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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**  
**FOR THE**  
**SECOND QUARTER ENDED JUNE 30, 2010**

*As at August 9, 2010*

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*Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") is intended to help the reader understand the significant factors that have affected Fortuna Silver Mines Inc. and its subsidiaries' ("Fortuna" or the "Company") performance and such factors that may affect its future performance. For a comprehensive understanding of Fortuna's financial condition and results of operations, this MD&A should be read in conjunction with the Company's unaudited consolidated financial statements for three and six months ended June 30, 2010 and the related notes contained therein. The Company reports its financial position, results of operations and cash flows in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles ("Canadian GAAP"). In addition, the following should be read in conjunction with the Consolidated Financial Statements of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2009, the related MD&A, and Fortuna's Annual Information Form (available on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com)). This MD&A refers to various non-GAAP measures, such as cash cost per tonne of processed ore, cash cost per ounce of payable silver, adjusted net income (loss), cash generated by operating activities before changes in working capital, used by the Company to manage and evaluate operating performance and ability to generate cash and are widely reported in the silver mining industry as benchmarks for performance. Cash costs are presented as they represent an industry standard method of comparing certain costs on a per unit basis. The Company believes that certain investors use these non-GAAP measures to evaluate the Company's performance. Non-GAAP measures do not have standardized meaning. Accordingly, non-GAAP measures should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for measures of performance prepared in accordance with GAAP. To facilitate a better understanding of these measures as calculated by the Company, we have provided detailed descriptions and reconciliations where applicable.*

**Forward Looking Information**

Certain statements contained in this MD&A and elsewhere constitute forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking statements involve a number of known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause the actual results, and performance of achievements of the Company to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Such factors include, among others, changes in project parameters to deal with unanticipated economic factors, risks related to technological and operational nature of the Company's business, the speculative nature of exploration and development, and changes in local and national government legislation.

Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date the statements were made, and readers are advised to consider such forward-looking statements in light of the risks set forth in the section Risks and Uncertainties.

This MD&A also contains references to estimates of mineral reserves and mineral resources. The estimation of reserves and resources is inherently uncertain and involves subjective judgments about many relevant factors. The accuracy of any such estimates is a function of the quantity and quality of available data, and of the assumptions made and judgments used in engineering and geological interpretation, which may prove to be unreliable. There can be no assurance that these estimates will be accurate or that such mineral reserves and mineral resources can be mined or processed profitably. Mineral resources that are not mineral reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability. Except as required by law, the Company does not assume the obligation to revise or update these forward looking statements after the date of this document or to revise them to reflect the occurrence of future unanticipated events.

In particular, forward-looking information and statements include:

- "...commissioning of the mine in the third quarter of 2011. Once in operation at a rate of 1,500 tpd, the San Jose Mine will produce 5 million silver equivalent ounces annually at a cash cost of US\$6.20 per ounce (see

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- "This project started in May, is 67% advanced and scheduled to be completed in November 2010." (page 7).
- "The Company plans to finish the construction of the tailings dam in December 2010." (page 7).
- "The construction is 35% advanced and it is scheduled to conclude in February 2011." (page 7).
- "The Company plans to commission the processing plant in the third quarter of 2011." (page 8).

**Business of the Company**

Fortuna Silver Mines Inc. (the "Company") is a mining company focused on producing silver and developing silver projects in Latin America. The Company's principal assets are the Caylloma Polymetallic Mine in southern Peru and the San Jose Silver-Gold Project in southern Mexico.

**Recent Developments and 2010 Highlights**

*Financial Results*

During the second quarter of 2010 the Company generated **net income** of \$5.98 million (Q2 2009: \$1.20 million). This increase was driven by strong operating income of \$6.97 million (Q2 2009: \$4.36 million), and a commodity contract gain of \$2.90 million (Q1 2010: \$1.75 million). Included in the operating income is a stock-based compensation recovery of \$2.44 million (Q2 2009: charge \$11). Outside of the stock-based compensation charges, there is a marginal increase in operating income for the second quarter of 2010. This is a result of significantly higher metal prices as well as the added copper production offset by lower zinc and lead production.

Silver metal production during the second quarter of 2010 was 470,310 ounces, 5% above the corresponding quarter of 2009. This increase is attributable to higher throughput offset by a slight reduction in silver head grades.

The Company's price protection program generated a gain on commodity contracts of \$2.90 million (2009: loss \$1.36 million) during the second quarter of 2010. Adjusting for the mark-to-market effect on the gain (2009: loss) on commodity contracts and stock-based compensation recovery of \$2.44 million, the second quarter of 2010 resulted in adjusted net income, a non GAAP measure, of \$2.36 million (Q2 2009: \$1.23 million).

	<b>Expressed in \$ millions</b>			
	<b>Three months ended June 30,</b>		<b>Six months ended June 30,</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	2009	<b>2010</b>	2009
<b>NET INCOME (LOSS) FOR THE PERIOD</b>	<b>\$ 5.98</b>	\$ 1.20	<b>\$ 11.28</b>	\$ 0.14
Items of note, net of tax:				
<b>Mark-to-Market effect on derivatives</b>	<b>(1.18)</b>	0.04	<b>(2.09)</b>	0.30
<b>Stock-based compensation</b>	<b>(2.44)</b>	-	<b>(2.44)</b>	-
<b>ADJUSTED NET INCOME (LOSS) FOR THE PERIOD <sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>\$ 2.36</b>	\$ 1.23	<b>\$ 6.74</b>	\$ 0.44

<sup>(1)</sup> **A non-GAAP measure**

Cash generated by operating activities before changes in working capital, a non-GAAP measure, for the second quarter ended June 30, 2010 was \$4.58 million up from \$4.02 million in the same period in the prior year.

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*Management Additions*

Effective August 1st, 2010, the Company has appointed Cesar Pera to the new position of Vice President of Human Resources. Mr. Pera will lead the effort to implement human resources best practices that will be key to achieving the Company's sustained growth strategy. Mr. Pera brings a wealth of experience as a senior executive for Latin American corporations with regional scope. He will be based at the Management Head Office in Lima.

**Quarterly Information**

The following table provides information for the eight fiscal quarters ended June 30, 2010:

**Expressed in \$000's, except per share data**

	Quarters Ended							
	30-Jun-10	31-Mar-10	31-Dec-09	30-Sep-09	30-Jun-09	31-Mar-09	31-Dec-08	30-Sep-08
<b>Sales</b>	<b>14,565</b>	17,543	16,356	13,230	12,862	8,980	2,795	7,492
<b>Mine operating income (loss) *</b>	<b>7,996</b>	10,765	10,375	7,074	6,792	3,487	(2,986)	1,734
<b>Net income (loss)</b>	<b>5,980</b>	5,296	1,037	(556)	1,196	(1,054)	(2,468)	(297)
<b>Earnings (loss)</b>								
<b>per share - basic</b>	<b>0.05</b>	0.05	0.01	(0.01)	0.01	(0.02)	(0.03)	0.00
<b>- diluted</b>	<b>0.05</b>	0.05	0.01	(0.01)	0.01	(0.02)	(0.03)	0.00

\* Mine operating income (loss) is a non-GAAP measure used by the Company as a measure of operating performance

Sales consistently increased between the fourth quarter of 2008 and the first quarter of 2010 when they reached a record high of \$17.54 million. Recorded sales of \$14.57 million in the second quarter of 2010 declined compared to the previous quarter as a result of lower head grades, a fall in base metal prices, and an increase in total stock concentrate of 593 tonnes. The upward trend in sales throughout 2009 was mainly attributable to increases in metal prices. Higher sales in 2009 compared to the corresponding quarters of 2008 were significantly driven by higher silver head grades, higher production, and lower treatment charges.

**Financial Results**

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Mark-to-Market effect: Included in the \$2.90 million gain recorded on commodity contracts in the second quarter of 2010, is a mark-to-market effect of \$1.18 million, net of tax, related to open contracts as at June 30, 2010 expiring between the months of July 2010 and December 2010.

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Total **cost of sales, including depletion, depreciation and accretion ("cost of sales")**, in the second quarter of 2010 totalled \$6.57 million (Q2 2009: \$6.07 million) and represents an increase of 8% over same period in the prior year. This increase has taken place in spite of a reduction in tonnage sold of 22% and is explained by lower head grades for lead and zinc and higher unit cash costs per tonne of 15%. Other things being equal, a decrease in head grades will deliver lower concentrate production for equal or similar production costs.

**Selling and administrative expenses** in the second quarter of 2010 increased by 43% to \$3.46 million (Q2 2009: \$2.43 million). The increase is due mainly to higher general and administrative expenses both at the corporate level. Corporate general and administrative expenses increased by \$1.11 million to \$2.05 million (Q2 2009: \$0.94 million); selling and administrative expenses at the subsidiary level decreased by \$0.10 million to \$1.27 million (Q2 2009: \$1.37 million); and government royalty paid by Minera Bateas increased by \$0.02 million to \$0.14 million (Q2 2009: \$0.12 million). The increase in Corporate general and administrative expenses is related to a bonus payment, higher general costs associated with the growth of the Company, and legal fees related to the credit facility with the Bank of Nova Scotia.

**Stock-based compensation** charge was a recovery of \$2.44 million for the second quarter of 2010 compared to a charge of \$0.01 million in the same period of the prior year. In the second quarter of 2010, 2,665,000 share purchase options were cancelled as shareholder approval was not obtained at the Company's annual general meeting held on June 23, 2010.

**Interest and other income and expenses** in the second quarter of 2010 amounted to \$0.02 million (Q2 2009: \$0.14 million) and the decrease is attributable to a reduction in interest rates.

**Interest and finance expenses** in the second quarter of 2010 amounted to \$0.03 million (Q2 2009: \$0.04 million) and relate primarily to capital lease operations at our operating subsidiary.

**Net gain (loss) on commodity contract** in the second quarter of 2010 amounted to \$2.90 million compared to a net loss of \$1.36 million in the same period of the prior year. This amount reflects the change in fair value of derivative contracts between the opening of the reporting period and either the expiry of the contracts or the closing of the period, whichever happened first. Included in the \$2.90 million gain recorded on commodity contracts, is a mark-to-market effect of \$1.89 million (\$1.18 million, net of tax) related to open contracts as at June 30, 2010 expiring between the months of July 2010 and December 2010. The Company has entered into commodity forward and option contracts to secure a minimum price level on part of Caylloma's zinc and lead metal production for 2010. Additionally, for the unhedged balance of production, the Company enters regularly into short term forward lead and zinc contracts to fix the final settlement price of metal delivered in concentrates, where the final settlement price is yet to be set at a future quotational period according to contract terms. The Company does not use hedge accounting.

The \$3.51 million **Income tax provision** recorded for the second quarter of 2010 (Q2 2009: \$1.72 million) comprises current and future income tax expense. Current income tax for the period, including the worker profit sharing plan regulated by Peruvian law was \$1.82 million (Q2 2009: \$1.34 million). Future income tax expense, amounting to \$1.69 million (Q2 2009: \$0.38 million) is attributed to temporary differences arising on amounts of mineral properties at Peruvian operations where exploration and development are expensed for tax purposes.

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**Results of Operations**

Peru - Caylloma Ag-Pb-Zn Mine  
**Caylloma Mine**

	Quarters ended							
	30-Jun-10	31-Mar-10	31-Dec-09	30-Sep-09	30-Jun-09	31-Mar-09	31-Dec-08	30-Sep-08
<b>Tonnes milled</b>	108,010	101,503	97,989	105,241	100,881	91,449	91,025	89,827
<b>Average tons milled per day</b>	1,227	1,167	1,101	1,182	1,146	1,051	1,023	1,009
<b>Head Grade</b>								
Silver (g/t)	156.35	167.23	164.26	146.54	160.42	147.81	114.83	97.73
Lead (%)	2.30	2.87	3.14	2.95	3.20	3.11	2.97	2.58
Zinc (%)	3.02	3.44	3.43	3.58	3.82	3.83	3.75	3.64
Copper (%)	0.21	0.25	0.24	0.26	0.26	-	-	-
<b>Recoveries</b>								
Silver (%)*	86.61	87.89	86.32	84.20	86.48	84.58	82.43	80.07
Lead (%)	90.71	92.19	93.29	93.23	92.56	92.97	93.41	92.19
Zinc (%)	88.03	89.17	89.18	88.58	88.60	90.02	87.25	88.11
Copper (%)	54.18	53.06	18.12	7.29	8.60	-	-	-
<b>Production (metal contained)</b>								
Silver (oz)**	470,310	479,821	446,970	417,571	450,019	367,986	277,081	226,596
Lead (lbs)	4,966,618	5,920,139	6,327,267	6,391,201	6,587,412	5,831,227	5,564,467	4,715,688
Zinc (lbs)	6,320,256	6,868,810	6,600,640	7,365,644	7,526,582	6,948,970	6,560,957	6,342,699
Copper (lbs)	266,340	295,854	94,799	44,092	50,706	-	-	-
<b>Average Selling Price</b>								
Silver (US\$ per oz)	18.32	16.92	17.58	14.70	13.73	12.61	10.20	15.03
Lead (US\$ per lb)	0.88	1.01	1.04	0.87	0.68	0.52	0.56	0.87
Zinc (US\$ per lb)	0.92	1.04	1.00	0.80	0.67	0.53	0.54	0.80
Copper (US\$ per lb)	3.19	3.28	3.02	2.66	2.12	-	-	-
<b>Unit cash cost and Net smelter return</b>								
Unit cash cost (US\$/oz ag)	(5.23)	(11.41)	(10.80)	(5.34)	(2.98)	0.10	-	-
Unit Net Smelter Return (US\$/tonne)	145.00	174.00	173.00	120.00	114.00	91.00	60.00	80.40

\* Silver recovery in lead and copper concentrates

\*\* Silver production contained in lead and copper concentrates

During the second quarter ended June 30, 2010, the Company achieved silver production of 470,310 (Q2 2009: 450,019) ounces with a negative cash cost per ounce of payable silver of \$5.23, net of by-product credits. In the second quarter of 2010, 108,010 tonnes of ore were treated compared to 100,881 tonnes in the prior year and the cash cost per tonne of treated ore was \$50.05 (Cash cost is a non-GAAP measure). See page 9 for reconciliation of cash cost to the cost of sales in the consolidated statement of operations.

The 5% increase in silver production over the corresponding period of 2009 is attributable to an increase in throughput of 7%, and an increase in silver recoveries of 0.2%, offset by a 3% reduction in silver head grade.

The second quarter of 2010 was the second full quarter of production for the copper circuit and operating within design parameters.

Zinc and lead metal production during the second quarter of 2010 fell 16% and 25% respectively with respect to the corresponding quarter of 2009. The fall with respect to the production budget however was 12% and 16%

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respectively. This fall in zinc and lead metal production with respect to the budget is related to a shift in the mine plan aimed at replacing polymetallic ore from Animas vein with higher grade silver ore from level 6 in the upper part of Animas. This change has to do with lower than expected grades coming from the high silver grade Bateas vein. This has led to an acceleration of the incorporation of level 6 into the production plan to support silver metal output. The Company expects to revert this fall in base metal production throughout the second semester of 2010.

Cash cost per tonne of treated ore for the second quarter ended June 30, 2010 increased by 15% to \$50.05 when compared to the corresponding period in 2009. When compared to the previous quarter and the budgeted cost for the period the increase was 4%. Year over year cost increase are mainly attributable to the commencement of ore control drilling, higher labor costs, and local currency appreciation. The cost increase over the previous quarter is mainly related to an increase in the stock-pile ore of \$98,000. For the second quarter of 2010, cash cost per ounce of payable silver net of by-product credits at Caylloma was negative \$5.23 (Q2: 2009: negative \$2.98) and the change is attributable to an increase in by-product credits and payable silver ounces, of 34% and 4%, respectively. (See page 9 for reconciliation of cash production cost to the cost of sales in the consolidated statement of operations).

*Price protection program - Derivatives*

As at December 31, 2009, the Company had entered into commodity forward and option contracts to secure a minimum price level on part of its Caylloma's zinc and lead metal production throughout the period covering January 2010 to December 31, 2010. The option contracts are min/max zero cost collars and both the option and forwards are settled against the arithmetic average of metal spot prices over the month in which the contract matures.

*A summary of the derivative contracts is shown below:*

Period	Metal	Instrument	t/month	% of production	strike price
January 2010 to June 2010	Zn	Min/Max	350	39%	\$2,000/t - \$3,010/t
	Zn	Forward	175	20%	
	Total Zn		525	59%	
	Pb	Min/Max	200	24%	\$2,000/t - \$2,975/t
	Pb	Forward	300	36%	
	Total Pb		500	60%	
July 2010 to December 2010	Zn	Min/Max	525	59%	\$2,000/t - \$3,010/t
	Pb	Min/Max	475	57%	\$2,000/t - \$2,974/t

t/month = tonne/month

Mexico - San Jose Silver-Gold Project

Construction activities are on schedule and within budget for completion and commissioning of the mine in the third quarter of 2011. Once in operation at a rate of 1,500 tpd, the San Jose Mine will produce 5 million silver equivalent ounces annually at a cash cost of US\$6.20 per ounce (see Fortuna's news release dated April 26,

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2010). At that point, Fortuna's consolidated annual silver equivalent production will be 7 million ounces plus base metal credits from the Caylloma Mine. Management is planning to achieve full production capacity within 24 months from the start of operations. The technical report of the San Jose Project is available on the Company's website at [www.fortunasilver.com](http://www.fortunasilver.com).

As of the end of July, the upgrading of the water treatment plant, the source of 20% of make-up water for the operation, is 95% concluded; the 15 kilometre water pipeline installation to the mine site is 67% complete; earth movement for the construction of the tailings dam has an advancement of 5% after starting in mid July; construction of the 5MW electric power substation is 35% complete; the EPCM contractor for the construction of the 1,500 tpd processing plant and ancillary facilities is on site and underground development of the main decline was reinitiated in early July.

#### *Water Sourcing*

On January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010, a fifteen year renewable agreement was signed with the Municipality of Ocotlan de Morelos, located eleven kilometers north of the mine site, to upgrade and manage the local sewage treatment plant in exchange for the use of residual water. Overhauling and maintenance activities started on April 5<sup>th</sup> and 95% of the refurbishing has been completed. Residual water will source 20% of the make-up water for the 1,500 tpd processing plant. The Company plans to conclude this project in August 2010.

An 8" high density polyethylene pipeline is being built to carry the residual water from the sewage plant to the mine site. The pipes are being thermo fused, pressure tested and buried in a 1.5 meter trench on the margin of the Federal Highway that connects the sewage plant to the project site. This project started in May, is 67% advanced and scheduled to be completed in November 2010.

#### *Tailings Dam*

The removal and relocation of the vegetation located at the tailings dam area as per the environmental impact study has been completed. Detailed engineering for this project is 95% concluded and the contractor has initiated heavy equipment work. The Company plans to finish the construction of the tailings dam in December 2010.

#### *5MW Electric Power Substation*

On April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009, the "Comisión Federal de Electricidad" (Mexican Federal Energy Commission) granted authorization to the project to connect to the national power grid for five megawatts; enough power to operate a 1,500 tpd operation. Ground leveling has been completed for construction of the foundations for transformer and switching stations. Purchase orders have been placed for transformers and main switches; delivery is scheduled for November 2010. The construction is 35% advanced and it is scheduled to conclude in February 2011.

#### *Processing Plant and Ancillary Facilities*

On April 2010, the Engineering Procurement Construction Management (EPCM) contract for the construction of the plant and ancillary facilities was awarded to M3, an international engineering and construction company out of Tucson, Arizona with ample experience in Mexico. M3 has been working on site since early July.

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The Company is proceeding with the acquisition of equipment prioritizing long lead items. A refurbished 13' x 19.5' ball mill with capacity to treat ore for up to 1,500 tpd has been purchased and is scheduled to arrive on site in September 2010. To date, purchase orders for other major equipment include thickeners and flotation cells. The Company plans to commission the processing plant in the third quarter of 2011.

*Mine Development*

In June 2007, the Company carried out 1,000 meters of underground development on the main access decline. The face of the decline stopped at the upper portion of the ore body, gaining a year's worth of mine development time.

In May 2010, ground support and conditioning work was conducted prior to the restart of development on the face of the decline in early July. Mine development and preparation for a 1,500 tpd mining rate will be an ongoing activity for the remainder of the year.

**Cash cost per silver ounce and cash cost per tonne (non-GAAP measures)**

Cash cost per ounce and cash cost per tonne are key performance measures that management uses to monitor performance. In addition, cash costs are presented as they represent an industry standard method of comparing certain costs on a per unit basis and management believes that certain investors use these non-GAAP measures to evaluate the Company's performance. These performance measures have no meaning within Canadian Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("Canadian GAAP"), and, therefore, amounts presented may not be comparable to similar data presented by other mining companies.

The following table presents a reconciliation of cash costs per tonne of processed ore and cash cost per ounce of payable silver to the cost of sales in the consolidated statement of operations for the quarters ended June 30, 2010 and 2009.

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	Expressed in \$'000's	
	Quarters ended June 30,	
	2010	2009
<b>Cost of sales</b>	<b>6,569</b>	6,070
<b>Add / (Subtract)</b>		
Change in inventory (ore and concentrate stock piles)	451	(113)
Depletion, depreciation, and accretion	(1,614)	(1,580)
<b>Cash cost</b>	<b>5,406</b>	4,377
<b>Total processed ore (tonnes)</b>	<b>108,010</b>	100,881
<b>Cash cost per tonne of processed ore (\$/t)</b>	<b>50.05</b>	43.39
<b>Cash cost</b>	<b>5,406</b>	4,377
<b>Add / (Subtract)</b>		
By-product credits <sup>1</sup>	<b>(8,090)</b>	(6,015)
Refining charges	386	384
<b>Cash cost applicable per payable ounce</b>	<b>(2,298)</b>	(1,254)
<b>Payable silver ounces</b>	<b>439,024</b>	421,006
<b>Cash cost per ounce of payable silver (\$/oz)</b>	<b>(5.23)</b>	(2.98)

<sup>1</sup> By-product credits as included in the provisional liquidation

**Liquidity and Capital Resources**

The Company's cash as at June 30, 2010 was \$48.89 million, short term investments was \$16.05 million, and working capital amounted to \$71.73 million.

During the second quarter of 2010, cash generated by operating activities before changes in working capital was \$4.58 million. Further liquidity generated by changes in working capital amounted to \$0.41 million, for total cash generated by operating activities of \$4.99 million.

During the second quarter of 2010, cash consumed by the Company in investing activities totalled \$3.27 million for mineral properties, \$3.54 million for property, plant and equipment, and net advances in short term investments of \$15.17 million. The total investment in San Jose amounted to \$4.14 million and includes \$1.99 million for mineral properties and \$2.15 million for property, plant and equipment.

In 2010, the Company entered into a credit agreement with the Bank of Nova Scotia for a \$20 million senior secured revolving credit facility ("credit facility") to be refinanced or repaid on or within two and one-half years or before December 2012. The credit facility is secured by a first ranking lien on Bates and its assets and bears interest and fees at prevailing market rates. No funds were drawn from this credit facility during the year.

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Management believes the Company's cash position as well as its ongoing operation in Caylloma is sufficient to support the Company's operating and capital requirements on an ongoing basis. Actual funding requirements may vary from those planned due to further acquisition opportunities. Management believes it will be able to raise equity capital or access debt facilities as required in both the short and long term, but recognizes the uncertainty attached thereto.

**Guarantees and Indemnifications (expressed in \$'000's)**

The Company may provide guarantees and indemnifications in conjunction with transactions in the normal course of operations. These are recorded as liabilities when reasonable estimates of the obligations can be made. Indemnifications that the Company has provided include obligation to indemnify:

- directors and officers of the Company and its subsidiaries for potential liability while acting as a director or officer of the Company, together with various expenses associated with defending and settling such suits or actions due to association with the Company;
- certain vendors of acquired company for obligations that may or may not have been known at the date of the transaction.

The Caylloma mine closure plan was approved in November 2009 with total closure costs of \$3,346 of which \$1,756 is subject to an annual collateral in the form of a letter of guarantee, to be awarded each year in increments of \$146 over 12 years, and is based on the estimated life of the mine.

Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria, S.A., a third party, has established a bank letter of guarantee on behalf of Bateas in favor of the Peruvian mining regulatory agency in compliance with local regulation associated with the approved Bateas' mine closure plan, for the sum of \$146. This bank letter of guarantee expires 360 days from December 2009.

Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria, S.A., has also established bank letters of guarantee totaling \$54 to provide an annual guarantee associated with an office lease contract and truck rentals. These bank letters of guarantee expire 360 days from June 2010.

The Company acts as guarantor to capital lease obligations held by two of its mining contractors. These capital lease contracts are related to the acquisition of mining equipment deployed at the Caylloma mine. As at June 30, 2010, these obligations amounted to \$1,307 and mature in 2010.

**Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

The Company does not have any off-balance sheet arrangements or commitments that are expected to have a current or future effect on our financial condition, results of operations, liquidity, capital expenditures, or capital resources that is material to investors, other than those disclosed in this MD&A and the consolidated financial statements and the related notes.

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**Related Party Transactions (expressed in \$'000's)**

The Company incurred charges from directors, officers, and companies having a common director or officer as follows:

<b>Transactions with related parties</b>	<b>Expressed in \$'000's</b>			
	<b>Three months ended June 30, 2010</b>		<b>Six months ended June 30, 2009</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
Consulting fees <sup>1</sup>	\$ 44	\$ 34	\$ 87	\$ 65
Salaries and wages <sup>2,3</sup>	26	37	55	60
Other general and administrative expenses <sup>3</sup>	39	45	119	66
	\$ 109	\$ 116	\$ 261	\$ 191

<sup>1</sup> Consulting fees includes fees paid to two directors, Simon Ridgway and Mario Szotlender.

<sup>2</sup> Salaries and wages includes employees' salaries and benefits charged to the Company based on an estimated percentage of the actual hours worked for the Company.

<sup>2,3</sup> Radius Gold Inc. ("Radius") has directors in common with the Company and shares office space, and is reimbursed for various general and administrative costs incurred on behalf of the Company.

In September 2009, the Company was granted an option to acquire a 60% interest in the Tlacolula silver project located in the State of Oaxaca, Mexico from Radius.

<b>Amounts due to/(from) related parties</b>	<b>Expressed in \$'000's</b>	
	<b>June 30, 2010</b>	<b>December 31, 2009</b>
Owing (from)/to a director and officer <sup>4</sup>	\$ (2)	\$ (1)
Owing to a company with common directors <sup>3</sup>	\$ 19	\$ 50
	\$ 17	\$ 49

<sup>4</sup> Owing from a director includes non-interest bearing advances to Jorge A. Ganoza Durant at December 31, 2009 and from Jorge A. Ganoza Durant and Jorge R. Ganoza Aicardi at June 30, 2010, with no specific terms of repayment.

The transactions with related parties are measured at the agreed upon exchange amount, which is the amount of consideration established and agreed upon by the parties. The balances with related parties are unsecured, non-interest bearing, and payable in the normal course of business.

**Critical Accounting Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the dates of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting periods. These estimates and assumptions are based on established industry standards, historical experience, and are reviewed on an ongoing basis to confirm their continued applicability.

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*Depletion and Mineral Properties Cost*

Mineral property costs are comprised of acquisition costs and capitalized exploration, construction and development costs. Upon initiating production, the asset is depleted over its estimated useful life on a units-of-production basis. The Company estimates reserves and resources and the economic life of its mines and utilizes this information to calculate depletion expense. Depletion charges are adjusted prospectively based on periodic re-assessments of the Company's mineral reserves.

The estimate of mineral reserves is prepared by Qualified Persons in accordance with industry standards defined under NI 43-101 of the Canadian Securities regulatory authorities. Mineral reserve estimates can change over time as a result of numerous factors, including changes in metal prices, production costs, or the re-evaluation of geological, engineering and economic data of a deposit. A significant reduction in mineral reserves would have a negative impact on the calculation of the depletion of this asset.

*Asset Retirement Obligations*

Fortuna's determination for asset retirement obligations involves estimation of timing and amounts of future costs relating to ongoing environmental and mine closure activities required under applicable law or the Company's own remediation plans. These estimates are subject to significant uncertainties because many of these costs will not be incurred for a number of years, the nature of the reclamation activities might change and the assumptions regarding the rate of inflation and credit risk-adjusted interest rate used in the calculation may vary over time. Therefore, actual costs and their timing might differ from current estimates.

*Impairment of Long-lived Assets*

Management reviews and evaluates its long-lived assets for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the related carrying amounts may not be recoverable. Examples of such events or circumstances are changes in metal prices, sudden physical deterioration of the asset, legal circumstances or political risks in the countries Fortuna operates, or other external factors which could have a significant impact on the operations of the Company. Impairment is considered to exist if total estimated future cash flows or probability-weighted cash flows on an undiscounted basis are less than the carrying amount of the assets, including mineral property, plant and equipment and non-producing property. An impairment loss is measured and recorded based on discounted estimated future cash flows or the application of an expected present value technique to estimate fair value in the absence of a market price. Future cash flows include recoverable proven and probable reserves and a portion of recoverable resources, silver, zinc, copper, lead and gold prices (considering current and historical prices, price trends and related factors), production levels, capital and reclamation costs, all based on detailed engineering life-of-mine plans. Assumptions underlying future cash flow estimates are subject to risks and uncertainties. Any differences between significant assumptions and market conditions and/or the Company's performance could have a material effect on any impairment provision, and on the Company's financial position and results of operations.

*Income Taxes*

The estimation of the Company's future tax liabilities and assets involves significant judgment around a number of assumptions. Judgement must be used to determine the Company's future earning potential, and the expected timing of the reversal of future tax assets and liabilities. Further uncertainties are the result of interpretation of

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tax legislation in a number of jurisdictions which might differ from the ultimate assessment of the tax authorities. These differences may affect the final amount or the timing of the payment of taxes.

*Stock-based Compensation*

The determination of the value of stock-based compensation is estimated using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. Option pricing models require the input of highly subjective assumptions, particularly as to the expected price volatility of the stock. Other assumptions include the expected life of the options and the risk-free interest rate at the time of the grant. Changes in these assumptions can materially affect the fair value estimated.

**Financial Instruments and Related Risks**

The Company's financial instruments are exposed to certain financial risks, including currency risk, credit risk, liquidity risk, interest risk, and price risk. The Company's Board of Directors has overall responsibility for the establishment and oversight of the Company's risk management framework and reviews the Company's policies on an ongoing basis.

*(a) Fair value of financial instruments*

The carrying value of cash, short term investments, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities, due to related parties, net, approximate their fair value due to the relatively short periods to maturity and the terms of these financial instruments.

Fair value estimates are made at a specific point in time, based on relevant market information and information about the financial instrument. These estimates are subjective in nature and involve uncertainties and matters of significant judgement and, therefore cannot be determined with precision. Changes in assumptions could significantly affect the estimates.

The analysis of financial instruments that are measured subsequent to initial recognition at fair value can be categorized into Levels 1 to 3 based upon the degree to which the fair value is observable.

- Level 1 - inputs to the valuation methodology are quoted (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets.
- Level 2 - inputs to valuation methodology include quoted market prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets, and inputs that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, for substantially the full term of the financial instrument.
- Level 3 - inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value of measurement.

The Company has classified the determination of fair value of accounts receivable and derivatives as level 2, as the valuation method used by the Company includes an assessment of assets in quoted markets with significant observable inputs.

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Expressed in \$'000's				
Financial assets (liabilities) at fair value as at June 30, 2010				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Short term investments	\$ 16,052	\$ -	\$ -	\$16,052
Accounts receivable	-	7,465	-	7,465
Derivatives	-	3,263	-	3,263
	\$ 16,052	\$ 10,728	\$ -	\$ 26,780

There were no changes in the levels during the period ended June 30, 2010.

Expressed in \$'000's				
Financial assets (liabilities) at fair value as at December 31, 2009				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Short term investments	\$ 6,034	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,034
Accounts receivable	-	8,322	-	8,322
Derivatives	-	(3,055)	-	(3,055)
	\$ 6,034	\$ 5,267	\$ -	\$ 11,301

Accounts receivable includes accounts receivable from provisional sales. The fair value of accounts receivable resulting from provisional pricing reflect observable market commodity prices. Resulting fair value changes accounts receivable are through sales. Transactions involving accounts receivable are with counterparties the Company believes are creditworthy.

Derivatives are carried at their fair value, which is determined based on internal valuation models that reflect observable forward market commodity prices. Resulting fair value changes to derivatives are through net gain (loss) on commodity contracts. Transactions involving derivatives are with counterparties the Company believes to be creditworthy.

During the six months ended June 30, 2010, there have been no changes in the classification of financial assets and liabilities in level 3 of the hierarchy.

*(b) Currency risk*

The Company is exposed to the financial risk related to the fluctuation of foreign exchange rates. The Company operates in Canada, Peru, Mexico, and Barbados and a portion of its expenses are incurred in Canadian dollars, Nuevo Soles, and Mexican Pesos. A significant change in the currency exchange rates between the United States dollar relative to the other currencies could have a material effect on the Company's results of operations, financial position or cash flows. The Company has not hedged its exposure to currency fluctuations.

At June 30, 2010, the Company is exposed to currency risk through the following assets and liabilities denominated in Canadian dollars, Nuevo Soles and Mexican Pesos (all amounts are expressed in thousands of Canadian dollars, thousands of Nuevo Soles or thousands of Mexican Pesos):

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	Expressed in '000's					
	June 30, 2010			December 31, 2009		
	Canadian Dollars	Nuevo Soles	Mexican Pesos	Canadian Dollars	Nuevo Soles	Mexican Pesos
Cash	\$ 31,692	S/. 1,044	\$14,482	\$ 21,283	S/. 302	\$ 1,283
Short term investments	10,800	-	-	560	-	-
Accounts receivable	37	1,815	25,227	5	880	6,565
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(198)	(14,642)	(5,732)	(194)	(17,150)	(623)

Based on the above net exposure as at June 30, 2010, and assuming that all other variables remain constant, a 10% depreciation or appreciation of the US dollar against the above currencies would result in an increase or decrease, expressed in US dollars, as follows:

Impact to other comprehensive income	\$	4,486		
Impact to net income (loss)	\$	(463)	\$	298

*(c) Credit risk*

Credit risk is the risk of an unexpected loss if a customer or third party to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations. The Company's cash and short term investments are held through large Canadian, international and foreign national financial institutions. These investments mature at various dates within one year. All of the Company's trade accounts receivables are held with large international metals trading companies.

The Company holds derivative contracts with financial institutions and in this regard is exposed to counterparty risk. The Company mitigates this risk by transacting only with reputable financial institutions to minimize credit risk.

As at June 30, 2010, the Company has a Mexican value added tax of \$0.99 million and Peruvian value added tax of \$0.42 million. The Company expects to recover the full amounts from the Mexican and Peruvian Governments.

*(d) Liquidity risk*

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The Company manages liquidity risk by continuing to monitor forecasted and actual cash flows. The Company has in place a planning and budgeting process to help determine the funds required to support the Company's normal operating requirements on an ongoing basis and its development plans. The Company strives to maintain sufficient liquidity to meet its short term business requirements, taking into account its anticipated cash flows from operations, its holdings of cash, short term investments, and its committed liabilities.

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The Company expects the following maturities of its financial liabilities (including interest), operating leases, and other contractual commitments:

	<b>Expressed in \$'000's</b>					<b>Total</b>
	<b>Expected payments due by period as at June 30, 2010</b>					
	Less than 1 year	1 - 3 years	4 - 5 years	After 5 years		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 8,746	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,746
Due to related parties, net	17	-	-	-	-	17
Long term liability	1,079	1,384	-	-	-	2,463
<b>Total<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>\$ 9,842</b>	<b>\$ 1,384</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 11,226</b>

<sup>1</sup> Amounts above do not include payments related to the following: (i) the Company's anticipated asset retirement obligation of \$2,621 associated with mine closure, land reclamation, and other environmental matters.

*(e) Interest rate risk*

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The risk that the Company will realize a loss as a result of a decline in the fair value is limited because the balances are generally held with major financial institutions in demand deposit accounts.

*(f) Metal price risk*

The Company is exposed to metals price risk with respect to silver, gold, zinc, lead, and copper sold through its mineral concentrate products. The Company mitigates this risk by implementing price protection programs for some of its zinc and lead production through the use of derivative instruments. As a matter of policy, the Company does not hedge its silver production.

In order to mitigate this risk in the medium term, the Company put in place price protection strategies for approximately 59% and 57% of its zinc and lead metal production, respectively, for the six month period between July 2010 and December 2010.

**Other Data**

Additional information related to the Company is available for viewing at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) and the Company's website at [www.fortunasilver.com](http://www.fortunasilver.com).

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**Share Position and Outstanding Warrants and Options**

The Company's outstanding share position as at August 9, 2010 is 110,422,465 common shares. In addition, a total of 5,125,500 incentive stock options are currently outstanding as follows:

<u>Type of Security</u>	<u>No. of Shares</u>	<u>Exercise Price (CAD\$)</u>	<u>Expiry Date</u>
Incentive Stock Option	270,000	\$1.35	February 5, 2016
	250,000	\$2.29	March 30, 2016
	60,000	\$1.75	May 8, 2016
	200,000	\$1.75	May 22, 2016
	7,500	\$0.85	July 5, 2016
	225,000	\$1.55	July 5, 2016
	860,000	\$1.66	July 10, 2016
	225,000	\$1.61	September 13, 2016
	80,000	\$0.85	January 11, 2017
	700,000	\$2.22	January 11, 2017
	50,000	\$2.75	February 6, 2017
	15,000	\$0.85	April 22, 2017
	38,000	\$0.85	June 27, 2017
	30,000	\$0.85	July 2, 2017
	25,000	\$0.85	October 24, 2017
	250,000	\$2.52	February 5, 2018
	100,000	\$1.25	August 25, 2018
	850,000	\$0.85	October 5, 2018
	640,000	\$0.85	November 5, 2018
	250,000	\$0.83	July 6, 2019
<b>TOTAL OUTSTANDING OPTIONS</b>	<b><u>5,125,500</u></b>		

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**Change in Accounting Policy**

*Adoption of New Accounting Standards*

The Company has not adopted any new accounting standards during the current period.

**Recently released Canadian Accounting Standards**

The Company has assessed new and revised accounting pronouncements that have been issued and determined that the following may have an impact on the Company:

*Convergence with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS")*

In 2006, the Canadian Accounting Standards Board ("AcSB") published a new strategic plan that will significantly affect financial reporting requirements for Canadian companies. The AcSB strategic plan outlines the convergence of Canadian GAAP with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") over an expected five year transitional period. In February 2008, the AcSB announced that 2011 is the changeover date for publicly-listed companies to use IFRS, replacing Canadian GAAP. This date is for interim and annual financial statements relating to fiscal years beginning on or after January 1, 2011. The Company will begin reporting its financial statements in accordance with IFRS on January 1, 2011, with comparative figures for 2010.

The adoption date of January 1, 2011 will require the restatement, for comparative purposes, of amounts reported by the Company for its year ended December 31, 2010, and of the opening balance sheet as at January 1, 2010.

The Company continues to advance through the IFRS transition project plan.

During 2009, the Company began planning its transition to IFRS. The process consists of three phases: Scoping and Diagnostics, Analysis and Development, and Implementation and Review.

**Phase One:** Scoping and Diagnostics, which involved project planning and identification of differences between current Canadian GAAP and IFRS, was completed in the third quarter of 2009 with the assistance of external advisors.

The resulting identified areas of accounting difference of highest potential impact to the Company, were: IFRS 1 "First-time Adoption of IFRS"; International Accounting Standard ("IAS") 21 "The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates"; and, IAS 16 "Property, Plant and Equipment".

In addition, the resulting identified areas of accounting difference of medium potential impact to the Company, based on existing IFRS, were: IAS 36 "Impairment of Assets"; IAS 37 "Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets" (including asset retirement obligations); IAS 12 "Income Taxes"; IFRS 2 "Share-based Payment"; and, IAS 1 "Presentation of Financial Statements".

**Phase Two:** Analysis and Development involves detailed diagnostics and evaluation of the financial impacts of various options and alternative methodologies provided for under IFRS: identification and design of operational and financial processes; initial staff training; analysis of IFRS 1 optional exemptions and mandatory exceptions

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to the general requirement for full retrospective application upon transition to IFRS; summarization of 2011 IFRS disclosure requirements; and development of required solutions to address identified issues.

Following the completion of the scoping and diagnostic assessment, the Company engaged external advisors to assist with detailed technical reviews of the identified potential high impact areas. These reviews include the identification of IFRS - Canadian GAAP differences, accounting policy considerations, and preliminary implementation plans. The high impact areas relating to conversion include foreign currency; property, plant and equipment; income taxes; and provisions, contingent liabilities and contingent assets (including asset retirement obligations). During the second quarter of 2010, the technical review aspects of these assessments is substantially completed. Concurrently, the Company commenced the quantification of the identified technical differences in respect to foreign currency; property, plant and equipment; and income taxes; and provisions.

At the present time the Company is planning to apply five of the 17 exemptions which include:

- IFRS 3 "Business Combinations" which allows an entity that has conducted prior business combinations to apply IFRS 3 on a prospective basis only from the date of transition. This avoids the requirement to restate prior business combinations, although some adjustments may still be necessary. Currently, the Company has three prior business transactions that meet the criteria of a business combination under IFRS.
- IFRS 2 "Share-based Payment" which allows full retrospective application to be avoided for certain share-based instruments depending on the grant date, vesting terms and settlement of any related liabilities. The Company has not disclosed the value of the share options historically and therefore cannot apply IFRS 2 retrospectively.
- IAS 21 "The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates" which allows for the cumulative translation differences that existed at the date of transition to IFRS to be reset to zero.
- IAS 23 "Borrowing Costs" which allows full retrospective application to be avoided by electing an effective date as the date of transition, January 1, 2010, to IFRS.
- IAS 37 "Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets" which allows a short cut method in recalculating both the decommissioning liability and asset at the transition date of January 1, 2010. This avoids the requirement to recalculate the liability retrospectively from the date of recognition and then re-measure it at each subsequent reporting period up until the date of transition.

Since the process of finalizing the accounting impacts of the conversion to IFRS is ongoing, and the accounting standards continue to evolve through 2011, it is possible that further differences may arise that could have a significant impact on the Company's financial statements under IFRS. Below is a preliminary summary of the potential impacts of the high impact areas relating to conversion to IFRS and their expected impact on the Company:

*a) Foreign Currency*

Under IAS 21, it is necessary to assess the functional currency of all the Company's entities based on the primary economic environment in which the entity operates. In addition, secondary factors may also provide evidence of an entity's functional currency. Once the functional currency is determined, it does not change unless there is a change in the underlying nature of the transactions and relevant conditions and events.

All entities that have a Canadian GAAP measurement currency that is different than the functional currency under IFRS will need to translate their balance sheets to the functional currency at the transition date. The

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Company's preliminary analysis determined Compania Minera Cuzcatlan S.A. de C.V., Fortuna Silver Mines Peru S.A.C., and Recursos del Golfo, S.A. change from a Canadian dollar ("CAD\$") measurement currency under Canadian GAAP to a United States dollars ("US\$") functional currency under IFRS. The Company will need to update its consolidation model for foreign currency translation changes.

The Company intends to continue with a US\$ presentation currency under IFRS.

The Company is planning to take the IFRS 1 exemption that resets the cumulative translation adjustment balance ("CTA") to zero, to reduce the conversion effort. This will result in the reclassification of the CTA balance into deficit and reset the CTA balance to zero on transition to IFRS on January 1, 2010.

*b) Property, Plant and Equipment*

Under IAS 16, each part of an item of property, plant and equipment with a cost that is significant in relation to the total costs of an item is depreciated separately. This is commonly referred to as component depreciation. Each separate part is depreciated over its useful economic life to the residual value. Under IFRS, the assessment of the useful economic life and the residual value of each part of the asset are determined on an annual basis. The Company has completed a detailed review of fixed assets and preliminarily concluded that there will be no transitional adjustments as a result of this issue.

Under IFRS, there is an option to use either the cost method or the revaluation model for subsequent measurement of classes of property, plant and equipment. The Company plans to continue to use the cost method.

Canadian GAAP does not specifically state how to treat borrowing costs related to the construction of an asset, whereas IFRS states that borrowing costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or construction of a qualifying asset shall be capitalized as part of the cost of that asset on a net basis. The Company has elected to apply the borrowing cost requirements effective January 1, 2010.

For impairment, Canadian GAAP generally uses a two-step approach to testing: first comparing asset carrying values with undiscounted future cash flows to determine whether impairment exists, and then measuring any impairment by comparing asset carrying values with fair values. IAS 36, "Impairment of Assets", uses a one-step approach for both testing for and measurement of impairment, with carrying values compared directly with the higher of fair value less costs to sell and value in use (which uses discounted future cash flows). This may potentially result in more write downs when carrying values of assets are supported under Canadian GAAP on an undiscounted cash flow basis, but could not be supported on a discounted cash flow basis.

However, the extent of any new writedowns may be partially offset by the requirement under IAS 36 to reverse any previous impairment losses where circumstances have changed such that the impairments have been reduced. Canadian GAAP prohibits reversal of impairment losses.

*c) Income Taxes*

Under Canadian GAAP, current and future income tax assets and liabilities are referred to as "future income tax" ("FIT") assets or liabilities whereas under IFRS the terminology is "deferred tax". There are no accounting policy choices available upon transition to IAS 12 "Income Taxes".

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The preliminary analysis completed to date has identified two significant differences in the area of accounting for income taxes.

Canadian GAAP has a specific exemption for future income taxes related to non-monetary assets or liabilities of integrated foreign operations. Future income taxes cannot be recognized for a temporary difference arising from the difference between the historical exchange rate and the current exchange rate translation of the cost of non-monetary assets or liabilities of integrated foreign operations. Under IFRS, deferred tax is recognized on the difference between: the accounting basis of all items, which is accounted for as specified under IFRS. For foreign currency non-monetary assets or liabilities, this is the local or tax basis currency translated into the functional currency at the historical rate; and the tax basis, which is the local or tax basis currency amount translated to the functional currency at the spot exchange rate at the balance sheet date. The result of this calculation difference will be added volatility in the tax expense as foreign exchange swings will have an impact on the tax expense.

IAS 12 does not permit recognition of a temporary difference on initial recognition, except if the transaction is a business combination or if the transaction affects accounting or taxable profit or loss. Under Canadian GAAP, assets acquired in other than in a business combination, may have a tax basis different than the carrying amount on acquisition. The associated FIT asset (subject to the more likely than not test) or liability is recognized at the time of acquisition and added to the cost of the asset. The amount of the FIT is calculated using a simultaneous equation; this method of tax calculation is referred to as the 'gross up' method. Under IAS 12, any temporary differences arising on subsequent asset acquisitions, other than in a business combination, would be ignored. On adoption of IFRS, the temporary differences arising from the 'gross up' method under Canadian GAAP will be reversed.

In addition, IFRS requires additional disclosure with respect to "outside basis" differences not recognized in the tax provision. These "outside basis" differences are essentially any tax liability that would result on accounts that are eliminated upon consolidation (for example: intercompany loans, intercompany dividends, or investments). The Company has some outside basis differences arising from foreign exchange rates on loans denominated in United States dollars.

*d) Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets (including asset retirement obligations)*

Under Canadian GAAP, the Company recognizes decommissioning liabilities where there is a legal obligation as compared to IFRS requiring including both legal and constructive obligations. The preliminary analysis has determined there are no additional constructive obligations for the Caylloma mine or the San Jose project.

Under Canadian GAAP, the Company applies a credit adjusted risk free interest rate to the undiscounted cash flow estimate at each site. IFRS requires the Company to use a pre-tax discount rate, typically a long term government bond rate in the jurisdiction the Company intends to raise the financing to meet the reclamation costs. In addition, under Canadian GAAP, the estimate of cash flows is based on a third party concept and cannot be based on the Company's calculated cost of using its own equipment. IFRS allows a Company to use internal cost estimates if the Company is likely to use its own machinery and labour to perform the reclamation work.

The Company has elected to take the IFRS 1 exemption to avoid the requirement to recalculate the liability retrospectively from the date of recognition and then re-measure it at each subsequent reporting period up until the date of transition.

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On a go forward basis, the Company will be required to present accretion as a finance cost under IFRS. In addition, there will be differences due to the subsequent re-measurement of the decommissioning liability.

*e) Other*

The Company considered both IFRS 2 - "Share-based Payment" and IFRS 6 - "Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources" as part of its initial diagnostic assessment. The Company has concluded that there will be no significant or material transitional adjustments or changes in reported results arising from the application of these standards upon transition to IFRS.

Concurrent with the technical analysis, we have prepared draft pro forma consolidated annual IFRS financial statements to help understand the disclosure impact of the change to IFRS. These were made available to the Audit Committee at the end of the first quarter of 2010.

Internal Controls over Financial Reporting

The Company is considering short term effects the IFRS transition will have on our internal controls over financial reporting.

Disclosure Controls and Procedures

The Company is considering short term effects the IFRS transition will have on our disclosure controls and procedures.

Business Activities and Key Performance Measures

The Company is considering what effects the IFRS transition will have on our business policies and activities. The following key areas are likely to be affected:

- Internal controls over financial reporting with respect to the IFRS transition project;
- Dual reporting obligation for the year 2010 because statements are required under both Canadian GAAP and IFRS for that year;
- Budgeting and Forecasting activities during the IFRS transition year, 2010; and,
- Key performance measures.

Financial Reporting Expertise in IFRS

The Company is maintaining its financial reporting expertise and competencies by addressing training requirements through IFRS sessions provided by external advisors. The training is targeted to key finance staff and will continue to be delivered in 2010 and 2011.

IT Systems

The extent of the impact of the Company's information systems for transitioning to IFRS has been determined. The adoption of IFRS will have an impact on the Company's information systems and the Company is in the process of evaluating proposals received from third parties to assist with implementing modifications to ensure an efficient conversion to IFRS.

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**Phase Three:** Implementation and Review, will involve the execution of changes to information systems and business processes; completion of formal authorization processes to approve recommended accounting policy changes; integration of appropriate changes to maintain the integrity of internal controls over financial reporting and disclosure controls and procedures; and further training programs across the Company's finance and other affected areas, as necessary. It will culminate in the collection of financial information necessary to compile IFRS-compliant financial statements and reconciliations; embedding of IFRS in business processes; and, audit committee approval of IFRS-compliant financial statements. This phase is anticipated to commence in the third quarter of 2010.

The Company has established the following deadlines for reporting its IFRS convergence progress to the Audit Committee.

<i>Deadlines</i>	<i>Task to be completed</i>	<i>Status</i>
<i>Q3 2009 Audit Committee Meeting</i>	<i>Management to present the IFRS phase 1 report including IFRS decisions</i>	<i>Completed</i>
<i>Q1 2010 Audit Committee Meeting</i>	<i>Management to prepare and present shell interim and annual financial statements and key accounting policy choices.</i>	<i>Completed</i>
<i>Prior to Q2 2010 Audit Committee Meeting</i>	<i>Management to prepare opening balance sheet (January 1, 2010)</i>	<i>Substantially completed</i>
<i>Q3 2010 Audit Committee Meeting</i>	<i>Management to present opening balance sheet and IFRS 1 reconciliations</i>	
<i>Q3 2010 Audit Committee Meeting</i>	<i>Management to present shell interim financial statements and IFRS 1 reconciliations</i>	
<i>Year end 2010 Audit Committee Meeting</i>	<i>Management to present full IFRS shell annual financial statements including all 2010 comparatives and disclosures</i>	
<i>Q1 2011</i>	<i>First interim IFRS financial statements to be publicly released</i>	

The disclosure reflects expectations based on information available at the time of reporting. The Company will continue to monitor changes in IFRS leading up to the changeover date, and will update the conversion plan as required. Changes in circumstances may cause the Company to revise its IFRS opening balance sheet and policy choices before the changeover date. The opening balance sheet will be published in the first quarter of 2011.

**Business Combinations**

In January 2009, the CICA issued the following Handbook Sections: Section 1582, "Business Combinations", Section 1601, "Consolidated Financial Statements", and Section 1602, "Non-controlling Interests". These new standards are harmonized with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). Section 1582 specifies a number of changes, including: an expanded definition of a business, a requirement to measure all business

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acquisitions at fair value, a requirement to measure non-controlling interests at fair value, and a requirement to recognize acquisition-related costs as expenses. Section 1601 establishes the standards for preparing consolidated financial statements. Section 1602 specifies that non-controlling interests be treated as a separate component of equity, not as a liability or other item outside of equity. The new standards will become effective in 2011 but early adoption is permitted. The Company is evaluating the impact of adopting these standards.

*Comprehensive Revaluation of Assets and Liabilities and Equity*

In August 2009, the CICA amended Section 1625, "Comprehensive revaluation of assets and liabilities" as a result of issuing "Business Combinations, Section 1582, "Consolidated Financial Statements", Section 1601, and Non-Controlling Interests", Section 1602, in January 2009.

In August 2009, the CICA amended Section 3251, "Equity" as a result of issuing Section 1602, "Non-controlling Interests". These amendments only apply to entities that have adopted Section 1602.

These amendments apply prospectively to comprehensive revaluations of assets and liabilities occurring in fiscal years beginning on or after January 1, 2011, but early adoption is permitted. The Company is evaluating the impact of adopting these standards.

**Other Risks and Uncertainties**

*Environmental risk*

The Company has recorded an asset retirement obligation of \$2.61 million as of June 30, 2010 in relation to the cost of reclamation associated with the Caylloma property. This amount has been estimated by a third party in compliance of local regulations and has been approved by the relevant authorities in November 2009.

In view of the uncertainties concerning environmental reclamation, the ultimate cost of reclamation activities could differ materially from the estimated amount recorded. The estimate of the Company's asset retirement obligation relating to the Caylloma mine is subject to change based on amendments to laws and regulations and as new information regarding the Company's operations becomes available.

*Exploration and development*

The business of mineral exploration and extraction involves a high degree of risk. Few properties that are in the exploration stage ultimately become producing mines. Major expenses may be required to establish reserves by drilling and to construct mining and processing facilities at a site. It is impossible to ensure that exploration and development programs carried out by the Company will result in profitable commercial mining operations.

*Resources and reserves*

There is a degree of uncertainty attributable to the estimation of resources and reserves and to expected mineral grades. Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves may require revision based on actual production experience. Market fluctuations in the price of metals, as well as increased production costs and reduced recovery rates, may render certain mineral reserves uneconomic and may ultimately result in a restatement of resources and/or reserves. Short term operating factors relating to the mineral resources and reserves, such as the need for

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sequential development of ore bodies may adversely affect the Company's profitability in any accounting period.

*Political and country risk*

The Company's mineral properties are located in emerging nations and consequently may be subject to a higher level of risk compared to developed countries. Operations, the status of mineral property rights, title to the properties and the recoverability of amounts shown for mineral properties in emerging nations can be affected by changing economic, regulatory, and political situations.

The State of Oaxaca has a history of social conflicts and political agitation which can lead to public demonstrations and blockades that can from time to time affect the Company's operations.

**Controls and Procedures**

*Disclosure Controls and Procedures*

The Company evaluated the effectiveness of the design and operation of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of June 30, 2010, under the supervision of the Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") and the Chief Financial Officer ("CFO"). Based on the results of this evaluation the CEO and the CFO have concluded that such disclosure controls are sufficiently effective to provide reasonable assurance that material information relating to the Company is made known to management and disclosed in accordance with the applicable securities laws.

*Internal Control Over Financial Reporting*

The Company's management, with the participation of its CEO and CFO, are responsible for establishing a system of internal control over financial reporting to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability and integrity of the Company's financial information and the preparation of its financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles. Management of the Company, with the participation of the CEO and CFO, has evaluated the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of June 30, 2010 and has concluded there are no material weaknesses. Management continues to review and refine its internal controls and procedures.