



**GRID METALS CORP.  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
DECEMBER 31, 2020**

*This Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") should be read in conjunction with the December 31, 2020 consolidated financial statements of Grid Metals Corp. ("Grid" or the "Company"), which have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"). This MD&A includes certain statements that may be deemed "forward-looking statements". All statements in this discussion, other than statements of historical fact, that address future exploration activities and events or developments that the Company expects, are forward-looking statements. Although the Company believes the expectations expressed in such forward-looking statements are based on reasonable assumptions, such statements are not guarantees of future performance and actual results or developments may differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements. Additional information can be found on SEDAR, [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com). All amounts are in Canadian dollars, unless otherwise noted.*

## **1. DATE**

The date of this MD&A is April 22, 2021.

## **2. SUMMARY**

Grid Metals Corp. is focused on mineral exploration and development of mineral properties in Manitoba and Ontario. Key properties are 1) the Makwa-Mayville Nickel Copper PGM Cobalt Project in Manitoba where a NI43-101 Preliminary Economic Assessment was completed in April 2014; 2) the East Bull Lake Palladium Property in Ontario which is at the exploration stage, and; 3) the Bannockburn Nickel Project near Matachewan south of Timmins Ontario also in the exploration stage. Currently the primary focus of the Company is exploration at East Bull Lake, targeting palladium-dominant mineralization, and the Bannockburn Nickel Project. As metal prices improve the Company plans additional exploration and project development at Makwa Mayville.

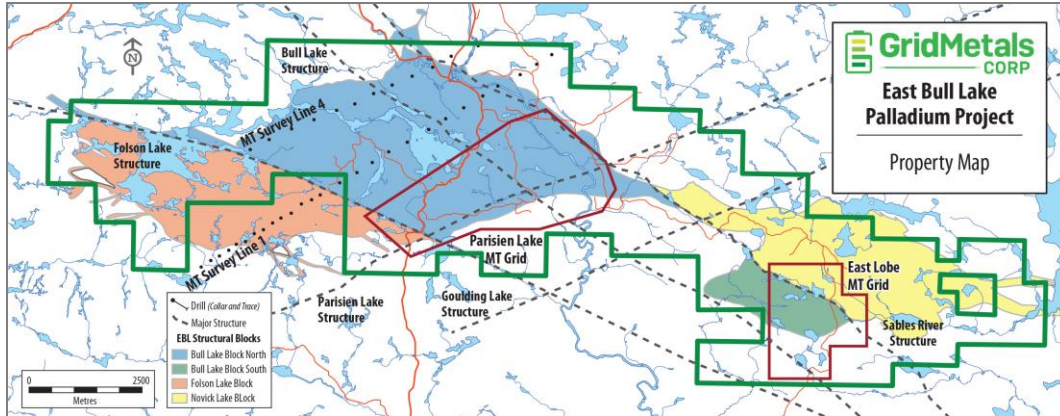
### **2020 – Activities**

#### **East Bull Lake Palladium Property**

Key attributes of the East Bull Lake Property are that it has widespread palladium-dominant magmatic sulfide mineralization extending for over 20 km along strike. The East Bull Lake ("EBL") Palladium Property consists of unpatented mining claims that cover ~80% of the ~22km x ~4 km layered intrusion. Previous drilling at EBL for palladium was focused along the southern margin of the intrusion for near surface "contact style" mineralization. The Company's exploration approach includes:

- 1) A new geological model for mineral deposition at EBL to include mineralization associated with feeder structures and major structural zones.
- 2) Utilization of a magnetotelluric ("MT") survey to detect areas of disseminated palladium mineralization to depths exceeding 1 km.
- 3) Drilling of key target areas in the intrusion to establish stratigraphy and mineral potential to be followed by more closely spaced drilling.

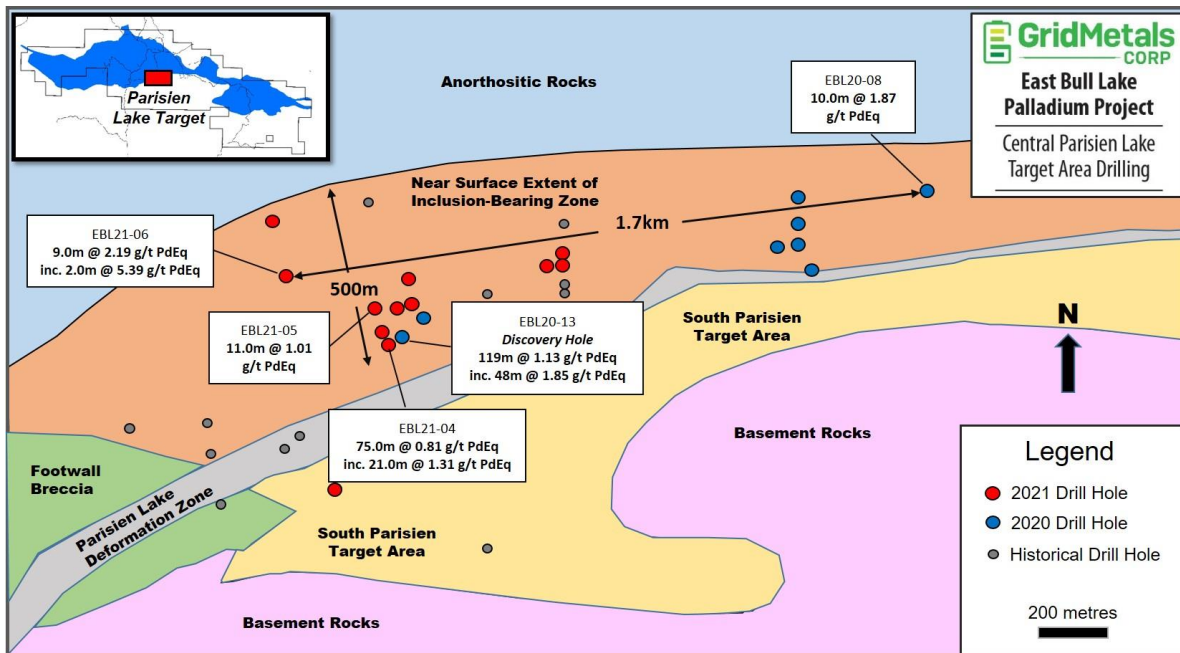
A substantial exploration program including geophysics and drilling was carried out on the Parisien Lake area of the East Bull Lake Palladium Property during 2020. The results of the program are summarized in the Company's November 24, 2020, and December 3, 2020, news releases – see [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com). Subsequent to year end additional results from East Bull Lake were released on January 28, 2021, March 11, 2021 and April 9, 2021. The majority of the holes drilled in 2020/21 intersected anomalous to highly elevated palladium, platinum and copper values in a gabbroic unit referred to as the Inclusion-bearing Zone the occurs directly above the base of the intrusion. The Company has demonstrated that Inclusion-bearing Zone is both laterally and vertically extensive and has the potential to host large tonnages of palladium resources including open pit resources and higher grade underground resources.



Above: map of the East Bull Lake Intrusion showing property outline and areas that were covered by the magnetotelluric survey completed by Grid in 2020.

Results for a significant palladium intersection in drill hole EBL20-13, which is informally referred to as the ‘discovery hole,’ were reported in December 2020. The hole intersected 119 metres averaging 0.75 g/t Pd, 0.21 g/t Pt, 0.04 g/t Au, .08% Cu and 0.05% Ni (1.13 g/t palladium equivalent grade = Pd Eq) with significant higher-grade sections including 48.0 metres averaging 1.85 Pd Eq that contains 14.0 metres of 2.97 g/t Pd Eq and 3.68 metres averaging 4.54 g/t Pd Eq. The drill hole represented the best grade thickness yet reported at East Bull.

Most of the thirty holes drilled by Grid Metals in 2020 and 2021 were in the Parisien Lake area of the intrusion north of a major deformation zone. A map showing some of the key intercepts in the area follows:



As of the date hereof there are 9 drill holes from the 2021 drilling program for which results have not been released.

## Bannockburn Nickel Project

The Bannockburn Nickel Property is located 27 km west of Matachewan Ontario and consists of a claim block comprising approximately 125 mining claim covering 2,700 hectares. The targets at the property include both bulk tonnage, serpentinite-hosted disseminated nickel sulfide and komatiite-related massive nickel sulfide. In the fall of 2020 Grid commissioned a National Instrument 43-101 Technical Report the Bannockburn Nickel Property. The author of the report is Caracle Creek International Consulting Inc. of Sudbury, Ontario. The report was initiated to summarize all relevant geological and historical exploration information on the Bannockburn Property (including 84 drill holes) and obtain independent recommendations for future exploration at the Property. The report is filed at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) and is dated February 17, 2021.

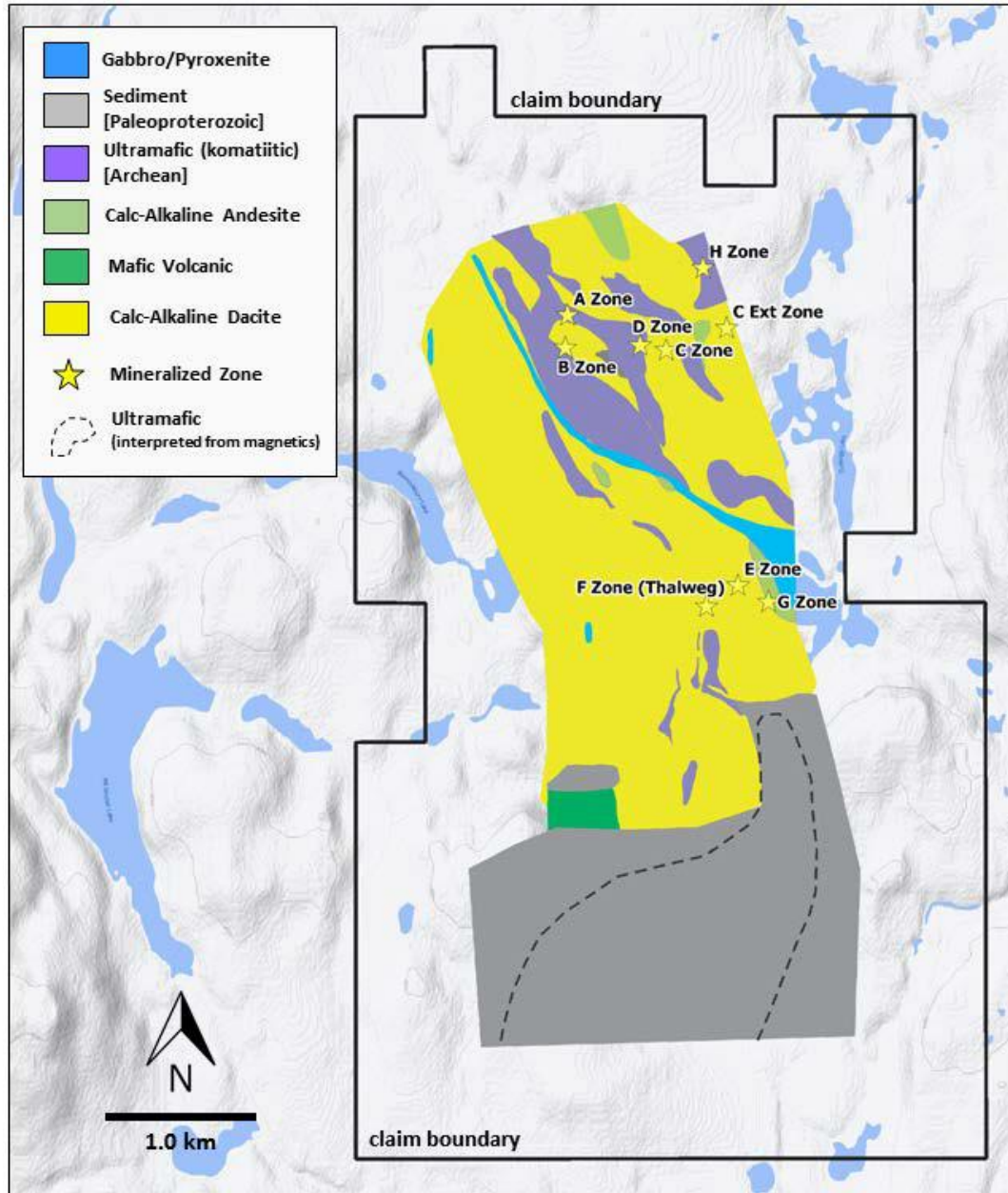
Key Findings of the Bannockburn Property Technical Report are:

- The style of mineralization present in the B Zone (Mount Keith-type) at Bannockburn is directly comparable to the large-tonnage, low-grade nickel sulfide resources hosted by the Crawford Ultramafic Complex on the Crawford Nickel-Cobalt Sulfide Project, owned by Canada Nickel Company Inc., and the Dumont Nickel Deposit owned by Dumont Nickel Magneto Investments L.P. (and previously Royal Nickel Corporation).
- The B Zone occurs within a ~3.5 km magnetic anomaly that is related to a serpentinitized ultramafic body believed to have originated as an accumulate dunite intrusion similar to that hosting the Crawford nickel deposit.
- The Property shows good potential for developing both low-grade, large tonnage and higher grade, lower tonnage nickel (Co, Pt, Pd, Fe) resources and warrants additional exploration given similarities of initial drill intersections, in terms of grade and thickness, to that reported in the Main and East zones at the Crawford Nickel Project.
- Disseminated nickel mineralization was intercepted in 10 historic drill holes over a 350 metre strike length in the B Zone. Drill hole MBB4-09 assayed 0.327% Ni over 202 metres starting at the top of the bedrock surface and bottomed in mineralization. For reference this nickel grade is similar to the grade reported from the Main Higher Grade Zone Measured and Indicated Resources of the Crawford Nickel resource reported Jan. 18, 2021 by Canada Nickel Company.

Selected drill results from the disseminated nickel zone at Bannockburn are tabulated below:

<b>Drillhole</b>	<b>from (m)</b>	<b>to (m)</b>	<b>Interval (m)</b>	<b>Nickel (%)</b>
MBB4-06	65.2	247.5	<b>182.3</b>	<b>0.255</b>
incl	65.2	147.5	<b>82.3</b>	<b>0.35</b>
MBB4-09	63.5	266	<b>202.5</b>	<b>0.327</b>
MBB4-10	65	259.7	<b>193.2</b>	<b>0.253</b>
incl.	65	132.5	<b>67.5</b>	<b>0.323</b>
BN-19-98	103.25	128.5	<b>25.25*</b>	<b>0.479</b>
	* no assaying up and down hole			

Property Map of Bannockburn Nickel Property Showing Zones of Mineralization Encountered to Date



Grid believes that the B Zone is directly analogous to the geological setting that hosts the large mineral resources that Canada Nickel Company has defined at its Crawford Deposit. The Company will be applying 3D magnetic inversion modeling to existing airborne data to guide the next phase of drilling, given the direct correlation seen between alteration intensity, magnetic response and nickel grade in the B Zone. Drilling is planned to start during the second quarter of 2021.

## Makwa/Mayville Project

The Makwa Mayville Ni-Cu-PGM-Co property is located 145 kilometers northeast of Winnipeg Manitoba. The property consists of several blocks of mining claims and a mineral lease. The Company owns 100% of the mineral rights of the property subject to a NSR and a minority interest in part of the Mayville block of claims.

No significant work was undertaken at the property during 2020. The Company has applied for several exploration permits which have not yet been granted by the Province of Manitoba.

Since completion of the Preliminary Economic Assessment in April 2014 (RPA Associates) work has focused on improving and confirming metallurgical recoveries. Significantly improved nickel recoveries over the levels achieved in the PEA were obtained on a test program of Mayville samples. The most recent activity was in Q1 when the Company commenced a mineralogical study on lower grade nickel samples from outside the current Makwa resource in order to look at the potential for nickel recovery. The Company intends to commence additional activities at the Makwa Mayville Project as market conditions warrant.

The current resource at the project is as follows and was used in the 2014 PEA.

### MINERAL RESOURCE SUMMARY AS OF NOVEMBER 27, 2013 Mustang Minerals Corp. – Makwa-Mayville Project

Class and Deposit	Tonnes ( Mt)	Ni (%)	Cu (%)	Pt (g/t)	Pd (g/t)	Au (g/t)	Co (%)
<b>Indicated</b>							
Makwa	7.2	0.61	0.13	0.10	0.36	N/A	0.01
Mayville	26.6	0.18	0.44	0.05	0.14	0.05	N/A
<b>Total Indicated</b>	<b>33.8</b>	<b>0.27</b>	<b>0.37</b>	<b>0.06</b>	<b>0.19</b>	N/A	N/A
<b>Inferred</b>							
Makwa	0.7	0.27	0.08	0.05	0.14	N/A	0.02
Mayville	5.2	0.19	0.48	0.06	0.15	0.04	N/A
<b>Total Inferred</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>0.19</b>	<b>0.43</b>	<b>0.06</b>	<b>0.15</b>	N/A	N/A

#### Notes:

1. CIM Definition Standards have been followed for classification of Mineral Resources
2. Mineral Resources are reported at a net smelter return (NSR) cut-off value of C\$15/tonne at Mayville and C\$20.64/tonne at Makwa
3. At Mayville, NSR values are calculated in C\$ using factors of \$51 per % Cu and \$41 per % Ni. These factors are based on metal prices of US\$3.40/lb Cu and US\$8.50/lb Ni, estimated recoveries and smelter terms, and a US\$/C\$ exchange rate of 0.97.
4. The Makwa Mineral Resources are estimated using metal prices of US\$3.40/lb Cu and US\$8.50/lb Ni, estimated recoveries and smelter terms, and a US\$/C\$ exchange rate of 0.97. The NSR factors used are: \$87.33 per % Ni, \$29.65 per % Cu, \$38.25 per % Co, \$0.14 per g/t Pt and 0.08 per g/t Pd.
5. Totals may not add correctly due to rounding.
6. Mineral Resource that are not Mineral Reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability.

## OTCQB listing

On March 2, 2021 the Company announced that its common shares have been listed for trading on the OTCQB Venture Market under the symbol MSMGF. The OTCQB Venture Market is for entrepreneurial and development stage U.S. and international companies. Investors can find real time quotes and market information for the company on [www.otcmarkets.com](http://www.otcmarkets.com).

## Financings

During the year ended December 31, 2020, the Company raised a total of \$4,992,924 in gross proceeds from equity private placements.

The Company must spend at least \$3,117,936 on eligible exploration expenses before December 31, 2021, as a result of flow through shares issued and has made eligible expenditures totaling \$800,000, at December 31, 2020.

## 3. SELECTED ANNUAL INFORMATION

Selected audited annual information for the three most recently completed years, all reported under IFRS, are as follows:

Years ended December 31,	2020	2019	2018
	\$	\$	\$
Net loss before provision for income taxes	(1,348,679)	(659,670)	(1,083,527)
Net loss after provision for income taxes	(2,314,679)	(659,670)	(1,040,527)
Basic and diluted loss per share	(0.04)	(0.02)	(0.02)
Total assets	32,715,580	28,864,272	29,167,517

## 4. DISCUSSION OF OPERATIONS

### Overview

The following table provides selected financial information that should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements of the Company for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019.

	For the three months ended		For the years ended	
	December 31,		December 31,	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Operating expenses	(276,527)	(185,046)	(1,458,659)	(771,468)
Net loss	(1,139,053)	(74,571)	(2,314,679)	(659,670)
Net loss per share	(0.02)	(0.00)	(0.04)	(0.02)
Mining interests	29,545,054	27,691,470	29,545,054	27,691,470
Total assets	32,715,580	28,864,272	32,715,580	28,864,272

### Revenues

None of the Company's properties have advanced to the point where a production decision can be made. As a consequence, the Company has no producing properties and no sales or revenues. From time to time the Company will earn interest from funds on deposit and other income.

The major expense items for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 are summarized as follows:

	For the three months ended		For the years ended	
	December 31,		December 31,	
	\$		\$	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
Office, general and administrative	63,548	43,055	432,473	146,250
Management and directors fees	60,250	60,250	286,000	253,000
Stock based compensation	-	9,000	493,000	45,000
Professional fees	132,754	25,234	237,510	253,597
Public company costs	16,305	36,354	50,123	60,933
Flow through share premium recovery	-	-	(51,600)	-
Other	3,670	11,153	11,153	12,688
	276,527	185,046	1,458,659	771,468

### Exploration and Development Expenditures

	For the three months ended December 31, 2020				
	\$				
	Makwa	Mayville	East Bull Lake	Bannockburn	Total
Drilling program related costs	-	-	439,978	-	439,978
Consulting	-	-	-	5,100	5,100
Total	-	-	439,978	5,100	445,078

	For the year ended December 31, 2020				
	\$				
	Makwa	Mayville	East Bull Lake	Bannockburn	Total
Geological	12,940	27,441	-	-	40,381
Drilling program related costs	-	-	1,542,961	-	1,542,961
Geophysics	-	-	224,191	-	224,191
Consulting	-	-	-	5,100	5,100
Total	12,940	27,441	1,767,153	5,100	1,812,634

### Property descriptions

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##### Makwa Mayville Ni-Cu-PGM Project

A National Instrument 43-101 Preliminary Economic Assessment (“PEA”) was completed at the Makwa Mayville Project in 2014 ( RPA Associates ). The PEA envisaged mining from two open pits with ore shipped to a central concentrator to produce copper and nickel concentrates smelted with associated platinum group metal, gold and cobalt credits, for sale to smelter. The project used US\$8.50 lb nickel and US\$3.40 lb. copper in its financial model base case. The Company has followed up on several of the recommendations outlined in the PEA completing additional metallurgical test work on samples from both properties and contracting a surface and downhole EM survey at the Makwa Project to outline new exploration targets. The metallurgical test work on the Mayville samples indicated the potential for significant improvement in nickel recovery from the 40% recovery level used in the PEA.

##### Makwa – Property Details

The Makwa property is a nickel-copper-platinum group metal exploration property located near Lac du Bonnet in south east Manitoba. During 2004, the Company acquired a 100% interest by acquiring all of the shares of Global Nickel Inc., a federally incorporated company that holds the mineral rights to the Makwa Property. To acquire the shares the Company paid \$500,000 cash and issued 6,679,000 common shares valued at \$0.43 per share, representing the quoted share price of the Company at the time of the transaction.



The mineral rights of the Makwa Property consist of a mineral lease, a surface lease, and Exploration and evaluation assets claims held by the Company. An annual payment of approximately \$10,000 must be made to the province of Manitoba to keep the mineral lease and surface lease in good standing. There is a 1.0% NSR royalty on the Makwa property. The Company has the option to purchase 0.5% of the NSR royalty for \$500,000.

#### Mayville - Property Details

The Mayville property is a copper-nickel-platinum group metal exploration project located near Lac du Bonnet, in south east Manitoba. The Company acquired a cumulative 89% interest in the property (consisting of Exploration and evaluation assets claims) in 2005. A direct 60% interest was acquired from the vendor for consideration of \$90,000 in cash, a note for \$165,000 due 18 months from closing (which was paid during 2006), and 700,000 common shares of the Company (issued in 2005).

The additional 29% interest was acquired through the acquisition of a 72.56% interest in Maskwa Nickel Chrome Mines Limited (“MNCM”), a company which holds the remaining 40% interest in the Mayville property. The shares in MNCM were acquired through the issuance of 400,000 common shares of the Company and a cash payment of \$120,000. A royalty payment in the amount of \$210,000 will be due in five equal annual payments upon the commencement of commercial production on any portion of the MNCM property.

#### Mayville Lithium

The Mayville lithium property is a lithium and rare metals exploration project located near Lac du Bonnet, in south east Manitoba adjacent to the Mayville property. On June 30, 2010, the Company entered into an option agreement with Tantalum Mining Corporation of Canada Limited (“Tanco”) and acquired a 100% interest in the base and precious metal rights of a property. Pursuant to the terms of the option agreement, the Company made cash option payments totaling \$45,000, and incurred expenditures of \$312,600. The Company acquired rights to lithium and rare metals on the property in 2017 in return for a retained right of Tanco, on normal commercial terms, to purchase products produced from the property. The property is subject to a 2% royalty interest. There are at least four known pegmatites on the property and a historical resource has been outlined by drilling.

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#### East Bull Lake Palladium

The East Bull Lake property (“EBL”) is a platinum group metals (“PGM”) exploration project located in the Sudbury Mining Division, Ontario, Canada. The property is comprised of mining claims primarily optioned from third parties. Most of the mining claims are subject to an NSR of up to 3% to the underlying option holders. Prior to 2019 a decision was made to halt exploration on the property and all prior costs were written off. Recent interest in palladium led to the decision to resume exploration on the property in 2019.

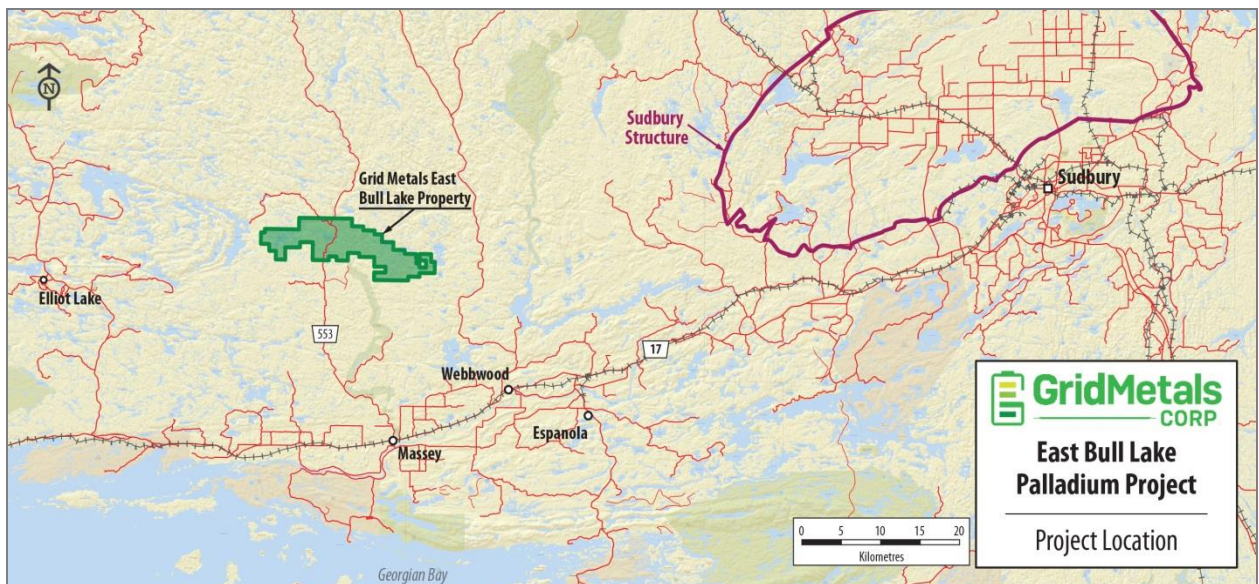
On April 27, 2020 the Company entered into an option agreement to acquire the Shib property. The Shib property consists of certain boundary cell mining claim units. Under the terms of the Shib property option agreement the Company made an initial cash payment of \$15,000 and issued 100,000 common shares of the Company. In order for the Company to earn a 100% interest in the Shib property it would need to make, at its option, additional cash payments and share issuance on each of the subsequent 3 anniversary dates as follows:

- Year 1 - \$20,000 and 50,000 shares,
- Year 2 - \$30,000 and 50,000 shares,
- Year 3 - \$40,000.

The property is subject to a 2% NSR of which 1% can be purchased for \$1,000,000; the Company has a right of first refusal on the remaining 1%.

The EBL palladium property covers ~80% of the highly prospective EBL intrusion. The intrusion is the type example of a series of palladium-rich mafic complexes that occur in the greater Sudbury region. These bodies formed during a major, global-scale episode of mafic and ultramafic magmatic activity that produced significant palladium, copper-nickel sulfide and chromite deposits in Canada, Scandinavia, Russia and Brazil approximately 2.5 billion years ago. The EBL intrusion shares many geological and geophysical characteristics with the older Lac des Iles (LDI) complex in northwestern Ontario – host to Canada’s only primary palladium mine. Importantly, the EBL intrusion was recently confirmed to host the same style of structurally-controlled palladium mineralization that constitutes the majority of past and present palladium resources at LDI, which exceed 200 million tonnes of open pit and underground mineralization with over 10 million ounces of contained palladium. The EBL project is also directly analogous to palladium-rich sulfide deposits that occur in northern Finland including the Arctic Platinum project (APP) with current palladium resources totalling 208.5 Mt averaging 1.47 g/t Pd (9.8 million contained ounces). Despite its palladium pedigree, the EBL intrusion remains chronically under-explored compared to the much smaller LDI complex and to several similar-age intrusions in both Canada and Finland. The Company is now embarking on a new phase of systematic exploration on the property that is focused on the discovery of large, palladium-rich deposits having similar grade-tonnage attributes to the LDI and APP deposits. The new programming is guided by the significant knowledge gained from over 40 years of intermittent exploration at EBL and by recent, critical insights into the controls on the development of large palladium-rich deposits in similar geological environments.

The property is easily accessible from the city of Sudbury, located 80 km to the east, by way of an all-weather Provincial road that connects to the Trans-Canada Highway. Sudbury is a world leading nickel, copper and platinum group metal (“PGM”) mining and smelting centre with a highly skilled mining work force and a surface and underground mining heritage that spans ~150 years.

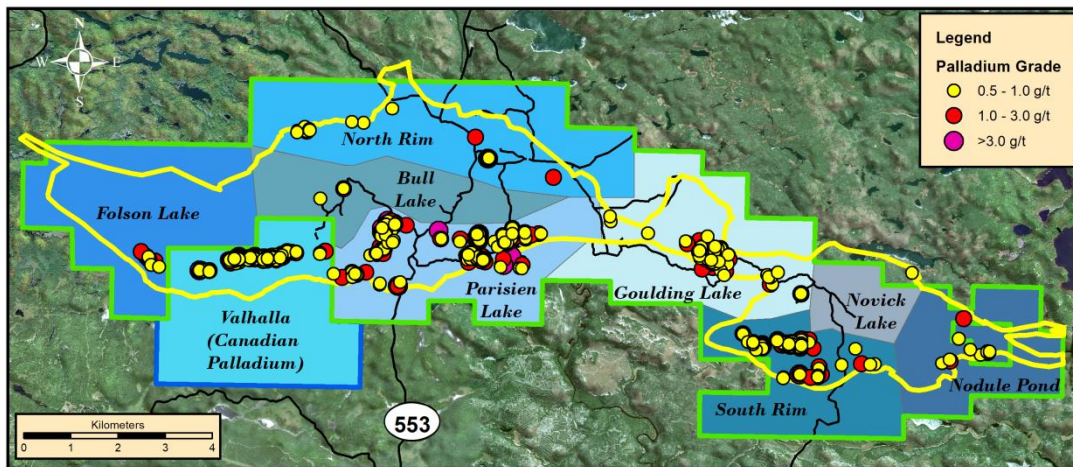


*Location of the EBL property in the Sudbury area, northeastern Ontario.*

The East Bull Lake intrusion is over 20 km long and comprises two magmatic centres (east and west lobes) connected by a narrow east-west trending ‘neck’. The ultimate size of the intrusion is not known but limited deep drilling and 3D geophysical models suggest that the base of the two lobes locally exceed 1 km in depth and may extend much deeper. Critically, the property is cut by a network of criss-crossing northwest-trending and northeast-trending faults, any of which may have acted as feeder structures during emplacement of the EBL intrusion. These faults tend to produce strong, positive magnetic anomalies that

reflect their infiltration by mafic dykes formed during the end-stages of magmatism associated with the EBL suite of intrusions. The internal geology of the EBL intrusion is well documented in a series of Ontario Government maps and reports and more recent academic publications. In brief, the intrusion is dominated by mafic rocks including melanocratic to leucocratic gabbro, olivine gabbro, pyroxenite and anorthosite. The lower part of the stratigraphy of the intrusion is dominated by brecciated anorthosite and leucocratic gabbro containing local patches of varitextured gabbro. This part of the intrusion represents a dynamic period of magma injection featuring high energy pulses of magma presumably channeled vertically through, and laterally away from, major feeder faults. The lower stratigraphy is the primary host to the many known palladium zones on the property.

The known distribution of palladium mineralization on the EBL property is illustrated on the map, below. Several palladium zones have been discovered over >30 years of intermittent prospecting and exploration. Most of these zones were initially thought to be related to the margins or basal contact of the intrusion. A recent re-assessment of the property data by Grid indicates a strong structural control on most of the known Pd zones on the property including a spatial association with cross-cutting faults representing potential feeders to the intrusion.



*Above:* Map showing distribution of surface samples at the East Bull Property

#### Bannockburn Nickel Project

The Bannockburn property is a nickel exploration project located in the Sudbury Mining Division, Ontario, Canada. The property package consists of mining claims obtained under option and staked by the Company. The Company has completed its option commitments to earn a 100% interest in the core claims comprising the Bannockburn property. The core part of the property is subject to a 2% NSR.

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## 5. SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY RESULTS

### Selected financial information for the last 8 fiscal quarters:

	2020 Q4	2020 Q3	2020 Q2	2020 Q1
	\$	\$	\$	\$
(a) Net loss	(1,139,053)	(122,079)	(191,445)	(862,102)
(b) Basic and diluted loss per share	(0.02)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.02)

	2019 Q4	2019 Q3	2019 Q2	2019 Q1
	\$	\$	\$	\$
(a) Net loss	(74,571)	(209,431)	(180,951)	(194,717)
(b) Basic and diluted loss per share	(0.00)	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.00)

### Comments on quarterly results

#### 2020 – Q4

Results for the quarter were a loss of \$1,139,053 vs \$74,571 for the 2019 period. The 2020 period included; deferred tax expense of \$966,000 (2019 – Nil); professional and consulting fees of \$132,754 (2019 - \$25,234) – the higher Q4 2020 fees relate to the financings done in that quarter.

#### 2020 – Q3

Results for the quarter were a loss of \$122,079 vs \$209,431 for the 2019 period. The 2020 period included share-based payments of nil (2019 – \$36,000); professional and consulting fees of \$9,378 (2019 - \$51,080) – in 2019 there were on going marketing campaigns.

#### 2020 – Q2

Results for the quarter were a loss of \$191,445 vs \$180,951 for the 2019 period. There were no unusual differences.

#### 2020 – Q1

Results for the quarter were a loss of \$862,102 vs \$194,717 for the 2019 period. Significant differences are explained by office, general and administrative for 2020 amounted to \$266,059 (2019 - \$38,364) with the increase explained primarily by marketing and promotion carried out during 2020; management and directors fees \$105,520 (2019 – 64,750) with bonuses in 2020 explaining the increase; share based payments in 2020 \$445,400 (2019 – Nil); flow through share premium \$51,600 (2019 – Nil).

## 6. LIQUIDITY

The Company has no significant revenues and no expectation of significant revenues in the near term. The cash position of the Company is reduced as exploration and overhead expenses are incurred.

The Company has working capital at December 31, 2020 of \$2,555,509 (December 31, 2018 – \$971,206).

## 7. CAPITAL RESOURCES

During the year ended December 31, 2020, except for the private placements described herein, there were no unusual factors that affected the Company's capital resources.

## 8. OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS

At December 31, 2020 and 2019, the Company did not have any off-balance sheet arrangements.

## 9. TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN RELATED PARTIES

Director's fees, professional fees and other compensation of directors and key management personnel were as follows for the years ended December 31:

	2020	2019
	\$	\$
Short-term compensation and benefits	492,540	253,000
Share-based payments (stock option grants)	396,950	-
<b>Total key management compensation</b>	<b>889,490</b>	<b>253,000</b>

Short-term compensation and benefits charged to exploration and evaluation assets amounted to \$206,540 (2019 – Nil).

Amounts due to key management personnel included in accounts payable amounted to \$25,795 (2019 – \$18,042).

Legal fees were charged by a legal firm during the year ended December 31, 2020, of which an officer of the Company is an employee, for legal and corporate secretarial services in the amount of \$56,683 (2019 - \$2,838). Accounts payable and accrued liabilities includes \$12,720 owing to the legal firm (2019 – \$2,838).

Amounts due to related parties included in accounts payable are unsecured, non-interest bearing and due on demand.

See also Note 8(a) to the Company's December 31, 2020 consolidated financial statements.

## 10. PROPOSED TRANSACTIONS

There are no proposed transactions other than normal ongoing activities.

## 11. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities at the date of the financial statements and reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting periods. Estimates and judgments are continuously evaluated and are based on management's experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual outcomes can differ from these estimates. The key sources of estimation uncertainty that have a significant risk of causing material adjustment to the amounts recognized in the financial statements are:

### Capitalization of mining interest costs

Management has determined that exploration and evaluation costs incurred during the year have future economic benefits. In making this judgement, management has assessed various sources of information including but not limited to the geologic and metallurgic information, history of conversion of mineral deposits to proven and probable mineral reserves, scoping and feasibility studies, proximity of operating facilities, operating management expertise and existing permits.

### Impairment of mining interests and capital assets

While assessing whether any indications of impairment exist for mining interest assets and capital assets, consideration is given to both external and internal sources of information. Information the Company considers includes changes in the market, and economic and legal environment in which the Company operates that are not within its control that could affect the recoverable amount of mining interest assets. Internal sources of information include the manner in which mining interest assets and capital assets are being used or are expected to be used and indications of expected economic performance of the assets. Estimates may include but are not limited to estimates of the discounted future after-tax cash flows expected to be derived from the Company's mining interests, costs to sell the properties and the appropriate discount rate. Reductions in metal price forecasts, increases in estimated future costs of production,

increases in estimated future capital costs, reductions in the amount of recoverable mineral reserves and mineral resources and/or adverse current economics can result in a write-down of the carrying amounts of the Company's mining interests and capital assets.

#### **Income taxes and recoverability of potential deferred tax assets**

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

In assessing the probability of realizing income tax assets recognized, management makes estimates related to expectations of future taxable income, applicable tax planning opportunities, expected timing of reversals of existing temporary differences and the likelihood that tax positions taken will be sustained upon examination by applicable tax authorities. In making its assessments, management gives additional weight to positive and negative evidence that can be objectively verified. Estimates of future taxable income are based on forecasted cash flows from operations and the application of existing tax laws in each jurisdiction. The Company considers whether relevant tax planning opportunities are within the Company's control, are feasible, and are within management's ability to implement. Examination by applicable tax authorities is supported based on individual facts and circumstances of the relevant tax position examined in light of all available evidence. Where applicable tax laws and regulations are either unclear or subject to ongoing varying interpretations, it is reasonably possible that changes in these estimates can occur that materially affect the amounts of income tax assets recognized. Also, future changes in tax laws could limit the Company from realizing the tax benefits from the deferred tax assets. The Company reassesses unrecognized income tax assets at each reporting year.

#### **Share-based payments**

Management determines the valuation of share-based payments and warrants using market-based valuation techniques. The fair value of the market-based and performance-based share awards and warrants are determined at the date of grant using generally accepted valuation techniques. Assumptions are made and judgment used in applying valuation techniques. These assumptions and judgments may include estimating the future volatility of the stock price, expected dividend yield, future employee turnover rates and future employee stock option exercise behaviors and corporate performance. Such judgments and assumptions are inherently uncertain. Changes in these assumptions affect the fair value estimates.

#### **Mineral reserve estimates**

The figures for mineral reserves and mineral resources are determined in accordance with National Instrument 43-101, "Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects", issued by the Canadian Securities Administrators. There are numerous uncertainties inherent in estimating mineral reserves and mineral resources, including many factors beyond the Company's control. Such estimation is a subjective process, and the accuracy of any mineral reserve or mineral resource estimate is a function of the quantity and quality of available data and of the assumptions made and judgments used in engineering and geological interpretation. Differences between management's assumptions including economic assumptions such as metal prices and market conditions could have a material effect in the future on the Company's financial position and results of operation.

**Commitments and contingencies**

Refer to Notes 6 and 9 of the Company's December 31, 2020 consolidated financial statements.

**Recent and future pronouncements**

Certain pronouncements were issued by the IASB or the IFRIC that are mandatory for accounting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2021 or later periods. Many are not applicable or do not have a significant impact to the Company and have been excluded below. The following have not yet been adopted and are being evaluated to determine their impact on the Company.

IAS 1 and 8 – Presentation of Financial Statements (“IAS 1”) and IAS 8 – Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors (“IAS 8”) were amended in October 2018 to refine the definition of materiality and clarify its characteristics. The revised definition focuses on the idea that information is material if omitting, misstating or obscuring it could reasonably be expected to influence decisions that the primary users of general-purpose financial statements make on the basis of those financial statements.

IAS 1 – Presentation of Financial Statements (“IAS 1”) was amended in January 2020 to provide a more general approach to the classification of liabilities under IAS 1 based on the contractual arrangements in place at the reporting date. The amendments clarify that the classification of liabilities as current or noncurrent is based solely on a company's right to defer settlement at the reporting date. The right needs to be unconditional and must have substance. The amendments also clarify that the transfer of a company's own equity instruments is regarded as settlement of a liability, unless it results from the exercise of a conversion option meeting the definition of an equity instrument. The amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on January 1, 2023.

IAS 37 – Provisions, Contingent Liabilities, and Contingent Assets (“IAS 37”) was amended. The amendments clarify that when assessing if a contract is onerous, the cost of fulfilling the contract includes all costs that relate directly to the contract – i.e. a full-cost approach. Such costs include both the incremental costs of the contract (i.e. costs a company would avoid if it did not have the contract) and an allocation of other direct costs incurred on activities required to fulfill the contract – e.g. contract management and supervision, or depreciation of equipment used in fulfilling the contract. The amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on January 1, 2022.

IAS 16 – Property, Plant and Equipment (“IAS 16”) was amended. The amendments introduce new guidance, such that the proceeds from selling items before the related property, plant and equipment is available for its intended use can no longer be deducted from the cost. Instead, such proceeds are to be recognized in profit or loss, together with the costs of producing those items. The amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on January 1, 2022.

**12. FINANCIAL ASSETS, AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS****Financial assets****Initial recognition and measurement**

Non-derivative financial assets within the scope of IFRS 9 are classified and measured as “financial assets at fair value”, as either Fair Value through Profit or Loss (“FVPL”) or Fair Value through Other Comprehensive Income (“FVOCI”), and “financial assets at amortized costs”, as appropriate. The Company determines the classification of financial assets at the time of initial recognition based on the Company's business model and the contractual terms of the cash flows.

**Subsequent measurement – financial assets at amortized cost**

After initial recognition, financial assets measured at amortized cost are subsequently measured at the end of each reporting period at amortized cost using the Effective Interest Rate (“EIR”) method. Amortized cost is calculated by taking into account any discount or premium on acquisition and any fees or costs that are an integral part of the EIR.

#### Subsequent measurement – financial assets at FVOCI

Financial assets measured at FVOCI are non-derivative financial assets that are not held for trading and the Company has made an irrevocable election at the time of initial recognition to measure the assets at FVOCI. The Company does not measure any financial assets at FVOCI.

After initial measurement, investments measured at FVOCI are subsequently measured at fair value with unrealized gains or losses recognized in other comprehensive income or loss in the consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss). When the investment is sold, the cumulative gain or loss remains in accumulated other comprehensive income or loss and is not reclassified to profit or loss.

Dividends from such investments are recognized in other income in the consolidated statements of earnings (loss) when the right to receive payments is established.

#### Subsequent measurement – financial assets at FVPL

Financial assets measured at FVPL include financial assets management intends to sell in the short term and any derivative financial instrument that is not designated as a hedging instrument in a hedge relationship. Financial assets measured at FVPL are carried at fair value in the consolidated statements of financial position with changes in fair value recognized in other income or expense in the consolidated statements of earnings (loss). The Company's marketable securities are classified as financial assets at FVPL.

#### Derecognition

A financial asset is derecognized when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire, or the Company no longer retains substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership.

#### Impairment of financial assets

The Company's only financial assets subject to impairment are other accounts receivable, which are measured at amortized cost. The Company has elected to apply the simplified approach to impairment as permitted by IFRS 9, which requires the expected lifetime loss to be recognized at the time of initial recognition of the receivable. To measure estimated credit losses, accounts receivable have been grouped based on shared credit risk characteristics, including the number of days past due. An impairment loss is reversed in subsequent periods if the amount of the expected loss decreases and the decrease can be objectively related to an event occurring after the initial impairment was recognized.

### **Financial liabilities**

#### Initial recognition and measurement

Financial liabilities are measured at amortized cost, unless they are required to be measured at FVPL as is the case for held for trading or derivative instruments, or the Company has opted to measure the financial liability at FVPL. The Company's financial liabilities include accounts payable and accrued liabilities and lease obligations, which are each measured at amortized cost. All financial liabilities are recognized initially at fair value and in the case of long-term debt, net of directly attributable transaction costs.

#### Subsequent measurement – financial liabilities at amortized cost

After initial recognition, financial liabilities measured at amortized cost are subsequently measured at the end of each reporting period at amortized cost using the EIR method. Amortized cost is calculated by taking into account any discount or premium on acquisition and any fees or costs that are an integral part of the EIR. The EIR amortization is included in finance cost in the consolidated statements of operations.

#### Derecognition

A financial liability is derecognized when the obligation under the liability is discharged, cancelled or expires with any associated gain or loss recognized in other income or expense in the consolidated statements of operations.

### **Credit Risk**

The Company's credit risk is primarily attributable to accounts receivable. The Company has no significant concentration of credit risk arising from operations. Management believes that the credit risk concentration with respect to the financial instrument included in amounts receivable is remote.



### **Liquidity Risk**

The Company's main source of liquidity is derived from its common stock issuances. As at December 31, 2020, the Company had current assets of \$3,166,809 (December 31, 2019 - \$1,157,932) to settle current liabilities of \$611,300 (December 31, 2019 - \$186,726). All the Company's financial liabilities have contractual maturities that are subject to normal trade terms.

### **Interest Rate Risk**

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates. The Company has cash balances and no interest-bearing debt. The Company's current policy is to invest excess cash in investment-grade short-term deposit certificates issued by its banking institutions. The Company monitors its cash balances and is satisfied with the creditworthiness of its banks. As a result, the Company's exposure to interest rate risk is minimal.

### **Market Risk**

#### Foreign Currency Risk

The Company's functional and reporting currency is the Canadian dollar and all expenditures are transacted in Canadian dollars. As a result, the Company's exposure to foreign currency risk is minimal.

#### Price Risk

The Company is exposed to price risk with respect to commodity prices. The Company closely monitors commodity prices to determine the appropriate course of action to be taken by the Company. As the Company's properties are in the exploration stage and to date do not contain any identified mineral resources or reserves, the Company does not hedge against commodity price risk.

### **Sensitivity Analysis**

Management's view with respect to interest rate and foreign exchange risks is as follows:

- (i) The Company receives low interest rates on its cash and cash equivalent balances and, as such, the Company does not have significant interest rate risk.
- (ii) The Company does not have exposure to foreign exchange risk.

### **Land access and permitting**

The Company is required to obtain permits to conduct exploration and evaluation activities on its properties and part of that process requires consultations with First Nations. In management's view there is uncertainty concerning the First Nation's consultation process, and there are risks of permitting delays. The impact of any delays on the Company's operations is unknown.

### **Operating Risk**

All assets of the Company are either at the exploration or development stage. The Company faces a number of risks to the successful exploration and/or development of its properties. These include the availability of capital, technical risk, permitting risk and environmental risk. There is no certainty the Company will be able to fund or complete the required work in order to build a mine or profitably divest any of its assets. The Company is required to engage with First Nations in order to obtain exploration permits and there is ongoing uncertainty with respect to the permitting process.

## **13. DISCLOSURE OF OUTSTANDING SHARE DATA**

### **Share Capital**

#### Common Shares

As at December 31, 2020, and the date hereof, there were 77,882,099 common shares of the Company outstanding (December 31, 2019 – 46,276,610).

#### Warrants

At December 31, 2020 and the date hereof, there were a total of 20,312,040 warrants outstanding (December 31, 2019 – 15,161,285).

#### Options

At December 31, 2020, and the date hereof, there were a total of 4,655,000 stock options outstanding (December 31, 2019 – 2,305,000).

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**Directors and officers of the Company**

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Robin E. Dunbar	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director
Dave Peck	Vice President
Nadim Wakeam	Corporate Secretary
Rodger Roden	Chief Financial Officer
Edward Munden	Director
Thomas Meredith	Director

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Dave Peck P.Ge, is the Qualified Person for Grid Metals Corp. for purposes of National Instrument 43-101 and has reviewed the technical content of this document.

**Additional Information**

Additional information about the Company including the financial statements, press releases and other filings are available on the internet at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) and additional supplemental information is available on the Company website at [www.gridmetalscorp.com](http://www.gridmetalscorp.com).