

# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF OPERATING RESULTS FOR THE THREE MONTH PERIOD AND YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

#### INTRODUCTION

This management's discussion and analysis ("MD&A") has been prepared based on information available to Crown Mining Corp. (formerly Crown Gold Corporation) ("Crown" or the "Company") as at April XX, 2017. The MD&A of the operating results and financial condition of the Company for the three month period and year ended December 31, 2016, should be read in conjunction with the Company's audited consolidated financial statements and the related notes for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015. The accompanying audited consolidated financial statements have been prepared by management and are in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"). All amounts are expressed in Canadian dollars unless otherwise noted. Other information contained in this document has also been prepared by management and is consistent with the data contained in the financial statements. Additional information relating to the Company can be found on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

#### CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

This MD&A includes "forward-looking statements", within the meaning of applicable securities legislation, which are based on the opinions and estimates of management and are subject to a variety of risks and uncertainties and other factors that could cause actual events or results to differ materially from those projected in the forward looking statements. Forward-looking statements are often, but not always, identified by the use of words such as "seek", "anticipate", "budget", "plan", "continue", "estimate", "expect", "forecast", "may", "will", "project", "predict", "potential", "targeting", "intend", "could", "might", "should", "believe" and similar words suggesting future outcomes or statements regarding an outlook. In the event that the Company is able to acquire a suitable mining property, such risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, risks associated with the mining industry (including operational risks in exploration development and production; delays or changes in plans with respect to exploration or development projects or capital expenditures; the uncertainty of reserve estimates; the uncertainty of estimates and projections in relation to production, costs and expenses; the uncertainty surrounding the ability of the Company to obtain all permits, consents or authorizations required for its operations and activities; and health safety and environmental risks), the risk of commodity price and foreign exchange rate fluctuations, the ability of Crown to fund the capital and operating expenses necessary to achieve the business objectives of Crown, the uncertainty associated with commercial negotiations and negotiating with foreign governments and risks associated with international business activities, as well as those risks described in public disclosure documents filed by the Company. Due to the risks, uncertainties and assumptions inherent in forward-looking statements, prospective investors in securities of the Company should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements.

Readers are cautioned that the foregoing lists of risks, uncertainties and other factors are not exhaustive. The forward-looking statements contained in this press release are made as of the date hereof and the Company undertakes no obligation to update publicly or revise any forward-looking statements or in any other documents filed with Canadian securities regulatory authorities, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except in accordance with applicable securities laws. The forward-looking statements are expressly qualified by this cautionary statement.



#### CORPORATE OVERVIEW AND OUTLOOK

The shares of the Company are listed on the TSX Venture Exchange traded under the symbol CWM and on the Frankfurt Exchange traded under the symbol C71. Crown is a Canadian-based junior mining and exploration company incorporated under the Canada Business Corporations Act which currently holds a portfolio of exploration stage projects in Ontario, Canada and, through wholly owned subsidiaries, has interests in exploration properties in Nevada and California, USA which Crown continues to evaluate.

Over the last five years, the global financial and commodity markets were characterized by extreme volatility as market participants reacted and responded to uncertainty and pessimism over the depressed North American and international economies. These circumstances have had an impact on the Company's operations and, in particular, on the economics of its existing exploration and evaluation projects, its strategy to evaluate and, if attractive, complete potential acquisitions and otherwise its ability to pursue growth opportunities. In the short-term, the Company expects to focus its exploration activities on the recently acquired Moonlight-Superior property in California.

The Company will continue to evaluate its strategic options and potential acquisitions and may, if conditions are favourable, seek to raise additional funds through a private or public offering of securities or debt as required.

#### Trends

- The future performance of the Company is largely tied to the exploration and evaluation of its recently acquired Moonlight-Superior copper project in California.
- Financial markets continue to be volatile in Canada, reflecting ongoing concerns about the stability of the global economy and weakening global growth prospects. The Company foresees difficulties in raising equity for the purposes of carrying out exploration and evaluation activities on its current properties or acquiring new assets in the near future.

#### **OBJECTIVES AND MILESTONES**

The objectives of the Company are to find and advance high quality mineral properties. The Company is currently focused on the recently acquired Moonlight-Superior property in California and completing its option on the Moonlight Property.

The Company has selected the existing properties carefully. Nonetheless, the Company intends to continue to seek, evaluate and, if desirable, complete potential acquisitions. Properties that fail the good target criteria after further evaluation are discarded.

In conducting its search for additional mineral properties, the Company may consider acquiring properties that it considers prospective based on criteria such as presence of mineralization in favourable geological settings or exploration history, or a combination of these and other factors. Risk factors to be considered in connection with the Company's search for and acquisition of additional mineral properties include the significant expenses required to locate and establish mineral resources; the fact that expenditures made by the Company may not result in discoveries



of commercial quantities of minerals; environmental issues; land title; competition; and the potential failure of the Company to generate adequate funding for any such acquisitions or exploration activities.

#### COMPANY HIGHLIGHTS

- On February 28, 2017, the completed a private placement of 2,200,000 units at a price of \$0.10 per unit for gross proceeds of \$220,000.
- On June 8, 2016, the completed a private placement of 2,500,000 units at a price of \$0.10 per unit for gross proceeds of \$250,000.
- On May 10, 2016, the Company completed a private placement of 3,465,666 post-consolidation units at a price of \$0.06 per post-consolidation unit for proceeds of \$207,940.
- On February 29, 2016, the Company announced that it had entered into an option agreement with Canyon Copper Corp. ("Canyon") to acquire a 100% interest in their Moonlight Property, which is adjacent to the Company's Superior copper project in California (the "Agreement"). Under the terms of the Agreement Crown can acquire a 100% interest in the Moonlight Property for consideration of \$375,000 and up to 3,750,000 post-consolidation common shares of the Corporation as follows: Cash Payments: \$5,000 due on signing (Paid), \$20,000 due on or before June 1, 2016 (Paid); and \$350,000 due on or before March 4, 2019 ("Final Payment"). Common Shares Issuances: 2,000,000 post-consolidation common shares on or before 5 days after TSXV approval (Issued with a fair market value of \$140,000), 750,000 post-consolidation common shares on or before 5 days after 1st anniversary of TSXV approval if the Final Payment has not yet been paid (Issued subsequent to December 31, 2016 with a fair market value of \$60,000), and 1,000,000 post-consolidation common shares on or before 5 days after 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of TSXV approval if Final Payment has not yet been paid. In addition, the advanced royalty holders, being Lester Storey and Metamin Enterprises Inc., (the "Advanced Royalty Holders") have approved the following: (i) elimination of the advanced royalty payments, (ii) an increase in each of the Advance Royalty Holder's net smelter returns from 1.0% to 1.25%, in exchange for the issuance of 300,000 postconsolidation common shares of the Corporation to each of the Advance Royalty Holders (Issued with a fair market value of \$42,000).
- On February 12, 2016, the Company completed a private placement of 2,000,000 post-consolidation units at a price of \$0.06 per post-consolidation unit for proceeds of \$120,000.
- The Company announced initial resource estimates, compliant with the requirements of National Instrument 43-101 ("NI 43-101"), for its 100% controlled Superior Project located in northeast California, USA, comprised of the Superior and Engles deposits. Highlights included an inferred mineral resource of 54 million metric tonnes at an average grade of 0.41% total copper with 487 million pounds of contained copper in the Superior Deposit and an inferred mineral resource of 2.6 million metric tonnes at an average grade of 1.05% total copper with 60 million pounds of contained copper in the Engels Deposit.

#### OVERALL PERFORMANCE

The Company does not currently have a producing property. Recovery of the cost of mining assets is subject to the discovery of economically recoverable reserves, the ability to obtain the financing required to pursue the exploration and development of its properties, and profitable future production or the proceeds from the sale of its properties. The Company must periodically obtain new funds in order to pursue its activities. While it has always succeeded in doing so to



date, it is not possible to predict whether financing efforts will be successful and management cannot provide assurance that it will be able to obtain the required financing.

# RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

#### SELECTED ANNUAL INFORMATION

The following tables summarize selected annual financial data of the Company for three most recent years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014:

Year ended December 31,	2016	2015	2014
	\$ \$	\$	_
Revenue	Nil	Nil	Nil
Operating Expenses	642,710	80,938	272,307
Net Loss	554,030	70,938	276,294
Loss Per Share*	\$0.02	\$0.00	\$0.03
Total Assets	301,781	98,961	29,989
Liabilities	27,397	48,617	79,987
Total Dividends Paid	Nil	Nil	Nil

<sup>\*</sup>Calculated using weighted average shares outstanding for the period adjusted for 10:1 share consolidation completed on June 30, 2014.

#### **SELECTED QUARTERLY INFORMATION**

The following tables summarize selected quarterly financial data of the Company for the eight most recent quarters ended:

	Q4 Dec 2016	Q3 Sep 2016	Q2 Jun 2016	Q1 Mar 2016
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Expenses	91,439	178,353	136,167	236,751
Net loss	(91,439)	(174,673)	(56,167)	(231,751)
Net loss per share (basic and				
diluted) \$	(0.00)	(0.01)	(0.00)	(0.01)

	Q4	Q3	<b>Q2</b>	Q1
	Dec 2015	Sep 2015	Jun 2015	Mar 2015
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Expenses	20,008	(34,819)	53,478	42,271
Net income (loss)	(15,008)	39,819	(53,478)	(42,271)
Net income (loss) per share (basic				
and diluted) \$	(0.00)	0.00	(0.00)	(0.00)

#### OPERATIONAL REVIEW & RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

# THREE MONTH PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

Net income for the three month period ended December 31, 2016 was \$91,439 as compared to a loss of \$15,008 in 2015. The increase in net loss is attributable to an increase in exploration and evaluation expenditures to \$35,186 compared to \$4,842 in 2015 and an increase in investor



relations, promotion and travel to \$30,665 compared to \$2,028 in 2015. These expenses have increased due to the Company continuing to promote and advance its properties during the year. These costs are expected to increase in the upcoming quarters as the Company looks to try to raise funds to complete its Moonlight Property acquisition and advance the project further.

The Company's management and consulting fees for the three month period ended December 31, 2016 were \$7,500 as compared to \$6,000 in 2015. These costs are expected to be consistent with the upcoming quarters.

The Company's professional fees for the three month period ended December 31, 2016 were \$12,415 as compared to \$5,275 in 2015. These fees increased due to higher audit costs based on the increased activity in the Company. These costs are expected to be around \$7,000 per quarter in the upcoming quarters.

The Company's office, general and administration expense for the three month period ended December 31, 2016 was \$5,275 compared to \$1,973 in 2015. These fees are expected to be consistent in the upcoming quarters.

#### YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

Net loss for the year ended December 31, 2016 was \$554,030 as compared to \$70,938 in 2015. The decrease in net loss is attributable to a difference in exploration activities on its properties of \$449,878 to an expense of \$431,295 (2015 – recovery of \$18,583) and an increase in investor relations, promotion and travel to \$87,299 compared to \$22,092 in 2015, offset by a net realized/unrealized gain on marketable securities of \$88,680 (2015 - \$10,000). These expenses have increased due to the Company continuing to promote and advance its properties during the year. These costs are expected to increase in the upcoming quarters as the Company looks to try to raise funds to complete its Moonlight Property acquisition and advance the project further.

The Company's management and consulting fees for the year ended December 31, 2016 were \$30,000 as compared to \$24,000 in 2015. These fees are expected to be consistent as the Company continues to preserve capital and focus all its available funds on its exploration and evaluation properties.

The Company's professional fees for the year ended December 31, 2016 were \$28,440 as compared to \$21,100 in 2015. These fees increased due to higher audit costs based on the increased activity in the Company.

The Company's office, general and administration expense for the year ended December 31, 2016 was \$35,600 compared to \$20,523 in 2015. Office, general and administration costs increased due to costs associated with having a higher level of activity for the year.

The Company had share based compensation expense of \$31,000 (2015 - \$11,000) for the year ended December 31, 2016. Stock-based compensation expenses are booked based on the valuation of options using the Black-Scholes model. The expense varies based on the number of options issued and the underlying assumptions used in the model.



#### FINANCINGS

#### **Private Placements**

#### 2017

On February 28, 2017, the Company completed a private placement of 2,200,000 post-consolidation units at a price of \$0.10 per post-consolidation unit for proceeds of \$220,000. Each post-consolidation unit consisted of one post-consolidation common share and one post-consolidation common share purchase warrant, each whole post-consolidation warrant entitling the holder to purchase one post-consolidation common share for \$0.20 for two years.

#### 2016

On June 8, 2016, the Company completed a private placement of 2,500,000 post-consolidation units at a price of \$0.10 per post-consolidation unit for proceeds of \$250,000. Each post-consolidation unit consisted of one post-consolidation common share and one post-consolidation common share purchase warrant, each whole post-consolidation warrant entitling the holder to purchase one post-consolidation common share for \$0.20 for two years.

On May 10, 2016, the Company completed a private placement of 3,465,666 post-consolidation units at a price of \$0.06 per post-consolidation unit for proceeds of \$207,940. Each post-consolidation unit consisted of one post-consolidation common share and one post-consolidation common share purchase warrant, each whole post-consolidation warrant entitling the holder to purchase one post-consolidation common share for \$0.15 for three years.

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### 2015

On April 7, 2015, the Company completed a private placement of 3,000,000 post-consolidation units at a price of \$0.05 per post-consolidation unit for proceeds of \$150,000. Each post-consolidation unit consisted of one post-consolidation common share and one post-consolidation common share purchase warrant, each whole post-consolidation warrant entitling the holder to purchase one post-consolidation common share for \$0.15 for two years.

# MINERAL EXPLORATION PROPERTIES

None of the Company's properties are at or near production. As at April XX, 2017, the Company had the following mineral properties under exploration:

# **Moonlight-Superior**

Effective June 28, 2013, the Company purchased a 100% interest in in the Superior Project, which included 132 unpatented mining claims and a lease on 36 patented claims in Plumas County, California for \$50,000. The Company has a right to purchase the leased patented claims and, if purchased, the leased patented claims will be subject to an annual royalty payment

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schedule. During the year ended December 31, 2015, the Company restaked the area in a more efficient way resulting in title to 47 unpatented claims. During the year ended December 31, 2016, the Company staked 57 additional claims.

On October 2, 2013, the Company announced initial resource estimates, compliant with the requirements of National Instrument 43-101 ("NI 43-101"), for its 100% controlled Superior Project located in northeast California, USA, comprised of the Superior and Engles deposits. Highlights included an inferred mineral resource of 54 million metric tonnes at an average grade of 0.41% total copper with 487 million pounds of contained copper in the Superior Deposit and an inferred mineral resource of 2.6 million metric tonnes at an average grade of 1.05% total copper with 60 million pounds of contained copper in the Engels Deposit.

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- Common Shares Issuances: 2,000,000 post-consolidation common shares (Issued) on or before 5 days after TSXV approval, 750,000 post-consolidation common shares on or before 5 days after 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary of TSXV approval if the Final Payment has not yet been paid (Issued subsequent to December 31, 2016), and 1,000,000 post-consolidation common shares on or before 5 days after 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of TSXV approval if Final Payment has not yet been paid.

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The Company plans to continue to advance the development of the Moonlight-Superior project.

# Timore

The Company owns a 100% interest in patented claims covering 1 property near Timmins, Ontario and 1 property near Red Lake, Ontario. The properties are subject to a 3% net smelter royalty ("NSR"), one half of which can be purchased for \$1,000,000.

The Timore properties are gold prospects that require healthier financial markets for continued exploration.

# **Black Warrior**

On May 20, 2008, the Company acquired a 100% interest in 2 patented claims for US\$25,000.



The Black Warrior properties are silver prospects that require healthier financial markets for continued exploration.

## Warren Whiteside

On January 29, 2008, the Company acquired a 100% interest in 14 patented mining claims in Whiteside Township in Ontario (the "Warren Properties") by a payment of a deposit of \$5,000 on December 18, 2007, the payment of \$45,000 and the issuance of 500,000 pre-consolidation common shares of the Company valued at \$100,000. The vendors retain a 1.5% NSR on the Warren Properties, of which the Company has the option to purchase half for \$1,000,000.

The Warren Whiteside properties are copper-nickel prospects that require healthier financial markets for continued exploration.

# **OBJECTIVES AND MILESTONES**

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The Company has selected the existing properties carefully. Nonetheless, the Company intends to continue to seek, evaluate and, if desirable, complete potential acquisitions. Properties that fail the good target criteria after further evaluation are discarded.

In conducting its search for additional mineral properties, the Company may consider acquiring properties that it considers prospective based on criteria such as presence of mineralization in favourable geological settings or exploration history, or a combination of these and other factors. Risk factors to be considered in connection with the Company's search for and acquisition of additional mineral properties include the significant expenses required to locate and establish mineral resources; the fact that expenditures made by the Company may not result in discoveries of commercial quantities of minerals; environmental issues; land title; competition; and the potential failure of the Company to generate adequate funding for any such acquisitions or exploration activities. See "Risks and Uncertainties".

# LIQUIDITY

#### **Operating Activities**

Cash flow used by operating activities during the year ended December 31, 2016 was \$474,582 compared to cash flow used of \$155,490 during the same period in 2015.

#### **Financing Activities**

During the year ended December 31, 2016, cash flow provided in financing activities was \$551,300 (2015 - \$148,000) as a result of 7,965,666 (2015 - 3,000,000) post-consolidation shares issued through private placements for net cash proceeds after share issuance costs of \$551,300 (2015 - \$148,000). These financings were completed to allow the Company to acquire and advance its mineral exploration projects.



# **Liquidity Outlook**

Crown had cash of \$235,432 available as at December 31, 2016, an increase of \$235,398 from the balance at December 31, 2015 of \$34. In addition, the Company has marketable securities with a fair value of \$Nil (2015 - \$70,000) as at December 31, 2016.

The current cash as at December 31, 2016, will be used to pay existing liabilities, continue exploration programs at Crown's recently acquired Superior property in California, as well as for general working capital purposes and other property commitments. The Company will look to complete private placement financings or the sale of mineral property assets or its investments to help fund ongoing operations in 2017 and to complete the Moonlight Property transaction.

Notwithstanding success to date in acquiring equity financing on acceptable terms, there is no guarantee of obtaining future equity financings or on what terms any such equity capital may be available to the Company and, as such, alternative funding programs are also being pursued by the Company.

The Company must utilize its current cash reserves, funds obtained from the exercise of warrants, if any, and other financing transactions to maintain the Company's capacity to meet working capital requirements, and ongoing discretionary and committed exploration programs, and to fund any further development activities. The Company anticipates that it will raise additional capital when and if the opportunity arises. See "Risks and Uncertainties".

The Company believes that it will be able to raise funds in the short-term. Management will monitor the current market situation and make prudent business decisions as they are required. See "Risks and Uncertainties".

On the date of this MD&A, the cash resources of the Company are held in cash with a major Canadian financial institution and trade and other receivables are comprised of sales tax receivables from the Government of Canada.

# OFF STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION TRANSACTIONS

During the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, there were no off statement of financial position transactions. The Company has not entered into any specialized financial agreements to minimize its investment risk, currency risk or commodity risk.

# PROPOSED TRANSACTIONS

None

#### **DIVIDENDS**

The Company paid on September 25, 2012 a dividend of \$0.40/post-consolidation share or \$3,650,000 in total dividend payments as part of the requirements under agreement regarding the sale of the Monte Cristo property to a subsidiary of Hecla Mining Corp.

The Company intends to retain its earnings, if any, to finance growth and expand its operations and does not anticipate paying any m dividends in the foreseeable future.



#### CONTINGENCIES AND COMMITMENTS

Outside of annual lease and property tax payments on the Company's mineral properties, there are no outstanding contingencies or commitments as of the date of this MD&A. See Note 15 to the audited consolidated financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 for more detailed disclosure regarding possible contingencies or commitments.

#### RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Certain corporate entities and consultants that are related to the Company's officers and directors provide consulting and other services to Crown. All transactions were conducted in the normal course of operations and are measured as follows:

As at December 31,	 2016	2015
Amount included in trade and other payables, due to directors		
and/or officers	\$ 1,000 \$	33,000

Amounts due to directors and officers are non-interest bearing and have no set terms of repayment.

# **Compensation of Key Management Personnel**

Transactions during the year ended December 31,	 2016	2015
Balances:		
Short-term benefits	\$ 30,000 \$	32,000
Share based compensation	 22,000	10,000
Total compensation paid to key management	\$ 52,000 \$	42,000

During the year ended December 31, 2016, certain officers, directors or companies controlled by them participated in the Company's private placements as described in Note 12 (a) and subscribed for 2,000,000 (2015 - 1,540,000) units, for total gross proceeds to the Company of \$122,000 (2015 - \$77,000).

# ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURE FOR VENTURE COMPANIES WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT REVENUE

Year Ended December 31,		2016	2015
<b>Evaluation and exploration expenditures i</b>	n the year		
Acquisition costs	\$	210,971 \$	6,250
Taxes and annual lease payments		135,827	29,983
Travel, equipment rental and other		22,894	24,605
Consulting		27,179	2,514
Sale of mineral property interests		-	(81,935)
Technical reports		34,424	-
	\$	431,295 \$	(18,583)



# DISCLOSURE OF OUTSTANDING SHARE DATA

The following table sets forth information concerning the outstanding securities of the Company as at April XX, 2017:

Common Shares of no par value	Number
Shares	28,948,627
Warrants	13,165,666
Options	2,625,000

See Note 12 to the audited consolidated financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 for more detailed disclosure of outstanding securities data.

# CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES

The preparation of these consolidated financial statements using accounting policies consistent with IFRS requires management to make judgments and estimates and form assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Such estimates primarily relate to unsettled transactions and events as at the date of the financial statements. On an ongoing basis, management evaluates its judgments and estimates in relation to assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses. Management uses historical experience and various other factors it believes to be reasonable under the given circumstances as the basis for its judgments and estimates. Actual outcomes may differ from these estimates under different assumptions and conditions. The most significant estimates relate to valuation of deferred income tax amounts and the calculation of share-based payments and warrants. Significant estimates and judgments made by management in the preparation of these financial statements are outlined below:

# Calculation of share based payments and warrants

The Black-Scholes option pricing model is used to determine the fair value for share based payments and warrants and utilizes subjective assumptions such as expected price volatility and expected life of the option or warrant. Discrepancies in these input assumptions can significantly affect the fair value estimate.

# Income taxes

The Company is subject to income, value added, withholding and other taxes. Significant judgment is required in determining the Company's provisions for taxes. There are many transactions and calculations for which the ultimate tax determination is uncertain during the ordinary course of business. The Company recognizes liabilities for anticipated tax audit issues based on estimates of whether additional taxes will be due. The determination of the Company's income, value added, withholding and other tax liabilities requires interpretation of complex laws and regulations. The Company's interpretation of taxation law as applied to transactions and activities may not coincide with the interpretation of the tax authorities. All tax related filings are subject to government audit and potential reassessment subsequent to the financial statement reporting period. Where the final tax outcome of these matters is different from the amounts that



were initially recorded, such differences will impact the tax related accruals and deferred income tax provisions in the period in which such determination is made.

# Decommissioning provisions

These are made based on the estimated settlement amounts. Assumptions, based on the current economic environment, have been made which management believes are a reasonable basis upon which to estimate the future liability. These estimates take into account any material changes to the assumptions that occur when reviewed regularly by management. Estimates are reviewed quarterly and are based on current regulatory requirements. Significant changes in estimates of contamination, restoration standards and techniques will result in changes to provisions on a quarterly basis. Actual rehabilitation costs will ultimately depend on actual future settlement amount for the rehabilitation costs which will reflect the market condition at the time that the rehabilitation costs are actually incurred. The final cost of the currently recognized rehabilitation provisions may be higher or lower than currently provided for.

### Measurement of financial instruments under Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy

Management is also required to make judgments on whether marketable securities have sufficient trading volume and reasonable bid-ask spread to determine if they are active enough to be measured at Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy or if other levels are more appropriate.

# Going concern assumption

Going concern presentation of the consolidated financial statements assumes that the Company will continue in operation for the foreseeable future and will be able to realize its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of operations as they come due.

#### Functional currency

The Company's management is required to make judgments as to the currency of the primary economic environment in which an entity operates to determine the functional currency of the entity. The Company has determined that the functional currency of the parent company and its Canadian and US subsidiaries is the Canadian dollar.

# FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS

#### Fair Value of Financial Assets and Liabilities

The Company's financial instruments comprise cash, investments, trade and other receivable and trade and other payables.

Marketable securities are classified as fair value through profit and loss ("FVTPL") and investments are classified as available for sale, which are both measured at fair value. Fair value of marketable securities and investments is determined based on bid-ask spread at each reporting date and is categorized as Level 1 measurement under the fair value hierarchy. Cash, and trade and other receivables are classified for accounting purposes as loans and receivables, which are measured at amortized cost which approximates fair value due to their short-term nature. Trade and other payables are classified for accounting purposes as other financial liabilities, which are measured at amortized cost which also approximates fair value due to their short-term nature.

The fair value hierarchy has the following levels:



- Level one includes quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level two includes inputs that are observable other than quoted prices included in level one.
- Level three includes inputs that are not based on observable market data.

## **Financial Instrument Risk Exposures**

It is management's opinion that the Company is not exposed to significant interest or credit risks arising from its financial instruments and that their fair values approximate their carrying value unless otherwise noted. Fluctuation in currency exchange rates, principally the Canadian/US dollar exchange rate, can impact the Company's earnings and cash flows.

# RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

#### **Business Risk**

There are numerous business risks involved in the mineral exploration industry, some of which are outlined below. The Company may not always own 100% of the mineral claims, concessions, rights or other interests. Similarly, any non-compliance with or non-satisfaction of the terms of an option agreement by the Company could affect its ability to exercise the option and earn its interest in the claims, concessions and assets relating to mineral properties.

Mining claims, concessions or other interests may not include surface rights and there can be no assurance that the Company will be successful in negotiating long-term surface rights access agreements in respect of the properties. Failure to obtain surface rights could have an adverse impact on the Company's future operations.

The Company's current or future operations, including exploration and evaluation activities, are subject to environmental regulations which may make operations not economically viable or prohibit them altogether.

The success of the operations and activities of the Company is dependent to a significant extent on the efforts and abilities of its management, outside contractors, experts and other advisors. Investors must be willing to rely to a significant degree on management's discretion and judgment, as well as the expertise and competence of the outside contractors, experts and other advisors. The Company does not have a formal program in place for succession of management and training of management. The loss of one or more of the key employees or contractors, if not replaced on a timely basis, could adversely affect the Company's operations and financial performance.

# **Additional Capital**

The exploration activities of the Company may require substantial additional financing. Failure to obtain sufficient financing may result in delaying or indefinite postponement of exploration and evaluation of any of the Company's properties. There can be no assurance that additional capital or other types of financing will be available if needed or that, if available, the terms of such financings will be favourable to the Company. In addition, low commodity prices may affect the Company's ability to obtain financing.



# **Commodity Price Risk**

The price of the common shares in the capital the Company, its financial results, exploration and evaluation activities have been, or may in the future be, adversely affected by declines in the price of gold and/or other metals. Gold, silver and other commodity prices fluctuate widely and are affected by numerous factors beyond the Company's control, such as the sale or purchase of commodities by various central banks, financial institutions, expectations of inflation or deflation, currency exchange fluctuations, interest rates, global or regional consumptive patterns, international supply and demand, speculative activities and increased production due to new mine developments, improved mining and production methods and international economic and political trends. The Company's revenues, if any, are expected to be in large part derived from mining and sale of precious and base metals or interests in properties related thereto. The effect of these factors on the price of precious and base metals, and therefore the economic viability of any of the Company's exploration projects, cannot accurately be predicted.

# Acquisition

The Company uses its best judgment to acquire mining properties for exploration and evaluation. In pursuit of such opportunities, the Company may fail to select appropriate acquisition candidates or negotiate acceptable agreements, including arrangements to finance the acquisitions and evaluation, or integrate such opportunity and their personnel with the Company. The Company cannot assure that it can complete any acquisition that it pursues or is currently pursuing, on favourable terms, or that any acquisition completed will ultimately benefit the Company.

# **Political Risk**

All of the Company's properties are located in Canada and the United States of America. Accordingly, the Company is subject to risks normally associated with exploration for and evaluation of mineral properties in these countries. The Company's mineral exploration activities could be affected in varying degrees by such political instability, aboriginal land claims and government regulation relating to foreign investment and the mining business. Operations may also be affected in varying degrees by terrorism, military conflict or repression, crime, extreme fluctuations in currency rates and high inflation.

### **Interest Rate Risk**

The Company is not exposed to interest rate risk due to the short-term nature of its financial instruments.

# **Equity Price Risk**

Market risk arises from the possibility that changes in market prices will affect the value of the financial instruments of the Company. The Company is exposed to fair value fluctuations on its investments. The Company's other financial instruments (cash, trade and other receivables and trade and other payables) are not subject to price risk.

# **Liquidity Risk**

The Company's approach to managing liquidity risk is to ensure that it will have sufficient liquidity to meet liabilities when due. As at December 31, 2016, the Company had current assets of \$266,611 (2015 - \$77,561) and current liabilities of \$27,397 (2015 - \$48,617). The Company's trade and other payables and receivables are subject to normal trade terms. As at December 31, 2016, the Company had working capital of \$239,214 (2015 – \$28,944).



# **Foreign Currency Risk**

The Company's management is required to make judgments as to the currency of the primary economic environment in which an entity operates to determine the functional currency of the entity. The Company has determined that the functional currency of the parent company and its Canadian and US subsidiaries is the Canadian dollar.

#### **Environmental and Permitting**

All aspects of the Company's operations are subject to environmental regulation in the various jurisdictions in which it operates. These regulations, among other things, mandate the maintenance of air and water quality standards, land reclamation, transportation, storage and disposal of hazardous waste. Environmental legislation is evolving in a manner which will require stricter standards and enforcement, increased fines and penalties for non-compliance, more stringent environmental assessments of proposed projects and a heightened degree of responsibility for companies and their officers, directors, and employees. There is no assurance that future changes in environmental regulation, if any, will not adversely affect the Company's operations.

# Competition

The mining industry is intensely competitive in all of its phases, and the Company competes with many companies possessing greater financial resources and technical facilities than the Company. Competition in the mining business could adversely affect the Company's ability to acquire suitable producing properties or prospectus for mineral exploration in the future.

#### **Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

Internal controls over financial reporting are procedures designed to provide reasonable assurance that transactions are properly authorized, assets are safeguarded against unauthorized or improper use, and transactions are properly recorded and reported. A control system, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance with respect to the reliability of financial reporting and financial statement preparation.

# OTHER INFORMATION

Additional information is accessible at the Company's website <u>www.crowngoldcorp.com</u> or through the Company's public filings at <u>www.sedar.com</u>.

# MANAGEMENT'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

The Company's consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management, and have been approved by the Board. The consolidated financial statements were prepared by the Company's management in accordance with IFRS. The consolidated financial statements include certain amounts based on the use of estimates and assumptions. Management has established these amounts in a reasonable manner, in order to ensure that the consolidated financial statements are presented fairly in all material respects.

The Company has designed appropriate internal controls over financial reporting ("ICFR") for the nature and size of the Company's business, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the



reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of consolidated financial statements for external purposes in accordance with IFRS.

The Company's ICFR are intended to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of consolidated financial statements for external purposes in accordance with applicable IFRS. ICFR should include those policies and procedures that establish the following inter-related, non-discrete results:

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

There have been no changes in ICFR during the year ended December 31, 2016 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's ICFR.

#### MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY

Management is responsible for all information contained in this MD&A. The audited consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with IFRS and include amounts based on management's informed judgments and estimates. The financial and operating information included in this MD&A is consistent with that contained in the audited consolidated financial statements in all material aspects.

Management maintains internal controls to provide reasonable assurance that financial information is reliable and accurate and assets are safeguarded.

The Audit Committee has reviewed the audited consolidated financial statements with management. The Board of Directors has approved these audited consolidated financial statements on the recommendation of the Audit Committee.

Stephen Dunn President and CEO April XX, 2017