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#### PRELIMINARY NOTES

In this Annual Information Form ("AIF"), Amerigo Resources Ltd., and all companies in which it holds direct and indirect interests, as the context requires, is referred to as the "Company". All information contained herein is as at December 31, 2012, unless otherwise stated.

## **Financial Statements**

This AIF should be read in conjunction with the Company's consolidated audited financial statements and notes thereto, as well as with management's discussion and analysis for the year ended December 31, 2012. The financial statements and management's discussion and analysis are available at <a href="https://www.amerigoresources.com">www.amerigoresources.com</a> and under the Company's profile on the SEDAR website at <a href="https://www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a>.

#### Currency

All sums of money which are referred to in this AIF are expressed in lawful money of the United States, unless otherwise specified.

## Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This AIF contains "forward-looking statements". Forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements with respect to the estimation of mineral resources, the realization of mineral resource estimates, the timing and amount of estimated future production, costs of production, capital expenditures, success of mining operations, environmental risks, unanticipated reclamation expenses, title disputes or claims and limitations on insurance coverage. In certain cases, forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of words such as "plans", "expects" or "does not expect", "is expected", "budget", "scheduled", "estimates", "forecasts", "intends", "anticipates" or "does not anticipate", or "believes", or variations of such words and phrases or statements that certain actions, events or results "may", "could", "would", "might" or "will be taken", "occur" or "be achieved". Forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of the Company to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. Such factors include, among others, risks related to international operations; earthquakes and other natural disasters; actual results of planned expansion activities; changes in project parameters as plans continue to be refined, future prices of resources; possible variations in grade or recovery rates, accidents, labour disputes and other risks of the mining industry; delays in obtaining governmental approvals or financing or in the completion of development or construction activities, as well as those factors discussed under "Description of the Business - Risk Factors" in this AIF. Although the Company has attempted to identify important factors that could cause actual actions, events or results to differ materially from those described in forward-looking statements, there may be other factors that cause actions, events or results not to be as anticipated, estimated or intended. There can be no assurance that forward-looking statements will prove to be accurate, as actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such statements. Accordingly, readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. The Company undertakes no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements or information contained in this AIF.

#### **CORPORATE STRUCTURE**

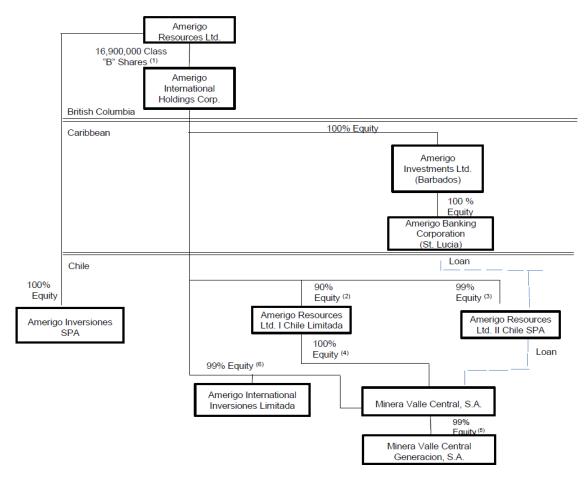
## Name, Address and Incorporation

Amerigo Resources Ltd. was incorporated by registration of its memorandum and articles pursuant to the laws of the Province of British Columbia on January 23, 1984 under the name "Silent Canyon Resources Ltd." Effective April 27, 1988, the Company changed its name from "Silent Canyon Resources Ltd." to "Golden Adit Resources Ltd.", consolidated its share capital on a 2:1 basis and subsequently increased its authorized capital to 20,000,000 common shares without par value. The Company changed its name effective June 8, 1990 from "Golden Adit Resources Ltd." to "First Northern Developments Inc." Effective September 20, 1993, the Company changed its name from "First Northern Developments Inc." to "Consolidated First Northern Developments Inc.", consolidated its share capital on a 2.65:1 basis and increased its authorized capital to 25,000,000 common shares without par value. Effective March 15, 1996, the Company changed its name from "Consolidated First Northern Developments Inc." to "Golden Temple Mining Corp.", consolidated its share capital on a 5:1 basis and increased its authorized capital to 25,000,000 common shares without par value. The Company increased its authorized capital to 100,000,000 common shares without par value effective August 5, 1997. Effective March 8, 2002, the Company changed its name from "Golden Temple Mining Corp." to "Amerigo Resources Ltd." and consolidated its share capital on a 4:1 basis. Effective September 11, 2002, the Company increased its authorized capital to 100,000,000 common shares without par value. Effective March 16, 2004, the Company increased its authorized capital to 200,000,000 common shares without par value. Also effective March 16, 2004, the Company amended its articles to provide for a rotating board of directors, divided into Class I, II and III, each class having a three year term. On June 29, 2004, the Company transitioned to the Business Corporations Act (British Columbia), and on June 17, 2004 the shareholders of the Company approved the replacement of the Articles of the Company and an increase in the authorized capital to an unlimited number of common shares without par value. On May 9, 2011, the Company amended its articles so that the term of office of each director is now one year and expires every year at the Company's annual general meeting. The Company's head and principal office is located at Suite 1950 – 400 Burrard Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6C 3A6. The Company's registered and records office is located at Suite 2300 – 550 Burrard Street, P.O. Box 30, Vancouver, B.C., V6C 2B5.

## <u>Intercorporate Relationships</u>

The Company owns 100% of the issued and outstanding Class B Common Shares in Amerigo International Holdings Corp. ("AIHC"), which represents approximately 90% of the issued and outstanding shares of AIHC. AIHC was incorporated in Canada on June 20, 2003. The Company also owns, directly and indirectly, interests in companies (collectively, the "Offshore Companies") in Chile (Amerigo Resources Ltd. I Chile Limitada and Amerigo Resources Ltd. II Chile SPA, both formed on June 20, 2003, Minera Valle Central Generación, S.A., formed on March 12, 2010, Amerigo Inversiones SPA, formed on December 14, 2012 and Amerigo International Inversiones Limitada, formed on December 18, 2012), St. Lucia (Amerigo Banking Corporation, incorporated on February 27, 2004) and Barbados (Amerigo Investments Ltd., incorporated on December 23, 2004). AIHC and the Offshore Companies incorporated before 2010 were created for the purpose of acquiring and holding Minera Valle Central, S.A. ("MVC"), a Chilean copper producer, in a tax effective manner. MVC was incorporated under the laws of Chile on October 9, 1990. Amerigo Banking Corporation is licensed as a bank under the laws of St. Lucia.

The following chart sets forth the names of AIHC and the Offshore Companies, their respective jurisdictions of incorporation or formation, as the case may be, and the Company's current voting and equity interest therein.



- (1) These represent 100% of the Class B Common Shares and 89.89% of the voting rights in AIHC. A director of the Company and associates of directors of the Company indirectly hold 1,900,000 Class A Common Shares of AIHC. The special rights and restrictions provide the holders of the Class Common Shares the right to elect two of the five directors of AIHC. See "Description of the Business General Royalties".
- (2) The other equity owner (10%) is Amerigo Resources Ltd.
- (3) The other equity owner (1%) is Amerigo Resources Ltd.
- (4) AIHC holds the minimum number of shares of Minera Valle Central S.A. required by Chilean law.
- (5) The other equity owner (1%) is Amerigo Resources Ltd. I Chile Limitada.
- (6) Minera Valle Central, S.A. holds the minimum number of shares of Amerigo International Inversiones Limitada.

## THREE YEAR HISTORY AND SIGNIFICANT ACQUISITIONS

### Year Ended December 31, 2010

The Company posted net earnings of \$15,389,444 for the year ended December 31, 2010, or \$0.09 per share, compared to net earnings of \$45,749 or \$nil per share in 2009. Operating cash flow for the year was \$30,116,433 before changes in non-cash working capital accounts, and \$34,909,053 including these changes. Financial performance improved in 2010 due to a combination of higher copper production and higher copper market prices. Revenue for the year (net of smelter, refinery and roasting charges) was \$152,120,143 compared to \$89,473,248 in 2009. Power costs were \$39,836,166 (\$0.1560/kwh) for the year, compared to \$23,336,113 (\$0.1135/kwh) in 2009, due to higher Chilean central grid power costs caused by drought conditions in Chile.

During 2010, MVC produced 46.6 million pounds of copper and 777,304 pounds of molybdenum, 20% and 31% higher, respectively, than the 38.96 million pounds of copper and 594,813 pounds of molybdenum produced in 2009.

Revenues in 2010 included copper revenue of \$141,433,056, more than 67% higher than 2009 copper revenue of \$84,528,778. The Company sold 46.30 million pounds of copper compared to the 39.39 million pounds of copper sold in 2009. The Company's copper selling price before smelter, refinery and other charges and settlement adjustments to prior quarters' production was \$3.25/lb, compared to \$2.35/lb in 2009.

In 2010 the Company sold 747,978 pounds of molybdenum, compared to 594,380 pounds in 2009. Molybdenum revenue of \$10,687,087 was 116% higher than \$4,944,470 in 2009. The Company's molybdenum selling price increased to \$15.60/lb in 2010 from \$11.20/lb in 2009.

The Company's improved financial and production performance was the result of a continuing increase in the processing levels of higher grade, old tailings during the year and higher metal prices.

Smelter and refinery costs were \$13,614,169 and cash costs were \$86,673,514 or \$1.86/lb copper in 2010 compared to \$1.62/lb copper in 2009. On a quarterly basis, cash costs per pound copper were \$1.92 in Q1; \$1.81 in Q2; \$1.71 in Q3; and \$2.01 in Q4. Total costs were \$128,709,135 or \$2.76/lb copper compared to \$86,197,651 or \$2.21/lb copper in 2009. Cash costs were higher mainly as a result of a \$0.26/lb copper increase in power costs, offset by a \$0.10/lb copper increase in by-product credits in respect of molybdenum production. The variance in total costs was caused by the increase in cash costs together with higher royalty costs paid to El Teniente, the latter being the result of higher average copper and molybdenum prices during the year.

Copper production was 3,896 tonnes in Q1, 5,220 tonnes in Q2, 6,074 tonnes in Q3 and 5,947 tonnes in Q4. Molybdenum production also increased over the course of the year, and was 143,371 lbs during Q1, 155,755 lbs during Q2, 233,266 lbs in Q3 and 244,912 lbs during Q4.

Capital plant expenditures were \$10,728,233 in 2010 compared to \$10,784,059 in 2009. The most significant capital expenditures in 2010 were made in connection with engineering and installations to increase MVC's processing capacity of old tailings, capital expenditure projects for the Company's power generators, replacement of certain electrical equipment and a pilot project to process oxidized material from old tailings. In Q3-2010 MVC reached an agreement with El Teniente for the treatment of old tailings in the Colihues deposit with high oxide content. The pilot plant was built to help MVC assess the viability of potential processes for the treatment of oxidized tailings.

## Year Ended December 31, 2011

The Company's financial results were reported under International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") for the first time in 2011. In accordance with IFRS, comparative financial statements were also prepared for 2010, resulting in adjustments to some of the Company's 2010 results. The 2010 results referred to in this section reflect those IFRS adjustments.

The Company posted net profit of \$8,700,518 for the year ended December 31, 2011, or \$0.05 per share, compared to net profit of \$13,104,660 or \$0.08 per share in 2010. Operating cash flow for the year was \$20,046,088 before changes in non-cash working capital accounts, and \$14,050,484 including these changes. Revenue (net of smelter, refinery and roasting charges) was \$166,073,816 compared to \$152,120,143 in 2010. Revenues increased due to higher average copper prices and despite lower copper production.

During 2011 MVC produced 43.7 million pounds of copper and 785,068 pounds of molybdenum, 6% lower and 1% higher, respectively, than the 46.6 million pounds of copper and 777,304 pounds of molybdenum produced in 2010. The main factor in the shortfall in copper production was a strike by El Teniente contractors that took place in June and July, 2011, and resulted in restriction of the flow of fresh tailings to MVC.

Copper production was 5,051 tonnes in Q1, 4,284 tonnes in Q2, 4,992 tonnes in Q3 and 5,842 tonnes in Q4. Molybdenum production was 212,125 lbs during Q1, 190,917 lbs during Q2, 186,297 lbs in Q3 and 195,729 lbs during Q4.

Revenues in 2011 included copper revenue of \$157,249,568, 11% higher than 2010 copper revenue of \$141,433,056. The Company sold 43.7 million pounds of copper compared to 46.30 million pounds in 2010. The Company's copper selling price before smelter, refinery and other charges and settlement adjustments to prior quarters' production was \$3.86/lb, compared to \$3.25/lb in 2010.

In 2011 the Company sold 693,410 pounds of molybdenum, compared to 747,978 pounds in 2010. Molybdenum revenue of \$8,824,248 was 17% lower than \$10,687,087 in 2010. The Company's molybdenum selling price decreased slightly to \$15.34/lb in 2011 from \$15.60/lb in 2010.

Cash costs were \$2.40/lb copper in 2011 compared to \$1.85/lb copper in 2010, mostly as a result of higher power, maintenance, old tailings processing and molybdenum production costs and the effect of a stronger Chilean peso against the U.S. dollar. On a quarterly basis, cash costs per pound copper were \$2.33 in Q1; \$2.26 in Q2; \$2.39 in Q3; and \$2.59 in Q4. Total costs were \$156,296,713 or \$3.69/lb copper, compared to \$128,919,652 or \$2.83/lb copper in 2010, due to higher cash costs and higher royalties to El Teniente resulting from stronger average copper prices.

Power costs were \$45,365,873 (\$0.1903/kwh) compared to \$39,836,166 (\$0.1560/kwh) in 2010 despite lower consumption levels in 2011. Chilean electricity costs continued to increase in 2011 as a result of ongoing drought conditions that have adversely affected electricity supply in Chile for the past several years. The Company's power generators were only operational part of the year, and as a result of substantial generator repair costs the operation of the generators did not mitigate MVC's exposure to high power costs from the grid. Smelter and refinery costs were \$13,792,541, slightly higher than \$13,614,169 in 2010.

Capital plant expenditures incurred were \$26,226,646 in 2011 compared to \$10,728,233 in 2010. The most significant capital expenditures in 2011 were made in connection with a pilot plant to process oxidized material from old tailings, work for the construction of a third thickener, old tailings extraction expansion works, improvements to electrical installations and projects related to filtration and emission controls.

On March 28, 2011 the Company declared a dividend of \$3,559,174 or Cdn\$0.02 per share that was paid on May 5, 2011 to shareholders of record as of April 22, 2011. On November 2, 2011 the Company declared a dividend of \$3,291,090 or Cdn\$0.02 per share that was paid on November 30, 2011 to shareholders of record as of November 16, 2011.

## Year Ended December 31, 2012

The Company posted a net loss of \$8,192,396 for the year ended December 31, 2012, or (\$0.05) per share, compared to net profit of \$8,700,518 or \$0.05 per share in 2011. Operating cash flow for the year was \$12,283,566 (2011: \$20,046,088) before changes in non-cash working capital accounts, and \$22,724,841 (2011: \$14,050,484) including these changes. Revenue (net of smelter, refinery and roasting

charges) was \$181,760,724 compared to \$166,073,816 in 2011. Revenues increased due to stronger copper and molybdenum production, despite lower average metal prices.

During 2012 MVC set records for both copper and molybdenum production, with 51.7 million pounds of copper and 1,057,717 pounds of molybdenum, 18% and 35% higher, respectively, than the 43.7 million pounds of copper and 785,068 pounds of molybdenum produced in 2011.

Copper production was 13.88 million pounds in Q1, 11.57 million pounds in Q2, 12.70 million pounds in Q3 and 13.56 pounds in Q4. Molybdenum production was 216,292 lbs during Q1, 228,932 lbs during Q2, 321,788 lbs in Q3 and 290,705 lbs during Q4.

Revenues in 2012 included copper revenue of \$170,406,790, 8.4% higher than \$157,249,568 in 2011. The Company sold 51.6 million pounds of copper compared to 43.4 million pounds in 2011, but the Company's copper selling price before smelter, refinery and other charges and settlement adjustments to prior quarters' production was \$3.58/lb, compared to \$3.86/lb in 2011.

In 2012 the Company sold 1,170,703 pounds of molybdenum, almost 41% higher than the 693,410 pounds sold in 2011. Molybdenum revenue of \$11,353,933 was 29% higher than \$8,824,248 in 2011, however, because the Company's molybdenum selling price at \$12.76/lb was 17.6% lower than \$15.34/lb in 2011.

Cash costs were \$2.48/lb copper in 2012 compared to \$2.40/lb copper in 2011. On a quarterly basis, cash costs per pound copper were \$2.35 in Q1; \$2.37 in Q2; \$2.64 in Q3; and \$2.56 in Q4. Total costs were \$182,850,919 or \$3.64/lb copper, compared to \$156,296,713 or \$3.69/lb copper in 2011.

Power costs in 2012 were \$50,677,232 (\$0.1895/kwh) compared to \$45,365,873 (\$0.1903/kwh) in 2011. On a unit cost basis, power costs decreased to \$0.96/lb copper in 2012 compared to \$1.04/lb copper in 2011, but remained at historically high levels. The operation of the Company's generators provided a positive contribution during the year, reducing power costs by \$2,412,611 (2011: \$660,116).

As of January 1, 2013 power costs are expected to be significantly lower when MVC's power contract changes to a fixed rate with annual inflation adjustment. During the first five years of the contract MVC paid the marginal rate for its power, which fluctuated significantly and have been in excess of \$0.30/kwh. Annual power costs will be charged on this lower fixed rate basis to December 31, 2017, the last five years of the power contract, and are expected to be reduced to approximately \$0.10/kwh effective January 2013.

Smelter and refinery costs were \$16,669,816 in 2012 (2011: \$13,792,541).

Capital plant expenditures were \$22,162,429 in 2012 compared to \$26,226,646 in 2011, including expenditures for expansion of old tailings extraction capacity, finalization of the construction of a third thickener, engineering, permitting and investments for the potential plant expansion in respect of the Cauquenes project, and costs incurred in connection with the pilot plant built to help MVC evaluate the economic viability of process alternatives for the treatment of highly oxidized Cauquenes tailings.

On May 3, 2012 the Company declared a dividend of \$3,385,160 or Cdn\$0.02 per share that was paid on May 25, 2012 to shareholders of record as of May 16, 2012. On November 5, 2012 the Company declared a dividend of \$3,459,590 or Cdn\$0.02 per share that was paid on November 29 to shareholders of record as of November 19, 2012.

## Liquidity and Capital Resources

As at December 31, 2012 the Company's cash and cash equivalents were \$9,249,540 (\$20,819,467 at December 31, 2011) and the Company had a working capital deficiency of \$4,906,488 (compared to working capital of \$13,620,223 at December 31, 2011).

The Company's investments in Candente Copper Corp. ("Candente Copper"), Candente Gold Corp. ("Candente Gold"), Los Andes Copper Ltd. ("Los Andes") and Cobriza Metals Corp. ("Cobriza Metals") had aggregate fair values of \$4,149,388 at December 31, 2012 (December 31, 2011: \$8,722,744).

During the year the Company made net bank and other loan repayments of \$3,347,914 (2011: \$9,757,661).

As of December 31, 2012 MVC and MVC Generacion had outstanding bank loans totalling the equivalent of \$1,482,624 (December 31, 2011: \$4,619,149). These loans will be repaid in full by the end of May 2013.

The principal amount of the MVC loan was \$842,714 at December 31, 2012 (2011: \$2,614,989). It is repayable in monthly instalments of 79,395,833 Chilean pesos each from June 2010 to May 2013. Concurrently with this loan agreement, the Company entered into an interest rate swap with the lending bank to fix the interest rate at 9.96% over the term of the loan.

In January 2012 MVC Generacion obtained from a Chilean bank a working capital loan of CLP 301,000,000 (the equivalent of \$615,555), at an interest rate of 0.63% per month. The balance of the loan and accrued interest at December 31, 2012 was the CLP equivalent of \$639,910 (December 31, 2011: \$nil). This loan was due on January 17, 2013 and was renewed subsequent to year end.

MVC obtained a U.S. dollar loan in Q4-2010 in connection with the financing of the pilot project to assist in the evaluation of the viability and recovery rates of processes to treat oxidized tailings, which management believes is important for the Cauquenes tailings deposit. This loan had a balance outstanding of \$2,004,160 on December 31, 2011, and was repaid in full on October 15, 2012. MVC also had a loan in Chilean Unidades de Fomento, the Chilean indexed monetary unit, which had a balance outstanding of \$3,893,845 on December 31, 2010, and was repaid in full during 2011.

In July 2011 MVC entered into an agreement with a Chilean bank to secure a revolving working capital line of credit for up to \$20 million or its equivalent in CLP (the "Line of Credit"). The Line of Credit has a term to July 4, 2014. For borrowings in CLP, this loan provides for interest at a variable rate of the Chilean Tasa Activa Bancaria ("TAB") plus an applicable margin, and for borrowings in US dollars provides for interest at a variable rate of LIBOR-30 days plus applicable margin. Borrowing rates as of December 31, 2012 were 0.62% per month on CLP draws and 0.18% per month on US dollar draws. No funds have been drawn on this line of credit as of the date of this AIF.

In connection with the U.S. dollar loan and line of credit referred to above, MVC has to comply with certain debt covenants on a quarterly basis each year. MVC was in compliance with these covenants (total debt over net equity, interest coverage ratio and financial debt over earnings before interest, depreciation, amortization and taxes) as of December 31, 2012.

Management believes the Company will be able to meet its obligations as they come due for at least the next 12 months.

## Projected Capital Expenditures

Excluding any costs which would be incurred should MVC obtain the rights to process tailings from the Cauquenes deposit, 2013 capital expenditures at MVC are estimated to be approximately \$7 million, which is \$15 million less than in 2012. Capital expenditures for Cauquenes engineering and permitting in 2013 are estimated to total up to an additional \$1.9 million, and will be reimbursed in the event MVC does not secure the rights to the Cauquenes deposit.

#### DESCRIPTION OF THE BUSINESS

#### General

Since July 3, 2003 the Company, through MVC, has been in the business of processing copper tailings for the production of copper concentrate in Chile. During the spring of 2005 the Company completed the construction of a molybdenum plant at the MVC site and has been producing molybdenum concentrate since that time.

As of December 31, 2012, the Company had two employees at its head office in Vancouver and MVC had 196 employees and 584 sub-contractors at its operations in Rancagua, Chile. The Company also retains 3 subcontractors in Vancouver. All aspects of the Company's business require specialized skill and knowledge, particularly with respect to the areas of engineering and tailings processing, and legal and accounting services. The Company has found that it can locate and retain employees and contractors with such specialized skills and knowledge.

## Minera Valle Central, S.A.

MVC's production facilities are located in Region VI (Libertador Bernardo O'Higgins Region) of central Chile. The site is 8 km east of the city of Rancagua and 90 km south of Santiago. Personnel and supplies are transported by road between the site and Rancagua or Santiago.

MVC has been in operation since 1992 and produces copper and molybdenum concentrates by reprocessing tailings from the El Teniente mine, which is owned and operated by Corporacion Nacional del Cobre de Chile (Codelco). MVC has the rights from Codelco to process both "fresh" tailings generated at the El Teniente mine and "historic" or old tailings from the Colihues tailings deposit located south of the MVC plant. The fresh tailings are transported to MVC at a rate of approximately 130,000 tonnes per day via a 36 km long launder, and MVC currently mines the Colihues deposit with hydraulic monitors at a rate of 35,000 tonnes per day.

The MVC processing facility has a capacity of approximately 170,000 tonnes per day and consists of grinding and flotation plants to recover copper and molybdenum concentrates. Once the tailings have been reprocessed by MVC, they are returned to the El Teniente tailings launder and deposited into the Carén tailings deposit located approximately 50 km to the west of the MVC site. In 2012 MVC processed 56 million tonnes of tailings and produced 23,455 tonnes of copper and 480 tonnes of molybdenum.

## <u>Underlying Contracts with Codelco</u>

The El Teniente concentrator tailings are processed by MVC pursuant to a contract originally entered into in 1991 and which currently runs to 2021. Pursuant to an amendment to the contract made in 2002, MVC negotiated the right to treat up to 10,000 tpd of higher grade tailings from Colihues, the old tailings impoundment located near MVC's plant. On November 12, 2004, the Company announced an agreement in principle to increase the maximum extraction rate of Colihues feed material from 10,000 tpd to 45,000 tpd.

The contract with Codelco sets out the following schedule containing a projection (as of January 2001) for the supply of fresh El Teniente tailings:

## Fresh Tailings Projection Table

Year	Tons of Tailings	Copper Grade (% Cu T)	Tons of Copper (fmt)	Year	Tons of Tailings	Copper Grade	Tons of Copper
	(tpd)		( -/		(tpd)	(% Cu T)	(fmt)
2001	94,207	0.15	52,632	2014	121,685	0.11	48,759
2002	95,129	0.15	52,827	2015	121,724	0.11	50,140
2003	110,664	0.15	58,982	2016	121,878	0.11	47,219
2004	121,677	0.12	52,668	2017	122,020	0.11	47,858
2005	121,694	0.11	50,289	2018	122,049	0.11	46,900
2006	121,709	0.12	52,504	2019	122,122	0.10	45,922
2007	121,591	0.12	51,123	2020	122,122	0.10	44,862
2008	121,539	0.12	52,572	2021	122,338	0.10	45,679
2009	121,454	0.13	55,113	2022	122,338	0.10	44,449
2010	121,468	0.13	55,637	2023	122,179	0.11	47,794
2011	121,477	0.12	53,746	2024	122,157	0.11	50,913
2012	121,617	0.11	49,667	2025	111,574	0.11	43,068
2013	121,606	0.11	48,381				

Codelco has agreed to provide a total of 1,063,480 tonnes of fine copper from the supply of fresh tailings from El Teniente for the period from January 1, 2001 to December 31, 2021. If the total copper content during that period falls below that amount by more than 10%, the term of the contract will be extended by the proportion corresponding to the fine copper deficit exceeding such 10%. Otherwise, the contract terminates on December 31, 2021.

A royalty is payable on fresh tailings under a formula that takes into account both the price of copper and the copper content in the tailings. No royalty is payable if the copper price is below \$0.80 per pound (for copper content in tailings between 0.09% and 0.1499%); if the copper price is between \$0.80 and \$0.95 the royalty varies on a sliding scale from 0 to 10%; if the copper price is between \$0.95 and \$1.30 the royalty is 10%; and if the copper price is \$1.30 or higher, the maximum royalty of 13.5% is payable.

Royalty payments for copper concentrates production are calculated using the average LME published price for copper for the month of delivery of the tailings, and invoiced by DET in Chilean Pesos ("CLP") using the higher of either the "Dolar Acuerdo" or the "Dolar Observado" exchange rates, calculated on a monthly basis within 30 days of the end of the third month following the month of delivery of the tailings. Payment to DET is made within 10 days of receipt of invoices. Accordingly, the price base used for the calculation of the El Teniente royalty is, in most instances, not the same price base used for the pricing of copper concentrate sales.

Molybdenum production from fresh tailings attracts a royalty of a flat 10% of net revenue received from the sale of molybdenum concentrates.

During 2009 MVC came to a new agreement with El Teniente dealing with MVC's rights to process old tailings from the Colihues tailings impoundment. The new agreement provides for a sliding scale copper royalty that is 3% if the LME Price is less than \$0.80/lb, and rises to approximately 30% at an LME Price of \$4.27/lb, but also contains a provision that the parties will review and potentially adjust the formula where the LME Price remains lower than \$1.95/lb or higher than \$4.27/lb for 3 consecutive months. For molybdenum prices lower than \$35/lb, the royalty is 11.9% and for molybdenum prices greater than or

equal to \$35/lb, the royalty is 12.4%. The agreement further provides that in December of each year the parties will revise the formula's grade and recovery parameters if necessary.

From time to time the Company may enter into short-term modifications to the legal structure of the royalty agreements with El Teniente. The Company's view is that these arrangements do not change the underlying royalty arrangements.

## Concentrate Sales Agreement with Empresa Nacional de Mineria ("Enami")

All copper concentrate produced by the MVC operation is processed under smelting contracts with Enami.

For 2010, MVC and Enami agreed to a treatment charge of \$86 per tonne of concentrate and a refining charge of \$0.031 per pound of contained copper in respect of the first 36,000 tonnes delivered, and \$117.60 per tonne of concentrate and a refining charge of \$0.062 per pound of contained copper in respect of the next 36,000 tonnes delivered. Total deliveries to Enami in 2010 were 71,044 tonnes of copper concentrate, falling short of the 72,000 tonne 2010 quota.

For 2011, MVC and Enami agreed to a treatment charge of \$116.10 per tonne of concentrate and a refining charge of \$0.074 per pound of contained copper in respect of the first 36,000 tonnes delivered, and a refining charge of \$0.059 per pound of contained copper in respect of the next 36,000 tonnes delivered. Total deliveries to Enami in 2011 were 69,153 tonnes of copper concentrate, falling short of the 72,000 tonne 2011 quota.

For 2012, MVC and Enami agreed to a treatment charge of \$117.10 per tonne of concentrate and a refining charge of \$0.0635 per pound of contained copper. Total deliveries to Enami in 2012 were 69,264 tonnes of copper concentrate, falling short of the 72,000 tonne 2012 quota by 2,736 tonnes of copper concentrate. The shortfall resulted from the fact that MVC was required to fulfill the balance of its 2011 Enami quota in the year.

The Company and Enami continue to negotiate the 2013 modifications to the contract to take into account the benchmark terms negotiated for 2013. The Company anticipates that such modifications will take place in the near future.

#### Other Royalties

Pursuant to an agreement completed in March 2003 (the "Assignment Agreement") and approved by the Company's shareholders in June 2003, Steven G. Dean and Klaus M. Zeitler assigned to the Company an option to acquire MVC (the "Option"). The Assignment Agreement provided that, as consideration for the assignment of the Option to the Company, Messrs. Dean and Zeitler could choose to receive 7,500,000 common shares of the Company or a production royalty (the "MVC Royalty"). Messrs. Dean and Zeitler chose to receive the MVC Royalty. The parties agreed to set up AIHC and the Offshore Companies so that the Company's obligation to pay the MVC Royalty could be discharged through the payment of a monthly royalty dividend ("Royalty Dividend") through AIHC, and Messrs. Dean and Zeitler obtained indirect interests in the Class A Common Shares in the capital of AIHC.

During 2005 it was brought to the attention of the Company's board of directors that, by virtue of a mutual mistake in documentation among the Company and Messrs. Dean and Zeitler, the description of the MVC Royalty was incomplete. Based on independent legal advice from external counsel, the Company agreed to take the steps necessary to rectify the description of the MVC Royalty to reflect the original intent and agreement of the parties. As a result, the parties agreed that the Royalty Dividend calculation should be changed to be on a copper equivalent basis to recognise the inclusion of other

metals in addition to copper. The shareholders of AIHC agreed to amend AIHC's articles to make this change and several other amendments in connection with the rectification. The Royalty Dividend is now calculated as follows:

- US\$0.01 for each pound of copper equivalent produced by MVC or any successor entity to MVC from El Teniente tailings if the price of copper is under US\$0.80, or
- US\$0.015 for each pound of copper equivalent produced by MVC or any successor entity to MVC from El Teniente tailings if the price of copper is US\$0.80 or more.

The Class A Common Shares of AIHC are owned indirectly by Mr. Dean, Dr. Zeitler and an associate of Dr. Zeitler. Dr. Zeitler is a director and an officer of AIHC and Mr. Dean is a director of AIHC. In the event of the liquidation, dissolution or winding up of AIHC, or other distribution of the assets of AIHC among the members for the purpose of winding-up its affairs, each holder of Class A Common Shares will be entitled to receive, in preference to and priority over any distribution to the Class B Common Shareholders, a pro rata portion of the net present value of the Royalty Dividend.

There is a shareholders' agreement setting the number of directors of AIHC at five with the Company, through its holding of Class B Common shares, having the right to elect three directors and the holders of the Class A Common Shares having the right to elect two of the directors of AIHC.

## **RISK FACTORS**

An investment in the securities of the Company should be considered speculative due to the nature of the business of the Company, and involves significant risks which should be carefully considered by prospective investors. In addition to the other information set forth elsewhere in this AIF, the following risk factors should be given special consideration when evaluating trends, risks and uncertainties relating to the Company's business. Any of the following risks could have a materially adverse effect upon the Company, its business and future prospects. In addition, other risks and uncertainties not presently known by management of the Company could impair the Company's business in the future.

#### Availability of tailings

The Company's operations at MVC are substantially dependent upon fresh tailings supplied under an agreement with the El Teniente division of Codelco. During 2006 Codelco reduced the flow of fresh tailings to MVC and prohibited MVC from processing old tailings for a period of approximately 4 months, while it took steps to reinforce a bridge which forms part of Codelco's tailings launder. This had an adverse effect on the Company's production and financial results for 2006. Codelco continued to prohibit the Company from processing old tailings until Q4 2007 and the flow of fresh tailings was stopped for an additional period during Q2 2007 in order for final repairs to be made to the bridge, both of which had an adverse effect on the Company's production and financial results for 2007. The tailings launder was also damaged as a result of the massive earthquake that struck Chile on February 27, 2010, at which time MVC's operations were suspended for approximately one week until power and tailings flow to MVC's plant were resumed. During 2011 a strike by contractors working for El Teniente resulted in the restriction of the flow of fresh tailings to MVC, and the loss of approximately 2,500 tonnes of copper production. El Teniente also reduced the fresh tailings flow in August, 2012 and had an unplanned stoppage for 1.5 days in September, 2012. In future, the Company may encounter similar or more severe interruptions in the flow of fresh and old tailings for similar or different reasons or mining events such as cave-ins, fires, earthquakes or other natural disasters, or non-mining events such as falling commodity prices, changing environmental regulations, taxes or labour disputes.

The El Teniente mine has been in operation for more than 100 years, and there is a mine plan and planned capital expenditures that are projected to increase the mine life by a number of decades at present

production rates. However, there is no guarantee that El Teniente operations will continue uninterrupted in the future. The Company has business interruption insurance but, as is the industry standard, such insurance is subject to qualification periods which limit its effectiveness.

There is no guarantee that the Company will be able to successfully extract old tailings from Colihues in future. In addition, there is a degree of uncertainty attributable to the calculation of the inferred mineral resource tonnage and grade of the old tailings being processed, which calculation is contained in the technical report prepared by Roger Moss, Ph.D., P.Geo., and Raúl Poblete de la Cerda dated March 11, 2006, and referenced under the heading "Minera Valle Central Operations" below. Although the inferred mineral resource figure has been carefully prepared by a mining expert, these amounts are estimates only. There are no guarantees with respect to the amounts of copper and molybdenum that the Company will extract from the fresh or old tailings.

## Fluctuating Metal Prices

Declines in copper and molybdenum prices, which occurred as a result of the 2008 global financial crisis, significantly and adversely affected the Company's financial results and the price of the Company's common shares. Copper and molybdenum prices may fluctuate significantly and are affected by numerous factors beyond the Company's control such as interest rates, exchange rates, inflation or deflation, fluctuation in the value of the United States dollar and foreign currencies, global and regional supply and demand, speculative activities, increased production due to new extraction developments and improved extraction and production methods, and the political and economic conditions of major copper-producing and consuming countries throughout the world. Future additional price declines could cause continued development of and commercial production from the Company's projects and operations to be uneconomical. During 2009 the Company effectively hedged approximately 45-50% of its production for the months from June 2009 to May 2010, inclusive, by entering into minimum/maximum pricing arrangements with Enami. The Company may decide to enter into similar transactions in future but, despite such transactions and depending on the price of copper and molybdenum, cash flow from operations may not be sufficient and the Company may not be able to fund any future expansion plans or may be forced to discontinue production altogether.

## History of Profits and Dividends

The Company has had a history of profitability only since the acquisition of MVC in July 2003. The Company began paying dividends on its shares in September 2005 and paid approximately \$33 million in dividends from then until 2009 when dividend payments were suspended as a result of the global financial crisis. On March 28, 2011 the Company once again announced the declaration of a dividend on its shares, and has paid a total of approximately \$14 million in dividends during 2011 and 2012. Payment of dividends in future is dependent upon, among other things, the Company's cash flow and short term and long term needs and objectives, and therefore cannot be guaranteed.

#### Working Capital

In the past the Company has had positive working capital generated through MVC, and has utilized this working capital to expand MVC's operations. Although the Company has generally had positive working capital in the past, the Company had a negative working capital position as of December 31, 2012, and the global financial crisis resulted in a negative working capital position for the Company during the latter part of 2008 and throughout all of 2009. There is no guarantee the Company will have positive working capital in future, or that the working capital generated from MVC's operations will be sufficient to undertake any expansion plans or be sufficient for future acquisitions. In that circumstance, the only additional sources of funds available to the Company would be from the sale of equity capital of the Company, the sale of an interest in its assets or its investments in other reporting issuers, if any, debt

financing or the exercise of outstanding share purchase options or warrants. There can be no assurance that the Company will be able to raise funds by any of these methods.

## Operating and Development Risks

The Company's operations involve a degree of risk, which even a combination of experience, knowledge and careful evaluation may not be able to overcome. The Company may become subject to liability for pollution, accidents, environmental hazards, the discharge of toxic chemicals and other hazards. Such occurrences, against which it cannot insure, or may elect not to insure, may delay production, increase production costs or result in liability to the Company. The payment of any liabilities caused by such occurrences may have a material, adverse effect on the Company's financial position.

## Foreign Operations

The Company's operations are currently conducted in Chile. Although Chile has proven to be a stable democracy, operations in any foreign country may be exposed to economic and other risks and uncertainties which may include, but are not limited to, terrorism; hostage taking; military repression; expropriation; extreme fluctuations in currency exchange rates; high rates of inflation; labour unrest; the risks of war or civil unrest; expropriation and nationalization; renegotiation or nullification of existing leases, licenses, permits and contracts; changes in taxation policies; restrictions on foreign exchange and repatriation; and changing political conditions, currency controls and governmental regulations that favour or require the awarding of contracts to local contractors or require foreign contractors to employ citizens of, or purchase supplies from, a particular jurisdiction.

Changes, if any, in mining or investment policies or shifts in political attitudes in Chile may adversely affect the Company's operations or profitability. Operations may be affected in varying degrees by government regulations with respect to, but not limited to, new production royalties, restrictions on production, price controls, export controls, currency remittance, income taxes, expropriation of property, foreign investment, maintenance of claims, environmental legislation, land use, land claims of local people, water use and mine safety.

## Environmental and Other Regulatory Requirements

The current or future operations of the Company, including development activities and expansion of production on its projects, may require permits from various federal and local governmental authorities. Such operations are and will be governed by laws and regulations governing prospecting, development, mining, production, exports, taxes, labour standards, occupational health, waste disposal, toxic substances, land use, environmental protection, safety and other matters.

Companies engaged in the development and operation of mines and related facilities generally experience increased costs and delays in production and other schedules as a result of the need to comply with applicable laws, regulations and permits. The Company believes it is in substantial compliance with all material laws and regulations that currently apply to its activities. There can be no assurance, however, that all permits which the Company may require for the conduct of its operations will be obtainable on reasonable terms or that such laws and regulations would not have an adverse effect on any project which the Company might undertake. Failure to comply with applicable laws, regulations and permitting requirements may result in enforcement actions thereunder, including orders issued by regulatory or judicial authorities causing operations to cease or be curtailed, and may include corrective measures requiring capital expenditures, installation of additional equipment, or remedial actions. Parties engaged in such operations may be required to compensate those suffering loss or damage by reason of such activities and may have civil or criminal fines or penalties imposed for violations of applicable laws or regulations.

Regulatory requirements and environmental standards are subject to constant evaluation and may become more onerous, which could have a significantly adverse effect on the business of the Company. Any operations involving the Company may be subject to environmental regulations promulgated by government agencies from time to time. Environmental legislation often includes provisions relating to restrictions and prohibitions on spills, releases or emissions of various substances produced in association with operations, which would result in environmental pollution. A breach of such legislation may result in the imposition of fines and penalties. In addition, certain types of operations require the submission and approval of environmental impact assessments. Environmental legislation is evolving in a manner that requires stricter standards and enforcement, and fines and penalties for non-compliance are more stringent. Environmental assessments of proposed projects carry a heightened degree of responsibility for companies and their directors, officers and employees. The cost of compliance with environmental legislation and changes in such legislation has the potential to reduce the profitability of operations below an acceptable level. Stricter standards in environmental legislation may be imposed on the industry, the Company or El Teniente in the future, which could materially and adversely affect the business of the Company or its ability to develop its projects on an economic basis. In addition, should the Company be found to be in serious non-compliance with any environmental legislation, regulatory requirements or environmental standards, there may be a possibility of the cancellation of the Company's contractual and other arrangements with El Teniente and Codelco.

## Competition for Acquisitions

Significant and increasing competition exists for mineral acquisition opportunities. As a result of this competition, some of which is with large established mining companies with substantial capabilities and far greater financial and technical resources than the Company, the Company may be unable to acquire additional attractive resource projects on terms it considers acceptable.

#### **Repatriation Of Earnings**

There is no assurance that Chile or any of the countries in which the Company may operate in the future will not impose restrictions on the repatriation of earnings to foreign entities.

## **Currency Fluctuations**

The operations of the Company in Chile or any of the countries in which the Company may operate are subject to currency fluctuations against both the Canadian and US dollar, and such fluctuations may materially affect the financial position and results of the Company.

#### Foreign Exchange Controls

The Company may be subject from time to time to foreign exchange controls in Chile and in other countries in which it may operate outside of Canada.

#### Uninsurable Risks

In the course of mineral project exploration, development and production, certain risks, and in particular, unexpected or unusual operating conditions including, fires, flooding and earthquakes may occur. It is not always possible to fully insure against such risks and the Company may decide not to take out insurance against such risks as a result of high premiums or other reasons. Should such liabilities arise, they could reduce or eliminate any future profitability and result in increasing costs and a decline in the value of the securities of the Company.

## Price Volatility of Public Stock

Publicly quoted securities are subject to a relatively high degree of price volatility. It may be anticipated that the quoted market for the common shares of the Company will be subject to market trends generally, notwithstanding any potential success of the Company's projects, and there may be significant fluctuations in the price of the Company's common shares.

#### Shares Reserved For Future Issuance

The Company has reserved shares for issuance in respect of stock options granted to date. The Company may also enter into commitments in the future which would require the issuance of additional common shares and the Company may grant share purchase warrants and additional stock options. Any issue of shares reserved for future issuance may result in dilution to the existing shareholdings of investors.

## **Management**

The business of the Company is highly dependent on the technical and financial ability of the management of the Company. Any change in management of the Company could therefore have a negative effect on the business of the Company. The Company does not have key person insurance in place.

#### Conflicts of Interest

Some of the directors and officers of the Company are, or may be, on the board of directors of other natural resource companies from time to time resulting in conflicts of interests. In addition, Dr. Zeitler is a director of the Company and is entitled to a royalty on all production by MVC production which is being paid as a royalty dividend from AIHC. There is the potential for a conflict of interest between the Company and its directors and officers. Any such conflict will be resolved in accordance with the governing legislation regarding conflicts of interests.

#### **ASSET-BACKED SECURITIES**

The Company does not have, and has never had, any asset-backed securities.

#### MINERA VALLE CENTRAL OPERATIONS

The following is the summary from a technical report (the "Technical Report") prepared by Roger Moss, Ph.D., P.Geo., and Raúl Poblete de la Cerda, General Manager of MVC, dated March 11, 2006. The full Technical Report may be found with the Company's filings at <a href="www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a>, and sections 4.0, 5.0, 9.0, 10.0, 11.0, 12.0, 13.0 and 14.0 of the Technical Report, and the subsections contained therein, are specifically incorporated by reference herein.

"Minera Valle Central S.A. (MVC)... is a Chilean company that extracts copper and molybdenum from tailings discharged from CODELCO's El Teniente concentrators. The tailings are then returned to El Teniente's tailings disposal system. Roger Moss, Ph.D., P.Geo., was retained by Amerigo to provide a review of the past and future operation of MVC, to review the historical estimates regarding the Colihues tailings impoundment and to determine if such estimates could be classified as current mineral resources under National Instrument 43-101.

MVC currently has 15 years remaining on its tailings supply contract with El Teniente. It has also negotiated a supplementary source of higher grade tailings from the Colihues tailings impoundment. MVC has the right to treat up to 45,000 tonnes per day (tpd) of tailings from

Colihues, mixed with the fresh tailings from El Teniente. El Teniente currently supplies approximately 130,000 tpd of fresh tailings.

This report covers the technical and production aspects of the present and potential future operation. Legal, specific tax issues and economic analysis are not covered.

MVC's operation is located in Region VI in central Chile, approximately 9 km east of the city of Rancagua. The site is 36 km west of the El Teniente mine and adjacent to the Colihues tailings impoundment. The Colihues impoundment was used from 1977 to 1987. El Teniente now deposits its tailings in the Carén impoundment that is 50 km east of the MVC site.

MVC first started recovering copper by reprocessing El Teniente tailings in 1992. The plant was expanded to 100,000 tpd in 1997 and, in 2004-2005, expanded again to its present capacity of 200,000 tpd.

El Teniente has been in operation since 1904 and is the world's largest underground copper mine. Current production is approximately 130,000 tpd of ore at an average grade of 1.16%Cu. El Teniente has reported more than 3 billion tonnes in reserves and at the present production rate of 130,000 tpd of ore has more than 60 years life remaining. El Teniente's production plans include the production of 1,139 million tonnes of tailings over the next 25 years at an average grade of 0.112%CuT (Total Copper) and 0.03% Soluble Cu. Based on historical performance, the authors recommend that this tonnage forecast be discounted by 3.5%, which will not significantly affect MVC's production.

An inferred resource of 213,697,056 tonnes at a grade of 0.262% CuT and 0.01% Mo, current as of March 7, 2006, has been calculated for the tailings in the Colihues impoundment. This represents a significant additional supply of high grade tailings for MVC.

MVC plans to extract the tailings from the Colihues impoundment using hydraulic monitors (currently operated by Fraser Alexander), with the backup of a "submersible miner" and dredge pumps on a floating platform. At present the system extracts tailings at the rate of 13,000 tpd, and is projected to expand to a capacity of 45,000 tpd by the end of 2007.

The existing MVC process plant is well designed and maintained and is in good condition. In 2005, it produced 13,552 tonnes of copper in concentrate and 631,843 pounds of molybdenum in concentrate.

MVC estimates that with the present fresh tailings conditions, the projected extraction rate from the Colihues dam (45,000 tpd) and the expansion of the grinding and flotation plant facilities, production of fine copper in concentrates could be increased on an annualized basis to a total of 30,000 tonnes per annum by the end of 2007.

MVC reported total cash operating costs to cathode (including royalty payments to the El Teniente Division of Corporacion Nacional del Cobre de Chile (CODELCO)) of US\$0.906 per pound for 2005. Dr. Moss has reviewed these costs and considers them reasonable.

At present, the plant has all the necessary environmental permits for the grinding and flotation plant expansion, and for the molybdenum plant. The permits for the construction of the industrial water recovery systems (thickeners) are in the approval process.

It is recommended that additional sampling of the Colihues tailings, especially in the central and western portions, be undertaken to increase the confidence in the resource. This will improve the

knowledge of grade continuity and should allow an increase in the resource category to indicated or measured.

It is also recommended that alternative methods of tailings extraction from the Colihues dam be evaluated, bearing in mind the environmental impact of each of the methods. Continued optimization of the metallurgical processes such as the proposed construction of thickeners during 2006 will allow MVC to achieve the most efficient and economical means of copper and molybdenum recovery."

As of the date of this AIF, the Company is treating approximately 35,000 tpd of Colihues tailings, less than the 45,000 tpd level targeted by the end of 2007 referred to in the summary. The two industrial water recovery systems have been completed and are now in operation. MVC's contract for the supply of fresh tailings from El Teniente expires in 2021.

#### **DIVIDENDS**

In August 2005, the Board of Directors of the Company approved a policy of paying semi-annual dividends. The Company's dividend policy is, under normal circumstances and after taking into account the Company's cash flow and short and long term needs and objectives, to declare and pay dividends on the Common Shares averaging at least one-third of reported net earnings calculated over a period of years. The declaration of each dividend, however, is in the discretion of the Board of Directors which reserves the right to adjust or terminate the declaration and payment of dividends from time to time according to the prevailing business environment and cash needs of the Company.

Pursuant to the Company's dividend policy, on September 1, 2005, the Company paid its first dividend of Cdn\$0.045 per common share. The Company also paid dividends of Cdn\$0.045 per common share on each of April 7, 2006 and September 1, 2006. The Company then paid dividends of Cdn\$0.065 per common share on each of April 4, 2007, August 31, 2007, April 2, 2008 and September 5, 2008.

The Company suspended the payment of dividends in 2009 as a result of the global financial crisis and precipitous drop in copper and molybdenum prices which had an extremely adverse effect on the Company's financial results and its cash position.

During 2011 the Company reinstated its dividend policy, and has paid semi-annual dividends of Cdn\$0.02 per common share on each of May 5, 2011, November 30, 2011, May 25, 2012 and November 29, 2012.

#### DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STRUCTURE

The authorized share capital of the Company consists of an unlimited number of common shares. There are 172,290,344 of the Company's shares issued and outstanding as fully paid and non-assessable as of the date of this AIF, which is unchanged from December 31, 2012.

The holders of the common shares are entitled to receive notice of and to attend and vote at all meetings of the Company's shareholders, and each common share confers the right to one vote in person or by proxy at all meetings of the Company's shareholders. The holders of the common shares, subject to the prior rights, if any, of the holders of any other class of shares of the Company, are entitled to receive such dividends in any financial year as the board of directors of the Company may by resolution determine. In the event of the liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company, whether voluntary or involuntary, the holders of the common shares are entitled to receive, subject to the prior rights, if any, of the holders of any other class of shares of the Company, the remaining property and assets of the Company.

As of the date of this AIF the Company does not have any warrants issued and outstanding. The Company has a rolling maximum stock option plan (the "Plan") pursuant to which the directors of the Company are authorized to grant options to directors, officers, employees and consultants of the Company and the Offshore Companies on up to 10% of the issued and outstanding common shares of the Company. All options granted to date have a term of five years. There currently are options to purchase a total of 11,265,000 common shares (6.54% of the issued and outstanding common shares) outstanding under the Plan:

Number of Options/Shares	Expiry Date	Exercise Price
900,000	March 27, 2014	Cdn\$0.31
100,000	November 3, 2014	Cdn\$0.68
3,165,000	March 4, 2015	Cdn\$0.70
2,600,000	March 2, 2016	Cdn\$1.32
600,000	May 11, 2016	Cdn\$1.12
3,200,000	March 7, 2017	Cdn\$0.77
700,000	June 5, 2017	Cdn\$0.53

The Company's common shares last traded on the TSX in 2012 at a price of \$0.57 per share. Of the options outstanding on that date, 1,600,000 (with expiry dates of March 27, 2014 and June 5, 2017) were in the money on December 31, 2012 and as of the date of this AIF.

#### MARKET FOR SECURITIES

## **Trading Price and Volume**

The Company's shares are listed for trading through the facilities of the TSX under the symbol "ARG". During the period from January 1, 2012 through to February 28, 2013, the Company's shares traded on the TSX as follows:

Month	Volume (Daily average)	High (Cdn\$)	Low (Cdn\$)
February 2013	313,600	0.72	0.62
January 2013	449,400	0.75	0.56
December 2012	77,600	0.58	0.54
November 2012	124,100	0.60	0.53
October 2012	110,800	0.61	0.51
September 2012	183,400	0.61	0.51
August 2012	53,300	0.63	0.54
July 2012	47,800	0.57	0.52

Month	Volume (Daily average)	High (Cdn\$)	Low (Cdn\$)
June 2012	171,300	0.58	0.52
May 2012	143,500	0.83	0.52
April 2012	95,200	0.81	0.68
March 2012	121,000	0.92	0.74
February 2012	201,300	1.00	0.87
January 2012	246,700	0.93	0.57

## **Escrowed Securities**

Designation of Class	Number of Securities in Escrow	Percentage of Class
Common Shares	42,216	0.025 %

The escrowed securities are held in escrow by the Company's transfer agent, Computershare Trust Company of Canada, on behalf of former officers and directors of the Company. These securities can only be released with the consent of the TSX, which requires an application by the Company. The Company has no present intention of making such an application.

## **DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS**

## Name, Occupation and Security Holding

The name, province and country of residence, positions held with the Company, and principal occupation of each director and executive officer of the Company within the five preceding years as at the date of this AIF, is as follows:

Name, Province and Country of Residence, and Position with the Company	Principal Occupation within the five preceding years	Period of Service as a Director or Officer	Number of Shares and % of Class (1)
Klaus Zeitler British Columbia, Canada President, CEO & Director	Businessman, President and CEO of the Company	April 2003 to Present	3,933,751 common shares, or 2.28%
Sidney Robinson Ontario, Canada Independent Director	Corporate Director; until January 1, 2004, Senior Partner of Torys LLP, Toronto.	May 2003 to Present	653,000 common shares, or 0.38%
Robert Gayton British Columbia, Canada Chairman & Independent Director	Chartered Accountant; financial consultant to the mineral exploration and technology industries since 1990.	August 2004 to Present	30,000 common shares, or 0.02%

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Name, Province and Country of Residence, and Position with the Company	Principal Occupation within the five preceding years	Period of Service as a Director or Officer	Number of Shares and % of Class (1)
Ruston Goepel British Columbia, Canada Independent Director	Senior Vice President of Raymond James Ltd.; formerly founding partner and CEO of Goepel Shields & Partners.	August, 2004 to Present	125,000 common shares, or 0.07%
Alberto Salas Santiago, Chile Independent Director	Mining entrepreneur, university professor, consultant, manager and senior executive or director of several mining companies; President and director of Sonami and director of Enami, Chile	May 2011 to Present	Nil
Miguel Grau Lima, Peru Independent Director	Corporate Lawyer with Estudio Grau; Consultant to foreign investors with respect to natural resources projects in Peru	May 2011 to Present	Nil
Geoffrey Castle British Columbia, Canada Independent Director	Manager, Group Investments with Kestrel Holdings Ltd.; Manages a proprietary investment fund for Vancouver-based Merlin Pacific Capital Corp	June 4, 2012 to present	Nil
George Ireland Boston, Massachusetts Independent Director	Founder and portfolio manager of Geologic Resource Partners LLC	June 4, 2012 to present	18,358,500 common shares, or 10.66%
Rob Henderson British Columbia, Canada Chief Operating Officer	Professional engineer	June 4, 2012 to Present	Nil
Michael Kuta British Columbia, Canada General Counsel and Corporate Secretary	Corporate and mining lawyer	August 2005 to Present	306,200 common shares, or 0.18%
Aurora Davidson British Columbia, Canada Chief Financial Officer	Certified General Accountant; Chief Financial Officer to mining companies.	January 2004 to Present	Nil

(1) Includes direct and indirect holdings and shares over which a director exercises control or direction. As a group, all directors and executive officers beneficially own, directly or indirectly, or exercise control or direction over, a total of 23,406,451 common shares, representing 13.59% of the issued and outstanding common shares of the Corporation as of December 31, 2012 and as of the date of this AIF. In addition, Dr. Zeitler with an associate beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, or exercises control or direction over, a 50% interest in a private company which owns 1,900,000 Class A Common Shares of AIHC, representing 100% of the shares of that class.

**Dr. Klaus Zeitler** received his professional education at Karlsruhe University from 1959 to 1966 and obtained a PHD in economic planning. Dr. Zeitler is a member of the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and the Prospectors and Developers Association. Dr. Zeitler financed, built and managed base metal and gold mines worldwide (Europe, Africa, North America, South America, Pacific) with a total investment value of \$4 billion. Dr. Zeitler was a managing director of Metallgesellschaft AG, a German metals conglomerate, and in 1986 founded and was a director and the first CEO of Metall Mining, later Inmet Mining Corporation, a Toronto Stock Exchange listed company with a market capitalization of close to \$5 billion and base metal and gold mines in different parts of the world. After having been a director of Teck and Cominco for many years, Dr. Zeitler joined Teck in 1997 as Senior Vice President and had responsibilities for the exploration and development of mines in Peru, Mexico and the USA. Since his retirement in 2002 from Teck Cominco and in addition to being President, CEO and a director of Amerigo, Dr. Zeitler has been actively involved as a director in various junior base and precious metal companies.

**Sidney Robinson** was a senior partner at Torys LLP where he practiced corporate and mining law for over 30 years until he retired at the beginning of January 2004. He provided strategic and legal advice with respect to acquisitions, developments and financings to senior management and boards of directors of a number of Canadian and international mining companies. He sits on the boards of public and private corporations and has many years of experience as a director of mining companies in Canada and in the United States.

**Dr. Robert Gayton**, F.C.A., graduated from the University of British Columbia in 1962 with a Bachelor of Commerce degree and in 1964 earned the Chartered Accountant (C.A.) designation while at Peat Marwick Mitchell. Dr. Gayton joined the Faculty of Business Administration at the University of British Columbia in 1965, beginning 10 years in the academic world, including time at the University of California, Berkeley, earning a Ph.D. in business. Dr. Gayton rejoined Peat Marwick Mitchell in 1974 and became a partner in 1976 where he provided audit and consulting services to private and public company clients for 11 years. Dr. Gayton has directed the accounting and financial matters of public companies in the resource and non-resource fields since 1987, and is a director of a number of public companies.

**Ruston Goepel** is Senior Vice President at Raymond James Ltd. He entered the investment business in 1968 specializing in institutional sales with Ryan Investments and Pemberton Securities Ltd. In 1989, he was a founding partner and CEO of Goepel Shields & Partners, a national securities dealer which was acquired by Raymond James Inc. in January 2001. Mr. Goepel is past Chairman of the Business Council of British Columbia and a Director and Chairman of the Nominating and Governance Committee of the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Organizing Committee. Mr. Goepel is a past member of the Executive Committee of the Investment Dealers Association of Canada, a Past Governor of the Vancouver Stock Exchange and a director of a number of Canadian companies. Mr. Goepel was the recipient of the Queen's Jubilee Medal for Business Leadership and Community Service.

Alberto Salas is a mining engineer from the University of Chile with a diploma in corporate finance from the Adolfo Ibanez University. He has thirty years of experience in Chile's private mining industry as a mining entrepreneur, university professor, consultant, senior executive and company director. He is also a former vice-president of the Chilean Institute of Mine Engineers, a director of the National Mining Company ENAMI and of the companies Quebrada Blanca, Carmen de Andacollo and Minera Valle Central and president of the Foundation of Mine Engineers of the University of Chile. He is currently president of Chile's National Mining Association and the Inter-American Mining Association.

Miguel Grau leads Estudio Grau, a highly respected Peruvian legal firm specializing in mining, social and labor issues. He studied law and political science at San Marcos University in Lima before completing postgraduate studies at New York University. Dr. Grau has acted for and represents several mining, oil and gas companies in Peru including Royal Dutch Shell Peru, where he has been a director since 1981, Rio Tinto Mining and Exploration Limited, for whom he acts as Legal Representative, Cambior Inc. of Canada and Compañia Minera Milpo S.A.A. where he was chairman from 2001 to 2002. He is currently also a director of Antamina S.A., Peru's largest mining investment in over 30 years, and several other companies in the mining industry.

Geoffrey Castle is Manager, Group Investments with Kestrel Holdings Ltd. He is also President of Vancouver-based Merlin Pacific Capital Corp, a private investment institution, and jointly oversees the investment portfolio of the Sitka Foundation which supports environmental causes. Mr. Castle has over ten years of experience as an investor with Canadian public and private investment funds. His background also includes four years of experience with global strategy consulting firm, Bain & Company. Mr. Castle holds Masters degrees in both Business Administration (University of Western Ontario – Ivey School of Business) and Environmental Studies (York University) and a Bachelors of Arts degree from the University of British Columbia.

George Ireland has over thirty years of experience in the resource sectors in positions ranging from field geology to banking and venture capital. Mr. Ireland founded Geologic Resource Partners in 2004 and serves as Chief Investment Officer and Portfolio Manager. From 2000 to 2004, he was General Partner of Ring Partners, LP, an investment partnership which has been merged into Geologic Resource Partners. Mr. Ireland graduated from the University of Michigan with a BS from the School of Natural Resources. Mr. Ireland also serves on the boards of Kiska Metals Corporation, Great Western Minerals Group Ltd. and Blue Wolf Mongolia Holdings Corporation.

**Rob Henderson** is a professional engineer with an MBA. Mr. Henderson has 28 years of international experience operating, building and acquiring mineral properties, and joins Amerigo after eight years with Kinross Gold Corporation where he attained the position of Senior Vice President Technical Services responsible for energy, mine planning, mineral resources and reserves. Prior to Kinross, Mr. Henderson worked in mine and tailings operations with Rand Mines and De Beers and then with SNC Lavalin and Hatch delivering engineering services to international mining clients.

Michael Kuta has been a director or officer of a number of companies in the mining industry since 2005. He also is a member of the British Columbia and Canadian Bar Associations, and has more than 25 years' experience in corporate commercial, securities and taxation law, in both private and public practice. Mr. Kuta was an associate lawyer at Thorsteinssons LLP, Tax Lawyers, Vice-President, Law at The Loewen Group and InsulPro Industries, and Director, Content Development for the Thomson Corporation. Mr. Kuta has experience in finance and domestic and international business acquisitions and combinations. He has an HBA (Honours in Business Administration) from the University of Western Ontario, and an LLB from the University of British Columbia. Mr. Kuta is also General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of Los Andes Copper Ltd., and is a director of Nikos Explorations Ltd., both TSXV listed companies.

Aurora Davidson holds a Certified General Accountant designation from the Certified General Accountants Association of British Columbia and a BSc in Business Administration from Alliant International University in San Diego, California. Ms. Davidson has more than 20 years of experience in financial and general business management having assisted private and public companies in the roles of Chief Financial Officer, Vice-president, Finance and Corporate Controller within the mineral exploration and technology sectors. She is also the Chief Financial Officer of Los Andes Copper Ltd., American CuMo Mining Corporation and Nikos Explorations Ltd., all of which are TSXV listed companies. Ms. Davidson is also Vice President of Finance of Euromax Resources Ltd., a TSXV listed company.

#### Directors' Term

In accordance with the Articles of the Company, each Director is elected annually and holds office until the next annual general meeting of the shareholders, his successor is elected or appointed or the position vacated in accordance with the Articles of the Company or the provisions of the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia). The term of office of each member of the Board of Directors expires at the annual general meeting.

#### Committees of the Board of Directors

The committees of the board of directors of the Company and the directors serving on each of the committees are described below:

#### **Audit Committee**

The members of the Company's audit committee are Robert Gayton (Chairman), Sidney Robinson and George Ireland, all of whom are independent directors. The audit committee oversees the Company's financial reporting obligations, financial system and disclosures, reviews the annual financial statements,

monitors and assesses the integrity of the Company's internal control systems, meets with the Company's auditors and liaises between the board of directors and the auditors.

## Nomination Committee

The members of the Company's nomination committee are Ruston Goepel (Chairman), Miguel Grau and Geoffrey Castle. This committee is responsible for reviewing the performance of the Company's senior management, the Board as a whole, and individual directors, and also oversees the orientation program for new recruits to the Board. When required the committee recommends nominees for election to the Board of Directors to fill Board vacancies and newly created director positions.

## Compensation Committee

The members of the Company's compensation committee are Sidney Robinson (Chairman), Ruston Goepel, Alberto Salas and Geoffrey Castle. This committee is responsible for determining the compensation to be paid to the Company's executive officers and for reviewing the corporate goals and objectives of the executive officers.

## Corporate Governance Committee

The Board of Directors has approved a Corporate Governance Charter which provides that all members of the board are responsible for corporate governance matters. Accordingly, the Board as a whole is responsible for developing and implementing the Company's approach to corporate governance. The Board's corporate governance mandate includes responsibility to develop, implement and monitor the Company's environmental and safety practices.

## Disclosure Policy Committee

The Company also has in place a Corporate Disclosure Policy, the objective of which is to ensure that communications to the investing public about the Company and its direct and indirect holdings are timely, factual and accurate, and are broadly disseminated in accordance with all applicable legal and regulatory requirements. In accordance with the terms of the Corporate Disclosure Policy, the board approved the formation of a disclosure policy committee that is responsible for overseeing the Corporation's disclosure practices. The disclosure policy committee consists of Klaus Zeitler, Aurora Davidson, Geoffrey Castle, Rob Henderson and Michael Kuta.

#### **AUDIT COMMITTEE INFORMATION**

#### Audit Committee Mandate

The Company's audit committee has a charter (the "Audit Committee Charter") in the form attached to this AIF as Schedule "A".

## Composition of the Audit Committee

The following are the members of the Company's Audit Committee:

Robert Gayton (Chairman)	Independent (1)	Financially literate (1)
Sidney Robinson	Independent (1)	Financially literate (1)

George Ireland

Independent (1)

Financially literate (1)

(1) As defined by National Instrument 52-110 ("NI 52-110").

### Relevant Education and Experience

A description of the education and experience of each audit committee member that is relevant to the performance of his or her responsibilities as an audit committee member may be found above under the heading "Directors and Officers: Name, Occupation and Security Holding".

### Reliance on Certain Exemptions

At no time since the commencement of the Company's most recently completed financial year has the Company relied on any of the exemptions in sections 2.4, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5 or 3.6 of NI 52-110, or an exemption from NI 52-110, in whole or in part, granted under Part 8 of NI 52-110 or on section 3.8 of NI 52-110.

#### **Audit Committee Oversight**

At no time was a recommendation of the Company's audit committee to nominate or compensate an external auditor not adopted by the board of directors.

## Pre Approval Policies and Procedures

The Audit Committee has adopted specific policies and procedures for the engagement of non-audit services as described under the heading "Independent Auditors" of the Audit Committee Charter set out in Schedule "A" to this AIF.

## External Auditor Services Fees (By Category)

The aggregate fees billed by the Company's external auditors in the last two fiscal years (all amounts are in Canadian dollars) are as follows:

Fee Summary	2012	2011
Audit of the financial statements	131,219	109,000
Review of quarterly financial statements	65,231	36,900
IFRS implementation/opening balance sheet audit	-	35,311
All Other Fees	-	-
Total Services	<u>196,450</u>	<u>181,211</u>

## CEASE TRADE ORDERS, BANKRUPTCIES, PENALTIES OR SANCTIONS

Robert Gayton was director or officer of Newcoast Silver Mines Ltd. as of the dates of cease trade orders issued by the British Columbia Securities Commission on September 30, 2003 and by the Alberta Securities Commission on October 10 (interim) and 31 (final), 2003 for failure to file financial

statements. The orders were revoked on October 31, 2003 in British Columbia and March 25, 2004 in Alberta.

Other than as disclosed above, no director or executive officer of the Company is, as at the date of this AIF, or was within 10 years before the date of this AIF, a director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer of any company, that:

- (a) was subject to a cease trade order, an order similar to a cease trade order, or an order that denied the relevant company access to any exemption under securities legislation, that was in effect for a period of more than 30 consecutive days (an "Order") that was issued while the director or executive officer was acting in the capacity as director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer, or
- (b) was subject to an Order that was issued after the director or executive officer ceased to be a director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer and which resulted from an event that occurred while that person was acting in the capacity as director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer.

No director or executive officer of the Company, or a shareholder holding a sufficient number of securities of the Company to affect materially the control of the Company:

- (c) is, as at the date of this AIF, or has been within the 10 years before the date of this AIF, a director or executive officer of any company that, while that person was acting in that capacity, or within a year of that person ceasing to act in that capacity, became bankrupt, made a proposal under any legislation relating to bankruptcy or insolvency or was subject to or instituted any proceedings, arrangement or compromise with creditors or had a receiver, receiver manager or trustee appointed to hold its assets; or
- (d) has, within the 10 years before the date of this AIF, become bankrupt, made a proposal under any legislation relating to bankruptcy or insolvency, or become subject to or instituted any proceedings, arrangement or compromise with creditors, or had a receiver, receiver manager or trustee appointed to hold the assets of the director, executive officer or shareholder.

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

### **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Certain of the Company's directors and officers serve or may agree to serve as directors or officers of other companies or have significant shareholdings in other companies and, to the extent that such other companies may participate in ventures in which the Company may participate, the directors of the Company may have a conflict of interest in negotiating and concluding terms respecting the extent of such participation. In the event that such a conflict of interest arises at a meeting of the Company's directors, a director who has such a conflict will abstain from voting and will not participate in negotiating and concluding terms of any proposed transaction. From time to time, several companies may participate in the acquisition, exploration and development of natural resource properties, thereby allowing for their participation in a greater number of and larger programs, and reducing financial

exposure in respect of any one program. A particular company may also assign all or a portion of its interest in a particular program to another of these companies due to the financial position of the company making the assignment. Under the laws of the Province of British Columbia, the directors of the Company are required to act honestly, in good faith and in the best interests of the Company. In determining whether or not the Company will participate in a particular program and the interest therein to be acquired by it, the directors will primarily consider the degree of risk to which the Company may be exposed and its financial position at that time. See also "Description of the Business – Risk Factors – Conflicts of Interest", above.

#### **PROMOTERS**

No person has, within the two most recently completed financial years or during the current financial year, been a promoter of the Company or a subsidiary of the Company.

#### LEGAL PROCEEDINGS AND REGULATORY ACTIONS

The Company is not a party to any material legal proceedings and is not aware of any such proceedings pending or contemplated. There have been no penalties or sanctions imposed against the Company by a court relating to securities legislation or by a securities regulatory authority during the last financial year or by a court or regulatory authority that would likely be considered important to a reasonable investor in making an investment decision. The Company did not enter into any settlement agreement with a court relating to securities legislation or with a securities regulatory authority during its last financial year.

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

Except as otherwise disclosed herein, within the Company's three most recently completed financial years no director, executive officer or principal shareholder of the Company, or any associate or affiliate of the foregoing, has had any material interest, direct or indirect, in any transaction that has materially affected or will materially affect the Company.

## TRANSFER AGENTS AND REGISTRARS

The Company's transfer agent and registrar is Computershare Trust Company of Canada, 510 Burrard Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6C 3B9, and Computershare Trust Company of Canada, 4 King Street West, Suite 1101, Toronto, Ontario, M5H 1B6, is the Company's co-transfer agent and registrar.

## **MATERIAL CONTRACTS**

There are no material contracts entered into by the Company since the beginning of the Company's most recently completed financial year other than in the ordinary course of the Company's business.

## **EXPERTS**

#### Names of Experts

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP ("PWC") of Suite 700, 250 Howe Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6C 3S7, are the auditors for the Company. PWC audited the annual financial statements of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2012. PWC reports that it is independent from the Company in accordance with the rules of professional conduct of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants in British Columbia.

Dr. Roger Moss, Ph.D., P.Geo., and Raúl Poblete de la Cerda, General Manager and director of MVC, prepared the Technical Report (please refer to Minera Valle Central Operations, above). Mr. Poblete is remunerated by the Company for his services as General Manager and director of MVC.

#### Interests of Experts

Dr. Moss held less than one percent of the Company's outstanding common shares and no options to purchase common shares in the capital of the Company when he was involved in preparing the Technical Report. Mr. Poblete held 223,788 shares in the Company and options to purchase a total of 113,000 common shares in the Company at a price of \$2.71 per share as of the date of the Technical Report and subsequently received additional options to purchase 120,000 common shares at a price of \$2.23 per share in February of 2007. Other than as set out in this AIF, and as disclosed in all other documents filed by the Company on SEDAR, neither Roger Moss or Raúl Poblete de la Cerda, when or after they prepared the Technical Report, has received or is about to receive any registered or beneficial interests, direct or indirect, in any securities or other property of the Company or of one of the Company's associates or affiliates (based on information provided to the Company by them) or is or is expected to be elected, appointed or employed for the first time as a director, officer or employee of the Company or of any associate or affiliate of the Company.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information relating to the Company may be found on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

Additional information, including directors' and officers' remuneration and indebtedness, principal holders of the Company's securities and securities authorized for issuance under equity compensation plans, where applicable, is contained in the Company's Information Circular for its most recent annual general meeting of securityholders that involved the election of directors.

Additional financial information is provided in the Company's consolidated financial statements and management's discussion and analysis for the year ended December 31, 2012.

#### **SCHEDULE "A"**

#### **AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER**

Amended March 24, 2009

#### A. AUDIT COMMITTEE PURPOSE

The Board of Directors of the Amerigo Resources Ltd. (the "Company") has an overall responsibility to oversee the affairs of the Company for the benefit of the shareholders. The Audit Committee is appointed by the Board to assist the Board in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities. The Audit Committee's primary duties and responsibilities are to:

- Ensure the effectiveness of the overall process of identifying and addressing principal business risk and the adequacy of the related disclosure;
- Monitor the integrity of the Company's financial reporting process and systems of internal controls regarding finance, accounting and legal compliance;
- Monitor the independence and performance of the Company's independent auditors;
- Provide an avenue of communications among the independent auditors, management and the Board of Directors; and
- Encourage adherence to, and continuous improvement of, the Company's policies, procedures and practices at all levels.

The Audit Committee has the authority to conduct any investigation appropriate to fulfilling its responsibilities, and it has direct access to the independent auditors as well as anyone in the organization. The Audit Committee has the ability to retain, at the Company's expense, special legal, accounting or other consultants or experts it deems necessary in the performance of its duties.

## B. AUDIT COMMITTEE COMPOSITION AND MEETINGS

Audit Committee members shall meet the requirements of the TSX. The Audit Committee shall be comprised of three or more directors as determined by the Board, each of whom shall be independent non-executive directors, free from any relationship that would interfere with the exercise of his or her independent judgment. All members of the Committee shall have a basic understanding of finance and accounting and be able to read and understand fundamental financial statements, and at least one member of the Committee shall have accounting or related financial expertise.

Audit Committee members shall be appointed by the Board. If the Audit Committee Chair is not designated or present, the members of the Committee may designate a Chair by majority vote of the Committee membership.

The Committee shall meet at least four times annually, or more frequently as circumstances dictate. The Audit Committee Chair shall prepare and/or approve an agenda in advance of each meeting. The Committee should meet privately in executive session at least annually with management, the independent auditors and as a committee to discuss any matters that the Committee or each of these groups believe should be discussed.

## C. AUDIT COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES – DETAIL

#### **Review Procedures**

- 1. Gain an understanding of the current areas of greatest financial risk and whether management is managing these effectively.
- 2. Review the Company's annual audited financial statements and management discussion and analysis prior to filing or distribution. Review should include discussion with management and independent auditors of significant issues regarding accounting principles, practices and judgments.
- 3. In consultation with management and the independent auditors, consider the integrity of the Company's financial reporting processes and controls. Discuss significant financial risk exposures and the steps management has taken to monitor, control and report such exposures. Review significant findings prepared by the independent auditors together with management's responses.
- 4. Review with financial management the Company's quarterly financial results and management discussion and analysis prior to the release of earnings. Discuss any significant changes to the Company's accounting principles and any items required to be communicated by the independent auditors.

## **Independent Auditors**

- 5. The independent auditors are accountable directly to the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee shall review the independence and performance of the auditors and annually recommend to the Board of Directors the appointment of the independent auditors or approve any discharge of auditors when circumstances warrant.
- 6. Approve the fees and other significant compensation to be paid to the independent auditors, and pre-approve any non-audit services that the auditor may provide.
- 7. On an annual basis, the Committee should review and discuss with the independent auditors all significant relationships they have with the Company that could impair the auditor's independence.
- 8. Review the independent auditors audit plan and engagement letter.
- 9. Prior to releasing the year-end earnings, discuss the results of the audit with the independent auditors.
- 10. Consider the independent auditors' judgments about the quality and appropriateness of the Company's accounting principles as applied in its financial reporting.

## Other Audit Committee Responsibilities

11. On at least an annual basis, review with the Company's counsel, any legal matters that could have a significant impact on the organization's financial statements, the Company's compliance with applicable laws and regulations, and inquiries received from regulators or governmental agencies.

- 12. The Chairman of the Committee will review all disclosure documents to be issued by the Company relating to financial matters, including news releases, annual information forms and information circulars.
- 13. Establish a procedure for the: (i) confidential, anonymous submission by employees of the Company of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters, and (ii) receipt, retention and treatment of complaints received by the Company regarding accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters.