

## MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

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This Management Discussion and Analysis (“**MD&A**”) for Lachlan Star Limited (“**Lachlan**” or the “**Company**”) and its subsidiaries (collectively, the “**Group**”) is dated February 14, 2013 and provides an analysis of the Company’s performance and financial condition for the three months ending December 31, 2012 (the “**Quarter**” or “**December 2012 Quarter**”).

The MD&A should be read in conjunction with the Company’s audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto (including the Directors’ Report) for the year ended 30 June 2012 and the Company’s unaudited consolidated financial statements for the Quarter.

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (“**AASs**”) (including Australian Accounting Interpretations), as adopted by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (“**AASB**”), other authoritative pronouncements of the AASB, and Urgent Issues Group Interpretations. Compliance with AASs ensures that the consolidated financial report of Lachlan complies with International Financial Reporting Standards (“**IFRS**”) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

The functional currency of each of the Group’s entities is measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which that entity operates (the “functional” currency). The consolidated financial statements are presented in Australian dollars which is the parent entity’s functional and presentation currency. For subsidiaries Compania Minera Dayton (“**CMD**”) and Dayton Chile Exploraciones Mineras Limitada (“**DCEM**”), management has determined that the U.S. dollar is the functional currency for those companies. For a more detailed discussion on functional currency, please refer to the section “*Critical Accounting Estimates – Functional Currency*” in this MD&A.

Unless otherwise stated, all dollar figures in this MD&A are Australian dollars. “A\$” or “\$” denotes Australian dollars, “US\$” denotes United States dollars, and CDN\$ denotes Canadian dollars.

The A\$/US\$ exchange rate used for the purposes of converting the statement of financial position of CMD and DCEM as at December 31, 2012 was A\$1.00 = US\$1.037. The average A\$/US\$ exchange rate used for the purposes of converting the statement of financial performance of CMD and DCEM for the three months to December 31, 2012 was A\$1.00 = US\$1.038. Details of average and period end exchange rates that impact the Group are set out in the section “*Financial Instruments and Related Risks*” of this MD&A.

## CAUTION REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain information in this MD&A, including all statements that are not historical facts, constitutes forward-looking information within the meaning of applicable Canadian securities laws. Such forward-looking information includes, but is not limited to, information which reflects management's expectations regarding Lachlan's future growth; results of operations (including, without limitation, future production at the CMD Gold Mine (as defined herein); performance (both operational and financial) and the development of the Company's business prospects (including the timing and development of new deposits and the success of exploration activities at the CMD Gold Mine) and opportunities. Often, this information includes words such as "plans", "expects" or "does not expect", "is expected", "budget", "scheduled", "estimates", "forecasts", "intends", "anticipates" or "does not anticipate" or "believes" or variations of such words and phrases or statements that certain actions, events or results "may", "could", "would", "might" or "will" be taken, occur or be achieved.

In making and providing the forward-looking information included in this MD&A, the Company has made numerous assumptions. These assumptions include, among other things, assumptions about the prices of gold, silver and copper, anticipated costs and expenditures, the availability of credit, future production and recovery, that the supply and demand for gold, silver and copper develops as expected, that there is no unanticipated fluctuation in interest rates and foreign exchange rates and that there is no further material deterioration in general economic conditions. Although management believes that the assumptions made and the expectations represented by such information are reasonable, there can be no assurance that the forward-looking information will prove to be accurate. By its nature, forward-looking information is based on assumptions and involves known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause the Company's actual results, performance or achievements, or industry results, to be materially different from future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking information. Such risks, uncertainties and other factors include, among other things: fluctuations in metal prices, limited mine life, dependency on developing new mineral reserves, the fact that mineral reserve and mineral resource estimates are estimates only, environmental risks and hazards, global financial conditions, the effect of possible shortages and price volatility on operations and equipment, the speculative nature of mineral exploration, development, mining and processing, mineral exploration and mining risks, insurance and uninsured risks, the need for additional capital, the uncertain profitability of extraction of mineral resources, the financial and economic reliability of operating estimates and Lachlan's mine plan, the fact that such mine plan for the CMD Gold Mine is not based on a feasibility study, competition for properties, the impact of licences, permits and government regulation, litigation, currency and liquidity risk, Lachlan's limited operating history, credit risk and interest rate risk, changing political, legal and economic conditions, hedging and derivatives, dependence on key personnel, title to properties, labour and employment relations, dilution, the risk that no dividends will ever be paid on shares, conflicts of interests, inability to manage indebtedness and internal control over financial reporting. See the "*Risk Factors*" section in the Company's 2012 Annual Information Form (the "**AIF**"), available under the Company's profile on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com), for further discussion of the risks facing the Company.

This MD&A contains additional information on risks, uncertainties and other factors relating to the forward-looking information. Although the Company has attempted to identify factors that could cause actual actions, events or results to differ materially from those disclosed in the forward-looking information, there may be other factors which cause actual results, performances, achievements or events not to be as anticipated, estimated or intended. Also, many of the factors are beyond the Company's control. Accordingly, readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking information. The Company undertakes no obligation to reissue or update forward-looking information as a result of any new information or events after the date of this MD&A except as may be required by law. All forward-looking information disclosed in this document is qualified by this cautionary statement.

**CAUTION REGARDING NON-GAAP AND NON-IFRS MEASURES**

The Company has included in this document certain terms or performance measures, including the C1 cash costs, cash costs of gold per ounce, and CMD Gold Mine Gross Operating Profit that are not defined in Canadian generally accepted accounting principles (“**GAAP**”) or in IFRS. These non-GAAP and non-IFRS measures do not have any standardized meaning within Canadian GAAP or IFRS and therefore may not be comparable to similar measures presented by other companies. The Company believes that these non-GAAP and non-IFRS measures provide additional information that is useful in evaluating the Company’s performance. The data presented is intended to provide additional information and should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for measures of performance prepared in accordance with Canadian GAAP and IFRS. These non-GAAP and non-IFRS measures should be read in conjunction with the financial statements (or other financial information) of the Company.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Additional information relating to the Company, including public announcements and the Company’s AIF, is available under the Company’s profile on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) and on the Company’s website at [www.lachlanstar.com.au](http://www.lachlanstar.com.au).

## OVERALL PERFORMANCE

Lachlan is a gold production and copper exploration company with a 100% beneficial interest in an operating gold mine in Chile and a copper exploration project in Australia. The Company is a public company governed in Australia by the Corporations Act 2001, with a listing on both the Australian Securities Exchange (the “**ASX**”) and the Toronto Stock Exchange (the “**TSX**”).

During the financial year ended June 30, 2011, the Company acquired the CMD Gold Mine in Chile and became a gold producer. This has resulted in the Company significantly expanding its workforce and having operating revenues. During 2012 the focus of the Company changed from investment and exploration to the development and operation of the CMD Gold Mine.

Since acquiring the CMD Gold Mine on December 24, 2010, the gold spot price has increased from US\$1,380.50 / ounce to US\$1,655.50 / ounce as at December 31, 2012. Subsequent to December 31, 2012, the gold spot price has fallen and was US\$1,647.50 / ounce as at February 12, 2013.

*CMD Gold Mine, Chile* (refer to “*CMD Gold Mine*”, below, for more detail)

Lachlan owns a 100% beneficial interest in the Compañía Minera Dayton project (the “**CMD Gold Mine**”), which it acquired on December 24, 2010.

Gold production for the December quarter was a record under the Company’s ownership at 13,722 ounces, which was a 32% increase on the September quarter (10,374 ounces). In addition, 4,993 ounces of silver was produced. All production was sold at spot prices, with an average sale price of US\$1,742 per gold ounce.

The CMD Gold Mine is a bulk tonnage heap leach operation that at the time of acquisition was operating at an annualised stacking rate of 1.5 Mtpa compared to the installed crushing and stacking capacity of 8 Mtpa. During the course of the Quarter, the stacking rates increased to an annualized 5.0 Mtpa as of December 31, 2012. Gold ounces stacked in the December quarter were up 10% to 17,855 ounces on the previous quarter, which was also a record under the Company’s ownership.

*Bushranger Copper Project, Australia* (refer to “*Bushranger Copper Project, Australia*”, below, for more detail)

Lachlan owns a 100% interest in the Bushranger exploration-stage copper and gold deposit (the “**Bushranger Copper Project**”) located approximately 25km south of Oberon in the Lachlan Fold Belt in New South Wales, Australia. Given Lachlan’s acquisition of the CMD Gold Mine and its focus on the operation and continued development of that project, the Bushranger Copper Project is not considered to be a core asset of the Company.

On 29 September 2011 the Company announced that it had entered into a Farm In Agreement (“the **Agreement**”) with Newmont Exploration Pty Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of Newmont Mining Corporation (“**Newmont**”) covering the Bushranger Copper Project in New South Wales. The main terms of the Agreement, as amended, are:

- (i) Newmont will have an 18 month option period (“Option Period”) to evaluate the Bushranger Copper Project, during which time it must spend a minimum of \$0.25 million. As at December 31, 2012 Newmont had spent \$0.43 million on the Bushranger Copper Project.
- (ii) At any time during that 18 month period Newmont can elect to exercise the option and earn a 51% interest in the Bushranger Copper Project by spending a total of A\$1 million (including expenditures during the Option Period) over a period of 2 years and 6 months from the date of the Agreement (the Farm In Period).
- (iii) At the completion of the Farm In Period, the Company and Newmont will form a Joint Venture owned 49% and 51% respectively, with both parties funding exploration and development on a pro rata basis.

Either party may elect to dilute during the Joint Venture.

Newmont is managing exploration at Bushranger and have spent \$0.43 million since execution of the Agreement.

## **EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION**

The Group's exploration and evaluation expenditures for the Quarter comprised \$0.21 million of exploration at the CMD Gold Mine (classified as mine development expenditure in the consolidated statement of financial position) and \$Nil at the Bushranger Copper Project.

## **CORPORATE**

Mr Declan Franzmann will retire from his current role of Managing Director and revert to a non-executive director role at the end of April 2013. The Company's Chief Operating Officer (COO), (Mr Bira de Oliveira) will assume responsibility for the Company's operations during Mr Franzmann's notice period to ensure a smooth transition.

During the Quarter 5,240,576 options / warrants were exercised for proceeds of \$6,288,691. A total of 375,002 options expired unexercised during the quarter and 275,000 options were issued subsequent to shareholder approval received at the Company's November 2012 AGM. Sentry Select Capital Corp. increased their holding in the Company to 16.1% after the exercise of their options.

## **OUR PEOPLE**

The number of employees at Quarter end increased to 360 from 258 at September 30, 2012 as the Company has built up its owner mining fleet operator and training personnel. The majority of employees are Chilean nationals, with over 350 based at or near to the CMD Gold Mine.

## **RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

The CMD Gold Mine currently has an estimated 5.2 Mt of Probable Mineral Reserves at a grade of 0.8 g/t gold, for 136,000 oz gold, and an estimated 151.5 Mt of indicated mineral resources for 2,058,000 oz gold and 113.9 Mt of inferred mineral resources for 1,354,000 oz gold (the mineral resources are not additive to the mineral reserves). The CMD Gold Mine currently has a mine life of three years, which is followed by continuing gold production from the leach pads for an additional two years. Processing plant throughput is currently approximately 11,000 tonnes per day.

The Bushranger Copper Project is no longer considered to be a core asset of the Company and in September 2011 the Company entered into the Newmont Farm In Agreement providing for the potential acquisition by Newmont of a 51% interest in the Bushranger Copper Project.

Total sales during the Quarter from the CMD Gold Mine were \$21.62 million, cost of sales was \$26.42 million, and net sales were (\$4.8) million.

## **CHILE**

### **CMD GOLD MINE**

Lachlan's material mineral project is the CMD Gold Mine, which it acquired in December 2010. The CMD Gold Mine is a production-stage heap leach gold mine in Andacollo, Chile, which is located approximately 350km north of Santiago, Chile. The CMD Gold Mine commenced production in 1995 and has produced approximately 930,000 ounces of gold since operations commenced. There are at least six known gold deposits in the CMD Gold Mine: Toro/Socorro, Tres Perlas, Churumata, El Sauce, Las Loas and Chisperos.

## Operations

Table 1 below compares key performance indicators, including production and recovery rates and costs, for the three months ended December 31, 2012 as compared to the three months ended September 30, 2012 for the CMD Gold Mine.

**Table 1 – CMD Gold Mine Key Performance Indicators**

Item	Unit	3 months ended December 31 2012	3 months ended September 30 2012	% Change
Ore Mined	Dmt	1,328,690	1,108,088	20%
Waste Mined	Dmt	4,347,712	4,399,305	-1%
Total Mined	Dmt	5,676,402	5,507,393	3%
Waste:Ore Ratio	t:t	3.3	4.0	-18%
Ore grade Mined	Au g/t	0.43	0.50	-14%
Gold Mined	Au oz	18,545	17,969	3%
Ore stacked	Dmt	1,239,672	980,762	26%
Stacked Grade	Au g/t	0.45	0.51	-12%
Gold Stacked	Au oz	17,855	16,220	10%
Average stacking rate	dmt/d	13,475	10,660	26%
Gold Produced	Au oz	13,722	10,374	32%
Mining Cost/t moved	US\$/t	\$2.21	\$2.18	1%
Mining Cost/t ore	US\$/t	\$9.43	\$10.86	-13%
Process Cost/t ore stacked	US\$/t	\$7.88	\$8.18	-4%
G+A Cost/t ore	US\$/t	\$1.68	\$1.88	-10%
Total Cost/t ore	US\$/t	\$18.99	\$20.92	-9%
Average Sales Price	USD/oz	\$1,742	\$1,629	7%
Cash Cost	USD/oz	\$1,062	1,166	-9%
Non Cash Process Inventory Adjustment	USD/oz	-\$35	-\$246	-86%
C1 Cash Cost <sup>(1)</sup>	USD/oz	\$1,026	\$921	11%
CMD Gold Mine Gross Operating Profit / (Loss) (unaudited) <sup>(2)</sup>	US\$million	-\$1.84	-\$4.54	-59%

### Notes:

1. C1 cash costs are a non-GAAP measure and non-IFRS measure that may not be consistent from company to company. In this instance, it is defined as all site production costs but excludes all waste expenditure, depreciation and amortisation and royalties. A reconciliation of C1 cash costs to the IFRS measure Cost of Sales is provided in Table 4 below.
2. CMD Gross Operating Profit equals revenues and dore in process less cost of sales (including waste expensed and amortised), interest and other site expenses and excluding foreign exchange movements, depreciation, exploration and process inventory adjustments. A reconciliation of CMD Gold Mine Gross Operating Profit / (Loss) to the IFRS measure consolidated Profit / (Loss) Before Income Tax is provided in Table 2 below.
3. Percentages may not calculate exactly due to rounding.

**Table 2 – Reconciliation of unaudited CMD Gross Operating Profit / (Loss) to unaudited consolidated Profit Before Income Tax**

		3 months ended December 31, 2012	3 months ended September 30, 2012
CMD Gross Operating (Loss) / Profit (unaudited)	US\$000	(1,841)	(4,572)
A\$ / US exchange rate for the period		1.038	1.039
CMD Gross Operating (Loss) / Profit (unaudited)	A\$000	(1,773)	(4,399)
Inventory adjustments	A\$000	(1,075)	3,036
Depreciation and amortisation	A\$000	(2,032)	(1,426)
Foreign exchange gain / (loss)	A\$000	138	(1,363)
Revaluation of deferred consideration	A\$000	299	(217)
Net finance income / (expense)	A\$000	45	81
New venture expenditure written off	A\$000	(64)	(75)
Other head office related costs	A\$000	(666)	(527)
Consolidated (Loss) Before Income Tax (unaudited)	A\$000	(5,128)	(4,890)

The inventory adjustment for the Quarter primarily reflects the reduction in the gold inventory contained within the leach pad from stacking less recoverable gold than was produced.

Revenue for the Quarter of \$21.63 million excludes gold production of 825 ounces that is included in gold produced in Table 1 above, but was not poured until early in January 2013. This gold was included in inventory at December 31, 2012 at a book value of \$1.31 million. The Group's expenditure for the Quarter includes \$9.46 million of mine development and exploration costs at the CMD Gold Mine in Chile, of which \$0.36 million has been capitalised.

A reconciliation of C1 cash costs to the IFRS measure Cost of Sales is provided in Table 3 below.

**Table 3 – Reconciliation of cash cost (US\$/oz) per ounce to unaudited Cost of Sales**

		3 months ended December 31, 2012	3 months ended September 30, 2012
Cash cost per ounce	US\$	1,026	921
Ounces produced		13,722	10,374
Cash costs	US\$000	14,105	9,554
A\$ / US exchange rate for the period		1.038	1.039
Cash costs	A\$000	13,585	9,186
Inventory adjustments	A\$000	267	(587)
Depreciation and amortization	A\$000	2,032	1,425
Waste costs expensed and amortised	A\$000	9,705	8,127
Royalties	A\$000	593	582
Other	A\$000	89	65
Copper / silver net revenue	A\$000	145	144
Cost of sales (unaudited)	A\$000	26,416	18,942

Gold production for the Quarter was a record under the Company's ownership at 13,722 ounces, which was a 32% increase on the September quarter. In addition, 4,993 ounces of silver was produced. An average sale price of US\$1,742 per gold ounce sold was achieved.

Gold ounces stacked for the Quarter was up 10% on the previous quarter, also a record under the Company's ownership. The previous highest quarterly gold production and ounces stacked under the Company's ownership was in the December 2011 quarter.

The CMD Gold Mine gross operating loss (as defined above) was US\$1.84 million for the Quarter. This result was a 59% improvement on the previous quarter and was primarily driven by a working capital build up as ore crushing and stacking increased 26% over the previous quarter. Total process costs increased by US\$1.7 million quarter on quarter as a result of the higher tonnages stacked.

C1 cash costs, which exclude waste costs expensed or amortised and royalties, increased to US\$1,026 per ounce of gold sold (an increase of 11% quarter on quarter). The main driver of the slight increase in C1 cash costs was the 12% decline in ore grade stacked due to mining through the transitional zone in Tres Perlas and high grade ore from Chisperos only becoming available in January 2013.

The inventory adjustment of (US\$35) per ounce reflects the increase in the average cost per ounce of gold inventory contained within the leach pad.

Table 4 below shows the cash costs for each quarter over the past year, and the impact of the inventory valuation adjustment (all numbers US\$ per ounce).

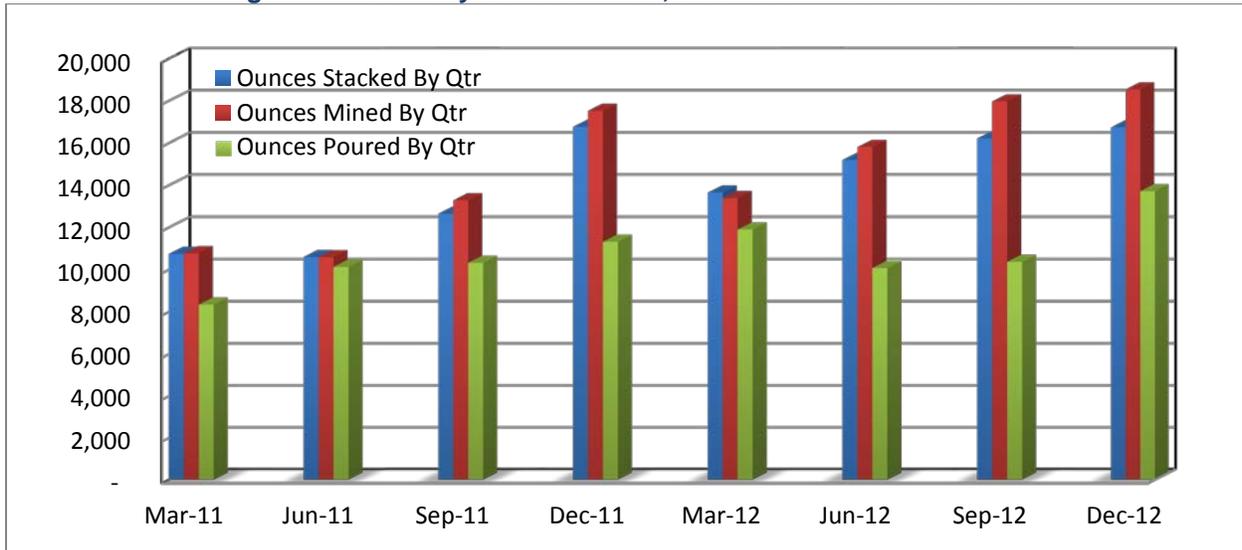
**Table 4 – Cash Cost (US\$ per ounce) and inventory adjustments**

Item	Quarter ending 31 Dec 2012	Quarter ending 30 Sept 2012	Quarter ending 30 June 2012	Quarter ending 31 March 2012	Quarter ending 31 Dec 2011
<b>Cash costs with inventory adjustment (\$/oz)</b>	1,026	921	977	945	799
<b>Cash costs without inventory adjustment (\$/oz)</b>	1,062	1,166	1,144	835	900
<b>Inventory adjustment effect (\$/oz)</b>	(35)	(246)	(167)	110	(101)

Total costs per tonne of ore stacked decreased 9% quarter on quarter to US\$18.99 per tonne, reflecting a decrease in process cost (-4%) and G&A costs (-10%) and a significant (18%) decrease in the waste to ore ratio. The total costs per tonne (including waste stripping) are the second lowest under the Company's ownership with the December 2011 quarter being the lowest at US\$18.54.

Figure 1 illustrates the ounces mined, stacked and produced by quarter since the Company bought the CMD Gold Mine two years ago. As can be seen from Figure 1, the Company has successfully been implementing its strategy of increasing production at the mine and the December 2012 Quarter result is a good result considering the Company only established limited access to the high grade Chisperos pit in late December and no material ore was mined from this pit in the Quarter.

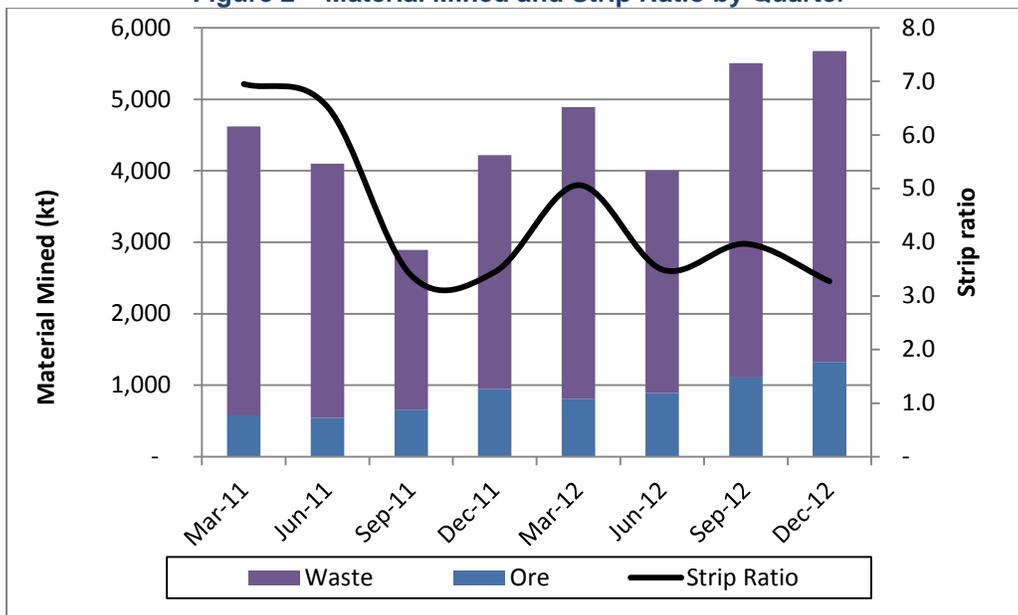
**Figure 1 – Quarterly Ounces Mined, Stacked and Gold Produced**



## Mining

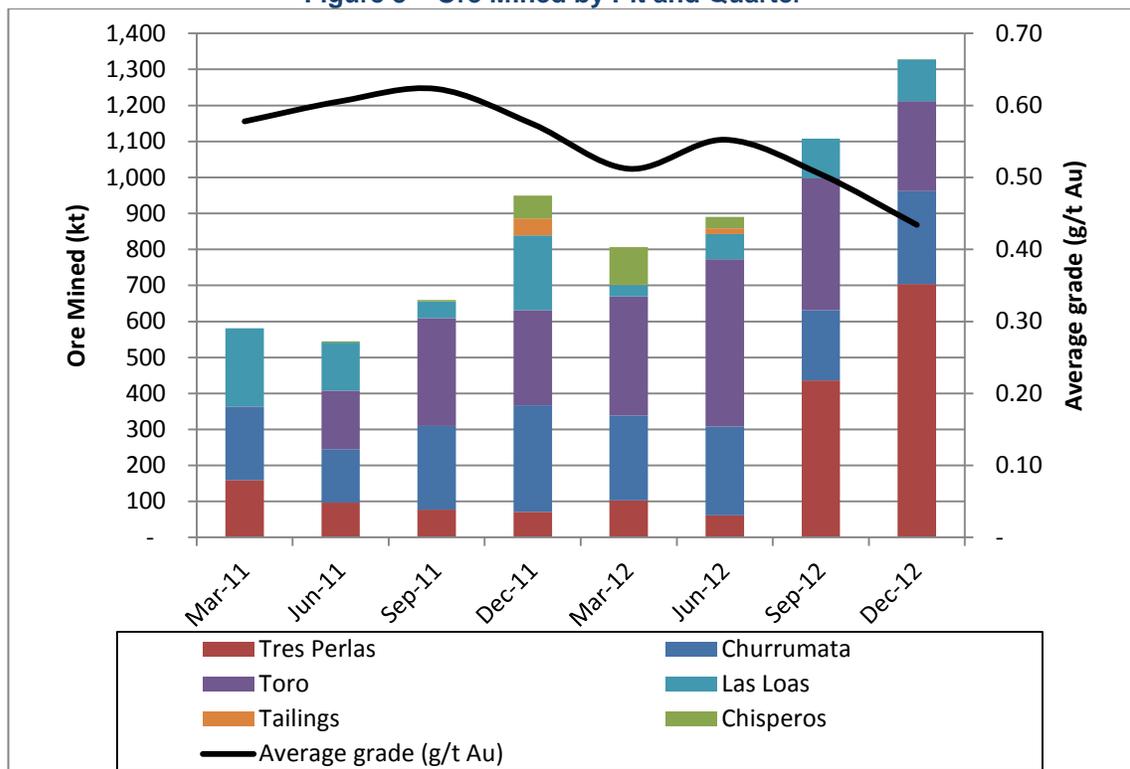
Total ore mined for the Quarter was 1.33 million tonnes for 18,545 contained Au ounces, with the waste to ore ratio for the quarter decreasing to 3.3 to 1 (from 4.0 to 1 in the previous quarter). Ore was principally sourced from the Tres Perlas, Toro, Churrumata and Las Loas pits. Figure 2 shows the mining rate and strip ratio by quarter since the Company acquired the project.

**Figure 2 – Material Mined and Strip Ratio by Quarter**



The Company continued the strategy of increasing ore mining rates by increasing focus on the Tres Perlas pit, with total Quarterly ore production from Tres Perlas increasing to 53% of the total ore mined, as illustrated in Figure 3. The Tres Perlas pit will be the main source of ore for future operations and is a thick (100-200m) orebody that commences at surface and is located adjacent to the crushing plant. The Life of Mine strip ratio for the Tres Perlas pit is expected to be around 1:1.

Figure 3 – Ore Mined by Pit and Quarter



Mining at Chisperos recommenced during the Quarter, and subsequent to Quarter end the adjacent power line was moved and full mining activity recommenced after a hiatus of nine months due to blasting restrictions. Limited ore is starting to be mined from this pit as the mining had previously been halted just as the pre strip was being completed. Chisperos is the highest grade pit at the CMD Gold Mine, with a remaining Probable Reserve of 0.80 million tonnes at 1.2 g/t Au. Up to 25 January 2013, reconciliation of this pit was indicating that 28% more ore tonnes were mined at 24% higher grade than in the Probable Mineral Reserve.

The Company expects that mined gold grades will increase with the ramp up of production from Chisperos, assisted by the higher grade reconciliation from the Tres Perlas pit. Table 5 details the ore and waste movement in the Quarter by pit.

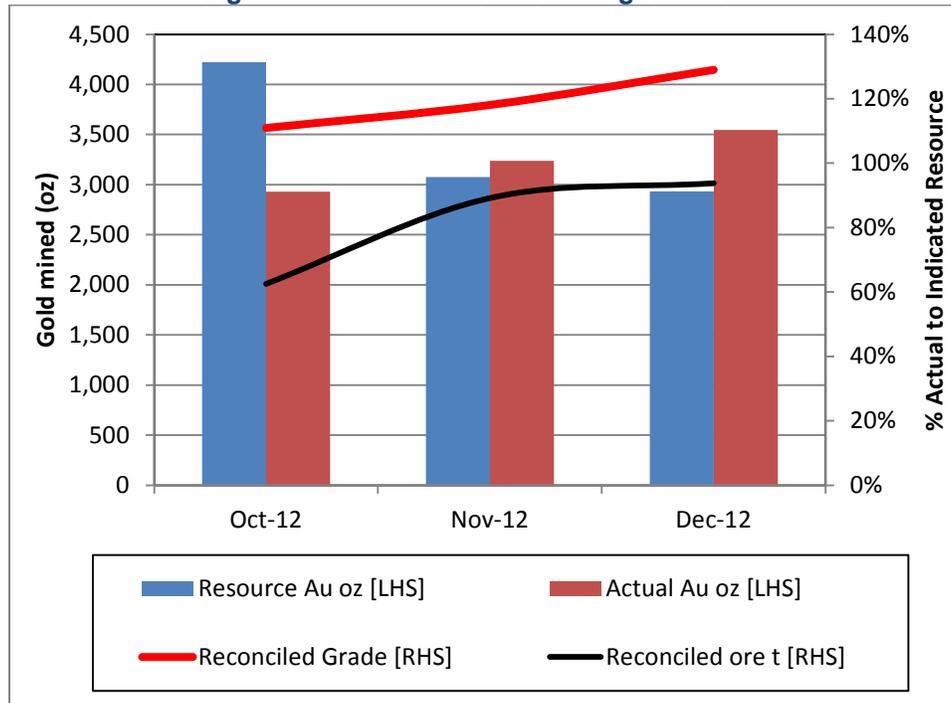
Table 5 – Quarterly mine production by pit

Item	Unit	Churrumata	Tres Perlas	Chisperos	Toro	Las Loas	Total
Ore Mined	Kt	257	704	1	250	115	1,329
Au Grade	g/t	0.48	0.37	0.53	0.50	0.55	0.43
Contained Au	Oz	3,953	8,480	21	4,054	2,038	18,545
Waste Mined	Kt	1,560	1,777	0	664	347	4,348
Total Mined	Kt	1,817	2,481	1	915	463	5,676
Strip Ratio	W:O	6.1	2.5	0.0	2.7	3.0	3.3

## Mine Reconciliation

The Tres Perlas pit is the deposit that will form the bulk of the mine plan going forward. Figure 4 shows the reconciliation for Tres Perlas by month during the Quarter.

**Figure 4 –Tres Perlas reconciled gold ounces**



Reconciliation of mining the Tres Perlas pit during 2012 has shown a positive reconciliation of 125% of ounces, driven by 117% higher gold grade and 107% of ore tonnage being mined compared to the mineral resource estimate.

The trend for the Tres Perlas pit since mining began in 2012 has been a generally increasing grade overall with depth, which has been the main driver for the 25% additional ounces mined in excess of the mineral resource to date. A 17% overcall in grade for a low grade, bulk tonnage deposit is significant. This trend has been established over a 6 month period, with a 29% overcall in the month of December being particularly pleasing.

## Processing

During the Quarter an additional dynamic pad leach cell was constructed (Cell 10) to increase the capacity available in the dynamic leach. Inclusion of Cell 10 increased the total available primary leach capacity to more than 1.8 million tonnes, which will allow primary leaching residence time in excess of 3 months as stacking rates increase to around 450,000 tonnes per month.

During the Quarter, an independent conveyor loading hopper was also added adjacent to the fine ore stockpile. The purpose of this infrastructure is to allow the systematic and controlled addition of historic tailing material from various dumps around the mine. The tailings grade between 0.8 and 1g/t Au, and can be added to the crushed ore feed at up to 10% of the total feed to increase stacked grades without any adverse effect on solution percolation rates.

In January pre-cyanidation of crushed ore was added to the heap leach process. This process adds barren cyanide solution onto ore on the conveyor belt prior to stacking. This means that the ore is wet

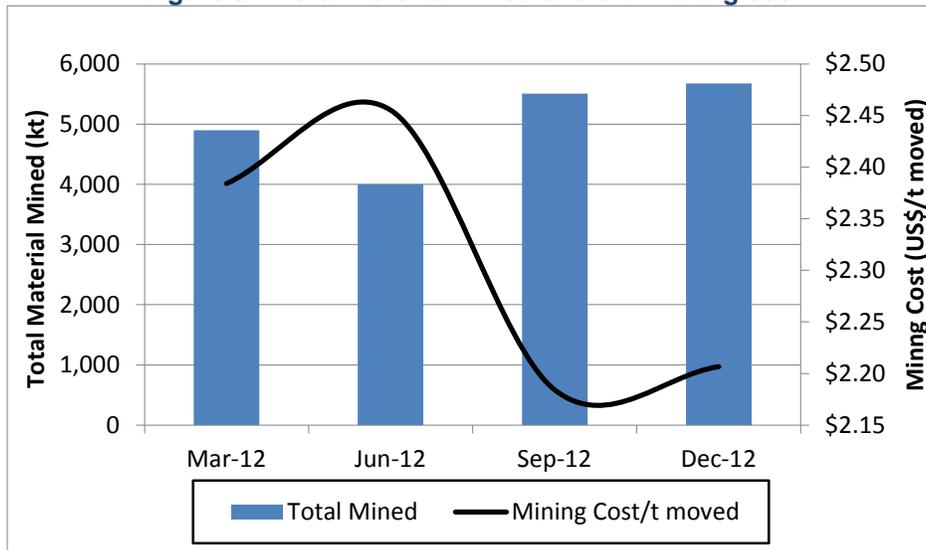
before it is stacked, and the Company expects that this will result in faster leach kinetics and potential for a small increase in overall recovery.

### Mining costs

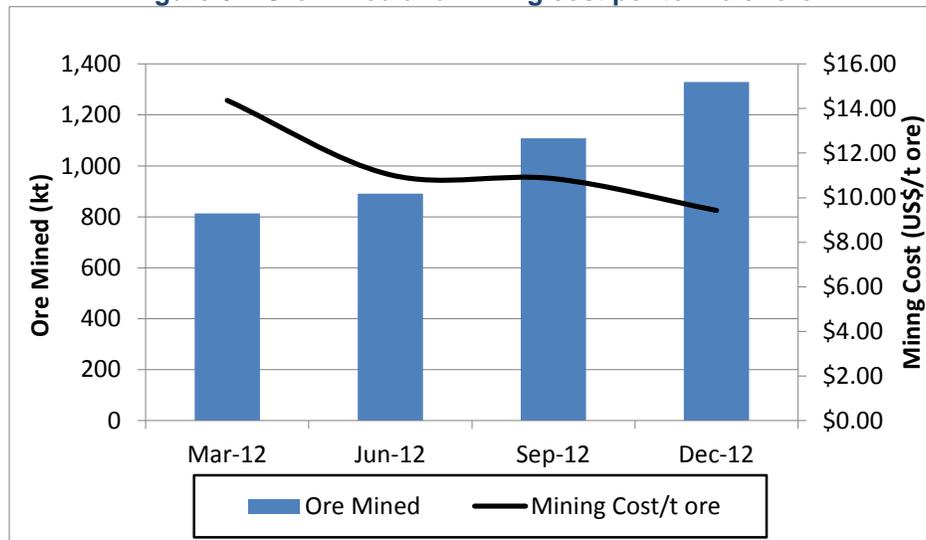
Unit mining costs increased slightly to US\$2.21/t moved (from \$2.18 the previous quarter) and the mining cost per tonne of ore reduced 13% to \$9.43 as a result of the lower strip ratio as shown in Figure 2 above. Figures 9 and Figure 10 illustrate the quarterly history of mining costs over 2012.

The slight increase in mining unit costs was driven mainly by a large increase in broken rock within the pits, with the Company ending the quarter with over 500,000 t of broken rock in the pits, the highest ever tonnage of blasted material. Additional costs totalling US\$7.1c/t mined have been expensed associated with broken rock inventory (equal to US\$4.2c/t mined) and the Komatsu MARC contract and labour (equal to US\$2.9c/t mined). Removing these expensed items would reduce the average mining cost for the Quarter to \$2.14/t mined, which is the lowest operating mining cost achieved by the operation since the June 2011 quarter.

**Figure 5 – Total material mined and unit mining cost**



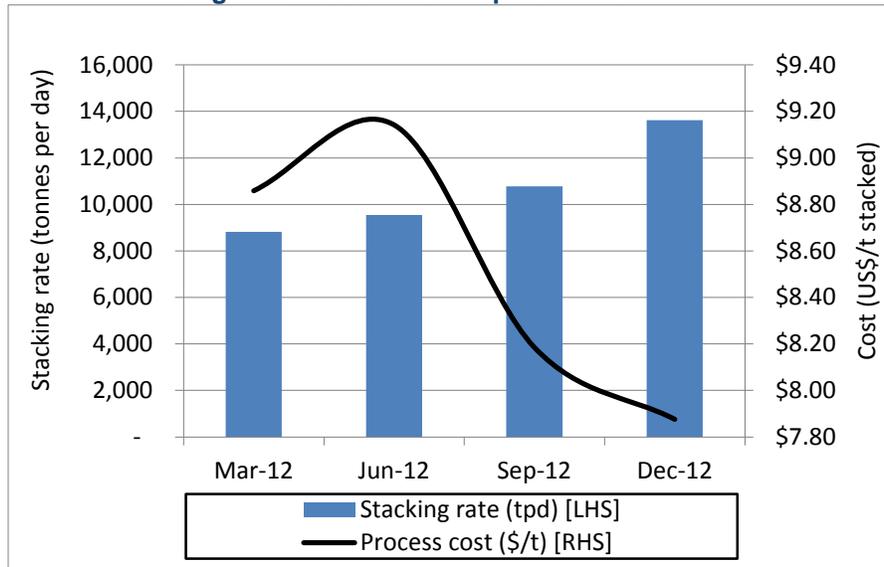
**Figure 6 – Ore mined and mining cost per tonne of ore**



**Ore Processing**

Crushed ore tonnes stacked increased over the previous quarter by 13% to 1.24 million tonnes. The increased stacking rates combined with a focus on cost control resulted in a 4% decrease quarter on quarter in the process costs per tonne of ore to \$7.88 per tonne stacked (Refer Figure 11). This continues to demonstrate the trend of lower processing costs at higher stacking rates.

**Figure 7 – Process cost per tonne stacked**

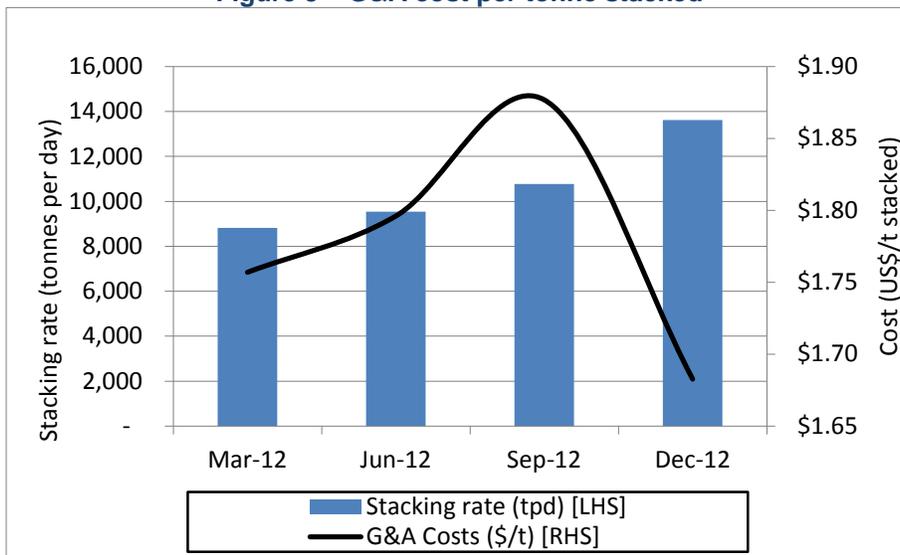


The process cost in the December 2012 Quarter is the lowest since the December 2011 quarter, and is a good result considering that cyanide prices have more than doubled since that period.

**General and Administration (G&A)**

Unit rates for G&A were reduced by 10% quarter on quarter with to \$1.68 per tonne of ore. Figure 12 illustrates the history of G&A costs over the year.

**Figure 8 – G&A cost per tonne stacked**



The decrease in G&A unit rates has been achieved despite an increase in senior management on site (which has contributed to the improvements seen in throughput rates and reduced costs in the mining and process areas) and a substantial spending program on safety and training over the year, particularly in the lead up to the implementation of the new Komatsu fleet. The G&A costs include all of the Company's costs in Chile including legal and compliance costs, travel and procurement.

### **Exploration**

No exploration was carried out during the Quarter at the CMD Gold Mine.

### **Owner Mining**

The Company has continued to work to improve the reliability of the production profile by employing a number of small contracting companies to mitigate third party risk, however significant steps of reducing this risk were achieved during the quarter with the commissioning of the first elements of the owner mining fleet. As of the date of this report the Company was operating 7 trucks (HD785). In addition, 2 loaders (WA900), 1 dozer (D275), 1 wheel dozer (WD500), and 1 grader (GD675) are operating at the Tres Perlas pit, with all recruitment and training of operators and supervisors completed.

The Company has also been carrying out more of the drill and blast function, with the owner operated drill fleet now operating 3 x DM30 IR and 2 x Tamrock/Terex drill rigs that have been bought and/or leased over the past year. The Company is now drilling over half the drill metres for blasting and expects this proportion to gradually increase. The costs for the Company's drilling operations are approximately two thirds that associated with drilling by contractors.

The focus of operations is the continued efficiency improvements as the new workforce gains competency and consolidates into a mining team.

Implementation of the new fleet has gone very smoothly, with the truck fleet already operating at above 100% of the assumed long-term productivity and the loaders at approximately 90% of the assumed long-term productivity. This is well in excess of the productivity assumed for the month of January, and the smooth implementation reflects very positively on the new management team.

The Komatsu truck fleet has started to deliver results, with a significant increase in ore tonnages being mined. Over a three-day period from 23 January, a total of 61,462 tonnes of ore was mined, including a record daily ore tonnage of 24,052 tonnes on 24 January, which eclipsed the previous record set on 7 September 2006 (22,960 tonnes of ore).

The Company expects the owner mining strategy to deliver savings of up to US\$100-US\$150 per ounce of gold over its current mining costs once implementation has been completed.

### **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

The Company is committed to achieving the highest performance in occupational health and safety to create and maintain a safe and healthy workplace. The Company's approach to health and safety management is guided by its policy where the safety, health and well-being of employees, contractors and the community are a core value to the Company's operations. A healthy workforce contributes to business success. Lachlan's aim, to achieve this objective, is for zero injuries.

## AUSTRALIA

### BUSHRANGER COPPER PROJECT

The Bushranger Copper Project is located in New South Wales, approximately 25km south of the town of Oberon.

On September 29, 2011 the Company entered into the Newmont Farm In Agreement providing for the potential acquisition by Newmont of a 51% interest in the Bushranger Copper Project. The material terms of the Newmont Farm In Agreement, as amended, are:

- Newmont will have an 18 month option period (the “**Option Period**”) to evaluate the Bushranger Copper Project, during which time it must spend a minimum of \$250,000.
- At any time during that 18 month period, Newmont can elect to exercise the option, and earn a 51% interest in the Bushranger Copper Project by spending a total of \$1 million (including expenditures during the Option Period) over a period of two years and 6 months from the date of the Newmont Farm In Agreement (the “**Farm In Period**”).
- At the completion of the Farm In Period, the Company and Newmont will form a joint venture owned 49% and 51% respectively, with both parties funding exploration and development on a pro rata basis. Either party may elect to dilute its interest during the joint venture.

Newmont have commenced a mapping and sampling program. Limited results have been received at the time of reporting as the work is ongoing and results will be reported as received. As at December 31, 2012 Newmont had spent \$0.43 million on the Bushranger Copper Project.

Work completed during the quarter included Induced Polarisation (IP) survey completed - 34 line kilometres; 58km<sup>2</sup> of geology mapping; rock chip sampling; and assaying of un-sampled portions of BRC043 returning 22m at 0.2% Cu.

### FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

The financial performance of the Group was affected by the continued development of the CMD Gold Mine. The financial performance of the Company is closely linked to the price of gold as the CMD Gold Mine economics are most sensitive to movements in the gold price.

Generally, the mining industry has experienced cost increases related to inflation of cost inputs. The main cost inputs for the CMD Gold Mine are mining contractor rates and cyanide prices. The Company entered into new contracts for both of these inputs during calendar 2011, which incorporated cost increases over the previous contracts and are included in the current period key performance indicators (see Table 1 above). Importantly, the Company has now entered into new contracts for the supply of cyanide with two suppliers for 2013 with a significant pricing reduction of 14%.

The mining contract term is the earlier of 24 months and the mining of 22.6Mt of material at the CMD Gold Mine. The price is fixed in Chilean Pesos and has approximately 7 months to run.

As most of the CMD Gold Mine costs are denominated in Chilean pesos and US\$, the Group is affected by changes in the Peso/US dollar and AU dollar / US dollar exchange rates. See the discussion under “*Financial Instruments and Related Risks - Market risk – (ii) Foreign Exchange Risk*”, below.

The following table sets out the intended use of the net proceeds along with the use of proceeds from the Company’s August, 2011 (as disclosed in the Company’s November, 2011 prospectus) and April 2012 (as disclosed in the Company’s April, 2012 prospectus) special warrant offerings, the total funds allocated

to each intended use of proceeds, and the amount actually spent as of December 31, 2012 (other than working capital):

Use of net proceeds (all at CMD Gold Mine)	November 2011 <sup>(1)</sup>	April 2012 <sup>(2)</sup>	Total	Spent <sup>(3)</sup>
	(CDN\$ millions)			
Exploration and resource definition drilling	6.17	4.00	10.17	9.39
Mine pre-stripping <sup>(4)</sup>	3.06	-	3.06	5.61
Plant and leach pad liners	0.51	4.60	5.11	3.87
Accumulation of mineral inventory on the leach pad	3.06	-	3.06	2.41
Claims acquisition	-	1.00	1.00	-
Land acquisition	-	1.50	1.50	0.08
Permitting and studies	-	0.25	0.25	0.57
<b>Total</b>	<b>12.80</b>	<b>11.35</b>	<b>24.15</b>	<b>21.92</b>

(1) As set out in "Use of Proceeds" in the Company's November 22, 2011 prospectus

(2) As set out in "Use of Proceeds" in the Company's April 26, 2012 prospectus

(3) August 2011 to December 31, 2012

(4) Chisperos pit only

## SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY RESULTS

Not all prior period information has been prepared or presented on a basis consistent with the most recent interim financial information. The Company became a reporting issuer upon its listing on TSX on October 19, 2011. Prior to that date it had no obligation to prepare quarterly consolidated interim financial statements.

### Financial Condition

The quarter-on-quarter movements in the financial position of the Group over the last eight quarters are shown below.

	Dec-31 2012	Sept-30 2012	June-30 2012	Mar-31 2012	Dec-31 2011	Sep-30 2011	Jun-30 2011	Mar-31 2011
Financial position as at:	A\$000	A\$000	A\$000	A\$000	A\$000	A\$000	A\$000	A\$000
Cash and cash equivalents	7,489	8,336	17,412	12,715	14,474	16,123	4,515	5,350
Total assets	100,089	93,077	95,246	83,084	82,673	80,607	61,132	67,315
Total liabilities	39,421	34,192	33,005	34,304	31,857	30,047	30,958	34,919
Net assets	60,668	58,885	62,241	48,780	50,816	50,560	30,174	32,396

### Cash and cash equivalents

As at December 31, 2012 the Group had cash reserves of \$7.49 million, a decrease of \$0.85 million from September 30, 2012 and a \$9.92 million decrease from June 30, 2012. See "Cash flow" section below.

Trade and other receivables at Quarter end include \$2.86 million relating to the sale of gold and A\$2.61 million for VAT, all of which has been received subsequent to Quarter end. Inventories at Quarter end include \$1.31 million relating to dore produced but not sold at period end, and to which title passed to Johnson Matthey on 3rd January 2013.

The Group's cash bank balances were \$4.27 million as at January 31, 2013. At the date of this report the CMD Gold Mine held approximately 905 ounces of gold bullion worth approximately US\$1.49 million.

On February 13, 2013 the Company entered into a C\$10 million secured debt facility ("Facility") with Sprott Resource Lending Partnership ("Sprott"). The Facility has a 12-month term and is drawable in two C\$5 million Tranches. The term of the loan can be extended for a further 12 months under certain circumstances and the payment of an extension fee.

Under the terms of the Facility, Tranche 1 is required to be drawn and this is expected to occur within the next week, and Tranche 2 is drawable within a 6 month period after the closing of the Facility subject to certain operating outcomes which the directors are confident in being able to achieve. The Facility bears interest at 11% per annum, payable monthly.

A fee is payable to Sprott in an amount equal to 4% of each draw under the Facility, being \$200,000 for each C\$5 million draw, payable by the issuance of ordinary shares of the Company to be priced at a 10% discount to the 5 day Volume Weighted Average price of the Company's shares on the TSX prior to the draw down, subject to the receipt of applicable exchange approvals. If applicable exchange approvals are not obtained this fee is payable in cash.

#### *Trade and other receivables*

Trade and other receivables have increased by \$2.69 million since June 30, 2012 primarily because of a US\$1.22 million increase in gold sales receivables and a US\$0.96 million increase in VAT receivable. Payment for shipments on both 21 December and 28 December were outstanding at Quarter end due to delays caused by the holiday period.

The A\$ / US\$ exchange rate increased from 1:1.0161 at June 30, 2012 to 1:1.0374 at December 31, 2012 meaning an decrease of \$0.07 million in the value of trade and other receivables which are presented in the CMD financial statements in US\$.

#### *Inventories*

Inventories have increased by \$3.72 million since June 30, 2012, comprising a \$4.02 million increase in CMD inventories offset by a \$0.30 million decrease as a result of the A\$ / US\$ exchange rate increasing from 1:1.0161 at June 30, 2012 to 1:1.0374 at December 31, 2012.

The \$4.02 million increase in CMD inventory primarily consists of an increase of 958 recoverable ounces in the leachpad with an associated cost of US\$1.48 million, a US\$1.58 million increase attributable to the increased average cost per ounce on the leachpad, a US\$1.36 million increase in dore in process inventory, \$1.30 million decrease from a provision against leachpad inventory, \$0.33 million recognised for the ROM pad value, a US\$0.84 million increase in stores inventory, and a reduction from \$0.06 million of amortization of the fair value recognized on acquisition of the CMD Gold Mine in December 2010.

#### *Mine development properties*

Mine development properties decreased by \$0.93 million since June 2012, comprising expenditure of \$2.78 million, a \$0.76 million decrease as a result of the A\$ / US\$ exchange rate increasing from 1:1.0161 at June 30, 2012 to 1:1.0374 at December 31, 2012, and amortisation of \$2.96 million.

Of the \$2.78 million expenditure, \$1.04 million relates to exploration at the CMD Gold Mine and \$1.74 million to capitalized waste.

### *Property, plant and equipment*

Property, plant and equipment has increased by \$6.29 million since June 2012, comprising expenditure of \$8.32 million at the CMD Gold Mine, a \$0.34 million decrease as a result of the A\$ / US\$ exchange rate increasing from 1:1.0161 at June 30, 2012 to 1:1.0374 at December 31, 2012, offset by a depreciation charge of \$1.73 million.

Expenditure of \$8.32 million mainly related to the purchase of part of the new owner operated mining fleet (\$6.57 million), construction of MARC facilities for that fleet, used drilled rigs, a power line, and leach pad construction. The purchase of the new owner operated mining fleet was partly financed by new leasing and financing facilities of \$5.67 million.

### *Deferred tax asset*

The deferred tax asset has increased by \$2.98 million since June 2012, comprising an income tax credit of \$3.19 million (refer “*Income tax*” below) and a \$0.21 million decrease as a result of the A\$ / US\$ exchange rate increasing from 1:1.0161 at June 30, 2012 to 1:1.0374 at December 31, 2012.

### *Total liabilities*

As at December 31, 2012, the Group had total liabilities of \$39.42 million compared to \$33.00 million at June 30, 2012, an increase of \$6.42 million.

There was a \$2.75 million increase in trade and other payables in the half-year in addition to a net increase in borrowings of \$3.94 million, offset by a \$0.54 million decrease as a result of the A\$ / US\$ exchange rate increasing from 1:1.0161 at June 30, 2012 to 1:1.0374 at December 31, 2012.

Trade and other payables have increased since June 2012 primarily as the result of the increased operating activities on site towards the end of the Quarter.

As at December 31, 2012, the Group had \$10.66 million in debt obligations consisting of bank loans, leases, and deferred consideration due to the vendors of the CMD Gold Mine. During the Quarter CMD drew down bank and lease facilities totaling US\$6.36 million. The purchase of the new owner operated mining fleet (\$6.57 million, see *Property, plant and equipment* above) was partly financed by new leasing and financing facilities of \$5.67 million.

### *Contributed equity*

The contributed equity increase of \$6.58 million since June 30, 2012 is shown below:

	Number	\$000
Ordinary shares		
1 July	86,380,017	204,436
Share issue costs	-	(23)
Shares issued on exercise of options	5,240,576	6,289
Share based payments	-	309
31 December	91,620,593	211,011

### *Reserves*

Negative reserves of \$1.21 million consist of a \$0.13 million share based payments reserve, which reflects the fair value of share options at their date of issue, offset by a negative balance of \$1.34 million in the foreign exchange reserve.

The movement of \$1.03 million in the foreign exchange reserve balance since June 30, 2012 comprises \$0.69 million from the translation of CMD financial statements, which are presented in US\$, to A\$ on

consolidation, and the foreign exchange effect of the fair value uplift on acquisition of the CMD Gold Mine, together with a \$0.34 million unrealized foreign exchange loss on an intercompany balance. The movement in the foreign exchange reserve reflects the A\$ / US\$ exchange rate increasing from 1:1.0161 at June 30, 2012 to 1:1.0374 at December 31, 2012.

#### *Accumulated losses*

The Quarter's increase of \$2.28 million in accumulated losses is explained under the heading "*Operating Results*" below.

#### **Cash flow**

The quarter-on-quarter movements in the cash flow of the Group over the last eight quarters are shown below.

<b>Cash flows for the three months ended:</b>	<b>Dec-31 2012 A\$000</b>	<b>Sept-30 2012 A\$000</b>	<b>Jun-30 2012 A\$000</b>	<b>Mar-31 2012 A\$000</b>	<b>Dec-31 2011 A\$000</b>	<b>Sep-30 2011 A\$000</b>	<b>Jun-30 2011 A\$000</b>	<b>Mar-31 2011 A\$000</b>
Operating activities	(2,414)	(6,912)	(3,071)	7,599	1,726	2,313	(581)	(782)
Investing activities	(8,024)	(3,085)	(6,708)	(7,383)	(3,776)	(2,871)	(2,617)	1,499
Financing activities	9,598	922	14,654	(1,963)	426	12,116	1,280	(1,787)

The Operating Activities outflow of \$2.41 million in the Quarter reflects the net cash outflow from operations at the CMD Gold Mine of \$1.50 million, corporate overhead of \$0.93 million, and net interest income of \$0.02 million.

As at December 31, 2012 the CMD Gold Mine had a receivable of \$5.47 million relating to the sale of gold and a VAT receivable, all of which was received subsequent to Quarter end.

Investing activities in the Quarter of \$8.02 million reflect \$7.66 million property, plant and equipment costs, being primarily the acquisition of part of the new mining fleet, and exploration / capitalised development work at the CMD Gold Mine of \$0.36 million.

Financing activities net inflows of \$9.60 million in the Quarter reflect receipts of \$6.29 million from the exercise of share options offset by net borrowings of \$3.31 million.

Net borrowings of \$4.25 million for the six months to 31 December 2012 comprise \$7.42 million of new borrowings, partly to finance the new mine fleet, and \$3.17 million of repayments. Borrowing repayments of \$4.11 million comprised bank / lease debt of \$2.29 million and \$0.88 million of deferred consideration / deferred cash to the vendors of the CMD Gold Mine.

## Operating Results

The quarter-on-quarter movements in the operating results of the Group over the last eight quarters are shown below. The Company became a reporting issuer when it listed on the TSX on October 19, 2011.

<i>Operating results for the three months ended:</i>	<b>Dec-31 2012 A\$000</b>	<b>Sept-30 2012 A\$000</b>	<b>June-30 2012 A\$000</b>	<b>Mar-31 2012 A\$000</b>	<b>Dec-31 2011 A\$000</b>	<b>Sep-30 2011 A\$000</b>	<b>June-30 2011 A\$000</b>	<b>Mar-31 2011 A\$000</b>
Revenue	21,623	16,249	15,892	19,332	18,737	18,248	13,485	11,549
Other income	46	68	615	(537)	103	975	317	3,794
Cost of sales	(26,416)	(18,942)	(18,514)	(19,303)	(17,562)	(17,124)	(15,707)	(14,454)
Total net operating expenses	(26,797)	(21,207)	(19,912)	(19,872)	(18,116)	(18,366)	(17,302)	(15,267)
Net (loss) / profit before tax	(5,128)	(4,890)	(3,405)	(1,077)	724	857	(3,500)	76
Net (loss) / profit after tax	(4,548)	(2,277)	(3,124)	(1,110)	1,941	3,289	(3,196)	382
Basic (loss) / profit per share (cents)	(5.1)	(2.6)	(4.1)	(1.5)	3.1	5.8	(5.8)	0.7
Diluted (loss) / profit per share (cents)	(5.1)	(2.6)	(4.1)	(1.5)	3.1	5.8	(5.8)	0.7

A review of the quarter ended December 31, 2012 as compared to the quarter ended December 31, 2011 is provided below.

### Revenue

	<b>Quarter ended Dec-31 2012 \$000</b>	<b>Quarter ended Dec-31 2011 \$000</b>
Sale of gold	21,632	18,455
Sale of silver (net of refining)	(9)	116
Sale of copper	-	166
	<u>21,623</u>	<u>18,737</u>

Revenue is from the sale of metals, mainly gold, by the CMD Gold Mine, acquired on December 24, 2010.

Revenue for the December 2012 Quarter includes 12,987 ounces of gold at an average achieved sale price of US\$1,742 per ounce (December 2011 Quarter: 11,326 ounces of gold at an average achieved sale price of US\$1,663 per ounce).

### Other income

Other income of \$0.05 million for the Quarter consists of interest income. The December 2011 Quarter other income included \$0.18 million of foreign exchange gains. From September 2012 Quarter onwards foreign exchange gains and losses are classified in total net operating expenses.

*Cost of sales*

	<b>Quarter ended Dec-31 2012 \$000</b>	<b>Quarter ended Dec-31 2011 \$000</b>
Depreciation and amortisation	2,628	1,389
Gold in process, dore and ROM inventory adjustment	(230)	(1,330)
Mine operational expenses	12,229	8,959
Reagents	3,743	2,247
Utilities, maintenance	3,904	3,635
Personnel expenses	2,498	1,693
Royalties	593	475
Other expenses	1,051	294
	<u>26,416</u>	<u>17,562</u>

Cost of sales relates to costs attributable to the operation of the CMD Gold Mine. It includes a \$1,303,000 (December 2011 Quarter: \$Nil) provision against leachpad inventory to write down to net realisable value and \$9,095,000 of waste costs direct expensed (December 2011 Quarter: \$6,507,000),

Depreciation and amortisation costs are calculated on the units of production method whereby costs are amortised according to gold production as a percentage of estimated ounces of gold recoverable from mineralised material in the mine plan. Such costs have increased from the December 2011 Quarter to the December 2012 Quarter due to higher gold production and the additional amortisation of CMD exploration costs.

Deferred stripping (waste) costs are capitalised in any month where the actual stripping ratio exceeds the life of mine average stripping ratio, in which case costs relating to the waste tonnes mined over and above the life of mine stripping ratio are capitalised. In months where waste tonnes mined fall below the life of mine stripping ratio all waste costs are expensed. Cost of sales for the December 2012 Quarter includes \$9.70 million (December 2011 Quarter: \$6.75 million) waste costs expensed and amortised.

The acquisition of CMD was treated as a business acquisition under IFRS requiring a fair valuation of consideration paid and assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities acquired. The resultant uplift in fair values of property, plant and equipment and mine properties on acquisition are subject to amortisation over estimated life of mine on the same basis as the underlying asset.

The December 2012 Quarter depreciation and amortisation charge of \$2.63 million (December 2011 Quarter: \$1.39 million) includes \$0.45 million (December 2011 Quarter: \$0.46 million) relating to amortisation on the uplift in fair values of assets recognized on acquisition of the CMD Gold Mine and \$0.61 million (December 2011 Quarter: \$0.24 million) waste amortisation.

Gold in leach pad inventories are valued based on the historical recovery of ounces from the pads using a rolling average of costs incurred, including leaching costs. Movements in the value of leach pad inventories are included in cost of sales. During the December 2012 Quarter 958 recoverable ounces were added to the leachpad (December 2011 Quarter: 964 increase in recoverable ounces).

The gold in process, dore and ROM inventory adjustment for the December 2012 Quarter includes a \$1.72 million provision to write the cost of the leachpad down to net realizable value (December 2011 Quarter: \$Nil).

*Corporate compliance and management*

Corporate compliance and management costs of \$0.48 million for the Quarter (December 2011 Quarter: \$0.72 million) reflect costs associated with the management of the CMD Gold Mine, corporate office costs, and the costs of a listed company on the ASX and TSX.

*Occupancy costs*

Occupancy costs of \$0.02 million for the Quarter (December 2011 Quarter: \$0.03 million) relate to the occupancy costs of the Company's head office in Perth and reflect the recharge of 50% of the office costs to a sub tenant.

*Foreign exchange gain / loss*

The foreign exchange gain of \$0.14 million arises from net unrealised gains on the Company's holdings of US\$ and CDN\$ cash and cash equivalents, and foreign exchange gains on payables denominated in Chilean Pesos translated to the functional currency of CMD, being US\$. During the Quarter the US\$: Chilean Peso exchange rate rose from 1:474.5 to 1:479.8.

The December 2011 Quarter \$0.18 million of foreign exchange gains is included in other income.

*New venture investigation expenditure written off*

Expenditure of \$0.06 million for the Quarter (December 2011 Quarter: \$0.07 million) reflects Lachlan's expenditure on investigating new venture opportunities.

*Finance expense*

Finance expense of \$0.12 million for the Quarter (December 2011 Quarter: \$0.03 million) consists of bank and financial institution interest, together with the foreign exchange gain / loss on financial liabilities.

*Fair value loss on deferred consideration*

The acquisition cost for the CMD Gold Mine included contingent deferred consideration payments relating to the achievement of specified gold production, in particular:

- (a) 2.5% of the value of the gold produced from the existing open pit inventory contained within the pit designs and other specific deposits with mineralisation that may be economically exploited using open pit methods (collectively, the "Mineral Inventory") between January 1, 2011 and December 31, 2014; and
- (b) 25% of the value of the gold produced from the Mineral Inventory between January 1, 2011 and December 31, 2014 over and above 119,000 ounces.

The December 2012 Quarter gain of \$0.30 million reflects a re-assessment of the potential liability during the Quarter and compares to the December 2011 Quarter gain of \$0.29 million.

*Income tax*

The income tax credit for the Quarter of \$0.58 million (December 2011 Quarter: credit of \$1.22 million) consists of:

- (i) \$0.80 million credit (December 2011 Quarter: credit of \$1.13 million) related to the recognition of a deferred tax asset in respect of income tax losses and timing differences of CMD.
- (ii) \$0.22 million debit (December 2011 Quarter: credit of \$0.09 million) relating to the deferred tax impact of the unwinding of the fair value adjustments taken up on the acquisition of the CMD Gold Mine. These fair value adjustments created a difference between the carrying value of the assets in the Company's financial statements and the assets' tax value, and resulted in the recognition of a deferred tax liability on acquisition. As the fair value uplift is amortised over time the difference between the carrying value of the assets in Lachlan's

financial statements and the assets' tax value will reduce and the deferred tax liability will reverse.

*Exchange difference on translation of foreign operations*

The December 2012 Quarter \$0.30 million foreign exchange reserve movement is a result of the A\$ / US\$ exchange rate decreasing from 1:1.0381 at September 30, 2012 to 1:1.0374 at December 31, 2012. The movement is required to be shown on the face of the statement of comprehensive income as a reconciling item to total comprehensive income.

*Earnings per Share*

Earnings per share reflects the underlying result for the period. Given there is a loss for the Quarter the outstanding share options are not considered to be dilutive and diluted loss per share is the same as basic loss per share.

**LIQUIDITY, CAPITAL RESOURCES AND COMMITMENTS**

During the last three years, the Group has accessed equity capital markets as its primary source of funding to finance its activities. Gross proceeds of \$32.03 million were raised from the issue of Ordinary Shares during the financial year ending June 30, 2012.

See under the heading "*Financial Condition*", above, the table summarizing the movements in the financial position of the Group over the last eight quarters and the discussion of cash and cash equivalents.

The following table sets forth information regarding the Group's contractual obligations as at December 31, 2012:

<b>Contractual Obligations</b>	<b>Payments Due</b>				
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Less than 1 Year</b>	<b>1 - 2 years</b>	<b>3 - 5 Years</b>	<b>After 5 Years</b>
	<b>\$ million</b>	<b>\$ million</b>	<b>\$ million</b>	<b>\$ million</b>	<b>\$ million</b>
Exploration commitments <sup>(1)</sup>	--	--	---	—	—
Borrowings <sup>(2)</sup>	\$10.66	\$6.19	\$1.66	\$2.81	—
Trade And Other Payables	\$22.94	\$22.94	—	—	—
Provisions <sup>(3)</sup>	\$5.81	—	—	\$5.81	—
Other <sup>(4)</sup>	\$94.17	\$52.94	\$17.29	\$23.94	—

Notes:

- (1) The Company's mineral rights in Chile are not subject to minimum expenditures on exploration activities.
- (2) See the discussion in the sections entitled "*Total liabilities*" under the heading "Financial Condition" above. The Group had US\$12.23 million in unused banking facilities at December 31, 2012 which were drawn in January 2013 to purchase the remainder of the mine fleet (included in "other" in the table above). An additional US\$1.35 million in facilities were secured and drawn down subsequent to Quarter end.
- (3) Provisions relate to Chilean site restoration and employee termination obligations.
- (4) Other relates to future commitments arising out of contracts in place as at December 31, 2012 at the CMD Gold Mine, primarily for mining, power, explosives and cyanide.

The net proceeds of (i) the Special Warrants Placement and expenses in qualifying the Units and Compensation Options of approximately \$13.91 million received in the September 30, 2011 Quarter (ii) the Special Warrants Placement and expenses in qualifying the Units and Compensation Options of approximately \$15.75 million received in the June 30, 2012 Quarter (iv) the \$6.29 million received by the Company from the exercise of 5,240,576 options and warrants in the Quarter (v) the finance facilities negotiated for the purchase of the owner operated mining fleet (see "*Commitments*" below) (vi) a C\$10 million secured debt facility with Sprott Resource Lending Partnership dated February 13, 2013 (see

“Cash and cash equivalents” above) are anticipated to be sufficient, together with cashflows from operations, to finance the current exploration program and operations and to meet all other contractual, corporate and administrative costs for the Company for the ensuing 18 months. The actual expenditures for exploration and drilling will depend on a number of factors including the success of the drilling or exploration program, as the case may be.

The Company expects to be able to finance its working capital requirements and planned growth and development activities from existing cash balances, finance facilities noted above and cash flows from operations. However, further financing may be required to fund any unforeseen increases in capital or operational expenditure at the CMD Gold Mine. It is anticipated that further funds would be obtained by additional debt or equity raisings. Net cash expended on operating activities in the December 2012 Quarter was \$2.41 million. Expenses will be financed from cash flow from operations to the extent possible.

Based on the economics of the CMD Gold Mine the Company believes that it will be able to raise such funds through additional financings if required. However, there is no assurance additional financing will be available, as and when required, or if available, that it will be on terms acceptable to the Company. See “Risk Factors — Need for Additional Capital” in the Company’s 2012 AIF, available under the Company’s profile on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) and on the Company’s website at [www.lachlanstar.com.au](http://www.lachlanstar.com.au).

## COMMITMENTS

The Company has continued to work to improve the reliability of the production profile by employing a number of small contracting companies to mitigate third party risk, however significant steps of reducing this risk were achieved during the quarter with the commissioning of the first elements of the owner mining fleet. As of the date of this report, the Company was operating 7 trucks (HD785), 2 loaders (WA900), 1 dozer (D275), 1 wheel dozer (WD500), grader (GD675) at the Tres Perlas pit, with all recruitment and training of operators and supervisors completed.

In addition, the Company has purchased a fleet of seven Mercedes Benz trucks and two Komatsu WA600 loaders to be used for the dynamic leach pad rehandle that has predominately been carried out by contractors. This equipment is now in operation at the mine and is expected to deliver costs savings of up to US\$20 per ounce.

The Company has also been carrying out more of the drill and blast function, with the owner operated drill fleet now operating 3 x DM30 IR and 2 x Tamrock/terex drill rigs that have been bought and/or leased over the past year. The Company is now drilling over half the drill metres for blasting and expects this proportion to gradually increase. The costs for the Company’s drilling operations are approximately two thirds that associated with drilling by contractors.

Implementation of the new fleet has gone very smoothly, with the truck fleet already operating at above 100% of the assumed long-term productivity and the loaders at approximately 90% of the assumed long-term productivity. This is well in excess of the productivity assumed for the month of January, and the smooth implementation reflects very positively on the new management team.

The Komatsu truck fleet has started to deliver results, with a significant increase in ore tonnages being mined. Over a three-day period from 23 January, a total of 61,462 tonnes of ore was mined, including a record daily ore tonnage of 24,052 tonnes on 24 January, which eclipsed the previous record set on 7 September 2006 (22,960 tonnes of ore).

The Company expects the owner mining strategy to deliver savings of up to US\$100 to US\$150 per ounce of gold over its current mining costs once implementation has been completed.

At period end the Company had a commitment of US\$13.81 million to pay for the remainder of the mining fleet, of which \$12.24 million was satisfied by a mixture of bank and lease finance and the remainder in cash.

## **OFF BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS**

There are no material off-balance sheet arrangements as at December 31, 2012.

## **TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES**

Remuneration (including salaries, directors' fees and the issue of share options) was paid or is payable to the directors of the Company in the normal course of business. The Company pays its non-executive directors consulting fees for extra services, if any, performed outside of normally expected non-executive duties. These transactions are made on commercial terms and conditions and at market rates.

The Group recharged \$0.03 million during the Quarter (September 30 2012 Quarter: \$0.02 million) on an arm's length basis to Nevada Iron Limited, a company of which Mr Michael McMullen is Chairman, for administration staff, office rent and car parking under an office sublease effective 11 June 2012.

The Group acquired the CMD Gold Mine on December 24, 2010. One of the vendors is a substantial shareholder of Lachlan Star and another, Peter Babin, is a director of the Company.

## **CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES**

The preparation of the financial report requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets and 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 recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised and in any future periods affected.

The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year and judgements, apart from those involving estimations, which have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements, are:

### *Impairment*

The recoverability of the carrying amount of property, plant and equipment and mine development properties has been reviewed by the consolidated entity. In conducting the review, the recoverable amount has been assessed by reference to the higher of 'fair value less costs to sell' and 'value in use'. In determining fair value less costs to sell, future cash flows are based on estimates of (a) quantities of ore reserves and mineral resources for which there is a high degree of confidence of economic extraction; (b) future production levels and sales; (c) timing of future production; (d) future exchange rates and commodity prices; and (e) future cash costs of production and capital expenditure.

Recoverable amount is most sensitive to forecast commodity prices. Variations to the expected future cash flows, and timing thereof, could result in significant changes to the impairment test results, which could in turn impact future financial results. At December 31, 2012 the spot gold price was US\$1,655.50 per ounce.

The financial statement line items affected by this critical accounting estimate are "Property, plant and equipment" and "Mine development properties" in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position, and "Cost of sales" in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income.

### *Provisions*

The Group has recognised a provision for environmental restoration. This provision has been measured based on management's estimates of the probable amount of resources that will be required to settle the

obligation and the timing of settlement. Such estimates are subjective and there may be a future need to revise the book value of the provision as a result of changes in estimates.

The financial statement line items affected by this critical accounting estimate are “Provisions” in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position and “Cost of sales” in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

#### *Functional currency*

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

- assets and liabilities are translated at exchange rates prevailing at statement of financial position date; and
- income and expenses are translated at transaction date or average exchange rates for the period, whichever is more appropriate

Resulting exchange differences arising on translation of foreign operations are recognised in other comprehensive income and are transferred directly to the Group’s foreign currency translation reserve as a separate component of equity. These differences are recognised in profit or loss upon disposal of the foreign operation.

Companies in the Group have to determine their functional currencies based on the primary economic environment in which each entity operates. In order to do that management has to analyse several factors, including which currency mainly influences sales prices of product sold by the entity, which currency influences the main expenses of providing services, in which currency the entity has received financing, and in which currency it keeps its receipts from operating activities.

For subsidiaries CMD and DCEM, the above indicators are mixed and the functional currency is not obvious. Management used its judgement to determine which factors are most important and concluded the U.S. dollar is the functional currency for those companies. Management has determined that the Australian dollar is the functional currency for Lachlan and its other subsidiaries given their revenue and expenditure are mostly in Australian dollars.

The financial statement line items affected by this critical accounting estimate is “Reserves” and all assets and liabilities of foreign operations whose functional currency is different from the Group’s presentation currency in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position, and “Foreign exchange gain / (loss)” in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income.

#### *Recovery of ounces of gold in leach pad inventories*

Management has estimated the recovery of gold in the leach pad at the CMD Gold Mine based on recovery rates experienced after the September 2000 shutdown. Management evaluate this estimate on an ongoing basis for any changes that may result in adjustments to the financial statements. To date no such changes have been identified giving rise to a revision in the estimate.

The financial statement line items affected by this critical accounting estimate are “Inventories” in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position and “Cost of sales” in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income.

#### *Income taxes*

The Group is subject to income taxes in Australia and jurisdictions where it has foreign operations. Significant judgement is required in determining the provision for income taxes. There are certain transactions and calculations undertaken during the ordinary course of business for which the ultimate tax

determination is uncertain. The Group estimates its tax liabilities based on the Group's understanding of the tax law. Where the final tax outcome of these matters is different from the amounts that were initially recorded, such differences will impact the current and deferred income tax assets and liabilities in the period in which such determination is made.

In addition, the Group has recognised deferred tax assets relating to carried forward tax losses to the extent it is believed there will be sufficient future taxable profits against which the unused tax losses can be utilised. However, utilisation of the tax losses also depends on the ability of a subsidiary, which is not part of the tax consolidated group, to be able to satisfactorily substantiate its tax losses at the time they are recouped. It is believed the subsidiary tax losses can be substantiated.

The financial statement line item affected by this critical accounting estimate is "Deferred tax asset" in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position and the "Income tax (expense) / benefit" in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income.

#### *Reserve estimates*

Reserves are estimates of the amount of product that can be economically and legally extracted from the consolidated entity's properties. In order to calculate reserves, estimates and assumptions are required about a range of geological, technical and economic factors. Estimating the quality and/or grade of reserves requires the size, shape and depth of ore bodies to be determined by analysing geological data such as drilling samples. This process may require complex and difficult geological judgements and calculations to interpret the data. The group is required to determine and report ore reserves in Australia under the principles incorporated in the Australasian Code for Reporting of Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves December 2004, known as the JORC Code.

The Group is also required to determine and report mineral reserves in Canada pursuant to NI 43-101. Both the JORC Code and NI 43-101 require the use of reasonable investment assumptions to calculate reserves.

As the economic assumptions used to estimate reserves change from period to period, and as additional geological data is generated during the course of operations, estimates of reserves may change from period to period. Changes in reported reserves may affect the group's financial results and financial position in a number of ways, including recognition of deferred tax on mineral rights, deferred mining expenditure and capitalisation of mine development costs, and units of production method of depreciation and amortisation.

The financial statement line items affected by this critical accounting estimate are "Mine development properties" and "Property, plant and equipment" in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position and "Cost of sales" in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income.

#### *Exploration and evaluation expenditure*

Expenditure which does not form part of the cash generating units assessed for impairment has been carried forward on the basis that exploration and evaluation activities have not yet reached a stage which permits a reasonable assessment of the existence or otherwise of economically recoverable reserves and active and significant operations in relation to the area are continuing. Exploration expenditure incurred that does not satisfy the policy stated above is expensed in the period in which it is incurred. Exploration expenditure that has been capitalised which no longer satisfies the policy stated above is written off in the period in which the decision is made.

The financial statement line items affected by this critical accounting estimate are "Exploration and evaluation" in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position and "Exploration and evaluation expenditure" in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income.

## CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES INCLUDING INITIAL ADOPTION

The Company's key accounting policies and the adoption of new and revised accounting standards are provided in Note 1 to the Company's consolidated financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2012. There have been no significant changes in such policies in the Quarter.

The Group has reviewed all of the new and revised Standards and Interpretations issued by the AASB that are relevant to its operations and effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after July 1, 2012. As a result of this review, the directors have determined that there is no change necessary to Group accounting policies.

The International Accounting Standards Board published IFRIC 20 *Stripping Costs in the Production Phase of a Surface Mine* on October 19, 2011. The interpretation, which has an effective date for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2013, sets out the accounting for overburden waste removal (stripping) costs in the production phase of a surface mine. The main requirements of the interpretation are as follows:

- Waste removal costs (stripping costs) incurred in the production phase of a surface mining are accounted for in accordance with IAS 2 *Inventories* to the extent they relate to current period production.
- Production stripping costs are recognized as a non-current asset ("stripping activity asset") if all the following criteria are met (i) it is probable that future economic benefits will flow to the entity (ii) the entity can identify the component of the ore body to which access has been improved (iii) the costs incurred can be measured reliably. The stripping activity asset is amortised over the useful life of the component of the ore body to which access has been improved.
- When the costs of a stripping activity asset versus current period inventory are not separately identifiable, costs are allocated based on a production method.
- Application of the interpretation is on a prospective basis, with transitional adjustments being recognized in opening retained earnings.

The Company is currently reviewing how this interpretation may impact its record keeping and accounting policies in future periods. It is anticipated that the Company will adopt the interpretation from July 1, 2013.

## FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND RELATED RISKS

The Group's activities expose it to credit risk, market risk (including interest rate risk, foreign exchange risk and price risk), liquidity risk, and commodity price risk. This note presents qualitative and quantitative information about the Group's exposure to each of the above risks, their objectives, policies and procedures for managing risk, and the management of capital. The Board of Directors has overall responsibility for the establishment and oversight of the risk management framework.

The Group's overall risk management approach focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimise the potential adverse effects on the financial performance of the Group. The Group does not currently use derivative financial instruments to hedge financial risk exposures and therefore it is exposed to daily movements in commodity prices, interest rates and exchange rates. The Group uses various methods to measure different types of risk to which it is exposed. These methods include sensitivity analysis in the case of interest rates and ageing analysis for credit risk.

The Board's policy is to maintain a strong capital base so as to maintain investor, creditor, and market confidence and to sustain future development of the business. Given the stage of the Group's development there are no formal targets set for return on capital. There were no changes to the Group's approach to capital management during the Quarter. Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries are subject to externally imposed capital requirements.

*Credit risk*

Credit risk refers to the risk that a counterparty will default on its contractual obligations resulting in a financial loss to the Group. Exposure to credit risk is considered minimal but is monitored on an ongoing basis.

Cash transactions are limited to financial institutions considered to have a suitable credit rating. The maximum exposure to credit risk is represented by the carrying amount of each financial asset in the statement of financial position at balance date. The carrying amount of the Group's financial assets represents the maximum credit exposure.

Receivables relate principally to amounts due to the Group by Johnson Matthey for shipments of doré pending final settlement. Johnson Matthey is considered to be of high credit quality and management has assessed the risk of default as minimal.

There has been no significant change in the Company's exposure to credit risk or its objectives and policies for managing this risk during the Quarter.

*Market risk*

## (i) Interest rate risk

The significance and management of the risks to the Group is dependent on a number of factors including interest rates (current and forward) and the currencies that are held; level of cash and liquid investments and borrowings; maturity dates of investments and loans; and the proportion of investments and borrowings with fixed rate or floating rates. The risk is managed by the Group maintaining an appropriate mix between fixed and floating rate investments.

There has been no significant change in the Company's exposure to interest rate risk or its objectives and policies for managing this risk during the Quarter.

## (ii) Foreign exchange risk

The Group is exposed to foreign exchange risk on metal sales proceeds and mining costs which are quoted in currencies (US\$ and Chilean Peso) other than the functional currency of the Company, being the A\$, and cash balances held in US\$ and CDN\$. The Group does not hedge this risk, however it continues to monitor these exchange rates so that this currency exposure is maintained at an acceptable level. There is a natural hedge in place to the extent US\$ costs are covered by US\$ revenues. Cash assets are held in Australian dollars, United States dollars, Canadian dollars and Chilean Pesos.

The major exchange rates relevant to the Group for the Quarter were as follows:

	<b>Average for Quarter ended 31 December 2012</b>	<b>As at December 31 2012</b>
A\$ / US\$	1.038	1.037
A\$ / CDN\$	1.029	1.034
US\$ / Peso	479	480
A\$ / Peso	497	498

There has been no significant change in the Company's exposure to foreign exchange rate risk or its objectives and policies for managing this risk during the Quarter.

*Liquidity risk*

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Group will not be able to meet its financial obligations as and when they fall due. The Group's approach to managing this risk is to ensure, as far as possible, that it will always have sufficient liquidity to meet its liabilities when due under a range of financial conditions. There has been no significant change in the Company's exposure to liquidity rate risk or its objectives and policies for managing this risk during the Quarter.

#### *Commodity price risk*

Commodity price risk is the risk of financial loss resulting from movements in the price of the Group's commodity output, being mainly gold, which is denominated in US\$. This risk has not been hedged in either the current or prior period, but is continually under review. There has been no significant change in the Company's exposure to commodity price risk or its objectives and policies for managing this risk during the Quarter.

### **CONTINGENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

In June 2011, CMD terminated the contract of one of its mining contractors in Chile, "Maestranza Martinez Torres y Cia. Ltda" (Martimec) for non-performance under the terms of their mining contract. The Company has been made aware that Martimec intends to seek the appointment of an arbitrator under Chilean law who would be called to rule on the early termination of the contract. The Company remains confident that the contract was terminated in accordance with its terms. The Company intends to defend itself vigorously if this arbitration is brought, including considering bringing a counterclaim against Martimec.

A subsidiary had issued a bank guarantee to the value of US\$0.86 million at period end.

### **SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Since December 31, 2012 the directors of the Company are not aware of any other matter or circumstance that has not been discussed in this MD&A that has significantly or may significantly affect the operations of the Group, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Group in subsequent quarters.

### **OUTSTANDING SECURITIES DATA**

The Company presently has 91,620,593 Ordinary Shares that are issued and outstanding. The Company presently has the following issued and outstanding securities that are convertible into Ordinary Shares:

<b>Security or Instrument Name</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Exercise or Conversion Price (if applicable) (\$)</b>	<b>Expiry Date (dd/mm/yy)</b>
Stock Options	166,669	\$1.20	20/12/2013
Stock Options	166,669	\$1.50	20/12/2013
Placement Options	3,280,842	\$1.20	20/05/2013
Broker Options	89,939	\$1.20	20/05/2013
Broker Options / Warrants	5,970,900	\$1.20	26/08/2013
Stock Options	650,000	\$1.20	25/11/2013
Stock Options	150,000	\$1.50	25/11/2013
Stock Options	50,000	\$1.50	25/11/2014
Broker Options / Warrants	329,250	CDN\$1.60	3/04/2014
Stock Options	75,000	\$1.50	21/11/2014
Stock Options	100,000	\$2.10	22/05/2015
Stock Options	100,000	\$2.50	22/05/2015

No ordinary shares or options / warrants over Ordinary Shares have been issued since December 31, 2012 and up to the date of this MD&A.

## **CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

The Company maintains information systems, procedures and controls to provide reasonable assurance that information used internally and disclosed externally is complete and reliable. The Company continues to review and develop internal controls, including disclosure controls and procedures for financial reporting that are appropriate for the nature and size of the Company's business. Access to material information regarding the Company is facilitated by the small size of the Company's senior management team and workforce. The Company is continuing to develop appropriate controls for the nature and size of the Company's business.

Any internal controls, no matter how well conceived and operated, can provide absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control system are met. Further, the design of a control system must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints, and the benefits of controls must be considered relative to their costs. Because of the inherent limitations in all control systems, they cannot provide absolute assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, within the Company have been prevented or detected. These inherent limitations include the realities that judgements in decision-making can be faulty, and that breakdowns can occur because of simple error or mistake. Additionally, controls can be circumvented by the individual acts of some persons, by collusion between two or more people, or by unauthorized override of the control. The design of any system of controls is also based in part upon certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events, and there can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions. Accordingly, because of the inherent limitations in a cost effective control system, misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected.

### **Competent Persons Statement**

The information in this Management Discussion and Analysis that relates to the mineral resources of Tres Perlas, Chisperos, Las Loas, El Sauce, Churumata and Toro/Socorro is based on information compiled by David Slater, who is a Chartered Professional Member of The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Mr. Slater is employed full time by Coffey Mining Pty Ltd. The information in this Management Discussion and Analysis that relates to exploration results for the CMD Gold Mine and Bushranger Copper Project is based on information approved by Declan Franzmann, who is a Chartered Professional Fellow of The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Mr. Franzmann is employed by Citraen Pty Ltd and is an officer of the Company. Each of Mr. Slater and Mr. Franzmann has sufficient experience, which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking, to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2004 Edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves" and to qualify as a "Qualified Person" under NI 43-101. Each of Mr. Slater and Mr. Franzmann consents to the inclusion in this Management Discussion and Analysis of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

The information in this report that relates to the CMD Gold Mine Reserve is based on information approved by Declan Franzmann, who is a Chartered Professional Fellow of The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Mr. Franzmann is employed by Citraen Pty Ltd and is an officer of the Company. Mr. Franzmann has sufficient experience, which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking, to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2004 Edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves" and to qualify as a "Qualified Person" under NI 43-101. Mr. Franzmann consents to the inclusion in this Management Discussion and Analysis of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

### GLOSSARY OF MINING TERMS

The following is a glossary of mining terms used in this MD&A:

<b>Term</b>	<b>Definition</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>Definition</b>
Au	Gold	dmt	dry metric tonne
dmt/d	dry metric tonnes per day	g/t	grams per tonne
kt	thousand tonnes	Koz	thousand ounces
Mt	million tonnes	Mtpa	million tonnes per annum
oz	Troy ounce	t	tonnes
t:t	tonne to tonne	tonne	metric tonne, being a unit of mass equal to 1,000 kilograms
US\$/oz	United States dollars per ounce	US\$/t	United States dollars per tonne