

# OREZONE GOLD CORPORATION

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL POSITION AND TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

FOR THE THREE MONTH AND SIX MONTH PERIODS ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012

### General

This Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") is provided to enable the reader to assess material changes in the financial position and total comprehensive income (loss) for Orezone Gold Corporation (the "Company") for the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2012, in comparison to the corresponding prior-year period. This document should be read in conjunction with the condensed consolidated interim financial statements for the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2012 ("Interim Financial Statements"), which have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") for interim reporting periods. As a result, this MD&A should also be read in conjunction with the Annual Financial Statements and Annual Information Form ("AIF") on file with the Canadian provincial securities regulatory authorities for the year ended December 31, 2011. All dollar amounts in this MD&A are in United States dollars, unless otherwise specified. References to "\$" or "US\$" are to United States dollars and references to "C\$" are to Canadian dollars. This MD&A has taken into account information available up to and including August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

This MD&A contains forward-looking statements. Statements regarding the adequacy of cash resources to carry out our exploration programs or the need for future financing are forward-looking statements. Statements regarding expected results, including the potential for expansion of current National Instrument 43-101 ("NI 43-101") qualified resources of the Company are also forward-looking statements. All forward-looking statements, including those not specifically identified herein, are made subject to cautionary language at the end of this document. Readers are advised to refer to the cautionary language included at the end of this MD&A when reading any forward-looking statements.

The MD&A is prepared in conformity with NI 51-102F1 and has been approved by the Board of Directors prior to its release.

### Corporate Information

The Company was incorporated on December 1, 2008 under the Canada Business Corporations Act and is a publicly listed corporation on the Toronto Stock Exchange (the "TSX"). The Company is primarily engaged in the acquisition, exploration and development of gold properties in Burkina Faso, West Africa and uranium properties in Niger, West Africa. Management has been operating in West Africa for over 15 years. The Company is in the exploration and evaluation phase and has not yet determined whether any of its mineral properties are technically feasible and commercially viable. The Company's primary objective is to maximize shareholder value by identifying and developing commercially viable gold mining operations.

Although the Company began trading publicly on February 25, 2009, the projects, Management and Board represent the continuation of the successful track record of Orezone Resources Inc. ("Resources") in Burkina Faso, extending back to its inception in 1996. This includes the acquisition, exploration, development, financing, construction and divestiture of the Essakane gold project to IAMGOLD Corporation, the largest operating gold mine in Burkina Faso. Burkina Faso will be the fourth largest African gold producer in 2012 and much of this production will come from Essakane. Burkina Faso has similar geology, but is relatively underexplored, compared to the neighboring countries of Mali and Ghana where more major discoveries have been made and a number of large mines have been built.

Burkina Faso has good infrastructure relative to much of West Africa, and has provided the opportunity to acquire both relatively large unexplored tracts of land, as well as more advanced stage assets, on reasonable terms. The Company will continue to focus the majority of its efforts in Burkina Faso.

The Company has two advanced stage gold projects: Bomboré and Bondi, which are both located in Burkina Faso. The Bomboré project is currently one of the largest undeveloped gold deposits in Burkina Faso and was acquired by Resources in 2002. During Q2 2012, the Company's main focus continued to be the advancement of Bomboré towards a production decision, which the Company expects to be in a position to make after the completion of a bankable feasibility study during the first half of 2013.

The Company also has uranium exploration permits in Niger, which it operates through its 100%-owned subsidiary Brighton Energy Corporation ("Brighton"). The Company has made significant discoveries on its exploration permits held by Brighton and completed a 18,534 m drill program during the first half of 2012 to follow up these discoveries.

The following table provides the NI 43-101 qualified resources on the Company's projects:

**Table 1 – NI 43-101 Qualified Resources**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Tonnes</b> (M)	<b>Grade</b> (Au g/t)*	<b>Contained Gold</b> (oz)*	<b>Date Released</b>
<b>Bomboré</b>				
Indicated resources	60.9	0.81	1,589,000	October 2010
Inferred resources	60.6	0.96	1,873,000	
<b>Bondi</b>				
Measured and indicated resources	4.1	2.12	282,000	February 2009
Inferred resources	2.5	1.84	149,700	
<b>Total</b>				
Measured and indicated resources	<b>65.0</b>	<b>0.89</b>	<b>1,871,000</b>	
Inferred resources	<b>63.1</b>	<b>0.99</b>	<b>2,022,700</b>	

\* Using a 0.50 g/t cut-off, except for Bomboré which uses a cut-off of 0.30 g/t for oxide material, 0.35 g/t for transition material and 0.50 g/t for fresh material.

Significant developments during, and subsequent to, the three-month period ending June 30, 2012 included:

#### **Bomboré**

- During Q2 2012, the Company announced more positive drill results from a 215,000 m infill and expansion drill program at its Bomboré gold project in Burkina Faso that was completed in March 2012;
- The Company completed a metallurgical test program on the oxide and sulphide ores with results indicating recoveries of +90% from oxides using a standard carbon-in-leach ("CIL") process; and
- Mr. Claude Poulin was hired May 1, 2012 as the Bomboré Project Manager to assist with the completion of the Definitive Feasibility Study ("DFS") and to transition the project team from exploration to development. Claude has more than 30 years of experience in the mining industry and holds an MBA. He has considerable gold mine development and exploration experience in West Africa including the Morila and Sadiola mines in Mali for AngloGold Ashanti, the Essakane mine for IAMGOLD and the Mana mine for SEMAFO in Burkina Faso.

#### **Sega**

- On May 23, 2012 the Company completed the sale of its Sega Gold Project ("Sega") in Burkina Faso to Cluff Gold plc ("Cluff") for total gross consideration of approximately US\$26.3M.

#### **Brighton**

- During and subsequent to Q2 2012, the Company abandoned the Abelajouad, Assaouas 2 and Zéline 4 uranium exploration permits held in Niger, retaining Zéline 1 and Assaouas 1 after making significant discoveries during the recent drill programs.

#### **General**

- On April 27 and May 14, 2012, the Board approved the issuance of 2,017,900 and 55,000 stock options respectively to the Company's employees, Directors and contractors at a strike price of C\$1.70 per share. In general, one third of these options vest immediately and the remaining two-thirds vest in equal amounts on the one and two-year anniversary dates. All of the options granted have a five-year expiry.

**Exploration Activity**

The following table summarizes the Company's exploration and evaluation costs and meters drilled by project for the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2012 and 2011. All figures are presented in US\$, except for meters drilled.

**Table 2 – Exploration and Evaluation Costs**

Three month period ended June 30, 2012	Meters Drilled <sup>1</sup> m	Drilling & Assaying \$	General, Camp, Infrastructure & Other \$	Exploration & Development Studies \$	Exploration Surveys \$	Total Exploration & Evaluation Costs \$
Bomboré	36,095	3,348,071	550,241	330,879	80,553	4,309,744
Sega	-	(457,029)	(47,138)	-	(1,559)	(505,726)
Bondi	2,500	107,282	55,118	48,035	24,180	234,615
Brighton, Niger (Uranium)	7,966	563,587	67,076	-	102,917	733,580
<b>Total</b>	<b>46,561</b>	<b>3,561,911</b>	<b>625,297</b>	<b>378,914</b>	<b>206,091</b>	<b>4,772,213</b>

<sup>1</sup> Includes 4,860 m of auger drilling on Bomboré and 2,500 m at Bondi

Three month period ended June 30, 2011	Meters Drilled <sup>2</sup> m	Drilling & Assaying \$	General, Camp, Infrastructure & Other \$	Exploration & Development Studies \$	Exploration Surveys \$	Total Exploration & Evaluation Costs \$
Bomboré	43,863	3,905,445	433,963	223,349	142,395	4,705,152
Sega	10,000	226,353	81,108	(5,576)	52,801	354,686
Bondi	-	-	6,342	-	1,918	8,260
Brighton, Niger (Uranium)	3,341	307,411	109,005	-	889,354	1,305,770
<b>Total</b>	<b>57,204</b>	<b>4,439,209</b>	<b>630,418</b>	<b>217,773</b>	<b>1,086,468</b>	<b>6,373,868</b>

<sup>2</sup> Includes 3,156 m of auger drilling on Bomboré and 10,000 m at Sega

Six month period ended June 30, 2012	Meters Drilled <sup>3</sup> m	Drilling & Assaying \$	General, Camp, Infrastructure & Other \$	Exploration & Development Studies \$	Exploration Surveys \$	Total Exploration & Evaluation Costs \$
Bomboré	102,938	9,366,157	945,224	542,148	159,017	11,012,546
Sega	10,000	4,231	3,523	-	487	8,241
Bondi	2,500	109,196	78,260	65,444	38,547	291,447
Brighton, Niger (Uranium)	18,534	1,261,759	161,015	-	227,533	1,650,307
<b>Total</b>	<b>133,972</b>	<b>10,741,343</b>	<b>1,188,022</b>	<b>607,592</b>	<b>425,584</b>	<b>12,962,541</b>

<sup>3</sup> Includes 4,860 m of auger drilling on Bomboré and 2,500 m at Bondi

Six month period ended June 30, 2011	Meters Drilled <sup>4</sup> m	Drilling & Assaying \$	General, Camp, Infrastructure & Other \$	Exploration & Development Studies \$	Exploration Surveys \$	Total Exploration & Evaluation Costs \$
Bomboré	69,335	5,734,723	665,802	618,822	220,030	7,239,377
Sega	10,000	263,509	123,630	48,261	107,508	542,908
Bondi	-	-	12,350	-	3,508	15,858
Brighton, Niger (Uranium)	16,477	1,197,204	200,508	-	1,027,807	2,425,519
<b>Total</b>	<b>95,812</b>	<b>7,195,436</b>	<b>1,002,290</b>	<b>667,083</b>	<b>1,358,853</b>	<b>10,223,662</b>

<sup>4</sup> Includes 10,677 m of auger drilling on Bomboré and 10,000 m at Sega

### **Bomboré Project**

The Company is well on its way to developing Bomboré into a world-class gold deposit. The project is situated 85 km east of the capital city, adjacent to an international highway with access to sufficient water, power and a large labor force. The Company is in the final stages of completing a NI 43-101 compliant Resource Update which is scheduled to be released during Q3 2012. The Resource Update was originally scheduled for release during Q2 2012 however was delayed due to sample backlogs. The new Resource Update will be based on 335,000 m of drilling to an average depth of 120 m compared to the Resources as of October 2010 that included 1.6M oz indicated (61M t @ 0.8 g/t) and 1.9M oz inferred (61M t @ 1 g/t) based on 120,000 m of drilling to an average depth of 60 m resulting in over 35,000 oz per vertical meter (the "2010 Resource Model"). The 2010 Resource Model resources are constrained within optimized pitshells (\$1,025/oz gold price) that span 11 km, and remain open at depth and for the most part along strike. From surface to an average depth of 40-50 m, the resources are oxidized and amenable to both CIL and Heap Leach ("HL") processing.

After releasing the 2010 Resource Model the Company launched a \$24 M, 170,000 m infill and expansion drilling program ("the Program") in November 2010. The Program consisted of 85,000 m of reverse circulation ("RC") drilling focused mostly on upgrading the near-surface oxide material and 85,000 m of core drilling to upgrade and expand the deeper sulphide material. In response to the continued positive results received throughout 2011, the Company expanded the Program to 215,000 m including an additional 30,000 m of RC and 15,000 m of core drilling. The Company also launched in 2011 a 12,000 m auger drilling program designed to identify possible lateral extensions of the known resources and to test other gold in soil anomalies. Results from the Program demonstrate a substantial upgrade and expansion of the resources as a result of improved continuity both within and outside of the economic pitshells constraining the 2010 Resource. The Company plans to spend approximately \$22.4 M on exploration and development in 2012 and the first half of 2013 including the costs related to the completion of the NI 43-101 compliant Resource Update (to be released in Q3 2012) as well as a DFS, to be released during the first half of 2013. Certain of the budgeted costs will be incurred in the first half of 2013 as the DFS timeline has been delayed as a result of delays in completing the resource update, as described above. The Company has been targeting a 2 Moz oxide resource and a sulphide resource of up to 3 Moz, with the average depth of drilling to 120 m.

In June 2011, the Company completed and released the Preliminary Economic Assessment ("PEA"), which evaluated both a HL and CIL operation. The results demonstrated that both stand-alone scenarios are positive and economically feasible if inferred resources can be substantially upgraded to the indicated category and more extensive technical studies confirm the preliminary assumptions and information generated by the PEA. The DFS is now underway and on track for completion during the first half of 2013. The DFS will examine the potential for a large tonnage open pit CIL operation to be built in two phases. The first phase would process the softer near surface oxide material, with subsequent expansion to process the larger sulphide resource. This phased approach will reduce the initial capital requirements and provide the opportunity to finance the second phase of construction with the benefit of operating cash flows. Production could commence as early as 2015 at 150,000 oz/yr and increase to 250,000 oz/yr with the completion of the second phase.

### **Drilling progress**

The Company completed during Q1 2012 the remainder of the 215,000 m drill program (66,843 m) and these results will be included in the full NI 43-101 compliant Resource Update to be released in Q3 2012. During Q2 2012 drilling continued at Bomboré with 13,476 m diamond drilling ("DD") and 17,760 m RC drilling focused on the Siga and P8P9 areas. This drilling will not be included in the Resource Update, however it will support further upgrade and expansion of the resources.

The drilling to date has improved the continuity of the mineralization along strike and between the pitshells, which should result in a lower overall strip ratio. One example is the Siga South zone where drilling has confirmed that it connects with the Siga West zone resulting in a 3.7 km continuous mineralized structure with a vertical depth of up to 200 m. The zone remains open at depth and along strike and warrants further drilling to test the full potential. In the 2010 Resource Model, Siga South amounted to only 1.6 km of the 11 km Bomboré resource and was classified as inferred, supported only by shallow widely-spaced drill holes.

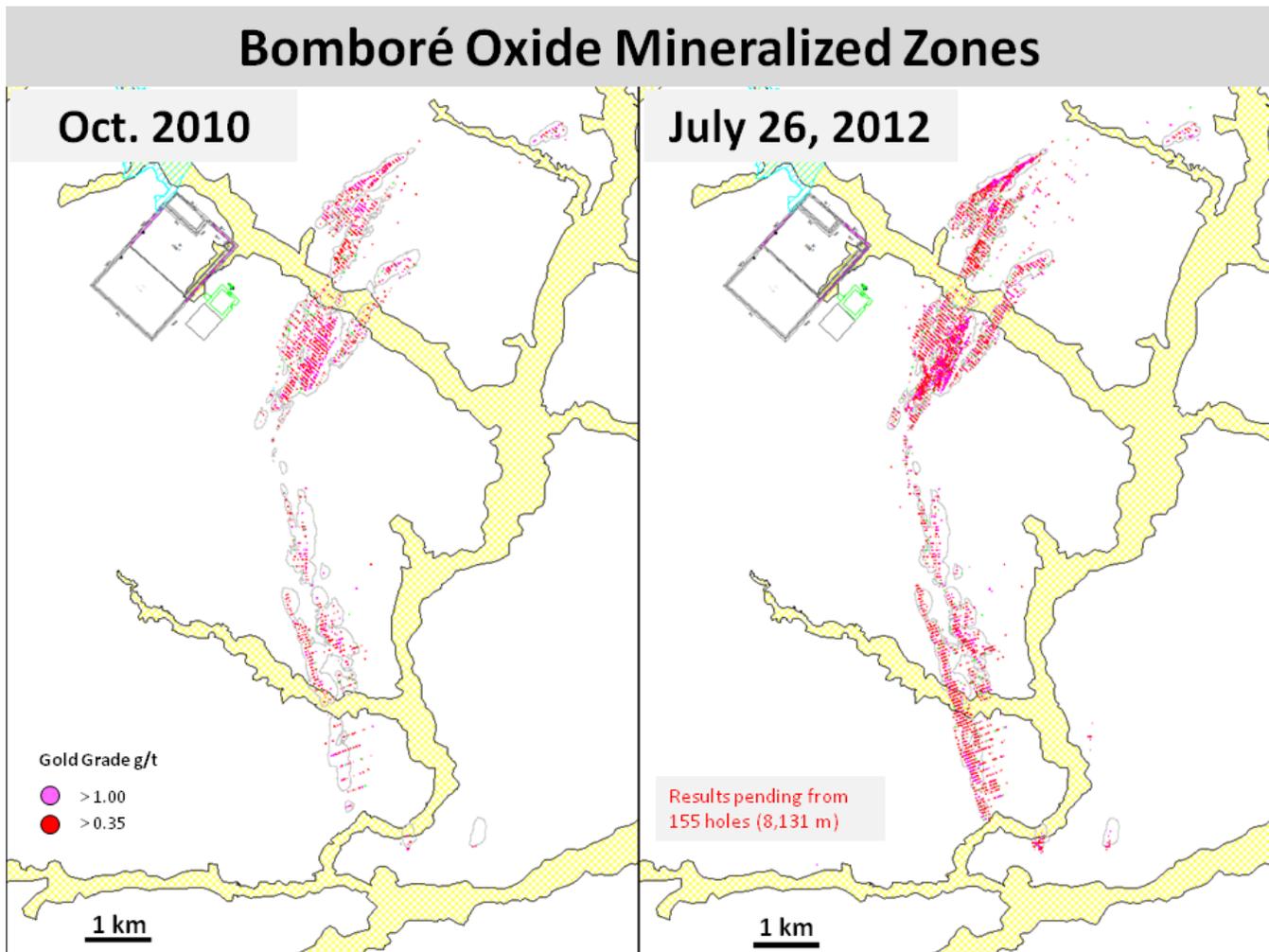
The results from the near surface oxide zone, both within and outside the economic pitshells that constrain the 2010 Resource, are very positive and indicate that a significant expansion and upgrade of the oxide resources should also be expected (see Map 1 below). The Company is targeting a 2 Moz oxide resource, and up to 3 Moz sulphide in the upcoming Resource Update. The drilling that was completed during the first half of 2012 focused on the northern half of the deposit where grades and continuity were more robust than in the southern half of the 2010 Resource Model and also included the

evaluation of several new drilling targets identified by the 2011 auger drilling program. Those targets were located in the vicinity of the Maga, P8P9, CFU and Kin Tanga prospects and their evaluation is required for the DFS as positive results would not only increase the oxide resources of the project but would also impact the site layout.

The reconnaissance mapping and prospecting program on the new Toéryoko permit to the southwest identified two promising targets on the permit. The first is P13, an 11 km long structure extending north onto the Bomboré permit with similar geology to that of the Siga West-Siga South deposit. This structure is associated with anomalous gold-in-soil geochemistry and with several gold workings where 11 grab and chip samples averaged 1.1 g/t (maximum of 4.0 g/t). The target was covered by the Q2 2012 auger drilling program using a 400 m by 25 m drilling pattern. The second target, P17S, is located 1,600 m to the south of the P17 deposit that was included in the 2010 resource estimate. Grab and chip sampling of gold workings within the target area returned an average of 2.8 g/t from 13 samples of felsic intrusive material (maximum of 7.6 g/t), and an average of 1.1 g/t from 27 samples of sheared intermediate to mafic intrusive (maximum of 8.3 g/t). The Company completed three core holes on two fences 100 m apart on this target during the quarter, all of which intersected gold mineralization in felsic intrusives hosted in sheared meta-gabbro. The uncut grade is averaging 2.9 g/t over a core length of 6.25 m (maximum of 10.2 g/t). The true width of these mineralized intervals is unknown at this stage.

During Q2 2012, the Company undertook a 4,860 m auger drilling program on several new targets on the Bomboré and Toéryoko permits. Assay results were received and compiled during the quarter with the most significant results from the 3 km southern end of the P13 target where two gold anomalies were defined on 400 m spaced auger profiles and will be followed up with RC drilling during the next program. Several other more discreet gold anomalies will also receive RC drilling during the next program.

**Map 1 – Comparison of Oxide drill hole intersections projected to surface for the 2010 Resource vs. all Oxide results to date from the Program**



**Economics and optimal mining scenario**

The base case presented in the PEA for a combined oxide-sulphide CIL plant demonstrated an after-tax IRR of 6.9%<sup>1</sup> to the Company, using \$1,000/oz Whittle pitshells, revenues based on \$1,100/oz gold, \$80/bbl oil and all other costs being current market. The after-tax IRR improves to 28% (HL) and 20% (CIL) from revenues at a \$1,500/oz gold price, \$120/bbl oil and the same \$1,000/oz Whittle pitshells. Upon completion of the Program and further technical studies the Company hopes to improve on the economics presented in the PEA by:

1. **Lowering the initial capital expenditure by building the plant in two phases:** By starting with only an oxide plant, capital requirements would be substantially reduced and a phase II expansion to process the fresh or sulphide ores could be built using project cash flows. The oxide ores are softer to mine, have the highest recoveries, use less power and reagents, and have the lowest strip ratio. The Company is currently evaluating the economic feasibility of this scenario (including completion of engineering and metallurgical testing) and the related capital requirements;
2. **Resource expansion:** The ongoing expansion and infill drilling program and expected Q3 2012 resource update will expand the NI 43-101 compliant gold resource; and
3. **Improved continuity:** The drilling to date has improved the continuity of the mineralization which will improve the strip ratios.

<sup>1</sup> Represents the Company's Burkina Faso subsidiary cash flows net of royalties and local taxes.

### ***Feasibility and infrastructure work***

The environmental impact study ("EIS"), archaeological studies, detailed metallurgical studies and optimization studies all commenced in 2011 and remained in progress at quarter-end. The EIS is progressing normally with temperature, rainfall, humidity, evaporation, insolation, wind speed and direction, atmospheric pressure, noise level and CO<sub>2</sub> atmospheric concentration being routinely measured in five localities as well as measuring the water table level in 15 wells. A detailed socio-economic field inventory was completed in September 2011 and an interim report was received in December 2011. During Q2 2012, the socio-economic database was validated and field visits were undertaken by Orezone staff to all families potentially impacted by the project to finalize a detailed building inventory map and estimate the cost of relocating each family. The Company has started identifying possible resettlement areas for each of the communities potentially impacted by the project.

Approximately one tonne of material (76 samples) representative of the various oxide and sulphide mineralized zones was collected and delivered to McClelland Laboratories Inc. in Nevada, USA, in October 2011. The samples are being subject to detailed ore variability testing, including work index and abrasion index test work and cyanidation tests, carbon and sulfur speciation, ICP scan, whole rock analysis and granulometry and particle size distribution analysis. Metallurgical testing completed to date indicates recoveries of +90% from oxides using a CIL process. The various ores of Bomboré are not refractory with the gold being fine grained and free-milling. Detailed variability test work was completed in Q2 2012 to optimize recoveries of the sulphide (fresh) ore that are expected to be dependent primarily on grind size. All results will be integrated into the next round of Whittle pit resource modeling for the next resource estimate. The test work results will form the basis for developing a processing flow sheet, plant capacity, equipment selection and sizing and capital and operating cost estimates for the DFS.

The new site camp, office and access roads were built during 2011 and are fully functional. Construction of a sample preparation facility with the capacity to process 18,000 samples per month commenced during Q4 2011 and was completed in June 2012 and will improve the turn-around time for assay results. The facility is managed by an independent certified international laboratory (SGS Group). The commissioning of the Company's own RC drill rig in late Q4 2011 has led to a 35% cost savings per meter for 2012 as compared to 2011. With these investments, the Company continues to improve the efficiency of its exploration programs and ultimately the development of the project.

### ***Permit expansion***

The original Bomboré I permit (105 km<sup>2</sup>) was renewed in January 2010 for its final three-year exploration term, and in August 2011, the Company announced it had been granted exploration rights to the Toéyoko permit, an additional 63 km<sup>2</sup> of prospective ground adjacent to Bomboré. Toéyoko is within its first three-year term and may be renewed for two more consecutive three-year terms. The new permit extends the Bomboré project footprint to the south and southwest by 60%. Regional gold-in-soil geochemistry and auger drilling results indicate there is potential for mineralization to extend from Bomboré onto Toéyoko (see Map 2 below). The target "P13" on Map 2 is one example of a gold-in-soil anomaly that will be further drill tested. A 1,900 line-km high resolution airborne geophysical survey was completed in November 2011 over the Toéyoko permit and the Company received the magnetometry and radiometric data at the end of December 2011.

The Company merged the Toéyoko and Bomboré geophysical datasets (both at 50 m line spacing) and high-resolution photo-satellite base maps during Q1 2012. Reconnaissance mapping and prospecting was completed prior to the start of the auger drilling program, of which 2,561 m was completed during Q2 2012. The auger drilling has been completed and potential targets for future expansion have been identified, with 414 m DD completed during Q2 2012. The positive auger drilling on the P13 target will be followed up with RC drilling in the next program.

### ***Ownership***

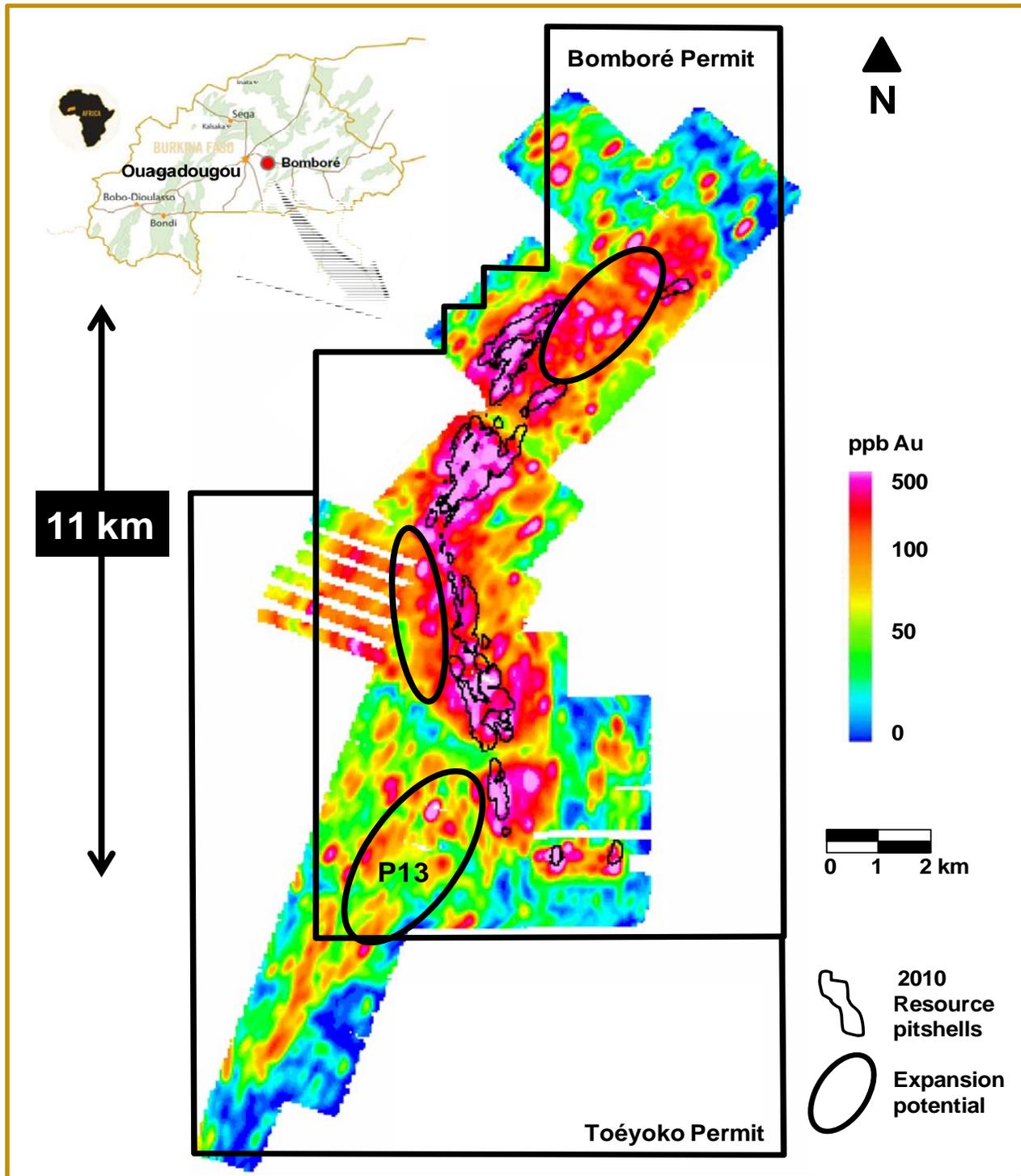
The Company owns a 100% interest in the exploration permits less the standard sliding net smelter royalty ("NSR") of between 3% and 5% depending on the gold price, and 10% carried interest held by the government in the event that a mining permit is granted.

### ***Analysis of expenditures***

Drilling and assaying expenditures at Bomboré for the three month period ended June 30, 2012 decreased by \$0.56 M over Q2 2011 due to lower drilling activity quarter over quarter resulting from the completion of the 215,000 m drill program prior to

Q2 2012. Drilling and assaying expenditures for the six month period ended June 30, 2012 increased by \$3.63 M over the prior-year comparative period due to increased meters drilled in Q1 2012 as part of the 215,000 m drill program as well as an increased proportion of more expensive core drilling compared to the prior year period. The Company completed 44,600 m of DD out of total drilling of 102,938 m for the six months ended June 30, 2012 versus a total of 69,335 m drilled in the six months ended June 30, 2011, including 22,192 m of DD drilling completed. General camp, infrastructure and other costs for the three and six months ended June 30, 2012 have increased by \$0.12 M and \$0.28 M respectively over the prior-year comparative periods as the Company continues to expand the camp and has increased its camp activities to support the increased level of drilling activity. Expenses related to exploration and development studies in the three and six months ended June 30, 2012 increased by \$0.11 M and decreased by \$0.77 M respectively from the prior-year comparative periods. In 2012, the Company has focused on its resource update, metallurgical testing and the ongoing DFS as opposed to the same period in 2011 where it spent the majority of its time on the PEA.

Map 2 – Bomboré Project gold-in-soil geochemistry



### **Sega Project**

On February 3, 2012, the Company signed a definitive agreement for the sale and transfer of the Sega project to Cluff and the Company completed the sale on May 23, 2012 (the "Closing Date") for total consideration of approximately US\$26.3 M. This was comprised of US\$15 M in cash and 11 M new common shares of Cluff, representing 6.5% of Cluff's issued and outstanding common shares (the "Sega Transaction"). Total consideration was approximately \$1.7 M less than the \$28 M reported in the Q1 2012 MD&A due to a decrease in the value of Cluff's shares from 73.50 GBp on May 14, 2012 to 65.75 GBp on the Closing Date. The Company recorded a gain on the sale of the project of \$26.0 M as well as a gain of \$0.26 M on the sale of property, plant and equipment relating to the Sega camp and certain capital assets. A total of \$1.9 M in tax was paid to the Government of Burkina Faso on the related capital gain. Refer to Note 8 in the Interim Financial Statements for a detailed description of the significant terms of the Sega Transaction.

As part of the transaction the Company agreed to complete a 10,000 m RC drilling program which was fully funded by Cluff. Total costs incurred and reimbursed upon completion of the program and the close of the transaction was \$0.55 M representing all costs incurred in 2012.

### **Bondi Project**

The Bondi gold project is a 100%-owned, shallow and structurally controlled, 4 km long shear zone hosted gold deposit that contains 282,000 oz of measured and indicated gold resources at a grade of 2.12 g/t and 149,700 oz of inferred resources at a grade of 1.84 g/t. During 2009, the Company undertook an air core drilling program to test an additional 4 km strike extension south along the Bondi structure. The program was successful and intercepted geochemical anomalies 50 times the background level of gold, along the trend on widely-spaced ( $\geq 1,000$  m) drill fences. The Company is currently evaluating the potential for a northern extension to increase the resource to a level necessary to support a mining operation. The Company completed a high-resolution airborne geophysics survey in Q4 2011 to assist in the identification of high priority drill targets and initiated a metallurgical testing program to better evaluate the economic potential of the project during Q2 2012.

During the three and six months ended June 30, 2012 expenditures increased by \$0.23 M and \$0.28 M respectively over the comparative prior-year periods. During Q2 2012 the Company undertook and completed a 606-hole (2,500 m) auger drilling program and initiated a mapping and prospecting program, as well, camp, geology and metallurgy costs increased as the Company refurbished the camp. The Company currently plans to spend approximately \$0.8 M on exploration during 2012. New RC and DD targets will be defined based on the metallurgical data and auger drilling results, with a drilling program planned for Q4 2012. In May an application was submitted to renew the permit for its final 3-year term, with the mandatory 25% reduction in the permit area. In August 2012 formal approval of the renewal was received from the Government of Burkina Faso.

### **Brighton Energy, Niger (Uranium)**

The exploration activities in Niger are operated by Brighton, a 100%-owned subsidiary (*see note below regarding consolidation of minority interests in Q1 2012*) of the Company holding two Niger uranium permits through its wholly owned subsidiary Niger Resources Inc. ("NIREs"). During and subsequent to Q2 2012 Management decided to abandon the Abelajouad, Assaouas 2 and Zéline 4 permits as discussed below.

During Q2 2012, the Company completed 7,966 m of drilling on its permits for a total of 92 drill holes.

#### **Zéline 1**

During Q2 2012 the Company completed a 56-hole, 4,172 m reconnaissance drilling program, in addition to the previous work that included the 30-hole, 5,327 m reconnaissance drilling program conducted between Q4 2010 and Q1 2011 on the 482 km<sup>2</sup> Zéline 1 permit, which indicated a significant presence of uranium with 14 of 30 holes having  $>200$  ppm eU<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>, in the same sequence of Carboniferous rocks along with a similar structural setting to that of the neighboring mines. The three drilling programs completed on the permit since December 2010 have identified an 83 km<sup>2</sup> prospective area where uranium mineralization has been mostly intersected in the Guezouman Carboniferous Formation. A total of 37 km<sup>2</sup> have been drilled on an 800 m pattern, and the remaining 46 km<sup>2</sup> have only been drilled on a 1,600 m pattern. In total, 115-holes (13,756 m) have been completed on the property. The permit is due for its first 50% surface reduction and 3-year renewal in October for which the renewal application was submitted in July. Once the permit is renewed, the priority will be to complete further drilling and

reduce spacing to 800 m in the 46 km<sup>2</sup> prospective area where the uranium mineralization is shallower. A budget of 5,400 m and \$500,000 is planned for 2013.

#### ***Assaouas 1***

In Q2 2011 the Company announced that the 39-hole, 9,446 m reconnaissance drilling program at Assaouas 1 indicated the presence of uranium: 20 of 24 holes had >100 ppm eU<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>, including 534 ppm eU<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> over a cumulative 5.1 m in hole AM10056. In Q1 2012 the Company completed 30 holes totaling 6,164 m of drilling on new targets located in the western portion of the permit and an additional 1,369 m was drilled during Q2 2012. The permit is due for its first 50% surface reduction and 3-year renewal in November for which the renewal application was submitted in July. Once the permit is renewed, the priority will be to infill, on a 400 m drilling pattern, the area around hole AM10056. A budget of 4,400 m and \$420,000 is planned for 2013.

#### ***Zéline 4***

During Q2 2012 a total of 2,425 m was drilled in addition to the previous work that included a 19-hole, 1,566 m drilling program on the Zéline 4 permit that identified shallow reduced uranium mineralization in the Carboniferous Guezouman Formation over an area of about 5 km<sup>2</sup> where follow-up drilling was warranted. The Company also discovered low grade uranium mineralization in the Proterozoic basement under the mineralized Carboniferous rocks. However, the width and low grade of the mineralized intervals do not suggest a strong potential for an economic deposit. In July 2012, the Company abandoned the permit.

#### ***Assaouas 2 and Abelajouad***

In 2011, the Company initiated an initial scout drilling program on its Abelajouad permit completing 24 holes and 4,629 m by December 31, 2011 and during Q1 2012 the Company completed the Abelajouad program with 11 additional drill holes totaling 2,848 m of drilling. The results of this scout drilling program were largely negative and the permit was not renewed following the expiry of its first tenure in April 2012. In February 2012, the Company completed a 4-hole, 1,556 m initial scout drilling program on its Assaouas 2 permit. The results in the region tested were negative with thick non-prospective Irhazer clay cover over non mineralized deep sandstone units and the permit will not be renewed.

#### ***Outlook and Analysis of Expenditures***

After considering permit abandonments, the Company has revised its estimated expenditures to approximately \$2.3 M on exploration of its uranium properties in 2012. In the first half of 2012, the Company completed the initial scout drilling programs on its Abelajouad (2,848 m) and Assaouas 2 (1,556 m) permits and follow-up drilling programs (14,500 m) on its Assaouas 1, Zéline 1 and Zéline 4 permits. All permits are due for their first renewal in 2012 and a mandatory 50% reduction in area. Abelajouad, Assaouas 2 and Zéline 4 permits have been abandoned. The renewal applications for Zéline 1 and Assaouas 1 permits were submitted in July 2012. Field programs are expected to resume during Q4 once renewals have been obtained from the Ministry of Mines.

In the three and six months ended June 30, 2012, drilling and assaying expenses increased by \$0.26 M and \$0.06 M respectively from the comparative prior-year periods as a result of increased meters drilled during Q2 2012. Expenses related to exploration surveys for the three and six months ended June 30, 2012 have decreased by \$0.79 M and \$0.80 M respectively from the prior-year comparative periods. During Q2 2011 the Company completed a high-resolution airborne geophysics survey on all the permits while there were no similar costs in Q2 2012.

#### ***Orezone Gold Corporation Acquisition of the 33% Minority Interest in Brighton***

On March 29, 2012, the Company acquired 5,000,000 common shares of Brighton, representing the remaining 33% minority interest in Brighton (the "Brighton Exchange"). Under the terms of the Brighton Exchange, each minority shareholder received approximately 0.36 free-trading common shares of the Company in exchange for each share of Brighton held, resulting in 1,818,000 new common shares of the Company being issued. With the completion of the Brighton Exchange, the Company now owns 100% of Brighton and its wholly-owned subsidiaries Brighton Energy Limited and Niger Resources Inc. See Note 10 in the Interim Financial Statements for a detailed description of the terms of the Brighton Exchange.

**Financial Review**

Total comprehensive income (loss) for the three and six month periods ended June 30 was as follows:

**Table 3 – Financial Information**

	Three months ended		Six months ended	
	2012	June 30, 2011	2012	June 30, 2011
	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Expenses</b>				
Exploration and evaluation costs	4,772,213	6,373,868	12,962,541	10,223,662
General and administrative costs	893,796	1,094,040	1,918,874	2,031,444
Share-based compensation	1,226,176	1,282,663	1,767,442	2,119,849
Depreciation and amortization	293,848	80,450	572,686	160,741
	7,186,033	8,831,021	17,221,543	14,535,696
<b>Other income</b>	24,376,488	128,201	24,377,082	141,062
<b>Non-controlling interest</b>	-	505,763	339,736	962,037
<b>Net income (loss) attributable to common shareholders</b>	17,190,455	(8,197,057)	7,495,275	(13,432,597)
Net change in fair value of available-for-sale financial assets	161,883	-	161,883	-
Foreign currency translation (loss) gain attributable to common shareholders	(409,300)	490,702	235,197	2,106,049
<b>Total comprehensive income (loss) attributable to common shareholders</b>	16,943,038	(7,706,355)	7,892,355	(11,326,548)
<b>Net income (loss) per common share, basic</b>	0.20	(0.10)	0.09	(0.16)
<b>Net income (loss) per common share, diluted</b>	0.19	(0.10)	0.09	(0.16)

The Company is still in the exploration and evaluation phase and does not yet have revenue-generating activities. Accordingly, the Company's financial performance is largely a function of the level of exploration activities undertaken on the active projects and the administrative expenses required to operate and carry out its exploration activities as well as other items such as interest income and foreign exchange gains/losses. Below is a discussion of the major items impacting net income (loss) for the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2012 and 2011.

Exploration and evaluation costs in the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2012 decreased by \$1.6 M and increased by \$2.74 M respectively, compared to the same periods in 2011. The decreased expenditures during the three month period relate to lower drilling meterage, as compared to Q2 2011, as well as the PEA at Bomboré and the high-resolution airborne geophysics surveys on the five uranium permits in Niger undertaken in 2011. The increased expenditures during the six month period are mainly due to significantly increased drilling activity at Bomboré relating to the 215,000 m drilling program and expenses related to preparing the NI 43-101 compliant Resource Update and camp and infrastructure costs (refer to Exploration Activity).

General and administrative costs ("G&A") include both the Company's head office G&A and local office G&A related to the Company's subsidiaries. Total G&A decreased by \$0.20 M and \$0.11 M respectively in the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2012, compared to the same periods in 2011, mainly due to:

- A decrease in salaries and benefits of \$160k and \$20k respectively due to reduced head count at head office and the timing of incentive bonus accruals;
- A decrease in public company costs of \$23k and \$54k respectively due to lower costs relating to directors, TSX listing fees and other filing fees; and
- A decrease in professional fees of \$12k and \$33k respectively due to lower audit fees in the year subsequent to the Company's transition to IFRS.

Head office G&A encompasses the costs of head office salaries and benefits, director compensation, investor relations and travel, facilities and IT, as well as all costs associated with maintaining the Company's listing on the TSX. Total G&A pertaining to the Company's head office for the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2012 is \$0.65 M and \$1.35 M respectively, representing a decrease of \$183k and \$147k respectively over the same periods in 2011, mainly due to annual salary revisions and conference attendance, as offset by lower head count, public company costs and professional fees as a result of lower audit and TSX fees.

Share-based compensation expense recognized during the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2012 decreased \$56k and \$352k over the comparative prior year periods. The decrease in the three month period resulted primarily from an \$821k expense decrease related to the 1,300,000 options granted in Q2 2011 to new employees, Directors and Officers, including 33% that vested upon issuance, a \$60k expense decrease related to grants fully vested before Q2 2012, as offset by a \$830k expense increase related to 2,072,900 options granted during Q2 2012 to the Company's employees, Directors and Officers and contractors of which 35% vested immediately. The decrease of the six month comparative periods resulted from a \$1.09 M expense decrease related to options granted in 2011 that vested immediately, a \$114k expense decrease related to grants fully vested prior to 2012, as offset by the Q2 2012 option grant. Although a greater number of options were granted in the three and six months ended June 30, 2012 as compared to the same periods in 2011, the related expense is lower as a result of the lower grant date fair values of the Q2 2012 option grant (C\$0.56 – C\$0.93) vs. 2011 (C\$1.41 – C\$2.98). The parameters used in the Black-Scholes valuation included a strike price range of C\$4.00 to C\$4.85 in 2011 vs. C\$1.70 in 2012, a grant date market price range of C\$3.59 – C\$4.83 in 2011 vs. C\$1.41 – C\$1.69 in 2012 and a risk-free interest rate range of 2.24% - 2.68% in 2011 vs. 1.43% in 2012.

Offsetting the increase in net income (loss) and net income (loss) per share were the following items:

- On May 23, 2012, the Company completed the sale of Sega to Cluff Gold and received US\$15 M cash and 11 M new common shares of Cluff. The gain on the sale of the Sega exploration property and certain property, plant and equipment sold as part of the transaction was \$24.3 M, net of \$1.9 M in income tax expense paid to the Government of Burkina Faso. There is no corresponding gain, loss or income tax expense in the prior periods.
- Foreign exchange gain in the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2012 increased by \$0.03 M and decreased by \$0.05 M respectively over the same periods in 2011, mainly due to a slight depreciation of the Euro/CFA and US\$ currencies versus C\$ as opposed to an overall appreciation in the currencies versus C\$ in the six month period;
- Interest income for the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2012 decreased by \$0.07 M and \$0.16 M respectively over the comparative prior year periods as a result of a significantly higher treasury balances during the first half of 2011 following the December 2010 net financing of C\$50.9 M;
- On March 29, 2012 the Company completed the Brighton Exchange and acquired the remaining 33% minority interest in Brighton, thereby eliminating the non-controlling interest ("NCI") in future quarters. In the six month period ended June 30, 2012, the NCI share of the net income (loss) decreased by \$0.62 M from the prior-year comparative period. The Company's NCI represented equity interests in Brighton owned by outside parties. Under IFRS, income or loss as well as a portion of the accumulated other comprehensive income had to be attributed to the NCI.

### Summary of Quarterly Results

The following summarized financial data has been prepared in accordance with IFRS. This data should be read in conjunction with the Company's condensed consolidated interim financial statements and consolidated annual financial statements for the respective periods. All net income (loss) figures in the table are presented in US\$ millions, except for the net income (loss) per common share amounts (basic and diluted).

**Table 4: Quarterly Results**

	Q2 2012	Q1 2012	Q4 2011	Q3 2011	Q2 2011	Q1 2011	Q4 2010	Q3 2010
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Net income (loss) attributable to common shareholders</b>	17.19	(9.70)	(8.06)	(8.78)	(8.20)	(5.23)	(2.67)	(1.55)
<b>Net income (loss) per share, basic</b>	0.20	(0.12)	(0.09)	(0.11)	(0.10)	(0.06)	(0.04)	(0.02)
<b>Net income (loss) per share, diluted</b>	0.19	(0.12)	(0.09)	(0.11)	(0.10)	(0.06)	(0.04)	(0.02)

The increase in net income compared to 2011 resulted mainly from the gain on sale of the Sega project. Variations in net losses over the four quarters in 2011 and the increase in net loss as compared to 2010, resulted primarily from an increased spend on exploration and evaluation activities. Variations in net losses over the two quarters in 2010 resulted mainly from quarterly fluctuations in the level of exploration and evaluation costs, general and administrative costs and exposure to foreign currency fluctuations.

### **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

The Company had cash of \$26.89 M at June 30, 2012, a decrease of \$1.80 M compared to the \$28.70 M cash position at December 31, 2011.

The Company also has 11 M common shares of Cluff that were received on May 23, 2012 upon the completion of the sale of the Sega project. The shares held by the Company are classified as marketable securities available-for-sale and are carried at fair value, which is based on the market quote on the London Stock Exchange. At June 30, 2012, the 11 M common shares of Cluff are recorded at their fair market value of \$11.60 M based on the closing market price on June 30, 2012 and converted to USD. Changes in the fair value of the common shares from the transaction closing date of May 23, 2012 to June 30, 2012 are recorded as a \$0.16 M investment revaluation reserve in other comprehensive income.

The Company has no cash flow generating operations and its long-term financial success is highly dependent on Management's ability to discover economically viable mineral deposits. The Company has sufficient capital resources to pursue its exploration and feasibility programs on its projects in 2012 based on its June 30, 2012 net working capital balance of \$25.95 M, which includes net cash proceeds of approximately \$14.92 M from the sale of its Sega project that was completed during Q2 2012 less the related \$1.90 M capital gain tax payable to the Government of Burkina Faso. Additional financing will be required in the future should the Company decide to bring one of its projects into production. There can be no assurance that the Company will be able to obtain adequate financing in the future to fund such activities or that the terms of such financing will be favorable.

### **Use of Proceeds from 2010 Financings**

On January 26, 2010, the Company completed a C\$10,005,000 (US\$9,470,844) equity financing that resulted in net proceeds of C\$9,155,779 (US\$8,666,640). On December 21, 2010, the Company completed a C\$53,906,250 (US\$53,246,000) equity financing that resulted in net proceeds of CAD \$50,934,774 (US\$50,308,350).

The table below provides a summary of the January 26, and December 21, 2010 financings (the "2010 Financings"), broken down by the use of proceeds categories disclosed in the Company's short-form prospectuses. Approximate actual expenditures by 2010 Financing Category for all of 2010, 2011 and 2012 are also presented in the table for comparative purposes. All figures in the table are presented in US\$ millions.

**Table 5 – Use of Proceeds from 2010 Financings<sup>1</sup>**

<b>2010 Financing Categories</b>	<b>January 2010 Prospectus</b>	<b>December 2010 Prospectus<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Total 2010 Financings</b>	<b>Actual expenditures from January 1, 2010 to June 30, 2012</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Bomboré gold project exploration and development	3.81	26.83	30.64	35.66
Sega gold project exploration	1.43	3.22	4.65	1.03
Bondi gold project exploration	0.48	2.15	2.63	0.48
Niger Uranium Project Exploration	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.17
Regional project generation and exploration	0.95	1.07	2.02	0.13
General and administrative expenses	2.29	17.04	19.33	8.71
Underwriting fees	0.51	2.94	3.45	3.74
<b>Total use of proceeds</b>	<b>9.47</b>	<b>53.25</b>	<b>62.72</b>	<b>50.92</b>

<sup>1</sup> The table is prepared based on accrual-based expenses.

<sup>2</sup> The over-allotment option was exercised on the December 2010 financing and as a result it has been allocated to the financing categories on a pro-rata basis.

The Company anticipates having sufficient funds to prepare and release a full NI 43-101 compliant Resource Update, scheduled for Q3 2012, and to complete a full DFS on the Bomboré gold project in 2013.

The Company incurred capital expenditures of \$4.76 M from January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2011 relating to all of its projects, as well as \$1.20 M to acquire additional exploration interests in Niger, which were funded by cash on hand prior to the 2010 financings, proceeds on stock option and warrant exercises during 2010 and 2011, and interest income and foreign exchange gains on the proceeds of the above-mentioned financings.

### **Share Capital Information**

As at June 30, 2012, the Company had 85,624,531 common shares outstanding (fully diluted – 94,029,931).

On March 29, 2012, the Company completed the Brighton Exchange transaction, which resulted in the issuance of 1,818,000 common shares at a volume-weighted average price of C\$2.71 per share. As a result, the Company recorded a \$4.93 M increase to share capital.

As at June 30, 2012, the Company also has the following outstanding stock options:

**Table 6 – Stock Options Outstanding as at June 30, 2012**

Range of exercise prices	Outstanding			Exercisable	
	Outstanding options	Remaining contractual life	Weighted-average outstanding exercise price	Vested options	Weighted-average vested exercise price
C\$		(in years)	C\$		C\$
\$0.00 to \$0.49	3,175,000	6.85	0.39	3,175,000	0.39
\$0.50 to \$0.99	438,500	8.03	0.85	30,000	0.85
\$1.00 to \$1.99	2,072,900	4.83	1.70	720,972	1.70
\$2.00 to \$2.99	200,000	8.32	2.35	200,000	2.35
\$3.00 to \$3.99	959,000	9.43	3.74	33,000	3.65
\$4.00 to \$4.99	1,560,000	8.71	4.35	770,000	4.47
	<b>8,405,400</b>	<b>7.09</b>	<b>1.90</b>	<b>4,928,972</b>	<b>1.32</b>

### **Contractual Obligations**

As at June 30, 2012, the Company had contractual obligations for drilling activities, resource update costs, preparation of the DFS, sample analysis and laboratory management services, environmental impact studies, construction and facilities costs and equipment rentals in the amount of \$2.10 M (commitments as at December 31, 2011 – \$3.80 M). The schedule of certain payments is dependent upon the contractors' ability to complete various milestones, however it is expected that the majority of the commitments will be payable during the second half of 2012. Subsequent to June 30, 2012, the Company entered into further contractual obligations in the amount of \$0.37 M for consulting, water supply and geomechanic studies and various other expenditures which are also expected to be payable during the second half of 2012.

### **Off Balance Sheet Agreements**

The Company does not have any off-balance sheet agreements.

### **Transactions with Related Parties**

The Company has no transactions with related parties as at, or for the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2012.

### **Proposed Transactions**

The Company continually reviews potential merger, acquisition, investment and other joint venture transactions that could enhance shareholder value, however, at the current time, there are no reportable proposed transactions.

### **Risks and Uncertainties**

The Company is in the business of exploring for minerals and if successful, ultimately mining them. The natural resource industry is by its nature, both cyclical and with significant risks as listed below. Even though Management has been successful in the past in developing economic deposits there is no assurance that the Company's projects will become economically viable. Once a potentially economic deposit is identified, the Company's ability to establish a profitable mining operation is subject to a host of variables including technical considerations, economic factors and regulatory issues. Many of these are beyond the control of the Company. The most significant risks and uncertainties faced by the Company are (in no specific order):

- Impact of fluctuations in the gold price;
- Risk of political instability and/or changes in government regulations affecting our permits in Burkina Faso and Niger;
- Foreign currency risk;
- Risk that the Company will not find mineralization that is economic to extract;
- Technical and market factors affecting the Company's ability to bring a deposit into production;
- General economic risk;
- Financing risk;
- Title risk;
- Environmental risk; and
- Risks related to the Company's reliance on a small number of key individuals to carry out its mandate.

For a more detailed discussion of the above risk factors, refer to the Company's Annual Information Form filed for the year ended December 31, 2011.

As of January 1, 2012, the Company is now also subject to the following risk:

#### ***Marketable securities held as investments and market price risk***

The Company holds shares of a publicly traded company and is subject to the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of this financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in the market price. A significant decrease in the value of the financial instrument could result in a reduction in cash available for reinvestment in its exploration activities.

### **Accounting Standards, Amendments and Interpretations Recently Adopted**

The Company's adoption of the following new standards and amendments as of January 1, 2012 did not have any impact on the financial position or performance of the Company:

#### ***IFRS 7, "Financial Instruments: Disclosures"***

This amendment provides disclosure guidance on transfers of financial assets. This amendment is effective for annual periods beginning on or after July 1, 2011.

#### ***International Accounting Standard 12, "Income Taxes" ("IAS 12")***

This amendment contains new standards related to deferred tax: recovery of underlying assets and supersedes SIC 21, "Income Taxes – Recovery of Revalued Non-Depreciable Assets". This amendment is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2012.

### **Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements**

The following remaining standards, amendments and interpretations issued but not yet effective up to the date of the issuance of these Interim Financial Statements, as described in the 2011 Annual Financial Statements, have not been early adopted in these Interim Financial Statements:

- IFRS 7, "Financial Instruments: Disclosures"
- IFRS 9, "Financial Instruments"
- IFRS 10, "Consolidated Financial Statements"
- IFRS 11, "Joint Arrangements"
- IFRS 12, "Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities"
- IFRS 13, "Fair Value Measurement"

- IAS 1, "Presentation of Financial Statements"
- IAS 19, "Employee Benefits"
- IAS 27, "Separate Financial Statements"
- IAS 28, "Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures"
- IAS 32, "Financial Instruments: Presentation"
- International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee 20, "Stripping Costs in the Production Phase of a Surface Mine"

The Company reasonably expects these standards, amendments and interpretations to be applicable at a future date and intends to adopt them once they become effective. The Company is currently evaluating the impact that these standards, amendments and interpretations will have on its consolidated financial statements; however the Company does not expect the impact of the resulting changes to the consolidated financial statements to be material.

### **Critical Accounting Estimates**

The preparation of the Interim Financial Statements requires Management to make estimates and assumptions about the future that affect the amounts recorded in the consolidated financial statements. These estimates and assumptions are based on the Company's experience and Management's expectations about future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, and they are continually being evaluated based on new facts and experience. Actual results may differ from these estimates and assumptions. The effect of a change in accounting estimate is recognized prospectively in the year of change and future years if the change impacts both periods.

Significant judgments include those related to the going concern assumption, the determination of functional currency, the classification of assets of a disposal group and related liabilities as held for sale and the accounting policy selection for interests in exploration properties and property, plant and equipment. Significant estimates include share-based compensation related to stock options and warrants, the useful lives of property, plant and equipment and the carrying values of non-financial assets.

### **Controls and Procedures**

#### ***Disclosure controls***

Disclosure controls and procedures have been designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company is accumulated and communicated to Management as appropriate to allow timely decision-making regarding required disclosures. The Company's Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") and Chief Financial Officer ("CFO") have concluded, based on their evaluation of the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures, that these controls and procedures provide reasonable assurance that material information is made known to them by others within the Company. However, a control system, no matter how well conceived, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control system are met.

#### ***Internal control over financial reporting***

Management is responsible for certifying the design of the Company's internal control over financial reporting ("ICFR") as required by Multilateral Instrument 52-109 – "Certification of Disclosure in Issuers' Annual and Interim Filings". The Company's ICFR is intended to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with applicable IFRS. ICFR should include those policies and procedures that:

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

Internal control over financial reporting cannot provide absolute assurance of achieving financial reporting objectives due to its inherent limitations. Internal control over financial reporting is a process that involves human diligence and compliance and is subject to error, collusion, or improper override. Because of such limitations, there is a risk that material misstatements may not be prevented or detected on a timely basis. It is possible to design into the financial reporting process safeguards to reduce, though not eliminate, this risk.

Management, including the CEO and CFO, has assessed the effectiveness of internal controls over financial reporting as of June 30, 2012 and concluded, subject to the limitations noted above, that the Company has sufficient controls to meet the requirements as stated above. The assessment was completed using the criteria established in Internal Control – Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (“COSO”) *Changes in Internal Controls*.

There have been no significant changes to internal controls in the three month period ended June 30, 2012.

### **Forward Looking Statements**

Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Total Comprehensive Income (Loss) for the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2012 (the “MD&A”) may contain or refer to certain forward-looking statements relating, but not limited to, the Company's expectations, intentions, plans and beliefs. Forward-looking information can often be identified by forward-looking words such as “anticipate”, “believe”, “expect”, “goal”, “plan”, “intend”, “estimate”, “may” and “will” or similar words suggesting future outcomes, or other expectations, beliefs, plans, objectives, assumptions, intentions or statements about future events or performance. Forward-looking information may include reserve and resource estimates, estimates of future production, unit costs and capital costs, the ability to demonstrate the economic feasibility of the mineral deposits to a level up to and including that of a bankable feasibility study, the ability to obtain adequate financing as needed in the future to fund ongoing exploration or production activities and the timing of commencement of operations, and is based on current expectations that involve a number of business risks and uncertainties. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from any forward-looking statement include, but are not limited to, failure to establish estimated resources and reserves, the grade and recovery of ore which is mined varying from estimates, capital and operating costs varying significantly from estimates, delays in obtaining or failures to obtain required governmental, environmental or other project approvals and sufficient financing, inflation, changes in exchange rates, changes in market prices of securities held, fluctuations in commodity prices, delays in the development of projects and other factors. Forward-looking statements are subject to risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from expected results. Potential shareholders and prospective investors should be aware that these statements are subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those suggested by the forward-looking statements. Shareholders are cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward-looking information. By its nature, forward-looking information involves numerous assumptions, inherent risks and uncertainties, both general and specific, that contribute to the possibility that the predictions, forecasts, projections and various future events will not occur. The Company undertakes no obligation to update publicly or otherwise revise any forward-looking information whether as a result of new information, future events or other such factors which affect this information, except as required by law.

### **Cautionary Note to U.S. Investors Concerning Resource Estimates**

The resource estimates in the MD&A were prepared in accordance with National Instrument (“NI”) 43-101 adopted by the Canadian Securities Administrators. The requirements of NI 43-101 differ significantly from the requirements of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”). The MD&A uses the terms “measured”, “indicated” and “inferred” resources. Although these terms are recognized and required in Canada, the SEC does not recognize them. The SEC permits US mining companies, in their filings with the SEC, to disclose only those mineral deposits that constitute “reserves”. Under United States standards, mineralization may not be classified as a reserve unless the determination has been made that the mineralization could be economically and legally extracted at the time the determination is made. United States investors should not assume that all or any portion of a measured or indicated resource will ever be converted into “reserves”. Further, “inferred resources” have a great amount of uncertainty as to their existence and whether they can be mined economically or legally, and United States investors should not assume that “inferred resources” exist or can be legally or economically mined, or that they will ever be upgraded to a higher category.

**Qualified Persons**

Dr. Pascal Marquis, P. Geo., Senior Vice President of Exploration, the Company's qualified person under NI 43-101, supervises all work associated with exploration and development programs in West Africa. Mr. Claude Poulin, Project Manager for Bomboré, and Mr. Ron Little, P. Eng., the President and Chief Executive Officer, are also qualified persons under NI 43-101.

**Other MD&A Requirements**

All relevant information related to the Company is filed electronically at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).