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## **GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

The abbreviations set forth below have the following meanings in this Annual Information Form (the "AIF").

"2019 Fiscal Year" means the financial year of the Company ending June 30, 2019

"Au" chemical symbol for gold

"ASX" means the Australian Securities Exchange

"Lion One" or the "Company" means Lion One Metals Limited and its subsidiaries

"Board of Directors" or "Board" means the board of directors of the Company

"Common Shares" means the common shares of the Company

"Diamond drilling" means Rotary drilling technique using diamond set or impregnated bits, to cut a solid, continuous core sample of the rock. The core sample is retrieved to the surface, in a core barrel, by a wireline

"External Auditor" means Davidson & Company, LLP Chartered Professional Accountants

"Fe" chemical symbol for iron

"Indicated mineral resource" means that part of a mineral resource for which quantity, grade or quality, densities, shape and physical characteristics can be estimated with a level of confidence sufficient to allow the appropriate application of technical and economic parameters, to support mine planning and evaluation of the economic viability of the deposit. The estimate is based on detailed and reliable exploration and testing information gathered through appropriate techniques from locations such as outcrops, trenches, pits, workings and drill holes that are spaced closely enough for geological and grade continuity to be reasonably assumed

"Inferred mineral resource" means that part of a mineral resource for which quantity and grade or quality can be estimated on the basis of geological evidence and limited sampling and reasonably assumed, but not verified geological and grade continuity. The estimate is based on limited information and sampling gathered through appropriate techniques from locations such as outcrops, trenches, pits, workings and drill holes

"Mineral deposit" means an identified in-situ mineral occurrence from which valuable or useful minerals may be recovered. Mineral deposit estimates are not precise calculations, being dependent on the interpretation of limited information on the location, shape and continuity of the occurrence of mineralization and on the available sampling results

"Mineralization" means the concentration of metals and their chemical compounds within a body of rock

"Mineral Reserve" means the economically mineable part of a Measured or Indicated Mineral Resource demonstrated by at least a Preliminary Feasibility Study. This Study must include adequate information on mining, processing, metallurgical, economic and other relevant factors that demonstrate, at the time of reporting, that economic extraction can be justified. A Mineral Reserve includes diluting materials and allowances for losses that may occur when the material is mined

"Mineral Resource" means a concentration or occurrence of diamonds, natural solid inorganic material, or natural solid fossilized organic material including base and precious metals, coal, and industrial minerals in or on the Earth's crust in such form and quantity and of such a grade or quality that it has reasonable prospects for economic extraction. The location, quantity, grade, geological characteristics and continuity of a Mineral Resource are known, estimated or interpreted from specific geological evidence and knowledge

"Mn" chemical symbol for manganese

"NI 43-101" means National Instrument 43-101 – Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects, of the Canadian Securities Administrators

"NI 52-110" means National Instrument 52-110 - Audit Committees of the Canadian Securities Administrators

"NSR" means Net Smelter Return

"PEA" Preliminary Economic Assessment

"Qualified Person" has the meaning given to it in NI 43-101

"SML" means Special Mining Lease as governed by the Mineral Resources Department of Fiji

"SPL" means Special Prospecting License as governed by the Mineral Resources Department of Fiji

"TSX-V" means the TSX Venture Exchange

## **METRIC CONVERSION TABLE**

For ease of reference, the following conversion factors are provided:

Metric Unit	U.S. Measure	U.S. Measure	Metric Unit
1 hectare (ha)	2.471 acres	1 acre	0.4047 hectares
1 meter (m)	3.281 feet	1 foot	0.3048 meters
1 kilometer (km)	0.621 miles	1 mile	1.609 kilometers
1 gram (g)	0.032 troy ounces	1 troy ounce	31.1 grams
1 kilogram (kg)	2.205 pounds	1 pound	0.454 kilograms
1 tonne (t)	1.102 short tons	1 short ton	0.907 tonnes
1 gram/tonne (g/t)	0.029 troy ounces/ton	1 troy ounce/ton	34.286 grams/tonne

## FORWARD LOOKING INFORMATION

This Annual Information Form may contain "forward-looking information" which may include, but is not limited to, statements with respect to the future financial or operating performances of Lion One, its subsidiaries and its projects (including the Tuvatu Gold Project); the ability to continue exploration and development plans on the Company's Projects (including the Tuvatu Gold Project); the future price of gold and iron ore; the estimation of mineral reserves and resources; the realization of mineral reserve estimates; the timing and amount of estimated future production revenues, margins, costs of production, capital, operating and exploration expenditures; costs and timing of the development of new deposits; costs and timing of future exploration; cost and timing of plant and equipment; requirements for additional capital; the ability to raise capital; government regulation of mining operations; environmental risks, reclamation and rehabilitation expenses; title disputes or claims; limitations of insurance coverage; and the timing and possible outcome of pending litigation and regulatory matters. Often, but not always, forward-looking information statements can be identified by the use of words such as "plans", "expects", "is expected", "budget", "scheduled", "estimates", "forecasts", "intends", "anticipates", or "believes", or variations (including negative variations) of such words and phrases, or state that certain actions, events or results "may", "could", "would", "might", or "will" be taken, occur or be achieved.

Forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of Lion One and/or its subsidiaries to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. Such factors include, among others, general business, economic, competitive, political and social uncertainties; the actual results of current exploration activities; the high degree of operational risk involved in mining operations; inherent exploration, development and operating risks; fluctuations in the value of the Canadian or US dollar or Australian dollar or Fijian dollar; competition in the mining industry; regulatory risks; risks associated with additional financing required to advance exploration properties; price volatility of the Company's Common Shares, as well as those factors discussed in the section of this Annual Information Form entitled "Description of the Business - Risk Factors".

Although Lion One has attempted to identify important factors that could cause actual actions, events or results to differ materially from those described in forward-looking statements, there may be other factors that cause actions, events or results to differ from those anticipated, estimated or intended. Forward-looking statements contained herein are made as of the date of this Annual Information Form based on the opinions and estimates of management, and Lion One disclaims any obligation to update any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, estimates or opinions, future events or results or otherwise. There can be no assurance that forward-looking statements will prove to be accurate, as actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such statements. Accordingly, readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements.

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES

Unless otherwise indicated, all references to "CDN \$" or "Canadian dollars" in this AIF refer to the Canadian dollar. All financial information in this AIF is prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS").

The Company reports its financial results and prepares its financial statements in Canadian dollars. All currency amounts in this AIF are expressed in Canadian dollars, unless otherwise indicated. The Canadian exchange rates for the Company's principal operating currencies against the Canadian dollar are as follows:

As at June 30	2017	2018	2019
Fijian dollar (F\$)	0.6320	0.6212	0.6082
Australian dollar (AUD\$)	0.9968	0.9733	0.9177

## **CLASSIFICATION OF MINERAL RESOURCES**

In this AIF, the definitions of indicated and inferred resources are those used by Canadian Securities Administrators and conform to the definitions utilized by the CIM and CIM Guidelines.

#### LION ONE METALS LIMITED ANNUAL INFORMATION FORM

## For its financial year ended June 30, 2019

#### CORPORATE STRUCTURE

#### NAME. ADDRESS. AND INCORPORATION

The Company was incorporated in British Columbia under the *Business Corporations Act* on November 12, 1996 under the name X-Tal Minerals Corp. ("X-Tal"). The Company changed its name to Lion One Metals Limited on January 28, 2011. On January 31, 2011, the Company completed the reverse takeover (the "RTO") of American Eagle Resources, Inc. ("AME"). AME was a private British Columbia corporation holding five Special Prospecting Licenses ("SPL's") in the Fijian Islands under its subsidiary Lion One Limited (Fiji). The SPL's were previously owned by the Emperor Gold Mining Company of Australia.

On June 19, 2013, the Company acquired 100% of the outstanding shares of Avocet Resources Limited ("Avocet"), a mineral exploration company based in Perth, Western Australia, through the issuance of 11,006,421 CHESS Depository Interests ("CDI"). Each CDI represents one common share of the Company. The CDI's began trading on the ASX on June 20, 2013 under the trading symbol "LLO". Avocet subsequently changed its name to Lion One Australia Pty Ltd. ("Lion One Australia").

The Company's head office and principal address is 306 - 267 West Esplanade, North Vancouver, BC, Canada, V7M 1A5. The address of the Company's registered and records office is Suite 1700 – 1055 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, BC, V6E 2E9.

## **DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS**

The Company's primary asset is the 100% held Tuvatu Gold Project ("Tuvatu"), located 17 km from the Nadi International Airport on the main island of Viti Levu in Fiji. Discovered in 1987, Tuvatu is a high grade underground gold project situated upon the Viti Levu lineament, Fiji's own corridor of high grade alkaline gold deposits. Tuvatu is situated upon a 5 hectare footprint inside a larger 384 hectare mining lease. The project contains numerous high grade prospects proximal to Tuvatu, at depth, and up to 1.50 km along strike from the resource area, giving near-term production potential and further discovery upside on one of Fiji's largest and underexplored alkaline gold systems. Tuvatu was advanced by previous owners through underground exploration and development from 1997 through to the completion of a feasibility study in 2000. Acquired by Lion One in 2011, the project has over 100,000 meters of drilling completed to date in addition to 1,600 meters of underground development.

On March 23, 2015 the Company announced that the Fijian Minister of Lands and Mineral Resources had approved the grant of a Special Mining Lease ("SML") for the Tuvatu Gold Project. SML 62 provides exclusive rights for the potential development, construction, and operation of mining, processing, and waste management infrastructure at Tuvatu and the surrounding lease area. The Mining Lease area nominally covers 373 hectares and contains all of the current NI 43-101 Resource.

On June 1, 2015, the Company announced the result of the NI 43-101 Preliminary Economic Assessment ("PEA"). The Company envisages a high grade, low cost, high margin underground gold mining operation at Tuvatu with estimated cash costs of US\$567 per Au ounce and all-in-sustaining costs of US\$779 per Au ounce over the first seven years of its initial mine life. Projected production of 352,931 ounces of gold at head grades of 11.30 g/t Au. Total capex of US\$48.6 million includes a contingency of US\$6.1 million with an 18-month preproduction schedule and 18-month payback on capital. At a US\$1,200 per ounce gold price, the project generates net cash flow of US\$112.5 million over its 6 year production life and an IRR of 52% (after tax). For more information please view the technical report dated June 1, 2015 "Tuvatu Gold Project Preliminary Economic Assessment", available for download on the Company website. Highlights of the PEA are below (all amounts are quoted in US\$ utilizing a base case gold price of \$1,200 per oz).

Table 1- PEA Summary (reported in US\$)

Project Life (Years)	7.4
Total Gold Produced (oz. Au)	352,931
Average Annual Production (oz. Au)	57,320
Capital Costs (millions)	\$48.6
Average Mining Cost ( per tonne)	\$76.50
Processing Costs (per tonne)	\$43.80
Mining Dilution	20%
Metallurgical Recovery	86.3%
Inferred resources as percentage of tonnage	55.1%
Inferred resources as percentage of ounces	62.7%

**Table 2 - Summary Economics** 

Total LOM Undiscounted Revenue	\$423,516,000
Total LOM Pre-Tax Cash Flow	\$148,726,000
Average Annual Pre-Tax Cash Flow	\$33,222,000
Total LOM After-Tax Free Cash Flow	\$112,540,000
Average Annual After-Tax Free Cash Flow	\$20,079,000

Discount Rate	5%
Pre-Tax NPV	\$116,991,000
Pre-Tax IRR	67%
Pre-Tax Payback (Years)	1.25
After-Tax NPV	\$86,542,000
After-Tax IRR	52%
After-Tax Payback (Years)	1.50

Cash Costs per oz. Au	\$567
Cash Costs per oz. Au including Sustaining Capex	\$779

**Table 3 - Estimated Operating Costs** 

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Operating Costs (per tonne milled)	US\$ per tonne milled	
Mining Costs	76.50	
Processing Costs	43.83	
General & Administrative	19.49	
Exploration	1.53	
Direct Operating Costs before Taxes and Royalties	141.35	

Operating Costs (per oz. Au)	US\$ per ounce Au
Mining Costs	243.98
Processing Costs	139.78
General & Administrative	62.16
Exploration	4.89
Refining & Transport	2.40
Royalty	114.00
Total US\$ Cash Costs	567.21

Cash Costs Including All-in		
Sustaining Costs	Per tonne at Mill	Per oz. recovered
Onsite Mining	76.50	243.98
On-Site Processing	43.83	139.78
G&A	19.49	62.16
Exploration	1.53	4.89
Refining	0.75	2.40
Royalties	35.76	114.00
Total Costs	177.86	567.21
Capex	66.28	211.38
All-in Cash + Sustaining Costs	244.14	778.59

Table 4 - Capital Costs

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Pre-Production Capital	US\$ ('000s)	
Capitalized Development	8,984	
Mining Equipment	5,906	
Processing	13,255	
Infrastructure	7,578	
Indirect Costs	2,564	
EPC	2,064	
Owner Costs	2,109	
Contingency (14.5%)	6,142	
Total US\$	48,603	

All-inclusive pre-production capital is estimated at \$48.6 million, including \$27.6 million for the processing plant and surface infrastructure, and an added contingency and allowance for taxes and duties of \$4.7 million. A further \$26 million will be spent after the pre-production period as sustaining capital. LOM capital totals approximately \$74.6 million, or \$211 per ounce gold. Sustaining capital consists of capitalized waste development after the initial production start-up, major equipment purchases, and tailings facility development. The capital cost ("CAPEX") estimate includes all costs required to develop, sustain, and close the operation for an initial planned 6.2 year life of mine. The construction schedule is based on an approximate 15 month build period. The Company has not based a production decision on a feasibility study of mineral reserves demonstrating economic and technical viability; as a result, there is increased uncertainty and economic and technical risks associated with its production decision.

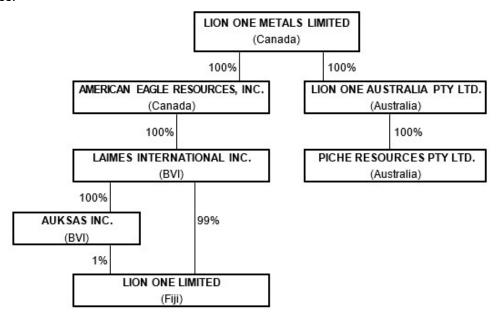
In November 2017, the Company became the successful tenderer to acquire the Navilawa exploration tenement directly adjoining the northern boundaries of Lion One's Special Prospecting License (SPL 1283/1296) and Mining Lease areas (SML 62) covering the Tuvatu gold project. In May 2019, SPL 1512 was issued for the Navilawa tenement for a 5 year term ending in 2024, which consolidates ownership of the entire Navilawa mineral complex under a tenement package with Tuvatu's 384.5 hectare Mining Lease at its center.

The Company also has non-material exploration properties including a 51% tenement interest (47% interest in the Fe and Mn rights) in the Olary Creek iron project in South Australia. On March 19, 2019, the Company entered into a sale agreement to sell its interests in the Olary Creek magnetite project, subject to receiving formal approval from the South Australian Minster of Energy and Mining.

The Company's primary objective is to explore and advance its existing mineral properties. Its secondary objective is to locate, evaluate and acquire other mineral properties, and to finance their exploration, either through equity financing, by way of joint venture or option agreements or through a combination of both. There are currently no known economic resources on any of the existing properties.

### INTERCORPORATE RELATIONSHIPS

The following organization chart shows the intercorporate relationships among the Company and its subsidiaries:



## **BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT - THREE YEAR HISTORY**

### **Equity Raise**

On September 16, 2016, the Company announced the completion of a non-brokered private placement (the "Private Placement") of 41,536,436 units at a price of \$0.92 for gross proceeds of \$38,213,521. Proceeds of the Private Placement will be used to fund the exploration and development of the Company's 100% owned and fully permitted high grade Tuvatu Gold Project in Fiji and for working capital purposes. Each unit in the Private Placement consists of one common share (the "Common Shares") and one transferable common share purchase warrant (the "Warrants"). The Warrants are exercisable at a price of \$1.35 per share and expired unexercised on March 16, 2018.

## **Exploration - Drill Programs**

For the 2016-2017 drill program, the Company completed 125 diamond drill holes at Tuvatu for a total advance of 13,946.5 meters. This includes surface diamond drill holes (67 holes for 11,195.8 meters), underground diamond drill holes (16 holes for 1684.2 meters) and geotechnical diamond drill holes (42 holes for 1,066.5 meters).

The infill drilling results announced November 23, 2016, December 21, 2016 February 14, 2017, and August 22, 2017 further confirm the high grades and continuity of near surface mineralization at Tuvatu. The Company's objective with the ongoing drilling program is to extend and increase confidence in the resource ahead of mine development at Tuvatu. The grades intersected are significantly higher than other drill results in this immediate area and are located in the near-surface providing the possibility for early development. The drill program was focused to the north of the east-west striking Core Shed Fault, a structure which bisects the northern end of the Tuvatu resource. Previous drilling to the north of the Core Shed Fault identified limited and generally lower grade mineralization. The 2017 drilling has tied together these previous results and extended the known mineralization further north and with higher-grade than that indicated by the previous work. This zone of mineralization is open to the northwest, southeast and at depth.

In 2018, no further drilling was undertaken to allow for an evaluation of the combined results, whilst mapping and surface sampling did continue and successfully identified extensions to existing and new zones of mineralization away from the current resource.

In March 2019, the Company commenced drilling in an area adjacent to the current delineated Tuvatu gold resource area. Previous drilling in the HT Corridor (news release dated October 16, 2017) encountered numerous intervals of near surface high grade mineralization. The initial drilling program aimed to further test the multiple dipping lodes in the HT Corridor; a mineralized zone cross-cutting the principal vein system of the Tuvatu resource, inside the SML 62 mining lease, and in close proximity to the planned mill site. The HT Corridor is a zone in excess of 40m wide and consists of up to four separate lodes and currently drill tested to a depth of approximately 200m. It is characterized by wide, highly fractured zones containing biotite and potassium feldspar alteration and high-grade gold mineralization. The zone remains open along strike and down dip of previous drilling. At surface the structures of the HT Corridor have been mapped for over 1 km to the northwest and 2 km to the southeast of the resource area.

The Company announced results from the first six diamond drill holes from its 2019 exploration program (news release dated June 25, 2019). Drilling in 2019 has focused on areas in the northern parts of the Tuvatu resource area targeting extensions of the H and T lodes. These lodes occur along a northwest-trending corridor of intense potassium alteration in which spongey textured feldspar and coarse biotite have replaced the host monzonite. The porous nature of this alteration allowed later gold-rich fluids to permeate this corridor producing what has only recently been recognized as a new, potentially important style of mineralization at Tuvatu. The long interval of continuous gold mineralization seen in hole TUDDH484, 19.15 m of 8.07 g/t Au, is one of the longest intervals of gold mineralization encountered to date at Tuvatu. These promising results indicate more exploration is needed to further test for extensions of this style of mineralization beyond the resource area.

Additional lodes, including notable low-angle SKL lodes, were also encountered in drilling. An intercept across lode SKL3 in hole TUDDH480 encountered 3.21 m of 12.98 g/t Au including 0.38 m of 91.00 g/t Au. SKL lodes appear to serve as linking structures that provided conduits for gold-rich fluids to access high angle structures during the time of gold deposition. Their importance is increasingly being recognized in the Tuvatu lode system.

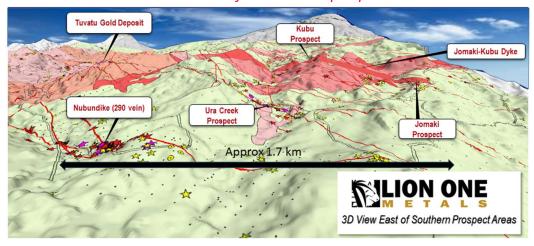
## Exploration - Surface Program

On February 28, 2018, the Company announced the return of a high-grade gold result of 502 g/t gold over 0.70 metres from a surface sample taken from trenching from the Jomaki prospect. Following this discovery, Lion One's Fiji exploration team has mapped more than 20 previously undefined mineralized structures at the Jomaki-Ura Creek prospect areas and identified potential geological extensions on the main mineralized zones inside the Tuvatu Mining Lease SML 62 including the following highlights:

- Jomaki-Ura Creek prospect: more than 20 mineralized veins covering a 1,000m x 900m area;
- Ura Creek: mapping of extensions of at least 3 veins in the Ura vein system including continuations NE towards the principal gold bearing veins of the Tuvatu system giving a target strike length of 2.2 km;
- Jomaki: 18 mineralized structures hosted in 2 parallel zones (Jomaki East & Jomaki West) including the previously announced high-grade select sample of 502g/t Au over 0.70 m
- Tuvatu South: anomalies from multi-element data point to possible 1km extension of main mineralized zone of Tuvatu; to be evaluated as underground drilling targets.

The results from those mineralized veins also contained a strong multi-element anomalism suggesting a potential scale and signature comparable, and possibly larger than the main resource area at Tuvatu. The upcoming exploration programs, will incorporate this area in addition to all other prospective areas of the Navilawa Caldera, with a focus on drilling, trenching, mapping, rock chip sampling, the bulk leach extractable gold ("BLEG") stream sediment geochemical program and the controlled-source audio-frequency magnetotellurics ("CSAMT") geophysical survey.

3D view east of the southern prospects



The figure above highlights the regional prospects to the south and west of the main Tuvatu mineralization. The pink and brown colours represent outcropping areas of the primary prospective monzonite host rock, whilst the red lines represent the main mineralized structures away from Tuvatu itself. Coloured stars represent the highest grade rock chip sample results.

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The Tuvatu Project Area Schematic Project Map

During the year ended June 30, 2019, the Company completed a review of the topographic models for the Navilawa Caldera and as a result, a benching program was initiated in the upper Qalibua Creek catchment located approximately 0.5 to 1 kilometre east-northeast of the Tuvatu Gold Project. Despite its proximity, the area was previously difficult to access with steep ravines and, in places, dense forest.

The review of the topographic model indicates a strong zone of topographic disruption oriented approximately north-south and is potentially a linking structure between Tuvatu and the Banana Creek prospect located on the northern rim of the Navilawa Caldera. Historically, there are a number of spot rock samples grading >1g/t (up to 13g/t) gold collected from exposures in the upper Qalibua Creek and its tributaries such as Rowale Creek. The program will continue during the second half of the 2019 calendar year.

### Navilawa Tenement

The Company was notified in November 2017 by Fiji's Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources that it was the successful tenderer to acquire the Navilawa exploration. In May 2019, SPL 1512 was issued for the Navilawa tenement for a 5 year term ending in 2024. The Navilawa prospect area directly adjoins the northern boundary of Lion One's tenements at Tuvatu, which consolidates ownership of the entire Navilawa mineral complex under a tenement package with Tuvatu's 384.5 hectare Mining Lease (SML 62) and mining and processing operation, currently under development, at its center.

The Navilawa area has at least 10 well defined prospects including the Kingston Mine, Banana Creek, and Tuvatu North. The most significant historic results returned were surface rock chip samples of 46.30 g/t Au from Banana Creek; 176.27 g/t Au from the Kingston Mine, and 8.50 g/t Au from Tuvatu North, where a rock chip sample was taken from just inside Lion One's existing tenement SPL 1296 and adjacent to the Tuvatu resource. Although little systematic historical exploration has been undertaken in the area, several prospects have historic workings with short shafts or adits up to 15 meters deep or manual workings on copper and gold bearing rocks as is the case at the Central Ridge prospect. Mapping, sampling and geophysics clearly demonstrates that the Tuvatu gold deposit extends north into the Navilawa tenement area.

## Exploration - Navilawa

The Company has commenced its 2019 Navilawa Caldera Exploration Program (news release dated April 8, 2019). To better understand the extent and distribution of gold mineralization within the caldera, initial exploration work includes specialized stream sediment sampling using a technique called bulk leach extractable gold ("BLEG") over the entire concession area. Navilawa is an ideal place for BLEG sampling given that gold predominantly occurs as fine grains within small fractures that, when weathered, should yield appreciable fine gold that generates a strong analytic response.

The BLEG sampling produces highly sensitive low level anomalisms that can help define and prioritize mineralized areas. The results will help guide further prospecting and target identification. To better define the underlying structural controls that hosts the high-grade vein network in the Navilawa Caldera, an initial CSAMT (controlled-source audio-frequency magnetotellurics) program will also be undertaken. CSAMT is the lead targeting tool utilized in other world class alkaline systems such as at Cripple Creek, Colorado, where it is used to identify mineralized structural zones to depths of up to 1,000m. Lion One also plans to collect closed-spaced gravity measurements to help elucidate structural controls. Geophysical surveys can commence following the rainy season. CSAMT and gravity surveys will help identify potentially mineralized structures to enable Lion One to better target future drill holes.

The Company is currently finalizing Access Compensation Agreements with the respective landowners and will commence work shortly. Exploration activities in 2019 will include reopening historical access tracks and establishing new access, geological mapping and sampling, in addition to the BLEG geochemical program and the CSAMT geophysical survey discussed above. The CSAMT program is expected to commence in September 2019.

The Company's team of geologists will continue their ongoing prospecting and mapping program while the BLEG sampling and geophysical programs are underway. Numerous areas where historic high-grade rock chip samples have been collected are ready for immediate follow-up rock chip sampling. Return of BLEG results is expected to generate further areas for follow-up prospecting. Lion One's immediate goal is to generate a pipeline of new drill targets.

During the year ended June 30, 2019, the Company continued to optimize the underground mine plan to incorporate mineralization extending north of the Core Shed Fault, and the NW-SE striking HT corridor. The Company's strategy is to initiate preproduction mining and build a significant run of mine ore stockpile, to ensure there is sufficient high grade mill feed at all times for the processing plant.

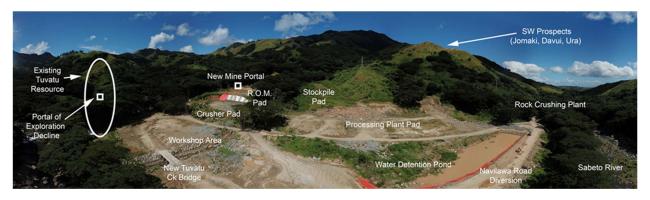
The Company completed further detailed metallurgical test work on primary and regrind size ore in an effort to further increase the gold recovery, with results indicating that recoveries will improve with a finer primary ore grind down to 60 microns. Confirmatory leach pretreatment test work was also conducted. Results from these tests highlight an improvement in the overall metallurgical recovery.

Following the completion of additional geotechnical drill holes, test pits, and monitoring bores at the proposed tailings storage facility site, the tailings feasibility design was completed during the period. Additional geochemical test work on the tailings dam construction materials is being undertaken, to be followed up by detailed tailings storage facility design by the Company's consultants.

### Surface Development

The Civil earthworks at the Tuvatu site program commenced in November 2017 and included bulk earthworks, construction of three gabion retaining walls, a storm water detention pond, two new culvert bridges, and a 400 meter diversion of the local access road around the site. As the designated area for the construction of the plant site and surface infrastructure consists of deeply incised valleys and associated ridges, the objective of the plant site civil earthworks construction program is to prepare platforms on five levels of terrain for the foundations of this mine site infrastructure.

During the year ended June 30, 2019, the Company continued to blast and level platforms for the future processing plant site, with the crushing plant pad and ore stockpile pad substantially complete. The main portal platform and detention pond is expected to be completed in mid-2019. The crushing plant platform retaining wall is 70% complete. The final grading and surfacing for the main access road reroute is near completion. The Company has continued earthworks sporadically as weather permits at Tuvatu and expects the civil earthworks to be substantially complete by December 2019.



Tuvatu Plant Site Photo 2019

## Assay Laboratory Commissioning

The construction of the new geochemical assay and metallurgical laboratory ("laboratory") commenced in March 2018 and is currently nearing completion. The construction of the laboratory was initiated to compensate for the lack of any similar laboratories in Fiji and to ensure faster turnaround times for assays for exploration, mine planning, grade control and metallurgical testing. Historically, the Company's turnaround times for sampling results from overseas laboratories have taken up to two months. The majority of the equipment within the laboratory complex has now been tested and formal commissioning is expected to take place shortly. In December 2018, the Company also hired a Laboratory Manager and an experienced team of laboratory technicians to manage and operate this laboratory. The new laboratory will be equipped to conduct gold analysis by fire assay with atomic absorption spectrometry finish, and multi-element analysis by Inductively

Coupled Plasma Optical Emission Spectrometry, as well as metallurgical test work.

## Acquisition of Drilling Company Assets

On January 15, 2019, the Company announced that it has purchased all of the equipment from Geodrill, a Fijian drilling company, which included one surface diamond drilling rig and one underground drilling rig, with a full parts inventory and vehicle fleet. The Company previously utilized Geodrill's equipment and personnel for the majority of the diamond drilling and geotechnical drilling undertaken at Tuvatu since 2012. Lion One has also employed several experienced drillers from Geodrill. This strategic acquisition will ensure the Company has available, cost effective diamond drilling capabilities well into the future. Operating these drills "in-house" enables the Company to significantly reduce drilling costs, a huge benefit to the Company's ability to implement cost-effective exploration. Lion One plans to continue drilling through 2019, which has initially started with near-resource drilling but then moved to testing new targets generated by the Company's current greenfield exploration campaign.

## Hybrid Solar Plant Partnership

On February 4, 2019, the Company announced a partnership with Swiss-based clean energy provider "the meeco Group" ("meeco") for the construction and installation of a hybrid solar diesel power plant. Under the partnership agreement term sheet, the Company will be a 50% shareholder of a Special Project Vehicle ("SPV") through an agreed buy-in structure. In accordance with the term sheet, meeco proposes to build a 7 Megawatt ("MW") peak "sun2live" solar power generation system coupled with diesel generators to generate up to 11 MW peak power production providing a continuous 24-hour source of power for the Tuvatu gold mine and processing plant. The solar panel installation will be built on 4.1 hectares of unused land 3.5 km from the Tuvatu Gold project and 14 km from the Nadi International Airport. The new eco-friendly solar power system will have an estimated annual energy production of approximately 10.31 Gigawatts displacing more than 6,000 tonnes of CO2 emissions per year.

## Sale of Olary Creek Joint Venture Interest

On March 19, 2019, the Company entered into a sale agreement ("Agreement") to sell its 51% Olary Creek Tenement ("Olary") interest including 47% interest in the iron ore and manganese rights on the Olary Creek Joint Venture in South Australia, which included a 25% interest free carried through the completion of a bankable feasibility study and the decision to mine, and an optional 22% participating interest, to Olary Magnetite Pty Ltd a wholly owned subsidiary of Lodestone Equities Limited ("Lodestone") for the following proceeds:

- 1% FOB royalty on Iron Ore/manganese concentrates sold from Olary plus AUD\$0.75 per tonne of Iron Ore/manganese concentrates or 2% FOB royalty on Iron Ore/manganese concentrates sold from Olary.
- Lodestone shall advance against the FOB royalty payable noted above:
  - a. 10% of all funds raised by Lodestone until funding specifically designated as funding for a Bankable Feasibility Study has been raised;
  - AUD\$1,000,000 upon funding being raised by Lodestone specifically designated as funding for a Bankable Feasibility Study;
  - c. AUD\$3,000,000 upon a Decision to Mine made; and
  - d. AUD\$3,000,000 upon 18 months after a Decision to Mine being made.

The Company considers this Olary sale as a means to realise value from this non-core asset. This agreement also has the potential to deliver considerable future income to the Company through this royalty stream. The Olary Creek project currently contains a JORC and 43-101 compliant resource of 510 million tonnes of high grade magnetite with low impurities, but the Company considers only about 35% of the 7.5km highly magnetic mineralized target has been drilled to date. The Agreement is subject to receiving formal approval for the Olary transfer from the Company to Lodestone from the South Australian Minister of Energy and Mining. The Company has yet to receive formal approval at this time and as such has not recorded this disposition.

## DESCRIPTION OF THE BUSINESS

The Company is in the business of the acquisition, exploration and development of mineral properties. The Company is a reporting issuer in British Columbia and Alberta and its Common Shares are listed for trading on the TSX-V under the symbol "LIO" as well as the ASX under the symbol "LLO". The Company currently has material interests in those mineral properties referred to in "Business Development" section above. The Company's current main focus is the advancement of its Tuvatu Gold Project, a resource stage project in Fiji.

## **OUTLOOK**

The Company is focused on the advancement of its primary asset, the 100% owned and fully permitted Tuvatu Gold Project in Fiji. Lion One has received all of the mandatory regulatory approvals, including a 10-year renewable mining lease and 21-year surface lease, for the complete development of mining and processing operations at Tuvatu. The Company will continue with earthworks for the proposed processing plant area and the tailings storage facility area in preparation for proposed construction activities, whilst at the same time advance its exploration program to add further high grade resources in its effort to develop a world class alkaline gold project.

#### **COMPETITIVE CONDITIONS**

The Company's business of the acquisition, exploration and development of mineral properties is intensely competitive. The Company may be at a competitive disadvantage in acquiring additional mining properties or financing to further the development of its assets because it must compete with other individuals and companies, many of which have greater financial resources, operational experience and technical capabilities than the Company. The Company may also encounter increasing competition from other mining companies in efforts to hire experienced mining professionals. Competition for exploration resources at all levels is currently very intense, particularly affecting the availability of manpower and equipment. Increased competition could adversely affect the Company's ability to attract necessary capital funding or acquire suitable producing properties or prospects for mineral exploration in the future.

## PRINCIPLE PRODUCT

The Company's principle product will be the gold it expects to produce from its mineral properties. 100% of the Company's operating revenue will be derived from sales of gold, by-products and possibly other metals. Gold generally requires smelting to become a marketable metal. The Company will sell its produced gold to gold offtake firms at prevailing market prices.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

The Company's operations are subject to environmental regulations promulgated by government agencies from time to time. Environmental legislation provides for restrictions and prohibitions of spills, releases or emissions of various substances related to mining industry operations, which could result in environmental pollution. A breach of such legislation may result in imposition of fines and penalties. In addition, certain types of operations require submissions to and approval of environmental impact assessments. Environmental legislation is evolving, which means stricter standards and enforcement, fines and penalties for non-compliance are becoming more stringent. Environmental assessment of proposed projects carries a heightened degree of responsibility for companies and directors, officers and employees. The cost of compliance with changes in governmental regulations has a potential to reduce the profitability of operations.

### **EMPLOYEES**

The Company's business is administered principally from its head office in North Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, the Company had 6 employees in Canada, and 48 full time, part-time and temporary employees in Fiji in addition to its directors and officers.

#### SPECIALIZED SKILL AND KNOWLEDGE

All aspects of the Company's business require specialized skills and knowledge. Such required areas of specialized skills and knowledge include geology, drilling, mine planning, metallurgy, engineering, construction, technological, community and public relations, regulatory compliance, accounting and law. Much of the specialized skill and knowledge is provided by the Company's management and operations team. The Company also engages administrative, financial, legal, geological and engineering consultants from time to time as required to assist in maintaining corporate records and preparing reporting requirements, evaluating its interests and recommending and conducting work programs.

## **FOREIGN OPERATIONS**

The Company maintains offices for its subsidiaries, Lion One Limited (Fiji) in Nadi, Fiji, and in Perth, WA for Lion One Australia. The Company's one material mineral property, the Tuvatu Gold Project, is located on the island of Viti Levu in Fiji. While the government of Fiji is considered by the Company to be supportive of mining and mineral exploration, no assurances can be provided that this will continue to be the case in the future. Additional information is provided in the "Risk Factors" section of this AIF.

## SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES

Lion One's policy is to conduct its business responsibly and in a manner designed to protect its employees, adjacent communities and the natural environment. The Company is committed to achieving a safe, productive and healthy work environment and to uphold the values of human rights. These commitments are described in the Company's Environmental, Health and Safety and Social Responsibility Mission Statement.

### **TUVATU GOLD PROJECT**

## **OVERVIEW**

At the date of writing the Company holds a 100% interest in 4 SPL's including the Tuvatu Gold Project, covering 13,619 hectares in Fiji. The SPL's are held in the Company's subsidiary Lion One Limited (Fiji) and covers areas adjacent to the current mineral resource at Tuvatu.

On March 3, 2015 Lion One received notice from the Director of Mines of the MRD that the Minister of Lands and Mineral Resources has approved the grant of a Special Mining Lease Number 62 ("SML 62") covering 384.5 hectares encompassing the Tuvatu Resource. SML 62 provides exclusive rights for the potential development, construction, and operation of mining, processing, and waste management infrastructure at Tuvatu. The terms of the mining lease provide for certain performance and reporting requirements. The SML has been granted for a term of ten years provided the Company complies with the terms of the lease. Extensions to the term can be applied subject to the terms of the lease and the Mining Act. Of the Company's mineral property holdings, the Tuvatu Gold Project located in Fiji is considered material and is described further in the following sections.

#### TUVATU PROJECT TECHNICAL SUMMARY

The disclosure set forth herein is the technical summary reproduced from a technical report entitled "Tuvatu Gold Project - Preliminary Economic Assessment" dated June 1, 2015 (the "Technical Report") in compliance with NI 43-101. The Technical Report is available on the SEDAR website at www.sedar.com. The following information is of a summary nature and reference is made to the detailed disclosure contained in the Technical Report.

The Company's Tuvatu Gold Project (the "Project") involves the exploration and evaluation of the potential for development of a gold deposit located near the town of Nadi on the main island of Viti Levu in Fiji. The NI 43-101 compliant report on the Project was prepared by Mining Associates Pty Ltd, Canenco Canada Inc., AMC Consults Pty Ltd, and Knight Piésold Pty Ltd, and is based on work produced by the following independent consultants: Stacy Freudigmann, BSc.(Hons), P.Eng,, David Lee, P.Eng Mining (Hons), FAusIMM (QP), Anthony Woodward, BSc (Hons), M.Sc., MAusIMM, MAIG, Ian Taylor, BSc (Hons) MAusIMM (CP), and David Morgan, MAusMM (CP).

## PROPERTY DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION

The Tuvatu Gold Project is located near Nadi on the island of Viti Levu in Fiji. Tuvatu was previously explored and developed by the Emperor Gold Mining Company of Australia which during the 1997-2000 period completed over 87,000 meters of drilling, a 1,600 meter exploration decline, and feasibility study. Tuvatu is one of several gold projects aligned along the Viti Levu lineament; a regional trend hosting Fiji's known epithermal gold deposits.

The tenements and mining lease are located in the upper reaches of Sabeto Valley approximately 24 km northeast of the town of Nadi on the west coast of Viti Levu, and 17 km by road from the Nadi International Airport. The Tuvatu gold deposit is located within SML62. SPL's 1283, 1296, 1465 are contiguous leases with the existing Tuvatu mining lease, extending to the south to cover additional prospective geology and to cover the area that was previously demarcated for tailings dam Tuvatu Gold Mines (TGM) in its 2000 mining study. In November 2017, the Company became the successful tenderer to acquire the Navilawa exploration tenement directly adjoining the northern boundaries of Lion One's Special Prospecting License (SPL 1283/1296) and Mining Lease areas (SML 62) covering the Tuvatu gold project. In May 2019, SPL 1512 was issued for the Navilawa tenement for a 5 year term ending in 2024, which consolidates ownership of the entire Navilawa mineral complex under a tenement package with Tuvatu's 384.5 hectare Mining Lease SML 62 at its center.

## PROPERTY OWNERSHIP

The property ownership discussion herein has been updated subsequent to the Technical Report for the issuance of SML 62 and renewal of SPLs as they become due.

The Tuvatu property is situated within four contiguous SPL areas, and one SML area covering almost 5,000 hectares. The SML and SPL's are 100% owned by the Company. Three SPL's were originally held by the Emperor Gold Mining Company and acquired by Lion One Limited Fiji in 2009, before being acquired by Lion One Metals Limited in 2011. In May 2019, SPL 1512 was issued to the Company for the Navilawa tenement. The properties are subject to production royalties of 5% payable to the Fijian government. The SPL's carry minimum expenditure requirements as described in the following table.

Table 5 - Tuvatu Project SPL Summary

SPL Number	Area (ha)	3 Year Expenditure Requirement (FJD\$)	Date of Renewal	Expiry	Interest
1283 Tuvatu	1,578	1,290,000	February 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2017	February 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2020	100%
1296 Yavuna	1,303	1,440,000	February, 13 <sup>th</sup> 2017	February 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2020	100%
1465 Nagado	2,104	3,050,000	August 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2017	August 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2020	100%
SPL Number	Area (ha)	5 Year Expenditure Requirement (FJD\$)	Date of Grant	Expiry	Interest
1512 Navilawa	8,634	15,333,305	May 14th, 2019	May 13th, 2024	100%

The Fijian Minister of Lands and Mineral Resources had approved the grant of a Special Mining Lease ("SML") for the Tuvatu Gold Project. SML 62 provides exclusive rights for the potential development, construction, and operation of mining, processing, and waste management infrastructure at Tuvatu and the surrounding lease area. The terms of SML 62 provide for certain performance and reporting requirements. The SML has been granted for a term of ten years provided the Company complies with the terms of the lease. Extensions to the term can be applied subject to the terms of the lease and the Mining Act. The Mining Lease area nominally covers 384.5 hectares and contains all of the current NI 43-101 Resource, in addition to a number of other significant exploration prospects.

There are three types of land in Fiji; native land, crown land and freehold land. The project area lies mostly, if not all, within native land, classified as native reserve land. This means that Lion One has to acquire consent through signatures of a minimum of 75% of adult members of the Land Owning Unit ("LOU") for the land to be de-reserved. Lion One must then negotiate for a land lease that will require the consent of 50% of adults in the LOU. The Company has previously finalised negotiations and documentation and has had the area subject to SML 62 de-reserved.

There are also native Fijian leaseholders in the project area with whom Lion One must consult in its acquisition plans. Compensation agreements must be finalized with these leaseholders to gain access to their lease areas.

All land covered by the SPLs is native land which comes under the control of the Native Land Trust Board ("NLTB") on behalf of the native owners. About 5% of the SPLs are under cane lease, through the Agricultural Land and Tenants Act.

Native land is vested in the NLTB under the Native Land Trust Act which means that only the NLTB may grant any legal interest in native land. Most, if not all, of the land required by Lion One for its mining tenements and native leases are within native land reserve which cannot be leased out to any non-Fijian unless such land is de-reserved.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT AND LIABILITIES**

The Company has incorporated certain health, safety, and environmental policies and procedures aimed at protecting the safety of its personnel and reducing the environmental impact of its operations.

The Company's Environmental Impact Assessment ("EIA") with respect to the Tuvatu Project has been approved by the MRD and Department of Environment. The scope of the EIA includes ongoing exploration and drilling work, rehabilitation, community engagement, water quality monitoring, dewatering, and waste disposal and consideration for anticipated future development activities. Approval of the EIA permits the Company to proceed with mining related activities subject to ongoing permitting requirements of the MRD.

To the extent known, there are no environmental liabilities on the property.

## MINERAL RIGHTS, AGREEMENTS AND ROYALTIES

In the Republic of Fiji, a royalty is payable to the state government when a mineral is sold, disposed of or used. The Fiji Mineral Resources Act 1989 requires that the holder of a mining lease or mining claim lodge a royalty return and any royalty is payable at least annually for all leases and claims held, even if no production took place but saleable metal was won. The Minister allows samples with small quantities of gold to be sent for analysis, however, under the law in Fiji, trial mining and bulk sampling can be carried out and any significant gold won as determined by the Minister will be subject to royalties. Royalties for the Tuvatu Property will be 5% of the value of precious metal exported. This royalty is then split with parts compensating the community and other stakeholders.

In addition to the 5% NSR with the government of Fiji, the Fiji properties are subject to a perpetual production royalty of 0.5% to 1.5% of net smelter returns on the following schedule:

Table 6 - Laimes Global Inc. Royalty Schedule

0.5%	US\$ Au/oz < US\$500
1.0%	US\$ Au/oz > US\$500, <us\$1,000< td=""></us\$1,000<>
1.5%	US \$Au/oz > US\$1,000

This NSR is payable to Laimes Global Inc., a company controlled by a common director.

## SECURITY OF TITLE

The Government acknowledges that security of land tenure is a critical issue for mineral sector investors. Hence, the Government is totally committed to enforcing investors land rights which are enshrined in both the 1990 Constitution and the Land Transfer Act (Cap. 131). The Land Lease itself is a legally binding document that guarantees security of land tenure.

ACCESSIBILITY, CLIMATE, LOCAL RESOURCES, INFRASTRUCTURE AND PHYSIOGRAPHY

## Accessibility

Tuvatu lies on the west coast of Viti Levu, 24 km northeast of Nadi town and approximately 17 km by road from the Nadi international airport. The area is steep and rugged, and access is via the Sabeto Road which is sealed for about half the journey.

The Sabeto road turnoff is located approximately 10 minutes north of the Nadi International Airport. The Sabeto road follows the Sabeto River on its western side. The electricity pylons of the Monasavu Hydro line can be seen. Further along the Sabeto road, the road forks, with the left fork going to Korobebe village, and on to Navilawa village. Tuvatu is located on the road to Navilawa.

SML 62, SPL1283 and SPL1296 cover land areas in the upper catchment of the Sabeto River immediately south of Navilawa village. The tenements are bounded to the southeast by the Namotomoto ridge. Nagado village is located on this ridgeline. The Korobebe village is located on the banks of the Sabeto River about 4 km southwest of the Tuvatu prospect and further downstream are the villages of Naboutini, Koroyaca and Sabeto. On the opposite side of the river from Sabeto village is Natalau village. Indian cane farmers lease the land in between the Fijian villages.

Nadi is the closest city and is serviced by direct daily flights from Brisbane, Melbourne, Sydney and Auckland by several Australian airlines, Fiji Airways and Air New Zealand, in addition to flights from Christchurch and Wellington in New Zealand, Adelaide in Australia, as well as Hong Kong, Seoul, and Los Angeles. Tuvatu is readily accessed from Nadi International Airport by the Sabeto Road. A network of local formed roads and pastoral tracks provides good access to most of the project area. During the wet season (November to March), major and minor creeks may be impassable for some days. In wet weather, four wheel drive vehicles are required to access the tenements. Creeks and adjacent areas are generally thickly vegetated while the spurs and ridges are dominated by open grasslands.

## **Climate**

Fiji experiences a mild tropical South Sea maritime climate without great extremes of heat or cold. Winds are generally light to moderate and blow from E-SE during all seasons. Temperatures average 22°C for the cooler months (May to October) while November to April temperatures are higher with heavy downpours. The islands lie in an area occasionally traversed by tropical cyclones. These are mostly confined to the period November to April, with greatest frequency around January and February. On average, some ten to twelve cyclones per decade affect some part of Fiji, with two or three causing severe damage. Specific locations may not be directly affected for several years but the dominant north-west tracks give some increased risk of damage in the outlying north-west island groups.

Viti Levu's climate is dominantly controlled by oceanic temperatures and winds, restricting the diurnal temperature range heavily and the average daily range is 8.5°C to 10.3°C. Average minimum temperatures for Nadi range from 18°C to 23°C while average maximums range from 28°C to 32°C; it can be expected that these are a good guideline for the Tuvatu area, given its close proximity to Nadi. Mean rainfall in the area varies from 50 mm in July to a high of 300-325 mm during the December to March wet season.

### Local Resources

Tuvatu is located within the upper reaches of the Sabeto Valley. The area hosts a number of small villages that are dependent on the local waterways (e.g. Sabeto River) to supply water for local sustainable agricultural practices such as sugar cane, coconut oil and fruits and vegetables. English is the official language. However, Fijian and Hindi are also taught in schools as part of the school curriculum.

The major towns in close proximity to the Tuvatu area are Lautoka, Nadi and Ba. Lautoka, Fiji's second-largest city, is located 30 km from Tuvatu. The local economy still relies heavily on the sugar industry and the Lautoka Sugar Mill has been operating since 1903. Nadi is Fiji's third-largest city and a tourist and business hub due to the presence of the Nadi International Airport.

The major land use in the Tuvatu region is pastoral, with most income generated from sugar cane, copra and rice production. Fishing, manufacturing and tourism industries are also employers in the region. Any skilled workforce for a mining development in the region would be expected to be drawn from coastal Nadi- Lautoka-Ba region. There are also experienced former mine workers from the Vatukoula Gold Mine.

### Infrastructure

Fiji is one of the most developed of the Pacific island economies, although a large subsistence sector still exists. Sugar exports, remittances from Fijians working abroad, and a growing tourism industry (with 400,000 to 500,000 tourists annually) are the major sources of foreign exchange. Sugar processing makes up one-third of industrial activity.

Little infrastructure exists within the local area proximal to the Tuvatu project other than a small exploration facility. Local villages utilise a combination of traditional and modern practices but do not contain any significant infrastructure. The majority of regional infrastructure, such as transport, telecommunication and energy revolve around the nearby cities of Nadi and Lautoka.

Nadi is equipped with modern technology for both its internal and international telecommunications. All major towns have digital telephone exchanges and the islands are linked by cable and satellite to worldwide networks. The project area is covered by GSM mobile-phone reception.

The Fiji Electricity Authority ("FEA") holds the monopoly in all facets of the energy sector including generation, transmission and distribution. Hydroelectric and diesel are the two sources of power generation for the FEA. Its supply capacity currently stands at 180 megawatts, however rising use of electricity has prompted government to call for submissions from independent power producers. The villages around Tuvatu chiefly utilise fuel wood and small diesel generators.

There is an 11kV transmission line crossing the Tuvatu site from a nearby FEA hydroelectric plant. Due to the national shortfall in power supply from the grid, despite supplementary thermal generating capacity, the project will generate its own power. A containerized diesel power station, including switchgear and transformers, with 1,500kVA generator units, is proposed to suit the load of approximately 4MW, in an N+1 or N+2 redundancy configuration to ensure reliability of supply and provide enough reserve to start the larger ball mill motors.

Power supply costs (including maintenance factors) is based on delivered diesel fuel cost of USD\$0.90/L for a total cost of USD\$0.24/kWh.

The mine dewatering from underground pumping, will discharge to an intermediate settling pond prior to pumping to the raw water storage tank adjacent to the process plant, and will be used to provide the raw water requirements to service the project needs. The Coreshed Fault, one of the major fault structures identified on site, is a significant water bearing fault and can provide a supply during the dry season. It has been determined that raw water can further be managed by controlling the flows from the tailings facility catchment to allow storage of raw water make-up to the process in the impoundment.

Proximity to Nadi and local villages provides sufficient accommodation for contractors. Local landowners will be contracted to provide transportation of workers to site. It is not envisaged construction accommodation will be required on site, as the workforce will be sourced from local communities, with only key components of the contractor's workforce mobilizing from elsewhere.

## Physiography

The upland areas of the Tuvatu project area are grassland. Stream valleys and their perimeters are heavily vegetated. Several intermittent and perennial streams are located within the prospecting licenses. Elevation of the Tuvatu property ranges from 50 m to a maximum of 700 m. The area is hilly with slopes of 15%-30% being common.

### **HISTORY**

## Previous Ownership

Historical activities began during the early part of the 20th century with prospecting in the upper reaches of the Sabeto River with no evidence that the mineralized lodes at Tuvatu were discovered. Some pitting and limited underground work took place between 1945 and 1952 when Bayley and Bryant operated PL 689. Later work in the area was undertaken by the Nadele Syndicate.

In the period from 1977 to 1979 Aquitaine Fiji explored the Tuvatu area. In 1987, Geopacific Ltd pegged out SPLs 1283 and 1296. During the next ten years, Geopacific Ltd invested approximately \$1.5M in exploration at Tuvatu. For three of these years, Geopacific Ltd was in association with Noranda Pty Ltd. In December 1995, Geopacific Ltd entered into an option agreement with Emperor Mines Ltd. and in June 1997, Emperor exercised its option to purchase 100% of the tenements. Emperor then incorporated the Tuvatu Gold Mining Company Limited ("TGM"), a subsidiary of Emperor Gold Mining Company, to manage the property.

In 2007 following the closure of the Vatukoula gold mine, Emperor Gold Mining Company (at the time a subsidiary of DRD Ltd), sold its Fijian assets including the Tuvatu property to Westech Gold Pty Ltd and Red Lion Management Ltd. Licenses covering the Tuvatu property were re-issued in the name of Lion One by the Fijian Government. Subsequently American Eagle Resources gained control of Lion One Limited, the holder of the Tuvatu project. Lion One Metals is the product of the reverse takeover in January 2011 of X-Tal by American Eagle Resources.

## **Previous Exploration**

All historical work described in this section was conducted within the tenements currently held by Lion One Limited. Some pitting and limited underground work was undertaken by Bayley and Bryant between 1945 and 1952 when they operated PL 689. Later geological work undertaken by the Nadele Syndicate included the pitting of two lodes, trenching and driving an adit but no records of the syndicate's work have been located.

Aquitaine Fiji explored the area from 1977 to 1979 and located a soil anomaly of 1.4g/t Au, which was not pursued. In 1987, Geopacific Ltd pegged out SPLs 1283 and 1296 in the area and investigated the soil anomaly previously identified by Aquitane Fiji. Geopacific discovered the outcrop of what is now called the Tuvatu lode in the vicinity of the soil anomaly.

From 1995 to 2001 Emperor's Tuvatu Gold Mines (TGM) conducted 3 phases of exploration at Tuvatu. The Phase 1 involved initial regional geological mapping and stream sediment sampling which located the Tuvatu gold deposit in the SKL-Nasivi area. A number of geophysical surveys were also completed including a dipole-dipole IP survey and airborne magnetics/radiometrics survey. Phase 2 included subsurface exploration and development, including limited trial mining and metallurgical testing.

Phase 3 commenced in 2000 with work on a feasibility study but the study was suspended in late 2000 as part of a general cost-cutting exercise by Emperor due to the low gold price at the time. This Phase involved evaluation of the Tuvatu resource area including surface diamond and percussion drilling to test some peripheral anomalies as well as down-dip extensions of the various Upper Ridges lodes. The program also included mine and metallurgical design, environmental plans and social acceptance issues. In addition, remapping of the underground development took place in order to develop a robust structural model for the area. Further metallurgical test work was also completed.

Before Lion One was involved in the project there had been three programs of drilling at Tuvatu from exploration through to resource delineation, firstly by Geopacific, and then by Tuvatu Gold Mines (Emperor Gold Mines). Drilling was completed both on the surface and from the underground exploration decline. Drilling methods included both diamond drill (DD) and reverse circulation (RC). In total TGM completed 51,484m of diamond core drilling and 9,265m of RC surface drilling, as well as 13,407m of underground drilling. A total of 1,341 m of decline, strike and rise development was also undertaken in the project area including a 600m long exploration decline developed to a depth of 240m below surface in the region of the Upper Ridges lodes.

## Regional Exploration

Only limited regional exploration had been carried out in the area by explorers (primarily Aquitaine Fiji) before TGM's work. In the 2001-2003 period a regional exploration program was carried out by TGM that involved regional mapping, trenching, stream sediment and soil sampling. This work identified more than 10 new prospect areas outside the Tuvatu mine area.

Detailed exploration was carried out by TGM at Nubunidike, Ura Creek, Jomaki, Malawai, and Kubu prospects. The Nubunidike and Ura Creek prospects were the most advanced prospects. Exploration work commenced at Qualibua in June 2002. Subsequent ridge and spur soil geochemistry located high tenor gold-in-soil anomalies at the Korobebe prospect.

Upon gaining control of the Tuvatu property in 2007, Lion One commenced detailed mapping and geochemical sampling. Work concentrated on the region south of the Tuvatu resource area and around Qalibua Creek to the north. Two surface diamond drillholes were completed in October 2008 at the Nubunidike prospect to test the Nubunidike/Hornet Creek/290 Vein system.

### Historic Resource and Reserve Estimates

A number of historical mineral resource estimates were carried out at Tuvatu by previous operators over the period from 1997 to 2000.

A resource figure was calculated internally by Tuvatu Gold Mines (TGM) in September 1997 for the Upper Ridges area as 904,000 tonnes @ 5.1 g/t Au (149,272 ounces). This was a vein-style polygonal estimate with 25 m radius polygons being drawn on long sections in the plane of each hole. No lower cut-off was applied.

The resource was updated using similar methodology in February 1998. A density of 2.7 g/cm3 was used. An overall resource figure for the Upper Ridges lodes of 602,000 tonnes at 8.2 g/t Au was calculated for a total of 159,362 ounces.

Between September 1997 and February 1998, resource consultants Geoval completed a resource calculation for the Tuvatu Lode and Nasivi-SKL stockwork area. Estimates used 2.0 m composites and a 1.0 g/t cut-off. A revised resource figure for the Murau Flatmake was calculated using the September 1997 Geoval block model after the area included in the February 1998 Geoval re-calculation of the Nasivi-SKL stockwork was excluded. An overall resource figure of 1,225,000 at 5.5 g/t Au was calculated for a total of 217,041 ounces.

After the completion of the Phase 2 work program by TGM in July 1999, an additional resource calculation was completed for the Upper Ridges area based upon data gained from underground development and surface and underground drilling. A density of 2.7 g/cm3 was used.

A resource of 983,300 tonnes at 7.8 g/t Au was calculated for 247,795 ounces, at a 2.0 m-g cutoff.

Two areas of indicated resource were calculated for the UR1 South strike drive area and the UR2 North strike drive area based on geological and channel sampling data on 2 m centres in the development underground. It was assumed that the structures could be extrapolated for a minimum of 25 m in the vertical orientation based upon results from the developed rise on the UR1 South and UR2 South lodes.

The resource figures calculated using development sampling data for the UR1 South and UR2 North development were found to be within 10% and 15% respectively of the figures calculated from drill holes. In addition, it was found that the sampled grade of each of these areas was higher than indicated by drilling.

Upon completion of the Phase 3 drilling program, the geological model was updated and a new manual resource calculation was completed by TGM using the same parameters as for the July 1999 estimate. Figures previously calculated by Geoval for the Nasivi-SKL area were superseded by resource figures for the GRF steep shear and the Murau lodes. Updated resource figures were not calculated for the SKL flatmakes. Preliminary figures were also calculated for the West lodes, located 500 m west of the Nasivi-SKL area.

In April 2000, Andrew Vigar of Vigar and Associates ("VA") was commissioned to review the geology and resource estimates detailed by TGM. Further to this VA constructed a geological and resource model for the Upper Ridges lodes and estimated geological resources for each lode. Indicated resource estimates were subsequently converted to reserves using economic cut-offs, minimum mining widths and dilution.

In August 2000, following a verification of the Tuvatu database, it was found that a number of intercepts used in the April 2000 resource estimate had been excluded from the model and VA were commissioned to revise the resource calculation. All drill-holes intersecting the structure were used, whether mineralized or not.

A total of 41 lodes were identified of which 37 had sufficient intercepts to be modelled in the resource estimate. True widths were used and a mining width of 1.2 m allowed, fully diluted at zero grade. One block model to accommodate the major lodes was created to contain the grade model and allow for tonnage, grade and lode width estimates.

Resources were classified in regions as Indicated or Inferred based on drill spacing, kriging variance and number of holes used in estimation of each block. A density of 2.7 t/m3, a cut-off grade of 3.0 g/t Au and a minimum width of 1 m were applied.

In August 2000 using a 3.0 g/t Au cut-off, VA calculated a resource of 827,000 tonnes Indicated at 7.9 g/t Au for 208,743 ounces, and 812,800 tonnes Inferred at 9.1 g/t Au for 237,631 ounces. The resource was stated as being JORC compliant at the time. The resource estimate for the Murau and West lodes was not recalculated by VA in 2000 and is an original estimate undertaken by TGM internally in February 2000 for which there is no documentation available. No further resource drilling was conducted after 2000 until 2012.

## Historic Underground Development and Sampling

A total of 1,341 m of decline, strike and rise development has been undertaken in the project area which includes a central 630 m long exploration decline.

During TGM's Phase 1 the exploration decline was developed with minor crosscut and strike drive development to evaluate the continuity and grade of the gold mineralized structures. Underground development started in November 1997 and a total of 572.40 m of development was completed to a depth of 240m below surface. Geological mapping of the underground development and systematic channel sampling was carried out. A total of 588 samples were found to exceed 1.0 ppm and 214 samples were found to exceed 10.0 ppm Au. The maximum value was found to be 0.6 m at 840 g/t Au for a vertical sample taken from H-Lode. In total 32 samples were found to exceed 100 g/t Au.

A number of the lodes were intersected and sampled and an underground drilling program was undertaken. In conjunction with the underground development, 17 underground diamond drill holes (TUG-01 to 17) were completed for a total of 1,108 m of HQ diameter core. The purpose of these holes was to infill surface drilling and to assist in planning future development.

Phase 2 of exploration work at Tuvatu started in March 1998 and involved deepening of the decline in order to access the Upper Ridges lodes in the southern part of the resource area. These lodes had previously been identified during Phase 1 by surface drilling at a broad spacing. In conjunction with the Phase 2 underground development, 26 more underground diamond drill holes (TUG-18 to 43) were completed for a total of 1,374 m of HQ diameter core. The purpose of these holes was to infill surface drilling and to assist in planning development. A bulk sample of Upper Ridges' ore from the underground development was dispatched to Vatukoula for metallurgical test work. In addition, a small trial mining exercise was carried out on veining associated with the Nasivi/SKL stockwork.

During Phase 3 a series of 69 underground diamond drill holes (TUG045–113) were completed for a total of 10,926 m. These holes were drilled to infill and expand the Upper Ridges resource and test peripheral mineralized zones in the Murau area. This program successfully extended the Upper Ridges lodes (particularly UR2) and upgraded the Phase 2 resource.

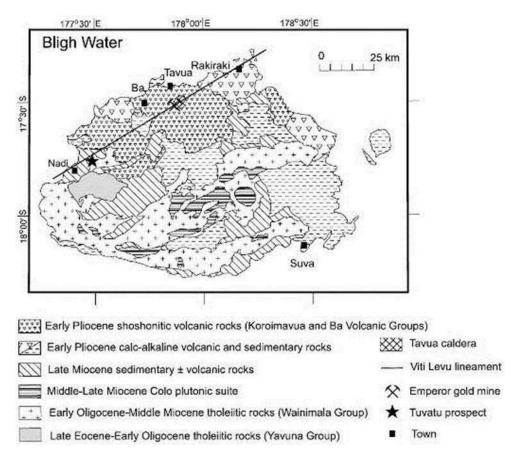
### GEOLOGICAL SETTING AND MINERALIZATION

## Regional Geology

The information on regional geology is taken from Vigar, 2009, with minor changes where recent work has added to the knowledge of the area.

Fiji lies on the boundary of the Indo-Australian and Pacific tectonic plates, a zone marked by seafloor spreading and transform faulting. The island is at the midpoint of the opposing Tonga Kermadec and New Hebrides convergence zones. It is separated from these actual convergence zones by two extensional back arc basins, the North Fiji Basin to the west and the Lau Basin to the east and a series of transform faults including the Fiji Fracture Zone and the Matthew Hunter Ridge. Approximately five million years ago (Miocene/Pliocene Period) the area was the site of a number of major shield volcanoes, formed along a northeast - southwest trend. Tuvatu is one of several epithermal gold systems along the >250 km northeast trending Viti Levu lineament, which are genetically associated with alkalic magmatism (Figure 1). A number of gold deposits have been discovered along this trend including Tuvatu, Vatukoula and Rakiraki. The Vatukoula or Emperor Mine has produced some 7 million ounces since 1937.

Figure 1- Regional Geology. Location of Tuvatu Project with Respect to Viti Levu Lineament is



The oldest unit in the region is the Nadele Breccia (Late Oligocene -Middle Miocene, 29 to 13 Ma). The Nadele Breccia is part of the earliest volcanic activity in Fiji which took place during a period of island arc development. The volcanic units were deposited within an active fore-arc basin as proximal dispersal aprons of volcanic sediment derived from volcanic edifices (Hathway, B. 1993).

Sabeto Volcanics (Late Miocene–Early Pliocene, 5.5 to 4.8 Ma) unconformably overlie the Nadele Breccia and represent the basal unit of the Korroimavua Volcanic Group, which is the oldest shoshonite volcanism in Fiji. The volcanics occur in a north east trending band across the north western side of Viti Levu and host a number of gold mines and prospects including Tuvatu, Vatukoula and Rakiraki. The unit consists of a series of interbedded andesitic volcaniclastics and flows.

The Navilawa Monzonite (Late Miocene – Early Pliocene, 4.85 Ma) intrudes the Nadele Breccia in the northeast of the project area and hosts the majority of the mineralization. The intrusive has been divided into two phases, a central coarse to medium grain monzonite and peripheral micro monzonite. Abundant dykes cut the area ranging in composition from pegmatite to andesite, aplite and monzonite. The composition of the monzonite is equigranular with plagioclase (45%) and K-feldspar (45%) with lesser biotite and pyroxene. Considerable local variation in composition occurs with changes in grain size and inclusion of country rock. The overall intrusive complex is elongate in a north east orientation. Numerous small intrusive stocks, dominantly composed of micro monzonite also occur but tend to be elongated in a north northwest direction.

A-Izzeddin (1997) suggested that there is a spatial and temporal relationship between the emplacement of the intrusive complex and mineralization. The Tuvatu area appears to have had one to two kilometres of overburden removed since emplacement of the intrusive complex, which may represent the magma source for overlying volcanism. The gold mineralization therefore represents deep-seated hydrothermal fluids emplaced in the very upper portions of the magma complex during the waning phases of volcanism.

## Local Geology

Tuvatu is one of several gold prospects known from the Sabeto area of north-western Viti Levu. Other gold and gold copper prospects in the local region are at Vuda, Navilawa (Kingston Mine and Banana Creek) and Nawainiu Creek, all associated with known or presumed centres of volcanic activity and/or volcanic core complexes within the shoshonitic Koroimavua Volcanic Group of late Miocene to early Pliocene age.

Basal units of the Sabeto Volcanics (part of the Late Miocene-Early Pliocene Koroimavua Volcanic Group) unconformably overlie Nadele Breccia in the Sabeto Valley. Members of the Sabeto Volcanics found outcropping in the area have shoshonitic affinities and include andesitic and biotite-bearing dacitic lithic and crystal tuffs, grits, agglomerates and minor flows. Shoshonites belonging to the Koroimavua Volcanic Group have been age dated at 5.88 Ma.

The volcaniclastic units were subsequently intruded by a monzonitic stock. The monzonite within the Tuvatu prospect area is locally brecciated and varies in grain size. A series of pegmatite dykes, andesitic dykes and stocks have also intruded the area. The monzonite has been dated at 4.85 Ma, and is interpreted to be comagmatic with the volcanic units of the Koroimavua Volcanic Group. It probably represents the root of a caldera and is elongate in a northeast-southwest orientation.

Locally the geology is structurally complex with the area cut by a 60 m wide east-west striking structural zone referred to as the Core Shed Fault ("CSF") which is exposed near the portal of the decline and can be traced for over 5 km along strike. Additional westerly striking structures locally offset veins.

## **Mineralization**

Mineralization is structurally controlled and occurs as sets and networks of narrow veins and cracks, with individual veins generally ranging from 1 mm to 200 mm wide. Zones of veining which comprise the lodes may be up to 5 m wide. The main mineralized zone (Upper Ridges) comprises eleven principal lodes with a strike length in excess of 500m and a vertical extent of more than 300 m. Another major zone of mineralization (Murau) strikes east-west and consists of two major lodes with a mapped strike length in excess of 400 m.

Although gold mineralization is primarily hosted in monzonite it can also occur in the volcanic units. Mineralised lodes are narrow, generally less than 1 m up to a maximum of 7 m, and ore grades are erratic. Lode mineralogy is varied, with most veins containing quartz, pyrite, and base metal sulphides. A very high proportion of the gold occurs as either free gold or is contained in quartz or pyrite composite particles that can be floated. Free gold present is both fine and coarse grained.

Within the Tuyatu resource area, a number of sets of lodes have been identified in the area including:

- North south lodes which dip steeply to the east (lodes prefixed UR, URW, GRF)
- East west lodes which dip steeply to the south (Murau, Snake and Western lodes)
- Relatively flat dipping lodes (SKL's, Murau flatmakes, Nasivi)
- Northwest southeast striking lodes dipping steeply to northeast or southwest (H and T lodes)
- Elsewhere within the project area, there are numerous other lode orientations identified, but remain untested.

## Structural Controls

Gold mineralization at Tuvatu is considered to have developed during an episode of northeast-southwest shearing and is intimately related to but postdates the emplacement of a high level monzonite intrusive.

## Paragenesis

Scherbarth and Spry (2006) suggest that the mineralized zone at Tuvatu may have originally developed as a porphyry copper system which was overprinted by epithermal gold mineralization. The style of mineralization is thought to have evolved as the local monzonite intrusives cooled and meteoric waters mixed with the magmatic fluids, resulting in the gradational changing of the mineralization and alteration styles.

Mineralization associated with the porphyry copper system is characterised by apatite-k feldspar-magnetite-biotite veins with intense potassic alteration selvages. These veins are considered to have developed as the monzonite intrusive was in the final stages of crystallisation and early stages of cooling. As the system cooled it was overprinted by a phase of phyllic alteration which was characterised by a quartz-muscovite- pyrite assemblage. The system was then overprinted by a set of quartz-adularia veins accompanied by lesser amounts of calcite, chalcopyrite, pyrite, galena, tellurides and native gold. These veins generally have narrow chlorite-smectite selvages and commonly exhibit banded textures.

Minor roscoelite (vanadium K-mica) has also been observed in association with the quartz-adularia veins. Roscoelite is commonly observed at Vatukoula and many major deposits around the world (eg Porgera, Hishikari) and invariably has a close association with gold mineralization. The precipitation of roscoelite generally requires the reduction of a vanadium-bearing mineralising fluid. Reduction of the mineralising fluid may also lead to the precipitation of gold, tellurides and pyrite. Also rare occurrences of fluorite have been observed associated with the veins. The presence of fluorite further demonstrates the strong magmatic volatile content of the mineralising fluids.

The following is an overview of the mineralization, modified after A-Izzeddin (2000):

- Hosted in structurally controlled sets of narrow quartz veins (generally less than 0.5m) which may form mineralized lodes up to 5m wide;
- Early porphyry-related mineralization overprinted by late epithermal episode;
- Bleaching and alteration halo of sericite and clay minerals becomes more pronounced with weathering;
- Gold is free-milling and generally associated with silica/quartz, adularia and minor base metals (galena and sphalerite) and tellurides; and
- High grades may be encountered in lodes, e.g. 0.5m @ 1620 g/t & 0.3m @ 1130 g/t Au.

Izzeddin (1997) suggested that there is a spatial and temporal relationship between the emplacement of the intrusive complex and the mineralization. The Tuvatu area appears to have had one to two km of overburden removed since emplacement of the intrusive complex, which may represent the magma source for overlying volcanism. The gold mineralization is interpreted to have been derived from deep-seated hydrothermal fluids emplaced in the very upper portions of the magma complex during the waning phases of volcanism.

## Deposit Types

Scherbarth and Spry (2006) compare Tuvatu with Vatukoula. The Emperor deposit occurs along the margins of the Tavua volcano whereas the Tuvatu deposit may occur adjacent to an eroded shoshonite volcano. Both deposits are described as low-sulfidation, epithermal gold telluride mineralization occuring in flat-lying veins, steep faults, shatter zones, stockworks, and hydrothermal breccias. Mineralization formed in multiple stages and is characterized by the presence of quartz-roscoelite telluride veins in which gold- rich tellurides were deposited prior to silver-rich tellurides. Gold tellurides and vanadium minerals were deposited at approximately 250°C from moderately saline fluids.

The emplacement of epithermal deposits is characterised by late-stage, multiphase tectonic activity which creates a plumbing system and volcanic activity which provides a heat source. The general nature of these systems was first summarised by Buchanan (1981). The deposits were then divided on the basis of their alteration and mineralogy into two main types (Berger and Bethke 1985; Heald et al 1987) of acid-sulphate and adularia-sericite with a third minor but economically significant grouping of alkalic recently added (Bonham 1988; Richards and Kerrich, 1993). These types have now been included in a larger grouping low to high sulphidation systems and the links to gold and copper porphyries recognised.

More recently, following site visits and reviews by Quinton Hennigh and geologists from major companies, the recognition of similarities with other alkaline hosted deposits has been made, particularly Porgera, Lihir and of course Vatukoula. These alkaline hosted deposits are all world class orebodies with very significant depth extents.

## **GEOLOGIC INTERPRETATION**

Tuvatu is one of several gold prospects known from the Sabeto area of north-western Viti Levu. Mineralization is structurally controlled and is hosted by a series of sub-vertical veins, shallow dipping veins and stockworks. The main mineralized zone (Upper Ridges) comprises eleven principal lodes with a strike length in excess of 500m and a vertical depth of more than 300m. Another major zone of mineralization (Murau) strikes east west and consists of two major lodes with a mapped strike length in excess of 400m. Although gold mineralization is primarily hosted in monzonite it can also occur in the volcanic units.

Lodes are narrow, generally less than 1 m up to a maximum of 7 m, and ore grades are erratic. Lode mineralogy is varied, with most veins containing quartz, pyrite, and base metal sulphides. A total of 39 different lode structures were identified in the 2014 resource area including 11 lodes in the Upper Ridges area, 3 lodes in the Murau area, 4 lodes in the West area, 2 lodes in the Tuvatu area and the stockwork veins in the SKL area. A minimum of 5 intercepts are needed for a vein to be defined with a number of other lodes having been identified but remain to be further tested before inclusion in resource estimates.

Veins were identified as intercepts greater than 0.5 g/t Au, however due to the tight nature of the veins relatively few assays less than 1.0 g/t are incorporated.

### **EXPLORATION**

Lion One has undertaken drilling exploration activities in the Tuvatu project in several phases: limited exploration drilling from 2008 to 2010 and more extensive drilling in 2012-2013, 2016-2017, 2018 and the current program in 2019. Detailed surface mapping, underground sampling, and surface sampling in the form of rock chip, trench and bench sampling, soil sampling and stream sediment sampling has been undertaken. Relogging and additional sampling of previously drilled core has been ongoing Bulk density samples have been taken on a systematic and regular basis of all drill core.

A core re-logging and re-sampling program was commenced with the objective of identifying mineralized intervals that were ignored by previous operators. As 3.0 g/t Au was the historical cut-off grade, Lion One geologists believed that the economic significance of many altered and mineralized zones within the hanging and foot walls were previously overlooked. This program is ongoing.

Lion One also completed 58 line km of Induced Polarization ("IP") survey and prepared additional lines to obtain further readings over areas with prospective chargeability and resistivity anomalies. The survey was initially planned to cover known mineral occurrences before extension to outlying areas. Lion One also completed 36 line km of soil sampling across the IP survey grid area.

Extensions of the Murau and Far West Lodes were mapped at surface over 500 m to the west displaying consistent lateral continuity typical of many epithermal lode systems. Multiple sub-parallel near-surface, high-grade veins were encountered.

#### **DRILLING**

Drilling campaigns were completed in several phases by TGM from 1995-2001 and by Lion One between 2008 and 2019. Drilling prior to TGM and Lion One is not included in the table below, but does include CRA in 1995 (651.25m), Geopacific between 1985 and 1996 (3467.1m), Pancontinental in 1986 (1902m), Oribi in 1999 (520.1m), and Golden Rim (948.4m).

Lion One has undertaken exploration activities in the Tuvatu project in two main phases: surface work and limited exploration drilling from 2008 to 2010 and more extensive drilling in 2011-2013.

## 2008-2010 Lion One Limited (Fiji) Exploration

During 2008, Lion One completed extensive mapping and geochemical sampling. Two surface drill holes were also completed. Field work was carried out by Lion One staff, W. Kuruisaravi, R. Sulua, and S. Bulu under the direction of various expatriate consulting geologists. The mapping, rock chip and channel sampling program involved the hiring of a trained team of permanent workers from Korobebe Village. Security staff at the Tuvatu Camp and core shed facility were hired from Korobebe, Nagado and Natawa Villages.

A number of highly prospective zones of mineralization that were identified in 2002-2003 were followed up. Detailed geological mapping, rock chip and channel sampling in the region south of the Tuvatu Resource Area and Qalibua Creek was carried out with about 11.5 line-km of creek mapping completed. Detailed 1:1000 scale geological mapping and sampling covered the area from Veto Creek to the boundary of SPL 1296 just north of the Tuvatu Resource Area. Lion One submitted 1,309 rock chip and channel samples between November 2008 and May 2010 to ALS Chemex laboratories in Brisbane. MA has not seen any reports on this mapping or sampling detailing geology, vein widths and assay results.

Two surface diamond drill holes (TUDDH-338 & TUDDH-340) totalling 375.90m were drilled during October 2008 at the Nubunidike Prospect, 1.6 km southwest of the Tuvatu Resource Area. Drilling was planned to intersect the Nubunidike/Hornet Creek/290 Vein system about 50 m below the surface over a strike length of 500 m and gain information on the dip and strike continuity of the vein system, as well as grade distribution within the structures.

## **Lion One Metals Limited Exploration**

Following a comprehensive review of historic data that began in August 2010, Cambria Geosciences was contracted to assist in managing the exploration program at Tuvatu. In January 2011 Cambria mobilized a field team to the site to initiate a program of surface mapping, trenching and core re- logging and re-sampling of approximately 10,000 m of the total 60,000 m of core. In addition to the ongoing program of mapping, core relogging and re-sampling, trenching and diamond drilling, this first phase exploration program was planned to include reconnaissance mapping, prospecting, stream sediment sampling, geophysical surveying, deposit modelling and dewatering of the decline.

That review, along with ongoing mapping and prospecting conducted by Lion One geologists, resulted in the discovery of several near surface drill targets that became the focus of the trenching and surface mapping programs.

In excess of 1,200 m of trenching was completed to assess the near surface, open pit potential of the Tuvatu North area where drilling by previous operators had yielded several near surface high gold intervals in the northern portion of the Tuvatu Resource area. Principal objectives were to expose and confirm the presence of gold bearing veins and veinlets in the structures related to the Tuvatu Lode, H Lode and the Core Shed Fault ("CSF").

Initial sampling was between the CSF and the Tuvatu and H Lodes from four benches and two trenches excavated adjacent to and directly south of the portal of the existing decline. Excavations were completed across the CSF, with subsequent trenching above the surface expression of the Tuvatu (1 and 2) and H Lodes. Trenches were up to 2 m deep with an average depth of 1.5 m. Several benches along road cuts were also sampled as a part of the program. Most samples were continuous or semi continuous chip samples with composite samples taken when necessary.

A core re-logging and re-sampling program was commenced with the objective of identifying mineralized intervals that were ignored by previous operators. As 3.0 g/t Au was the historical cut-off grade, Lion One geologists believed that the economic significance of many altered and mineralized zones within the hanging and foot walls were previously overlooked.

Lion One also completed 58 km of Induced Polarization ("**IP**") survey and prepared additional lines to obtain further readings over areas with prospective chargeability and resistivity anomalies, including five additional lines covering the First Porphyry Development Area. The survey was initially planned to cover known mineral occurrences before extension to outlying areas. Lion One also completed 36 line km of soil sampling across the IP survey grid area.

Extensions of the Murau and Far West Lodes were mapped at surface over 500 m to the west displaying consistent lateral continuity typical of many epithermal lode systems. Multiple sub-parallel near-surface, high-grade veins were encountered.

The surface sampling program was reported by Lion One as confirming the presence of gold bearing veins and veinlets within the CSF and the Tuvatu and H Lodes. Five samples were reported to return grades over 100 g/t Au, including 210 g/t Au across 0.05 m, 188 g/t Au across 0.87 m and 188 g/t Au across 0.70 m. Significant intervals included 8.7 g/t Au over 4.8 m from the surface expression of the north-west striking Tuvatu Lode

Drilling campaigns were completed in several phases by TGM from 1995-2001 and by Lion One between 2008 and 2019. Completed drilling is summarised in Table 7.

**Table 7 - Summary of Tuvatu Exploration Drilling** 

Company	Surface	RC Drilling	Surface Diar	nond Drilling	Underground Diamond Drilling			
TGM Phase 1	5,225 m (44 holes)	TURC101 to 171	42,783 m (193 holes)	TUDDH013 to 205	1,108 m (17 holes)	TUG01 to 17		
TGM Phase 2					1,374 m (26 holes)	TUG18 to 43		
TGM Phase 3	4,040 m (37 holes)	TURC172 to 208	8,702 m (24 holes)	TUDDH206 to 229	10,926 m (69 holes)	TUG45 to 113		
TGM Subtotal	9,265 m (81 holes)		51,484 m (217 holes)		13,408 m (112 holes)			
Lion One 2008			376 m (2 holes)	TUDDH338 & 340				
Lion One 2012- 2013			13,842 m (65 holes)	TUDDH341 to 405				
Lion One 2016- 2017			11,195 m (68 holes)	TUDDH406 to 472	1,684m (16 holes)	TUG114 to 129		
Lion One 2018			624 m (6 holes)	TUDDH473 to 478				
Lion One 2019			1,278 m (7 holes)	TUDDH479 to 485				
Lion One Geotechnical			1,067 m (42 holes)	BH012-014, 2017BH01-42				
Lion One Subtotal			28,382 m (190 holes)		1,684 m (16 holes)			
Other Companies			7,489 m					
Total Drilling	9,265 m		87,355 m		15,092 m			

## TGM Drilling Phase 1 to 3 (1995 - 2001)

TGM completed three phases of drilling at Tuvatu from exploration through to resource delineation. Drilling was carried out both on the surface and from the 600 m underground exploration decline which was developed to a depth of 240 m below surface. Drilling methods included both diamond drill core and reverse circulation ("RC"). Overall, TGM completed 51,484m of diamond core and 9,265m of RC surface drilling, as well as 13,408m of underground drilling.

## Lion One Limited Diamond Drilling (2008 – 2019)

Lion One has undertaken surface diamond drilling programs in 2008, 2012-2013, 2016 - 2017, 2018 and 2019. The 2019 drilling program is ongoing. Additionally, the company completed an underground diamond drilling program in 2017, and has carried out various geotechnical diamond drilling programs over the period.

## Lion One Limited Drilling 2008

Two surface diamond drill holes (TUDDH-338 & TUDDH-340) totalling 375.90 m were drilled during October 2008 to test the Nubunidike / Hornet Creek / 290 Vein system over a strike length of 500 m at the Nubunidike Prospect, 1.6 km southwest of the Tuvatu Resource Area. Drilling was planned to intersect the veins about 50

m below the surface and gain information on the dip and strike continuity of the vein system, as well as grade distribution within the structures.

## Lion One Limited Drilling 2012-2013

In 2012, Lion One commenced a systematic program to delineate the extent of near surface gold mineralization. The Lion One exploration team planned and executed the drilling program under the supervision of Lion One's management at the time.

Drilling re-commenced in June 2012 with a combination of infill and step out holes. The program had three objectives:

- (i) infill drilling to increase the confidence level of the existing resource;
- (ii) step out drilling to expand the resource base; and
- (iii) exploratory drilling to test additional targets. Infill drill holes were planned to test areas of the intersections of the east-west trending Murau-Far West Lodes with the N-S trending Upper Ridge Lodes west of the north-south trending UR structural corridor and current resource.

Step out holes tested for mineralized extensions of the Tuvatu and H Lodes in the northern portion of the Tuvatu resource area, where surface mapping has identified continuous mineralization along a strike length of 300 m.

## Lion One Limited Drilling 2016-2017

Lion One's 2016-2017 diamond drilling program focussed on infilling gaps in the existing resource, particularly along strike and at depth, in areas considered priority mining areas for the first several years of potential mining development. There was a focus on determining continuity of grade and thickness of identified lodes, and completing holes in the northern extension of the Tuvatu resource (H and T lodes, now called the HT Corridor lodes) and the southern extensions of various UR lodes. Underground diamond drilling focussed on infill of UR2, URW1,Tuvatu and H lodes, GRF and SKL lodes immediately to the north and south of the Core Shed Fault. Results from this program were released via various news releases during 2016 and 2017.

## **Lion One Limited Drilling 2018**

Lion One's 2018 diamond drilling program focussed on completing several regional holes into known surface mineralisation at Ura Creek to determine the nature of host rock, structures and alteration assemblage in the area.

## Lion One Limited 2019 Drilling

Lion One's 2019 diamond drilling program has focussed on infill of known ore zones in the northern parts of the existing Tuvatu resource as well as completing several regional holes into known surface mineralisation at Jomaki Ridge and elsewhere. Significant results have been the subject of various news releases. This program is ongoing

## Lion One Drilling Procedures

Drilling by Lion One was diamond core drilling from surface and the following procedures were used:

- Drill core was digitally photographed and placed onto the database;
- Core was logged manually onto log sheets and all data entered into the database;
- Information included hole number, date drilled, name of driller/company, location, coordinates, core recovery, lithology, structure, RQD values, alteration, gangue minerals, sulphide minerals, mineralization, sample numbers, intervals samples, analytical values, comments, date logged and by whom. Specific gravity of selected intervals and lithologies were measured; and

A summary log was prepared after the hole was logged.

Underground diamond drilling was also completed in 2017 and the same procedures were undertaken.

Drill core was cut in half with a core saw for sampling and half-core samples were dispatched to the ALS sample preparation facility in Suva, Fiji. Samples were first crushed and pulverised at Suva, Fiji prior to analysis at ALS Minerals, an independent and qualified analytical laboratory in Brisbane, Australia. Gold is determined by fire assay and silver by Aqua regia digestion and AAS. From the commencement of the 2012 drilling program, all samples were also assayed for a large range of elements using the ICP method. Consistent with industry standard practice, sample standards and blanks and other control methods are used to ensure quality control. Following the closure of the ALS preparation facility in Suva, all samples were couriered to ALS in either Brisbane or Townsville for complete sample preparation and analysis.

## SAMPLE PREPARATION

During pre-2000 drilling by TGM all samples were dispatched to the Emperor Mine laboratory at Vatukoula for preparation and analysis. The whole sample was pulverised in a 5 kg ring mill prior to splitting.

In all Lion One drilling programs since 2008, (2008, 2012-2013, 2016-2017, 2018, 2019) programs diamond drill core was logged and sampled on site at Tuvatu by Lion One staff. Up until the completion of the 2012-2013 program, core samples were delivered by the Company to Suva, Fiji sample preparation facility of ALS Minerals (ALS), where the samples were finely crushed (>75% passing through -2mm) and a 1 kg split then pulverized (>85% passing through -75 microns) prior to dispatch to ALS Minerals Brisbane, a division of Australian Laboratory Services Pty. Ltd., an independent accredited analytical laboratory. Subsequent to the 2013 program, all sample preparation was completed by ALS in Brisbane or Townsville, Australia.

### SAMPLE SECURITY

No particular security measures were used during the life of the Tuvatu project as visible free gold is rare and off-site laboratories have been used throughout. Half-core splits of most drill core were retained on- site. This core is well catalogued and is available for inspection.

## SAMPLE ANALYSES

### <u>Laboratory Analysis Procedures</u>

All pre-2000 assaying by Emperor for TGM used a 50 g sub-sample which was analysed via fire assay with an atomic absorption spectrometry ("AAS") finish at the mine laboratory at Vatukoula. All samples above 1 g/t Au were re-assayed.

All analysis in the exploration programs by Lion One in 2008, and 2012-2013 was carried out by ALS Minerals at their laboratories, in Brisbane or Townsville, Australia. Gold was analysed by fire assay with a 30 gram charge and AAS finish. Samples with higher grade gold (greater than 3 g/t Au) were re-assayed. Silver was analysed by Aqua regia digestion and AAS.

Exploration samples were analysed for 33 elements using a four acid digestion and Inductively Coupled Plasma Atomic Emission Spectrometry ("ICP-AES").

## Laboratory Independence and Certification

The laboratory at the Vatukoula gold mine used by TGM was a private laboratory operated by Emperor Gold Mining Company. The ALS Minerals laboratories used by Lion One are part of the worldwide ALS Limited group of companies.

### QUALITY CONTROL

## QC Program

The assay analyses performed during Lion One's post 2008 drilling programs and all trench, bench and rock chip samples was subject to a formal quality assurance and quality control (QA/QC) program that was under the supervision of the various Lion One's onsite managers at the time.

Certified reference materials (CRM), blanks, and field duplicates samples were inserted prior to shipment from site to monitor the quality control of the data. MA understands that 3 CRM samples were inserted every 100 samples and 2 field duplicates were inserted in every batch of 100 samples. MA received and reviewed QAQC summary reports (for CRM's, field duplicates, and assay laboratory duplicates) from rOREdata Pty Ltd. database consultants.

## QC PROGRAM RESULTS

## Standards Results - Accuracy

Accuracy is identifying the true grade of a sample, often achieved by submitting certified reference material ("CRM") commonly referred to as standards ("STD").

Ten different gold CRM standards supplied by Rocklabs Ltd. of New Zealand were used by Lion One for quality control in core sampling and rock chip sampling.

#### DATA VERIFICATION PROCEDURES

The data verification involved database integrity checking, site visit, and independent sample collection.

## **Drill Hole Database**

Lion One has used the independent group rOREdata in Perth, Australia to manage and validate its database. Details of all drill logging details and surface sampling are forwarded to rOREdata for data validation and that company also accesses all geochemical assays directly from ALS to merge with the logging data provided by Lion One. rOREdata manages and supervises the Lion One database.

## DRILL HOLE DATABASE REVIEW

To complete the resource estimation in 2014, Mining Associates was provided with an export of Lion One's then current drill hole database in MS Access format. The database contained tables for Collar details, Collar metadata, downhole surveys, assays, weathering, lithology, alteration, geotechnical, SG data and lode tags.

## **Database Validation**

MS Access queries were used to perform basic validation checks, and holes were then loaded into Surpac for a second round of validation.

## Assessment of RC Drill Holes

Sample assay data from diamond (surface plus underground, all dates) and RC drilling were compared.

From the available data, it was concluded that there appears to be no major problem with utilising RC samples as part of a resource estimate.

Independent Specialists involved in Lion One 2014 Resource Estimate and 2015 Mining Study

Mr. Ian Taylor, BSc (Hons) MAusIMM (CP) on Mining Associates completed the 2014 Resource Estimate. Stacy Freudigmann, BSc.(Hons), P.Eng, from Canenco, David Lee, P.Eng Mining (Hons), FAusIMM (QP) from AMC, Anthony Woodward, BSc (Hons), M.Sc., MAusIMM, MAIG and Ian Taylor, of Mining Associates, David Morgan, MAusIMM (CP), Knight Piesold were all involved in the completion of the 2015 Minnig Study. Subsequent to the 2014 resource estimate, the Tuvatu site has been visited by various independent mining and geotechnical engineers, geologists, metallurgists and mining contractors.

## MINERAL RESOURCE ESTIMATES

A number of historical mineral resource studies have been carried out at Tuvatu by previous operators over the period from 1997 to 2010.

The previous published resource has been developed with classic techniques suited to broad zones of mineralization of relatively homogenous mineralization. Specifically the compositing of individual samples to one meter down hole and utilising inverse distance cubed (ID3) linear weighting techniques of the capped data.

Mining Associates (MA) completed the last resource estimate for Tuvatu in 2014. MA considers that a two dimensional estimate using grade and thickness across the narrow vein is the most appropriate method.

The methodology used in the MA resource report can be viewed in the report on SEDAR, but sections of the report are summarised below.

## **Drill Hole Spacing**

Drill hole data spacing is variable within each domain. Above 50 m RL the drill spacing in Upper Ridges (UR) is reasonably tight on a 25 m grid and below 50 m RL the drill spacing increases to approximately 50 m grid. UR western lodes are less well drilled. Development exists on UR2, UR5 and GRF veins. Murau veins are shallower and are generally drilled at 25 m spacing. Lion One has endeavoured to decrease the hole spacings in the 2016-2017 and 2019 drill programs.

#### Channel samples

Channel samples were used to guide the location, grade and thickness of veins at surface. In areas of intense channel sampling or where channels were sampled twice only, one channel was selected to inform the estimate.

## **Summary Statistics**

As a summary, statistics for vein gold and thickness by area are presented in Table 8, Table 9, and Table 10. Informing sample grades (uncapped) for the upper ridges veins range from 2.16 g/t Au and 0.52 m for UR7 and 13.53 g/t and 4.65 m URW1 (Table 8), in the Murau Area veins range from 1.89 g/t Au and 1.95 m thick for Nasivi West to 3.74 g/t Au and 2.01 m thick for Snake vein (9) and SKL veins have a very high vein at 23.36 g/t (Table 10).

Table 8 - Summary Statistics for Upper Ridges Veins

	Vein	GRF1	H1	T1	T2	UR1	UR1_A	UR2	UR4	UR5	URG	UR7	UR8	URW1	URW2	URW3
Gold	Count	71	22	29	45	43	64	241	78.00	79.00	35,00	20.00	9.00	65.00	61.00	93.00
	Mnlmum	0.02	0.01	0.13	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.04	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.01
	Maximum	47.5	15.9	11.7	14.8	121.0	107.5	198.6	57.4	174.0	24.0	8.0	15.8	285.5	26.2	75.4
	Mean	8,17	3,49	3.15	3.64	7.38	7.10	7,41	5.47	7.67	3.32	2.16	5,28	13.53	2.73	8.02
	Median	3.12	2.02	2.55	2.48	2.28	3.35	2.51	1.84	2.12	1.80	0.83	2.70	1.85	0.68	2.61
	Std Dev	9.73	4.60	2.78	3.46	18.9	14.2	19.7	10.09	22.29	4.94	261	5.73	41.25	4.89	14.53
	CV	1.19	1,32	0.88	0.95	2.56	1.99	2.66	1.84	2.91	1.49	1.21	1.08	3.05	1.79	1.81
True	Count	68	22	29	45	44	62	237	78	80	35	22	9	67	57	89
Thickness	Mnlmum	0.04	0.09	0.09	0.08	0.09	0.00	0.11	0.01	0.07	0.01	0.13	0.02	0.01	0.15	0.07
	Maximum	3.45	4.59	6.24	6.18	5.58	3.93	6.24	4.52	2.66	2.07	1.35	0.57	4.65	4.50	5.81
	Mean	1.47	1.25	1.61	1.83	1.04	0.50	1.34	0.74	0.75	0.51	0.52	0.29	0.82	0.80	1.34
	Median	1.22	1.09	0.82	1.01	0.70	0.25	1,10	0.53	0.50	0.45	0.44	0.34	0.51	0.57	0.93
	Std Dev	1.09	1,03	1.75	1.76	0.99	0.70	1.04	0.74	0.62	0.37	0.34	0.17	0.95	0.74	1.26
	CV	0.74	0.83	1.08	0.96	0.95	1.40	0.78	1.00	0.82	0.73	0.66	0.59	1.15	0.93	0.94

**Table 9 - Summary Statistics for Murau Veins** 

	Veln	M1	M2	M3	N1	N2	NV	NW	31	\$1_FW	S1_HW	SKL1
Gold	Number of samples	52	37	13	7	14	5	6	19	18	13	12
	Minimum.	0.01	0.02	0.12	0.14	0.01	0.50	0.71	0.10	0.03	0.10	0.40
	Maximum	12.52	30.08	11,73	7.15	15.34	7.20	3.20	51.04	8.84	22.80	35.75
	Mean	2.61	2.71	3.74	3.51	3.01	2.48	1.89	7.57	2.52	6.19	8.47
	Median	1.66	1.39	2.31	3.36	1.22	1.68	1.89	3.74	1.28	3.71	5.37
	Standard Deviation	2.86	4.87	3.60	2.62	4.21	2.45	0.92	11.80	2.54	6.84	9.86
	Coefficient of variation	1.09	1.79	0.96	0.75	1.40	0.99	0.49	1.56	1.01	1.11	1.16
True	Number of samples	46	35	11	7	14	5	6	19	18	13	12
Thickness	Molmum	0.09	0.02	0.00	0.16	0.08	0.47	0.57	0.24	0.19	0.21	0.17
	Maximum	5,51	9.86	0.93	1.53	5.43	2.21	4,44	4.93	3.73	4.53	1.55
	Mean	1.35	1.37	0.37	0.86	1.28	1.33	1.95	2.01	1.33	1.66	0.64
	Median	0.77	1.33	0.32	0.93	0.86	1.27	1.70	1.56	0.97	1.02	0.58
	Standard Deviation	1.37	1.60	0.29	0.47	1.39	0.68	1.27	1.31	1.13	1.30	0.45
	Coefficient of variation	1.01	1,17	0.78	0.54	1.08	0.51	0.65	0.65	0.85	0.78	0.70

Table 10 - Summary Statistics for SKL Veins

	Vein	W1	W1_F W	W2	W2_F W	W3	W4	SKL2	SKL3	SKL4	SKL5	SKL6	SKL7	SKL8
Gold	Count	22	9	25	12	25	5	8	16	38	24	24	11	6
	Minimum	0.07	1.22	0.02	0.31	0.09	0.21	0.83	0.31	0.01	0.12	0.01	0.54	0.55
	Maximum	15.85	10.74	39.1	15.9	44.8	7.04	7.68	11.3	32.0	32.3	79.4	172.9	10.5
	Mean	3.33	3.71	7.66	3.34	5.51	3.25	3.61	3.78	4.29	8.85	6.94	23.36	4.39
	Median	2.05	2.31	3.02	1.34	1.69	3.03	3.45	3.07	2.17	4.98	2.30	4.32	3.34
	Std. Dev.	4.34	3.25	10.4	4.53	9.98	2.31	2.07	3.34	6.40	9.65	16.1	48.35	3.49
	CV	1.30	0.88	1.36	1.36	1.81	0.71	0.57	0.88	1.49	1.09	2.32	2.07	0.80
True	Count	22	9	25	10	25	5	8	16	34	24	24	11	6
Thickness	Minimum	0.15	0.19	0.24	0.30	0.04	0.21	0.34	0.19	0.10	0.16	0.12	0.09	0.48
	Maximum	5.25	2.58	5.78	3.81	4.85	3.94	2.18	4.01	4.56	4.07	1.69	2.46	3.67
	Mean	1.78	1.23	2.51	1.73	1.24	1.66	1.03	0.99	0.98	0.98	0.62	0.72	1.98
	Median	1.28	0.52	2.02	1.62	0.74	0.86	0.98	0.77	0.70	0.71	0.45	0.49	1.68
	Std. Dev.	1.61	0.98	1.82	1.16	1.13	1.42	0.64	0.89	0.93	0.87	0.43	0.64	1.14
	CV	0.90	0.80	0.72	0.67	0.91	0.86	0.62	0.90	0.95	0.90	0.69	0.89	0.58

#### MINING ASSOCIATES 2014 RESOURCE ESTIMATE

The global resource reported in 2014 at various cut off is presented in Table 5, at the higher cut off for all material of 3 g/t Au there is an Indicated resource of 1,120,000 tonnes at 8.17 g/t Au for 294,000oz and an Inferred resource of 1,300,000 tonnes at 10.6 g/t Au for 445,000 ounces of Au.

Table 11 - Tuvatu Resource Reported at Various Cut-offs

Cut-Off	-Off Indicated		Inferred			
g/t	material (t)	Au (g/t)	Au (oz)	material (t)	Au (g/t)	Au (oz)
1.0	1,933,000	5.52	342,900	2,569,000	6.4	524,500
2.0	1,442,000	6.90	319,700	1,903,000	8.1	492,900
3.0	1,120,000	8.17	294,000	1,300,000	10.6	445,000
5.0	689,000	10.80	239,300	793,000	15.0	382,100

The reporting of tonnages and grade figures reflects the relative uncertainty of the estimate, and rounding to the appropriately significant figures have been reported, some discrepancy in the addition of rounded figures may occur.

# **BULK DENSITY**

For use in the 2014 resource estimate, a total of 1955 bulk density measurements were reported from drill hole core at Tuvatu, with an average reported bulk density of 2.61 t/m3. The statistical average of the bulk density measurements is assigned to all lithologies for this mineral resource estimate. This is lighter than the bulk density used in the 1998 NI43-101 (A-Izzeddin 1998) of 2.83 t/m3 based on 171 samples.

To date, a total of 2666 bulk density samples have now been collected by Lion One.

Bulk density data is stored in the drill hole database with a rock type code associated with each reading, the majority of material is logged as either monzonite ("MZ") or medium grained monzonite ("MMZ") each reporting average densities of 2.61 t/m3 and 2.62 t/m3 respectively. Mineralised samples are likely to be from vein breccia ("VBX") or unaltered veins ("UV") with a density of 2.58 t/m3 and 2.50 t/m3 respectively.

#### MINING STUDY

The Mining Study release in 2015 considered Indicated and Inferred Mineral Resources. There are no Measured Mineral Resources. Inferred Mineral Resources comprise 55% of the projected mined tonnes and 63% of the projected contained ounces in the mine plan developed in the Study. The Study is based on a metal price of US\$1,200/oz gold. Due to the high amount of Inferred Mineral Resources in the mine plan and the preliminary nature of the Study, no Mineral Reserves are reported.

# Geotechnical

The geotechnical study involved data processing from 21 resource drill-holes followed by an empirical analysis for underground designs.

No site visit was undertaken by the geotechnical engineer prior to the mining study, and no dedicated geotechnical holes had been drilled. Subsequent to the original study, independent geotechnical and mining engineers have visited site.

Anticipated ground conditions can be described as "fair" to "very good". The majority of ground can be characterized as "good".

Very limited information is available on hydrogeology. The rock mass itself, particularly in the fresh rock exposed in the Upper Ridge zone, is impermeable and dry. Significant water inflows are reported from a major fault, the CSF, located on the northern end of the mineralization.

The standard stoping panel size is based on a 60 m level interval and 60 m strike length. Sill pillars between the stope panels should be at least 6 m high.

Details of the mining study are in the report on SEDAR.

# **Underground**

Although both handheld and mechanised mining methods have been reviewed, the 2015 mining study focussed on handheld mining methods in an effort to decrease mine dilution and taking into account the experienced handheld mining workforce available in Fiji.

The 2015 study assumed the following:

Mine access will be via a main decline located in the footwall, with a gradient of 1:7 and dimensions of 4.5 mW x 4.5 mH. Access to the mineralization will be made from two declines from surface and internal declines. Two ventilation raises to surface are included.

Level access drives are designed at 4.0 mW x 4.0 mH and draw-points at 3.5 mW x 4.0 mH. These dimensions enable use of medium-sized loaders for improved productivity (width) and truck loading close to the stoping area.

The primary planned mining method is shrinkage stoping (air-leg method) with limited breast stoping (air-leg method) for flat dipping lodes.

Shrinkage stoping is a manual overhand method that relies on broken mined material being left in the stope to provide a 'working floor' and support the stope walls. Man and material access into the stope is from predeveloped raises. Production drilling is performed using air-legs (jack-legs). Mineral extraction is from crosscuts driven at closely spaced intervals into the bottom of the stope. During the mining cycle only 30% to 35% of the blasted material is extracted, equivalent to the broken swell factor. When mining to the top horizon is completed, the remaining material is extracted.

Breast mining is a method suitable for shallow-dipping orebodies of uniform narrow width and larger horizontal extent, usually represented in conglomerate gold reefs such as those mined in South Africa. This method is also used in flatter-lying lodes at the nearby Vatukoula mine. Material is extracted via a number of panels mined along strike from an initial raise line position, with drilling being accomplished using handheld rock drills. The blasted material is mucked using scrapers to slusher gullies and eventually to a muck-bay, from where it is loaded onto trucks and hauled out of the mine.

Subsequent inhouse and external mining studies have been undertaken since the 2015 report, taking into account new technologies, variation in costs, mining methods, and gold prices.

The conceptual underground mineralization mining schedule is shown in Table 12. Indicated Mineral Resources comprise 45% of the material based on tonnes, and 37% of the material based on gold ounces.

Table 12 - Conceptual mining schedule

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			Year							
Item	Unit	-1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Underground										
Indicated										
Tonnes	kt	16.3	68.9	65.7	61.9	75.6	111.2	93.6	12.4	505.6
Grade	g/t Au	7.31	13.60	12.99	9.15	8.01	7.04	7.31	6.18	9.15
Contained ounces	koz	3.9	31.5	28.5	18.7	19.8	25.4	22.4	2.5	152.7
Inferred										
Tonnes	kt	5.7	71.6	106.3	136.4	121.3	85.8	73.5	19.2	619.9
Grade	g/t Au	6.53	18.05	17.96	16.60	8.70	7.07	7.39	7.33	12.66
Contained ounces	koz	1.3	42.4	62.8	73.3	34.4	19.6	17.9	4.5	256.3
Indicated and Inferred										
Tonnes	kt	22.0	140.5	172.0	198.3	196.8	197.0	167.2	31.7	1,125.5
Grade	g/t Au	7.38	16.36	16.49	14.44	8.57	7.11	7.49	6.87	11.30
Contained ounces	koz	5.2	73.9	91.2	92.1	54.3	45.0	40.3	7.0	409.0

The tonnage/grade estimates that comprise the conceptual production schedule do not represent estimates of Mineral Reserves. Values may not compute exactly due to rounding.

#### MINERAL PROCESSING AND METALLURGICAL TESTING

At the time of the 2015 mining study, a total of nine metallurgical testwork campaigns have been undertaken on variability samples, composites and bulk samples from the Tuvatu mineralized lodes. The mineralogy indicates a bimodal distribution of the gold particles and due to the variability in the test work results; gold recovery would potentially be more efficient by adopting a flowsheet with a combination of gravity, flotation and leaching. Comminution characteristics suggest that the mineralized material is relatively competent, requiring comparatively more crushing and ball milling energy to effect the size reduction required.

The gold recovery is based on variability results from samples with >3g/t Au head grade, in an effort to be representative of the resource and potential mill feed grades. This approach was found to be conservative; as to include the lower grade material increased the overall recovery result. Due to only one test being undertaken on leaching the flotation tails, returning a recovery of 75.3%, the leach stage recovery from the gravity/leach variability tests, from two campaigns was used to predict the variable leach response in the flotation tails CIL circuit. This brought the recovery for the flotation tails CIL circuit to 56.9%.

A gold recovery balance was then undertaken using the Metcon Laboratories Pty. Ltd. gravity/flotation/concentrate leach variability results, in order to calculate the gold that would be potentially recovered with the selected process flowsheet. The median gold recovery using this approach was 86.8%, which was decreased by 0.5% to account for solution losses that will typically occur in the commercial plant. This PEA recovery value of 86.3% is calculated only from consideration of the variability leach results and assumes that the samples tested are moderately representative of the ore to be mined, but at this level of study, does not weight the results based on proposed mine plan.

The processing facility flowsheet has been selected based on the criteria defined by the mineralogical characteristics of the mineralized material and metallurgical testwork undertaken to date. The comminution facility is a conventional two-stage crushing and screening circuit, followed by two-stage grinding to achieve a target grind P80 of 75µm. The grinding circuit, which includes gravity recovery, then feeds flotation where a sulphide concentrate is produced and reground to 20µm prior to entering the Carbon-In-Leach ("CIL") circuit. Both the flotation tails and concentrate are leached, with the concentrate CIL tails recirculating to the feed of the flotation tails CIL circuit, the combined discharge being pumped to detoxification and tails deposition.

The process facility is designed with a nominal capacity of 219,000tpa for a nominal design rate of 600tpd based on an overall availability of 91% with a life of mine average feed grade of 11.3g/t Au. The plant is designed to operate 365 days/year, 24 hours/day. The crushing circuit is designed with a mechanical equipment availability of 75%, however it has been sized to process 1000tpd to accommodate any future expansion.

The proposed process plant will include the following unit operations:

- Primary Crushing A dump pocket, vibrating grizzly and jaw crusher in open circuit producing a final product of 80% passing 105 mm.
- Secondary Crushing A vibrating double deck screen and cone crusher operating in closed circuit.
- Primary Grinding A ball mill in open circuit producing a final product of 80% passing 1000μm.
- Secondary Grinding A ball mill in closed circuit with hydrocyclones producing a final product of 80% passing 75µm.
- Gravity Concentration Gravity concentration of cyclone underflow from the secondary milling circuit to produce a gold concentrate for tabling, followed by direct smelt.
- Flotation Sulphide flotation of the hydrocyclone overflow to produce a gold concentrate for regrinding.
- Regrinding A regrind mill fed by open circuit hydrocyclones producing a final product of 80% passing 20µm.
- Thickening Both the flotation tails and concentrate are thickened to 50% solids prior to regrinding and leaching.
- Carbon-in-leach ("CIL") Gold leaching of the flotation tails and reground concentrate through the two CIL circuits, where absorption of solution gold onto carbon particles occurs. Leaching is facilitated by oxygen and air.
- Cyanide Detoxification Detoxification of cyanide slurry via the SO2/Air process with addition of copper sulphate, to produce tailings with a target of <1ppm CNWAD (Weak Acid Dissociable) and disposal of detoxified tailings in the conventional tailings storage facility.
- Absorption, Desorption, and Refining (ADR) The absorption occurs in the CIL circuit, acid wash of
  carbon to remove inorganic contaminants, elution of carbon to produce a gold rich solution for
  electrowinning (sludge production), filtration, drying, and smelting to produce gold doré, and thermal
  regeneration of stripped carbon to remove organic contaminants.

At the preliminary level of this study, test work results, industry data and assumptions have been used to make reasonable estimates for equipment sizing. These inputs will be reviewed in the next phase of engineering. The design criteria include the calculations or information basis for each piece of major equipment.

Process plant tailings will be pumped to a tailings storage facility ("TSF"). Geochemical testing of the tailings has not yet been undertaken, but on review of the data available, it has been predicted by Knight Piesold that the tailings will likely be potentially acid generating ("PAG"), however there is no information pertaining to the neutralization potential ("NP") of the mineralized material, so for this study, storage of the tailings in a subaqueous facility is proposed to prevent oxidation of the solids

Subsequent additional metallurgical studies have been undertaken since the 2015 report, taking into account new technologies, variation of grind sizes, and changes in operating and capital costs.

# Processing and G&A

The process operating cost or expenditure ("OPEX") of the project has been estimated based on the scope defined in this report and is based on a variety of sources including cost service data, vendor quotes, first principle calculations, metallurgical testwork and reference projects.

Plant operating costs have been determined at \$43.8/t milled, for a facility with a nominal throughput of 219,000tpa at a grind size of 80% passing 75  $\mu$ m, based on a 24 hour per day operation, 365 days per year and a 91% overall plant availability.

The G&A costs include provisions for office administration, potable water supply and treatment, non- process related and off-site power costs, insurance, HSEC equipment and related stakeholder engagement costs, contracts for IT, site security, bussing, off-site road maintenance, running costs associated with the site mobile equipment fleet, site fuel costs, PPE supplies and laboratory consumables. Costs associated with business travel and training have been allowed, as well as for ongoing use of consultants.

The G&A costs for the supporting facilities and administration are estimated to be \$13.75/t milled. These costs are assumed to consist of both fixed and partially variable, changing to reflect the plant operations.

Table 13 - Process and G&A OPEX Summary

Description	\$/year	\$/t (milled)
Labour	415,257	1.9
Power	2,666,880	12.18
Consumables - subtotal	5,001,263	22.84
Reagents	4,561,989	20.83
Liners	323,867	1.48
Media	115,408	0.53
Maintenance	1,021,576	4.66
Miscellaneous (e.g. Laboratory)	493,718	2.25
Total Process Operating Cost	9,598,696	43.83
G&A Labour	351,409	1.6
G&A Expenses	2,659,616	12.14
Total G&A Operating Cost	3,011,025	13.75
Total Operating Cost	12,609,721	\$57.58

#### **ECONOMIC ANALYSIS**

A discounted cash flow model was prepared based on the mining schedule and estimated capital and operating costs. The early mine operating costs (pre-production) are capitalised. The current mining schedule results in a period of low production towards the end of the current mine life from the shrink stoping areas. This results in disproportionately high operating costs for this period. Low grade stockpiles are not accounted for in this study and will be used to supplement throughput towards the end of the mine life (as currently defined) and will improve the project returns.

At a gold price of US\$1,200 per ounce, the project is estimated to have a before-tax IRR of 67.1% and a payback period of 1.25 years after start of production. At a discount rate of 5%, the before-tax NPV is estimated at C\$116.99 million.

A sensitivity analysis on the financials indicates that the project is most sensitive towards gold price, followed by the project capital cost.

As a result in the changes in gold price, operating and capital costs, the financial analysis created in 2015 and related to the proposed mining operation at the time is being reviewed.

**Table 14 - Project Production Summary** 

	Basis of Estimate		
Total ore mined and processed	1,125,548	t (dry)	
Average head grade	11.30	g Au/t ore	
Contained gold in mined ore	408,958	oz Au	
Recovered gold	352,931	oz Au	
Average gold recovery	86.3	%	
Production mine life	6.16	years	
Nominal production rate	219,000	t/y	
Average annual production	182,802	t/y	
	57,320	oz Au/y	

Table 15 - Project Cash Flow Summary

	Project US\$ Million	US\$/t ore*	US\$/oz Au**
Mine operating cost	86.11	76.50	243.98
Processing cost	49.33	43.83	139.78
Exploration costs	1.73	1.53	4.89
General and Administration cost	21.94	19.49	62.16
Smelting and Refining cost	0.85	0.75	2.40
Subtotal Cash Operating Cost	159.95	142.11	453.21
Royalties and Export Taxes	40.23	35.75	114.00
Total Cash Operating Cost	200.19	177.86	567.21
Revenue	423.52	376.28	1,200.00
Total Cash Cost	200.19	177.86	567.21
Operating Cash Flow (EBITDA)	223.33	198.42	632.79

**Table 16 - Project Financial Measures Summary** 

Basis of Estimate		
Revenue from gold (based on US\$1,200/oz)	423.52	US\$ M
Total cash cost excluding royalties	453.21	US\$ / oz Au
Total cash cost (including royalties)	114.00	US\$ / oz Au
All-in cost	778.60	US\$ / oz Au
Capital expenditure (Life-of-Mine)	74.60	US\$ M
Initial capital investment (excl working capital)	48.60	US\$ M
Peak funding	55.83	US\$ M
Deferred and sustaining capital	25.10	US\$ M
Closure Cost	0.90	US\$M
Pre-Tax Economics		
Free cash flow after cost allocation (undiscounted)	148.73	US\$ M
Internal rate of return (IRR)	67.1	%
Project NPV (discounted at 5.0%)	116.99	US\$ M
Payback period	1.50	years
After-Tax Economics		
Free cash flow after cost allocation (undiscounted)	112.54	US\$ M
Internal rate of return (IRR)	52.3	%
Project NPV (discounted at 5.0%)	86.54	US\$ M
Payback period	1.50	years

<sup>\*</sup> Basis is LOM tonnes
\*\* Basis is recovered not contained ounce

#### EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT

The Company has completed dewatering of the existing exploration decline for the full extent of the completed underground development. Lion One has maintained a dewatering program for the underground. At the same time, the crew have been carrying out an ongoing program of refurbishment of the underground workings, adding rock bolts where necessary and steel reinforcements in and around the Core Shed Fault. Additional sampling and mapping of the underground has also been carried out.

Geological mapping and sampling is ongoing. With the granting and completion of an access agreement on the Navilawa tenement, a comprehensive exploration program is commencing on the entire tenement package. A review of the entire tenement portfolio, has resulted in an updated exploration model of formation of the alkaline gold deposits at Tuvatu.

Lion One now controls the entire Navilawa caldera, a 7 km diameter alkaline gold system of which the Company's Tuvatu high-grade gold deposit is a small part. The style of gold mineralization at Navilawa is remarkably similar to that seen in several large alkaline gold deposits. The main pulse of gold deposition occurred late within the overall volcanic and hydrothermal system, a common characteristic of most alkaline deposits. Virtually all significant gold intervals examined in core exhibit narrow dark grey silica-adularia veinlets, occasionally with fine specks of native gold. Their dark gray color comes from fine pyrite or other minerals, perhaps tellurides, scattered throughout the silica-adularia alteration zone. Dark green roscoelite often occurs along their margin. Late, white to tan carbonate minerals are sometimes present, usually filling voids within veinlets. Very subtle K-feldspar alteration appears to penetrate surrounding wallrock over a few millimeters to centimeters. Traces of disseminated pyrite are sometimes present in wallrock alteration. Veinlets at Tuvatu show strikingly similar style and mineralogy to veins at the Porgera and Lihir deposits in Papua New Guinea.

To better understand the extent and distribution of gold mineralization within the caldera, initial exploration work includes specialized stream sediment sampling using a variation of the technique called bulk leach extractable gold ("BLEG") over the entire concession area. Navilawa is an idyllic place for BLEG sampling given that gold predominantly occurs as fine grains within small fractures that, when weathered, should yield appreciable fine gold (Au) that generates a strong analytic response.

A detailed controlled-source audio-frequency magnetotellurics ("CSAMT") program has been fully planned for the central part of the Navilawa caldera including areas around Lion One's Tuvatu mine. CSAMT is an important targeting tool successfully utilized in other alkaline systems such as at Cripple Creek, Colorado, where it is used to identify mineralized structural zones to depths of up to around 800m. Lion One has planned an array of twelve (12) receiving lines totaling 22.5 km and two transmitting lines to be undertaken by Zonge International, Australia, to help identify potentially mineralized structures within a 7-km long north-south corridor centered around the Tuvatu mine. Numerous high-grade surface samples have been collected from various prospects along this corridor, and CSAMT should provide the first picture of the underlying structural controls giving rise to this mineralization and help generate drill targets. Diamond drilling will continue during 2019.

Surface civil works are being carried out by Lion One Limited staff in Fiji, with the help of several domestic contractors. Due to the steeply incised nature of the topography, platforms are required to be developed to contain the main surface infrastructure, including the process plant, offices, workshop, power plant, and ore stockpile. The development of the main decline will be undertaken using experienced miners within Fiji.

In January 2019, the Company announced the purchase of the drilling assets of Nadi-based drilling company Geodrill. The Geodrill asset package includes one surface diamond drill rig capable of drilling up to 800 meters in HQ sized (63.5mm diameter) drill core, and one underground diamond drill rig capable of drilling in excess of 100 meters in NQ sized (47.6mm diameter) drill core. The package also included drilling rods, down-hole survey cameras, down-hole temperature monitors, a spare parts inventory, transport vehicles, and support trucks. The Company used this surface drill rig for the majority of the 28,000 meters of exploration and resource definition diamond drilling undertaken over the past five years as well as the majority of the PQ sized geotechnical drill holes completed for the tailings storage facility, new portal location for the underground development, and the process plant and surface infrastructure areas. The purchase of this equipment means that the company is able to carry out cost effecting drilling when required in Fiji.

In August 2019, Company announced the completion of its new Geochemical Assay and Metallurgical Laboratory located at the Company's Fijian headquarters, 1km from the Nadi International Airport on the island of Viti Levu in Fiji. The new laboratory will commence the commissioning process prior to becoming fully operational with a process capacity of 400 samples per day.

The assay laboratory will service the Company's exploration and development activities at its 100% owned and fully permitted underground Tuvatu gold project and surrounding exploration tenements, 17km away, in the nearby Navilawa volcanic complex in the upper Sabeto Valley.

The laboratory will be equipped for gold analysis by fire assay with atomic absorption spectrometry (AAS) finish. Geochemical assaying for a large range of other elements will be tested through Inductively Coupled Plasma Optical Emission Spectrometry (ICP-OES). The facility will also be utilized to conduct metallurgical optimization test work including flotation and leaching. Fiji does not currently have any commercial laboratory facilities for geochemical and metallurgical analysis, so the Company plans to have the laboratory internationally certified for commercial operations in the near future.

#### **RISK FACTORS**

#### **OVERVIEW**

An investment in securities of Lion One is speculative and involves significant risks and uncertainties which should be carefully considered by prospective investors before purchasing such securities. The occurrence of any one or more of these risks and uncertainties could have a material adverse effect on the value of any investment in Lion One and the business, prospects, financial position or operating results of the Company. The risks noted below do not necessarily comprise all those faced by the Company. Each risk factor identified below should, unless specifically referring to one or more of the mineral projects of the Company, be considered in the context of each mineral project of the Company and the Company as a whole. In addition to the other information set forth elsewhere in this Annual Information Form, including, without limitation, the financial statements and notes, prospective investors should carefully review the following risk factors:

Resource exploration is a speculative business and involves a high degree of risk. There is a significant probability that the expenditures made by the Company in the exploring its properties will not result in discoveries of commercial quantities of minerals. A high level of ongoing expenditures is required to locate and estimate ore reserves, which are the basis for further development of a property. Capital expenditures to attain commercial production stage are also very substantial.

The following sets out the principal risks faced by the Company:

# Lion One is subject to government regulation.

The Company's mineral exploration is, and any development activities will be, subject to various laws governing exploration, development, production, taxes, labour standards and occupational health, mine safety, environmental protection, toxic substances, land use, water use and other matters. Failure to comply with applicable laws and regulations may result in civil or criminal fines or penalties or enforcement actions, including orders issued by regulatory authorities curtailing the Company's operations or requiring corrective measures, any of which could result in the Company incurring substantial expenditures. No assurance can be given that new rules and regulations will not be enacted or that existing rules and regulations will not be applied in a manner which could limit or curtail exploration or development. The Company continues to work in conjunction with the Government of Fiji and its regulatory departments to ensure compliance and proactive measures are taken wherever possible. The management of Lion One has experience working in the countries where the Company holds tenements and will work to be proactive in the face of any increased legal or political uncertainty.

### The Company is subject to regulatory risks.

Exploration and development activities and mining operations are subject to laws and regulations governing health and worker safety, employment standards, environmental matters, mine development, prospecting, project development, mineral production, permitting and maintenance of title, exports, taxes, labour standards, reclamation obligations, heritage and historic matters and other matters. It is possible that future changes in applicable laws, regulations, agreements or changes in their enforcement or regulatory interpretation could result in changes in legal requirements or in the terms of permits and agreements applicable to the Company or its properties which could have a material adverse impact on the Company's current exploration program and future development projects. Where required, obtaining necessary permits and licenses can be a complex, time consuming process and there can be no assurance that required permits will be obtainable on acceptable terms, in a timely manner or at all. The costs and delays associated with obtaining permits and complying with these permits and applicable laws and regulations could stop or materially delay or restrict the Company from proceeding with the development of an exploration project or the operation or further development of a mine. Any failure to comply with applicable laws and regulations or permits, even if inadvertent, could result in interruption or closure of exploration, development or mining operations or fines, penalties or other liabilities.

# Lion One will require various permits to enable it to conduct its current and anticipated future operations.

The Company's current and anticipated future operations, including further exploration and development activities and the commencement of production from the Company's portfolio of exploration and evaluation assets in Fiji and Australia require the granting of the necessary permits from various federal and local authorities. The granting, continuing validity and enforcement of the terms of such concessions and permits are, as a practical matter, often subject to the discretion of the applicable governments or government officials. There can be no assurance that all concession and permits that the Company requires will be obtainable on reasonable terms, or at all, or will continue to be valid. Further, delays or failure to obtain such concession and permits, the withdrawal, expiry or non-renewal of existing concessions and permits, or failure to comply with the terms of such concessions and permits could have a material adverse impact on the Company.

The Company's 3 special prospecting licenses and one special mining lease in Fiji have been granted by the Fijian government. The Company has complied with all requests from the MRD and associated governmental organizations. The Company works with its Fijian stakeholders on an on-going basis to ensure the successful grant of all required permits. Changes in government personnel can cause procedural delays and additional requests.

# There is no assurance that the Company's title to its mineral properties will not be challenged.

The acquisition of title to mineral properties is a very detailed and time consuming process. Title to and the area of mineral properties may be disputed. While the Company has diligently investigated title to its mineral properties and has received a title opinion with respect to the Tuvatu Gold Project, this should not be construed as a guarantee of title to any of the Company's mineral properties. The Company's mineral properties may be subject to prior unregistered agreements or transfers and title may be affected by undetected defects. The Company has not surveyed the boundaries of all of its mineral properties and consequently the boundaries of the properties may be disputed. The Company's mineral properties may also be subject to prior unregistered agreements of transfer or aboriginal land claims, and title may be affected by undetected defects.

## Mining operations involve a high degree of operational risk.

Lion One's operations will be subject to all the hazards and risks normally encountered in the exploration, development and production of gold, iron ore and uranium, including, without limitation, unusual and unexpected geologic formations, seismic activity, rock bursts, pit wall failures, cave ins, flooding and other conditions involved in the drilling and removal of material, any of which could result in damage to, or destruction of, mines and other facilities, damage to life or property, environmental damage and legal liability. Milling operations are subject to various hazards, including, without limitation, equipment failure and failure of retaining dams around tailings disposal areas, which may result in environmental pollution and legal liability.

### The Company is subject to a number of inherent exploration, development and operating risks.

Lion One is a development stage Company engaged in mineral exploration and development. Mineral exploration and development is highly speculative in nature and involves many risks and is frequently not economically successful. Increasing mineral resources or mineral reserves depends on a number of factors including, among others, the quality of a Company's management and their geological and technical expertise and the quality of land available for exploration.

Once mineralization is discovered it may take several years of additional exploration and development until production is possible during which time the economic feasibility of production may change. Substantial expenditures are required to establish proven and probable reserves through drilling or drifting, to determine the optimal metallurgical process and to finance and construct mining and processing facilities. At each stage of exploration, development, construction and mine operation various permits and authorizations are required. Applications for many permits require significant amounts of management time and the expenditure of substantial amounts for engineering, legal, environmental, social and other activities. At each stage of a project's life delays may be encountered because of permitting difficulties. Such delays add to the overall cost of a project and may reduce its economic viability. As a result of these uncertainties, there can be no assurance that a mineral exploration and development Company's programs will result in profitable commercial production.

Companies engaged in mining activities are subject to all of the hazards and risks inherent in exploring for and developing natural resource projects. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, environmental hazards, industrial accidents, labour disputes, increases in the cost of labour, social unrest, fires, changes in the regulatory environment, impact of non-compliance with laws and regulations, encountering unusual or unexpected geological formations or other geological or grade problems, unanticipated metallurgical characteristics or less than expected mineral recovery, encountering unanticipated ground or water conditions, cave ins, pit wall failures, flooding, rock bursts, periodic interruptions due to inclement or hazardous weather conditions, earthquakes, seismicity, natural disasters and other acts of God or unfavourable operating conditions and losses. Should any of these risks or hazards affect a Company's exploration, development or mining activities it may: cause the cost of development or production to increase to a point where it would no longer be economic to produce metal from the Company's mineral resources or expected reserves; result in a write-down or write-off of the carrying value of one or more mineral projects; cause delays or stoppage of mining or processing; result in the destruction of mineral properties, processing facilities or third party facilities necessary to the Company's operations; cause personal injury or death and related legal liability; or result in the loss of insurance coverage — any or all of which could have a material adverse effect on the financial condition, results of operations or cash flows of the Company.

#### The Company's potential profitability is partly dependent upon factors beyond the Company's control.

As with other enterprises in the mining industry, the Company's mineral exploration and development related activities are subject to conditions beyond the Company's control that may impact upon the potential profitability of its mineral projects. For instance, world prices of and markets for minerals are unpredictable, highly volatile, potentially subject to governmental interference, currency pegging and/or controls and respond to changes in domestic, international, political, social and economic environments. Another factor is that a decline in the market price of metals including gold, iron ore and/or uranium could also have a material adverse impact on the ability of the Company to finance the exploration and development of its existing projects.

Profitability will also depend on the costs of operations, including costs of labour, equipment, electricity, environmental compliance, diesel prices, cost of sulphuric acid and other production inputs, the discovery and/or acquisition of additional mineral reserves and mineral resources, the successful conclusion of feasibility and other mining studies, access to adequate capital for project development and sustaining capital, design and construction of efficient mining and processing facilities within capital expenditure budgets, securing and maintaining title to concessions and other mining rights, obtaining permits, consents and approvals necessary for the conduct of exploration, development, construction and production, the ability to procure major equipment items and key consumables in a timely and cost-effective manner. Such costs will fluctuate in ways the Company cannot predict and are beyond the Company's control, and such fluctuations will impact on profitability and may eliminate profitability altogether. Additionally, due to worldwide political and economic

uncertainty, the availability and cost of funds for development and other costs have become increasingly difficult, if not impossible, to predict. These changes and events may materially affect the Company's financial performance.

# The Company has limited operating history and the Company is expected to continue to incur losses.

The Company has a limited operating history in the mineral exploration and development business and there can be no assurance that the Company will ever be profitable.

### The Company has no history of mineral production.

The Company currently has no advanced exploration projects other than the Tuvatu Gold Project. The Tuvatu Gold Project is an exploration project that has no operating history upon which to base estimates of future cash operating costs, future capital spending requirements or future site remediation costs or asset retirement obligations.

# The Company's properties, including the Tuvatu Gold Property, may not be brought into a state of commercial production.

Development of mineral properties involves a high degree of risk and few properties that are explored are ultimately developed into producing mines. The commercial viability of a mineral deposit is dependent upon a number of factors which are beyond the Company's control, including the attributes of the deposit, commodity prices, government policies and regulation and environmental protection. Fluctuations in the market prices of minerals may render resources and deposits containing relatively lower grades of mineralization uneconomic. There is no assurance that the Company's mineral exploration activities will result in the discovery of a body of commercial ore on any of its properties, including the Tuvatu Gold Property, and several years may pass between the discovery of a deposit and, if at all, its exploitation. Most exploration projects do not result in the discovery of commercially mineable mineralized deposits.

### Future Production Estimates Cannot be stated with Certainty.

Forecasts of future gold production are estimates based on interpretation and assumptions, and actual production may be less than estimated. The Company has prepared estimates of future production from the Tuvatu Gold Project. The Company's production forecasts are based on full production being achieved. The Company's ability to achieve and maintain its estimated full production rates at the Tuvatu Gold Project is subject to a number of risks and uncertainties. These production estimates are dependent on, among other things, the accuracy of Mineral Resource estimates, the accuracy of assumptions regarding ore grades and recovery rates, ground conditions, physical characteristics of ores, such as hardness and the presence or absence of particular metallurgical characteristics, and the accuracy of estimated rates and costs of mining and processing. The actual production may vary from our estimates for a variety of reasons, including, risks and hazards associated with mining; natural phenomena, such as inclement weather conditions, water availability, floods, and earthquakes; and unexpected labor shortages, strikes, local community opposition or blockades. The failure of the Company to achieve its estimated production at the Tuvatu Gold Project could have a material adverse effect on the Company's operations and financial condition.

# Costs and Costs Estimates Cannot be stated with Certainty.

We have prepared estimates of operating costs and capital costs in respect to the Tuvatu Gold Project. Our estimated costs are dependent on a number of factors, including the exchange rate between the United States dollar, the Canadian dollar and the Fijian dollar, smelting and refining charges, penalty elements in concentrates, royalties, the price of gold and by-product metals, the cost of inputs used in mining operations and events that impact estimated production levels.

However, despite our best efforts to budget and estimate such operating costs and capital costs, including any targeted cost reductions, as a result of the substantial expenditures involved in the development of mineral projects and the fluctuation of costs over time, development projects and operating mines are often prone to material cost overruns. Our actual costs may vary from estimates for a variety of reasons, including changing

waste-to-ore ratios, ore grade metallurgy, labour and other input costs, commodity prices, general inflationary pressures and currency exchange rates. Failure to achieve our estimated costs could have an adverse impact on Lion One's business, results of operations and financial condition.

# The Company's resource estimates are based on interpretations and assumptions and may yield less mineral production under actual conditions than is currently estimated.

Mineral resource estimates for development projects are, to a large extent, based on interpretations of geological data obtained from drill holes and other sampling techniques. There is significant uncertainty in any mineral resource estimate and the actual deposits encountered may differ materially from the Company's estimates. Mineral resources which are not mineral reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability.

Estimated mineral resources are periodically recalculated based on changes in prices of mineral products, changes in expected operating and capital costs and asset retirement obligations, further exploration or development activity or actual production experience. Such recalculations could materially and adversely affect estimates of the volume or grade of mineralization or other important factors which influence mineral resources.

The inclusion of mineral resource estimates should not be regarded as representation that these amounts can be economically exploited and no assurance can be given that such resource estimates will be converted into mineral reserves.

### The Company's properties contain no known mineral reserves.

All of the Company's properties are in the exploration stage, meaning that the Company has not determined whether such properties contain "mineral reserves". Only those mineral deposits that the Company can economically and legally extract or produce, based on a comprehensive evaluation of cost, grade, recovery and other factors, are considered mineral reserves. The resource estimates contained in the PEA are inferred and indicated resource estimates only and no assurance can be given that any particular level of recovery of gold or other minerals from mineralized material will in fact be realized or that an identified mineralized deposit will ever qualify as a commercially mineable (or viable) reserve. Further, the PEA is preliminary in nature, and actual capital costs, operating costs, production, economic returns and other estimates contained in studies or estimates prepared by or for the Company may differ from those described in the PEA, and there can be no assurance that actual costs will not be higher than anticipated. Substantial additional work, including mine design and mining schedules, metallurgical flow sheets and process plant designs, would be required in order to determine if any economic deposits exist on the Company's properties. Substantial expenditures would be required to establish mineral reserves through drilling and metallurgical and other testing techniques. The costs, timing and complexities of upgrading the mineralized material at the Tuvatu Gold Project to proven or probable reserves may be greater than the Company anticipates and may not be undertaken prior to development, if at all. Failure to discover economically recoverable reserves on a mineral property will require the Company to write-off the costs capitalized for that property in its financial statements. No assurance can be given that any level of recovery of any mineral resources will be realized or that any identified mineral deposit will ever qualify as a commercially mineable ore body that can be legally and economically exploited.

# Uncertainties and Risks Relating to the Technical Report.

There is no certainty that the Technical Report will be realized. While the Technical Report is based on the best information available to the Company, it cannot be certain that actual costs will not significantly exceed the estimated cost. While the Company incorporates what it believes is an appropriate contingency factor in cost estimates to account for this uncertainty, there can be no assurance that the contingency factor is adequate. Many factors are involved in the determination of the economic viability of a mineral deposit, including the achievement of satisfactory mineral reserve estimates, the level of estimated metallurgical recoveries, capital and operating cost estimates and estimates of future metal prices. Resource estimates are based on the assay results of many intervals from many drill holes and the interpolation of those results between holes and may also be materially affected by metallurgical, environmental, permitting, legal title, socio-economic factors, marketing, political and other factors.

## Currency fluctuations.

Fluctuations in currency exchange rates (principally the Australian dollar/CDN \$, the United States dollar/CDN\$ and Fijian dollar/CDN \$ exchange rates) may significantly impact the Company's exploration and development costs. The appreciation of the Argentinean peso and/or Australian dollar against the Canadian dollar would increase the cost of exploration and development of the Company's mineral properties located in Australia and Argentina which could have a material adverse effect on the financial condition of the Company. The appreciation of the Fijian dollar against the Canadian dollar would increase the cost of exploration and development of the Company's mineral properties (including the Tuvatu Gold Project) located in Fiji which could have a material adverse effect on the financial condition of the Company.

# Competition in the mining industry could adversely affect the Company's ability to acquire mineral claims, leases and other mineral interests.

There is aggressive competition within the mining industry for the discovery and acquisition of properties considered to have commercial potential. The Company will be competing with other mining companies, many of which have greater financial resources than it does, for the acquisition of mineral claims, leases and other mineral interests as well as for the recruitment and retention of qualified employees and other personnel. There can be no assurance that the necessary funds can be raised or that any projected work will be completed.

# The Company is subject to environmental risk and environmental regulations which may negatively affect exploration and development activities.

Mining operations have inherent risks and liabilities associated with the pollution of the environment and the disposal of waste produced as a result of mineral exploration and production. Open pit mining and ore processing is subject to risks and hazards, including discharge of toxic chemicals, breach of tailings dams, fire, flooding, rock falls and subsidence. The occurrence of these hazards can increase operational costs and result in liability to the Company. Such incidents may also result in a breach of the conditions of a mining lease or other consent or permit of a relevant regulatory regime, with consequent exposure to enforcement procedures, including the possible revocation of such leases, consents and permits. Environmental hazards may exist on the properties on which the Company holds interest which are unknown to the Company at present and which have been caused by previous or existing owners or operators of the properties.

The Company's current or future operations, including exploration, development and production activities, are subject to environmental regulations which may negatively affect their economic viability or prohibit them altogether. The Company is subject to potential risks and liabilities associated with pollution of the environment and the disposal of waste products which could occur as a result of mineral exploration, development and production.

To the extent that the Company is subject to environmental liabilities, the payment of such liabilities or the costs that it may incur to remedy environmental pollution would reduce the funds otherwise available to it and could have a material adverse effect on the financial condition, results of operations or cash flow results of the Company. If the Company is unable to fully remedy an environmental problem, it may be required to suspend operations or enter into interim compliance measures pending completion of the required remedy. The potential exposure may be significant and could have a material adverse effect on the financial condition, results of operations or cash flows of the Company. The Company has not purchased insurance for environmental risks (including potential liability for pollution or other hazards as a result of the disposal of waste products occurring from exploration and production) as it is not generally available at a reasonable price.

# The Company is subject to litigation risks and judgments obtained in Canadian courts may not be enforceable in foreign jurisdictions.

The Company may be subject to legal claims, with and without merit and the cost to defend and settle such legal claims can be substantial, regardless of the merit of the claim. Substantially all of the Company's assets are located outside of Canada. It may be difficult or impossible to enforce judgments obtained in Canadian courts predicated upon the civil liability provisions of the securities laws of the various Canadian provinces against the Company's assets located outside of Canada.

# The Company's insurance coverage may not cover all losses and liabilities and certain risks are uninsured or uninsurable.

The mining industry is subject to significant risks, including unexpected or unusual geological formations or operating conditions, rock bursts, cave ins, fires, floods, earthquakes and other environmental occurrences, and political and social instability, which could result in damage to, or destruction of, mineral properties or producing facilities, personal injury or death, environmental damage, delays in mining and monetary losses and possible legal liability. Accordingly, the Company may become subject to losses, liabilities, delays or damages against which it cannot insure or against which it may elect not to insure because insurance costs are too expensive relative to the perceived risk.

Of the risks which the Company may elect to insure, the liability could exceed the policy limits or otherwise determined to be excluded by the coverage. The impact of the potential cost associated with any liabilities in excess of the Company's insurance coverage or of any uninsured liabilities may have a material adverse effect on the financial condition, results of operations or cash flows of the Company. The Company has not purchased insurance for environmental risks (including potential liability for pollution or other hazards as a result of the disposal of waste products occurring from exploration and production) as it is not generally available at a reasonable price.

## The Company is reliant upon management and other key personnel and employees.

The Company is heavily reliant on the personal efforts, experience and expertise of its directors and senior officers. If any of these individuals should cease to be available to manage the affairs of the Company, its activities and operations could be adversely affected. Recruiting and retaining qualified personnel is critical to the Company's success. The number of persons skilled in acquisition, exploration and development of mining properties is limited and competition for such persons is intense. As the Company's business activity grows, the Company will require additional key financial, administrative and mining personnel as well as additional operations staff. Although the Company believes that it will be successful in attracting, training and retaining qualified personnel, there can be no assurance of such success. If the Company is not successful in attracting and training qualified personnel, the efficiency of its operations could be affected, which could have an adverse impact on the Company's future cash flows, earnings, results of operations and financial condition.

# The Company may not be able to raise additional financing if required to advance exploration properties.

As the Company's exploration efforts on the Tuvatu Gold Project proceed, additional funds may be required to continue exploration and to develop an economic ore body and place it into commercial production. Exploration and future development of these mineral properties may depend on the Company's ability to obtain adequate financing through the joint venturing of projects, debt financing, equity financing or by other means. There can be no assurance that the Company will be successful in obtaining the required financing. Failure to obtain such financing would result in delay or indefinite postponement of exploration and future development work on the Tuvatu Gold Project.

### Fluctuating Metals Prices.

The Company's revenues, if any, are expected to be in large part derived from the extraction and sale of gold and other metals or interests related thereto. The price of those commodities has fluctuated widely, particularly in recent years, and is affected by numerous factors beyond the Company's control including international, economic and political trends, expectations of inflation, currency exchange fluctuations, interest rates, global or regional consumptive patterns, speculative activities and increased production due to new extraction developments and improved extraction and production methods. The effect of these factors on the price of gold, and therefore the economic viability of any of the Company's exploration projects, cannot accurately be predicted.

# The Company's Common Shares may experience price volatility and the market price of the Common Shares cannot be assured.

There can be no assurance that an active market for the Common Shares will be sustained. Securities of mining companies have experienced substantial volatility in the past, often based on factors unrelated to the financial performance or prospects of the companies involved. These factors include macroeconomic developments in North America and globally, and market perceptions of the attractiveness of particular industries. The price of the securities of the Company is also likely to be significantly affected by short-term changes in commodity prices, other precious metal prices or other mineral prices, currency exchange fluctuation, the political environment in Fiji or Argentina, or in its financial condition or results of operations as reflected in its quarterly earnings reports.

Other factors unrelated to the performance of the Company that may have an effect on the price of the securities of the Company include the following: the extent of analyst coverage available to investors concerning the business of the Company may be limited if investment banks with research capabilities do not follow the Company's securities; lessening in trading volume and general market interest in the Company's securities may affect an investor's ability to trade significant numbers of securities of the Company; the size of the Company's public float may limit the ability of some institutions to invest in the Company's securities; and a substantial decline in the price of the securities of the Company that persists for a significant period of time could cause the Company's securities to be delisted from an exchange, further reducing market liquidity. If an active market for the securities of the Company does not continue, the liquidity of an investor's investment may be limited and the price of the securities of the Company may decline and investors may lose their entire investment in the Common Shares.

As a result of any of these factors, the market price of the securities of the Company at any given point in time may not accurately reflect the long-term value of the Company. Securities class-action litigation often has been brought against companies following periods of volatility in the market price of their securities. The Company may in the future be the target of similar litigation. Securities litigation could result in substantial costs and damages and divert management's attention and resources.

#### Conflicts of interest may arise between Lion One's directors and officers.

Certain of the directors and officers of Lion One also serve as directors and/or officers of other companies involved in natural resource exploration and development and consequently there exists the possibility for such directors and officers to be in a position of conflict.

## Any future acquisitions by the Company may not be successful or acceptable.

Lion One's business strategy includes continuing to seek new property and corporate acquisition, merger and joint venture opportunities. In pursuit of such opportunities, Lion One may fail to select appropriate acquisition candidates or negotiate acceptable arrangements, including arrangements to finance acquisitions or integrate the acquired businesses and their personnel into Lion One. Lion One cannot assure that it can complete any acquisition or business arrangement that it pursues, or is pursuing, on favourable terms, or that any acquisitions or business arrangements completed will ultimately benefit Lion One's business.

## Lion One does not have a dividend history or policy.

No dividends on the Common Shares have been paid by Lion One to date. Lion One anticipates that for the foreseeable future it will retain future earnings and other cash resources for the operation and development of its business. Payment of any future dividends will be at the discretion of Lion One's board of directors after taking into account many factors, including Lion One's operating results, financial condition and current and anticipated cash needs.

Further, Lion One conducts its major operations through subsidiaries. Lion One's ability to obtain dividends or other distributions from subsidiaries may be subject to restrictions on dividends or repatriation of earnings under applicable local law, monetary transfer restrictions and credit facilities. There can be no assurance that there will be no future restrictions on repatriation, the payment of dividends or other distributions from subsidiaries which are necessary to enable the Company to pay dividends in the future.

#### **DIVIDEND POLICY**

Lion One has not, since the date of its incorporation, declared or paid any dividends on its Common Shares and currently has no policy with respect to the payment of dividends. For the foreseeable future, Lion One anticipates that it will retain future earnings and other cash resources for the operation and development of its business. The payment of dividends in the future will depend on the earnings, if any, and Lion One's financial condition and such other factors as the directors of Lion One consider appropriate.

#### **DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STRUCTURE**

The Company is authorized to issue an unlimited number of common shares without par value of which, as of June 30, 2019 and as of the date of this report, 103,104,962 common shares are issued and outstanding. The common shares do not carry any pre-emptive, subscription, redemption, retraction, conversion or exchange rights, nor do they contain any sinking or purchase fund provisions.

The holders of Common Shares are entitled to receive notice of any meeting of Lion One shareholders and to attend and vote thereat. Each Common Share entitles its holder to one vote. The holders of Common Shares are entitled to receive on a *pro rata* basis such dividends as the board of directors of Lion One may declare out of funds legally available therefor. In the event of the dissolution, liquidation, winding-up or other distribution of the assets of Lion One, such holders are entitled to receive on a *pro rata* basis all of the assets of Lion One remaining after payment of all of Lion One's liabilities. The Common Shares carry no pre-emptive, conversion, redemption or retraction rights. The Common Shares carry no other special rights and restrictions other than as described herein.

Lion One is authorized to issue securities for quotation on the ASX in the form of CHESS Depository Instruments ("CDIs"). The Company's CDIs are listed and freely tradable on the ASX with each CDI representing a beneficial ownership interest in one common share of the Company and have materially the same rights as common shares of the Company. CDIs are issued as regulatory constraints do not allow for the listing and trading of common shares of foreign corporations on the ASX.

# **MARKET FOR SECURITIES**

The common shares of the Company are listed and posted for trading on the TSX-V under the symbol "LIO". As at June 30, 2019 a balance of 9,056,679 CDIs remain listed on the ASX under the symbol "LLO". Each CDI represents one common share of the Company.

Country	Symbol	Exchange/Market
Canada	LIO	TSX Venture Exchange
USA	LOMLF	OTCQX Market
Germany	LY1	Frankfurt Stock Exchange
Australia	LLO	Australia Securities Exchange

# TRADING PRICE AND VOLUME

The Company's common shares traded on the TSX-V (trading symbol "LIO") during fiscal year ended June 30, 2019. The table below presents the high and low trading range, closing prices, and monthly trading volumes on the TSX-V for the period from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019. All prices are in Canadian dollars.

Month	High	Low	Close (as at month end)	Trading Volume (Monthly)
July 2018	0.57	0.55	0.52	359,019
August 2018	0.52	0.47	0.51	343,658
September 2018	0.51	0.45	0.51	476,850
October 2018	0.50	0.45	0.45	532,913
November 2018	0.49	0.40	0.40	660,061
December 2018	0.45	0.41	0.415	511,928
January 2019	0.47	0.37	0.47	543,139
February 2019	0.50	0.46	0.50	304,632
March 2019	0.70	0.49	0.64	1,677,364
April 2019	0.75	0.61	0.71	2,135,466
May 2019	0.79	0.69	0.70	1,506,072
June 2019	0.75	0.66	0.70	2,723,351

The Common Shares are listed for trading on the ASX under the trading symbol "LLO". The table below presents the high and low trading range, closing prices, and monthly trading volumes for CDI's on the ASX for the period from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019. All prices are in Australian dollars.

Month	High	Low	Close (as at month end)	Trading Volume (Monthly)
July 2018	0.505	0.50	0.50	23,376
Aug 2018	0.46	0.44	0.44	14,052
Sept 2018	0.46	0.44	0.46	18,761
Oct 2018	0.48	0.48	0.48	2,857
Nov 2018	0.50	0.42	0.42	43,297
Dec 2018	0.42	0.38	0.38	66,692
Jan 2019	0.42	0.42	0.42	31,760
Feb 2019	0.51	0.45	0.51	23,148
Mar 2019	0.645	0.51	0.645	48,172
Apr 2019	0.785	0.66	0.785	56,848
May 2019	0.75	0.68	0.68	26,705
June 2019	0.78	0.70	0.78	351,161

#### **PRIOR SALES**

The only securities the Company has outstanding which are not listed or quoted on the market place are stock options granted under the Company's stock option plan. On March 1, 2019, the Company announced it has granted a total of 3,285,000 stock options exercisable at a price of \$0.75 and 100,000 stock options exercisable at a price of \$1.00 for a period of 5 years from the date of grant to various advisors, directors, officers, employees, and consultants.

# ESCROWED SECURITIES AND SECURITIES SUBJECT TO CONTRACTUAL RESTRICTION ON TRANSFER

As at June 30, 2019, the Company had no shares held in escrow. The following securities of the Company are subject to contractual restrictions on transfer as of June 30, 2019:

Designation of Class	Number of Securities Subject to Contractual Restriction on Transfer	Percentage of Class
Stock Options	7,800,000 (1)	100%

Contractual restrictions on transfer apply pursuant to the Company's stock option plan.

#### **DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS**

# NAME, OCCUPATION AND SECURITY HOLDINGS

The name, province, state of residence, position and principal occupation within the five preceding years for each of the directors and officers of the Company at the date of this report are set out in the following table.

Name, Province/State and Country of Residence, and Position with the Company	Principal Occupations During The Five Preceding Years <sup>(1)</sup>	Director or Officer Since
Walter H. Berukoff <sup>(3)</sup> West Vancouver, BC, Canada Chairman, CEO and Director	Merchant banker; President of Red Lion Management Ltd., a Vancouver-based merchant banking company	December 1, 1997
Stephen Mann <sup>(3)</sup> Perth, Western Australia, Australia <i>Director</i>	Managing Director of Avocet Resources Limited (formerly U3O8 Limited) in Perth, Australia, from 2006 to 2012	October 11, 2012
<b>Kevin Puil</b> (1)(2)(4) Vancouver, BC, Canada <i>Director</i>	Managing Partner at RIVI Capital LLC since 2014	September 30, 2013
Richard J. Meli (1)(2)(3)(4) New York, New York, USA Director	Independent businessman focused on mining industry	February 12, 2004
John F. Robinson (1)(2)(4) North Vancouver, BC, Canada <i>Director</i>	Former Tax Partner with PricewaterhouseCoopers.	April 11, 2017
Hamish Greig Vancouver, BC, Canada Vice-President, Corporate Secretary	VP and Corporate Secretary of Lion One Metals Limited since 2010	June 22, 2012
Tony Young Burnaby, BC, Canada Chief Financial Officer	Former Senior Manager with KPMG LLP and Director of Finance and Controller with various TSX listed gold mining companies.	November 10, 2017
Ian Chang  North Vancouver, BC, Canada  Chief Development  Officer  Member of the Company's Audit Co	Vice-President, Project Development for Pretium Resources Inc.	April 12, 2017

Member of the Company's Audit Committee

Each director elected will hold office until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company at which a director is elected, unless the director's office is vacated earlier in accordance with the Articles of the Company or the provisions of the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia).

<sup>(2)</sup> Member of the Company's Compensation Committee

Member of the Company's Corporate Governance Committee

Independent in accordance with the definition of 52-110

<sup>(5)</sup> The information as to principal occupation, business or employment and Common Shares beneficially owned or controlled has been provided by the respective directors and officers.

As of the date of this AIF, the directors and executive officers of the Company and its subsidiaries as a group beneficially owned or controlled or directed, directly or indirectly, or exercised control or direction over 22,138,727 common shares of the Company, representing 21.47% of the issued and outstanding common shares, and options to acquire 5,090,000 common shares. This total includes 20,897,609 common shares beneficially owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by Walter H. Berukoff, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, representing 20.27% of the issued and outstanding common share of the Company.

#### CEASE TRADE ORDERS, BANKRUPCIES, PENALTIES OR SANCTIONS

To the best of the Company's knowledge, other than as set forth below, no director or executive officer of the Company is, as at the date of this AIF, or was, within ten years before the date of this AIF, a director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer of any company (including the Company), that (a) was subject to a cease trade or similar order or an order that denied the relevant company access to any exemption under the securities legislation, for a period of more than 30 consecutive days, or (b) was subject to an order that was issued after the director or executive officer ceased to be a director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer and which resulted from an event that occurred while that person was acting in the capacity as director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer.

To the best of the Company's knowledge, other than as set forth below, no director or executive officer of the Company, or a shareholder holding a sufficient number of securities of the Company to affect materially the control of the Company (a) is, as at the date of the AIF, or has been within the 10 years before the date of this AIF, a director or executive officer of any company (including the Company) that, while that person was acting in that capacity, or within a year of that person ceasing to act in that capacity, became bankrupt, made a proposal under any legislation relating to bankruptcy or insolvency or was subject to or instituted any proceedings, arrangement or compromise with creditors or had a receiver, receiver manager or trustee a proposal under any legislation relating to bankruptcy or insolvency, or become subject to or instituted any proceedings, arrangement or compromise with creditors, or had a receiver, receiver manager or trustee appointed to hold the assets of the director, executive officer or shareholder, except as set out below.

#### PENALTIES OR SANCTIONS

To the best of the Company's knowledge, no director, or executive officer of the Company, or a shareholder holding a sufficient number of securities of the Company to affect materially the control of the Company, has been subject to (a) any penalties or sanctions imposed by a court relating to securities legislation or by a securities regulatory authority or has entered into a settlement agreement with a securities regulatory authority; or (b) any other penalties or sanctions imposed by a court or regulatory body that would likely be considered important to a reasonable investor in making an investment decision.

## CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

To the best of the Company's knowledge, except as otherwise noted in this AIF, there are no existing or potential conflicts of interest among the Company, its directors, officers, or other members of management of the Company except that certain of the directors, officers and other members of management serve as directors, officers and members of management of other public companies and therefore it is possible that a conflict may arise between their duties as a director, officer or member of management of such other companies and their duties as a director, officer or member of management of the Company.

The directors and officers of the Company are aware of the existence of laws governing accountability of directors and officers for corporate opportunity and requiring disclosure by directors of conflicts of interest and the Company will rely upon such laws in respect of any directors' or officers' conflicts of interest or in respect of any breaches of duty to any of its directors and officers. All such conflicts must be disclosed by such directors or officers in accordance with the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia).

#### LEGAL PROCEEDINGS AND REGULATORY ACTIONS

The Company or its subsidiaries is not a party, nor are any of the Company's properties subject to any pending legal proceedings the outcome of which would have a material adverse effect on the Company. Management has no knowledge of any material legal proceedings in which the Company may be a party which are contemplated by governmental authorities or otherwise.

#### INTEREST OF MANAGEMENT AND OTHERS IN MATERIAL TRANSACTIONS

The management of the Company is not aware of any material interest, direct or indirect, of any insider of the Company, or any Associate or Affiliate of any such Person, in any transaction during the Company's three last completed financial years, or during the current financial year, except as set out elsewhere in this AIF, that has materially affected or is reasonably expected to materially affect the Company.

# TRANSFER AGENT AND REGISTRAR

Lion One's registrar and transfer agent for its Common Shares is Computershare Trust Company of Canada at its principal offices in Vancouver, British Columbia.

#### **MATERIAL CONTRACTS**

On April 1, 2018, the Company entered into a Management and Corporate Services Agreement ("Services Agreement") with Cabrera Capital Corp. ("Cabrera"), a company controlled by a director of the Company. Under the Services Agreement, Cabrera agrees to provide a fully furnished and equipped business premises as well as management, business administration, shareholder services, securities administration, and corporate and general administration services to the Company for an initial period of five years from the date of the Services Agreement.

The Company has agreed to pay Cabrera a monthly fee equal to the actual out of pocket expenses incurred by Cabrera, its advisers, sub-agents and employees in connection with the provision of these services and any additional direct costs associated with providing these services. In addition, the Company has agreed to pay \$15,000 per month in rent for its office premises.

The Company can terminate the Services Agreement at any time by paying Cabrera a year's worth of fees based on the average monthly fee paid to Cabrera since April 1, 2018.

There are no other material contracts.

The Company did not enter into any contract during the most recently completed financial year, and has not entered into any contract before June 30, 2019 that is still in effect that may be considered material to the Company, other than the material contracts entered into in the ordinary course of business not required to be filed under National Instrument 51-102 Continuous Disclosure Obligations.

#### INTERESTS OF EXPERTS

The following are names of persons or companies (i) that have prepared a or certified a report, valuation statement or opinion described or included in a filing, or referred to in a filing made under NI 51-102 by the Company during, or relating to the Company's most recently completed financial year; and (ii) whose profession or business gives authority to the report, valuation statement or opinion made by the person or company:

- (a) Canenco Canada Inc. author of the "Tuvatu Gold Project Preliminary Economic Assessment" dated June 1st, 2015; and
- (b) Stephen Mann, Managing Director, member of The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy, is the Qualified Person ("QP") responsible for the Tuvatu Mine exploration and delineation programs.

Based on information provided by the experts, none of the experts named above, when or after they prepared the statement, report or valuation, has received or will receive any registered or beneficial interests, direct or indirect, in any securities or other property of the Company or of one of the Company's associates or affiliates (based on information provided to the Company by such experts). As at the date hereof, the aforementioned persons, and the directors, officers, employees and partners, as applicable, of each of the aforementioned companies and partnerships beneficially own, directly or indirectly, in total, less than one percent of the securities of the Company.

The auditors of the Company are Davidson & Company LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants, of Vancouver, British Columbia. Davidson & Company LLP, has advised the Company that it is independent within the meaning of the Code of Professional Conduct of the Chartered Professional Accountants of British Columbia.

Neither the aforementioned persons, nor any director, officer, employee or partner, as applicable, of the aforementioned companies or partnerships, is currently expected to be elected, appointed or employed as a director, officer or employee of the Company or of any associate or affiliate of the Company.

# **INFORMATION ON AUDIT COMMITTEE**

The Company is subject to National Instrument 52-110 *Audit Committees* ("NI 52-110"), which has been adopted by the Canadian Securities Administrators and which prescribes certain requirements in relation to audit committees. NI 52-110 requires the Company to disclose annually certain information concerning the constitution of its Audit Committee and its relationship with its independent auditors, which is set forth below.

#### AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER

The Company's Audit Committee is governed by an audit committee charter, the text of which is set out in Appendix "A" of this AIF.

#### COMPOSITION OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Company's Audit Committee is comprised of three directors: Richard J. Meli, Kevin Puil and John Robinson All members are considered independent members of the Audit Committee pursuant to the meaning of "independent" provided in NI 52-110, except for Stephen Mann, as he serves as Managing Director of the Company, and all members of the Audit Committee are considered financially literate as provided for in NI 52-110. Mr. Richard Meli acts as chair of the Audit Committee. The Company's board of directors is reviewing the composition of the Audit Committee and plans to identify and appoint a new director to serve on the Audit Committee.

#### RELEVANT EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

This section described the education and experience of the Company's Audit Committee members that is relevant to the performance of their responsibilities in that role.

#### Richard J. Meli

Mr. Meli earned a B.S. in Economics in 1969 and a M.S. in Accounting in 1971, both from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. Mr. Meli began his career with PricewaterhouseCoopers (former known as Price Waterhouse & Co.) in 1971, spending eight years in the firm's New York office, becoming a CPA and reaching the level of audit manager. Mr. Meli was President of La Mancha Resources Inc. from September, 2004 until May, 2006; President of Luzenac America, a subsidiary of Rio Tinto plc. from 1999 to 2001; Senior Executive Business Development of Rio Tinto plc from 1996 to 1999.

#### Kevin Puil

Mr. Puil holds a degree in Economics from the University of Victoria in British Columbia, and is a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA). He has held the positions of advisor and analyst with Goepel McDermid (now Raymond James), and was a partner and portfolio manager at Bolder Investment Partners (now Haywood Securities), both located in Vancouver, British Columbia. From 2008 to 2014 he was an analyst and portfolio manager at a natural resource fund in California. He is currently Managing Partner at RIVI Capital LLC in San Francisco.

#### John F. Robinson

Mr. Robinson's career as a CPA, CA includes over 23 years as a Tax Partner with PricewaterhouseCoopers in Vancouver, where he specialized in mergers and acquisitions and international tax planning with a focus on the natural resource sector. Mr. Robinson was the senior representative for the BC Region on the firm's National Quality and Risk Management Committee, providing operational oversight for PwC tax partners. He also served on PwC's Canadian Innovation Committee, focused on developing new business channels for the firm. Mr. Robinson continues to serve PwC clients in a consulting role and serves in a leadership position as CEO with a Vancouver-based financial institution, Truvera Trust Corporation. John earned his Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of British Columbia and spent many years teaching tax courses to Chartered Professional Accountants of BC students.

Specific to the mining resource sector, Mr. Robinson has led and assisted on a number of high profile acquisitions as well as being the lead service provider to a number of medium and large international mining companies. Outside of the mining sector, Mr. Robinson has directed numerous high profile initial public offerings for Canadian corporations and has also acted as lead acquisition strategist for various US corporations investing in Canada.

## AUDIT COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT

Since the commencement of the Company's most recently completed financial year ended June 30, 2019, the Company's board of directors has not failed to adopt a recommendation of the Audit Committee to nominate or compensate an external auditor.

#### RELIANCE ON CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS

Since the commencement of the Company's most recently completed financial year ended June 30,2019, the Company has not relied on the exemptions contained in Section 2.4 "De Minimis Non-Audit Services" or Section 8 "Exemptions" of NI 52-110. Section 2.4 provides an exemption from the requirement that the Audit Committee must pre-approve all non-audit services to be provided by the auditor, where the total amount of fees related to the non-audit services are not expected to exceed 5% of the total fees payable to the auditor in the fiscal year in which the non-audit services were provided. Section 8 permits a company to apply to a securities regulator authority for an exemption from the requirements of NI 52-110, in whole or in part.

The Company has not relied on and is not currently relying on anyof the exemptions to the requirement to have all audit committee members be independent (as contained in sections 2.4, 3.2, 3.3(2), 3.4, 3.5 and 3.6 of NI 52-110) or that all committee members be financially literate (as contained in section 3.8 of NI 52-110) or the exemption from NI 52-110, in whole or in part, granted under Part 8 of NI 52-110.

#### PRE-APPROVAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The Audit Committee has not adopted specific policies and procedures for the engagement of non-audit services. Subject to the requirements of NI 52-110, the engagement of non-audit services is considered by the Company's board of directors, and where applicable the Audit Committee, on a case-by-case basis.

#### EXTERNAL AUDIT SERVICE FEES

The fees paid by the Company to its auditor in each of the last two financial years, by category, are as follows:

Financial Year Ending	Audit Fees	Audit Related Fees	Tax Fees	All Other Fees
June 30, 2019	\$35,000 <sup>(1)</sup>	\$Nil	\$Nil	\$Nil
June 30, 2018	\$35,000	\$Nil	\$Nil	\$Nil

Accrued in the 2019 Fiscal Year.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information relating to the Company may be found on SEDAR at www.sedar.com. Additional information, including the remuneration and indebtedness of the directors and officers of the Company, principal holders of the Company's securities and securities authorized for issuance under equity compensation plans, compliance with securities law and corporate governance assessment will be contained in the Company's management information circular for its upcoming annual meeting of shareholders of the Company. Additional financial information is provided in the Company's consolidated financial statements and management discussion and analysis for the 2019 Fiscal Year.

When the securities of the Company are in the course of a distribution pursuant to a short form prospectus, or a preliminary short form prospectus has been filed in respect of a distribution of its securities, copies of the following documents may be obtained via SEDAR (www.sedar.com) or upon request from the Corporate Secretary of the Company, Lion One Metals Limited, 306 - 267 West Esplanade, North Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada V7M 1A5:

- (a) this AIF, together with one copy of any document, or the pertinent pages of any document, incorporated by reference in this AIF;
- (b) Lion One's comparative financial statements for its most recently completed financial year for which financial statements have been filed, together with the Company's report of the auditor and a copy of the most recent interim financial statements of the Company that have been filed, if any, for any period after the end of its most recently completed financial year;
- (c) Lion One's information circular in respect of its most recent annual meeting of shareholders; and
- (d) any other documents that are incorporated by reference into the preliminary short form prospectus or the short form prospectus that is not required to be provided under paragraphs (a), (b) or (c).

At any other time, copies of any other documents referred to in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) above may be obtained upon request from the Corporate Secretary of the Company. A person who is not a security holder of the Company may be required to pay a reasonable charge for such copies.

#### **APPENDIX A**

# **AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER**

National Instrument 52-110 (the "Instrument") relating to the composition and function of audit committees applies to every TSX Venture Exchange listed company, including the Company. The Instrument requires all affected issuers to have a written audit committee charter (the "Charter") which must be disclosed, as stipulated by Form 52-110 F2, in the management information circular of the Company wherein management solicits proxies from the security holders of the Company for the purpose of electing directors to the Board.

This Charter has been adopted by the Board in order to comply with the Instrument and to more properly define the role of the Audit Committee in the oversight of the financial reporting process of the Company. Nothing in this Charter is intended to restrict the ability of the Board or Audit Committee to alter or vary procedures in order to comply more fully with the Instrument, as amended from time to time.

#### 1.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of the Audit Committee (the "Committee") is to: a) assist the Board in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities with respect to financial reporting and disclosure requirements; b) ensure that an effective risk management and financial control framework has been implemented by management of the Company; and c) be responsible for external and internal processes.

#### 2.0 COMPOSITION AND MEMBERSHIP

The Board will appoint the members ("Members") of the Committee after the annual general meeting of shareholders of the Company. The Members will be appointed to hold office until the next annual general meeting of shareholders of the Company or until their successors are appointed. The Board may remove a Member at any time and may fill any vacancy occurring on the Committee. A Member may resign at any time and a Member will cease to be a Member upon ceasing to be a director. The Committee will consist of three directors that meet the criteria for independence and financial literacy established by applicable laws and the rules of the stock exchange upon which the Company's securities are listed, including Multilateral Instrument 52-110 Audit Committees. In addition, each director will be free of any relationship which could, in the view of the Board, reasonably interfere with the exercise of a member's independent judgment. The Board will appoint one of the Members to act as the Chairman of the Committee. The secretary of the Company (the "Secretary") will be the secretary of all meetings and will maintain minutes of all meetings and deliberations of the Committee. In the absence of the Secretary at any meeting, the Committee will appoint another person who may, but need not, be a Member to be the secretary of that meeting.

#### 3.0 MEETINGS

Meetings of the Committee will be held at such times and places as the Chairman may determine. Twenty-four (24) hours advance notice of each meeting will be given to each Member orally, by telephone, by facsimile or email, unless all Members are present and waive notice, or if those absent waive notice before or after a meeting. Members may attend all meetings either in person or by conference call. At the request of the external auditors of the Company, the Chief Executive Officer or the Chief Financial Officer of the Company, or any member of the Committee, the Chairman will convene a meeting of the Committee. Any such request will set out in reasonable detail the business proposed to be conducted at the meeting so requested. The Chairman, if present, will act as the Chairman of meetings of the Committee. If the Chairman is not present at a meeting of the Committee, then the Members present may select the acting Chairman of the meeting. A majority of Members will constitute a quorum for a meeting of the Committee. Each Member will have one vote and decisions of the Committee will be made by an affirmative vote of the majority. The Chairman will not have a deciding or casting vote in the case of an equality of votes. Powers of the Committee may also be exercised by written resolution signed by all Members. The Committee may invite

from time to time such persons as it sees fit to attend its meetings and to take part in the discussion and consideration of the affairs of the Committee. In advance of every regular meeting of the Committee, the Chairman, with the assistance of the Secretary, will prepare and distribute to the Members and others as deemed appropriate by the Chairman, an agenda of matters to be addressed at the meeting together with appropriate briefing materials. The Committee may require officers and employees of the Company to produce such information and reports as the Committee may deem appropriate in order to fulfill its duties.

#### 4.0 DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The duties and responsibilities of the Committee are as follows:

# 4.1 Financial Reporting and Disclosure

- a) Review and recommend to the Board for approval, the quarterly financial statements, management discussion and analysis, financial reports and any public release of financial information through press release or otherwise.
- b) Review and recommend to the Board for approval, the audited annual financial statements, including the auditors' report thereon, management discussion and analysis and financial reports.
- c) Review and recommend to the Board for approval, where appropriate, financial information contained in any prospectuses, annual information forms, material change disclosures of a financial nature and similar disclosure documents.
- d) Review with management of the Company and with external auditors significant accounting principles and disclosure issues and alternative treatments under Canadian generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") all with a view to gaining reasonable assurance that financial statements are accurate, complete and present fairly the Company's financial position and the results of its operations in accordance with Canadian GAAP.

### 4.2 Internal Controls and Audit

- a) Review and assess the adequacy and effectiveness of the Company's system of internal control and management information systems through discussions with management and the external auditors.
- b) Satisfy itself that adequate procedures are in place for the review of the Company's disclosure of financial information extracted or derived from the Company's financial statements.
- c) Periodically assess the adequacy of such systems and procedures to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements and recommendations.
- d) Review and discuss the Company's major financial risk exposures and the steps taken to monitor and control such exposures, including the use of any financial derivatives and hedging activities.
- e) Review annually insurance programs relating to the Company and its investments.

#### 4.3 External Audit

- a) Review the performance of the external auditors who are accountable to the Committee and the Board as representatives of the shareholders and recommend to the Board the external auditors to be nominated for the purpose of preparing or issuing an audit report.
- b) Oversee the work of the external auditors appointed by the shareholders of the Company with respect to preparing and issuing an audit report.
- c) Review the results of the external audit and the report thereon including, without limitation, a discussion with the external auditors as to the quality of accounting principles used, any alternative treatments of financial information that have been discussed with management of

the Company, the ramifications of their use as well as any other material changes.

- d) Review the reasons for any proposed change in the external auditors which is not initiated by the Committee or Board and any other significant issues related to the change, including the response of the incumbent auditors, and enquire as to the qualifications of the proposed auditors before making its recommendations to the Board.
- e) Review the independence of the external auditors, including a written report from the external auditors respecting their independence and consideration of applicable auditor independence standards.

# 4.4 Associated Responsibilities

Establish, monitor and periodically review a whistleblower policy and associated procedures for the receipt, retention and treatment of: a) complaints received by the Company regarding accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters; and b) the confidential, anonymous submission by directors, officers and employees of the Company of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters.

#### 4.5 Non-Audit Services

Pre-approve all non-audit services to be provided to the Company or any subsidiary entities by its external auditors. The Committee may delegate to one or more of its members the authority to pre-approve non-audit services but pre-approval by such member or members so delegated shall be presented to the full audit committee at its first scheduled meeting following such pre-approval.

## 4.6 Oversight Function

While the Committee has the responsibilities and powers set forth in this Charter, it is not the duty of the Committee to plan or conduct audits or to determine that the Company's financial statements are complete and accurate or are in accordance with GAAP and applicable rules and regulations. These are the responsibilities of Management and the external auditors. The Committee, the Chairman and any Members identified as having accounting or related financial expertise are members of the Board, appointed to the Committee to provide broad oversight of the financial, risk and control related activities of the Company, and are specifically not accountable or responsible for the day-to-day operation or performance of such activities. Although the designation of a Member as having accounting or related financial expertise for disclosure purposes is based on that individual's education and experience, which that individual will bring to bear in carrying out his or her duties on the Committee, such designation does not impose on such person any duties, obligations or liability that are greater than the duties, obligations and liability imposed on such person as a member of the Committee and Board in the absence of such designation. Rather, the role of a Member who is identified as having accounting or related financial expertise, like the role of all Members, is to oversee the process, not to certify or guarantee the internal or external audit of the Company's financial information or public disclosure.

# **5.0 REPORTING**

The Chairman will report to the Board at each Board meeting on the Committee's activities since the last Board meeting. The Secretary will circulate the minutes of each meeting of the Committee to the members of the Board.

### **6.0 ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND AUTHORITY**

The Committee will be granted unrestricted access to all information regarding the Company and all directors, officers and employees will be directed to cooperate as requested by members of the Committee. The Committee has the authority to retain, at the Company's expense, independent legal, financial and other advisors, consultants and experts, to assist the Committee in fulfilling its duties and responsibilities. The Committee also has the authority to communicate directly with internal and external auditors.

# 7.0 REVIEW OF CHARTER

The Committee will review and assess, on an annual basis, the adequacy of this Charter and recommend any proposed changes to the Board for approval.