(6,443)	5,025	
Changes in fair value of financial instruments	-	289	(289)	
Non-recurring consulting expenses	-	6,322	(6,322)	
Unrealized (income) loss on DCDs	(238)	18	(256)	
Loss on contribution to joint venture	· · · · -	3,987	(3,987)	
FX translation losses	643	5,084	(4,441)	
Estimated tax effect of adjustments	(6,269)	4,496	(10,765)	
Adjusted net earnings <sup>1</sup>	1,854	17,783	(15,929)	

Adjusted net earnings is non-GAAP financial performance measures with no standard definition under IFRS. See pages 31-34 of this MD&A.

During the year of 2012, a net loss of \$15.7 million was realized, compared to net income of \$27.0 million in 2011. The decrease in 2012 net earnings is driven by higher cost of sales and other operating expenses, including the unrealized loss on derivatives.

Unrealized gains/losses on derivatives can vary materially each period and have a significant impact on earnings. These swings are a result of the derivatives comprising our hedge program at the balance sheet date, and marking-to-market this copper hedge position using the forward copper price as at the balance sheet date. The hedge position at the end of 2012 was comprised of put options hedging approximately 50% of our share of Gibraltar's estimated 2013 copper production. The hedge position at the end of 2011 was comprised of collars hedging 90% of our share of Gibraltar's estimated copper production for 2012.

The foreign currency translation impact and the unrealized gains and losses on the derivative instruments are removed from the adjusted net earnings measure as they are not indicative of a realized economic gain/loss or the underlying performance of the business in the period. The realized gains/losses on these monetary items and derivative positions are reflected in net earnings in the period in which the position is settled.

The resultant adjusted net earnings is a non-GAAP performance measure that is believed to be more representative of ongoing operations. Contributing to the \$15.9-million decrease in adjusted net earnings year over year are the following changes:

- \$36.3-million increase in cost of sales;
- \$7.4-million increase in exploration and evaluation expenses;
- \$0.7-million decrease in finance income:

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- offset by \$1.7-million increase in revenues;
- offset by \$2-million decrease in G&A expenses;
- offset by \$5.7-million decrease in other operating expenses;
- offset by \$1.8-million decrease in finance expense;
- offset by \$1.3-million decrease in foreign exchange losses; and
- \$15.9-million for the associated tax effects of these items.

Each of the above-noted changes is examined in further detail in the sections below.

#### Revenues

	Y Dec		
(Cdn\$ in thousands)	2012	2011	Change
Copper concentrate	232,604	227,140	5,464
Copper cathode	5,444	6,936	(1,492)
Total copper sales	238,048	234,076	3,972
Molybdenum concentrate	12,228	14,317	(2,089)
Silver contained in copper concentrate	3,331	3,473	(142)
	253,607	251,866	1,741
(thousands of pounds, unless otherwise noted)			
Copper concentrate <sup>1</sup>	64,462	58,913	5,549
Copper cathode	1,540	1,863	(323)
Total copper sales	66,002	60,776	5,226
Average realized copper price (US\$ per pound) 2	3.61	3.89	(0.28)
Average LME copper price (US\$ per pound)	3.61	4.00	(0.39)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Copper pounds sold reflect net copper pounds sold to our customers. A net smelter payable deduction of approximately 3.5% is applied to derive net pounds of copper sold.

Copper revenues for 2012 remained relatively constant compared to 2011 due to a 9% increase in copper sales volumes being offset by a 7% decrease in average realized copper prices. Average realized copper price of US\$3.61 per pound for 2012 was in line with the LME average for the year.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The average exchange rate used for 2012 was CAD/USD \$0.9994 (2011: \$0.9893).

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#### Cost of sales

	Y Dec		
(Cdn\$ in thousands)	2012	2011	Change
Direct mining and processing costs	158,519	125,536	32,983
Depreciation	18,843	12,145	6,698
Treatment and refining costs	12,628	11,632	996
Transportation costs	14,006	13,108	898
Changes in inventories of finished goods and WIP	(2,085)	3,144	(5,229)
	201,911	165,565	36,346
(thousands of pounds)			
Copper production	67,347	62,165	5,182
Copper sales	66,002	60,776	5,226
(C\$ per pound)			
Direct mining costs per pound produced	2.35	2.02	0.33
Depreciation per pound produced	0.28	0.20	0.08
Treatment and refining costs per pound sold	0.19	0.19	-
Transportation costs per pound sold	0.21	0.22	(0.01)

For 2012, direct mining and processing costs increased by 26% over 2011. Contributing to the year-over-year increase in direct mining and processing costs was a 17% increase in tons mined. The strip ratio increased to 3.0 during 2012 from 2.8 in 2011. The increase in direct mining costs on a 'per-unit of production' basis was also affected by the decrease in recovery year-over-year. Additionally, direct mining and processing costs in 2012 compared to 2011 were adversely impacted by higher labour, maintenance and consumable costs.

Depreciation expenses during 2012 increased year-over-year, reflecting an increase in assets placed into service as well as an increase in production levels. Treatment and refining costs as well as transportation costs have remained constant year over year.

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Other expenses and income			
	Year ended December 31,		
(Cdn\$ in thousands)	2012	2011	Change
General and administrative	19,084	21,100	(2,016)
Exploration and evaluation	17,807	10,411	7,396
Other operating expenses (income):			
Realized loss on copper derivative instruments	5,010	9,910	(4,900)
Unrealized (gain) loss on copper derivative instruments	24,801	(22,944)	47,745
Loss on disposition of property, plant and equipment	192	542	(350)
Consulting expenses	-	6,322	(6,322)
Impairment of plant and equipment	1,383	1,835	(452)
Management fee income	(845)	(840)	(5)
	30,541	(5,175)	35,716
Loss on contribution of joint venture	-	3,987	(3,987)
Foreign exchange loss	701	6,489	(5,788)

The \$2.0-million decrease in general and administrative expenses during the year 2012 is primarily due to a \$2.8-million decrease in share-based compensation costs, partially offset by increases in other expenses.

Over 62% of the exploration and evaluation expenses during 2012 were attributable to work performed at the Aley project with the balance spent on New Prosperity. In 2011, over 80% of the exploration and evaluation expenses were incurred on Aley with the remainder spent on New Prosperity.

The increase in other operating expenses in 2012 is primarily attributable to gains and losses associated with the copper hedge program; \$24.8 million in unrealized losses were recognized and \$5.0 million in realized losses. This compares to \$22.9 million in unrealized gains and \$9.9 million in realized losses that were recognized in 2011. The amount of gain or loss on the copper hedge program is driven by changes in copper prices relative to the fixed price in our put and call option contracts.

The \$24.8 million unrealized loss is a result of \$8.8 million in unrealized losses due to changes in fair value of the put options for the 2013 production and \$16 million on the mark-to-market of the 2012 contracts. During 2012, the Company purchased put options for 59.6 million pounds of 2013 copper production. The puts were purchased at a premium of US\$0.18 per pound for the first half of 2013 and US\$0.17 per pound for the second half of 2013. These costs will be realized through 2013.

For 2011, \$22.9 million in unrealized gains were recognized as a result of the decline in copper prices from the time the contracts were entered into in the second quarter 2011, through to the end of the year.

The \$5-million realized loss on copper derivatives reflects the net cost of the copper hedging program for 2012. During 2011, the Company purchased put options for 68.8 million pounds of 2012 copper production. The puts were partially financed by selling calls for an equivalent amount of copper, for a net cost of US\$0.10 per pound. The costs were realized during 2012. With the decline in spot copper prices, beginning in the third quarter, some of these options expired in-the-money. Proceeds of approximately \$1.7 million were received on these options.

For 2012, certain plant and equipment were deemed redundant upon completion of GDP3, which resulted in an impairment charge of \$1.3 million. For 2011, certain plant and equipment were deemed redundant upon completion of the SAG direct feed project during 2011 which resulted in an impairment charge of \$1.8 million.

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During 2011, the construction of the SAG direct feed system was completed. Under the terms of the agreement with Cariboo, the Company assumed 100% of the capital costs in excess of the capital budget for the SAG direct feed system in place at the time of the joint venture formation. The Company recognized a loss on contribution to the joint venture of \$4.0 million during 2011 as a result of funding Cariboo's portion of the SAG direct feed system project costs above the 2010 budgeted amount.

### Finance expenses

		ear ended ember 31,	
(Cdn\$ in thousands)	2012	2011	Change
Interest expense	12,041	13,957	(1,916)
Accretion on PER	2,170	2,046	124
	14,211	16,003	(1,792)

Finance expenses in 2012 are net of \$7.7 million of interest capitalized on the GDP3 project which caused the decrease in finance expenses compared to 2011. After adjusting for capitalized interest, finance expenses have increased due to the inclusion of a full twelve months of interest expense on the senior notes in 2012 compared to eight and a half month's interest in 2011 excluding the period prior to the transaction.

#### Finance income

(Cdn\$ in thousands)	Ye Dec		
	2012	2011	Change
Interest income	6,668	6,859	(191)
Realized income on dual currency deposits	3,768	4,275	(507)
Unrealized income (loss) on dual currency deposits	238	(18)	256
Dividend income	-	448	(448)
Gain on sale of marketable securities	1,418	5,995	(4,577)
Change in fair value of financial instruments	-	(289)	289
	12,092	17,270	(5,178)

Finance income is primarily comprised of income earned on the promissory note and reclamation deposits, gains and losses on the dual currency deposits, as well as gains on sale of marketable securities. During 2012, income from these items decreased by \$5.2 million compared to 2011. This decrease is mainly due to lower realized gains on sale of marketable securities of \$1.4 million in 2012 as compared to \$6.0 million in 2011.

Foreign exchange losses arise as a result of the significant transactions undertaken in US dollars. All revenue transactions are denominated in US dollars. Certain capital and operating expenditures are incurred in US dollars, as well as interest payments on our senior notes in US dollars. As a result of movements in exchange rates between the transaction date and the date payment is made/received, foreign exchange gains and losses are incurred. In addition, the Company has significant monetary assets and liabilities denominated in US dollars that are translated to Canadian dollars at each balance sheet date, resulting in a foreign exchange gain or loss. These monetary assets and liabilities include cash, accounts receivable and the senior notes.

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#### Income tax

	-	ear ended ember 31,	
(Cdn\$ in thousands)	2012	2011	Change
Current expense (recovery)	1,153	6,002	(4,849)
Deferred expense (recovery)	(4,044)	17,780	(21,824)
	(2,891)	23,782	(26,673)
Effective tax rate	15.7%	46.9%	
Canadian statutory rate	25.0%	26.5%	
BC Mineral tax rate	9.8%	9.8%	

The overall income tax expense in 2012 was in a recovery position when compared to the income tax expense position in 2011, based on lower estimates of current cash taxes and the ability to use tax pools to offset cash tax. The overall deferred income tax liability decreased from 2011 resulting in a significant deferred income tax recovery for 2012. This was driven primarily from the reversal of the temporary difference related to the copper hedge from 2011.

The effective tax rate for 2012 was lower than the statutory rate. Permanent differences related to non-deductible share-based compensation and non-taxable gains on the sale of securities had the effect of reducing the effective tax rate by 24% and included the impact of BC Mineral taxes. In addition, there were adjustments for future tax rate differences of 2% and unrecognized tax benefits of 3%.

The effective tax rate for 2011 was higher than the statutory rate primarily due to the mineral tax, permanent differences and unrecognized tax benefits. Certain items that are deductible for income tax purposes but not deductible for BC Mineral tax purposes had the effect of increasing the effective tax rate by 15%. In addition, permanent differences, including non-deductible share-based compensation, accounted for 4% of the difference. In addition, there were unrecognized tax benefits related to unrealized foreign exchange on debt, which had the effect of increasing the effective tax rate by 3%. When these differences were applied to the net income, they impacted the effective tax rate significantly. Other items, including the impact of the reduction of corporate tax rates, created minor impacts on the effective tax rate.

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#### FINANCIAL CONDITION REVIEW

#### Balance sheet review

	As at December 31,			
(Cdn\$ in thousands)	2012	2011	Change	
Cash and equivalents	134,995	277,792	(142,797)	
Current assets excluding cash	93,819	159,131	(65,312)	
Non-current assets	637,435	446,003	191,432	
Other assets	120,198	111,806	8,392	
Total assets	986,447	994,732	(8,285)	
Current liabilities	75,213	61,014	14,199	
Long-term debt	234,793	218,502	16,291	
Other liabilities	213,159	218,399	(5,240)	
Total liabilities	523,165	497,915	25,250	
Equity	463,282	496,817	(33,535)	
Non-cash working capital <sup>1</sup>	18,606	98,117	(79,511)	
Net debt (cash) 1	117,865	(86,139)	204,004	
Total common shares outstanding (millions)	190.9	196.5	(5.6)	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Non-cash working capital and net (cash) debt are non-GAAP financial performance measures with no standard definition under IFRS. See pages 31-34 of this MD&A.

Taseko's asset base is comprised principally of non-current assets including property, plant and equipment, reflecting the capital intensive nature of the mining business. The current assets include cash, accounts receivable, other financial assets and inventories (supplies and production inventories), along with prepaid expenses and deposits. Production inventories, accounts receivable and cash balances fluctuate in relation to shipping and cash settlement schedules.

Current assets including cash have decreased by \$208.1 million, primarily as a result of a \$191.4-million increase in property, plant and equipment.

Total liabilities increased from \$497.9 million since December 31, 2011 to \$523.2 million as at December 31, 2012. Current liabilities and long-term debt have increased by \$14.2 million and \$16.3 respectively, offset by a \$5.2-million decrease in other liabilities. This increase reflects new financing of equipment loans, accounts payable and accrued liabilities and an increase in the provision for environmental rehabilitation (PER).

The PER valuation is impacted by the changes in discount and inflation rates as at each quarter end. The volatility in the markets during 2012 extended to the Bank of Canada benchmark bond rates which are used as the proxies for discount rates. The long-term benchmark bond, which has the greatest impact on the calculation, decreased to 2.4% as at December 31, 2012 compared to 3.1% at the end of 2011. Given the long time frame over which environmental rehabilitation expenditures are expected to be incurred (over 100 years), the amounts of the provision and asset are sensitive to small changes in estimates of discount and inflation rates.

During 2012, the Company moved into a net debt position. Previously, the Company's cash position more than offset its debt. The net debt position results from the cumulative spending on GDP3 expansion outpacing the cash generated from operations.

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As at February 21, 2013, there were 191,089,955 common shares outstanding. In addition, there were 12,895,500 director and employee stock options. More information on these instruments and the terms of their exercise is set out in note 21 of the Financial Statements.

### Liquidity, cash flow and capital resources

At December 31, 2012, the Company had cash and equivalents of \$135.0 million, as compared to \$277.8 million at December 31, 2011. As at December 31, 2012, an additional \$20.1 million of highly-liquid money market instruments are recorded as current other financial assets (\$10.0 million) and long-term other financial assets (\$10.1 million), respectively, as these instruments have maturity dates greater than three months from the date of acquisition. The strategy of retaining significant liquidity to fund operations has been maintained.

Operating cash flow for 2012 was an inflow of \$52.9 million compared to an inflow of \$4.7 million for the prior year. The principal use of operating cash flows is capital expenditures. With the issuance of the senior notes in 2011, a future use of operating cash flow will be the repayment of debt including interest.

Future changes in copper and molybdenum market prices could impact the timing and amount of cash available for future investment in capital projects and/or other uses of capital. To partially mitigate these risks, copper hedges are entered into on our share of Gibraltar copper production. Alternative sources of funding for future capital or other liquidity needs include future operating cash flow, strategic partnerships, such as the Gibraltar joint venture and the Franco-Nevada gold stream transaction, and debt or equity financings. These alternatives are continually evaluated to determine the optimal mix of capital resources to address capital needs and minimize the weighted average cost of capital.

Cash used in investing activities for 2012 was \$154.7 million principally due to the purchase of plant, property and equipment for the GDP3 expansion for \$182.0 million and investments in financial assets for \$27.8 million, offset by the sales of financial assets of \$54.4 million. Investment in financial assets included marketable securities, dual currency deposits "DCD" with terms greater than three months, and copper hedging contracts. A DCD is a financial instrument which combines a money market deposit with a currency option to provide a higher yield than that available for a standard deposit. The currency in which the Company receives payment upon maturity of the DCD is dependent on the prevailing spot foreign exchange rate at maturity. DCDs with maturity dates of three months or less are classified as cash and equivalents. Cash used in investing activities for 2011 was \$117.0 million principally due to the investment in DCDs with terms greater than three months. During 2011, a total of \$235.6 million was invested in marketable securities, DCDs with terms greater than three months, and copper hedging contracts. In addition, \$51.8 million was invested in property, plant and equipment, offset by \$169.5 million in proceeds on the sale and maturity of investments.

Cash used for financing activities for 2012 was \$36.1 million compared to cash provided by financing activities of \$173.5 million for 2011. Included in 2012 is the repurchase of common shares for \$20.9 million and a combined \$32.3 million for debt repayment and interest charges, offset by \$15.5 million in debt issuance and \$1.6 million in proceeds from share issuance. Included in 2011, are \$192.0 million in proceeds from the senior notes offering, \$8.4 million in proceeds from common shares issued, offset by debt issuance costs of \$6.1 million and repayment of debt including interest.

#### Hedging strategy

The hedging program was implemented in 2009 as copper prices were recovering from the commodity pricing collapse that occurred in late 2008 and early 2009. Since that time, the Company's strategy has been to hedge at least 50% of copper production using put options that are either purchased outright or funded by the sale of calls that are significantly out of the money using either a zero-cost basis or funded basis.

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The amount and duration of the hedge position is based on an assessment of business-specific risk elements combined with the copper pricing outlook. Currently, approximately 50% of the Company's share of Gibraltar's estimated production for the first half of 2013 is hedged at US\$3.00 per pound and for the second half of 2013 at US\$2.75 per pound.

Copper price and quantity exposure are reviewed at least quarterly to ensure that adequate revenue protection is in place. Hedge positions are typically extended adding incremental quarters at established put strike prices to provide the necessary price protection.

Considerations on the cost of the hedging program include an assessment of Gibraltar's estimated production costs, anticipated copper prices and estimated gross margins during the relevant period.

#### Commitments and contingencies

The Company expects to incur capital expenditures during the next five years for both the Gibraltar mine and other projects. The other projects are at various stages of development, from preliminary exploration through to permitting. The ultimate decision to incur capital expenditures at each potential site is subject to positive results which allow the project to advance past key decision hurdles.

At December 31, 2012, capital commitments associated with GDP3 totaled \$29.2 million on a 100% basis. Capital commitments for all other projects were \$13.3 million. The Company's share of total commitments was \$31.9 million at year end.

In April 2011, the Company completed a public offering of US\$200 million in senior notes due in 2019, bearing interest at an annual rate of 7.75%. The notes are guaranteed by the Company's subsidiaries and the subsidiary guarantees are, in turn, guaranteed by the Company. The Company may redeem some or all of the notes at any time on or after April 15, 2015 at redemption prices ranging from 103.875% to 100% plus accrued interest. Prior to April 15, 2015, the notes may be redeemed at 100% plus a make-whole premium, plus accrued interest. In addition, until April 15, 2014, the Company may redeem up to 35% of the principal amount of notes, in an amount not greater than the net proceeds of certain equity offerings, at a redemption price of 107.75%, plus accrued interest. The Company is subject to certain restrictions on asset sales, payments, and incurrence of indebtedness and issuance of preferred stock.

	Payments due						
(\$ in thousands)	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	thereafter	Total
Debt <sup>1</sup> :							
Repayment of principal	18,067	15,288	11,675	8,742	5,118	198,980	257,870
Interest	18,148	17,186	16,461	15,907	15,538	19,920	103,160
PER <sup>2</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	95,954	95,954
Operating leases	3,313	1,801	375	304	267	934	6,994
Capital expenditures <sup>3</sup>	31,849	-	-	-	-	-	31,849
Other expenditures 4	10,820	23,809	10,950	-	-	-	45,579

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Debt is comprised of senior notes, capital leases and secured equipment loans.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Provision for environmental rehabilitation – Amounts presented in the table represent the expected cost of environmental rehabilitation without considering the effect of discount or inflation rates.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Purchase obligations for capital commitments include only those items where binding commitments have been entered into. Commitments at the end of 2012 primarily relate to the GDP3 expansion.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Other expenditure commitments include the purchase of goods and services, royalty obligations and exploration activities. Actual timing of payment for royalty obligations may differ. Amounts estimated based on expected future production levels.

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# **SELECTED ANNUAL INFORMATION**

	Year en	31,	
(Cdn\$ in thousands, except per share amounts)	2012	2011	2010
Revenues	253,607	251,866	278,460
Net (loss) earnings	(15,665)	26,974	149,357
Per share – basic	(0.08)	0.14	\$0.80
Per share – diluted	(0.08)	0.14	\$0.74
	As a	t December 31,	
	2012	2011	2010
Total assets	986,447	994,732	722,094
Total long-term financial liabilities	269,955	264,482	82,162

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## **FOURTH QUARTER RESULTS**

Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income		nonths ended December 31,
(Cdn\$ in thousands, except per share amounts)	2012	2011
Revenues	62,878	60,512
Cost of sales	(56,055)	(41,235)
Gross profit	6,823	19,277
General and administrative	(5,981)	(5,377)
Exploration and evaluation	(1,837)	(2,664)
Other operating expenses	(5,423)	(25,709)
	(6,418)	(14,473)
Finance expenses	(2,730)	(4,631)
Finance income	2,009	6,731
Foreign exchange gain (loss)	(1,136)	3,177
Loss before income taxes	(8,275)	(9,196)
Income tax recovery	1,490	1,502
Net loss for the period	(6,785)	(7,694)
Other comprehensive loss:		
Unrealized losses on available-for-sale financial assets, net of tax	(3,474)	(1,483)
Total other comprehensive loss for the period	(3,474)	(1,483)
Total comprehensive loss for the period	(10,259)	(9,177)
Loss per share		
Basic	(0.04)	(0.04)
Diluted	(0.04)	(0.04)
Weighted-average shares outstanding (thousands)		
Basic	190,676	195,771
Diluted	190,676	195,771

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Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows	Three months end	
(Cdn\$ in thousands)	2012	,December 31 2011
Operating activities		
Net loss for the period	(6,785)	(7,694)
Adjustments for:	, ,	,
Depreciation	5,551	2,369
Income tax recovery	(1,490)	(1,502)
Income tax paid	(453)	(5,175)
Share-based compensation	1,636	1,564
Unrealized loss on derivatives	2,319	21,929
Finance expenses	9,238	13,344
Finance income	(1,760)	(2,382)
Unrealized foreign exchange loss (gain)	2,035	(5,307)
Other operating activities	(1,327)	1,148
Net change in non-cash working capital	(2,474)	(19,192)
Cash provided by (used for) operating activities	6,490	(898)
Investing activities		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(71,517)	(16,819)
Investment in financial assets	(5,136)	(22,766)
Interest received	212	440
Proceeds from financial assets	57	69,052
Other investing activities	290	(471)
Cash provided by (used for) investing activities	(76,094)	29,436
Financing activities		
Repayment of debt	(3,984)	(2,900)
Interest paid	(8,272)	(8,408)
Common shares issued for cash	390	1,073
Proceeds from debt issuance	15,491	-
Cash provided by (used for) financing activities	3,625	(10,235)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and equivalents	220	(8,594)
Increase (decrease) in cash and equivalents	(65,759)	9,709
Cash and equivalents, beginning of period	200,754	268,083
Cash and equivalents, end of period	134,995	277,792

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Earnings

	Three mor		
(Cdn\$ in thousands)	2012	2011	Change
Net loss	(6,785)	(7,694)	909
Unrealized loss on derivatives	2,319	21,929	(19,610)
Gain on sale of marketable securities and dividend income	(541)	-	(541)
Changes in fair value of financial instruments	-	(240)	240
Non-recurring consulting expenses	-	2,279	(2,279)
Unrealized (income) loss on DCDs	73	(1,301)	1,374
FX translation losses	1,929	1,383	546
Estimated tax effect of adjustments	(945)	(6,415)	5,470
Adjusted net earnings (loss) 1	(3,950)	9,941	(13,891)

Adjusted net earnings is non-GAAP financial performance measures with no standard definition under IFRS. See pages 31-34 of this MD&A.

Contributing to the \$13.9-million decrease in the quarterly adjusted net earnings year-over-year are the following changes:

- \$14.8-million increase in cost of sales;
- \$0.6-million increase in G&A expenses;
- \$1.6-million increase in other operating expenses;
- \$3.6-million decrease in finance income;
- \$3.8-million increase in foreign exchange losses;
- offset by a \$2.4-million increase in revenues;
- offset by \$0.8-million decrease in exploration and evaluation expenses;
- offset by \$1.9-million decrease in finance expense; and
- \$5.5-million for the associated tax effects of these items.

#### Revenues

		Three months ended December 31,	
(Cdn\$ in thousands)	2012	2011	Change
Copper concentrate	59,013	53,998	5,015
Copper cathode	1,176	2,199	(1,023)
Total copper sales	60,189	56,197	3,992
Molybdenum concentrate	1,756	3,439	(1,683)
Silver contained in copper concentrate	933	876	57
	62,878	60,512	2,366
(thousands of pounds, unless otherwise noted)			
Copper concentrate	17,089	14,767	2,321
Copper cathode	337	670	(333)
Total copper sales	17,426	15,437	1,989
Average realized copper price (US\$ per pound) 1	3.48	3.56	(0.07)
Molybdenum concentrate	161	269	(107)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The average exchange rate used for fourth quarter 2012 was CAD/USD \$0.9914 (2011: \$1.0230).

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Revenues for the fourth quarter 2012 increased by \$2.3 million, or 4%, compared to revenues in the prior-year period as a result of higher copper sales. The Company's average realized copper price of US\$3.48 per pound for the fourth quarter 2012 was lower than the LME average of US\$3.59 per pound. The difference between realized copper prices and the average market price for the fourth quarter 2012 reflects the pricing of 10.5 million pounds of copper concentrate that was settled in fourth quarter 2012 but was mostly related to third quarter provisional sales. The spot price for copper closed at US\$3.59 per pound on December 30, 2012.

Molybdenum revenues totaled \$1.7 million in fourth quarter 2012 which is 49% lower than the prior-year quarter due to a 40% decrease in sales volumes compared to the prior year quarter and lower average realized price in fourth quarter 2012 compared to the prior year quarter.

#### Cost of sales

		Three months ended December 31,	
(Cdn\$ in thousands)	2012	2011	Change
Direct mining costs	41,391	32,777	8,614
Depreciation	5,394	2,200	3,194
Treatment and refining costs	3,098	2,973	125
Transportation costs	3,516	3,400	116
Changes in inventories of finished goods and WIP	2,656	(115)	2,771
	56,055	41,235	14,820
(thousands of pounds)			
Copper production	16,015	16,753	(738)
Copper sales	17,426	15,437	1,989
(C\$ per pound)			
Direct mining costs per pound produced	2.58	1.96	0.63
Depreciation per pound produced	0.34	0.13	0.21
Treatment and refining costs per pound sold	0.18	0.19	(0.01)
Transportation costs per pound sold	0.20	0.22	(0.02)

The 36% increase in cost of sales reflects the 13% increase in copper sales volumes in fourth quarter 2012 compared to the prior-year quarter. Contributing to the year-over-year increase in direct mining and processing costs for the fourth quarter was a 17% increase in tons mined. In addition, direct mining and processing costs for the fourth quarter 2012 compared to the prior-year quarter were negatively impacted by higher labour, maintenance, external services and consumable costs. Also contributing to the increase in direct mining costs on a 'per unit of production' basis was lower production quarter-over-quarter as a result of lower recoveries.

Depreciation expenses during the fourth quarter have increased year-over-year, reflecting an increase in assets placed into service. Treatment and refining costs and transportation costs have slightly increased, consistent with the increase in pounds sold.

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Other expenses and income

•	Three months ended December 31,		
(Cdn\$ in thousands)	2012	2011	Change
General and administrative	5,981	5,377	604
Exploration and evaluation	1,837	2,664	(827)
Other operating expenses (income):			
Realized (gain) loss on copper derivative instruments	1,632	(599)	2,231
Unrealized (gain) loss on copper derivative instruments	2,319	21,929	(19,610)
Loss on disposition of property, plant and equipment	169	542	(373)
Consulting expenses	-	2,279	(2,279)
Impairment of plant and equipment	1,383	1,835	(452)
Management fee income	(80)	(277)	197
	5,423	25,709	(20,286)
Foreign exchange (gain) loss	1,136	(3,177)	4,313

The increase in general and administrative expenses during the fourth quarter 2012 is primarily due to share based compensation expense recorded for options that were granted during the quarter.

Exploration and evaluation expenses during fourth quarter 2012 were attributable to work performed at the Aley project and the New Prosperity project. During fourth quarter 2012, \$1.2 million was spent on Aley and \$0.6 million was spent on the New Prosperity project compared to \$0.4 million spent on Aley and \$1.2 million spent on New Prosperity project in the fourth quarter of 2011.

The decrease in other operating expenses in 2012 is primarily attributable to gains and losses associated with the copper hedge program. The Company recognized \$2.3 million in unrealized losses and \$1.6 million in realized losses. This compares to \$22.0 million in unrealized losses and \$0.6 million in realized gains that were recognized in 2011. The amount of gain or loss on the copper hedge program is driven by changes in copper prices relative to the fixed price in our put and call option contracts.

The realized loss on copper derivatives during fourth quarter 2012 reflects the net of the expense on the premiums paid, offset by the proceeds received on the settlement of the put options that were in the money during the quarter.

During 2012, the Company entered into copper derivative contracts for 59.6 million pounds of 2013 copper production. These outstanding copper derivatives are marked-to-market each period end with any changes in fair value recognized in income as unrealized gains or losses. Since the end of the third quarter 2012 through to the end of the year, there has been a decrease in copper prices resulting in an unrealized loss on copper derivatives in the amount of \$2.3 million.

During fourth quarter 2012, certain plant and equipment was deemed redundant upon completion of GDP3, which resulted in an impairment charge of \$1.3 million. During fourth quarter 2011, certain plant and equipment was deemed redundant upon completion of the SAG direct feed project during 2011 which resulted in an impairment charge of \$1.8 million.

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#### Finance expenses

		Three months ended December 31,		
(Cdn\$ in thousands)	2012	2011	Change	
Interest expense	2,205	4,197	(1,992)	
Accretion on PER	525	434	91	
	2,730	4,631	(1,901)	

Finance expenses for the fourth quarter 2012 are net of \$2.9 million of interest capitalized on the GDP3 project , which explains the decrease in finance expenses compared to the fourth quarter 2011. After adjusting for capitalized interest, finance expenses in the fourth quarter have increased due to new capital leases related to the GDP3 mining equipment.

#### Finance income

(Cdn\$ in thousands)	Three months ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	Change
Interest income	945	2,199	(1,254)
Realized income on dual currency deposits	595	2,991	(2,396)
Unrealized income (loss) on dual currency deposits	(72)	1,301	(1,373)
Dividend income	-	-	-
Gain on sale of marketable securities	541	-	541
Change in fair value of financial instruments	-	240	(240)
	2,009	6,731	(4,722)

Finance income is primarily comprised of income earned on the promissory note and reclamation deposits, as well as interest income and gains on the dual currency deposits. During the fourth quarter 2012, income from these items decreased compared to the fourth quarter 2011 due to the lower levels of cash available for investment in these instruments.

#### Income tax

	Three months ended December 31,		
(Cdn\$ in thousands)	2012	2011	Change
Current expense (recovery)	(2,723)	(2,840)	117
Deferred expense	1,233	1,338	(105)
	(1,490)	(1,502)	12
Effective tax rate	18.3%	16.3%	
Canadian statutory rate	25.0%	26.5%	
BC mineral tax rate	9.8%	9.8%	

The income tax recovery realized in fourth quarter 2012 primarily resulted from deductions allowed for tax associated with the copper hedging program and lower current cash taxes for the quarter.

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#### Cash flow

The Company's primary source of liquidity is operating cash flow. In the fourth quarter of 2012, operating cash flow was an inflow \$6.5 million compared to an outflow of \$0.9 million for the prior-year period.

Cash used in investing activities in the fourth quarter of 2012 amounting to \$76.1 million was mainly due to capital expenditures of \$71.5 million and purchase of financial assets of \$5.1 million, partially offset by proceeds from the sale and maturity of investments of \$0.3 million and interest received of \$0.2 million. During the fourth quarter of 2011, \$29.4 million of cash received from investing activities included proceeds from the sale and maturity of investments of \$69.1 million, interest received of \$0.4 million and \$0.5 million used for other investing activities, offset by capital expenditures of \$16.8 million and purchase of financial assets of \$22.8 million.

Cash received from financing activities was \$3.6 million for the fourth quarter 2012 due to the \$15.5 million proceeds from debt issuance offset by debt principal and interest payments of \$12.2 million compared to cash used for financing activities of \$10.2 million for the prior-year period resulting from debt principal and interest payments of \$11.3 million offset by proceeds from share issuance of \$1.1 million.

#### SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY RESULTS

	2012				2011			
(\$ in thousands, except per share amounts)	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1
Revenues	62,878	60,999	74,377	55,353	60,512	84,204	48,349	58,801
Net earnings (loss)	(6,785)	(3,851)	3,315	(8,344)	(7,694)	30,028	(1,113)	5,753
EPS <sup>1</sup>	(0.04)	(0.02)	0.02	(0.04)	(0.04)	0.15	(0.01)	0.03
Adjusted net earnings (loss) <sup>2</sup>	(3,950)	1,491	4,009	305	9,941	(1,991)	1,863	7,971
Adjusted EPS 1	(0.02)	0.01	0.02	0.00	0.05	(0.01)	0.01	0.04
EBITDA <sup>2, 3</sup>	(1,009)	(1,232)	13,350	(4,337)	(4,828)	56,523	3,685	15,301
Adjusted EBITDA <sup>2, 3</sup>	2,771	6,216	13,492	8,081	19,222	13,667	7,488	16,617
(US\$ per pound, except where in	dicated)							
Realized copper price <sup>2</sup>	3.48	3.64	3.52	3.87	3.56	3.73	4.25	4.28
Total cash costs of sales 2	2.78	2.60	2.47	2.23	2.20	2.33	2.37	2.08
Copper sales (million pounds)	17.4	16.1	19.8	12.7	15.4	21.8	10.7	12.8

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Calculated using weighted average number of shares outstanding under the basic method. Sum of all the quarters may not add up to the yearly total due to rounding.

Financial results for the last eight quarters reflect: volatile copper prices that impact realized prices; variability in the quarterly sales volumes due to timing of shipments which impacts revenue recognition; and a trend of increasing production costs caused by inflationary pressures on key input costs. In certain areas such as labour and mining operations, operating costs are expected to remain elevated through the completion and commissioning of GDP3. Most of the required labour force to operate the GDP3 concentrator has already been hired and is currently training and job shadowing in order to facilitate an efficient ramp up. There are other cost elements in the mine and mill operations where we have identified significant opportunities for improvement and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Adjusted net earnings (loss), adjusted EPS, EBITDA, adjusted EBITDA, realized copper price and total cash costs of sales are non-GAAP financial performance measure with no standard definition under IFRS. See pages 31-34 of the Company's MD&A.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Certain prior-period measures have been recalculated to conform to the presentation adopted for the current period.

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expect to see a downward trend in 2013. Continued focus remains on long-term reduction of unit costs and further efficiencies will be gained once GDP3 achieves design capacity in 2013.

#### **CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND ESTIMATES**

The Company's significant accounting policies are presented in note 2 of the Financial Statements. The preparation of the Financial Statements in conformity with IFRS requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates. Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimates are revised and in any future periods affected.

Significant areas where judgment is applied include reserve and resource estimation; asset valuations and the measurement of impairment charges or reversals; finished and in-process inventory quantities; plant and equipment lives; tax provisions; provisions for environmental rehabilitation; assessment of joint control in business combinations; and share-based compensation. Key estimates and assumptions made by management with respect to these areas have been disclosed in the notes to the Financial Statements as appropriate.

The accuracy of reserve and resource estimates is a function of the quantity and quality of available data and the assumptions made and judgment used in the engineering and geological interpretation, and may be subject to revision based on various factors. Changes in reserve and resource estimates may impact the carrying value of property, plant and equipment; the calculation of depreciation expense; the capitalization of stripping costs incurred during production; and the timing of cash flows related to the provision for environmental rehabilitation.

Changes in forecast prices of commodities, exchange rates, production costs and recovery rates may change the economic status of reserves and resources. Forecast prices of commodities, exchange rates, production costs and recovery rates, and discount rates assumptions, either individually or collectively, may impact the carrying value of derivative financial instruments, inventory, property, plant and equipment, and intangibles, as well as the measurement of impairment charges or reversals.

#### **CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

#### Consolidated Financial Statements

In May 2011, the IASB issued IFRS 10, Consolidated Financial Statements and IFRS 12, Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities. IFRS 10 establishes principles for the presentation and preparation of consolidated financial statements when an entity controls one or more other entities. This standard defines the principle of control and establishes control as the basis for determining which entities are consolidated in an entity's consolidated financial statements. IFRS 12 outlines the disclosure requirements for interests in subsidiaries and other entities to enable users to evaluate the risks associated with interests in other entities and the effects of those interests on an entity's financial position, financial performance and cash flows.

IFRS 10 and IFRS 12 are effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2013, with earlier application permitted. The Company has completed its assessment of the impact of these amendments and concluded that there will be no material impact on its financial statements.

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#### Joint Arrangements

In May 2011, the IASB issued IFRS 11, Joint Arrangements, which provides guidance on accounting for joint arrangements. If an arrangement has joint control, IFRS 11 classifies joint arrangements as either joint operations or joint ventures, depending on the rights and obligations of the parties involved.

This standard is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2013, with early adoption permitted. The Company has completed its assessment of the impact of these amendments and concluded that there will be no material impact on its financial statements.

#### Fair Value Measurement

In May 2011, the IASB issued IFRS 13, Fair Value Measurement. This standard defines fair value, sets out a single IFRS framework for measuring fair value and outlines disclosure requirements about fair value measurements.

IFRS 13 is effective for annual periods on or after January 1, 2013, with earlier application permitted. The Company has completed its assessment of the impact of these amendments and concluded that there will be no material impact on its financial statements.

#### Other Comprehensive Income

In June 2011, the IASB and FASB issued amendments to standards to align the presentation requirements for other comprehensive income (OCI). The IASB issued amendments to IAS 1, Presentation of Financial Statements to require companies preparing financial statements under IFRS to group items within OCI that may be reclassified to the profit or loss.

The amendments to IAS 1 set out in Presentation of Items of Other Comprehensive Income are effective for fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2012. The Company has completed its assessment of the impact of these amendments and concluded that the existing presentation of items within OCI is in accordance with the amendments to IAS 1.

#### **Production Stripping Costs**

In October 2011, the IASB issued International Financial Reporting Interpretation Committee (IFRIC) 20, Stripping Costs in the Production Phase of a Surface Mine. This interpretation is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2013. The Company is currently assessing the impact of this interpretation on its financial statements.

#### FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Company uses a mixture of cash, long-term debt and shareholders' equity to maintain an efficient capital allocation and ensure adequate liquidity exists to meet the ongoing cash requirements of the business. In the normal course of business, the Company is inherently exposed to financial risks, including market risk, commodity price risk, interest rate risk, currency risk, liquidity risk and credit risk. The Company manages these risks in accordance with its risk management policies. To mitigate some of these inherent business risks, the Company uses commodity hedging derivative instruments that do not qualify for hedge accounting treatment. These non-hedge derivatives are summarized in note 25(f) to the consolidated financial statements. The financial risks and the Company's exposure to these risks, is provided in various tables in note 25 of the consolidated financial statements. For a discussion on the methods used to value financial instruments, as well as significant assumptions, refer also to notes 2 and 25 of the consolidated financial statements.

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Summary of Financial Instruments	Carrying amount	Associated Risks	
Financial assets	, ,		
Loans and receivables			
Cash and equivalents	134,995	Interest rate Credit	
Accounts receivable	28,966	Credit Market	
Promissory note	70,662	Interest rate	
Available-for-sale			
Capped floating rate notes	20,090	Credit Liquidity	
Shares	7,196	Market	
Subscription receipts	7,100	Market	
Reclamation deposits	25,728	Market	
Fair value through profit and loss (FVTPL)			
Copper put option contracts	1,776	Liquidity Market Credit	
Financial liabilities			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	46,111	Currency Interest rate	
Senior notes	193,970	Currency	
Capital leases	35,242	Interest rate	
Secured equipment loans	23,649	Currency Interest rate	
Royalty obligation	45,579	Interest rate	

# INTERNAL CONTROLS OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND DISCLOSURE CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

The Company's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting and disclosure controls and procedures.

The Company's internal control system over financial reporting is designed to provide reasonable assurance to management and the Board of Directors regarding the preparation and fair presentation of published financial statements. Internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that:

- (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that in reasonable detail accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the Company;
- (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with IFRS, and that receipts and expenditures of the Company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the Company; and
- (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of the Company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

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The Company's internal control system over disclosure controls and procedures is designed to provide reasonable assurance that material information relating to the Company is made known to management and disclosed to others and information required to be disclosed by the Company in its annual filings, interim filings or other reports filed or submitted by us under securities legislation is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the securities legislation.

All internal control systems, no matter how well designed, have inherent limitations. Therefore, even those systems determined effective can provide only reasonable assurance with respect to financial reporting and disclosure.

There have been no changes in our internal control over financial reporting and disclosure controls and procedures during the year ended December 31, 2012 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, internal control over financial reporting and disclosure.

The Company's management, at the direction of our chief executive officer and chief financial officer, have evaluated the effectiveness of the design and operation of the internal controls over financial reporting and disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this report, and have concluded that they were effective.

#### RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

#### Key management personnel

Key management personnel include the members of the Board of Directors and executive officers of the Company.

The Company contributes to a post-employment defined contribution pension plan on the behalf of certain key management personnel. This retirement compensation arrangement (RCA Trust) was established to provide benefits to certain executive officers on or after retirement in recognition of their long service. Upon retirement, the participant is entitled to the distribution of the accumulated value of the contributions under the RCA Trust. Obligations for contributions to the defined contribution pension plan are recognized as compensation expense in profit or loss in the periods during which services are rendered by the executive officers.

Certain executive officers are entitled to termination and change in control benefits. In the event of termination without cause, other than a change in control, these executive officers are entitled to an amount ranging from 9-month to 12-month's salary. In the event of a change in control, if a termination without cause or a resignation occurs within 12 months following the change of control, these executive officers are entitled to receive, among other things, an amount ranging from 24-month to 32-months' salary and accrued bonus, and all stock options held by these individuals will fully vest.

Executive officers and directors also participate in the Company's share option program.

During 2012, the Company incurred total compensation expenses of \$9.2 million for its key management personnel compared to \$11.3 million in 2011.

#### Other related parties

Hunter Dickinson Services Inc. ("HDSI") is a private company which has certain directors in common with the Company. HDSI carries out geological, engineering, corporate development, administrative, financial management, investor relations, and other management activities for the Company. The terms and conditions of the transactions are similar to transactions conducted on an arm's length basis. During 2012, the Company incurred general and administrative expenses of \$1.9 million, and exploration and evaluation expenses of \$0.5

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million with HDSI. This compares to general and administrative expenses of \$2.2 million, exploration and evaluation expenses of \$0.8 million, and prepaid rent of \$1.0 million in 2011.

The Gibraltar joint venture pays a management fee to the Company for services rendered as operator of the Gibraltar mine. During the year 2012, the Company has earned \$1.0 million of other operating income for these services rendered, compared to \$0.8 million earned in 2011.

During the year, the Company invested \$10 million in subscription receipts of a private company with directors in common which holds mineral property interests. The subscription receipts will be convertible into units comprised of shares, or shares and warrants.

### **NON-GAAP PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

This document includes certain non-GAAP performance measures that do not have a standardized meaning prescribed by IFRS. These measures may differ from those used by, and may not be comparable to such measures as reported by, other issuers. The Company believes that these measures are commonly used by certain investors, in conjunction with conventional IFRS measures, to enhance their understanding of the Company's performance. These measures have been derived from the Company's financial statements and applied on a consistent basis. The following tables below provide a reconciliation of these non-GAAP measures to the most directly comparable IFRS measure.

### Total cash costs per pound

Total cash costs of sales include all costs absorbed into inventory, as well as by-product credits, treatment & refining costs and transportation costs, less non-cash items such as depreciation and share-based compensation. Total cash costs per pound sold are calculated by dividing the aggregate of the applicable costs by copper pounds sold. Total cash costs of production are total cash costs of sales adjusted for the net movement in inventory during the period. Total cash costs per pound produced are calculated by dividing the aggregate of the applicable costs by copper pounds produced. These measures are calculated on a consistent basis for the periods presented.

	Three mon	eths ended cember 31,	Year ended December 31,	
(\$ in thousands, unless otherwise indicated)	2012	2011	2012	2011
Cost of sales	56,055	41,235	201,911	165,565
Less non-cash items:				
Depreciation	(5,394)	(2,200)	(18,843)	(12,145)
Share-based compensation	48	42	(38)	(137)
Less by-product credits:				
Molybdenum	(1,756)	(3,439)	(12,229)	(14,317)
Silver	(933)	(876)	(3,331)	(3,473)
Total cash costs of sales	48,019	34,762	167,470	135,493
Total copper sold (thousand pounds)	17,426	15,438	66,002	60,776
Total cash costs per pound sold	2.76	2.25	2.54	2.23
Average exchange rate for the period (CAD/USD)	0.9914	1.0230	0.9994	0.9893
Total cash costs of sales (US\$ per pound)	2.78	2.20	2.54	2.25

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	Three mon Dec	ths ended ember 31,	Year ended December 31,		
(\$ in thousands, unless otherwise indicated)	2012	2011	2011	2011	
Net change in inventory	(2,656)	115	2,085	(3,144)	
Total cash costs of production	45,363	34,877	169,555	132,349	
Less offsite costs:					
Treatment and refining costs	(3,098)	(2,973)	(12,628)	(11,632)	
Transportation costs	(3,516)	(3,400)	(14,006)	(13,108)	
Net operating cash costs	38,749	28,504	142,921	107,609	
Total copper produced (thousand pounds)	16,015	16,753	67,347	62,165	
Total cash costs per pound produced	2.42	1.70	2.12	1.73	
Average exchange rate for the period (CAD/USD)	0.9914	1.0230	0.9994	0.9893	
Net operating cash costs of production					
(US\$ per pound)	2.44	1.66	2.12	1.75	

### Adjusted net earnings

Adjusted net earnings removes the effect of the following transactions from net earnings as reported under IFRS:

- Unrealized gains/losses on derivative instruments;
- Gains/losses on the sale of financial instruments;
- Changes in the fair value of financial instruments;
- Foreign currency translation gains/losses; and
- Non-recurring transactions, including non-recurring tax adjustments.

Management believes these transactions do not reflect the underlying operating performance of our core mining business and are not necessarily indicative of future operating results. Furthermore, unrealized gains/losses on derivative instruments, changes in the fair value of financial instruments, and foreign currency translation gains/losses are not necessarily reflective of the underlying operating results for the reporting periods presented.

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	Three months ended December 31,		Year ended December 31,	
(\$ in thousands, except per share amounts)	2012	2011	2012	2011
Net earnings (loss)	(6,785)	(7,694)	(15,665)	26,974
Unrealized loss (gain) on derivatives	2,319	21,929	24,801	(22,944)
Gain on sale of marketable				
securities and dividend income	(541)	-	(1,418)	(6,443)
Changes in fair value of financial instruments	-	(240)	-	289
Non-recurring consulting expenses	-	2,279	-	6,322
Unrealized (income) loss on DCDs	73	(1,301)	(238)	18
Loss on contribution to joint venture	-	-	-	3,987
FX translation losses	1,929	1,383	643	5,084
Estimated tax effect of adjustments	(945)	(6,415)	(6,269)	4,496
Adjusted net earnings (loss)	(3,950)	9,941	1,854	17,783
Adjusted EPS	(0.02)	0.05	0.01	0.09

### EBITDA and adjusted EBITDA

EBITDA represents net earnings before interest, income taxes, and depreciation. EBITDA is presented because it is an important supplemental measure of our performance and is frequently used by securities analysts, investors and other interested parties in the evaluation of companies in the industry, many of which present EBITDA when reporting their results. Issuers of "high yield" securities also present EBITDA because investors, analysts and rating agencies consider it useful in measuring the ability of those issuers to meet debt service obligations. The Company believes EBITDA is an appropriate supplemental measure of debt service capacity, because cash expenditures on interest are, by definition, available to pay interest, and tax expense is inversely correlated to interest expense because tax expense goes down as deductible interest expense goes up; depreciation is a non-cash charge.

Adjusted EBITDA is presented as a further supplemental measure of the Company's performance and ability to service debt. Adjusted EBITDA is prepared by adjusting EBITDA to eliminate the impact of a number of items that are not considered indicative of ongoing operating performance.

Adjusted EBITDA is calculated by adding to EBITDA certain items of expense and deducting from EBITDA certain items of income that are not likely to recur or are not indicative of the Company's future operating performance consisting of:

- Unrealized gains/losses on derivative instruments;
- Gains/losses on the sale of marketable securities;
- Changes in the fair value of financial instruments:
- Foreign currency translation gains/losses; and
- Non-recurring transactions.

While some of the adjustments are recurring, the elimination of the gain on the contribution to the joint venture, loss on the extinguishment of debt, and gains/losses on the sale of marketable securities do not reflect the underlying performance of the Company's core mining business and are not necessarily indicative of future results. Furthermore, unrealized gains/losses on derivative instruments, foreign currency translation gains/losses

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and changes in the fair value of financial instruments are not necessarily reflective of the underlying operating results for the reporting periods presented.

	Three mon Dec	ths ended ember 31,		ear ended cember 31,
(\$ in thousands, except per share amounts)	2012	2011	2012	2011
Net earnings (loss)	(6,785)	(7,694)	(15,665)	26,974
Add:				
Depreciation	5,551	2,369	19,501	12,827
Interest expense	2,205	4,197	12,041	13,957
Interest income	(490)	(2,198)	(6,214)	(6,859)
Income tax expense (recovery)	(1,490)	(1,502)	(2,891)	23,782
EBITDA	(1,009)	(4,828)	6,772	70,681
Adjustments:				
Unrealized (gain)/loss on derivative instruments	2,319	21,929	24,801	(22,944)
Gain on sale of marketable securities	(541)	-	(1,418)	(6,443)
Changes in fair value of financial instruments	-	(240)	-	289
Foreign currency translation losses	1,929	1,383	643	5,084
Unrealized (income) loss on DCDs	73	(1,301)	(238)	18
Loss/(gain) on contribution to joint venture	-	-	-	3,987
Non-recurring consulting expense	-	2,279	-	6,322
Adjusted EBITDA	2,771	19,222	30,560	56,994



Consolidated Financial Statements December 31, 2012 and 2011

#### MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The consolidated financial statements, the notes thereto and other financial information contained in the Management's Discussion and Analysis have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board and are the responsibility of the management of Taseko Mines Limited. The financial information presented elsewhere in the Management's Discussion and Analysis is consistent with the data that is contained in the consolidated financial statements. The consolidated financial statements, where necessary, include amounts which are based on the best estimates and judgment of management.

In order to discharge management's responsibility for the integrity of the financial statements, the Company maintains a system of internal accounting controls. These controls are designed to provide reasonable assurance that the Company's assets are safeguarded, transactions are executed and recorded in accordance with management's authorization, proper records are maintained and relevant and reliable financial information is produced. These controls include maintaining quality standards in hiring and training of employees, establishing policies and procedures, a corporate code of conduct and ensuring that there is proper accountability for performance within appropriate and well-defined areas of responsibility.

The Board of Directors is responsible for overseeing management's performance of its responsibilities for financial reporting and internal control. The Audit Committee, which is composed of non-executive directors, meets with management as well as the external auditors to ensure that management is properly fulfilling its financial reporting responsibilities to the Directors who approve the consolidated financial statements. The external auditors have full and unrestricted access to the Audit Committee to discuss the scope of their audits, the adequacy of the system of internal controls and review financial reporting issues.

The consolidated financial statements have been audited by KPMG LLP, the Company's independent registered chartered accountants, in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards and standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States).

/s/ Russell Hallbauer

/s/ Peter Mitchell

Russell Hallbauer Chief Executive Officer Peter Mitchell Chief Financial Officer

Vancouver, British Columbia February 21, 2013

# MANAGEMENT'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

The Company's management, including the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer, is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting. Internal control over financial reporting is defined in Rule 13a-15(f) and Rule 15d-15(f) promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") as a process designed by, or under the supervision of, the Company's principal executive and principal financial officers and effected by the Company's Board of Directors, management and other personnel, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards. The Company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that:

- pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the Company;
- provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit
  preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting
  principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the Company are being made only in
  accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the Company; and
- provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of the Company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

The Company's management, under the supervision of the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer, assessed the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) and Rule 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act as of December 31, 2012. In making this assessment, it used the criteria set forth in the Internal Control-Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). Based on this assessment, management has concluded that, as of December 31, 2012, the Company's internal control over financial reporting is effective based on those criteria.

The effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2012 has been audited by KPMG LLP, the Company's independent registered chartered accountants, as stated in their report immediately preceding the Company's audited consolidated financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011.

/s/ Russell Hallbauer

/s/ Peter Mitchell

Russell Hallbauer Chief Executive Officer Peter Mitchell Chief Financial Officer

Vancouver, British Columbia February 21, 2013



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# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT OF REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Shareholders of Taseko Mines Limited

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Taseko Mines Limited, which comprise the consolidated balance sheets as at December 31, 2012 and 2011, the consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss), changes in equity and cash flows for the years then ended, and notes, comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Consolidated Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these consolidated financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards and the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. The procedures selected depend on our judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, we consider internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained in our audits is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.



# Opinion

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of Taseko Mines Limited as at December 31, 2012 and 2011, and its consolidated financial performance and its consolidated cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

# **KPMG LLP (signed)**

**Chartered Accountants** 

February 21, 2013

Vancouver, Canada

Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss) (Cdn\$ in thousands, except share and per share amounts)

			years ended ecember 31,
	Note	2012	2011
Davision	4	050 007	054.000
Revenues Cost of sales	4 5	253,607	251,866
Gross profit	ე	(201,911) 51,696	(165,565) 86,301
Gloss profit		51,090	80,301
General and administrative		(19,084)	(21,100)
Exploration and evaluation		(17,807)	(10,411)
Other operating (expenses) income	7	(30,541)	5,175
Loss on contribution to joint venture	3	-	(3,987)
		(15,736)	55,978
Finance expenses	8	(14,211)	(16,003)
Finance income	9	12,092	17,270
Foreign exchange loss	J	(701)	(6,489)
(Loss) earnings before income taxes		(18,556)	50,756
Income tax recovery (expense)	10	2,891	(23,782)
Net (loss) earnings for the year		(15,665)	26,974
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Other comprehensive loss :			
Unrealized losses on available-for-sale financial assets, net of tax	10	(2,726)	(2,401)
Realized gains on available-for-sale financial assets, net of tax	10	(1,241)	(5,246)
Total other comprehensive loss for the year		(3,967)	(7,647)
Total comprehensive income (loss) for the year		(19,632)	40 227
Total comprehensive income (loss) for the year		(19,032)	19,327
Earnings (loss) per share	22		
Basic		(80.0)	0.14
Diluted		(80.0)	0.14
Weighted average shares outstanding (thousands)	22		
Basic		192,599	193,213
Diluted		192,599	197,748

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (Cdn\$ in thousands)

		For the y	
	Note	2012	2011
Operating activities			
Net earnings (loss) for the year		(15,665)	26,974
Adjustments for:		(10,000)	20,01
Depreciation		19,501	12,827
Income tax expense (recovery)	10	(2,891)	23,782
Income tax paid		(2,308)	(38,660)
Income tax received		5,402	-
Share-based compensation		5,423	8,215
Unrealized loss (gain) on derivatives	7	24,801	(22,944)
Finance expenses		21,607	20,892
Finance income		(7,328)	(12,653)
Unrealized foreign exchange loss (gain)		813	(1,586)
Other operating activities	24	2,046	9,452
Net change in non-cash working capital	24	1,542	(21,614)
Cash provided by operating activities		52,943	4,685
Investing activities			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(181,997)	(51,792)
Investment in financial assets		(27,763)	(235,595)
Interest received		1,314	1,528
Proceeds from financial assets		54,434	169,936
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		203	-
Other investing activities	24	(855)	(1,066)
Cash provided by (used for) investing activities		(154,664)	(116,989)
Financing activities			
Repayment of debt		(14,491)	(10,729)
Interest paid		(17,763)	(10,121)
Repurchase of common shares		(20,897)	-
Common shares issued for cash		1,571	8,420
Proceeds from debt issuance	19	15,491	192,020
Debt issuance cost		-	(6,052)
Cash provided by (used for) financing activities		(36,089)	173,538
Effect of exchange rate changes on		/ · · ·	,
cash and equivalents		(4,987)	4,765
Increase (decrease) in cash and equivalents		(142,797)	65,999
Cash and equivalents, beginning of year		277,792	211,793
Cash and equivalents, end of year		134,995	277,792

# **Consolidated Balance Sheets**

(Cdn\$ in thousands)

	Note	December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and equivalents	24	134,995	277,792
Accounts receivable	11	28,966	39,909
Other financial assets	12	29,865	86,147
Inventories	13	27,556	23,290
Current tax receivable		2,309	7,437
Prepaids		5,123	2,348
		228,814	436,923
Other financial assets	12	102,737	111,641
Property, plant and equipment	14	631,997	440,565
Intangible assets	15	5,438	5,438
Prepaids		4,500	165
Other receivable	10	12,961	
		986,447	994,732
LIABILITIES Current liabilities			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	16	42,938	33,005
Current portion of long-term debt	19	18,067	13,753
Interest payable	19	3,213	3,284
Other financial liabilities	17	10,995	10,972
		75,213	61,014
Long-term debt	19	234,793	218,502
Other financial liabilities	17	35,162	46,286
Provision for environmental rehabilitation	18	106,517	96,022
Deferred tax liabilities	10	71,480	76,091
		523,165	497,915
EQUITY			
Share capital		368,128	378,393
Contributed surplus		37,487	33,040
Accumulated other comprehensive loss ("AOCI")		(5,365)	(1,398)
Retained earnings		63,032	86,782
		463,282	496,817
		986,447	994,732
Commitments and contingencies	23		
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Subsequent events	20b		

Consolidated Statements of Changes in Equity (Cdn\$ in thousands)

		Share	Contributed		Retained	
	Note	capital	surplus	AOCI	earnings	Total
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Balance at January 1, 2011		365,553	26,193	6,249	60,409	458,404
Exercise of options		4,228	(1,368)	_	_	2,860
Preferred shares redemption	20	(26,642)	_	_	(2,939)	(29,581)
Shares issued for cash and						
preferred share redemption	20	35,254	_	_	_	35,254
Share-based compensation	21	_	8,215	_	_	8,215
Total comprehensive income (loss)						
for the year		_	_	(7,647)	29,312	21,665
Balance at December 31, 2011		378,393	33,040	(1,398)	86,782	496,817
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Balance at January 1, 2012		378,393	33,040	(1,398)	86,782	496,817
Exercise of options		2,547	(976)	_	_	1,571
Share-based compensation	21	_	5,423	_	_	5,423
Repurchase of common shares	20	(12,812)	_	_	(8,085)	(20,897)
Total comprehensive loss						
for the year		_	_	(3,967)	(15,665)	(19,632)
Balance at December 31, 2012	_	368,128	37,487	(5,365)	63,032	463,282

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Cdn\$ in thousands)

#### 1. REPORTING ENTITY

Taseko Mines Limited (the Company) is a corporation governed by the *British Columbia Business Corporations Act*. The consolidated financial statements of the Company as at and for the year ended December 31, 2012 comprise the Company, its subsidiaries and its 75% interest in the Gibraltar joint venture since its formation on March 31, 2010. The Company is principally engaged in the production and sale of metals, as well as related activities including exploration and mine development, within the province of British Columbia. Seasonality does not have a significant impact on the Company's operations.

#### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### (a) Statement of compliance

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

These consolidated financial statements were authorized for issue by the Board of Directors on February 21, 2013.

#### (b) Basis of measurement

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis except for fair-value-through-profit-or-loss, available-for-sale and derivative financial instruments, which are measured at fair value.

These consolidated financial statements are presented in Canadian dollars, which is the Company's functional currency. Non-Canadian dollar monetary assets and liabilities are translated into Canadian dollars at the closing exchange rate as at the balance sheet date. Non-monetary assets and liabilities, revenues and expenses are translated in Canadian dollars at the prevailing rate of exchange on the dates of the transactions. All financial information presented in Canadian dollars has been rounded to the nearest thousand, unless otherwise noted.

The preparation of these consolidated financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates. Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimates are revised and in any future periods affected.

Significant areas where judgment is applied include reserve and resource estimation; asset valuations and the measurement of impairment charges or reversals; finished and in-process inventory quantities; plant and equipment lives; tax provisions; provisions for environmental rehabilitation; valuation of derivative instruments; assessment of joint control in business combinations and share-based compensation. Key estimates and assumptions made by management with respect to these areas have been disclosed in the notes to these consolidated financial statements as appropriate.

The accuracy of reserve and resource estimates is a function of the quantity and quality of available data and the assumptions made and judgment used in the engineering and geological interpretation, and may be subject to revision based on various factors. Changes in reserve and resource estimates may impact the carrying value of property, plant and equipment; the calculation of depreciation expense; the capitalization of stripping costs incurred during production; and the timing of cash flows related to the provision for environmental rehabilitation.

Changes in forecast prices of commodities, exchange rates, production costs and recovery rates may change the economic status of reserves and resources. Forecast prices of commodities, exchange rates, production costs

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and recovery rates, and discount rates assumptions, either individually or collectively, may impact the carrying value of derivative financial instruments, inventories, property, plant and equipment, and intangibles, as well as the measurement of impairment charges or reversals.

### (c) Basis of consolidation

#### Subsidiaries

Subsidiaries are entities controlled by the Company, either directly or indirectly. The financial statements of subsidiaries are included in these consolidated financial statements from the date that control commences until the date that control ceases. All intercompany balances, transactions, income and expenses are eliminated in preparing the consolidated financial statements.

#### Joint ventures

A joint venture is a contractual arrangement whereby the Company and other parties undertake an economic activity that is subject to joint control (i.e., when the strategic financial and operating policy decisions relating to the activities of the joint venture require the unanimous consent of the parties sharing control).

Joint venture arrangements that involve the joint control, and often the joint ownership, by the venturers of one or more assets contributed to, or acquired for the purpose of, the joint venture and dedicated to the purposes of the joint venture are referred to as jointly controlled assets (JCA). The assets are used to obtain benefits for the venturers. Each venturer may take a share of the output from the assets and each bears an agreed share of the expenses incurred. These joint ventures do not involve the establishment of a corporation, partnership or other entity, or a financial structure that is separate from the venturers themselves. Each venturer has control over its share of future economic benefits through its share of the JCA.

The Company reports its interests in a JCA using the proportionate consolidation method. The Company combines its proportionate 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 consolidated financial statements. Unrealized income and expenses resulting from transactions between the Company and the joint venture are eliminated to the extent of the interest in the joint venture.

### (d) Revenue recognition

Revenue is recognized when the significant risks and rewards of ownership have been transferred and the amount of revenue is reasonably determinable. These conditions are generally satisfied when title passes to the customer. Cash received in advance of meeting these conditions is recorded as deferred revenue.

Under the terms of the Company's concentrate and cathode sales contracts, the final sales amount is based on final assay results and quoted market prices in a period subsequent to the date of sale. Revenues for these sales are recorded at the time of shipment, which is also when the risks and rewards of ownership transfer to the customer, based on an estimate of metal contained using initial assay results and forward market prices on the expected date that final sales prices will be fixed. The period between provisional pricing and final settlement can be between one and four months. This provisional pricing mechanism represents an embedded derivative. The embedded derivative is recorded at fair value each reporting period by reference to forward market prices until the date of final pricing, with the changes in fair value recorded as an adjustment to revenue.

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# (e) Cash and equivalents

Cash and equivalents consist of cash and highly-liquid investments having terms of three months or less from the date of acquisition and that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash. Cash and equivalents exclude cash subject to restrictions.

# (f) Financial instruments

Financial assets and liabilities are recognized on the balance sheet when the Company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. The classification of financial instruments dictates how these assets and liabilities are measured subsequently in the Company's financial statements.

Financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL)

Financial instruments are classified as FVTPL when they are held for trading. A financial instrument is held for trading if it was acquired for the purpose of selling in the near term. Derivative financial instruments that are not designated and effective as hedging instruments are classified as FVTPL. Financial instruments classified as FVTPL are stated at fair value with any changes in fair value recognized in earnings for the period. Financial assets in this category include dual currency deposits and derivatives.

The Company may enter into derivative financial instruments to manage exposure to commodity price fluctuations (primarily copper) and to improve the returns on its cash assets. These instruments are non-hedge derivative instruments.

#### Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. Subsequent to initial recognition, these financial assets are recorded at amortized cost using the effective interest method, except for short-term receivables when the recognition of interest would be immaterial. Accounts receivable are assessed for evidence of impairment at each reporting date, with any impairment recognized in earnings for the period. Financial assets in this category include cash and equivalents, accounts receivable, current tax receivable and the promissory note.

#### Available-for-sale financial assets

Marketable securities (except for those marketable securities that are derivative instruments), subscription receipts, capped floating rate notes and reclamation deposits are designated as available-for-sale and recorded at fair value. Unrealized gains and losses are recognized in other comprehensive income until the securities are disposed of or when there is evidence of impairment in value. If impairment in value has been determined, it is recognized in earnings for the period.

#### Financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are initially recorded at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method. The Company has accounted for accounts payable and accrued liabilities, debt and the royalty obligation under this method.

### Fair value measurement

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The fair value hierarchy establishes three levels to classify the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value, by reference to the reliability of the inputs used to estimate the fair values.

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Level 1 – quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;

Level 2 – inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e., as prices) or indirectly (i.e., derived from prices); and

Level 3 – inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

#### (g) Exploration and evaluation

Exploration and evaluation expenditures relate to the initial search for a mineral deposit and the subsequent evaluation to determine the economic potential of the mineral deposit. The exploration and evaluation stage commences when the Company obtains the legal right or license to begin exploration. This stage ends when management determines that there is sufficient evidence to support probability of future mining operations of economically recoverable reserves, and requires significant judgment on the part of management.

Exploration and evaluation expenditures are recognized in earnings in the period in which they are incurred. Once it is expected that expenditures can be recovered by future exploitation or sale, they are considered development costs and capitalized as part of mineral properties within property, plant and equipment.

Exploration activities primarily consist of expenditures relating to drilling programs and include: researching and analyzing existing exploration data; conducting geological mapping studies; and taking core samples for analysis. Evaluation activities include: examination and testing of extraction methods and metallurgical/treatment processes; studies related to assessment of transportation and infrastructure requirements; market and finance studies; and detailed economic evaluations to determine whether development of the reserves is commercially justifiable, including the preparation of scoping, preliminary feasibility and final feasibility studies.

#### (h) Inventories

Inventories are valued at the lower of cost and net realizable value. Cost is determined on a weighted average basis and includes direct labour and materials; non-capitalized stripping costs; depreciation; freight; and overhead costs. Net realizable value is determined with reference to relevant market prices, less applicable variable selling costs and estimated remaining costs of completion to bring the inventories into saleable form.

Work in process represents stockpiled ore and metals in the processing circuits that have not yet completed the production process, and are not yet in a saleable form. Finished goods inventories represent metals in saleable form that have not yet been sold. Materials and supplies inventories represent consumables used in the production process, as well as spare parts and other maintenance supplies that are not classified as capital items.

The quantity of recoverable metal in stockpiled ore and in the processing circuits is an estimate which is based on the tons of ore added and removed, expected grade and recovery. The quantity of recoverable metal in concentrate is an estimate using initial assay results.

### (i) Property, plant and equipment

Land, buildings, plant and equipment

Land, buildings, plant and equipment are recorded at cost, including all expenditures incurred to prepare an asset for its intended use.

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Repairs and maintenance costs are charged to expense as incurred, except when these repairs significantly extend the life of an asset or result in an operating improvement. In these instances, the portion of these repairs relating to the betterment is capitalized as part of plant and equipment.

Depreciation is based on the cost of the assets less residual value. Where an item of plant and equipment is comprised of major components with different useful lives, the components are accounted for as separate items and depreciated separately. Depreciation commences when an asset is available for use. Estimates of remaining useful lives and residual values are reviewed annually. Changes in estimates are accounted for prospectively.

The depreciation rates of the major asset categories are as follows:

Land Not depreciated
Buildings Straight-line basis over 10-25 years
Plant and equipment Units-of-production basis
Mining equipment Straight-line basis over 5-20 years
Light vehicles and other mobile equipment
Furniture, computer and office equipment Straight-line basis over 2-3 years

### Mineral properties

Mineral properties consist of the cost of acquiring and developing mineral properties. Once in production, mineral properties are amortized on a units-of-production basis.

Acquisition costs arise either as an individual asset purchase or as part of a business combination, and may represent a combination of either proven and probable reserves, resources, or future exploration potential. The estimated fair values attributable to proven and probable reserves and resources are recorded as mineral properties within property, plant and equipment. Exploration potential is recorded as an intangible asset.

Mineral property development costs include: stripping costs incurred in order to provide initial access to the ore body; stripping costs incurred during production that generate a future economic benefit by increasing the productive capacity or extending the productive life of the mine; capitalized exploration and evaluation costs; and capitalized interest.

#### Construction in progress

Construction in progress includes the purchase price and any costs directly attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for its intended use. Construction in progress includes advances on long-lead items. Construction in progress is not depreciated. Once the asset is complete and available for use, the costs of construction are transferred to the appropriate category of property, plant and equipment, and depreciation commences.

### Capitalized interest

Interest is capitalized for qualifying assets. Qualifying assets are assets that require a substantial period of time to prepare for their intended use. Capitalization ceases when the asset is substantially complete or if construction is interrupted for an extended period. Where the funds used to finance a project form part of general borrowings, the amount capitalized is calculated using a weighted average of rates applicable to relevant general borrowings of the Company during the period.

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#### Leased assets

Leased assets in which the Company receives substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the asset are capitalized as finance leases at the lower of the fair value of the asset or the estimated present value of the minimum lease payments. The corresponding lease obligation is recorded within debt on the balance sheet. Assets under operating leases are not capitalized and rental payments are included in earnings.

#### *Impairment*

The carrying amounts of the Company's non-financial assets are reviewed for impairment whenever circumstances suggest that the carrying value may not be recoverable. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment, if any. These assessments require the use of estimates and assumptions such as long-term commodity prices, discount rates, future capital requirements, exploration potential and operating performance.

The recoverable amount of an asset or cash generating unit (CGU) is the higher of fair value less costs to sell and value in use. Fair value is determined as the amount that would be obtained from the sale of the asset in an arm's-length transaction between knowledgeable and willing parties. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset. For the purpose of impairment testing, assets that cannot be tested individually are grouped together into the smallest group of assets that generates cash inflows that are largely independent of the cash flows of other assets or CGU's. If the recoverable amount of an asset or its related CGU is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset or CGU is reduced to its recoverable amount and the impairment loss is recognized in earnings for the period.

Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset or CGU is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but not to an amount that exceeds the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognized for the asset or CGU in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognized immediately in earnings.

#### (j) Intangible assets

Mineral property acquisition costs arise either as an individual asset purchase or as part of a business combination, and may represent a combination of either proven and probable reserves, resources, or future exploration potential. When management has not made a determination that there is probable future economic benefit and the property is not imminently expected to move into development, the entire amount is considered acquired exploration potential and is classified as an intangible asset. When such property moves into development, the acquired exploration intangible asset is transferred to non-depreciable mineral properties within property, plant and equipment.

#### (k) Income taxes

Income tax on the earnings for the periods presented comprises current and deferred tax. Income tax is recognized in earnings except to the extent that it relates to items recognized directly in equity or in other comprehensive income. Income tax is calculated using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date applicable to the period of expected realization or settlement.

Current tax expense is the expected tax payable on the taxable income for the year, adjusted for amendments to tax payable with regards to previous years.

Deferred tax is determined using the balance sheet liability method, providing for temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for taxation purposes. The following temporary differences are not provided for: the initial recognition of assets or liabilities

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acquired (not in a business combination) that affect neither accounting nor taxable profit on acquisition; and differences relating to investments in subsidiaries, associates, and joint ventures to the extent that they are not probable to reverse in the foreseeable future. The amount of deferred tax provided is based on the expected manner of realization or settlement of the carrying amount of assets and liabilities. A deferred tax asset is recognized only to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which the asset can be utilized. Deferred tax assets are reviewed at each reporting date and are reduced to the extent it is no longer probable that the related tax benefit will be realized.

# (I) Share-based compensation

The fair-value method of accounting is used for the Company's share option plan. Fair value is measured at grant date using the Black-Scholes option pricing model and is recognized in earnings on a graded amortization basis over the option vesting period, with a corresponding increase in equity. The amount recognized as an expense is adjusted to reflect the actual number of share options that are expected to vest.

#### (m) Provisions

#### Environmental rehabilitation

The Company records the present value of estimated costs of legal and constructive obligations required to retire an asset in the period in which the obligation occurs. Environmental rehabilitation activities include facility decommissioning and dismantling; removal and treatment of waste materials; site and land rehabilitation, including compliance with and monitoring of environmental regulations; and related costs required to perform this work and/or operate equipment designed to reduce or eliminate environmental effects. The provision for environmental rehabilitation (PER) is adjusted each period for new disturbances, and changes in regulatory requirements, the estimated amount of future cash flows required to discharge the liability, the timing of such cash flows and the pre-tax discount rate specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognized in earnings as a finance cost.

When a PER is initially recognized, the corresponding cost is capitalized by increasing the carrying amount of the related asset, and is amortized to earnings on the same basis as the related asset. Costs are only capitalized to the extent that the amount meets the definition of an asset and represents future economic benefits to the operation.

Significant estimates and assumptions are made in determining the provision for environmental rehabilitation as there are numerous factors that will affect the ultimate liability payable. These factors include estimation of the extent and cost of rehabilitation activities; timing of future cash flows that are impacted by changes in discount rates; inflation rate; and regulatory requirements.

#### Other provisions

Other provisions are recognized when the Company has a present obligation (legal or constructive) that has arisen as a result of a past event and it is probable that a future outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation, provided that a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation. Where the effect is material, the provision is discounted using a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risk specific to the obligation. The accretion expense is included in finance expense.

#### (n) Finance income and expenses

Finance income comprises interest income on funds invested, gains on the disposal of marketable securities, and changes in the fair value of derivatives included in cash and equivalents and marketable securities. Interest income is recognized as it accrues in earnings, using the effective interest method.

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Finance expenses comprise interest expense on borrowings, unwinding of the discount on provisions, losses on the disposal of marketable securities, changes in the fair value of derivatives included in cash and equivalents and marketable securities, and impairment losses recognized on financial assets. Borrowing costs that are not directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of a qualifying asset are recognized in earnings using the effective interest method.

# (o) Earnings (loss) per share

The Company presents basic and diluted earnings (loss) per share data for its common shares, calculated by dividing the earnings (loss) attributable to common shareholders of the Company by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted earnings per share is determined by adjusting the earnings attributable to common shareholders and the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the effects of all dilutive potential common shares, which comprise preferred shares and share options granted.

# (p) Government assistance:

Government assistance includes investment tax credits and is recognized when there is reasonable assurance that the Company will comply with the relevant conditions and that the government assistance will be received.

Government assistance that meets the recognition criteria and that relates to current expenses is recorded as a reduction of the related expenses.

Government assistance that meets the recognition criteria and that relates to the acquisition of an asset is recorded as a reduction of assets and is applied as a reduction of the cost of the related asset.

Investment tax credits, until they are refunded or applied to reduce the Company's current tax liabilities, are included as "other receivable" in the financial statements.

### (q) New accounting standards

#### Consolidated Financial Statements

In May 2011, the IASB issued IFRS 10, Consolidated Financial Statements and IFRS 12, Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities. IFRS 10 establishes principles for the presentation and preparation of consolidated financial statements when an entity controls one or more other entities. This standard defines the principle of control and establishes control as the basis for determining which entities are consolidated in an entity's consolidated financial statements. IFRS 10 sets out three elements of control: a) power over the investee; b) exposure, or rights, to variable returns from involvement with the investee; and c) the ability to use power over the investee to affect the amount of the investors return. IFRS 10 sets out the requirements on how to apply the control principle. IFRS 12 outlines the disclosure requirements for interests in subsidiaries and other entities to enable users to evaluate the risks associated with interests in other entities and the effects of those interests on an entity's financial position, financial performance and cash flows. IFRS 10 and IFRS 12 supersede IAS 27, Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements and SIC-12, Consolidation – Special Purpose Entities.

IFRS 10 and IFRS 12 are effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2013, with earlier application permitted. The Company has completed its assessment of the impact of these amendments and concluded that there will be no material impact on its financial statements.

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#### Joint Arrangements

In May 2011, the IASB issued IFRS 11, *Joint Arrangements*, which provides guidance on accounting for joint arrangements. If an arrangement has joint control, IFRS 11 classifies joint arrangements as either joint operations or joint ventures, depending on the rights and obligations of the parties involved.

A joint operation is an arrangement where the jointly controlling parties have rights to the assets and obligations in respect of the liabilities relating to the arrangement. An entity accounts for a joint operation by recognizing its portion of the assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses. A joint venture is an arrangement where the jointly controlling parties have rights to the net assets of the arrangement. A joint venture is accounted for using the equity method. Proportionate consolidation is no longer permitted.

This standard is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2013, with early adoption permitted. The Company has completed its assessment of the impact of these amendments and concluded that there will be no material impact on its financial statements.

#### Fair Value Measurement

In May 2011, the IASB issued IFRS 13, Fair Value Measurement. This standard defines fair value, sets out a single IFRS framework for measuring fair value and outlines disclosure requirements about fair value measurements. IFRS 13 defines fair value as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Fair value is a market-based measurement, not an entity-specific measurement, so assumptions that market participants would use should be applied in measuring fair value.

IFRS 13 is effective for annual periods on or after January 1, 2013, with earlier application permitted. This standard is to be applied prospectively as of the beginning of the annual period in which it is initially applied and the disclosure requirements do not need to be applied in comparative periods before initial application. The Company has completed its assessment of the impact of these amendments and concluded that there will be no material impact on its financial statements.

#### Other Comprehensive Income

In June 2011, the IASB and FASB issued amendments to standards to align the presentation requirements for other comprehensive income (OCI). The IASB issued amendments to IAS 1, *Presentation of Financial Statements* to require companies preparing financial statements under IFRS to group items within OCI that may be reclassified to the profit or loss. The amendments also reaffirm existing requirements that items in OCI and profit or loss should be presented as either a single statement or two consecutive statements.

The amendments to IAS 1 set out in *Presentation of Items of Other Comprehensive Income* are effective for fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2012. The Company has completed its assessment of the impact of these amendments and concluded that the existing presentation of items within OCI is in accordance with the amendments to IAS 1.

#### **Production Stripping Costs**

In October 2011, the IASB issued International Financial Reporting Interpretation Committee (IFRIC) 20, *Stripping Costs in the Production Phase of a Surface Mine*. This interpretation requires the capitalization and depreciation of stripping costs from the production phase of a mine if an entity can demonstrate that it is probable that future economic benefits will be realized, that costs can be reliably measured, and that the component of the ore body for which access has been improved can be identified. This interpretation is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2013. The Company is currently assessing the impact of this interpretation on its financial statements.

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#### 3. INTEREST IN JOINT VENTURE

On March 31, 2010, the Company entered into an agreement with Cariboo Copper Corp. (Cariboo) whereby the Company contributed certain assets and liabilities of the Gibraltar mine into an unincorporated joint venture to acquire a 75% interest in the joint venture.

The assets and liabilities contributed by the Company to the joint venture were mineral property interests, plant and equipment, inventories, prepaid expenses, reclamation deposits, capital lease obligations, and site closure and reclamation obligations. Certain key strategic, operating, investing and financing policies of the joint venture require unanimous approval such that neither venturer is in a position to exercise unilateral control over the joint venture. The Company continues to be the operator of the Gibraltar mine.

During 2011, the construction of the SAG direct feed system was completed. Under the terms of agreement with Cariboo, the Company assumed 100% of the capital costs in excess of the capital budget for the SAG direct feed system at the joint venture formation. The Company recognized a net loss on contribution to the joint venture of \$3,987 during 2011 as a result of funding Cariboo's portion of the SAG direct feed system project costs above the 2010 budgeted amount.

Summary financial information for the joint venture on 100% basis is are follows:

	As at December 31,		
	2012	2011	
Current assets	150,582	99,957	
Non-current assets	1,257,012	991,166	
Current liabilities	78,750	59,095	
Non-current liabilities	196,454	156,153	
	Years ended	December 31,	
	2012	2011	
Revenues	338,143	335,822	
Expenses	285,292	244,735	
Net income	52,851	91,087	

#### 4. REVENUE

	Years ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	
Copper concentrate	232,604	227,140	
Copper cathode	5,444	6,936	
Total copper sales	238,048	234,076	
Molybdenum concentrate	12,228	14,317	
Silver contained in copper concentrate	3,331	3,473	
	253,607	251,866	

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# 5. COST OF SALES

	Years ended December 31,	
	2012	2011
Direct mining costs	158,519	125,536
Depreciation	18,843	12,145
Treatment and refining costs	12,628	11,632
Transportation costs	14,006	13,108
Changes in inventories of finished goods and work in process	(2,085)	3,144
	201,911	165,565

Cost of sales consists of direct mining costs (which include personnel costs, mine site general & administrative costs, non-capitalized stripping costs, repair & maintenance costs, operating supplies and external services), depreciation, and offsite costs comprised of treatment & refining costs and transportation costs.

#### 6. COMPENSATION EXPENSE

	Years ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	
Wages, salaries and benefits	49,313	42,314	
Post-employment benefits	687	1,135	
Share-based compensation	5,410	8,215	
	55,410	51,664	

Compensation expense is presented as a component of cost of sales, general and administrative expense, and exploration and evaluation expense.

# 7. OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES (INCOME)

	Years ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	
Realized loss on copper derivative instruments	5,010	9,910	
Unrealized loss (gain) on copper derivative instruments	24,801	(22,944)	
Loss on disposition of property, plant and equipment	192	542	
Consulting expenses	-	6,322	
Impairment of plant and equipment	1,383	1,835	
Management fee income	(845)	(840)	
	30,541	(5,175)	

Consulting expenses are related to the consultants engaged to work with the Gibraltar management team to achieve improvements in operational performance.

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For the year ended December 31, 2012, certain plant and equipment was deemed redundant upon completion of GDP3. which resulted in an impairment charge. For the year ended December 31, 2011, certain plant and equipment was deemed redundant upon completion of the SAG direct feed project during 2011, which resulted in an impairment charge.

# 8. FINANCE EXPENSES

	Years ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	
Interest expense	12,041	13,957	
Accretion on PER (note 18)	2,170	2,046	
	14,211	16,003	

# 9. FINANCE INCOME

	Years ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	
Interest income	6,668	6,859	
Realized income on dual currency deposits	3,768	4,275	
Unrealized income (loss) on dual currency deposits	238	(18)	
Dividend income	-	448	
Gain on sale of marketable securities	1,418	5,995	
Change in fair value of financial instruments	-	(289)	
	12,092	17,270	

# 10. INCOME TAX

# (a) Income tax expense/(recovery)

	Years ended December 31,	
	2012	2011
Current income tax:		
Current period	484	6,166
Current tax adjustments related to prior periods	669	(164)
	1,153	6,002
Deferred income tax:		
Origination and reversal of temporary differences	(3,365)	17,906
Deferred tax adjustments related to prior periods	(679)	(126)
	(4,044)	17,780
	(2,891)	23,782

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During the year ended December 31, 2012, the Company recognized recoveries of income tax of \$877 (2011: \$907) and interest expense of \$232 (2011: \$208) associated with the reversal of historical tax reserves dating back to 2007 (2011: 2006).

# (b) Income tax recognized directly in OCI

	Years ended December 31,	
	2012	2011
Unrealized losses on available-for-sale financial assets, before tax	(3,116)	(2,744)
Tax benefit	390	343
Unrealized losses on available-for-sale financial assets, net of tax	(2,726)	(2,401)
Reclassification of realized gains on available-for-sale financial assets, before tax	(1,418)	(5,995)
Tax benefit	177	749
Reclassification of realized gains on available-for-sale financial assets, net of tax	(1,241)	(5,246)
Total other comprehensive loss for the year	(3,967)	(7,647)

# (c) Effective tax rate reconciliation

	Years ended December 31,	
	2012	2011
Income tax at Canadian statutory rate of 34.75% (2011: 36.25%)	(6,448)	18,399
Permanent differences	4,465	4.862
Future tax rate differences	(345)	(126)
Unrecognized tax benefits	(553)	1,366
Other	(10)	(719)
Income tax expense (recovery) at the effective tax rate of 15.6% (2011: 46.9%)	(2,891)	23,782

# (d) Deferred tax assets and liabilities

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are attributable to the following:

# As at December 31,

	2012	2011
Property, plant and equipment	(104,011)	(98,568)
Financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	(1,130)	(7,196)
Available-for-sale financial assets	766	200
Provisions	20,287	17,845
Other	8,690	11,149
Tax loss carryforwards	3,918	479
	(71,480)	(76,091)

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# e) Unrecognized deferred tax assets and liabilities

	As at December 31,	
	2012	2011
Deductible temporary differences: Debt	6,510	10,930
Deferred Tax Asset: Debt	814	1,366

Deferred tax assets have not been recognized in respect of these items because it is not probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the Company can utilize the benefits. There are no unrecognized tax liabilities.

# f) Other receivables

Other receivables of \$12,961 (2011: \$Nil) represent mineral tax benefits that the Company is entitled to receive as a result of the completion of the Gibraltar mine expansion.

#### 11. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

	As at December 31,	
	2012	2011
Trade receivables	13,914	29,891
Other receivables due from related parties	-	241
Harmonized sales tax receivable	9,521	5,767
BC mineral exploration tax credit	4,510	2,610
Other receivables	1,021	1,400
	28,966	39,909

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#### 12. OTHER FINANCIAL ASSETS

As at December 31,

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	2012	2011
Current:		
Capped floating rate notes	10,023	-
Copper put option contracts	1,776	25,407
Marketable securities – available for sale	7,196	11,898
Promissory note	10,820	8,190
Short-term investments	50	50
Dual currency deposits > 3-month term	-	40,602
	29,865	86,147
Long-term:		
Capped floating rate notes	10,067	20,055
Subscription receipts <sup>1</sup>	7,100	-
Reclamation deposits	25,728	24,962
Promissory note (note 17)	59,842	66,624
	102,737	111,641

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Company invested in subscription receipts of a private company with directors in common which holds mineral property interests. The subscription receipts will be convertible into units comprised of shares, or shares and warrants.

#### 13. INVENTORIES

	As at December 31,	
	2012	2011
Work in process	4,065	1,154
Finished goods:		
Copper concentrate	5,395	6,063
Copper cathode	-	179
Molybdenum concentrate	265	244
Materials and supplies	17,831	15,650
	27,556	23,290

In 2012, materials and supplies inventories was written down by \$362 (2011: \$446). This writedown is included in cost of sales. The net realizable value of the materials and supplies inventories after the writedown was nil (2011: nil).

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# 14. PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

	Mineral properties <sup>1</sup>	Plant and equipment	CIP <sup>4</sup>	Total
Cost				
At January 1, 2011	98,840	266,417	17,590	382,847
Additions	949	27,778	45,391	74,118
Rehabilitation cost asset <sup>2</sup>	43,516	-	-	43,516
Capitalized interest <sup>3</sup>	-	-	874	874
Disposals	-	(762)	-	(762)
Transfers between categories 4	-	13,150	(13,150)	-
At December 31, 2011	143,305	306,583	50,705	500,593
Additions	30	54	209,382	209,466
Rehabilitation cost asset <sup>2</sup>	8,529	-	-	8,529
Capitalized interest <sup>3</sup>	-	-	7,679	7,679
Disposals	-	(869)	-	(869)
New Mine Allowance credit	-	(12,538)	-	(12,538)
Transfers between categories 4	-	86,170	(86,170)	-
At December 31, 2012	151,864	379,400	181,596	712,860
Accumulated depreciation and impairments				
At January 1, 2011	14,001	27,748	-	41,749
Depreciation	3,782	12,882	-	16,664
Disposals	-	(220)	-	(220)
Impairments	-	1,835	-	1,835
At December 31, 2011	17,783	42,245	-	60,028
Depreciation	4,459	15,481	-	19,940
Disposals	-	(488)	-	(488)
Impairments	-	1,383	-	1,383
At December 31, 2012	22,242	58,621	-	80,863
Carrying amounts				
At December 31, 2011	125,522	264,338	50,705	440,565
At December 31, 2012	129,622	320,779	181,596	631,997

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Mineral properties consists of the cost of acquiring and developing mineral properties. Development costs include capitalized stripping costs, capitalized exploration and evaluation costs, capitalized interest, and rehabilitation cost asset.

#### (a) Leased assets

The Company leases mining equipment under a number of capital lease agreements. Some leases may not be terminated by the Company prior to the end of its term. Most of the leases provide the Company with the option to purchase the equipment at a beneficial price. One lease contains a mandatory purchase provision. Certain rents are based on an annual average usage for the applicable equipment and, if at the end of the term (unless the equipment has been purchased by the Company), the actual annual average usage of such equipment has

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Represents movements in the rehabilitation cost asset as a result of changes in estimates during the period.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The capitalization rate for the period was 7.77% (2011: 5.77%).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4.</sup> Construction in process (CIP) is transferred to the relevant category of property, plant and equipment once the asset is available for use.

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been greater than the specified usage, the Company must pay an additional amount for each excess hour of actual usage. The leased assets secure the lease obligations (note 19).

At December 31, 2012, the net carrying amount of leased assets was \$47,898 (2011: \$29,606).

#### 15. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

 As at December 31,

 2012
 2011

 Aley niobium property
 5,436
 5,436

 New Prosperity gold-copper property 1
 1
 1

 Harmony gold property 1
 1
 1

 5,438
 5,438

### 16. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES

	As at December 31,	
	2012	2011
Trade payables	39,963	31,055
Other payables due to related parties	100	44
Other payables	2,875	1,906
	42,938	33,005

#### 17. OTHER FINANCIAL LIABILITIES

	As at December 31,	
	2012	2011
Current:		
Royalty obligations	10,820	8,190
Copper call option contracts	-	2,607
Deferred revenue – royalty obligation	175	175
	10,995	10,972
Long-term:		
Royalty obligations	34,759	44,594
Income tax obligations	272	1,386
Deferred revenue – royalty obligation	131	306
	35,162	46,286

# (a) Red Mile royalty obligation and promissory note

In September 2004, the Company sold a royalty on the Gibraltar mine's copper production to Red Mile Resources No. 2 Limited Partnership (Red Mile), an unrelated investment partnership, for \$67,357. The proceeds were

<sup>1.</sup> Carrying amounts for New Prosperity and Harmony represent the original mineral property acquisition costs less historical impairments.

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invested with a trust company in a promissory note (note 12) and the Company pledged the promissory note, along with interest earned thereon, as security for its royalty obligation.

Pursuant to the agreements, the Company received fees and interest for services performed in relation to the Red Mile transaction, including \$1,750 for indemnifying an affiliate of Red Mile from any claims relating to a breach by the Company under the royalty agreement. The indemnification funds received were recorded as deferred revenue and will be recognized as income over the expected remaining life of the royalty agreement.

Annual royalties are payable to Red Mile at rates ranging from \$0.01 to \$0.14 per pound of copper produced during the period from the commencement of commercial production (as defined in the agreement) to the latter of (i) December 2014 and (ii) five years after the end of commercial production from the mine. Funds held in the promissory note are released to satisfy the annual royalty payment.

The Company has a pre-emptive option to effectively purchase (call) the royalty interest by acquiring the Red Mile partnership units in consideration of a payment which is (i) approximately equal to the funds received by the Company less royalty payments to date, or (ii) fair value, whichever is lower. Under certain circumstances, the investors in Red Mile also have a right to sell (put) their Red Mile partnership units to the Company at fair value; however, such right is subject to the Company's pre-emptive right to exercise the "call" in advance of any "put" being exercised and completed.

The Company has granted to Red Mile a net profits interest (NPI) which survives any "put" or "call" of the Red Mile units. The NPI is applicable for the years 2011 to 2014 and ranges from 2% to 4%, depending on the average copper price each year adjusted for variations in foreign currency exchange rates. No NPI is payable until the Company reaches a pre-determined aggregate level of revenues less defined operating costs. As at December 31, 2012 and 2011, these threshold levels have not been met.

# 18. PROVISIONS

	Environmental rehabilitation
At January 1, 2011	53,129
Additions during the year	171
Change in estimates	43,346
Used during the year	(2,670)
Unwind of discount	2,046
At December 31, 2011	96,022
Additions during the year	301
Change in estimates	8,221
Used during the year	(197)
Unwind of discount	2,170
At December 31, 2012	106,517

The PER represents the present value of estimated costs of legal and constructive obligations required to retire an asset. The PER has been recognized based on the Company's internal estimates. Assumptions, based on the current economic environment, have been made which management believes are a reasonable basis upon which to estimate the future liability.

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The following significant estimates and assumptions were made for the purpose of estimating the PER:

	December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
Pre-tax discount rate	2.4%	3.1%
Inflation rate	2.0%	2.0%
Market risk adjustment	0.5%	0.5%
Number of years to mine closure	25	26
Number of years over which rehabilitation occurs	100	100

Estimates are reviewed regularly to take into account any material changes to the assumptions. During 2012, the Company submitted an updated decommissioning cost report to the BC Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources as a requirement to maintain the M-40 Approval of Reclamation Program permit in good standing. The underlying cost assumptions supporting the 2012 decommissioning report reflect management's best estimate for closure costs and were incorporated into the PER. There have been some adjustments to certain estimates, both in terms of amount and timing, made subsequently as a result of updated information. Furthermore, there have been changes in discount rates during the current period, which has had a significant impact on the PER.

In general, the expected cash flows become more reliable towards the end of the mine's life, whereas the estimate of a PER at the beginning of the mine's life is more subjective. Actual rehabilitation costs will ultimately depend upon future market prices for the necessary decommissioning works required, which will reflect market conditions at the relevant time. Furthermore, the timing of rehabilitation is likely to depend on when the mine ceases to produce at economically viable rates. This, in turn, will depend upon future metal prices, which are inherently uncertain.

As required by the regulatory authorities, before commencing work on a project or mine, the Company posts a security which is held in trust by the regulatory authorities. These reclamation deposits (note 12) are returned once the site is reclaimed to a satisfactory level and there are no ongoing monitoring or maintenance requirements. For the Gibraltar mine, the Company has also issued an irrevocable standby letter of credit for \$10 million as part of its security with the regulatory authorities.

#### 19. **DEBT**

	As at December 31,	
	2012	2011
Current:		
Capital leases	10,755	6,925
Secured equipment loans	7,312	6,828
	18,067	13,753
Long-term:		
Senior notes	193,970	197,409
Capital leases	24,486	14,862
Secured equipment loans	16,337	6,231
	234,793	218,502

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# (a) Senior notes

In April 2011, the Company completed a public offering of US\$200 million in senior notes due in 2019, bearing interest at an annual rate of 7.75%. The notes are guaranteed by the Company's subsidiaries and the subsidiary guarantees are, in turn, guaranteed by the Company.

The Company may redeem some or all of the notes at any time on or after April 15, 2015 at redemption prices ranging from 103.875% to 100% plus accrued interest. Prior to April 15, 2015, the notes may be redeemed at 100% plus a make-whole premium, plus accrued interest. In addition, until April 15, 2014, the Company may redeem up to 35% of the principal amount of notes, in an amount not greater than the net proceeds of certain equity offerings, at a redemption price of 107.75%, plus accrued interest.

The Company is subject to certain restrictions on asset sales, payments, and incurrence of indebtedness and issuance of preferred stock.

# (b) Capital leases

Capital leases are are repayable in monthly installments with fixed interest rates and are secured by plant and equipment with a carrying value of \$47,898 (2011: \$29,606). The capital lease obligations bear fixed interest rates ranging from 5.00% to 6.35% and have maturity dates ranging from 2013 to 2017.

#### (c) Secured equipment loans

The equipment loans are secured by equipment with a carrying value of \$50,724 (2011: \$26,899). The loans are repayable in monthly installments and bear fixed interest rates ranging from 4.47% to 5.84% and have maturity dates out to 2017.

#### 20. EQUITY

# (a) Share capital

	Common	Tracking preferred
(thousands of shares)	shares	shares
At January 1, 2011	187,498	12,484
Issued for cash	1,000	-
Exchange of tracking preferred shares for common shares (note 20b)	5,916	(12,484)
Exercise of share options	2,091	-
At December 31, 2011	196,505	-
Repurchased	(6,645)	-
Exercise of share options	1,022	-
At December 31, 2012	190,882	-

The Company's authorized share capital consists of an unlimited number of common shares with no par value.

#### (b) Equity issued and repurchased

During the year ended December 31, 2011, the Company sold one million of its common shares through an atthe-market issuance for net proceeds of \$5,559.

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During the year ended December 31, 2011, Continental Minerals Corporation ("Continental") completed its previously-announced plan of arrangement with Jinchuan Group Ltd. Pursuant to the plan of arrangement, the outstanding preferred shares of Continental were exchanged for common shares of the Company, resulting in the issuance of 5,916,241 common shares at a fair value of \$29,581 and the redemption of all of the outstanding tracking preferred shares.

Effective February 3, 2012, the Company commenced a normal course issuer bid for up to 10 million common shares of the Company. All shares were purchased on the open market through the facilities of the Toronto Stock Exchange at the market price at the time of purchase. Purchases under the normal course issuer bid were subject to the restricted payment limitations in the Company's senior notes indenture. During 2012, a total of 6,644,440 common shares have been repurchased under the normal course issuer bid for \$20,897. Subsequent to year end, the Company's normal course issuer bid was terminated on February 2, 2013.

# (c) Contributed surplus

Contributed surplus represents employee entitlements to share-based awards that have been charged to profit and loss in the periods during which the entitlements were accrued and have not yet been exercised.

#### (d) Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) ("AOCI")

AOCI is comprised of the cumulative net change in the fair value of available-for-sale financial assets, net of taxes, until the investments are sold or impaired.

#### 21. SHARE-BASED COMPENSATION

The Company has a share option plan (equity settled) approved by the shareholders that allows it to grant options to directors, officers, employees and other service providers. Under the plan, a maximum of 10% of the Company's outstanding common shares may be granted. The maximum allowable number of options to independent directors as a group at any time outstanding is 1% of the Company's outstanding common shares. The exercise price of an option is set at the time of grant using the five-day volume weighted average price of the common shares. Options may have a term of up to ten years. Vesting conditions of options is at the discretion of the Board of Directors at the time the options are granted.

(thousands of options)	Options	Average price
Outstanding at January 1, 2011	11,114	\$2.47
Granted	2,370	5.16
Exercised	(2,091)	1.37
Forfeited	(98)	4.58
Expired	-	-
Outstanding at January 1, 2012	11,295	\$3.22
Granted	4,430	\$2.78
Exercised	(1,015)	\$1.53
Forfeited	(431)	\$4.33
Expired	(147)	\$4.31
Outstanding at December 31, 2012	14,132	\$3.16
Exercisable at December 31, 2012	10,565	\$3.13

The weighted-average share price at the date of exercise for share options exercised in 2012 was \$3.20 (2011: \$4.18).

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Range of exercise price	Options (thousands)	Average life (years)
\$1.00 to \$2.18	4,154	1.1
\$2.19 to \$4.09	4,312	4.0
\$4.10 to \$5.74	5,666	2.0
	14,132	2.4

The fair value at grant date of the share option plan was measured based on the Black-Scholes formula. Expected volatility is estimated by considering historic average share price volatility. The inputs used in the measurement of the fair values at grant date of the share-based payment plans are the following:

	Key management personnel		Employees	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
Weighted-average share price	2.76	5.01	2.84	4.98
Expected term (years)	5.0	4.9	3.2	3.0
Expected forfeiture rate	0%	0%	0%	0%
Weighted-average expected volatility	72.6%	77.0%	61.9%	83.8%
Expected dividend yield	0%	0%	0%	0%
Risk-free interest rate	1.33%	2.2%	1.1%	2.2%
Weighted-average fair value per option	1.65	3.11	1.21	2.69

# 22. EARNINGS (LOSS) PER SHARE

	Year ended December 31,	
	2012	2011
Net (loss) earnings	(15,665)	26,974
Net (loss) earnings – diluted	(15,665)	26,974
(in thousands of common shares)		
Weighted-average number of common shares	192,599	193,213
Dilutive securities:		
Effect of share options	-	4,535
Effect of tracking preferred shares	-	-
Weighted-average number of diluted common shares	192,599	197,748
(\$ per common share)		
Basic earnings per share	(80.0)	0.14
Diluted earnings per share	(80.0)	0.14

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# 23. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

# (a) Commitments

<1 year or on demand 2 - 5 years >5 years Total 1 - 2 years At December 31, 2012 Capital lease liability 10,755 8,984 15,503 35,242 Future interest charges 1,741 1,176 932 3,849 Capital lease commitments 12,496 10,160 16,435 39,091 Operating lease commitments<sup>1</sup> 934 6,994 3,313 1,801 946 Purchase obligations 14,016 2,131 16,147 Capital expenditures commitments 31,849 31,849 At December 31, 2011 Capital lease liability 21,787 6,925 5,938 8,924 Future interest charges 1,133 2.444 709 602 Capital lease commitments 24,231 8,058 6,647 9,526 Operating lease commitments<sup>1</sup> 1,377 117 145 1,639 Capital expenditures commitments 37,200 37,200

In respect of its interest in a joint venture, the joint venture is committed to incur capital expenditures of \$42,466 (2011: \$49,600), of which the Company's share of this commitment is \$31,849 (2011: \$37,200).

During the year ended December 31, 2012, an amount of \$3,181 was recognized as an expense in profit or loss in respect of operating leases (2011: \$2,859).

#### (b) Contingencies

The Company has guaranteed 100% of certain debt entered into by the Gibraltar joint venture in which it holds a 75% interest. As at December 31, 2012, this debt totaled \$56,279 on a 100% basis. The Company has also guaranteed its share of additional debt totaling \$16,682 on 75% basis.

#### 24. SUPPLEMENTARY CASH FLOW INFORMATION

# (a) Cash and equivalents

	As at December 31,	
	2012	2011
Cash	134,995	217,338
Dual currency deposits < 3-month term	-	60,454
	134,995	277,792

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1.</sup> Operating leases are entered into as a means of acquiring property, plant and equipment. Certain leases contain extension and renewal options.

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Change in non-cash working capital items

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities

Deferred revenue – royalty obligation

Operating cash flows - other items

Impairment of plant and equipment

Reclamation expenditures

Long-term prepaids

Realized loss on copper derivative instruments

(Gain) loss on sale of property, plant and equipment

#### (b) Other items

Inventories Prepaids

Interest payable

Accounts receivable

10,943	(17,991)
(4,266)	(2,005)
(2,775)	(1,813)
(2,114)	(2,914)
(71)	3,284
(175)	(175)
1,542	(21,614)
5,010	9,910
(204)	(2,670)

1,383

(4,335)

192

For the year ended December 31,

2011

1,835

542

(165)

2012

	2,046	9,452
Investing cash flows – other items		
Net cash reinvested in reclamation deposit	(815)	(1,054)
Reclamation deposit	(40)	(12)
	(855)	(1,066)
Non-cash investing and financing activities		
Assets acquired under capital lease	23,098	7,241
Interest earned on promissory note	(4,038)	(4,255)
Interest expense on royalty obligation	984	1,140
Royalty obligation settled by promissory note	(8,190)	(7,248)
Shares issued for preferred shares redemption	-	26,642

# 25. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

### (a) Overview

In the normal course of business, the Company is inherently exposed to market, liquidity and credit risk through its use of financial instruments. The timeframe and manner in which the Company manages these risks varies based upon management's assessment of the risk and available alternatives for mitigating risk. The Board approves and monitors risk management processes, including treasury policies, counterparty limits, controlling and reporting structures.

# (b) Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. Market prices comprise three types of risk: commodity price risk; interest rate risk; and currency risk. Financial instruments affected by market risk include: cash and equivalents; accounts receivable;

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promissory note; marketable securities; subscription receipts; reclamation deposits; accounts payable and accrued liabilities; debt; royalty obligation; and derivatives.

The objective of market risk management is to manage and control market risk exposures within acceptable parameters, while optimizing the return. The Company buys and sells derivatives in order to manage market risks. The derivative instruments employed by the Company are not designated as hedges for accounting purposes. These non-hedge derivatives are considered to be economic hedges.

#### Commodity price risk

The Company is exposed to the risk of fluctuations in prevailing market commodity prices on the metals it produces. To manage the Company's operating margins effectively in volatile metals markets, the Company enters into copper option contracts. The amount and duration of the Company's hedge position is based on its assessment of business specific risk elements combined with the copper pricing outlook. Currently, the Company has approximately 50% of its estimated share of 2013 Gibraltar copper production hedged by means of copper option contracts.

The table below summarizes the impact on earnings after tax and equity for changes in commodity prices on the fair value of derivatives, other than those designated as embedded derivatives.

	Years ended December 31,	
	2012	2011
Copper increases by US\$0.35/lb (2011: US\$0.34/lb) 1	(779)	(10,288)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1.</sup> The analysis is based on the assumption that the year-end copper price increases 10% with all other variables held constant. The relationship between the year-end copper price and the strike price of copper options has significant influence over the fair value of the derivatives. As such, a 10% decrease in the year-end copper price will not result in an equal but opposite impact on earnings after tax and equity. The closing exchange rate for the year ended December 31, 2012 of CAD/USD 0.9949 (2011: 1.0170) was used in the analysis.

The Company also enters into physical commodity contracts in the normal course of business. These contracts are not derivatives and are measured at cost (typically at nil); they are therefore excluded from the fair value and sensitivity table above. Also not included in the above tables are provisionally priced sales volumes for which price finalization is outstanding at balance sheet date. Provisionally pricing mechanisms embedded within these sales arrangements have the character of a commodity derivative and are carried at fair value as part of accounts receivables. The table below summarizes the impact on earnings after tax and equity for changes in commodity prices upon provisionally invoiced sales volumes.

	Years ended December 31,	
	2012	2011
Copper increase/decrease by US\$0.35/lb (2011: US\$0.34/lb) <sup>1</sup>	1,229	2,054
Molybdenum increase/decrease by US\$1.14/lb (2011: US\$1.34/lb) 1	136	269

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1.</sup> The analysis is based on the assumption that the metal price moves 10% with all other variables held constant. The closing exchange rate for the year ended December 31, 2012 of CAD/USD 0.9949 (2011: 1.0170) was used in the analysis.

The sensitivities in the above tables have been determined as the absolute impact on fair value of a 10 per cent increase in commodity prices at each reporting date, while holding all other variables, including foreign currency and exchange rates, constant. The relationship between commodity prices and foreign currencies is complex and movements in foreign exchange can impact commodity prices. The sensitivities should therefore be used with care.

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#### Interest rate risk

The Company is exposed to interest rate risk on its outstanding debt and investments, including cash and equivalents, from the possibility that changes in market interest rates will affect future cash flows or the fair value of fixed-rate interest-bearing financial instruments.

The table below summarizes the impact on earnings after tax and equity for a change of 100 basis points in interest rates at the reporting date. This analysis assumes that all other variables, in particular foreign currency rates, remain constant. This assumes that the change in interest rates is effective from the beginning of the financial year and balances are constant over the year. However, interest rates and balances of the Company may not remain constant in the coming financial year and therefore such sensitivity analysis should be used with care.

	Years ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	
Fair value sensitivity for fixed-rate instruments			
Cash and equivalents	-	407	
Dual currency deposits > 3-month term	-	482	
Promissory note	835	789	
Royalty Obligation	(350)	(383)	
Capital leases	(227)	(148)	
Secured equipment loans	(91)	(128)	
Senior notes	(1,499)	(1,057)	
	(1,332)	(38)	
Cash flow sensitivity for variable-rate instruments			
Cash and equivalents	571	1,327	
Capped floating rate notes	19	11	
Reclamation deposits	184	174	
	774	1,512	

# Currency risk

The Canadian dollar is the functional currency of the Company and, as a result, currency exposures arise from transactions and balances in currencies other than the Canadian dollar, primarily the US dollar. The Company's potential currency exposures comprise translational exposure in respect of non-functional currency monetary items, and transactional exposure in respect of non-functional currency revenues and expenditures. The Company also has currency exposure as a result of its investment in dual currency deposits ("DCD"). A DCD is a financial instrument which combines a money market deposit with a currency option to provide a higher yield than that available for a standard deposit. The currency that the Company receives upon maturity of the DCD is dependent on the prevailing spot foreign exchange rate at maturity.

The following table demonstrates the sensitivity to a 10% strengthening in the CAD against the USD. With all other variables held constant, the Company's earnings after tax would increase/(decrease) due to changes in the carrying value of monetary assets and liabilities. The impact on equity is the same as the impact on profit after tax. A weakening in the CAD against the USD would have had the equal but opposite effect to the amounts shown below.

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Year ended December 31,

	2012	2011
Cash and equivalents	(6,167)	(8,576)
Dual currency deposits <sup>1</sup>	-	(7,491)
Accounts receivable	(1,044)	(2,197)
Copper put option contracts	(133)	(1,867)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	129	492
Copper call option contracts	-	192
Senior notes	14,536	14,510

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1.</sup> Represents the translational exposure of the DCDs, and does not consider the potential impact of losses as a result of potential conversions of the DCD into Canadian dollars at maturity.

The Company's financial asset and liability profile may not remain constant and, therefore, these sensitivities should be used with care.

### (c) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they become due. The Company manages liquidity risk by holding sufficient cash and equivalents and scheduling long-term obligations based on estimated cash inflows.

During the year ended December 31, 2012, Moody's Investor Service made no change to the Company's long-term credit rating of B3, and Standard & Poor's made no change to the Company's long-term credit rating of B. The Company's strong credit profile and significant cash balance ensure that sufficient liquid funds are maintained to meet its daily cash requirements. The Company's practice on counterparty credit exposure ensures that only counterparties of a high credit standing are used for the investment of any excess cash.

There were no defaults on loans payable during the year.

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The maturity profile of the Company's financial liabilities based on contractual undiscounted amounts is:

	<1 year or demand	1 - 2 years	2 - 5 years	>5 years	Total
At December 31, 2012				, , , , , , , , ,	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	42,938	-	-	-	42,938
Expected future interest payments	18,148	17,186	47,906	19,920	103,160
Capital leases	10,755	8,984	15,502	-	35,241
Secured equipment loans	7,312	6,304	10,033	-	23,649
Senior notes	-	-	-	198,980	198,980
Royalty obligations <sup>1</sup>	10,820	23,809	10,950	-	45,579
	89,973	56,283	84,391	218,900	449,547
Carrying amount	71,825	39,097	36,486	198,980	346,388
At December 31, 2011					
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	36,289	-	-	-	36,289
Expected future interest payments	17,518	16,717	47,945	36,126	118,306
Capital leases	6,925	5,938	8,924	-	21,787
Secured equipment loans	6,828	3,672	2,559	-	13,059
Senior notes	-	-	-	203,400	203,400
Royalty obligations <sup>1</sup>	13,514	23,809	15,461		52,784
	81,074	50,136	74,889	239,526	445,625
Carrying amount	63,556	33,419	26,944	197,409	321,328

<sup>1.</sup> Actual timing of payment for royalty obligations may differ. Amounts estimated based on expected future production levels.

#### (d) 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, marketable securities and investments, and derivatives. 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. The following table shows the Company's receivables at the reporting date that are exposed to credit risk and the aging analysis. There are no impairments recognized on the receivables.

		Not past	Past	t due but not imp	aired
	Total	due	<30 days	31-90 days	>90 days
At December 31, 2012					
Trade receivables	13,914	13,914	-	-	-
Other receivables	15,052	11,042	-	4,010	-
	28,966	24,956	-	4,010	-
At December 31, 2011					
Trade receivables	29,891	29,958	12	(79)	-
Other receivables	10,018	9,306	-	712	-
	39,909	39,264	12	633	-

The Company deals with a limited number of counterparties for its metal sales. The balance at December 31, 2012 is comprised of four customers (2011: four customers).

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# (e) Fair values of financial instruments

The fair values of financial assets and liabilities, together with their carrying amounts, are presented by class in the following table.

	December 31, 2012		December 31, 201	
	Carrying	F-1	Carrying	F-:
	amount	Fair value	amount	Fair value
Financial assets				
Fair value through profit and loss (FVTPL)				
Dual currency deposits < 3-month term	-	-	61,033	61,033
Dual currency deposits > 3-month term	-	-	40,602	40,602
Copper put option contracts	1,776	1,776	25,407	25,407
Loans and receivables				
Cash	134,995	134,995	216,759	216,759
Accounts receivable	28,966	28,966	39,909	39,909
Promissory note <sup>1</sup>	70,662	N/A	74,814	N/A
Available-for-sale				
Capped floating rate notes	20,090	20,090	20,055	20,055
Shares	7,196	7,196	11,898	11,898
Subscription receipts	7,100	7,100	-	-
Reclamation deposits	25,728	25,728	24,962	24,962
Financial liabilities				
Fair value through profit and loss (FVTPL)				
Copper call option contracts	-	-	2,607	2,607
Financial liabilities				
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	42,938	42,938	33,005	33,005
Interest payable senior notes	3,213	3,213	3,284	3,284
Senior notes	193,970	190,897	197,409	185,603
Capital leases	35,242	35,059	21,787	21,562
Secured equipment loans	23,649	23,532	13,059	12,235
Royalty obligation <sup>1</sup>	45,579	N/A	52,784	N/A

The fair value of the promissory note and royalty obligation are not readily determinable with sufficient reliability due to the uncertainty around the maturities and the future cash flows associated with the promissory note.

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The Company uses the fair value hierarchy described in note 2f for determining the fair value of instruments that are carried at fair value.

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
December 31, 2012				
Financial assets designated at FVTPL				
Copper put option contracts	-	1,776	-	1,776
Available-for-sale financial assets				
Shares	7,196	-	-	7,196
Capped floating rate notes	-	20,090	-	20,090
Subscription receipts (note 26c)	-	-	7,100	7,100
Reclamation deposits	25,728	-	-	25,728
	32,924	21,866	7,100	61,890
December 31, 2011				
Financial assets designated at FVTPL				
Dual currency deposits	-	101,635	-	101,635
Copper put option contracts	-	25,407	-	25,407
Available-for-sale financial assets				
Shares	11,898	-	-	11,898
Capped floating rate notes	-	20,055	-	20,055
Reclamation deposits	24,962	-	-	24,962
	36,860	147,097	-	183,957
Financial liabilities designated at FVTPL				
Copper call option contracts		2,607	<u>-</u>	2,607

There have been no transfers between fair value levels during the reporting period.

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# (f) Summary of derivatives and financial assets containing embedded derivatives

	Notional amount	Strike price <sup>1</sup>	Term to maturity	Fair value
At December 31, 2012	Hotional amount	ounce prioc	matarity	Tun value
Commodity contracts				
Copper put option contracts	33.1 million lbs	US\$3.00	Q1-Q2 2013	557
Copper put option contracts	26.5 million lbs	US\$2.75	Q3-Q4 2013	1,219
Capped floating rate notes				
3-month BA rate + 25 bps	C\$10 million	5.00%	Q4 2013	10,023
3-month BA rate + 45 bps	C\$10 million	5.50%	Q4 2014	10,067
At December 31, 2011				
Commodity contracts				
Copper put option contracts	68.5 million lbs	US\$3.50	Q1-Q4 2012	25,407
Copper call option contracts	68.5 million lbs	US\$5.02 to 5.12	Q1-Q4 2012	(2,607)
Dual currency deposits				
USD/CAD (4.50% to 6.00%)	US\$60 million	1.0300 to 1.0740	< 3 months	61,313
USD/CAD (4.00% to 7.05%)	US\$40 million	0.9850 to 1.0800	> 3 months	40,602
Capped floating rate notes				
3-month BA rate + 25 bps	C\$10 million	5.00%	Q4 2013	10,024
3-month BA rate + 45 bps	C\$10 million	5.50%	Q4 2014	10,031

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1.</sup> For the floating rate notes, this value represents the cap level for the coupon rate.

#### (g) Capital management

The Company's primary objective when managing capital is to ensure that the Company is able to continue its operations and that it has sufficient ability to satisfy its capital obligations and ongoing operational expenses, as well as to have sufficient liquidity available to fund suitable business opportunities as they arise.

The Company considers the components of shareholders' equity, as well as its cash and equivalents, DCDs classified within marketable securities, credit facilities and debt as capital. The Company manages its capital structure and makes adjustments to it in light of changes in economic conditions and the risk characteristics of the underlying assets. In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Company may issue or buy back equity, issue, buy back or repay debt, sell assets, or return capital to shareholders.

	December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
Cash and equivalents	134,995	277,792
DCDs within other financial assets	-	40,602
Current debt	18,067	13,753
Long-term debt	234,793	218,502
Net debt (cash)	117,865	(86,139)
Shareholders' equity	463,282	496,817

In order to facilitate the management of its capital requirements, the Company prepares annual operating budgets that are approved by the Board of Directors. Management also actively monitors its financial covenants to ensure compliance.

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The Company is not subject to any capital restrictions.

The Company's investment policy is to invest its cash in highly liquid interest-bearing investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash.

There were no changes to the Company's approach to capital management during the year ended December 31, 2012.

#### 26. RELATED PARTIES

# (a) Subsidiaries

	Ownership interest as at		
	December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011	
Gibraltar Mines Ltd.	100%	100%	
Aley Corporation	100%	100%	
Taseko Acquisitionsub Ltd.	100%	100%	
0806294 BC Ltd.	100%	100%	
688888 BC Ltd.	100%	100%	
Gibraltar Royalty LP	99.99%	99.99%	

# (b) Key management personnel compensation

Key management personnel include the members of the Board of Directors and executive officers of the Company.

The Company contributes to a post-employment defined contribution pension plan on the behalf of certain key management personnel. This retirement compensation arrangement (RCA Trust) was established to provide benefits to certain executive officers on or after retirement in recognition of their long service. Upon retirement, the participant is entitled to the distribution of the accumulated value of the contributions under the RCA Trust. Obligations for contributions to the defined contribution pension plan are recognized as compensation expense in profit or loss in the periods during which services are rendered by the executive officers.

Certain executive officers are entitled to termination and change in control benefits. In the event of termination without cause, other than a change in control, these executive officers are entitled to an amount ranging from 9-month to 12-month's salary. In the event of a change in control, if a termination without cause or a resignation occurs within 12 months following the change of control, these executive officers are entitled to receive, among other things, an amount ranging from 24-month to 32-months salary and accrued bonus, and all stock options held by these individuals will fully vest.

Executive officers and directors also participate in the Company's share option program (note 21).

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Compensation for key management personnel (including directors) is as follows:

	Year ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	
Salaries and benefits	3,855	3,578	
Post-employment benefits	687	1,135	
Share-based compensation	4,630	6,591	
	9,172	11,304	

# (c) Other related party transactions

	Transaction value for the year end December 31,				Due from (to) related as at Dec	ted parties cember 31,
	2012	2011	2012	2011		
Hunter Dickinson Services Inc.:						
General and administrative expenses	1,925	2,223				
Exploration and evaluation expenses	513	764				
Prepaid rent	-	995				
	2,438	3,982	(59)	(44)		
Gibraltar joint venture:						
Other operating income (management fee)	845	840				
Reimburseable compensation expenses	137	171				
·	982	1,011	(41)	241		

Hunter Dickinson Services Inc. (HDSI) is a private company, which employs some members of the executive management of the Company and invoices the Company for their executive services as well as other services.

Under the terms of the joint venture operating agreement, the Gibraltar joint venture pays the Company a management fee for services rendered by the Company as operator of the Gibraltar mine.

During the year, the Company invested in subscription receipts of a private company with directors in common which holds mineral property interests. The subscription receipts will be convertible into units comprised of shares, or shares and warrants (note 12).