

**MINCO SILVER CORPORATION**  
**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**  
**FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022**

*This Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") of Minco Silver Corporation ("we," "our," "us," "Minco Silver," or the "Company") has been prepared by management based on available information up to November 10, 2022, and should be read in conjunction with the Company's condensed consolidated interim financial statements and related notes to it prepared by management for the nine months ended September 30, 2022. The Company's condensed consolidated interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with IAS 34 - Interim Financial Reporting of International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board. Certain information and notes usually provided in the annual financial statements have been omitted or condensed. Therefore, this MD&A should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and related notes for the year ended December 31, 2021.*

*Except as noted, all monetary amounts are expressed in Canadian dollars. All references to "\$" and "dollars" are Canadian dollars, all references to "US\$" are United States dollars, and all references to "RMB" are Chinese Renminbi.*

*Additional information regarding the Company, including our continuous disclosure materials, the audited consolidated financial statements, MD&A and Annual Information Form ("AIF"), which contain extensive disclosure of the history and properties of the Company, are available under the Company's profile on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).*

*This MD&A contains forward-looking information subject to risk factors in a cautionary note included in the Company's MD&A. The Company's audit committee reviewed the consolidated financial statements and MD&A and recommended approval to the Company's Board of Directors.*

*Refer to Note 3 of the audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2021, for details of the Company's significant accounting policies.*

Minco Silver (TSX: MSV) was incorporated under the laws of British Columbia, Canada, on August 20, 2004. Minco Silver is engaged in acquiring, exploring, and developing precious metals mineral properties and projects.

As of September 30, 2022, the Company had the following Chinese subsidiaries: Minco Investment Holding HK Ltd. ("Minco HK"), Minco Resource Limited ("Minco Resources"), Minco Mining (China) Co. Ltd. ("Minco China"), Guang Dong Changfu Mining Co. Ltd., ("Changfu Minco"), Tibet Minco Mining Co. Ltd. ("Tibet Minco"), and its 51% interest in Mingzhong Mining Co. Ltd. ("Mingzhong"). Changfu Minco is subject to a 10% net profit interest held by Guangdong Geological Bureau ("GGB") and the Company.

At the date of this MD&A, the Company has 61,025,083 common shares and 6,639,000 stock options outstanding.

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1. Highlights for Period

- (1) During the nine months ended September 30, 2022, the Company actively sought new mineral properties, reviewing the various mineral properties, visiting mineral sites, conducting due diligence, and discussing with projects consultants and lawyers.
- (2) During the nine months ended September 30, 2022, the Company entered into a share option to purchase agreement (the "Option Agreement") with VIAD Royalties AB ("VIAD"), a wholly owned subsidiary of EMX Royalty Corporation ("EMX"), to acquire all of the issued and outstanding shares of VMS Exploration AS, a Norwegian corporation (the "Target Company"), free and clear of all encumbrances. Pursuant to the terms of the Option Agreement, Minco Silver was granted the exclusive right to acquire (the "Option") an 100% interest in the Sagvoll and Sulitjelma properties in Norway.

The Option Agreement provides VIAD with cash payments and work commitments by VIAD during a one-year option period. Upon exercise of an option on either project, the Company will pay the equity stakes, offer additional work commitments, advance royalty payments, milestone payment and a 2.5% net smelter return royalty from any production of the property (the "NRS royalty") to VIAD.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2022, the Company incurred a total of \$341,582 of exploration and evaluation ("E&E") expenditures on Sagvoll and Sultjelma properties. (Refer to Section 2 for more details).

- (3) During the nine months ended September 30, 2022, the Company responded to Changning Longxin Mining Co., Ltd. ("Longxin Mining")'s appeal against the court verdict. On June 6, 2022, a final judgment was received, upholding the original decision on November 12, 2021. On June 17, 2022, the Company formally submitted the enforcement request to the court. On June 27, 2022, the court officially accepted the proposal and arranged for the enforcement judge. In September 2022, Longxin Mining transferred a loan repayment of \$5,946,826 (RMB 30,924,682) to the court. This loan repayment included \$2,826,175 (RMB 14,496,673) in Note principal payment and \$3,120,651 (RMB 16,228,009) in the Note accrued interest payment.

As at September 30, 2022, the amount of the outstanding Note principal was \$7,831,960 (RMB 40,727,760) (December 31, 2021: \$11,057,243 (RMB 55,424,433)), and the accrued interest included in the Company's receivable was \$26,803 (RMB 139,379) (December 31, 2021: \$1,949,863 (RMB 9,773,693)).

The Company received \$5,946,826 (RMB 30,924,682) from the court in October 2022.

- (4) The Company invested in specific equity through the public market using the Company's surplus cash held. The investment does not alter the Company's business focus on the exploration and development of mineral properties.

As at September 30, 2022, the fair market value of such investments was \$2,136,237 (December 30, 2021 - \$3,694,466). During the nine months ended September 30, 2022, the Company purchased various companies' common shares and warrants with a total cost of \$488,046 and realized a gain of \$478,553 from the disposal of certain investments with disposal proceeds of \$1,272,115.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2022, the Company also invested in floating return wealth management products ("WMPs") without principal protection issued by China Merchant Bank.

As at September 30, 2022, the fair market value of such investments was \$20,632,805 (December 31, 2021 - \$19,438,062). During the nine months ended September 30, 2022, the Company disposed of \$15,251,010 of the investment, repurchased \$17,096,674 of the investment and realized a gain of \$381,101.

- (5) The Company announced a change of management. The former Chief Financial Officer ("CFO") and corporate secretary, Ms. Melinda Hsu, resigned. Ms. Renee Lin was appointed as the new CFO and corporate secretary effective July 13, 2022.

## 2. Exploration and Project Development Activities

### 2.1 Mineral interests

In the past, the Company experienced significant delays in the renewal of exploration permits for the Fuwan Silver Deposit and Changkeng Gold Project. As a result, in 2019, the Company impaired \$60,246,258 of exploration and evaluation costs incurred in the Fuwan Silver Project and Changkeng Gold Project.

Although the Company fully impaired the Fuwan Silver and Changkeng Gold projects, the renewal applications for the exploration permits were still ongoing. In late 2020, the Changkeng Gold Project exploration permit was renewed. In early March 2021, the Company received a new exploration permit for the Fuwan Silver Project for five years with an expiry date of March 8, 2026. With both exploration permits renewed, the Company plans to resume its permitting, obtaining a mining license for its Changkeng Gold Project and Fuwan Silver Projects.

A value-in-use calculation is not applicable as the Company has no expected cash flows from using these mineral properties at this stage of operations. In estimating the fair value less cost of disposal, management did not have observable or unobservable inputs to estimate the recoverable amount greater than \$Nil. As this valuation technique requires management's judgment and estimates of the recoverable amount, it is classified within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy.

### 2.2 Disclosure of Technical Information

The Fuwan Silver Project and the Changkeng Gold Project are located in a significant part of the northeast-trending Fuwan silver belt, which hosts the known gold and silver occurrences in the Sanzhou basin. Technical information or other scientific information about the Fuwan Silver Project is disclosed in two Technical Reports, which are available on the System for Electronic Document Analysis and Retrieval ("SEDAR") at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) under the Company's profile or on the Company's website at [www.mincosilver.com](http://www.mincosilver.com).

The following is a summary:

A National Instrument 43-101 ("NI 43-101") compliant technical report entitled "Technical Report and Updated Resource Estimate on the Fuwan Property Guangdong Province, China," dated January 25, 2008, was prepared by Eugene Puritch, P. Eng. Ontario, Tracy Armstrong, P. Geo Ontario, and Antoine Yassa, P. Geo. Québec. This technical report includes relevant information regarding the data, data validation and the assumptions, parameters, and methods of the mineral resource estimates on the Fuwan Silver Project.

A NI 43-101 compliant technical report entitled "Fuwan Silver Project Feasibility Study Technical Report" effective date September 1, 2009 (the "Feasibility Study") was prepared by John Huang, P. Eng., S. Byron V. Stewart, P. Eng., Aleksandar Živković, P. Eng. and Scott Cowie, B. Eng, MAusIMM, and Eugene Puritch, P. Eng. These preparers are qualified persons for NI 43-101. This technical report includes relevant information regarding the data, data validation and the assumptions, parameters and methods used in determining the ore reserves on the Fuwan Silver Project.

The Company acquired Changkeng Gold Project from Minco Capital Corp. ("Minco Capital") on July 31, 2015. Technical Information on the Changkeng Gold Project is available from the NI 43-101 technical report prepared for Minco Capital entitled "Technical Report and Updated Resource Estimate on the Changkeng Gold Project Guangdong Province, China," dated effective February 21, 2009, and prepared by Tracy Armstrong, P. Geo Ontario, Eugene Puritch, P. Eng. Ontario and Antoine Yassa, P. Geo. Québec is the qualified person for NI 43-101. This technical report includes relevant information regarding the data, data validation and the assumptions, parameters, and methods of the mineral resource estimates on the Changkeng Gold Project. It is available at [www.sedar.ca](http://www.sedar.ca) under the profile of Minco Capital.

The Company has not updated the three technical reports or feasibility studies mentioned above since their initial publication. Therefore, readers are cautioned not to rely on the above-mentioned technical reports/feasibility study for the assessment of the prospect of the Fuwan Silver Project and Changkeng Gold Project and for the accuracy of specific numbers, including the mineral resources estimates, capital cost, development cost, preproduction cost and operating cost presented in this MD&A, which have been derived from the above-mentioned technical reports.

All other disclosure of a scientific or technical nature in this MD&A was reviewed and approved by Wan Fang, a Member of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Ontario (P. Geo) and a "qualified person" as such term is defined in NI 43-101.

The Company is evaluating the Fuwan and Changkeng projects for further exploration and development or sale.

### 2.3 Fuwan Silver Project

The Company, through Changfu Minco, has Luohe-Jilinggang Permit on the Fuwan area covering a total area of 21.75 mk<sup>2</sup> located in Gaoming County, approximately 45 km southwest of Guangzhou, the fourth largest city in China and the capital city of Guangdong Province.

The Luohe- Jilinggang Permit was renewed in early March 2021 for five years with an expiry date of March 8, 2026.

### 2.4 Changkeng Gold Project

The Changkeng Gold Project is adjoined to the Fuwan Silver Project and situated close to well-established water, power, and transportation infrastructure. The Company has 51% interest in the Changkeng Project through its subsidiary Mingzhong, a cooperative joint-venture established with three Chinese partners.

The Changkeng exploration permit expires on November 21, 2022. The Company plans to renew the exploration permit before the expiration date.

### 2.5 Sagvoll and Sulitjelma Projects

During the nine months ended September 30, 2022, the Company entered into an Option Agreement with VIAD, a wholly owned subsidiary of EMX, to acquire all of the issued and outstanding shares of VMS Exploration AS, the Target Company, free and clear of all encumbrances. Pursuant to the terms of the Option Agreement, Minco Silver has granted the Option a 100% interest in the Sagvoll and Sulitjelma properties in Norway.

Under the terms of the Option Agreement, the Company can acquire up to 100% interest in the Sagvoll and Sulitjelma Projects. In order to exercise the Option, the Company needs to:

1. Pay to VIAD:
  - a. \$60,000 (paid) on the signing of the Option Agreement;
  - b. \$200,000 (paid) minimum exploration expenditures by the first anniversary of the Effective Date;
  - c. \$35,000 by the first anniversary of the Effective Date (the "Option Expiry Date"); and
  - d. \$9,780 (NOK 75,000) by the first anniversary of the Effective Date as reimbursement for the establishment of the Target Company;
2. Issue VIAD 2% of the issued and outstanding shares of the Company, or up to a maximum of 2,000,000 shares by the first anniversary of the agreement
3. Deliver to VIAD a royalty agreement for a 2.5% net smelter returns royalty from any production of the properties (the "NSR"), subject to Minco Silver's right to buy down one-fifth of the NSR to reduce it to 2.0%, upon payment to VIAD of \$1,000,000 on or before the 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the agreement.

After the exercise of the Option and the date of the transfer of the properties to the Company (the "Closing Date"), and to maintain the option, the Company is required to incur exploration expenditures of:

1. \$400,000 by the second anniversary of the Effective Date;
2. \$1,400,000 by the third anniversary of the Effective Date;
3. Cumulative \$4,000,000 by the fifth anniversary of the Effective Date

In addition, the Company is also required to:

1. issue to VIAD equal to 0.5% of the issued and outstanding shares of the Company, up to a maximum of 500,000 shares within six months of the Closing Date.

2. make the milestone payment of \$250,000 on each retained project, a total of \$500,000, upon completion of a preliminary economic assessment (or “PEA”) and pay \$250,000 on each retained project, a total of \$500,000 upon completion of a positive feasibility study (“PFS”) to EMX. These milestone payments can be made in cash or shares of Minco Silver.
3. pay VIAD an advanced annual royalty of \$25,000 (the “Annual Advance Royalty”) on each of the Properties retained, until the commencement of commercial production on the third anniversary of the Effective Date. The amount of the Annual Advanced Royalty payment will increase by fifteen percent (15%) each year but will be capped at \$75,000 per year for each of the Properties.

The Company will be responsible to maintain the properties in good standing under applicable Norwegian mining laws, and report the exploration expenditures, before and after the Closing Date.

The Sagvoll and Sulitjelma polymetallic projects in Norway are located in the early Paleozoic VMS belt in Norway, which saw numerous districts and mines in operation from the 1600s through the 1990s. The Sagvoll project hosts both volcanogenic massive sulfide (“VMS”) styles of mineralization and magmatic sulfide nickel-copper mineralization. The Sulitjelma project is a past producer of VMS polymetallic mineralization. The combination of base, battery and precious metals makes this an especially compelling portfolio of projects.

Sagvoll Project, Caledonian VMS Belt, Southern Norway: The Sagvoll project in southern Norway consists of both VMS and magmatic nickel-copper sulfide mineralization developed along the Caledonian orogenic trend. This metallogenic region represents a tectonically displaced continuation of the Cambrian-Ordovician VMS belts in northeastern North America, which includes the Buchans and Bathurst VMS camps in eastern Canada, and also the Avoca VMS district in Ireland. As such, this represents one of the more prolific VMS belts in the world in terms of total production from its various mining districts, albeit now tectonically displaced and occurring along opposite sides of the Atlantic Ocean.

At Sagvoll, mineralization and historic mining areas are positioned along a 13-kilometre trend. Although multiple historic mines are present in the area, only limited historical drilling has taken place, most of which were drilled over 100 years ago. Many prospects and mining areas remain untested. The most recent work conducted in the district took place in 2006 when Xstrata PLC (“Xstrata”) flew airborne geophysical surveys and identified five prioritized nickel-copper targets and 11 VMS targets for further exploration and drill testing<sup>1</sup>. However, the follow-up exploration work was never completed.

It has been identified that several “walk-up” style drill targets are based on historical and more recent Xstrata data. The Company will work closely with EMX to systematically explore the area.

Sulitjelma District, Central Norway: The Sulitjelma VMS district was discovered in 1858 and was mined from 1891 to 1991. Sulitjelma was one of the last operating base metal mines in Norway. VMS-style mineralization occurs along a trend that extends over 20 kilometres and is developed along multiple stratigraphic horizons and structurally repeated sections. Metamorphism and deformation have caused the thickening and repetition of mineralized horizons in the area. The district produced over 25 million tonnes, averaging 1.84% copper, 0.86% inc, 10 g/t silver and 0.25 g/t gold. Significant historical resources were left unmined at the time of closure in the early 1990s.

The district has seen very little work since the mines closed. Recent (2014) airborne geophysical surveys highlighted multiple conductive anomalies along the primary trend of mineralization that have not yet been drill tested. The geologists have found outcropping expressions of VMS style mineralization, also along trend, that have not been developed or drill tested.

## 2.6 E&E expenditures

E&E expenditures are the expenses related to Sagvoll and Sulitjelma projects in Norway. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2022, E&E expenditures were \$Nil (2021 - \$Nil), and \$341,582 (2021 - \$Nil), respectively.

E&E expenditures of the Company, by the property and by nature of the expense, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2022, and 2021 were as follows:

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<sup>1</sup> Internal Xstrata PLC internal report by Beaudoin for A/S Sulfidmalm Project 206, “Report of field work in the Skjarkerdalen area, central Norway: Summer 2006”. On file at Geological Survey of Norway (NGU).

	Sagvoll Project		Sulijelma Projects		Total	
	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Acquisition costs	30,000	-	30,000	-	60,000	-
Assays and analyses	4,172	-	2,766	-	6,938	-
Camp, utilities and supplies	14,572	-	5,187	-	19,759	-
Consulting	13,844	-	37,343	-	51,187	-
Equipment rentals	6,367	-	5,741	-	12,108	-
Geophysical and other surveys	346	-	1,471	-	1,817	-
Legal	25,613	-	25,611	-	51,224	-
Salaries	39,506	-	32,242	-	71,748	-
Travel	11,081	-	12,174	-	23,255	-
Others	21,773	-	21,773	-	43,546	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>167,274</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>174,308</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>341,582</b>	<b>-</b>

## 2.7 Property investigation and permitting expenses

In 2019, the Company impaired \$60 million of capitalized exploration and evaluation costs incurred on the Fuwan Silver Project and Changkeng Gold Project due to the delay and uncertainty in the renewal of exploration permits. Since then, the Company has expensed all permitting, exploration and evaluation costs until a further review of the potential of the projects.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2022, the Company incurred the expenditures for maintaining the exploration permits.

The Company is also focused on the acquisition of advanced high-quality mineral projects around the world. During the nine months ended September 30, 2022, the exploration team reviewed and evaluated various potential properties and travelled to Europe and South America, conducting due diligence.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2022, the total expenditures related to property investigation and permitting expenses such as salary, consulting fees, legal fees, travelling, permitting and other expenses were \$460,236, which includes a permitting recovery of \$95,000 from the Chinese government as compensation for using a certain area (belonging to the Company for exploration) for road construction during 2022 (2021 - \$451,139).

## 3. Results of Operations

### 3.1 Operating Result Comparison for the Three Months Ended September 30, 2022, and 2021

	2022	2021	Change
	\$	\$	\$
E&E expenditures	(341,582)	-	(341,582)
Administrative expenses	(492,989)	(510,627)	17,638
Other income (expenses)	353,563	2,018,798	(1,665,235)
Share of loss from equity investment	(47,784)	(463,078)	415,294
<b>Income (loss) before income taxes</b>	<b>(528,792)</b>	<b>1,045,093</b>	<b>(1,573,885)</b>

Loss before income taxes for the three months ended September 30, 2022, was \$529,000 compared to an income before income taxes of \$1,045,000 in the comparative period of prior year.

The increase in loss of \$1,574,000 was mainly due to a decrease in interest income and an increase in unrealized loss on investment of financial assets.

### Share of loss from equity investment

The Company shares 12.7% of Hemnova Lifetech Corp. (“Hemnova”)’s issued and outstanding common shares. During the three months ended September 30, 2022, the Company shared Hemnova’s loss of \$48,000 (2021 - \$278,000).

The movement in connection with the operating expenses and other income (expenses) are discussed in sections 3.1.1 and 3.1.2 below.

#### 3.1.1 Operating Expenses

The Company maintains an office in Gaoyao County, Zhaoqin City, Guangdong province, an office in Beijing, China and Vancouver, Canada. The Company’s operating expenses include E&E expenditures, the overhead associated with administering and property investigation and permitting fees. The following table is a summary of the Company’s operating expenses for the three months ended September 30, 2022, and 2021:

Three months ended September 30	ref	2022	2021	Change
		\$	\$	\$
E&E expenditures	f	341,582	-	341,582
Audit, legal and regulatory	a	54,808	33,512	21,296
Amortization		76,344	73,913	2,431
Consulting	b	3,225	58,686	(55,461)
Directors’ fees		17,250	17,250	-
Interest expenses		14,854	15,437	(583)
Office supplies	c	61,245	28,555	32,690
Property investigation and permitting expenses		109,811	111,071	(1,260)
Rent		840	5,781	(4,941)
Salaries and benefits	d	14,452	121,332	(106,880)
Share-based compensation	e	129,240	31,774	97,466
Travel and others		10,920	13,316	(2,396)
<b>Total operating expenses</b>		<b>834,571</b>	<b>510,627</b>	<b>323,944</b>

During the three months ended September 30, 2022, the Company’s operating expenses increased by \$324,000 compared to the prior year’s same period.

Certain reclassifications have been made to the prior year to conform to the current year’s presentation, and the significant changes in the operating expenses are listed as follows:

(a) The legal and filing fees increased by \$21,000 during the three months ended September 30, 2022 as the Company sought a legal service for surplus fund investment in China and regulatory requirements.

(b) The former CFO resigned, effective July 13, 2022. The former CFO’s fee was recorded as a consulting fee. Also, in 2021, the Company paid the recruiting fees to a consultant for hiring a senior geologist.

(c) The office administration expenses increased by \$33,000 during the three months ended September 30, 2022, as the Company shared a comparatively higher portion of office expenses.

(d) Salaries and benefits decreased by \$107,000 mainly due to the reduction of the management team in the Vancouver office and the reallocation of the fee structure in China during the three months ended September 30, 2022.

(e) Share-based compensation fluctuates yearly depending on the timing and fair value of options vested in each period. During the three months ended September 30, 2022, the Company amortized the newly granted 3,000,000 stock options in May 2022.

(f) E&E expenditures were the expenditure incurred related to Sagvoll and Sulijelma Projects under the option agreement. The expenditures were mainly for the exploration expenses, including acquisition costs, mapping and sampling, assays and



analysis, equipment rental, technical reports, consulting and travelling expenses. During the three months ended September 30, 2022, the E&E expenditures were \$341,582 (2021 - \$Nil).

### 3.1.2 Other Income (Expenses)

Three months ended September 30,	2022	2021	Change
	\$	\$	\$
Foreign exchange gain	574,159	85,499	488,660
Gain on disposal of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	289,346	1,351,093	(1,061,747)
Unrealized gain (loss) on investment in financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	(787,000)	72,586	(859,586)
Credit losses	(42,170)	(31,047)	(11,123)
Interest and dividend income	319,228	540,667	(221,439)
<b>Total</b>	<b>353,563</b>	<b>2,018,798</b>	<b>(1665,235)</b>

#### Foreign exchange gain (loss)

The Company's foreign exchange gain (loss) is a result of two components:

- The effect of the exchange rate change between the US dollar and the Canadian dollar on the US dollar denominated in cash and cash equivalent and short-term investment held by the Company's parent and Hong Kong subsidiaries. The Canadian dollar is the functional currency of these entities.
- The effect of the exchange rate change between the US dollar and RMB on the US dollar-denominated deposit and short-term investment held by the Company's Chinese subsidiaries. RMB is the functional currency of the Company's Chinese subsidiaries.

During the three months ended September 30, 2022, the US dollar appreciated against Canadian dollars by approximately 6.4% (2021 – 2.7%), and the US dollar appreciated against RMB by about 6.4% (2021 – 0.1%). As a result, the net foreign exchange gain was \$182,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2022, compared to \$85,000 for the prior year's same period.

#### Gain on disposal of and net fair value change on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

Through the open market, the Company invested in certain common shares of public companies. Also, the Company invested in WMPs without principal protection issued by China Merchant Bank. The fair value is designated as a fair-value-through-profit-or-loss (FVTPL) financial asset and is measured at its fair value at inception and each subsequent reporting period.

During the three months ended September 30, 2022, the Company realized \$289,000 of capital gain from the disposal of shares purchased through the public stock market and from the redemption of WMPs.

During the three months ended September 30, 2022, the Company also recorded an unrealized loss of \$787,000 due to a decrease in the fair value of the investment portfolio from June 30, 2022.

#### Credit losses

In April 2021, Minco China entered into a legal service agreement (the "Anheli Service Agreement") with Beijing Anheli Law Firm ("Anheli") for a legal action to recover the outstanding Note principal and accrued interest. The Company must pay a success fee of 10% of the total principal and interests recovered by its legal action. Therefore, the Company accrued 10% as credit losses of \$1,182,000 (RMB 6,083,561) as of December 31, 2021. During the three months ended September 30, 2022, the Company accrued an additional credit loss of \$42,000 (RMB 216,000).

### Interest and dividend income

During the three months ended September 30, 2022, the interest and dividend income were mainly from the interest accrued on Longxin's loan. The interest income decreased by \$221,000 compared to the same period of the prior year. The decrease was mainly due to the repayment of the loan.

### 3.2 Operating Result Comparison for the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2022, and 2021

	2022	2021	Change
	\$	\$	\$
E&E expenditures	(341,582)	-	(341,582)
Administrative expenses	(1,575,480)	(1,639,911)	64,431
Other income (expenses)	833,093	2,929,054	(2,095,961)
Share of loss from equity investment	(430,420)	(874,806)	444,386
Income (loss) before income taxes	(1,514,389)	414,337	(1,928,726)

Net loss for the nine months ended September 30, 2022, was \$1.5 million compared to an income of \$0.4 in the prior year. The increase in loss of \$1.9 million was mainly due to a decrease in interest income and an increase in unrealized loss on investment of financial assets.

The share of loss from equity investment was discussed in section 3.1 above.

The movement in connection with the operating expenses and other income (expenses) are discussed in sections 3.2.1 and 3.2.2 below.

#### 3.2.1 Operating Expenses

The Company maintains an office in Gaoyao County, Zhaoqin City, Guangdong province, an office in Beijing, China and Vancouver, Canada. The Company's operating expenses include overhead associated with administering and property investigation and permitting fees.

The following table is a summary of the Company's operating expenses for the nine months ended September 30, 2022, and 2021:

Nine months ended September 30	ref	2022	2021	Change
		\$	\$	\$
E&E expenditures	a	341,582	-	341,582
Audit, legal and regulatory	a	184,852	166,856	17,996
Amortization	b	232,744	176,192	56,552
Consulting	a	48,225	147,684	(99,459)
Directors' fees		56,250	58,500	(2,250)
Interest expenses		48,592	48,312	280
Office administration	a	165,075	109,290	55,785
Property investigation and permitting expenses		460,236	451,139	9,097
Rent		15,145	17,565	(2,420)
Salaries and benefits	a	155,783	301,378	(145,595)
Share-based compensation	a	176,062	125,872	50,190
Travel and others		32,516	37,123	(4,607)
Total operating expenses		1,917,062	1,639,911	277,151

(a). For the details of the period-to-period movement, refer to section 3.1.1.

(b) The amortization increased by \$57,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2022, compared to the prior year's same period. The increase was mainly due to the increase in amortization on lease improvement for the Beijing China office, which started to amortize from April 2021.

### 3.2.2 Other Income (Expenses)

Nine months ended September 30,	2022	2021	Change
	\$	\$	\$
Foreign exchange gain (loss)	688,143	(28,807)	716,950
Gain on disposal of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	859,654	1,392,344	(532,690)
Unrealized gain (loss) on investment in financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	(1,894,742)	28,244	(1,922,986)
Credit losses	(212,858)	(1,198,471)	985,613
Interest and dividend income	1,392,896	2,735,744	(1,342,848)
Total	833,093	2,929,054	(2,095,961)

#### Foreign exchange gain (loss)

The Company's foreign exchange gain (loss) is a result of two components:

- The effect of the exchange rate change between the US dollar and Canadian dollar on the US dollar denominated in cash and cash equivalent and short-term investment held by the Company's parent and Hong Kong subsidiaries. The Canadian dollar is the functional currency of these entities.
- The effect of the exchange rate change between the US dollar and RMB on the US dollar-denominated deposit and short-term investment held by the Company's Chinese subsidiaries. RMB is the functional currency of the Company's Chinese subsidiaries.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2022, the US dollar appreciated against Canadian dollars by approximately 7.5% (2021 – 0.07%), and the US dollar appreciated against RMB by about 12.2% (2021 – depreciated 1.0%). As a result, the net foreign exchange gain was \$688,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2022, compared to a loss of \$29,000 for the prior year.

#### Gain and unrealized gain (loss) on investment in financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

During the nine months ended September 30, 2022, the Company realized \$479,000 of capital gain from the disposal of shares purchased through the public stock market and \$381,000 from the redemption of WMPs.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2022, the Company also recorded an unrealized loss of \$1,584,000 in the common share portfolio and an unrealized loss of \$311,000 from WMPs as a result of a change in the fair value of the investment portfolio from December 31, 2021.

#### Credit losses

For a detailed discussion, refers to section 3.1.2 above.

#### Interest and dividend income

For a detailed discussion, refers to section 3.1.2 above.

#### 4. Summary of Quarterly Results

	Income (loss) attributable to	Earnings (loss) per share	
	shareholders	Basic	Diluted
	\$	\$	\$
09-30-2022	(481,008)	(0.01)	(0.01)
06-30-2022*	(1,234,756)	(0.02)	(0.02)
03-31-2022	262,104	0.00	0.00
12-31-2021*	(1,775,113)	(0.03)	(0.03)
09-30-2021*	846,518	0.01	0.01
06-30-2021	(132,687)	(0.00)	(0.00)
03-31-2021	(483,357)	(0.01)	(0.01)
12-31-2020	(218,637)	(0.00)	(0.00)

Variations in quarterly performance over the years and eight quarters were primarily due to variation in impairment charges recorded, change in the foreign exchange rate and share-based compensation. Appreciation or depreciation of the US dollar can result in significant foreign exchange gains and losses due to the US dollar funds held by the Company.

\*Net income of \$847,000 for the quarter ended September 30, 2021, was mainly due to the realized gain from investment in financial assets at fair value through profit or loss.

\*Net loss of \$1,775,000 for the quarter ended December 31, 2021, was mainly due to a \$1,437,000 impairment on the equity investment in Hempnova.

\*Net loss of 1,235,000 for the quarter ended September 30, 2022, was mainly due to an unrealized loss of \$923,000 from investment in financial assets at fair value through profit or loss.

#### 5. Liquidity and Capital Resources

##### 5.1 Cash Flows

	Nine months ended September 30,	
	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Operating activities, cash outflow	(1,243,400)	(1,642,503)
Financing activities, cash outflow	(205,061)	(163,318)
Investing activities, cash inflow (outflow)	1,628,620	(2,831,197)

##### **Operating activities**

During the nine months ended September 30, 2022, and 2021, no revenue was generated from the operation. Cash used in the operating activities in 2022 mainly accounted for money used in operations of \$1,460,000 (2021 - \$1,321,000) and \$216,000 of cash generated from working capital (2021 – cash used in working capital \$353,000).

##### **Financing activities**

During the nine months ended September 30, 2022, the Company paid \$205,000 in connection with the lease obligation (2021 - \$163,000).

## Investing activities

During the nine months ended September 30, 2022, the Company disposed \$16,500,000 (2021 - \$7,818,000) and purchased \$17,585,000 of financial assets (2021 - \$9,816,000). The Company had a net redemption of short-term investment of \$2,799,000 of short-term investment (2021 – net purchase of \$1,173,000). The Company also disposed \$3,200 lease improvement for the office in China (2021 – purchase of \$24,000) and received \$148,000 of the interest and dividend income (2021 - \$363,000).

### 5.2 Capital Resources and Liquidity Risk

The Company uses the following critical financial measurements to assess its financial condition and liquidity:

	September 30, 2022	December 31, 2021
	\$	\$
Working capital	42,012,352	44,189,583
Cash and cash equivalents	5,745,482	5,020,671
Short-term investment	2,056,050	4,987,531
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	22,769,042	23,132,528

The Company has not generated revenues yet and currently relies on cash on hand for its working capital requirements to fund exploration, development, permitting and administrative activities.

The Company believes the working capital is sufficient to meet its current operational and development obligations in the 12-month operating period. The Company is not subject to external constraints in using its resources on hand.

The Company has a significant amount of cash, cash equivalents, and short-term investment in China. For the money denominated in RMB maintained in China, the remittance of funds from jurisdictions outside China is subject to government rules and regulations on foreign currency controls. Such remittance requires approval by the relevant government authorities, designated banks in China, or both.

Most of the Company's China operating subsidiaries had accumulated losses. However, suppose these Chinese subsidiaries become profitable in the future and have extra cash to pay to the parent company outside China. In that case, the repatriation of profits out of China is subject to restrictions. To repatriate profits from China, the Company must comply with Chinese regulations about repatriations. Minco China must provide the following documents to its Chinese bank: (i) a board resolution authorizing the distribution; (ii) a capital verification report and an audit report; (iii) a tax certificate, which shows that Minco China has paid the related tax in compliance with Chinese laws; and (iv) a foreign exchange registration certificate. Minco China will comply with these requirements when needed.

In 2020, the Company applied to reduce the registered capital of Minco China by US \$20 million from US \$60 million the US \$40 million. After a long working process, the application was approved by various Chinese government agencies. The Company plans to wire the funds once sufficient RMB term deposits get matured and the outstanding Note principal repayment is received for funding the potential acquisition of properties outside of China.

### 6. Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

The Company does not have off-balance sheet arrangements.

### 7. Transactions with Related Parties

#### (a) Key management compensation

Key management includes the Company's directors and senior management.

During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2022, and 2021, the following compensation and benefits were paid to or accrued for the key management.

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Senior management remuneration and benefit <sup>(i)</sup>	146,013	133,096	427,544	427,423
Directors' fees	17,250	17,250	56,250	58,500
Share-based compensation	108,981	22,507	142,537	92,379
	272,244	172,853	626,331	578,302

(i) including living allowance and medical insurance for the CEO in China.

(b) Rental agreement with the CEO

On April 1, 2019, the Company's wholly-owned subsidiary, Minco China, entered into a lease agreement for the use of an office in Beijing, China, with the Company's CEO, the owner of the property, with an effective date of April 1, 2019, and expiry date on August 31, 2021. In March 2021, the lease term was extended to August 31, 2026. The monthly rent is \$17,485 (RMB 90,000).

(c) Shared office expenses

The Company, Minco Capital Corp. ("Minco Capital"), Hemnova and Minco Base Metals Corporation ("MBM") have certain directors and management in common. These four companies share certain offices and administrative expenses.

During the three months ended September 30, 2022, the Company paid or accrued \$15,688 (September 30, 2021 – \$13,415) in respect of rent and \$53,253 (September 30, 2021 – \$60,589) in shared head office expenses and administration costs to Minco Capital.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2022, the Company paid or accrued \$31,751 (September 30, 2021 – \$36,428) in respect of rent and \$134,744 (September 30, 2021 – \$179,512) in shared head office expenses and administration costs to Minco Capital.

(d) Due from (due to) related parties

	September 30, 2022	December 31, 2021
	\$	\$
Due to:		
CEO	(194,525)	(43,602)
Total	(194,525)	(43,602)
Due from:		
Hemnova - reimbursement of shared expenses	159,215	132,220
Minco Capital - reimbursement of shared expenses	-	6,420
MBM – reimbursement of shared expenses	23,469	24,348
Total	11,841	162,988

The amounts due from (to) are unsecured, non-interest bearing and payable on demand.

(e) Trust arrangement with MBM

In 2018, the Company disposed of two former subsidiaries (Minco Yinyuan Co. and Minco International Resources Limited) to MBM. After the disposition, Minco Yinyuan has a trust arrangement with Minco China, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, to continue holding particular cash and short-term investments for Minco China. As at September 30, 2022, the amount held by Minco Yinyuan in trust for Minco China was \$159,741 (December 31, 2021 - \$155,296).

(f) Investment in Hempnova

The Company has a significant influence on Hempnova as the Company and Hempnova have certain directors and management in common; in addition, certain directors and management also, directly and indirectly, own Hempnova common shares.

8. Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments

Refer to note 3 of the audited annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2021.

9. Significant Accounting Policies

The financial information presented in this MD&A has been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards. The Company's management has made judgments and estimates that affect the application of the Company's accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual charges incurred by the Company may differ from these values.

The Company's significant accounting policies applied judgements, and estimates are set out in note 3 of the audited annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2021.

10. Financial Instruments expenses

The Company measured its investments in common shares from the open market at their fair value at inception and each subsequent reporting period. Fair values of financial instruments not measured at fair value approximate their carrying value due to their short-term nature.

Financial assets and liabilities recognized on the balance sheet at fair value can be classified in a hierarchy based on the significance of the inputs used in the measurements. The levels in the hierarchy are:

Level 1 - quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;

Level 2 - inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (that is, as prices) or indirectly (that is, derived from prices); and

Level 3 - inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (that is, unobservable inputs).

Financial instruments that are not measured at fair value on the balance sheet are represented by cash and cash equivalent, short-term investments, receivables, note receivable, due to and from related parties, account payable and accrued liabilities. The fair values of these financial instruments approximate their carrying value due to their short-term nature.

The Company's financial instruments are as follows:

	September 30, 2022	December 31, 2021
	\$	\$
<b>Fair value through profit and loss</b>		
Marketable securities (level 1)	2,136,237	3,694,466
Non-principal-protected wealth management products (level 2)	20,632,805	19,438,062
<b>Amortized cost financial assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	5,745,482	5,020,671
Short-term investments	2,056,050	4,987,531
Note receivable	7,831,960	11,057,243
Receivables	69,299	2,112,919
Due from related parties	6,118,515	162,988
Deposit	182,684	69,407
<b>Amortized cost financial liabilities</b>		
	\$	\$
Due to related party	194,525	43,602
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	232,341	215,620
Credit losses payable	1,380,559	1,213,678
Due to minority shareholders of a subsidiary	341,410	354,195
Lease obligations, current	154,493	172,603
Lease obligations, non-current	583,140	566,988

### Financial risk factors

The Company's activities expose it to various financial risks: market risk (including price risk, currency risk and interest rate risk), credit risk and liquidity risk. Risk management activities are carried out by management, which identifies and evaluates the financial risks.

#### Credit risk

Counterparty credit risk is the financial benefits of contracts with a specific counterparty that will be lost if the counterparty defaults on its obligations under the contract. This includes any cash amounts owed to the Company by these counterparties, less any amounts owed to the counterparty by the Company where a legal right of set-off exists and also includes the fair value contracts with individual counterparties, which are recorded in the consolidated financial statements. The Company considers its Cash and cash equivalent, short-term investments, and note receivable to be exposed to credit risk.

To manage credit risk, the Company:

- limits its credit exposure on cash and cash equivalents by holding its deposits mainly with high credit quality financial institutions in Canada, Hong Kong and China,
- Obtain adequate collateral to secure the recoverability of the note receivable.



## **Foreign exchange risk**

The Company's functional currency is the Canadian dollar, and the functional currency of its Chinese subsidiaries is RMB. Most foreign currency risk is related to US dollar funds held by the Company and its Chinese subsidiaries. Therefore, the Company's net earnings are impacted by fluctuations in the valuation of the US dollar about the Canadian dollar and RMB. The Company does not hedge its exposure to currency fluctuations. The Company has completed a sensitivity analysis to estimate the impact that a change in foreign exchange rates would have on the net loss of the Company, based on the Company's net US\$3.13 million monetary assets as at September 30, 2022. This sensitivity analysis shows that a change of +/- 10% in the US\$ foreign exchange rate would have a -/+ US\$0.31 million impact on net loss.

## **Interest rate risk**

Financial instruments that expose the Company to interest rate risk are cash and cash equivalents, short-term investments and note receivable.

The Company does not hold cash and cash equivalent, short-term investments and note receivable at variable rates. As a result, the Company is not exposed to significant interest rate risk.

## **Liquidity risk**

Liquidity risk includes the risk that the Company cannot meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The Company has a planning and budgeting process to help determine the funds required to support the Company's standard operating requirements and its exploration and development plans. The annual budget is approved by the Company's board of directors. As at September 30, 2022, the Company has positive working capital of approximately \$42.0 million. Management concludes that the Company has sufficient funds to meet its current operating and exploration expenditures.

### 11. Risks Factor and Uncertainties

A comprehensive discussion of risk factors is included in the Company's AIF for the year ended December 31, 2021, which is available on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

### 12. Disclosure Controls and Procedure and Internal Controls over Financial Reporting

Internal control over financial reporting ("ICFR") is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and preparing financial statements for external purposes in accordance with IFRS. The control framework used to design the Company's ICFR is the Internal Control-Integrated Framework (2013), issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission ("COSO").

Management has evaluated the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures. Based on its evaluation, it has concluded that these controls and procedures provide reasonable assurance that material information relating to the Company is made known to management and reported as required. Management is also responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal controls over financial reporting. Any system of internal control over financial reporting, no matter how well designed, has inherent limitations and may not prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. Therefore, even those systems determined to be effective can provide only reasonable assurance with respect to financial statement preparation and presentation.

The CEO and the CFO evaluated the effectiveness of the Company's ICFR as of September 30, 2022. Based on the evaluation, the CEO and the CFO have concluded that as at September 30, 2022, the Company's internal control over financial reporting is effective.

The Board of Directors approves the financial statements and MD&A and ensures that management has discharged its financial responsibilities. The Board's review is accomplished principally through the Audit Committee, which meets periodically to review all financial reports before filing.

## 12.1. Changes in Internal Controls over Financial Reporting

NI 52-109 also requires Canadian public companies to disclose any changes in ICFR during the most recent fiscal quarter that have materially affected or are reasonably likely to affect ICFR. No material changes were made to internal controls in the three months ended September 30, 2022.

## 13. Cautionary Statement of Forward-Looking Information

Except for statements of historical fact, this MD&A contains certain “forward-looking information” and “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of applicable securities laws, which reflect management’s current expectations regarding, among other things and without limitation, the Company’s future growth, results of operations, performance and business prospects, opportunities, the future price of minerals and the effects thereof, the estimation of mineral reserves and resources, the timing and amount of estimated capital expenditures, the realization of mineral reserves estimates, costs and timing of proposed activities, plans and budgets for and expected results of exploration activities, exploration and permitting timelines, requirements for additional capital, government regulation of mining operations, environmental risks, reclamation obligations and expenses, the availability of future acquisition opportunities and use of the proceeds of from financing. Generally, forward-looking statements and information can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as “plans,” “expects,” “is expected,” “budget,” “scheduled,” “estimates,” “forecasts,” “intends,” “anticipates,” “believes” or variations of such words and phrases or statements that specific actions events or results “may,” “could,” “would,” “might,” “will be taken,” “occur” or “be achieved” or the negative connotation thereof.

Forward-looking statements are made based upon certain assumptions and other important factors that, if untrue, could cause the Company's actual results, performances or achievements to be materially different from future results, performances or achievements expressed or implied by such statements. Such statements and information are based on numerous assumptions regarding present and future business strategies and the company’s environment, including the price of silver and gold, anticipated costs and the ability to achieve goals. Certain important factors that could cause actual results, performances or achievements to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements include, among others, silver and gold price volatility, mineral reserves and resources and metallurgical recoveries, mining operations and development risks, litigation risks, regulatory restrictions (including environmental regulatory restrictions and liability), activities by governmental authorities (including changes in taxation and the evolution of environmental laws and regulations), currency fluctuations, the speculative nature of mineral exploration, the global economic climate, dilution, share price volatility, competition, loss of key employees, additional funding requirements and defective title to mineral claims or property.

Although the Company has attempted to identify important factors that could cause actual events or results to differ materially from those described in forward-looking statements, other factors may cause events or results not to be as anticipated, estimated or intended.

Such forward-looking information involves known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause the actual results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by statements containing forward-looking information. Such factors include, among others: effects of exploration and development activities, management’s historical experience with development-stage mining operations, regulatory changes, possible variations in reserves, grades or recovery rates, availability of material and equipment, timeliness of governmental approvals, changes in commodity prices (particularly silver prices), general economic, market and business conditions, unanticipated environmental impacts on operations, the availability of capital of acceptable terms, and the other factors discussed in the section entitled “Risk Factor and Uncertainties” in this MD&A.

Forward-looking statements included or incorporated by reference in this MD&A are based on a number of assumptions including, but not limited to:

- The collection of the note and accrued interest.
- The continued availability of equity and debt financing to fund the Fuwan Silver and Changkeng Projects-related exploration and development activities

- The continued ability of the Company to attract and retain key management personnel.
- The ability of the Company to evaluate precious metals projects outside China for potential acquisition.
- The ability of the Company to renew the exploration and mining area permits before their expiry.
- The ability of the Company to pursue an alternative strategy in finding a large mining group as a business partner in China or outside China.
- The Company can withdraw sufficient money from China when needed (e.g., to finance the acquisition of new mineral properties in areas other than China).

Although the Company has attempted to identify important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially, other factors may cause results not to be as anticipated, estimated or intended. There can be no assurance that statements containing forward-looking information will be accurate as actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such statements. Accordingly, readers should not rely on messages containing forward-looking information.

The Company undertakes no obligation to update forward-looking information if circumstances, management's estimates, or opinions should change except as required by law. Users of this MD&A are cautioned not to rely on forward-looking statements.