# **POWER NICKEL INC.**

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS THREE AND SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2023 (EXPRESSED IN CANADIAN DOLLARS) (UNAUDITED)

## **NOTICE TO READER**

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements of the Company have been prepared by and are the responsibility of management. The unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements have not been reviewed by the Company's auditors.

Condensed Consolidated Interim Statements of Financial Position (Expressed in Canadian Dollars)

(Unaudited)

As at,		June 30, 2023	December 31, 2022
ASSETS			
Current			
Cash	\$	1,149,990	\$ 1,275,104
Amounts receivable	Ψ	369,609	268,879
Prepaid expenses		449,607	407,443
Total current assets		1,969,206	1,951,426
Non-current assets			
Equipment (note 3)		7,667	9,019
Total assets	\$	1,976,873	\$ 1,960,445
LIABILITIES			
Current			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (notes 10 and 12)	\$	1,253,069	\$ 1,331,063
Due to related parties (note 10)		91,925	181,003
Flow-through liability (note 12)		1,636,353	1,198,392
Advances from shareholders (note 10)		7,000	7,000
Total current liabilities		2,988,347	2,717,458
Other liabilities (note 5)		55,464	55,464
Total liabilities		3,043,811	2,772,922
SHAREHOLDERS' DEFICIENCY			
Issued capital (note 6)		73,016,670	70,990,710
Contributed surplus (note 7)		2,654,135	1,974,028
Warrants (note 8)		2,605,290	2,212,080
Deficit	(	(79,343,033)	(75,989,295)
Total shareholders' deficiency	,	(1,066,938)	(812,477)
Total liabilities and shareholders' deficiency	\$		\$ 1,960,445

Nature of operations and going concern (note 1) Commitments and contingencies (notes 4 and 12) Subsequent events (note 13)

**Condensed Consolidated Interim Statements of Loss and Comprehensive Loss (Expressed in Canadian Dollars)** 

(Unaudited)

	Three months ended					Six months ended			
		June 30,				Jur	ie 3	•	
		2023		2022		2023		2022	
Operating expenses									
Operating expenses Administration fees (note 10)	\$	62,255	\$	93,755	\$	175,000	\$	181,255	
Amortization (note 3)	Ψ	676	Ψ	95,755	Ψ	1,352	Ψ	1,932	
						•		68,463	
Accretion, bank and interest (income) fees		(4,133)		35,499		(2,476)		•	
Exploration expenditures (note 4)		837,353		56,864		2,184,462		181,009	
Foreign exchange loss (gain)		27,337		(59,638)		161,586		(15,437)	
Investor relations		895,913		246,788		1,555,898		600,661	
Office and miscellaneous		12,858		17,231		22,848		29,366	
Professional fees (note 10)		90,761		52,746		139,654		84,183	
Share-based payments (note 7)		824,310		-		880,355		171,871	
Transfer and regulatory		20,333		45,326		32,176		55,619	
Travel, promotion and mining shows		43,046		73,687		54,495		80,047	
Total expenses before other items		(2,810,709)		(563,224)		(5,205,350)		(1,438,969)	
Other items									
Flow-through liability amortization		274,901		14,250		923,164		45,750	
Net loss and comprehensive loss for the period	\$	(2,535,808)	\$	(548,974)	\$	(4,282,186)	\$	(1,393,219)	
Net loss and comprehensive loss per share									
- basic and diluted (note 9)	\$	0.02	\$	0.01	\$	0.03	\$	0.02	
Weighted average number of common shares out		_							
- basic and diluted (note 9)	1	128,001,775		88,988,776	1	124,115,311		84,228,522	

**Condensed Consolidated Interim Statements of Cash Flows** (Expressed in Canadian Dollars)

(Unaudited)

	Six months ended June 30,		
	2023	2022	
Operating activities			
Loss for the period	\$ (4,282,186)	\$ (1,393,219)	
Items not affecting cash:			
Accrued interest and accretion	-	66,560	
Amortization	1,352	1,932	
Share-based payments	880,355	171,871	
Flow-through liability amortization	(923,164)	(45,750)	
Changes in non-cash working capital items:			
Amounts receivable	(100,730)	62,249	
Prepaid expenses	(42,164)	(122,834)	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(77,994)	(158,113)	
Due to related parties	(89,078)	127,247	
Net cash used in operating activities	(4,633,609)	(1,290,057)	
Financing activities			
Proceeds from private placements	4,810,000	-	
Share issuance costs	(315,505)	-	
Exercise of options	-	14,000	
Exercise of warrants	14,000	1,053,169	
Net cash provided by financing activities	4,508,495	1,067,169	
(Decrease) increase in cash	(125,114)	(222,888)	
Cash, beginning of period	1,275,104	1,176,687	
Cash, end of period	\$ 1,149,990	\$ 953,799	

Condensed Consolidated Interim Statements of Changes in Shareholders' Deficiency (Expressed in Canadian Dollars) (Unaudited)

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	Number		Amount		Surplus	Warrants	Deficit	Total
Balance, December 31, 2021	84,785,773	\$	68,376,098	\$	1,706,007	\$ 1,290,088	\$ (72,059,136)	\$ (686,943)
Share based compensation	-		-		171,871	-	-	171,871
Exercise of warrants	7,021,125		1,418,476		-	(365,307)	-	1,053,169
Exercise of options	100,000		24,170		(10,170)		-	14,000
Option expiry	-		-		(24,810)	-	24,810	-
Warrant expiry	-		-		-	(73,180)	73,180	-
Net loss for the period	-		-		-	-	(1,393,219)	(1,393,219)
Balance, June 30, 2022	91,906,898	\$	69,818,744	\$	1,842,898	\$ 851,601	\$ (73,354,365)	\$ (841,122)
Balance, December 31, 2022	120,147,687	\$	70,990,710	\$	1,974,028	\$ 2,212,080	\$ (75,989,295)	\$ (812,477)
Private placement	9,620,000		3,745,790		-	1,064,210	-	4,810,000
Flow-through liability	-		(1,361,125)		-	-	-	(1,361,125)
Share issuance costs	-		(315,505)		-	-	-	(315,505)
Broker warrants	-		(60,560)		-	60,560	-	-
Share based compensation	-		-		880,355	-	-	880,355
Exercise of warrants	70,000		17,360		-	(3,360)	-	14,000
Warrant expiry	-		- '		-	(728,200)	728,200	-
Option expiry	-		-		(200,248)	-	200,248	-
Net loss for the period	-		-				(4,282,186)	(4,282,186)
Balance, June 30, 2023	129,837,687	\$	73,016,670	\$	2,654,135	\$ 2,605,290	\$ (79,343,033)	\$ (1,066,938)

Notes to Condensed Consolidated Interim Financial Statements Three and Six Months Ended June 30, 2023 (Expressed in Canadian Dollars) (Unaudited)

### 1. Nature of operations and going concern

Power Nickel Inc. (the "Company" or "Power Nickel") is a mineral exploration company and is in the business of acquiring and exploring mineral properties in Chile and Canada. On July 9, 2021, the Company changed its name from "Chilean Metals Inc." to "Power Nickel Inc.".

The Company is a publicly listed company incorporated in Canada with limited liability under the legislation of the Province of British Columbia. The Company's shares are listed on the TSX Venture Exchange ("TSX-V"), and Santiago Stock Exchange, Venture Market. The head office and principal address of the Company are located at the Canadian Venture Building, 82 Richmond Street East, Suite 202, Toronto, Ontario, M5C 1P1. The Company's registered and records office address is at Suite 700 – 595 Burrard Street, PO Box 49290, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, V7X 1S8.

Although the Company has taken steps to verify title to the properties on which it is conducting exploration and in which it has an interest, in accordance with industry standards for the current stage of exploration of such properties, these procedures do not guarantee the Company's title. Property title may be subject to unregistered prior agreements, unregistered claims, aboriginal claims and non-compliance with regulatory and environmental requirements. The Company's property interests may also be subject to increases in taxes and royalties, renegotiation of contracts, and political uncertainty. The Company's Chilean mineral property maintenance payments are in arrears (see note 12) and as a result, the Copiapó Court has been notified by the General Treasury of the Republic of Chile. The Copiapó Court may initiate the auction of the properties. If the Company's claims are put up for auction the Company, as concession holder, is not allowed to place bids on its claims under auction; however, the Company understands that the concession holder may remove a concession from auction by paying the penalty amount which is equal to double the patent amount outstanding. Accordingly, there is a risk that the Company will not be able to retain title to its mineral claims in Chile.

Since December 31, 2019, the outbreak of the novel strain of coronavirus, specifically identified as "COVID-19", has resulted in governments worldwide enacting emergency measures to combat the spread of the virus. These measures, which include the implementation of travel bans, self-imposed quarantine periods and social distancing, have caused material disruption to businesses globally resulting in an economic slowdown. Global equity markets have experienced significant volatility and weakness. Governments and central banks have reacted with significant monetary and fiscal interventions designed to stabilize economic conditions. The duration and impact of the COVID-19 outbreak is unknown at this time, as is the efficacy of the government and central bank interventions.

These unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis, which assumes that the Company will be able to continue as a going concern and realize its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of business. These unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements do not reflect any adjustments that may be necessary if the Company is unable to continue as a going concern. During the three and six months ended June 30, 2023, the Company incurred a net loss of \$2,535,808 and \$4,282,186, respectively (three and six months ended June 30, 2022 - \$548,974 and \$1,393,219, respectively). As at June 30, 2023, the Company has incurred significant losses since inception totaling \$79,343,033 (December 31, 2022 - \$75,989,295). As at June 30, 2023, the Company has a working capital deficiency of \$1,019,141 (December 31, 2022 - working capital deficiency of \$766,032); the continuing operations of the Company are dependent on its ability to generate future cash flows or obtain additional financing. Management is of the opinion that additional funds will be obtained from external financing to meet the Company's liabilities and commitments as they become due, although there is a risk that additional financing will not be available on a timely basis or on terms acceptable to the Company. These factors indicate the existence of material uncertainties that cast significant doubt as to the Company's ability to continue as a going concern and accordingly use accounting principles applicable to a going concern.

Notes to Condensed Consolidated Interim Financial Statements Three and Six Months Ended June 30, 2023 (Expressed in Canadian Dollars) (Unaudited)

# 2. Basis of presentation

#### Statement of compliance

The Company applies International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB") and interpretations issued by the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee ("IFRIC").

These unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standard 34, Interim Financial Reporting. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information required for full annual financial statements required by IFRS as issued by IASB and interpretations issued by IFRIC.

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with International Accounting Standards (IAS) 34 requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise judgment in applying the Company's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgment or complexity or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to these unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements were the same as those that applied to the Company's annual consolidated financial statements as at and for the year ended December 31, 2022, except as noted below.

The same accounting policies and methods of computation are followed in these unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements as compared with the most recent annual financial statements as at and for the year ended December 31, 2022. Any subsequent changes to IFRS that are given effect in the Company's annual financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2023 could result in restatement of these unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements.

The policies applied in these unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements are based on IFRS, which have been applied consistently to all periods presented. These unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements were issued and effective as of August 29, 2023, the date the Board of Directors approved the statements.

#### New standards adopted

During the three and six months ended June 30, 2023, the Company adopted a number of new IFRS standards, interpretations, amendments and improvements of existing standards this includes the amended to IAS 1. These new standards and changes did not have any material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

#### New standards not yet adopted

Certain pronouncements were issued by the IASB or the IFRIC that are mandatory for accounting periods commencing on or after January 1, 2024. Many are not applicable or do not have a significant impact to the Company and have been excluded.

Notes to Condensed Consolidated Interim Financial Statements Three and Six Months Ended June 30, 2023 (Expressed in Canadian Dollars) (Unaudited)

# 3. Equipment

				Field	Fu	rniture and office	
Cost	Aut	omobiles	E	quipment	е	quipment	Total
Balance, December 31, 2021, December 31, 2022							
& June 30, 2023	\$	16,342	\$	83,278	\$	126,697	\$ 226,317
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Accumulated amortization	Aut	omobiles	Ec	Field quipment	rniture and office quipment	Total
Balance, December 31, 2021	\$	5,579	\$	82,610	\$ 125,245	\$ 213,434
Additions		3,228		200	436	3,864
Balance, December 31, 2022		8,807		82,810	125,681	217,298
Additions		1,130		70	152	1,352
Balance, June 30, 2023	\$	9,937	\$	82,880	\$ 125,833	\$ 218,650

					Fur	niture and	
				Field		office	
Net book value	Aut	omobiles	Eq	uipment	ec	quipment	Total
Balance, December 31, 2022	\$	7,535	\$	468	\$	1,016	\$ 9,019
Balance, June 30, 2023	\$	6,405	\$	398	\$	864	\$ 7,667

# 4. Mineral exploration expenditures

Exploration and acquisition costs for the six months ended June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2022 are as follows:

	2	Zulema	Nisk	Go	lden Ivan	Total
Assays	\$	3,693	\$ -	\$	-	\$ 3,693
Drilling		-	34,287		-	34,287
Field costs		4,157	-		-	4,157
Geological		51,158	65,473		22,241	138,872
Six months ended June 30, 2022	\$	59.008	\$ 99.760	\$	22.241	\$ 181.009

	Z	ulema	Nisk	Go	lden Ivan	Total
Assays	\$	-	\$ 69,750	\$	-	\$ 69,750
Claim costs		7,233	-		-	7,233
Drilling		-	861,810		-	861,810
Field costs		8,294	273,848		-	282,142
Geophysics and geological		50,920	903,827		8,780	963,527
Six months ended June 30, 2023	\$	66,447	\$ 2,109,235	\$	8,780	\$ 2,184,462

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### 4. Mineral exploration expenditures (continued)

#### (a) Tierra de Oro, Chile

Tierra de Oro is an exploration project located in Region III on the eastern flank of Chile's Coastal Iron Oxide Copper Gold belt. The Company owns a 100% interest in exploration concessions in Region III, Chile. See Note 1 and 12 for status of claims in Chile.

# (b) Zulema also known as Chicharra Property, Chile

The Company owns 100% of the rights to certain exploitation concessions and certain exploration concessions in Region III, Chile. See Note 1 and 12 for status of claims in Chile.

#### (c) Other Properties, Chile

During the year ended December 31, 2020, the Government of Chile, released the Company from paying for a number of claims which had taxes owing (note 12). These claims related to non-core properties, and properties where the Company had ceased its exploration programs. See Note 1 and 12 for status of claims in Chile.

#### (d) Nisk Property, British Columbia, Canada

On December 22, 2020 (the "Effective Date") the Company entered into an option agreement with Critical Elements Limited ("Critical") to acquire a 50% interest in the Nisk property (the "First Option"). Upon completion of the terms of the First Option the Company also has a Second Option to increase its interest from 50% to 80% by incurring or funding additional work in the amount of \$2,200,000 including a Resource Estimate for a period of four years from the effective date of completion of the First Option. On February 24, 2021 ("Closing Date") the Company closed the transaction.

Under the terms of the agreement the requirements to exercise the First Option are:

- (1) Make cash payments totaling \$500,000 to Critical on or before the dates set out below:
  - (i) A non-refundable amount of \$25,000 on the date of execution of the agreement; (paid)
  - (ii) An amount of \$225,000 within five (5) Business Days following the Effective Date; and (paid)
  - (iii) An amount \$250,000 within six (6) months from the Effective Date; (paid)
- (2) issue 12,051,770 Shares within five (5) Business Days following the Effective Date. (issued)
- (3) incur an aggregate of \$2,800,000 of exploration expenditures on the Property on or before the dates set out below:
  - (i) \$500,000 in exploration expenditures on or before the date that is one (1) year from the Closing Date; (completed)
  - (ii) \$800,000 in exploration expenditures on or before the date that is two (2) years from the Closing Date; (completed)
  - (iii) \$1,500,000 in exploration expenditures on or before the date that is three (3) years from Closing Date;

Following the exercise of the First Option Critical will receive a 2% net smelter return from the extraction and production of lithium products, of which the Company may, following the payment of \$2,000,000 in cash, reduce to 1%.

In connection with closing of the Nisk property agreement, the Company issued to Paradox Equity Partners Ltd a finders fee of 668,377 shares on February 24, 2021.

The 12,720,147 common shares issued during the year ended December 31, 2021 in connection with this property option agreement were valued at \$3,943,246 based on the trading price of the Company's shares on the date of issuance.

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### 4. Mineral exploration expenditures (continued)

(e) Golden Ivan, British Columbia, Canada

On January 14, 2021, the Company announced it finalized an option agreement dated October 7, 2020, to acquire 100% of the Golden Ivan property via a series of option payments and work commitments. On June 29, 2021, the agreement was revised to eliminate the cash payments and work commitment and expedite the payment by shares while reducing the overall quantity of shares by 1,000,000 shares from the original agreement. The revised terms are as follows:

- (i) 3,900,000 common shares within five Business Days after receipt of the TSXV Approval. These common shares were valued at \$1,209,000 based on the trading price of the Company's shares on the date of issuance.
- (ii) 6,500,000 common shares on or before June 29, 2021 subject to TSXV Approval. These common shares were valued at \$620,100 based on the trading price of the Company's shares on the date of issuance.

The Company has completed all option payments and has acquired a 100% interest subject only to a 2.5% NSR royalty. The Company retains the option to purchase 40% of this royalty for a one-time payment of \$1,000,000.

#### 5. Other liabilities

As at June 30, 2023, the Company has \$55,464 (June 30, 2022 - \$55,464) of accounts payable (the "Statute-barred Claims") to non-current liabilities on the basis that any claims in respect of the Statute-barred Claims were statute-barred under the Limitations Act (British Columbia). The Statute-barred Claims related to expenses billed by and third party liabilities incurred prior to December 2015. However, for accounting purposes under IFRS, a debt can only be removed from the Company's statement of financial position when it is extinguished meaning only when the contract is discharged or canceled or expires. The effect of the Limitations Act is to prevent a creditor from enforcing an obligation but it does not formally extinguish the debt for accounting purposes. It is the position of management of the Company that the Statute-barred Claims cannot be enforced by the creditors. The Statute-barred Claims are required to be reflected on the Company's statement of financial position as a result of the current interpretation of IFRS, but they are classified as long-term liabilities since the Company has no intention or obligation to pay these Statute-barred Claims and the creditors cannot enforce payment of the Statute-barred Claims. While inclusion of these items is intended solely to comply with the requirements of IFRS, the Company in no way acknowledges any of the Statute-barred Claims.

#### 6. Issued capital

#### a) Authorized share capital

At June 30, 2023, the authorized share capital consisted of an unlimited number of common shares, non-voting Class A preference shares with a par value of \$4.00 and Class B preference shares with a par value of \$20.00. The common shares do not have a par value. No Class A or Class B preference shares have been issued.

# b) Common shares issued

	Number of	
	Shares	Amount
Balance, December 31, 2021	84,785,773	68,376,098
Exercise of warrants (ii)	7,021,125	1,418,476
Exercise of options (i)	100,000	24,170
Balance, June 30, 2022	91,906,898	69,818,744

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## 6. Issued capital (continued)

b) Common shares issued (continued)

	Number of	
	Shares	Amount
Balance, December 31, 2022	120,147,687	\$ 70,990,710
Private placement (iv)	9,620,000	3,745,790
Flow-through liability (iv)	-	(1,361,125)
Share issuance costs (iv)	-	(315,505)
Broker warrants (iv)	-	(60,560)
Exercise of warrants (iii)	70,000	17,360
Balance, June 30, 2023	129,837,687	\$ 73,016,670

- (i) During the six months ended June 30, 2022, a consultant exercised 100,000 stock options with a weighted average exercise price of \$0.14 and a black scholes value of \$10,170.
- (ii) During the six months ended June 30, 2022, 7,021,125 warrants were exercised with a weighted average exercise price of \$0.15 and a black scholes value of \$365,307.
- (iii) During the six months ended June 30, 2023, 70,000 warrants were exercised with a weighted average exercise price of 0.20 and a black scholes value of 0.20 (note 0.20).
- (iv) On March 30, 2023, April 25, 2023, annd May 4, 2023, the Company closed the first, second, and final tranche of a private placement of 9,620,000 flow-through units of the Company, at a price of \$0.50 per flow-through units ("FT Unit") for aggregate gross proceeds of \$4,810,000. The Company had share issuance costs including finder's fees of \$315,504 and issued 573,200 non-transferable finder's warrants. Each unit will be composed of one flow-through share, and one-half of one transferable non-flow-through common share purchase warrant. Each warrant will be exercisable into one non-flow-through common share at exercise price of \$0.50 per share for a period of five years from the date of issuance. Each finders warrant is exercisable into one non-flow-through common share at exercise price of \$0.50 per share for a period of one and a half years. The warrants and broker warrants were valued at \$1,064,210 and \$60,560 respectively using the relative fair value approach and the Black-Scholes option-pricing model. The following weighted average assumptions were used: share price \$0.25; risk free interest rate 2.88% 3.64%; expected volatility 126% 157% (which is based on historical volatility of the Company's share price); expected dividend yield nil; expected life 1.5 5 years.

#### 7. Stock options

The Company has implemented a stock option plan ("the Plan") to be administered by the Board of Directors. Pursuant to the Plan the Board of Director's has discretion to grant options for up to a maximum of 10% of the issued and outstanding common shares of the Company at the date the options are granted. The option price under each option shall be not less than, the discounted market price on the grant date. The expiry date of an option shall be set by the Board of Directors at the time the option is awarded, and shall not be more than ten years after the grant date. Options granted to directors, employees and consultants, other than consultants engaged in investor relations activities, will vest immediately upon granting, unless otherwise approved by the relevant regulatory authorities. Options granted to employees and consultants engaged in investor relations activities will vest in stages over a minimum period of 12 months with no more than one-quarter of the options vesting in any three-month period.

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## 7. Stock options (continued)

The following table reflects the continuity of stock options for the periods presented:

	Number of stock options	Weighted average exercise price (\$)
Balance, December 31, 2021	6,765,000	0.29
Expired	(15,000)	1.70
Granted (i)	1,600,000	0.14
Exercised (note 6(b)(i))	(100,000)	0.14
Balance, June 30, 2022	8,250,000	0.26
Balance, December 31, 2022	9,450,000	0.29
Expired	(800,000)	0.31
Granted (ii)(iii)(iv)	4,075,000	0.27
Balance, June 30, 2023	12,725,000	0.25

- (i) During the six months ended June 30, 2022, the Company granted stock options to consultants, directors and officers of the Company for the purchase of a total of 1,600,000 common shares. 800,000 stock options were granted to directors and officers are exercisable for five years, the remaining 800,000 stock options were granted to two consultants which are exercisable for two years. The options have an exercise price of \$0.14, and vest immediately. The fair value of these options at the date of grant was estimated using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following assumptions: share price \$0.14; risk free interest rate 1.28% 1.65%; expected volatility 155% (which is based on historical volatility of the Company's share price); expected dividend yield nil; expected life 2 5 years. During the three and six months ended June 30, 2023, the Company recorded share based compensation of \$nil (June 30, 2022 \$163,415) related to the grant in the unaudited condensed consolidated interim statement of loss.
- (ii) During the six months ended June 30, 2023, the Company granted stock options to consultants of the Company for the purchase of a total of 250,000 common shares, exercisable for 2 years from grant. The options have an exercise price of \$0.34, and vest immediately. The fair value of these options at the date of grant was estimated using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following assumptions: share price \$0.35; risk free interest rate 4.17%; expected volatility 123.9% (which is based on historical volatility of the Company's share price); expected dividend yield nil; expected life 2 years. During the three and six months ended June 30, 2023, the Company recorded share based compensation of \$56,045 related to the grant in the unaudited condensed consolidated interim statement of loss.
- (iii) During the six months ended June 30, 2023, the Company granted stock options to consultants of the Company for the purchase of a total of 2,225,000 common shares, exercisable for 2 years from grant, and have an exercise price of \$0.27. Of the 2,225,000 stock options granted, 1,850,000 stock options vest immediately, 125,000 stock options vest on September 15, 2023, and the remaining 125,000 stock options vest 62,500 every three months. The fair value of these options at the date of grant was at \$553,205 estimated using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following assumptions: share price \$0.27; risk free interest rate 3.08%; expected volatility 153.7% (which is based on historical volatility of the Company's share price); expected dividend yield nil; expected life 5 years. During the three and six months ended June 30, 2023, the Company recorded share based compensation of \$487,790 related to the grant in the unaudited condensed consolidated interim statement of loss.
- (iv) During the six months ended June 30, 2023, the Company granted stock options to consultants of the Company for the purchase of a total of 1,600,000 common shares, exercisable for 5 years from grant. The options have an exercise price of \$0.25, and vest immediately. The fair value of these options at the date of grant was estimated using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following assumptions: share price \$0.23; risk free interest rate 3.08%; expected volatility 152.2% (which is based on historical volatility of the Company's share price); expected dividend yield nil; expected life 5 years. During the three and six months ended June 30, 2023, the Company recorded share based compensation of \$336,520 related to the grant in the unaudited condensed consolidated interim statement of loss.

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# 7. Stock options (continued)

The following table reflects the stock options issued and outstanding as of June 30, 2023:

Expiry Date	Exercise Price (\$)	Remaining Contractual Life (years)	Number of Options Outstanding	Number of Options Vested (Exercisable)
February 1, 2024	0.14	0.59	700,000	700,000
November 23, 2024	0.195	1.40	750,000	750,000
November 28, 2024	0.20	1.42	600,000	600,000
February 15, 2025	0.34	1.63	250,000	250,000
November 28, 2027	0.20	4.42	450,000	450,000
October 9, 2025	0.14	2.28	900,000	900,000
February 24, 2026	0.31	2.66	4,450,000	4,450,000
February 1, 2027	0.14	3.59	800,000	800,000
May 15, 2028	0.27	4.88	2,250,000	1,850,000
June 15, 2028	0.25	4.96	1,600,000	1,600,000
	0.25	3.17	12,750,000	12,350,000

# 8. Warrants

The following table reflects the continuity of warrants for the periods presented:

	Number of warrants	Weighted average exercise price (\$)
Balance, December 31, 2021	18,661,786	0.23
Expired	(1,396,500)	0.15
Exercised (note 6(b)(ii))	(7,021,125)	0.15
Balance, June 30, 2022	10,244,161	0.30
Balance, December 31, 2022	33,951,050	0.24
Granted (note 6(b)(iv))	5,383,200	0.50
Expired	(5,067,300)	0.45
Exercised (note 6(b)(iii))	(70,000)	0.20
Balance, June 30, 2023	34,196,950	0.25

The following table reflects the warrants issued as of June 30, 2023:

Expiry Date	Exercise Price (\$)	Remaining Contractual Life (years)	Number of Warrants Outstanding	Grant date Fair Value (\$)
October 25, 2024	0.50	1.32	315,200	31,570
November 4, 2024	0.50	1.35	258,000	6,835
November 22, 2027	0.20	4.40	28,813,750	1,483,880
March 30, 2028	0.50	4.75	1,709,000	367,290
April 25, 2028	0.50	4.82	2,585,000	576,905
May 4, 2028	0.50	4.85	516,000	120,015
	0.25	4.17	34,196,950	2,586,495

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#### 9. Net loss per share

The calculation of basic and diluted loss per share for the three and six months ended June 30, 2023 was based on the loss attributable to common shareholders of \$2,535,808 and \$4,282,186, respectively (three and six months ended June 30, 2022 - \$548,974 and \$1,393,219, respectively) and the weighted average number of common shares outstanding of 128,001,775 and 124,115,311, respectively (three and six months ended June 30, 2022 - 88,988,776 and 84,228,522, respectively). Diluted loss per share did not include the effect of 12,750,000 options outstanding (three and six months ended June 30, 2022 - 8,250,000 options outstanding) or the effect of 34,196,950 warrants outstanding (three and six months ended June 30, 2022 - 10,244,161 warrants outstanding) as they are anti-dilutive.

## 10. Related party balances and transactions

Related parties include the Board of Directors, officers, close family members and enterprises that are controlled by these individuals as well as certain persons performing similar functions.

As at June 30, 2023, the directors and/or officers of the Company collectively control 12,621,249 (December 31, 2022 - 3,891,429) common shares of the Company or approximately 9.7% (December 31, 2022 - 10.0%) of the total common shares outstanding and two insiders of the Company control 16,650,790 (December 31, 2022 - 15,702,560) common shares of the Company or approximately 13% (December 31, 2022 - 13%) of the total common shares outstanding. To the knowledge of directors and officers of the Company, the remainder of the outstanding common shares are held by diverse shareholders. These holdings can change at any time at the discretion of the owner.

(a) The Company entered into the following transactions with related parties:

		Three mont June		Six months ended June 30,		
	Notes	2023	2022	2023	2022	
Administration expense	\$	87,500 \$	87,500 \$	175,000 \$	175,000	
Accounting expense	\$	20,561 \$	15,865 \$	36,223 \$	26,395	

- (i) For the three and six months ended June 30, 2023, the Company incurred consulting fees from a company controlled by an officer and a director of \$56,250 and \$112,500 (three and six months ended June 30, 2022 \$56,250 and \$112,500) recorded in administration fees.
- (ii) For the three and six months ended June 30, 2023, the Company incurred accounting expenses from companies related to an officer of \$20,561 and \$36,223 (three and six months ended June 30, 2022 \$15,865 and \$26,395) recorded in professional fees.
- (iii) For the three and six months ended June 30, 2023, the Company incurred directors fees of \$31,250 and \$62,500 (three and six months ended June 30, 2022 \$31,250 and \$62,500) recorded in administration fees.
- (iv) For the three and six months ended June 30, 2022, the Company incurred consulting fees of \$56,250 and \$112,500 to a company controlled by a family member of an officer and director of the Company recorded in investor relation fees.
- (v) For the three and six months ended June 30, 2022, a company controlled by the family member also exercised 1,500,000 warrants for proceeds of \$225,000.
- (vi) As at June 30, 2023, the Company has \$91,925 (December 31, 2022 \$181,003) outstanding to an officer and director. This amount is unsecured, non-interest bearing and due on demand.

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# 10. Related party balances and transactions (continued)

(vii) As at June 30, 2023, included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities is \$66,000 (December 31, 2022 - \$113,822) due to directors and key management, these amounts are unsecured, non-interest bearing, and due on demand.

(viii) During the three and six months ended June 30, 2023, the Company received an advance of \$274,120 from a family member of an officer and director of the Company. Subsequent to the period ended the family member subscribed to a private placement, which the advance was used to offset the funds in the private placement. As at June 30, 2023, the Company has a balance outstanding to shareholders of \$7,000 (December 31, 2022 - \$7,000). This amount is unsecured, due on demand, and non-interest bearing.

#### (ix) See note 6, 7 and 12.

Payments to directors and key management personnel of the Company include certain transactions with related parties in above, noted transactions are in the normal course of business and approved by the Board of Directors.

# 11. Segmented information

The Company operates in one industry segment, namely exploration of mineral resources in two geographic regions, Canada and Chile. Geographical segmentation of the Company's non-current assets is as follows:

June 30, 2023		Canada	Chile			Total	
Equipment	\$	-	\$	7,667	\$	7,667	
December 31, 2022		Canada		Chile		Total	
Equipment	\$	-	\$	9,019	\$	9,019	
Three months ended June 30, 2023	Canada		Chile		Total		
Operating expenses							
Administration fees	\$	62,255	\$	-	\$	62,255	
Amortization		-		676		676	
Accretion, bank and interest (income) fees		(4,314)		181		(4,133)	
Exploration expenditures		801,248		36,105		837,353	
Foreign exchange loss (gain)		80,953		(53,616)		27,337	
Investor relations		895,913		-		895,913	
Office and miscellaneous		(1,192)		14,050		12,858	
Professional fees		88,725		2,036		90,761	
Share-based payments		824,310		-		824,310	
Transfer and regulatory		20,333		-		20,333	
Travel, promotion and mining shows		43,046		-		43,046	
Total expenses		(2,811,277)		568		(2,810,709)	
Other items							
Flow-through liability amortization		(274,901)		=		(274,901)	
Net loss and comprehensive loss for the period	\$	(3,086,178)	\$	568	\$	(3,085,610)	

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# 11. Segmented information (continued)

11. Segmented information (continued)							
Three months ended June 30, 2022		Canada		Chile		Total	
Operating expenses							
Administration fees	\$	93,755	\$	-	\$	93,755	
Amortization		-		966		966	
Accretion, bank and interest (income) fees		35,356		143		35,499	
Exploration expenditures		23,931		32,933		56,864	
Foreign exchange loss (gain)		(14,872)		(44,766)		(59,638)	
Investor relations		246,788		-		246,788	
Office and miscellaneous		1,968		15,263		17,231	
Professional fees		48,058		4,688		52,746	
Transfer and regulatory		45,326		-		45,326	
Travel, promotion and mining shows		73,687		-		73,687	
Total expenses		(553,997)		(9,227)		(563,224)	
Other items							
Flow-through liability amortization		14,250		-		14,250	
Net loss and comprehensive loss for the period	\$	(539,747)	\$	(9,227)	\$	(548,974)	
Six months ended June 30, 2023		Canada		Chile		Total	
Operating expenses							
Administration fees	\$	175,000	\$	-	\$	175,000	
Amortization		-		1,352		1,352	
Accretion, bank and interest (income) fees		(2,834)		358		(2,476)	
Exploration expenditures		2,118,015		66,447		2,184,462	
Foreign exchange loss (gain)		59,425		102,161		161,586	
Investor relations		1,555,898		<b>-</b> ′		1,555,898	
Office and miscellaneous		(1,192)		24,040		22,848	
Professional fees		133,888		5,766		139,654	
Share-based payments		880,355		-,		880,355	
Transfer and regulatory		32,176		-		32,176	

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## 11. Segmented information (continued)

Six months ended June 30, 2022	Ca	Canada		Chile	Total	
Operating expenses						
Administration fees	\$	181,255	\$	-	\$	181,255
Amortization		-		1,932		1,932
Accretion, bank and interest (income) fees		68,112		351		68,463
Exploration expenditures (note 4)	•	122,001		59,008		181,009
Foreign exchange loss (gain)		13,471		(28,908)		(15,437)
Investor relations	(	600,661		-		600,661
Office and miscellaneous		4,116		25,250		29,366
Professional fees (note 10)		76,276		7,907		84,183
Share-based payments		171,871		-		171,871
Transfer and regulatory		55,619		-		55,619
Travel, promotion and mining shows		80,047		-		80,047
Total expenses before other items	(1,	373,429)		(65,540)		(1,438,969)
Other items						
Flow-through liability amortization		45,750		-		45,750
Net loss and comprehensive loss for the period	\$ (1,3	327,679)	\$	(65,540)	\$	(1,393,219)

#### 12. Commitments and contingencies

#### Consulting

The Company has entered into four consulting agreements with a Director and companies controlled by Directors of the Company. The obligation under these agreements amounts to \$350,000 per year.

#### Flow-through

The Company is obligated to spend \$2,750,000 by December 31, 2023, relating to flow through private placement which closed on November 22, 2022 and \$4,810,000 by December 31, 2024 relating to flow through private placements which closed on March 30, 2023, April 25, 2023 and May 4, 2023. As of June 30, 2023, the Company has spent \$2,199,857 as part of the flow-through funding agreement. The flow-through agreements require the Company to renounce certain tax deductions for Canadian exploration expenditures incurred on the Company's mineral properties to flow-through participants. The Company has indemnified the subscribers for any related tax amounts that become payable by the subscribers as a result of the Company not meeting its expenditure commitments. The Company does not have sufficient working capital to cover its flow-through commitment, and intends to cover its flow-through commitment through additional equity financing.

# Flow-through indemnification

The flow-through agreements require the Company to renounce certain tax deductions for Canadian exploration expenditures incurred on the Company's mineral properties to flow-through participants. Certain interpretations are required to assess the eligibility of flow-through expenditures that if changed, could result in the denial of renunciation. The Company indemnified the subscribers for any related tax amounts that become payable by the subscribers as a result of the Company not meeting its expenditure commitments. The Company has not fully met all of its expenditure commitments for previous flow-through financings. If the Canadian Revenue Agency ("CRA") determined that the Company was not compliant with their flow-through expenditure commitments, the Company may be liable to indemnify subscribers for any related tax amounts. No provision has been recorded in these unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements related to this contingency as various triggering events have not taken place.

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### 12. Commitments and contingencies (continued)

#### Flow-through indemnification (continued)

The Company has estimated potential Part XII.6 taxes in relation to unspent flow-through expenditures for fiscal 2018-2019. As at June 30, 2023, the Company accrued \$32,163 (December 31, 2022 - \$32,163) for Part XII.6 taxes interest and penalties.

## Environmental and legal

The Company's operations are subject to government environmental protection legislation. Environmental consequences are difficult to identify in terms of results, timetable and impact. At this time, to management's best knowledge, the Company's operations are in compliance with current laws and regulations.

The Company is subject to various claims, lawsuits and other complaints arising in the ordinary course of business. The Company records provisions for losses when claims become probable and the amounts are estimable. Although the outcome of such matters cannot be determined, it is the opinion of management that the final resolution of these matters will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition, operations or liquidity.

## Property taxes

As at June 30, 2023, the Company has unpaid property tax for various mineral exploration property claims totaling approximately 401,497,662 Chilean Pesos (\$686,561) (December 31, 2022 - 509,623,592 Chilean Pesos (\$815,398)) which has been included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities as at June 30, 2023. In the event that the claims are put up for tax auction, the Company expects to have a notice period to make the payment for the portion of this amount required (note 1). The property tax commitment for 2023 fiscal year is 80,880,330 Chilean Pesos (\$129,409).

#### 13. Subsequent events

On July 31, 2023, the Company announced that it has exercised its option to acquire 50% of the Nisk project. In addition, the Company has notified Critical Elements Lithium Corp. that it intends to exercise its second option to acquire an additional 30% interest to bring ownership in the project to 80%.

On August 3, 2023, the Company announced a proposed private placement of up to 4,500,000 flow-through shares (each, an "FT Share") of the Company, for \$0.50 per FT Share, for aggregate gross proceeds of up to CAD 2,250,000. All securities issued under the Private Placement will be subject to a four-month and one-day statutory hold period.