

(FORMERLY PAN ANDEAN MINERALS LTD.)

# MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

For the Six Months Ended August 31, 2021

As at October 28, 2021

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The following quarterly management's discussion and analysis (MD&A) of the Company has been prepared as of October 28, 2021. This MD&A should be read in conjunction with the condensed consolidated interim financial statements of NEO Battery Materials Ltd. ("NBM" or the "Company") and the notes thereto for six months ended August 31, 2021, which have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB") and interpretations of the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee ("IFRIC"). In addition, these consolidated financial statements have been prepared using the accrual basis of accounting except for cash flow information.

Management is responsible for the preparation and integrity of the financial statements, including the maintenance of appropriate information systems, procedures and internal controls. Management is also responsible for ensuring that information disclosed externally, including the financial statements and Management Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A"), is complete and reliable. Addition information on NEO Battery Materials is available by accessing the Company's profile on SEDAR at <a href="https://www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a> and on the Company's website: <a href="https://www.neobatterymaterials.com">www.neobatterymaterials.com</a>. Readers of this MD&A are cautioned that information and statements derived from the Company's financial statements do not necessarily reflect the future financial performance of the Company. Statements in this MD&A that are not historical based facts are forward looking statements which are made subject to cautionary language on page 10 and involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties. Actual results could vary considerably from these statements. Readers are again cautioned not to put undue reliance on forward looking statements.

#### **CORPORATE HIGHLIGHTS**

Highlights of the Company's activities during the six months ended August 31, 2021 and up to the date of this report:

- In February 2020, one investor subscribed 312,500 units at \$0.08 per unit, with each unit consisting of one Company common share and one-half of one share purchase warrant. On March 2, 2021, the subscription was cancelled, and the Company returned \$25,000 of cash to this investor.
- On March 8, 2021, the TSX Venture Exchange has approved the Company's name change from Pan Andean Minerals Ltd to NEO Battery Materials Ltd. The new stock symbol "NBM" replaced "PAD", and new CUSIP number is 62908A100.
- On March 25, 2021, the Company repaid a total of \$104,208 for principal plus interest accrued on the principal to one short-term loan holder.
- On April 6, 2021, the Company at its AGM shareholders passed all resolutions put before them including: 1) to set number of directors to be elected at the meeting to at 7 (seven); 2) Election of directors (Chris Chung, John Kowalchuk, Spencer Sungbum Huh, Larry Okada, Sung Rock Hwang, Jong Hyeok Park and Rob Fia); 3) to appoint Devisser Gray LLP as auditor of the Company; 4) to ratify and approve the Company's Stock Option Plan for continuation until the next annual meeting of the Company.
- On May 4, 2021, the Company closed a non-brokered private placement offering of 17,141,667 unites at a price of \$0.12 per unit for gross proceeds of \$2,057,000. Each unit consists of one common share and one common share purchase warrant exercisable at \$0.16 for a period of 36 months.
- On May 7, 2021, the Company repaid a total of \$1,254,961 for principal plus interest accrued on the principal to one short-term loan holder.
- In May 2021, the Company granted 420,000 stock options to certain consultants with an exercise price of \$0.20 per share. The stock options have a five-year term.

- In June 2021, the Company granted 100,000 stock options to one consultant with an exercise price of \$0.20 and 80,000 options to certain consultants with an exercise price of \$0.33. These stock options have a five-year term.
- In June 2021, 300,000 stock options were exercised at a price of \$0.06 for proceeds of \$18,000.
- In July 2021, the Company granted 750,000 stock options to certain consultants with an exercise price of \$1.00. These stock options have a five-year term.
- In July 2021, 50,000 stock options were exercised at a price of \$0.20 for proceeds of \$10,000.
- In July 2021, 90,000 stock options were cancelled due to the certain optionees ceasing to work with the Company under the terms of the Company's Stock Option Plan.
- In July 2021, the first phase of mapping program in Golden BC was conducted and samples were sent to the lab for analyzing the purity of silica.
- In August 2021, 1,000,000 warrants were exercised at a price of \$0.30 and 500,000 warrants were exercised at a price of \$0.16, for total proceeds of \$380,000.
- In August 2021, 150,000 stock options were exercised at a price of \$0.06 for proceeds of \$9,000.
- On September 3, 2021, the Company started trading on the OTCQB Venture Market ("OTCQB") under the symbol "NBMFF".
- On October 27, 2021, 725,000 warrants were exercised at a price of \$0.16, for proceeds of \$116,000.

# OUTLOOK

NEO Battery Materials Ltd. is a Vancouver-based company focused on battery metals and materials. NEO has a focus on producing silicon anodes materials through its proprietary single-step nanocoating process, which provides improvements in capacity and efficiency over lithium-ion batteries using graphite in their anode materials. The Company intends to become a silicon anode active materials supplier to the electric vehicle industry.

#### **EXPLORATION PROPERTIES INTEREST**

In January 2021, the Company has staked new mining claims in Golden, BC, along a strike with a quartzite bed, targeting silica in the quartzites for a total of 467 hectares. In February, the Company entered a consulting services agreement with a private company owned by one director of the Company for an exploration program. The program will consist of geological mapping and sampling, geophysical exploration, induced polarization surveys to check on the continuity of the quartzite beds in areas of thicker cover, and excavator trenching across the resistivity lows indicating the quartzite horizon. The quartzite unit will be systematically analyzed for the purity of the silica. The Company anticipates beginning the program in late Spring 2021 with a report on the findings from the program to be concluded by the end of the calendar year, at a total cost of approximately \$80,000. Please refer to Note 6 of the Company's consolidated financial statements for the year ended February 28, 2021, for further disclosure on the Company's properties.

In July 2021, the Company conducted its silica mining work in Golden, BC. Samples have been sent to Bureau Veritas Minerals where they will be analyzed to confirm the percentage of silicon in the quartzite samples. NEO intends to seek synergies and cost reductions made within the value chain of mine to silicon anode materials and manufacturing.

#### YONSEI UNIVERSITY - EXCLUSIVE LICENSE AGREEMENTS

In February 2021, the Company entered 1<sup>ST</sup> Exclusive License Agreement with Yonsei University Industry Foundation ("YUIF"). The Company has been given the exclusive world-wide license to three patents worldwide for the business purpose. The Company will be responsible for all registration fees that arise to establish its exclusive licenses in connection with working of patents. The initial license fee of \$35,030 shall be paid within 15 days of contract date (paid).

In July 2021, the Company entered 2<sup>ND</sup> Exclusive License Agreement with YUIF. The Company has been given the exclusive world-wide license to one patent worldwide for the business purpose. The Company will be responsible for all registration fees that arise to establish its exclusive licenses in connection with working of patent. The initial license fee of \$10,000 shall be paid within 15 days of contract date (paid).

#### YONSEI UNIVERSITY - COLLABORATIVE DEVELOPMENT

In May 2021, the Company entered into a collaborative development agreement (or "Collaboration") with YUIF. The objective of the Collaboration is to conduct research and forward the development and commercialization of the proprietary ion-conductive polymer nanocoating technology for silicon anode applications.

Under this Collaboration, NEO and YUIF will jointly develop its nanocoating technology to enhance the performance and durability of silicon anodes materials in lithium-ion batteries (LiBs). NEO's technology also aims to improve the flexibility and specific capacity of the respective anode active material, increasing the energy density and life span of LiBs in electric vehicle, consumer electronics, and energy storage applications. Utilizing lean and efficient process steps, its unique single-stop process will enable cost/effective and scalable production. The term of the Collaboration will continue for a period of 3 years from May 10, 2021. Any potential IP rights resulting from the Collaboration will be wholly owned by the Company.

For the six months ended August 31, 2021, the Company spent \$33,265 on research and development.

#### **RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

### For the three-month ended August 31, 2021

The net loss for the three-month period ended August 31, 2021 was \$848,703 as compared to the net loss for the three-month period ended August 31, 2020 of \$199,797. Operating expenses for the three months ended August 31, 2021 totaled \$908,805 compared to \$182,489 for the three months ended August 31, 2020.

Significant items contributing to the net loss and comprehensive loss for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter ended August 31, 2021, and August 31, 2020 were as follows:

- Consulting & management fees of \$109,967 (August 31, 2020 \$113,126). Consulting and management fees slightly decreased compared to the same quarter of the prior year due to certain consultant's departure in the current quarter.
- Corporate listing and filing fees of \$11,115 (August 31, 2020 \$3,797). The increased listing and filing fees
  are related to the Company's pursuing an OTCQB listing and DTC eligibility.
- Exploration and evaluation expenses of \$3,690 (August 31, 2020 \$Nil). The Company has conducted its initial mapping program in Golden BC in July.

- Investor relation of \$25,580 (August 31, 2020 \$925). The cost is associated investor relation activities include increased volume of news release dissemination and engagement with IR firms (Stock House and Proactive).
- License fee of \$10,000 (August 31, 2020 \$Nil). The Company was given, by Yonsei University, the exclusive world-wide use license to one patent in the current quarter.
- Marketing of \$32,788 (August 31, 2020 \$Nil). Marketing expenses are increased compared to the same period quarter of the prior year due to increased market campaigns and website updates.
- Professional fees of \$32,312 (August 31, 2020 \$41,417). Processional fees are decreased compared to the same quarter of the prior year due to reduced legal fees associated with the claim filed by a former director of the Company, which were settled in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of this fiscal year.
- Operating costs of the office lease of \$19,530 (August 31, 2020 \$15,900). These operating costs relating to the office lease are comparable to the same quarter of the prior year.
- Research and development of \$29,989 (August 31, 2020 \$Nil). The costs are related to the developing nanocoating technology. The Company entered collaborative development agreement with the Yonsei University to jointly develop the technology commencing in May 2021.
- Short-term loan interest of \$Nil (August 31, 2020 \$11,633). The interest has been paid off in the first quarter of this fiscal year when compared to the same quarter last year.
- Stock-based compensation of \$604,224 (August 31, 2020 \$Nil). The Company granted 930,000 stock options to certain directors and consultants in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of the current year. There were no stock options in place in comparable quarter.
- Travel costs of \$16,407 (August 31, 2020: \$5,143). Travel costs are increased compared to the same quarter of the prior year due to more travelling activities incurred in the current quarter for expanding business activities within Canada.

#### For the six-month ended August 31, 2021

The net loss for the six-month period ended August 31, 2021 was \$1,343,135 as compared to the net loss for the six-month period ended August 31, 2020 of \$501,389. Operating expenses for the six months ended August 31, 2021 totaled \$1,328,249 compared to \$366,162 for the six months ended August 31, 2020.

Significant items contributing to the net loss and comprehensive loss for the two quarters ended August 31, 2021, and August 31, 2020 were as follows:

- Consulting & management fees of \$232,867 (August 31, 2020 \$227,835). Consulting and management fees
  increased compared to the same quarter of the prior year due to higher volume of business activities in the
  current quarter, which was a result of the silicon development business.
- Corporate listing and filing fees of \$83,164 (August 31, 2020 \$4,717). The increased listing and filing fees
  are related to the events include the Company's upgraded listed on OTCQB listing, DTC eligibility, the AGM
  held in early April, and the name change from Pan Andean Minerals Ltd to NEO Battery Materials Ltd in early
  March.

- Exploration and evaluation expenses of \$3,690 (August 31, 2020 \$Nil). The Company has conducted its initial mapping program in Golden BC in July.
- Investor relation of \$48,808 (August 31, 2020 \$1,750). The cost is associated investor relation activities include increased volume of news release dissemination and engagement with IR firms (Stock House and Proactive).
- Marketing of \$82,122 (August 31, 2020 \$Nil). Marketing expenses are increased compared to the same period quarter of the prior year due to increased market campaigns and website updates.
- Professional fees of \$76,610 (August 31, 2020 \$76,540). Processional fees are increased compared to the same quarters of the prior year due to increased legal fees associated with the claim filed by a former director of the Company for the settlement.
- Operating costs of the office lease of \$36,061 (August 31, 2020 \$31,864). These operating costs relating to the office lease are comparable to the same quarter of the prior year.
- Research and development of \$33,265 (August 31, 2020 \$Nil). The costs are related to the developing nanocoating technology. The Company entered collaborative development agreement with the Yonsei University to jointly develop the technology commencing in May 2021.
- Short-term loan interest of \$68,810 (August 31, 2020 \$24,068). The interest is higher compared to the same quarter of the prior year due to the Company agreeing to pay 4% interest per month to one loan holder for the extension of the loan beyond the anniversary date in the current quarter.
- Stock-based compensation of \$683,248 (August 31, 2020 \$Nil). The Company granted 1,350,000 stock options to certain directors and consultants in the first two quarters of the current year. There were no stock options in place in the comparable quarters.
- Travel costs of \$18,937 (August 31, 2020: \$11,253). Travel costs are increased compared to the same quarter of the prior year due to more travelling activities incurred in the first two quarters.

#### LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

As at August 31, 2021, the Company's cash balance was \$791,180 (February 28, 2021 - \$625,876).

As at August 31, 2021, the Company had a working capital of \$900,791 compared to a working capital deficiency of \$906,040 as at February 28, 2021. In the opinion of management, should the Company wish to continue as a going concern, continue developing in new mining project and continue conducting research on anode materials with Yonsei University in 2021 and beyond, further financing will be required, and the Company will likely have to go to market to achieve this.

Given volatility in equity markets, global uncertainty in economic conditions, cost pressures and intensity in international business environment, management constantly reviews emerging technologies and equity markets such that the Company has enough liquidity to support its growth strategy.

### **Liquidity Outlook**

At present, the Company does not have any sources of generating operating revenues and its financial success is highly dependent on management's ability to develop new business opportunities and raise capital through equity financing.

Many factors influence the Company's ability to raise funds, including the health of the financial market, the Company's track record, and the experience and caliber of its management. Actual funding requirements may vary from those planned due to a few factors, including the sourcing of new project. Management believes it will be able to raise equity capital and/or debt as required in the long term but understands that there will be risks involved which may be beyond its control.

This outlook is based on the Company's current financial position and is subject to change if new business opportunities become available.

#### **Going Concern**

The audited consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the basis of accounting principles applicable to a going concern, which assumes that the Company will continue in operation for the foreseeable future and will be able to realize its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of operations. The Company continues to incur operating losses, has limited financial resources, has no source of operating cash flow, and no assurances that sufficient funding will be available to develop the new project. These material uncertainties may cast a significant doubt on the validity of this assumption. The Company's ability to continue as a going concern is dependent upon its ability to obtain the financing necessary to continue operations. As at August 31, 2021, the Company had an accumulated deficit of \$26,658,371 (February 28, 2021 - \$26,315,235), incurred a net loss for the six months ended August 31, 2021 of \$1,343,135 (August 31, 2020 - \$501,389) and has working capital of \$900,791 (February 28, 2021 – 906,040 working capital deficiency).

If the going concern assumption was not appropriate, then financial statement adjustments would be necessary in the carrying values of assets, liabilities, reported income and expenses and the statement of financial position classifications used. Such adjustments could be material.

### **Strategy and Risk Management**

Further business activities are dependent on the Company obtaining financing for any new projects for 2021 and beyond. Management believes that it will be able to raise additional capital in order to fund new business opportunities and its administrative expenditures. Although management has been successful in the past raising additional financing, there can be no assurance they will be successful in the future.

### **SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY RESULTS**

The following table summarizes selected financial data reported by the Company for the last eight quarters in Canadian dollars:

|                                  | 31-Aug-21 | 31-May-21 | 28-Feb-21 | 30-Nov-20 | 31-Aug-20 | 31-May-20 | 29-Feb-20 | 30-Nov-19 |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|                                  | \$        | \$        | \$        | \$        | \$        | \$        | \$        | \$        |
| Net loss and Comprehensive loss  | 848,703   | 494,432   | 981,958   | 173,848   | 199,797   | 301,592   | 262,755   | 292,512   |
| Basic and diluted loss per share | (0.01)    | (0.01)    | (0.01)    | (0.00)    | (0.00)    | (0.00)    | (0.00)    | (0.00)    |
| Total assets                     | 1,098,775 | 1,088,962 | 746,367   | 1,001,212 | 1,168,756 | 1,330,671 | 389,123   | 764,964   |

| Exploration and evaluation assets | 1,344   | 1,344   | 1,344     | 1         | 1         | 1         | 1      | 1       |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------|---------|
| Revenues                          | -       | -       | -         | -         | -         | -         | -      | -       |
| Equity (deficiency)               | 954,579 | 782,058 | (834,533) | (542,575) | (368,727) | (218,930) | 82,662 | 330,538 |

Basic and diluted loss per share above is the same, as the effect of potential shares issuances under stock options or warrant agreements would be anti-dilutive.

#### **BATTERY METALS EXPLORATION COMPANY RISKS**

The Company is engaged in the business of becoming an integrated silicon producer and anode materials supplier to the electric vehicle industry through the exploration and production of silicon, which, when added to anode materials in the production of lithium-ion batteries, provides improvements in capacity and efficiency over lithium-ion batteries using graphite in their anode materials.

All of the Company's current staked properties are without proven ore deposits and there is no assurance that the Company's exploration programs will result in proven ore deposits, nor can there be any assurance that economic deposits can be commercially mined. Furthermore, the Company does not own, but has licensed the technology related to the anode materials improvements.

As a consequence, any forward-looking information is subject to known and unknown risks and uncertainties as follows, but not limited thereto:

- Exploration and development of mining properties is highly speculative in nature and involves a high degree
  of risk.
- Timing delays in exploration and development and delays in funding may result in delays and postponement of projects.
- Many competitors are in the business, some of which have greater financial, technical and other resources than the Company.
- Mining involves many hazards and risks in the field such as unexpected rock formations, seismic activity, cave-ins, adverse weather conditions, unstable political conditions and many other conditions.
- Lack of assurance that: the Company will be able to obtain all necessary permits and approvals to conduct its affairs or that future tax, environmental or other legislation will not cause additional expenses, delays or postponements.
- Operations of the Company are subject to environmental regulation, a breach of which may result in imposition of enforcement actions. Environmental hazards may exist on current properties which are presently unknown to the Company and regulations and laws change over time.
- World prices for metals can be unstable and unpredictable and may materially affect the Company's
  operations, as well as economic conditions which may change the demand for minerals.
- The Company cannot determine with any certainty whether any existing third-party patents, or the issuance of any third-party patents, would require the Company to alter is technology, renegotiates its current licensing agreement, obtain further licences or cease certain activities.
- Changes in electric vehicle industry standards or technology may reduce the competitive advantage of the Company's licensed technology or require unbudgeted expenditures that could be expensive.

- The securities markets worldwide can experience high price and volume volatility.
- The Company is dependent on the services of several key individuals, the loss of which could significantly
  affect operations.
- There is potential for officers and directors of the Company to have conflicts of interest with other entities.
- Uncertainties as to the development and implementation of future technologies.
- Changes in accounting policies and methods may affect how the financial condition of the Company is reported.
- Breaches of contracts, such as property agreements, could result in significant loss.

#### RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Key management personnel include those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling activities of the Company as a whole. The Company has determined that its key management personnel consist of the Company's Board of Directors and corporate officers, and/or companies controlled by its key management personnel.

As at August 31, 2021 and 2020, there were no amounts due to related parties.

The remuneration of directors and other members of key management personnel during the six months ended August 31, 2021 and August 31, 2020 were as follows:

|                   | Augu | ıst 31, 2021 | Aug | ust 31, 2020 |
|-------------------|------|--------------|-----|--------------|
| Management fees   | \$   | 96,200       | \$  | 160,500      |
| Professional fees |      | 27,952       |     | 27,952       |
|                   | \$   | 124,152      | \$  | 188,452      |

All amounts paid to related parties have been recorded at fair value for the services received by the Company.

#### **OUTSTANDING SHARE DATA**

NEO Battery Materials' authorized capital is unlimited common shares without par value.

As at the date of this MD&A, the Company had an unlimited number of common shares authorized for issuance, with 90,100,647 issued and outstanding. The Company also had 15,916,667 warrants and 7,415,000 stock options outstanding exercisable into one common share each.

# CRITICAL JUDGEMENTS IN APPLYING ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY

The critical judgments and estimates that management has made in the process of applying the Company's accounting policies and that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognized in the audited financial statements for the year ended February 28, 2021.

#### **ACCOUNTING STANDARDS AND INTERPRETATIONS ISSUED BUT NOT YET EFFECTIVE**

The Company has reviewed the accounting standards or amendments to existing accounting standards that have been issued but have future effective dates and determined that these are either not applicable or are not expected to have a significant impact on the Company's financial statements.

# PROUNCEMENTS AFFECTING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PRESENTATION OR DISCLOSURE

The Company has reviewed the accounting standards or amendments to existing accounting standards that have been issued but have future effective dates and determined that these are either not applicable or are not expected to have a significant impact on the Company's financial statements.

The Company's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks including credit risk, liquidity risk, interest rate risk, market price risk and research risk.

#### Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will fail to discharge an obligation and cause the other party to incur a financial loss. Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to credit risk consist of cash and cash equivalents, short-term investments, other receivables, and the short-term debt NEO deposits its cash and cash equivalents with high credit quality major Canadian financial institutions as determined by ratings agencies. The carrying amount of financial assets recorded in the financial statements, net of any allowances for losses, represents the maximum exposure to credit risk.

### Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will not be able to meet its current obligations as they come due. The Company attempts to manage liquidity risk by maintaining sufficient cash and cash equivalent balances. Liquidity requirements are managed based on expected cash outflows to ensure that there is sufficient capital in order to meet short-term obligations. Further information relating to liquidity risk is disclosed in Note 7 of the Company's consolidated financial statements for the year ended February 28, 2021.

#### 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. Cash and cash equivalents, short-term investments and reclamation bonds include deposits which are at variable interest rates.

### **Market Price Risks**

The only significant market price risks to which the Company is exposed to is interest rate risk and price volatility on its marketable securities. The Company's bank account earns interest at variable rates. The fair value of its cash and cash equivalents are relatively unaffected by changes in short-term interest rates. The Company's future interest income is exposed to changes in short-term rates.

## Research Risks

Our growth and future demand for our research outcomes is highly dependent upon the adoption by consumers of alternative fuel vehicles in general and battery materials in particular. The market for new energy vehicles is still rapidly evolving, characterized by rapidly changing technologies, competitive pricing and competitive factors. If the market for EVs in general does not develop as expected, or develops more slowly than expected, our research, prospects, and operating results could be harmed.

#### **MANAGEMENT OF CAPITAL**

In the management of capital, the Company considers cash, working capital and shareholders' equity. The Company manages its capital structure and makes adjustments to it, based on the funds available to the Company, in order to support exploration and development of mineral properties and investigating other business opportunities. The Board of Directors has not established quantitative capital structure criteria management but will review on a regular basis the capital structure of the Company to ensure its appropriateness to the stage of development of the business.

The Company's objectives when managing capital are:

- To invest cash on hand in highly liquid and highly rated financial instruments with high credit quality issuers, thereby minimizing the risk and loss of principal.
- Management reviews its capital management approach on an ongoing basis and believes that this approach, given the relative size of the Company, is reasonable.
- The Company may issue new equity, incur additional debt, for cash and/or expenditure commitments from
  optionees, enter into joint venture arrangements, or dispose of certain assets. When applicable, the
  Company's investment policy is to hold cash in interest bearing accounts at high credit quality financial
  institutions to maximize liquidity. In order to maximize ongoing development efforts, the Company does
  not pay dividends.
- The Company expects to continue to raise funds, from time to time, to continue meeting its capital management objectives.
- There were no changes in the Company's approach to capital management during the period ended August 31, 2021 compared to the years ended February 28, 2021. The Company is not subject to externally imposed capital requirements.

#### MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The information provided in this report, including the financial statements, is the responsibility of management.

In contrast to the certificate required under National Instrument 52-109 Certificate of Disclosure in Issuers' Annual and Interim Filings ("NI 52-109"), the Venture Issuer Basic Certificate does not include representations relating to the establishment and maintenance of disclosure controls and procedures "(DC&P") and internal control over financial reporting ("ICFR"), as defined in NI 52-109, in particular, the certifying officers filing this certificate are not making any representations relating to the establishment and maintenance of:

- controls and other procedures designed to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed by the issuer in its annual filings, interim filings or other reports filed or submitted under securities legislation is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in securities legislation; and
- ii. a process to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with the issuer's reporting standards.

The issuer's certifying officers are responsible for ensuring that processes are in place to provide them with sufficient knowledge to support the representations they are making in this certificate. Investors should be aware that inherent

limitations on the ability of certifying officers of a venture issuer to design and implement on a cost effective basis DC&P and ICFR as defined in NI 52-109 may result in additional risks to the quality, reliability, transparency and timeliness of interim and annual filings and other reports provided under securities legislation.

#### ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURE FOR VENTURE ISSUERS WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT REVENUE

Additional disclosure concerning NEO Battery Materials' general and administrative expenses and mineral property costs is provided in the Company's period ended August 31, 2021, statement of operations contained in its condensed consolidated interim financial statements for the six months ended August 31, 2021. These statements are available on its SEDAR Page Site accessed through www.sedar.com.

#### **DIVIDENDS**

The Company has no earnings or dividend record and is unlikely to pay any dividends in the foreseeable future as it intends to employ available funds for mineral exploration and development. Any future determination to pay dividends will be at the discretion of the Board of Directors of the Company and will depend on the Company's financial condition, results of operations, capital requirements and such other factors as the Board of Directors of the Company deem relevant.

#### **NATURE OF THE SECURITIES**

The purchase of the Company's securities involves a high degree of risk and should be undertaken only by investors whose financial resources are sufficient to enable them to assume such risks. The Company's securities should not be purchased by persons who cannot afford the possibility of the loss of their entire investment. Furthermore, an investment in the Company's securities should not constitute a major portion of an investor's portfolio.

#### PROPOSED TRANSACTIONS

At the present time, there are no other proposed transactions that are required to be disclosed.

## **OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS**

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

#### **APPROVAL**

The Board of Directors oversees management's responsibility for financial reporting and internal control systems through an Audit Committee. This Committee meets periodically with management and annually with the independent auditors to review the scope and results of the annual audit and to review the financial statements and related financial reporting and internal control matters before the financial statements are approved by the Board of Directors and submitted to the shareholders of the Company. The Board of Directors of the Company has approved the audited consolidated financial statements and the disclosure contained in this MD&A. A copy of this MD&A will be provided to anyone who requests it.

#### FORWARD LOOKING INFORMATION

Forward-looking statements relate to future events or future performance and reflect management's expectations or beliefs regarding future events and include, but are not limited to, statements with respect to the estimation of mineral reserves and resources, the realization of mineral reserve estimates, the timing and amount of estimated

future production, costs of production, capital expenditures, success of mining operations, environmental risks, permitting risks, unanticipated reclamation expenses, title disputes or claims and limitations on insurance coverage. In certain cases, forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of words such as "plans", "expects" or "does not expect", "is expected", "budget", "scheduled", "estimates", "forecasts", "intends", "anticipates" or "does not anticipate", or "believes", or variations of such words and phrases or statements that certain actions, events or results "may", "could", "would", "might" or "will be taken", "occur" or "be achieved" or the negative of these terms or comparable terminology. By their very nature forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of the Company to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forwardlooking statements. Such factors include, among others, risks related to actual results of current exploration activities; changes in project parameters as plans continue to be refined; future prices of resources; possible variations in ore reserves, grade or recovery rates; accidents, labor disputes and other risks of the mining industry; delays in obtaining governmental approvals or financing or in the completion of development or construction activities; as well as those factors detailed from time to time in the Company's interim and annual financial statements which are filed and available for review on SEDAR at www.sedar.com. Although the Company has attempted to identify important factors that could cause actual actions, events or results to differ materially from those described in forward-looking statements, there may be other factors that cause actions, events or results not to be as anticipated, estimated or intended. There can be no assurance that forward-looking statements will prove to be accurate, as actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such statements. Accordingly, readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements.

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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