

**PETAQUILLA MINERALS LTD.**

**For year ended May 31, 2011 and year ended May 31, 2010**

Management Discussion and Analysis  
Of Results of Operations and Financial Condition

## **MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

Petaquilla Minerals Limited ("PTQ" or the "Company") reports the financial results for the year ended May 31, 2011 which have been prepared on the basis of available information up to August 29, 2011. Management's discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and related notes thereto of the Company, as at and for the year ended May 31, 2011 and year ended May 31, 2010.

Management's discussion and analysis provides a review of the performance of PTQ's business and compares its performance for the year ended May 31, 2011 with the year ended May 31, 2010.

## **FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

Certain statements in this Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") constitute "Forward-Looking Statements" within the meaning of the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and Canadian securities legislation. These Forward-Looking Statements include, among others, statements concerning the Company's future objectives, measured and indicated resources, their average grade, the commencement period of production, cash operating costs and completion dates of construction, gold production and capital expenditure costs. Forward-Looking Statements can be identified by the use of words, such as "are expected", "is forecast", "is targeted", "approximately" or variations of such words and phrases or statements that certain actions, events or results "may", "could", "would", "might" or "will" be taken, occur or be achieved. Forward-Looking Statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors, which may cause the actual results, or performance to be materially different from any future results or performance expressed or implied by the Forward-Looking Statements.

These factors include the inherent risks involved in the exploration and development of mineral properties, the uncertainties involved in interpreting drilling results and other geological data, fluctuating gold prices and monetary exchange rates, the possibility of project cost delays and overruns or unanticipated costs and expenses, uncertainties relating to the availability and costs of financing needed in the future, uncertainties related to production rates, timing of production and the cash and total costs of production, changes in applicable laws including laws related to mining development, environmental protection, and the protection of the health and safety of mine workers, the availability of labour and equipment, the possibility of labour strikes and work stoppages and changes in general economic conditions. Although the Company 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 could cause actions, events or results to differ from those anticipated, estimated or intended.

These Forward-Looking Statements represent the Company's views as of the date of this MD&A. The Company anticipates that subsequent events and developments may cause the Company's views to change. The Company does not undertake to update any Forward-Looking

Statements, either written or oral, that may be made from time to time by, or on behalf of the Company, subsequent to the date of this discussion, other than as required by law.

## **NON-GAAP PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

The Company has included the non-GAAP performance measure unit cash cost per ounce of gold sold. This non-GAAP performance measure does not have any standardized meaning prescribed by GAAP and, therefore, may not be comparable to similar measures presented by other companies. The Company believes that, in addition to conventional measures prepared in accordance with GAAP, certain investors use this information to evaluate the Company's performance. Accordingly, they are intended to provide additional information and should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for measures of performance prepared using GAAP. More specifically, Management believes that these figures are a useful indicator to investors and management of a mine's performance as they provide: (i) a measure of the mine's cash margin per ounce, by comparison of the cash operating costs per ounce to the price of gold, (ii) the trend in costs as the mine matures and, (iii) an internal benchmark of performance to allow for comparison against other mines.

Cash cost per ounce of gold sold includes mine site operating costs such as mining, processing, administration, information technology, safety, health, environment management and by product credits from the sale of silver but is exclusive of amortization, depletion, reclamation, capital costs, exploration costs, royalties and corporate administration costs.

## **OVERALL PERFORMANCE**

### **Business Overview**

PTQ is a Canadian-based junior gold production and exploration company with all of its production activities located in Panama.

PTQ's growth strategy has been to establish a gold production base from the development of its 100% owned Molejon deposit located within the Cerro Petaquilla Concession. In addition, PTQ plans to continue to evaluate gold development projects and/or related production possibilities by means of internal development of its mineral assets or growth through acquisition or merger of assets with companies having either production or advanced development stage gold projects. As part of this defined strategy, the Company has entered into a binding letter of intent with Iberian Resources Corp. ("Iberian), pursuant to which the Company proposes to acquire all of the outstanding shares of Iberian. Iberian owns 100% of the Lomero Poyatos mine, located about 110 kilometres northeast of Seville, in the heart of the Iberian Pyrite Belt, and also owns several other exploration licenses in Iberia. This proposed transaction has been unanimously approved by Iberian's shareholders and currently is subject to the approval of the shareholders of the Company at their special meeting to be held on August 31, 2011. With this proposed transaction, if approved by the shareholders, the Company will add to its inferred resources inventory approximately 2Moz of gold and 42Moz of silver.

The Company received its operating permit from the Government of Panama on November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009, authorizing the Company to proceed to commercial production of its 100% owned Molejon deposit. The Company achieved commercial production on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010, after having run its operations at an average of 70% of its normal capacity for a consecutive period of 30 days.

Business performance for the Company during the fourth quarter of the fiscal year has improved significantly in all of its key drivers. As a result of this operational performance improvement, combined with rising gold prices, a net profit of \$5.1 million was generated during the fourth quarter of the fiscal year. This is the second consecutive profitable quarter recorded by the Company confirming its improved profitability profile.

### OPERATING RESULTS

	<b>Q4 2011</b>	<b>Q3 2011</b>	<b>Q2 2011</b>	<b>Q1 2011</b>	<b>Total 2011</b>	<b>Total 2010</b>
Gold mined – ounces	25,302	18,566	24,330	17,963	<b>86,161</b>	<b>33,832</b>
Gold stockpiled – ounces (*)	25,088	14,618	9,803	7,216	<b>25,088</b>	<b>2,823</b>
Gold poured - ounces	16,735	12,825	15,268	10,738	<b>55,566</b>	<b>27,914</b>
Gold sold – ounces	14,608	13,880	13,166	12,211	<b>53,865</b>	<b>24,250</b>
Average realized gold price (per ounce)	\$1,413	\$1,340	\$1,312	\$1,210	<b>\$1,319</b>	<b>\$1,115</b>
Cash cost per ounce of gold sold	\$557	\$610	\$647	\$740	<b>\$634</b>	<b>\$590</b>

(\*) Total ounces of gold stockpiled as at the end of each period.

Gold mined during the fourth quarter of the fiscal year increased by 36% compared to the gold mined during the previous quarter. This improvement contributed to a 72% increase in gold stockpiled for the on/off leach pad project forecasted for pilot production during the second quarter of fiscal year 2012.

Ounces of gold poured during the fourth quarter of the fiscal year increased by 30% when compared to the gold poured during the previous quarter. In addition, gold sales during the fourth quarter of the fiscal year increased by 5% compared to the previous quarter.

Cash costs per ounce sold during the fourth quarter of fiscal year represent an improvement of 9% compared to the previous quarter as a result of higher sales combined with reductions in operating costs. Fourth quarter cash costs at \$557 per ounce represents the lowest cash cost per ounce of gold sold during the fiscal year.

Pre-stripping activities at the mine have progressed during the quarter and were in line with the updated mine plan. Total pre-stripping work, which has been divided into five stages, will provide access to 4,100,000 tons of ore at 1.98 g/t, representing approximately 261,000 ounces of contained gold for the parallel feeding of the processing plant and the on/off leach pad operation. As of the end of the fiscal year, stages one through three of the pre-stripping plan

have been completed and, as a result, 30,161 contained gold ounces have been mined and partly processed or stockpiled for future production.

Construction of tailings pond #2 was completed and construction of tailings pond #1 is planned for completion during first quarter of fiscal 2012. During fiscal 2012 the construction of a third tailings pond will be initiated.

The construction of an on/off leach pad pilot was started at the Northwest area of the mine. Final engineering and design of the on/off leach pad operation progressed during the fourth quarter and is being completed by independent consultants Metcon Research (an affiliate of KD Engineering Ltd.), Knight Piesold Ltd. and Gramsa SA in coordination with the Company's engineering staff.

During the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2011, the Company filed on SEDAR an updated National Instrument 43-101 compliant mineral resource and reserve for its Molejon Project, upgrading its measured and indicated resource to a proven and probable reserve of 643,266 contained gold ounces (15.3Mt @ 1.30g/t Au, average metallurgical recovery of 91.1%) as of the October 1, 2010, production cut-off. Prior to October 1, 2010, the Company mined an additional 99,961 gold ounces (1.39Mt @ 2.22g/t Au) of proven and probable reserves bringing the total proven and probable reserves at the Molejon Gold Project to a total of 743,227 ounces. This represents an increase of 61% over the last calculated reserve as of the October 1, 2010, production cut-off. The Company also initiated an economic assessment of silver reserves currently contained within the Molejon open pit and not included in the original Feasibility Study. In this respect, independent consultants Behre Dolbear have completed a preliminary assessment showing approximately 1Moz of measured and indicated silver resource ounces at an average grade of 2.4 g/t.

Financial and operational conditions have improved during the fiscal year ended May 31, 2011 as evidenced by an increase of 44% in the Company's total assets and a decrease of 6% in its total liabilities, both compared to May 31, 2010. The net loss of \$3.9 recorded for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2011 favorably compares with a net loss of \$27 million for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2010, representing an improvement of approximately 85% on a year-to-year basis. Additionally, during the last two quarters of the fiscal year ended May 31, 2011 the Company recorded a total net income of approximately \$7.5 million, showing a positive trend in net results and looking forward a positive net income forecasted for the total fiscal year 2012.

During the quarter ended May 31, 2011 the exercise of warrants and options totaled approximately \$378,000, contributing to the cash position of the Company which, as of the end of Q4 2011, amounted to \$11,905,161. This represented an increase of 80% compared to May 31, 2010. Additional 50,000 options were exercised post May 31, 2011 representing a cash inflow of approximately \$12,000.

During the quarter ended May 31, 2011 the Company delivered 1,500 ounces of gold to Deutsche Bank AG in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Forward Gold Purchase Agreement signed on September 23, 2010.

During the fiscal year the Company's infrastructure subsidiary, Panama Desarrollo de Infraestructuras, S.A. ("PDI Panama"), signed with a major Panamanian bank a leasing facility in the amount of \$10 million for the acquisition of mining and trucking equipments required to respond to the Company's planned mining rate increase from a daily level of 7,500t to 40,000t. These equipments will also strengthen PDI Panama's capacity to extract and deliver construction grade aggregates from the Company's Molejon open pit and to provide additional capacity for the Company's ongoing exploration projects at its satellite concessions.

The following table provides a reconciliation of cash costs per ounce of gold sold to total cost of sales per the consolidated financial statements:

	<b>Total 2011</b>	<b>Total 2010</b>
Cost of sales	39,157,086	16,237,588
Less royalties and production taxes	(4,995,505)	(1,937,440)
Ounces of gold sold	53,865	24,250
Cash cost per ounce of gold sold	\$634	\$590

## SELECTED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Key Financial Data (000's)	Q4 2011	Q3 2011	Q2 2011	Q1 2011	Total 2011	Total 2010	Total 2009
Gold sales	<b>\$20,928</b>	\$18,682	\$17,371	\$14,728	<b>\$71,709</b>	<b>\$27,519</b>	\$ -
Operating profit	<b>7,867</b>	6,311	4,940	2,098	<b>21,216</b>	<b>6,465</b>	-
Net income (loss)	<b>5,394</b>	2,109	(5,262)	(6,178)	<b>(3,937)</b>	<b>(26,982)</b>	<b>(21,100)</b>
Earnings (loss) per share – basic and diluted	<b>0.03</b>	0.01	(0.06)	(0.05)	<b>(0.03)</b>	<b>(0.25)</b>	<b>(0.22)</b>
Working capital (deficit)	<b>(22,839)</b>	(23,884)	(45,247)	(27,165)	<b>(22,839)</b>	<b>(87,329)</b>	<b>(24,386)</b>
Long term liabilities	<b>53,235</b>	49,277	59,316	73,694	<b>53,235</b>	<b>5,219</b>	<b>60,728</b>
Total Liabilities	<b>95,199</b>	85,568	116,107	107,115	<b>95,199</b>	<b>101,615</b>	<b>90,464</b>
Cash position	<b>11,905</b>	9,738	8,460	3,141	<b>11,905</b>	<b>6,626</b>	<b>4,283</b>
Total Assets	<b>\$115,519</b>	\$97,467	\$87,931	\$79,893	<b>\$115,519</b>	<b>\$80,262</b>	<b>\$81,544</b>

## RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The Company's consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in Canada and all amounts are expressed in United States dollars unless otherwise indicated.

The operating results of PTQ reflect its ongoing administrative costs, net of interest and other income, revenue from the sale of gold, production and operating expenses and amortization and depletion. Commercial production at the Molejon Gold mine commenced on January 8, 2010.

## SUMMARY OF RESULTS

	2011 May 31 Q4	2011 February 28 Q3	2010 November 30 Q2	2010 August 31 Q1	Total 2011
Gold sales	\$20,927,530	\$18,681,766	\$17,371,379	\$14,728,010	\$71,708,685
Cost of sales	(9,569,657)	(9,765,987)	(9,744,754)	(10,076,688)	(39,157,086)
Depletion and amortization	(3,491,197)	(2,604,307)	(2,686,809)	(2,553,404)	(11,335,717)
<b>Operating profit</b>	<b>7,866,676</b>	<b>6,311,472</b>	<b>4,939,816</b>	<b>2,097,918</b>	<b>21,215,882</b>
Income (loss) on notes	802,230	(1,508,761)	(2,120,354)	(3,196,304)	(6,023,189)
Wages and benefits	(662,612)	(935,579)	(887,232)	(872,439)	(3,357,862)
Stock-based compensation	(148,269)	(543,046)	(96,336)	(183,557)	(971,208)
Exploration and development	(2,644,455)	(1,948,562)	(2,351,318)	(2,324,971)	(9,269,306)
Foreign exchange gain (loss)	18,429	120,005	(184,725)	(26,637)	(72,928)
Fees on forward sale agreement and debt issuance costs	(109,957)	(99,090)	(2,188,012)	(76,299)	(2,473,358)
Administration and other	272,357	713,045	(2,374,485)	(1,596,274)	(2,985,357)
<b>Net income / (loss) for the period</b>	<b>\$5,394,399</b>	<b>\$2,109,484</b>	<b>\$(5,262,646)</b>	<b>\$(6,178,563)</b>	<b>\$(3,937,326)</b>
<b>Earnings / (Loss) per share – basic and diluted</b>	<b>\$0.03</b>	<b>\$0.01</b>	<b>\$(0.06)</b>	<b>\$(0.05)</b>	<b>\$(0.03)</b>
	2010 May 31 Q4	2010 February 28 Q3	2009 November 30 Q2	2009 August 31 Q1	Total 2010
Gold sales	\$16,233,900	\$11,308,463	-	-	\$27,542,363
Cost of sales	(9,619,794)	(6,617,794)	-	-	(16,237,588)
Depletion and amortization	(3,156,219)	(1,683,201)	-	-	(4,839,420)
<b>Operating profit</b>	<b>3,457,887</b>	<b>3,007,468</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,465,355</b>
Loss on notes	(5,710,264)	(3,638,405)	\$(3,283,629)	\$(3,457,110)	(16,089,408)
Wages and benefits	(612,650)	(1,107,835)	(1,064,528)	(643,458)	(3,428,471)
Stock-based compensation	(369,369)	(821,939)	(118,413)	(41,385)	(1,351,106)
Exploration and development	(1,870,539)	(633,824)	(685,054)	(1,114,886)	(4,304,303)
Foreign exchange	(4,495)	(12,376)	(68,291)	(7,997)	(93,159)
Fees on forward sale agreement and debt issuance costs	(6,149)	(14,750)	(592,345)	-	(613,244)
Administration and other	(1,678,361)	(2,392,145)	(1,736,545)	(1,760,695)	(7,567,746)
<b>Net loss for the period</b>	<b>\$(6,793,940)</b>	<b>\$(5,613,806)</b>	<b>\$(7,548,805)</b>	<b>\$(7,025,531)</b>	<b>\$(26,982,082)</b>
<b>Loss per share – basic and diluted</b>	<b>\$(0.05)</b>	<b>\$(0.05)</b>	<b>\$(0.08)</b>	<b>\$(0.07)</b>	<b>\$(0.25)</b>

## **RESULTS OF OPERATIONS - FOR THE YEAR ENDED MAY 31, 2011 COMPARED TO THE YEAR ENDED MAY 31, 2010**

### **Gold sales and cost of sales**

Gold sales were \$71,708,685 and cost of sales was \$39,157,086 during the year ended May 31, 2011. Due to commercial production starting on January 8, 2010, the results of operations for the year ended May 31, 2010 include only five months of gold sales and operating costs. Prior to the attainment of commercial production, all revenue and operating costs associated with the commissioning of the metallurgical plant were capitalized as part of mineral properties.

### **Amortization and depletion**

Amortization of production equipment and depletion of mineral properties were \$11,335,717 for the year ended May 31, 2011 compared to \$4,839,420 for the year ended May 31, 2010. The difference is explained on the fact that during the pre-operating period, amortization of production equipment was capitalized to mineral properties until the start of commercial production on January 8, 2010. Depletion of mineral reserves commenced on the date of commercial production and is being charged over the life of the mine using the unit-of-production method.

### **Expenses**

During the year ended May 31, 2011, expenses increased by \$7,650,281 to \$(24,555,971) compared to \$(16,905,690) for the year ended May 31, 2010. The increase in expenses is largely due to:

- An increase of \$2,473,358 in fees on forward sale agreement. Fees on forward sale agreement were \$2,473,358 for the year ended May 31, 2011, compared to Nil for the year ended May 31, 2010. This increase was due to the costs associated with the Deutsche Bank Forward Gold Purchase Agreement, which were expensed in accordance with the Company's accounting policy (See note 27 to Consolidated Financial Statements).
- An increase of \$4,965,003 in exploration and development costs. Exploration and development costs were \$9,269,306 for the year ended May 31, 2011 compared to \$4,304,303 for the year ended May 31, 2010. This increase was due to the increased exploration activity on the Oro del Norte property, located near Molejon. Approximately 95% of the exploration and development costs incurred in the current period relates to work performed on the Oro del Norte property.
- An increase in donations and community relations of \$170,961. Donations and community relations of \$1,411,440 were incurred for the year ended May 31, 2011 compared to \$1,240,479 for the year ended May 31, 2010. This increase was due to the

Company's committed funding of Fundacion Petaquilla to promote a sustainable development culture and administering social programs in the area around the Molejon property.

- An increase in office administration of \$811,497. Office administration costs were \$2,421,243 for the year ended May 31, 2011, compared to \$1,609,746 for the year ended May 31, 2010. This increase is mainly due to the fact that, up to the commencement of commercial production, all operating costs of Panama Desarrollo de Infraestructuras, S.A. (formerly Petaquilla Hidro S.A.) were capitalized as mineral properties versus current accounting practice of expensing comparable costs.
- An increase in consulting fees of \$319,871. Consulting fees were \$983,667 for the year ended May 31, 2011, compared to \$663,796 for the year ended May 31, 2010. This increase is mainly due to the engagement of consultants in connection with the 2012 IFRS transition project and the optimization of processes at the Molejon mine.
- An increase in investor relations and shareholder information of \$340,623. Investor relations and shareholder information were \$843,313 for the year ended May 31, 2011, compared to \$502,690 for the year ended May 31, 2010. This increase is mainly due to filing fees related to the private placement made during fiscal year 2011 and an increase in investor relationship activities during the year ended May 31, 2011.

The increase in expenses was partially offset by:

- A decrease in stock based compensation expenses of \$379,898. Stock based compensation expenses were \$971,208 for the year ended May 31, 2011, compared to \$1,351,106 for the year ended May 31, 2010. The decrease was due to a lower amount of stock options issued during fiscal year 2011.
- A decrease in travel expenses of \$249,373. Travel expenses were \$657,616 for the year ended May 31, 2011, compared to \$906,989 for the year ended May 31, 2010. Travel expenses were higher in the prior year due to a significant number of Shareholder and Board activities.
- A decrease in debt issuance costs of \$613,244. Debt issuance costs were Nil for the year ended May 31, 2011, compared to \$613,244 for the year ended May 31, 2010. This decrease corresponds to the reduction in the Company's debt.
- A decrease in accounting and legal of \$119,678. Accounting and legal were \$1,655,679 for the year ended May 31, 2011, compared to \$1,775,357 for the year ended May 31, 2010.

**Other Income (Expense)**

Other income (expense) for the year ended May 31, 2011 increased by \$18,451,666 to an income of \$1,909,919 compared to an expense of \$(16,541,747) for the year ended May 31, 2010.

This increase was due to:

- A decrease in the mark-to-market loss on convertible and senior secured notes of \$10,066,219, due primarily to the repayment of these notes during year ended May 31, 2011. The mark-to-market loss on convertible and senior secured notes was \$(6,023,189) for the year ended May 31, 2011 compared to \$(16,089,408) for the year ended May 31, 2010.
- A decrease of \$196,571 in interest on long-term debt. Interest on long-term debt was \$(305,003) for the year ended May 31, 2011, compared to \$(501,574) for the year ended May 31, 2010. The decrease in interest on long-term debt is due to the termination of some capital leases during the year ended May 31, 2011.
- A gain of \$3,153,394 in deferred services. During the year ended May 31, 2011 the agreement for deferred services between the Company and Minera Panama S.A. has expired, and as a consequence, the outstanding balance regarding the obligation derived from this contract was cancelled and recorded as other income during the year ended May 31, 2011.
- An increase of \$5,243,309 in gain on disposal and dilution derived from disposal of Vintage Mining Corp by Azuero Mining Development, S.A. as it is explained in note 10 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

The net loss and comprehensive loss for the year ended May 31, 2011 was \$(3,937,326) or \$(0.03) per basic and diluted share compared to a net loss and comprehensive loss of \$(26,982,082) or \$(0.25) per basic and diluted share for the year ended May 31, 2010.

**Cash Flow*****Operating Activities***

Net cash inflow from operations during the year ended May 31, 2011 amounted to \$44,127,970. This compares to a net cash inflow from operations of \$500,846 during the year ended May 31, 2010. The significant improvement is attributable to the fact that the year ended May 31, 2011 included a complete year of commercial production and the additional pre-sale of 66,650 ounces of gold to Deutsche Bank AG, as per the Forward Gold Purchase Agreement signed during the year ended May 31, 2011, with no equivalent transactions recorded in fiscal year ended May 31, 2010.

***Financing Activities***

There was a net cash outflow of \$(22,770,446) from financing activities during the year ended May 31, 2011. This compares to a net cash inflow of \$6,354,018 during the year ended May 31, 2010. This net application of funds is due principally to the reduction in the Company's debt and the resulting reduction in interest costs and improved liquidity and working capital.

Net proceeds from the exercise of warrants and options provided \$12,214,428 for the year ended May 31, 2011 compared to \$652,092 for the year ended May 31, 2010.

Repayment of senior and convertible secured notes was \$(62,961,696) for the year ended May 31, 2011 compared to \$(1,200,000) for the year ended May 31, 2010. This outflow from the repayment of debt was offset by the proceeds of a private placement completed during the year ended May 31, 2011 in the amount of \$31,976,036.

During the year ended May 31, 2011 an outflow of \$(4,105,717) was applied to the payment of capital lease obligations and an inflow of \$2,235,520 was generated from proceeds of a long term debt signed with local Panamanian banks.

***Investing Activities***

There was a net cash outflow of \$(20,270,899) for the year ended May 31, 2011, compared to a net cash outflow of \$(5,804,679) for the year ended May 31, 2010.

Acquisition of property and equipment was \$(1,774,349) for the year ended May 31, 2011 compared to \$(1,138,477) for the year ended May 31, 2010.

During the year ended May 31, 2011 there was an increase in short and long term investments of \$2,600,000 compared to Nil for the year ended May 31, 2010. This reflects the improvement in the cash position of the Company as at May 31, 2011. The increase was due mainly to a term deposit related to the credit line facility agreement signed with Global Bank during the year ended May 31, 2011.

An increase in advances to suppliers resulted in a cash outflow of \$(2,693,356) for the year ended May 31, 2011 compared to Nil during the prior year.

Investment in mineral properties for the year ended May 31, 2011 resulted in a cash outflow of \$(13,514,811), compared to \$(3,310,056) for the year ended May 31, 2010.

**RESULTS OF OPERATIONS – FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MAY 31, 2011  
COMPARED TO THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MAY 31, 2010****Gold sales and cost of sales**

Gold sales were \$20,927,530 and cost of sales was \$9,569,657 during the three months ended May 31, 2011, compared to \$16,233,900 and \$9,619,794, respectively. Cash margin for the

fourth quarter of year ended May 31, 2011 was \$11,357,873 or 54% compared to \$6,614,106 or 41% for the year ended May 31, 2010. This means an improvement of 72% and 32% in cash margin and gross margin of the Company, respectively, during the three months ended May 31, 2011.

### **Amortization and depletion**

Amortization of production equipment and depletion of mineral properties were \$3,491,197 for the three months ended May 31, 2011 compared to \$3,156,219 for the three months ended May 31, 2010. The increase of \$334,978 was due to an increase of 18% on the production of gold poured during the fourth quarter of year ended May 31, 2011 compared to the same quarter of previous fiscal year and also an increase in equipment and mineral properties during the fiscal year ended May 31, 2011. In addition, during fourth quarter of year ended May 31, 2011 the Company started to deplete pre-stripping costs recorded within mineral properties as of the end of fiscal year 2011.

### **Expenses**

Expenses for the three months ended May 31, 2011, increased by \$1,565,469 to \$(5,848,100) compared to \$(4,282,631) for the three months ended May 31, 2010. The increase in expenses is primarily due to:

- An increase of \$773,916 in exploration and development costs. Exploration and development costs were \$2,644,455 for the three months ended May 31, 2011 compared to \$1,870,539 for the three months ended May 31, 2010. This was due to the increased exploration activity on the Oro del Norte property, located near Molejon. Approximately 95% of the exploration and development costs incurred in the current period relates to work performed on the Oro del Norte property.
- An increase of \$390,260 in consulting fees. Consulting fees were \$418,348 for the three months period ended May 31, 2011, compared to \$28,088 for the three months period ended May 31, 2010. This increase is mainly due to the engagement of consultants in connection with the required transition to IFRS, as from fiscal year 2012, and the optimization of processes at the Molejon mine.
- An increase of \$452,645 in office administration. Office administration was \$817,725 for the three months period ended May 31, 2011, compared to \$365,080 for the three months period ended May 31, 2010. This increase is due mainly to additional air freight costs associated with increased procurement activities at the Molejon mine site.

The increase in expenses was partially offset by:

- A decrease in stock-based compensation of \$221,100. Stock-based compensation was \$148,269 for the three months period ending May 31, 2011, compared to \$369,369 for the three months period ending May 31, 2010. The decrease was due to a lower amount of stock options issued during fiscal year 2011.

**Other income (expense)**

During the three months period ended May 31, 2011, other income (expense) was \$5,879,571 compared to an expense of \$(5,969,196) for the three months period ended May 31, 2010. The increase of \$11,848,767 in other income (expense) is largely due to:

- A reduced impact of mark-to-market valuation of senior secured notes (“Notes”) and convertible senior secured notes (“Convertible Notes”), \$6,512,493.
- An increase of \$5,243,309 in gain on disposal and dilution derived from disposal of Vintage Mining Corp by Azuero Mining Development, S.A. as it is explained in note 10 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

The net income for the three months ended May 31, 2011 was \$5,394,399, representing a basic and diluted earnings per share of \$0.03, compared to a net loss and comprehensive loss of \$(6,793,940) or \$(0.05) per basic and diluted share for the three months ended May 31, 2010.

**Cash Flow*****Operating Activities***

There was a net cash inflow from operations of \$1,982,808 during the three months ended May 31, 2011. This compares to a cash inflow of \$7,003,464 during the three months ended May 31, 2010.

***Financing Activities***

There was a net cash inflow of \$8,292,368 during the three months ended May 31, 2011. This compares to a cash inflow of \$6,790,248 during the three months ended May 31, 2010.

Proceeds from the exercise of warrants and options provided \$306,208 for the three months ended May 31, 2011 compared to \$652,092 for the three months ended May 31, 2010.

Proceeds from issuance of shares were Nil for the three months ended May 31, 2011 compared to \$1,235,985 for the three months ended May 31, 2010. Proceeds from long term debt were \$1,085,520 for the three months ended May 31, 2011 compared to Nil for the three months ended May 31, 2010, have been applied to advance to suppliers. Repayment of capital lease obligations was \$913,701 for the three months ended May 31, 2011 compared to \$1,642,946 for the three months ended May 31, 2010.

***Investing Activities***

There was a net cash outflow of \$(10,778,875) during the three months ended May 31, 2011, compared to a cash outflow of \$(11,797,600) during the three months ended May 31, 2010.

An increase in deposits advanced to suppliers resulted in a cash outflow of \$(1,134,497) for the three months ended May 31, 2011 compared to an outflow of \$(902,421) for the same period of previous fiscal year.

Investment in mineral properties for the three months ended May 31, 2011 resulted in a cash outflow of \$(10,126,193), compared to an outflow of \$(10,467,783) for the three months ended May 31, 2010.

During the three months ended May 31, 2011 there was an increase in short and long term investments of \$160,000 compared to Nil for the three months ended May 31, 2010.

## **LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES**

As of May 31, 2011 the financial situation of the Company has improved significantly comparing to May 31, 2010. Cash on hand plus short and long term investment have increased by \$5,279,027 to \$11,905,161 as of May 31, 2011, compared to \$6,626,134 as of May 31, 2010. This represents an increase of 80% in the cash position. In addition, liquidity ratio as of May 31, 2011 has improved a 385% compared to May 31, 2010, resulting in a reduction on the working capital deficiency of \$64,490,512. As of May 31, 2011 working capital deficiency was \$22,838,842 compared to \$87,329,354 as of May 31, 2010, representing a reduction of 74% in working capital deficiency. Working capital is defined as current assets less current liabilities and provides a measure of the Company's ability to settle liabilities that are due within one year with assets that are also expected to be converted to cash within one year.

Total liabilities of the Company as of May 31, 2011 have decreased by \$6,416,140 to \$95,199,170, compared to \$101,615,310 as of May 31, 2010. This represents a 6% decrease in the obligations of the Company. On the other hand, as of May 31, 2011, total assets of the Company have increased \$35,257,081 to \$115,519,276, compared to \$80,262,195 as of May 31, 2010, representing a 44% of increase. Regarding shareholders' equity, as of May 31, 2011 it has increased 183% to \$17,812,950 compared to a shareholders' deficiency of \$21,353,115 as of May 31, 2010. This significant improvement in terms of equity was due to the private placement and the exercise of warrants and options during the year ended May 31, 2011, partially offset by the net loss of \$3,937,326 for the year ended May 31, 2011.

As of May 31, 2011 the Company has accumulated an operating deficit of \$150,694,344 (May 31, 2010 - \$146,757,018). However, during the three months period ended May 31, 2011 the Company has earned, for the second consecutive quarter, since commercial production, a net income of \$5,394,399. This represents an increase of \$12,188,339 compared to the net loss for the three months period ended May 31, 2010. This significant achievement was derived mainly from an improvement of \$4,408,789 in the operating profit of the Company, due to an increase of 29% in gold sales, and a reduction of \$6,512,494 in the cost of the senior and convertible secured notes.

The operating cash flow and profitability of the Company are affected by various factors, including the amount of gold produced and sold, the market price of gold, operating costs, interest rates, environmental costs, the level of exploration activity, labour risk, the risk of business disruption due to environmentalist activities and political risk. The Company seeks to manage the

risks associated with its business; however, many of the factors affecting these risks are beyond the Company's control.

The 2012 fiscal year budget approved by the Board of Directors indicates the Company will be able to continue as a going concern without obtaining additional financing. The Company expects to fund its operations including its working capital deficiency via its internal cash flows from the Molejon gold mine. However the Company will continue to strategically seek external financing to reduce its overall cost of capital and to support further expansion of the Company including the drilling program of Iberian Resources Corp and the Company's infrastructure business.

## CONTRACTUAL AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS

	Less than 1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	4-5 Years	More than 5 Years
Office lease	\$ 73,900	\$28,000	Nil	Nil	Nil
Equipment lease	\$ 1,754,547	\$1,134,360	\$1,134,360	\$2,079,364	Nil
Senior secured notes	\$ 451,668	\$455,411	\$455,411	\$3,679,473	Nil
Convertible senior secured notes	\$ 573,916	\$578,672	\$578,672	\$4,675,355	Nil
Long term debt	\$435,733	\$ 465,109	\$448,377	\$927,011	Nil
Fundacion Petaquilla	\$1,440,000	\$1,440,000	\$1,440,000	\$2,880,000	\$1,440,000
Asset retirement obligation	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	\$10,218,124
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,729,764</b>	<b>\$4,101,552</b>	<b>\$4,056,820</b>	<b>\$14,241,203</b>	<b>\$11,658,124</b>

The Company has committed funding of \$120,000 per month to Fundacion Petaquilla for the life of the Molejon mine. Fundacion Petaquilla promotes a sustainable development culture, administering social programs in the area around the Molejon property.

As it is described in note 27 to the Consolidated Financial Statements, the Company has an obligation to the Deutsche Bank, AG for a certain amount of ounces of gold in the future.

## CONTINGENCIES

- 1) On February 11, 2011, the Government of Panama made an amendment to the Mineral Resources Code of Panama. However, after this decision the Government of Panama formally requested to the National Assemble to revoke Law No. 8 of February 11, 2011, which amended the Mineral Resources Code of Panama in its entirety. The primary focus of the Law No. 8 amendments was to allow foreign sovereign funds to invest in Panamanian resources. In addition, an increase in royalties' rate by 2% was included in such amendments. The effect of increasing royalties by 2% on the Company's operations and financial position for the current year would have been an increase in cost of sales of

\$1,441,287 should the legislation be enacted and applied retroactively.

- 2) During the year ending May 31, 2008, the Company was served with a claim by a former officer in the amount of \$250,000. This matter will be going to mediation in fiscal 2012. The Company believes that the claim is without merit and has not recorded a liability as the outcome is uncertain.
- 3) The Company is engaged in certain other legal actions in the ordinary course of business and believes that the ultimate outcome of these actions will not have a material adverse effect on its operating results, liquidity or financial position.

## **RESOLVED CONTINGENCIES**

- 1) On November 13, 2008 the Autoridad Nacional del Ambiente (“ANAM”), the environmental agency of the Government of the Republic of Panama, issued a Resolution purporting to fine the Company and its present and former affiliates \$1,000,000 for alleged violations of environmental laws that took place on the main Petaquilla Copper Concession in 2005 and an additional \$934,695 for damages. On November 26, 2008, ANAM, by Resolution, approved the Company’s Environmental Impact Study (“EIS”) Category III submitted in July 2007 for the Molejon Gold Project. The Resolution sets out a number of conditions to be satisfied before the Company can attain full commercial production. Based on the approval of the EIS, the Company filed for reconsideration by ANAM to have the fines reduced to nil. In January 2009, the Company was advised that ANAM had not accepted the Company’s request for reconsideration that the amount of the financial sanctions purportedly levied against the Company and its present and former affiliates be reduced to nil. On March 10, 2009, the Supreme Court of the Republic of Panama suspended the imposition of ANAM’s fine until the matter of the Company’s appeal is resolved. On February 14, 2011, the Supreme Court of the Republic of Panama declared that the fine imposed by ANAM on the Company rendered ineffective. The Company has accepted the Government of the Republic of Panama’s position, and therefore, no fine has been recorded.
- 2) On October 6, 2010 Pro-Con Industries, Inc. filed a claim in the Los Angeles Superior Court against Petaquilla Minerals S.A. for breach of written contract, fraud, intentional interference with economic relationship and negligent interference with economic relationship. The claim seeks damages in excess of \$600,000 in addition to punitive damages and attorney fees. The case was dismissed on January 10, 2011, as the plaintiff failed to effect service.

## **CAPITAL STOCK**

At August 29, 2011, the Company had unlimited authorized common shares without par value and unlimited authorized preference shares without par value. The Board of Directors will assign the rights and privileges to each series of preference shares upon issue.

As at May 31, 2011, an aggregate of 176,429,501 common shares were issued and outstanding of which 44,200 were repurchased. As at August 29, 2011, an aggregate of 176,479,501 common shares were issued and outstanding, of which 269,200 were repurchased under the Normal Course Issuer Bid (“NCIB”) program as is described in note 29 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

	Number of Common Shares	Amount of Common Shares	Treasury Shares (1)	Warrants	Contributed Surplus	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	Accumulated Deficit
Balance as at May 31, 2008	95,958,641	\$89,002,273	\$(122,193)	\$11,771,374	\$14,714,276	\$(2,084,526)	\$(98,675,070)
Exercise of stock options	81,480	206,395	-	-	(168,732)	-	-
Stock-based compensation	-	-	-	-	869,890	-	-
Senior secured notes finders warrants	-	-	-	215,230	-	-	-
Senior secured notes warrants	-	-	-	706,802	-	-	-
Expiration of warrants	-	-	-	(263,263)	263,263	-	-
Warrant issue costs	-	-	-	(102,546)	-	-	-
Repricing of senior secured note warrants	-	-	-	1,781,500	(1,781,500)	-	-
Net loss	-	-	-	-	-	-	(21,099,866)
Exchange difference from translation of financial statements to US reporting currency	-	-	-	-	-	(4,648,716)	-
Balance as at May 31, 2009	96,040,121	\$89,208,668	\$(122,193)	\$14,109,097	\$13,897,197	\$(6,733,242)	\$(119,774,936)
Non-brokered private placements, net of finders' fees	28,000,080	12,226,321	-	319,736	-	-	-
Exercise of stock options	768,750	542,201	-	-	(187,487)	-	-
Stock-based compensation	-	-	-	-	1,351,106	-	-
Expiration of warrants	-	-	-	(1,158,992)	1,158,992	-	-
Exercise of warrants	473,000	357,807	-	(60,429)	-	-	-
Net loss	-	-	-	-	-	-	(26,982,082)
Balance as at May 31, 2010	125,281,951	\$102,334,997	\$(122,193)	\$13,209,412	\$16,219,808	\$(6,733,242)	\$(146,757,018)
Non-brokered private placement, net of finders' fees	32,000,000	31,633,563	-	(1,715,805)	-	-	-
Private placement warrants issued	-	(19,360,365)	-	19,360,365	-	-	-
Exercise of warrants	18,553,800	11,988,810	-	(3,979,771)	-	-	-
Costs of warrants exercised	-	3,979,771	-	-	-	-	-
Exercise of stock options	593,750	501,798	-	-	(276,184)	-	-
Stock-based compensation	-	-	-	-	971,208	-	-
Equity component of convertible senior secured notes	-	-	-	-	452,305	-	-
Net loss	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$(3,937,326)
Balance as at May 31, 2011	176,429,501	\$131,078,574	\$(122,193)	\$26,874,201	\$17,367,137	\$(6,733,242)	\$(150,694,344)

(1) 44,200 common shares (Note 29)

PTQ had the following share purchase warrants outstanding as at August 29, 2011:

<b>Number of Warrants Outstanding</b>	<b>Exercise Price (CAD\$)</b>	<b>Expiry Date</b>
250,000	1.54	October 4, 2011
9,174,605	1.54	October 17, 2011
3,964,000	0.65	May 21, 2013
846,000	0.65	June 4, 2013
2,100,042	0.85	May 21, 2012
23,399,402	1.45	December 30, 2013
6,100,598	1.45	January 7, 2014
2,500,000	1.45	January 26, 2014
<b>48,334,647</b>		

The following summarizes information about the stock options outstanding as at August 29, 2011:

<b>Number of Shares Outstanding</b>	<b>Exercise Price (CAD\$)</b>	<b>Expiry Date</b>
762,262	1.05	January 15, 2012
755,208	2.01	January 15, 2012
100,000	2.25	June 20, 2012
50,000	2.49	July 12, 2012
300,000	0.52	December 1, 2013
2,700,000	0.23	November 18, 2014
425,000	0.87	January 5, 2015
425,000	0.57	March 25, 2015
350,000	0.53	April 30, 2015
65,000	0.48	May 13, 2015
685,000	0.75	November 1, 2015
75,000	1.00	November 29, 2015
510,000	1.11	December 21, 2015
25,000	0.93	April 6, 2016
<b>7,227,470</b>		

## **OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS**

The Company does not utilize off-balance sheet arrangements.

## **RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

During the year ended May 31, 2011:

- a) The Company paid fees for compensation related matters of \$929,000 to a company controlled by the Chairman (year ended May 31, 2010 – \$489,908, year ended May 31, 2009 – \$220,176).
- b) The Company paid for goods and services provided to the Molejon mine of \$228,965 (year ended May 31, 2010- \$166,134, year ended May 31, 2009 - \$155,805) to

companies controlled by the Chairman.

- c) The Company paid fees of \$18,800 (year ended May 31, 2010 – nil, year ended May 31, 2009 - nil) to a company controlled by a Director.
- d) The Company paid wages of nil (year ended May 31, 2010 – nil, year ended May 31, 2009 - \$32,158) to companies controlled by a former director.
- e) The Company paid legal fees of nil (year ended May 31, 2010 - \$273,178, year ended May 31, 2009 - \$269,526), and financing costs of nil (year ended May 31, 2010 – nil, year ended May 31, 2009 - \$104,272) to a law firm controlled by a former officer and a law firm controlled by a former director.
- f) Note 10 provides a description of the Iberian Resources Corp (“Iberian”) transaction. As noted, Iberian is a related party to the Company by virtue of common management and directors.

At May 31, 2011, excluding related party Notes and related party Convertible Notes (Notes 16 and 17), \$126,858 was owed to related parties.

## **SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Subsequent to May 31, 2011 the following events took place:

- 1) On July 19, 2011, the Company entered into a sublease for corporate office space. The term of the agreement is for thirty six months commencing on September 1, 2011, at a monthly rate of \$3,052.
- 2) The Company has filed a notice with the Toronto Stock Exchange (“TSX”) for, and received its approval to make, a Normal Course Issuer Bid (“NCIB”) permitting the Company to purchase up to 17,000,000 common shares (“Shares”), representing approximately 9.9% of its public float. The average daily trading volume on the TSX for the six months preceding June 1, 2011, was 683,833 Shares. Subject to the Company’s ability to make “block” purchases under TSX rules, the daily purchase restriction during the course of the NCIB is 25% of the average daily trading volume, or 170,958 Shares. The Company may buy back Shares anytime during the 12-month period beginning on July 4, 2011, and ending on July 3, 2012, or on such earlier date as the Company may complete its purchases pursuant to the NCIB, or provide notice of termination. Any purchase under the NCIB will be made through the facilities of the TSX in compliance with the rules of the TSX. The Company will pay the market price, up to a maximum of CAD\$1.00 per Share, at the time of acquisition of Shares purchased through the facilities of the TSX, subject to any restrictions under the rules of the TSX. The actual number of Shares which may be purchased, and the timing of any such purchases, will be determined by the Company, in accordance with the rules of the TSX. A total of 285,000 shares were repurchased by the Company, ranging share price from CAD\$0.69 to CAD\$0.80.

- 3) On July 20, 2011, an additional \$1,508,524 was subscribed to from the long term financing with Global Bank of Panama at 6.25% per annum, in addition to the amount of \$2,170,264 that was already subscribed to as at May 31, 2011, according to terms detailed in note 13 of the Consolidated Financial Statements.
- 4) On July 20, 2011, the Company announced that a special meeting (the “Meeting”) of the holders of common shares of Petaquilla (the “Shareholders”) will be held on August 31, 2011. At the Meeting, Shareholders will be asked to consider and, if thought fit, to approve with or without variation, an ordinary resolution authorizing the issuance by the Company of such number of common shares in the capital of the Company (the “Shares”) as is necessary to complete the proposed acquisition by the Company of all the outstanding securities of Iberian Resources Corp. (the “Acquisition”); and to transact such other business as may properly come before the Meeting or any adjournment thereof. The Acquisition is subject to receipt of all required regulatory approvals, if any, and to the approval of the Shareholders at the Meeting. Assuming all such approvals are obtained, the Acquisition is expected to be effected on or about September 1, 2011.
- 5) On June 28, 2011 and June 29, 2011, a total of \$1,292,925 was subscribed to by Petaquilla Gold S.A., a subsidiary of the Company from Caterpillar Financial, to supply heavy equipment. The terms of these agreements are an interest rate of 6% per annum, and repayment terms between 48 and 60 months.
- 6) On August 17, 2011, \$175,000 of the \$247,864 lien relating a bank account of Petaquilla Gold S.A., a subsidiary of the Company, was cancelled by the Federal Court of Justice of the Republic of Panama.
- 7) 50,000 stock options were exercised.

## **CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in accordance with Canadian GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and the amount of revenues and expenses reported during the period. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

Significant estimates used in the preparation of the consolidated financial statements include, but are not limited to, recoverability of accounts receivable and investments, estimates of the useful life of properties and equipment, the future cost of asset retirement obligations, the amount and likelihood of contingencies, the discount rate used for valuation of senior secured and convertible senior secured notes, the valuation allowance for future income tax assets and the accounting for stock-based compensation and warrants.

### ***Mineral Property Costs***

Exploration and development costs are expensed in the year in which they are incurred, except where these costs relate to specific properties for which resources, as defined under National

Instrument 43-101, exist and it is expected that the expenditure can be recovered by future exploitation or sale, in which case they are capitalized. Acquisition costs of mineral properties and tangible development costs incurred there on are deferred until the property to which they relate is placed into production, sold or abandoned. The carrying values of mineral properties are, where necessary, written down to fair value if carrying value is not recoverable. Costs relating to properties abandoned are written off when the decision to abandon is made.

Prior to the attainment of commercial production, all revenues from metal sales and all production and selling costs related to those sales are capitalized as part of mineral properties. After the start of commercial production, all revenue and applicable costs are recorded in the consolidated statement of operations. The start of commercial production is defined as the point in time when 70% of the designed production capability is achieved and this is maintained for thirty consecutive days.

The Company follows the cost reduction method of accounting for the receipt of property option and similar payments. Cash and other property payments received from the Company's exploration partners are credited to the respective property until all capitalized costs are recovered; thereafter, such payments are included in income. Option payments are exercisable at the discretion of the optionee and are only recognized when received.

### ***Senior Secured Notes***

The Notes have been accounted for in accordance with HB 3855 "Financial Instruments – Recognition and Measurement", HB 3862 "Financial Instruments – Disclosure" and HB 3863 "Financial Instruments – Presentation". Under this guidance, the Company valued the liability component of the Notes and assigned the difference to the warrants. On the valuation dates, the value of the Notes was calculated to be \$58,474,937 and the amount allocated to the warrants was \$1,525,063. Prepaid interest of \$9,000,000 was applied as a reduction of the Notes. The liability component was initially estimated as approximating the value of a two-three months bond with no put or call features using a discount rate of 26.65%. The Notes contain an embedded derivative as a result of the call and put options. The Company is unable to fair value the embedded derivative component separately and thus has classified the combined contract as a financial liability that is held for trading. At May 31, 2011, the Notes have been adjusted to their fair market value of \$3,124,437 using a 10.18% discount rate.

### ***Convertible Senior Secured Notes***

The Convertible Notes have been accounted for in accordance with HB 3855 "Financial Instruments – Recognition and Measurement," HB 3862 "Financial Instruments – Disclosure," HB 3863 "Financial Instruments – Presentation" and EIC 164 "Convertible and Other Debt Instruments with Embedded Derivatives". Under this guidance, the Company valued the liability component of the Convertible Notes and assigned the difference to the conversion feature. On the valuation date, the value of the liability component of the Convertible Notes was calculated to be \$39,504,879. The conversion feature was valued at \$495,121. Prepaid interest of \$6,000,000 was applied as a reduction of the Convertible Notes. The liability component was initially estimated as approximating the value of a two-three months bond with no put or call features using a discount rate of 20.58%. The Convertible Notes contained an embedded derivative as a result of the call option. The Company is unable to fair value the embedded

derivative component separately and thus has classified the combined contract as a financial liability that is held for trading. At May 31, 2011, the Convertible Notes have been adjusted to their fair market value of \$3,970,094 using a 10.18% discount rate.

### ***Impairment of Long-lived Assets***

A long-lived asset, which includes property and related costs and equipment, is tested for recoverability whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that its carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognized when the carrying amount of a long-lived asset exceeds its fair value. For purposes of recognition and measurement of an impairment loss, a long-lived asset is grouped with other assets and liabilities to form an asset group, at the lowest level for which identifiable cash flows are largely independent of the cash flows of other assets and liabilities. Estimates of future cash flows used to test recoverability of a long-lived asset include only the future cash flows that are directly associated with, and that are expected to arise as a direct result of, its use and eventual disposition.

### ***Asset Retirement Obligation***

An asset retirement obligation is a legal obligation associated with the retirement of tangible long-lived assets that the Company is required to settle. The Company recognizes the fair value of a liability for an asset retirement obligation in the period in which it is incurred when a reasonable estimate of fair value can be made. The carrying amount of the related long-lived asset is increased by the same amount as the liability. Subsequently, these capitalized asset retirement costs will be amortized to expense over the life of the related assets using the unit-of-production method. At the end of each period, the liability is increased to reflect the passage of time (accretion expense) and adjusted for changes in the estimated future cash flows underlying any initial fair value measurements (an increase or decrease in asset retirement costs). At May 31, 2011 the estimated fair value of the liability for an asset retirement obligation was in amount of \$5,687,236.

### ***Stock-based Compensation***

The Company accounts for all stock-based payments and awards using the fair value-based method. Under the fair value-based method, stock-based payments to non-employees are measured at the fair value of the goods or services received, or the fair value of the equity instruments issued, whichever is more reliably measurable. The fair value of stock-based payments to non-employees is periodically re-measured until counterparty performance is complete, and any change therein is recognized over the vesting period of the award and in the same manner as if the Company had paid cash instead of paying with or using equity instruments. The cost of stock-based payments to non-employees that are fully vested and non-forfeitable at the grant date is measured and recognized at that date. Compensation cost attributable to awards to employees is measured at fair value at the grant date and recognized over the vesting period (see Note 19 to the Consolidated Financial Statements).

## CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICY INCLUDING INITIAL ADOPTION

### Accounting Policies to be Implemented Effective June 1, 2011

The Accounting Standards Board (AcSB) adopted International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as Canadian GAAP for publicly accountable enterprises for fiscal years beginning on or after January 1, 2011. The Company will be required to report using IFRS effective for interim and annual financial statements relating to the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2011. In addition, the adoption will require the restatement, for comparative purposes, of amounts reported by the Company for its year ended May 31, 2011, and restatement of the opening balance sheet as at June 1, 2010.

The Company's approach to the conversion to IFRS includes four phases.

- Phase one, an initial general diagnostic of its accounting policies and Canadian GAAP relevant to its financial reporting requirements to determine the key differences and options with respect to acceptable accounting standards under IFRS. This phase has been completed.
- Phase two, an in depth analysis of the IFRS impact in those areas identified under phase one. This phase has been completed.
- Phase three, the implementation of the conversion process, including the completion of the opening balance sheet as at June 1, 2010 together with related discussion and notes, has been completed.
- Phase four, the post implementation phase, which will include sustainable IFRS compliant financial data and processes for fiscal year 2012 and beyond.

The conversion to IFRS will impact the Company's accounting policies, information technology and data systems, internal control over financial reporting and disclosure controls and procedures.

The transition may also impact business activities such as certain contractual arrangements, capital requirements and compensation arrangements.

The accounting bodies responsible for issuing Canadian and IFRS accounting standards have significant ongoing projects that could impact the Company's financial statements as at June 1, 2011 and in subsequent years, including projects regarding financial instruments and joint venture accounting. In addition, there is an extractive industries project currently underway that will lead to more definitive guidance on the accounting for exploration and evaluation expenditures, although this is still in the discussion paper stage and may not be completed for some time. The Company is continuing to monitor the development of these projects and will assess their impact in the course of its transition process to IFRS.

## FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

The Company thoroughly examines the various financial instrument risks to which it is exposed and assesses the impact and likelihood of those risks. These risks may include credit risk, liquidity risk, currency risk, and interest rate risk. Where material, these risks are reviewed and monitored by the Board of Directors.

### (a) Fair Values

The fair value of the Company's current assets and liabilities including cash and cash equivalents, receivables, restricted cash and accounts payable and accrued liabilities approximate their carrying values due to the immediate or short-term maturity of these financial instruments. The carrying amounts of the Company's long term debt and obligations under capital leases approximate fair value due to their interest rates being in line with market rates.

The Company's Notes and Convertible Notes are measured on initial recognition using the residual method. Subsequent fair value measurement is based on a discounted cash flow model using a discount rate of 10.18% at May 31, 2011 (May 31, 2010 – 12.0%).

The amendments to Section 3862 introduce a fair value hierarchy that reflects the significance of inputs used in making fair value measurements as follows:

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

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

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

At May 31, 2011, the levels in the fair value hierarchy into which the Company's financial assets and liabilities measured and recognized in the consolidated balance sheet at fair value are categorized as follows:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Senior secured notes	-	-	\$3,124,437
Convertible senior secured notes	-	-	3,970,094

An analysis of these notes including related gains and losses during the year ended May 31, 2011 and 2010 is as follows:

	<b>Year ended May 31, 2011</b>	<b>Year ended May 31, 2010</b>
Balance at beginning of the year		
Senior secured notes	\$26,646,631	\$29,407,502
Convertible senior secured notes	44,837,991	34,794,455
	<b>71,484,622</b>	<b>64,201,957</b>
Repayment of senior secured notes and convertible senior secured notes	(70,413,280)	(8,806,743)
Mark-to-market losses included in net income (expense)	6,023,189	16,089,408
<b>Balance at end of the year</b>	<b>\$7,094,531</b>	<b>\$71,484,622</b>

### **(b) Financial Instrument Risk Exposure**

#### *Credit risk*

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will fail to discharge an obligation and cause the other party to incur a financial loss. Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to credit risk consist of cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash, and accounts receivable. The Company has reduced its credit risk by investing its cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash in term deposits with financial institutions that operate globally. There is also minimal risk associated with accounts receivable as the payment for gold sales is received prior to the gold being credited to the customer's account at the refinery.

Therefore, the Company is not exposed to significant credit risk and overall the Company's credit risk has not changed significantly from the prior year.

#### *Liquidity risk*

Liquidity risk arises from the Company's general and capital financing needs. The Company has in place a planning and budgeting process to help determine the funds required to ensure the Company has the appropriate liquidity to meet its operating and growth objectives. The Company has historically relied on issuance of shares, senior secured debt, convertible senior secured debt and leasing arrangements to develop the Molejon gold project. The Company expects to fund operations and capital expenditures in fiscal 2012 via operations as the Molejon gold project has been in commercial production since January 2010.

During the year ended May 31, 2011, the Company paid a total amount of \$70,413,280 in principal, premium and interest on the Notes and Convertible Notes from the proceeds of the Forward Gold Purchase Agreement signed with Deutsche Bank AG during the second quarter of fiscal year 2011 and a private placement offering closed on January 31, 2011.

In addition all the commitments regarding payments on principal, premium and interest on Notes and Convertible Notes have been complied in accordance with the subordination established by the Forward Gold Purchase Agreement signed with Deutsche Bank AG (see Notes 16 and 17 to the Consolidated Financial Statements).

### ***Market risk***

#### ***(i) Currency risk***

Financial instruments that impact the Company's net earnings or other comprehensive income due to currency fluctuations include: Canadian dollar denominated cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash, accounts receivable and accounts payable. As the Company conducts the vast majority of its activities in United States dollars, changes in the exchange rate between the Canadian dollar and the United States dollar have a minimal effect on the Company's net earnings and other comprehensive income.

#### ***(ii) Interest rate risk***

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates. Cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash bear interest at fixed rates.

Other current financial assets and liabilities are not exposed to interest rate risk because they are non-interest bearing.

The operating credit line facility, capital leases, and long-term debt bear interest at a fixed rate and are also not exposed to interest rate risk.

#### **(c) Capital Management**

The Company's objectives of capital management are intended to safeguard the entity's ability to support the Company's normal operating requirements on an ongoing basis, continue the development and exploration of its mineral properties and support any expansionary plans.

The capital structure of the Company consists of long term debt (Note 13 of the Consolidated Financial Statements), leases (Note 15 of the Consolidated Financial Statements), Notes (Note 16 of the Consolidated Financial Statements), Convertible Notes (Note 17 of the Consolidated Financial Statements), advances from Deutsche Bank in connection with future production of gold (Note 27 of the Consolidated Financial Statements) and equity attributable to common shareholders, comprised of issued capital, contributed surplus and deficit. The Company manages the capital structure and makes adjustments in light of changes in economic conditions and the risk characteristics of the Company's assets.

To effectively manage the entity's capital requirements, the Company has in place a planning and budgeting process to help determine the funds required to ensure the Company has the appropriate liquidity to meet its operating and growth objectives. The Company has historically relied on

issuance of shares, senior secured debt, convertible senior secured debt and leasing arrangements to develop the project and may require doing so again in the future.

The Company is monitoring market conditions to secure funding at the lowest cost of capital. The Company is exposed to various funding and market risks which could curtail its access to funds.

## **RISK AND UNCERTAINTIES**

The following is a brief discussion of those distinctive or special characteristics of PTQ's operations and industry, which may have a material impact on, or constitute risk factors in respect of, PTQ's financial performance. However, there may be additional risks unknown to Petaquilla and other risks, currently believed to be immaterial, that could turn out to be material. These risks, either individually or simultaneously, could significantly affect the group's business and financial results.

The Company operates in a dynamic and rapidly changing environment that involves numerous risks and uncertainties. Investors should carefully consider the risks described below before investing in the Company's securities. The occurrence of any of the following events could harm PTQ. If these events occur, the trading price of the Company's common shares could decline, and investors may lose part or even all of their investment.

***Mining operations and projects are vulnerable to supply chain disruption and Petaquilla's operations and development projects could be adversely affected by shortages of, as well as lead times to deliver, strategic spares, critical consumables, mining equipment or metallurgical plant.***

Petaquilla's operations and development projects could be adversely affected by shortages of, as well as lead times to deliver, strategic spares, critical consumables and processing equipment. In the past, Petaquilla and other gold mining companies have experienced shortages in critical consumables, particularly as production capacity in the global mining industry has expanded in response to increased demand for commodities, and Petaquilla has experienced increased delivery times for these items. These shortages have also resulted in unanticipated increases in the price of certain of these items. Shortages of strategic spares, critical consumables or mining equipment, which could occur in the future, could result in production delays and production shortfalls, and increases in prices result in an increase in both operating costs and the capital expenditure to maintain and develop mining operations. Petaquilla and other gold mining companies, individually, have limited influence over manufacturers and suppliers of these items. In certain cases there are only limited suppliers for certain strategic spares, critical consumables and processing equipment who command superior bargaining power relative to Petaquilla, or Petaquilla could at times face limited supply or increased lead time in the delivery of such items. If Petaquilla experiences shortages, or increased lead times in delivery of strategic spares, critical consumables or processing equipment its results of operations and its financial condition could be adversely affected.

***Petaquilla faces uncertainty and risks in its exploration and project evaluation activities.***

Exploration activities are speculative in nature and project evaluation activities necessary to determine whether a viable mining operation exists or can be developed are often unproductive. These activities also often require substantial expenditure to establish the presence, and to quantify the extent and grades (metal content), of mineralized material through exploration drilling. Once mineralization is discovered it can take several years to determine whether adequate ore reserves exist. During this time, the economic feasibility of production may change owing to fluctuations in factors that affect revenue, as well as cash and other operating costs, including:

- future metal and other commodity prices;
- anticipated tonnage, grades and metallurgical characteristics of the ore to be mined and processed;
- anticipated recovery rates of gold from the ore; and
- anticipated capital expenditure and cash operating costs.

These estimates depend upon the data available and the assumptions made at the time the relevant estimate is made. Resource estimates are not precise calculations and depend on the interpretation of limited information on the location, shape and continuity of the occurrence and on the available sampling results. Further exploration and studies can result in new data becoming available that may change previous resource estimates which will impact upon both the technical and economic viability of production from the relevant mining project. Changes in the forecast prices of commodities, exchange rates, production costs or recovery rates may change the economic status of resources resulting in revisions to previous resource estimates. These revisions could impact depreciation and amortization rates, asset-carrying values provisions for closedown, restoration and environmental clean-up costs. These estimates depend upon the data available and the assumptions made at the time the relevant estimate is made.

Petaquilla undertakes revisions to its resource estimate based upon actual exploration and production results, new information on geology and fluctuations in production, operating and other costs and which could adversely affect the life-of-mine plans and consequently the total value of Petaquilla's mining asset base. Resource restatements could negatively affect Petaquilla's results, financial condition and prospects, as well as its reputation. The increased demand for gold and other commodities, combined with a declining rate of discovery, has resulted in existing reserves being depleted at an accelerated rate in recent years. Petaquilla therefore faces intense competition for the acquisition of attractive mining properties.

From time to time, Petaquilla evaluates the acquisition of exploration properties and operating mines, either as stand-alone assets or as part of companies. Petaquilla's decisions to acquire these properties have historically been based on a variety of factors including estimates of and assumptions regarding the extent of resources, cash and other operating costs, gold prices and projected economic returns and evaluations of existing or potential liabilities associated with the relevant property and its operations and how these factors may change in the future. All of these factors are uncertain and could have an impact upon revenue, cash and other operating issues, as well as the uncertainties related to the process used to estimate resources.

As a result of these uncertainties, the exploration programs and acquisitions engaged in by Petaquilla may not result in the expansion or replacement of the current production with new resources or operations. Petaquilla's operating results and financial conditions are directly related to the success of its exploration and acquisition efforts and its ability to replace or increase existing resources. If Petaquilla is not able to maintain or increase its resources, its results of operations and its financial condition and prospects could be adversely affected.

***Petaquilla faces many risks related to the development of its mining projects that may adversely affect its results of operations and profitability.***

The profitability of mining companies depends, in part, on the actual costs of developing and operating mines, which may differ significantly from estimates determined at the time a relevant mining project was approved. The development of mining projects may also be subject to unexpected problems and delays that could increase the cost of development and the ultimate operating cost of the relevant project. Petaquilla's decision to develop a mineral property is based on estimates made as to the expected or anticipated project economic returns. These estimates are based on assumptions regarding:

- future gold prices;
- anticipated tonnage, grades and metallurgical characteristics of ore to be mined and processed;
- anticipated recovery rates of gold extracted from the ore; and
- anticipated capital expenditure and cash operating costs.

Actual cash operating costs, production and economic returns may differ significantly from those anticipated by such estimates.

There are a number of uncertainties inherent in the development and construction of an extension to an existing mine, or in the development and construction of any new mine. In addition to those discussed above, these uncertainties include the:

- timing and cost of the construction of mining and processing facilities, which can be considerable;
- availability and cost of skilled labor, power, water and transportation facilities;
- need to obtain necessary environmental and other governmental permits and the time to obtain such permits; and
- availability of funds to finance construction and development activities.

New mining operations could experience unexpected problems and delays during development, construction and mine start-up. In addition, delays in the commencement of mineral production could occur. Finally, operating cost and capital expenditure estimates could fluctuate considerably as a result of changes in the prices of commodities consumed in the construction and operation of mining projects. Accordingly, Petaquilla's future development activities may not result in the expansion or replacement of current production with new production, or one or more new production sites or facilities may be less profitable than currently anticipated or may not be profitable at all. Petaquilla's operating results and financial conditions are directly related

to the success of its project developments. A failure in Petaquilla's ability to develop and operate mining projects in accordance with, or in excess of, expectations could negatively affect its results of operations and its financial condition and prospects.

***The Company may require additional funding in order to continue its operations.***

PTQ has been producing since January 8, 2010 when it achieved commercial production at the Molejon gold property. Considering the increase in cash margin, the improvements in throughput and production capacity at the Plant, in addition to the start up of the on/off leach pad pilot during the second quarter of fiscal year 2012, the risk of requiring additional funding in order to continue its operations has been mitigated. In addition, the net income for the three months period ended May 31, 2011 shows a positive trend in the finance and operational performance of the Company. This positive trend will allow the Company to manage its cash flow from operations to comply with operational requirements and also with the planned exploration and development programs. The 6% reduction of the debt as at May 31, 2011 compared to May 31, 2010, the improvement in liquidity and the positive operational results for the last quarter indicates that this risk has been managed properly. Although this, different sources of funding, depending on the market conditions and the appetite of investors to increase their participation in Company's business or other projects, may become available and could be considered. However, there can be no assurance that funding from these sources will be sufficient in the future to satisfy the Company's operational requirements, debt repayments and cash commitments. It will depend on the market expectations, the performance of PTQ's production and results.

The Company has a history of losses and an accumulated deficit as at May 31, 2011 of \$150,694,344; however during the year ended May 31, 2011 the Company obtained an operating profit of \$21,215,882 and during the last two quarters of the year ended May 31, 2011 the Company generated a net income of \$7,503,883.

***On going concern***

The consolidated financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, which assumes that the Company will be able to realize its assets at the amounts recorded and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of business in the foreseeable future. Management believes that based on the Company's currently consolidated production performance, its proven cost management system and a substantially reduced debt profile, in addition to the favorable market conditions going into fiscal year 2012, the sustainability of the business has been assured and no more going concern uncertainty should be considered.

***Petaquilla's level of indebtedness could adversely affect its business.***

Although this risk could affect the financial situation of PTQ, it has been managed appropriately making possible to payout all the Notes and Convertible Notes in each due date during the year ended May 31, 2011. In addition, the subordination of the outstanding balances of Notes and Convertible Notes to the Forward Gold Purchase Agreement, signed with Deutsche Bank, gave to the liquidity and to the indebtedness of the Company a much better

profile. During the year ended May 31, 2011, the total indebtedness decreased 87% compared to May 31, 2010.

Due to new acquisitions and growth strategy of the Company, it may incur additional indebtedness in the future. A significant increase in the Company's debt levels may have important consequences for PTQ, including, but not limited to the following:

- The Company's ability to obtain additional financing for working capital, capital expenditures, general corporate and other purposes or to fund future operations may not be available on terms favorable to PTQ or at all;
- A significant amount of the Company's operating cash flow is dedicated to the payment of interest on PTQ's indebtedness, thereby diminishing funds that would otherwise be available for the Company's operations and for other purposes;
- Increasing the Company's vulnerability to current and future adverse economic and industry conditions;
- A substantial decrease in net operating cash flows or increase in the Company's expenses could make it more difficult for the Company to meet its debt service requirements, which could force PTQ to modify its operations;
- The Company's leveraged capital structure may place it at a competitive disadvantage by hindering its ability to adjust rapidly to changing market conditions or by making PTQ vulnerable to a downturn in its business or the economy in general;
- PTQ may have to offer debt or equity securities on terms that may not be favorable to the Company or to the Company's shareholders;
- Limiting PTQ's flexibility in planning for, or reacting to, changes and opportunities in the Company's business and the industry; and
- The Company's level of indebtedness increases the possibility that PTQ may be unable to generate cash sufficient to pay the principal or interest due in respect of the Company's indebtedness.

As mentioned in this risk analysis, the cash and indebtedness management of the Company during the year ended May 31, 2011 created a solid base for the growth of the Company and future projects, maintaining a balanced equity and indebtedness structure for new challenges.

***Petaquilla faces many risks related to its operations that may adversely affect its cash flows and overall profitability.***

Gold mining is susceptible to numerous events that may have an adverse impact on a mining business, its ability to produce gold and meet its production targets. These events include, but are not limited to:

- environmental hazards, including discharge of metals, pollutants or hazardous chemicals;
- industrial accidents;
- fires;
- labor disputes;
- mechanical breakdowns;
- electrical power interruptions;
- encountering unexpected geological formations;
- unanticipated ground conditions;
- ingresses of water;
- process water shortages;
- failure of mining pit slopes, water dams, waste stockpiles and tailings dam walls;
- legal and regulatory restrictions and changes to such restrictions;
- safety-related stoppages;
- other natural phenomena, such as floods, droughts or inclement weather conditions, potentially exacerbated by climate change.

***Mineral prices can fluctuate dramatically and have a material adverse effect on PTQ's results of operations.***

Petaquilla's revenues are primarily derived from the sale of gold. The market price for gold fluctuates widely. These fluctuations are caused by numerous factors beyond Petaquilla's control including:

- speculative positions taken by investors or traders in gold;
- changes in the demand for gold as an investment;
- changes in the demand for gold used in jewellery and for other industrial uses, including as a result of prevailing economic conditions;
- changes in the supply of gold from production, disinvestment, scrap and hedging;
- financial market expectations regarding the rate of inflation;
- strength of the US dollar (the currency in which the gold price trades internationally) relative to other currencies;
- changes in interest rates;
- actual or expected sales or purchases of gold by central banks and the International Monetary Fund;
- gold hedging and de-hedging by gold producers;
- global or regional political or economic events; and
- the cost of gold production in major gold producing countries.

On August 26, 2011, the afternoon fixing price of gold on the London Bullion Market was \$1,788 per ounce. The price of gold is often subject to sharp, short-term changes resulting from speculative activities. While the overall supply of and demand for gold can affect its market price, because of the considerable size of above-ground stocks of the metal in comparison to other commodities, these factors typically do not affect the gold price in the same manner or degree that the supply of and demand for other commodities tends to affect their market price.

In addition, the recent shift in gold demand from physical demand to investment and speculative demand may exacerbate the volatility of gold prices.

A sustained period of significant gold price volatility may adversely affect Petaquilla's ability to evaluate the feasibility of undertaking new capital projects or continuing existing operations or to make other long-term strategic decisions. If revenue from gold sales falls below the cost of production for an extended period, Petaquilla may experience losses and be forced to curtail or suspend some or all of its capital projects or existing operations. In addition, it would have to assess the economic impact of low gold prices on its ability to recover any losses that may be incurred during that period and on its ability to maintain adequate cash reserves.

***The Company faces risks related to operations in foreign countries.***

Currently the Company's properties are only located in Panama, a country with a developing mining sector but with no other commercially producing mines. Consequently, PTQ is subject to and the Company's mineral exploration and mining activities may be affected in varying degrees by, certain risks associated with foreign ownership including inflation, political instability, political conditions and government regulations. Any changes in regulations or shifts in political conditions are beyond the Company's control and may adversely affect the Company's business. Operations may be affected by government regulations with respect to restrictions on production, restrictions on foreign exchange and repatriation, price controls, export controls, restriction of earnings distribution, taxation laws, expropriation of property, environmental legislation, water use, mine safety and renegotiation or nullification of existing concessions, licenses, permits, and contracts.

Failure to comply strictly with applicable laws, regulations and local practices relating to mineral rights applications and tenure could result in loss, reduction or expropriation of entitlements, or the imposition of additional local or foreign parties as joint venture partners with carried or other interests. The occurrence of these various factors and uncertainties cannot be accurately predicted and could have an adverse effect on the Company's operations or profitability.

As part of the strategy to manage this kind of country risk, the Company is looking for diversify its project portfolio. In connection with it, on April 6, 2011, the Company entered into a binding letter of intent ("LOI") with Iberian Resources Corp. ("Iberian") pursuant to which the Company proposes to acquire all of the outstanding shares of Iberian, who owns 100% of the Lomero Poyatos mine, through its wholly-owned Spanish affiliate Corporacion de Recursos Iberia S.L. Lomero Poyatos mine is located about 110 kilometres northeast of Seville, in the heart of the Iberian Pyrite Belt. Iberian also owns several other exploration licenses in Iberia, through its wholly-owned Spanish and Portuguese affiliates. This proposed transaction has been unanimously approved by Iberian's shareholders and currently is subject to the approval of the shareholders of the Company at their special meeting to be held on August 31, 2011. With this proposed transaction the Company will add to its resources a total of approximately 2Moz Au diversifying the country and political risk within its investment portfolio.

***The requirements of the Ley Petaquilla may have an adverse impact on the Company.***

PTQ's operations in Panama are governed primarily by Law No. 9 of the Legislative Assembly of Panama (the "Ley Petaquilla"), a project-specific piece of legislation enacted in February 1997 to deal with the orderly development of the Cerro Petaquilla Concession.

The Ley Petaquilla granted a mineral exploration and exploitation concession to Minera Petaquilla, S.A. ("MPSA"), a Panamanian company formed in 1997 to hold the Cerro Petaquilla Concession covering approximately 136 square kilometers in north-central Panama. Although the Company no longer holds an interest in the copper deposits therein, it continues to hold the rights to the Molejon gold deposit and, as the Cerro Petaquilla Concession encompasses this deposit, the Ley Petaquilla governs the Company's exploration activities.

The Ley Petaquilla contains fiscal and legal stability clauses necessary in order to obtain project financing and includes tax exemptions on income, dividends and imports. The Ley Petaquilla also provides for an increase in the annual available infrastructure tax credit, higher depreciation rates for depreciable assets which cannot be used in the infrastructure tax credit pool, and a favorable depletion allowance.

In order to maintain the Cerro Petaquilla Concession in good standing, MPSA must pay to the Government of Panama an annual rental fee of \$1.00 per hectare during the first five years of the concession, \$2.50 per hectare in the ninth to the tenth years of the concession and \$3.50 per hectare thereafter. Initially the annual rental was approximately \$13,600 payable by MPSA and funded pro rata by its shareholders. The current annual rental is approximately \$34,000. The concession was granted for a 20 year term with up to two 20 year extensions permitted, subject to the requirement to begin mine development and to make a minimum investment of \$400 million in the development of the Cerro Petaquilla Concession.

Under the Ley Petaquilla, MPSA was required to begin mine development by August 2001. However, MPSA was able to defer commencing development operations by one month for every month that the price of copper remained below \$1.155 per pound for up to a further five years (i.e. until August 2006 at the latest). In September 2005, the multi-phase Petaquilla Mine Development Plan (the "Plan") submitted to the Government of Panama by PTQ and MPSA was approved by Ministerial Resolution. The Molejon gold mineral deposit forms part of the Cerro Petaquilla Concession and the first phase of the Plan focus on the advancement of the Molejon gold deposit by PTQ as commenced in 2006. Subsequent phases of the Plan are the responsibility of MPSA.

The Ley Petaquilla also requires MPSA to (i) deliver an environmental report to the General Directorate of Mineral Resources of the Ministry of Commerce and Industries ("MICI") for evaluation; (ii) submit, prior to extraction, an environmental feasibility study specific to the project area in which the respective extraction will take place; (iii) submit annually a work plan comprising the projections and approximate costs for the respective year to the MICI; (iv) post letters of credit in support of required compliance and environmental protection guarantees; (v) annually pay surface canons; (vi) annually pay royalties for extracted minerals; (vii) annually present to the MICI detailed reports covering operations and employment and training; (viii) create and participate in the administration of a scholarship fund to finance studies and training

courses or professional training for the inhabitants of the communities neighboring the Cerro Petaquilla Concession in the provinces of Cocre and Colon; and (ix) maintain all mining and infrastructure works and services of the project, always complying with the standards and regulations of general application in force that pertain to occupational safety, health and construction.

For reference, a copy of Law No. 9, as passed by the Legislative Assembly of Panama on February 26, 1997, was provided with PTQ's Form 20F for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2009, as Exhibit 4.V.

***PTQ's operations are subject to environmental and other regulation.***

The Company's current or future operations, including development activities and commencement of production on the Company's properties, require permits from various governmental authorities and such operations are and will be subject to laws and regulations governing prospecting, development, mining, production, exports, taxes, labour standards, occupational health, waste disposal, toxic substances, land use, environmental protection, mine safety, community services and other matters. Companies engaged in the development and operation of mines and related facilities generally experience increased costs and delays in production and other schedules as a result of the need to comply with applicable laws, regulations and permits. Other than the Molejon gold mine, there can be no assurance that approvals and permits required to commence production on the Company's various properties will be obtained. Additional permits and studies, which may include environmental impact studies conducted before permits can be obtained, may be necessary prior to operation of the properties in which the Company has interests and there can be no assurance that PTQ will be able to obtain or maintain all necessary permits that may be required to commence construction, development or operation of mining facilities at these properties on terms which enable operations to be conducted at economically justifiable costs.

The Company's potential mining and processing operations and exploration activities in Panama are subject to various federal and provincial laws governing land use, the protection of the environment, prospecting, development, production, exports, taxes, labour standards, occupational health, waste disposal, toxic substances, mine safety, community services and other matters. Such operations and exploration activities are also subject to substantial regulation under these laws by governmental agencies and may require that PTQ obtain permits from various governmental agencies. The Company believes that it is in substantial compliance with all material laws and regulations that currently apply to corporate activities. There can be no assurance, however, that all permits which may be required for construction of mining facilities and conduct of mining operations will be obtainable on reasonable terms or that such laws and regulations would not have a material adverse effect on any mining project that the Company might undertake.

Failure to comply with applicable laws, regulations, and permitting requirements may result in enforcement actions there under, including orders issued by regulatory or judicial authorities causing operations to cease or be curtailed, and may include corrective measures requiring capital expenditures, installation of additional equipment, or remedial actions. Parties engaged in mining operations may be required to compensate those suffering loss or damage by reason

of the mining activities and may have civil or criminal fines or penalties imposed for violations of applicable laws or regulations.

Amendments to current laws, regulations and permits governing operations and activities of mining companies, or more stringent implementation thereof, could have a material adverse impact on the Company and cause increases in capital expenditures or production costs or reductions in levels of production at producing properties or abandonment or delays in development of new mining properties.

To the best of PTQ's knowledge, the Company is currently operating in compliance with all applicable environmental regulations except as to matters under mitigation as requested by the government of Panama.

***The Company's directors may have conflicts of interest.***

As of November 6, 2009, one of the Company's directors, David Levy, holds a position with Platinum Management (NY) LLC, an investment advising firm to Platinum Partners Value Arbitrage Fund LP, a New York based investment fund. Platinum Partners Value Arbitrage Fund LP holds securities in the Company and a portion of PTQ's debt. However, none of the Company's directors are directors or officers of Platinum Partners Value Arbitrage Fund LP nor are any of the Company's directors insiders of any other reporting company. While currently none of the Company's directors beneficially owns a 10% or greater interest in the voting power of any other mineral resource companies, they could in the future. To the extent that these other companies may participate in ventures in which PTQ may participate, David Levy may have a conflict of interest in negotiating and concluding terms respecting the extent of such participation, which could result in competitive harm to PTQ. In the event that such a conflict of interest arises at a meeting of the directors, a director who has such a conflict will abstain from voting for or against the approval of such participation or such terms. In appropriate cases, PTQ will establish a special committee of independent directors to review a matter in which several directors, or management, may have a conflict. In accordance with the laws of the Province of British Columbia, the Company's directors are required to act honestly, in good faith and in the Company's best interests. In determining whether or not PTQ will participate in a particular program and the interest therein to be acquired by it, the Company's directors primarily consider the potential benefits to PTQ, the degree of risk to which the Company may be exposed and the Company's financial position at that time. Other than as indicated, PTQ has no other procedures or mechanisms to prevent conflicts of interest.

***Environmental protestors***

Various independent environmental groups or individuals would like to prevent the operation of mining in Panama. The Company's operations could be significantly disrupted or suspended by activities such as protests or blockades that may be undertaken by such groups or individuals. Although these protests or blockades could happen, the Company has in place a contingency plan to guarantee the continuity of its operations and activities at the Molejon mine.

## **INTERNAL CONTROLS OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND DISCLOSURE CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

### ***Disclosure controls and procedures***

Management is responsible for the design and maintenance of disclosure controls and procedures.

Disclosure controls and procedures are designed to provide reasonable assurance that relevant information is gathered and reported to senior management on a timely basis so that appropriate decisions can be made regarding public disclosure. Current disclosure controls include meetings with the Chief Executive Officer (“CEO”), Chief Financial Officer (“CFO”) and members of the Board of Directors and Audit Committee through emails, telephone conferences and informal meetings to review public disclosure. All public disclosures are reviewed by certain members of senior management and of the Board of Directors and Audit Committee. The Board of Directors has delegated the duties to the Chief Executive Officer whom is primarily responsible for financial and disclosure controls.

Based on current securities legislation in Canada and the United States, the CEO and the CFO of the Company evaluated the design and effectiveness of the Company’s disclosure controls and procedures as of May 31, 2011 and concluded that such disclosure controls and procedures were operating effectively at that date.

### ***Internals control over financial reporting***

Management is responsible for designing, establishing and maintaining a system of internal controls over financial reporting to provide reasonable assurance that the financial information prepared by the Company for external purposes is reliable and has been recorded, processed and reporting in an accurate and timely manner in accordance with GAAP.

The Board of Directors is responsible for ensuring that management fulfills its responsibilities. The Audit Committee fulfills its role of ensuring the integrity of the reporting information through its review of the interim and annual financial statements.

There are inherent limitations in the effectiveness of internal controls over financial reporting, including the possibility that misstatements may not be prevented or detected. Accordingly, even effective internal controls over financial reporting can provide only reasonable assurance with respect to financial statement preparation. Furthermore, the effectiveness of internal controls can change with circumstances.

The CEO and the CFO evaluated the design and effectiveness of internal controls over financial reporting based on the framework in *Internal Control – Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (“COSO”) as at May 31, 2011. Based on this evaluation, as at May 31, 2011, the Company believes that its internal controls over financial reporting were designed and operating effectively to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control system are met.

***Changes in internal controls over financial reporting***

The Company continues to review and assess its internal controls over financial reporting. There were no significant changes made to internal controls over financial reporting during the year ended May 31, 2011.

**CAUTIONARY NOTE TO USA READERS**

As a British Columbia corporation, PTQ is subject to certain rules and regulations issued by the British Columbia Securities Commission (“BCSC”). PTQ is required to provide detailed information regarding its properties including mineralization, drilling, sampling and analysis, security of samples and mineral resources and mineral reserve estimates. Further, PTQ describes mineral resources associated with its properties utilizing terminology such as “inferred” or “indicated” which are terms recognized by Canadian regulators but not recognized by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”).

**Cautionary Note to USA Investors Regarding Mineral Resources**

The SEC allows mining companies, in their filings with the SEC, to disclose only those mineral deposits they can economically and legally extract or produce. PTQ may use certain terms in this document, such as “mineral resources”, “indicated mineral resources” and “inferred resources” that are recognized and mandated by Canadian securities regulators but not recognized by the SEC.

This report may use the term “inferred resources”. USA readers are cautioned that while this term is recognized and required by Canadian regulations, the SEC does not recognize it. “Inferred resources” have a great amount of uncertainty as to their existence and great uncertainty as to their economic and legal feasibility. It cannot be assumed that all or any part of an inferred resource will ever be upgraded to a higher category. Under Canadian rules, estimates of inferred resources may not form the basis of feasibility or pre-feasibility studies, except in rare cases. USA investors are cautioned not to assume that part or all of an inferred resource exists, or is economically or legally mineable.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Additional information relating to PTQ, including news releases, financial statements and prior period MD & A filings, is available on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).