



## **Management Discussion and Analysis for the Quarter ended March 31, 2018**

This Management Discussion and Analysis (“MD&A”) should be read in conjunction with Aurcana Corporation’s (the “Company” or “Aurcana”) unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements for the quarter ended March 31 2018 and 2017, and the related notes thereto, which have been prepared in accordance with International Financing Reporting Standards (“IFRS”) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (“IASB”) applicable to the preparation of interim financial statements, including IAS 34, Interim Financial Reporting. This MD&A contains “forward-looking statements”, including, but not limited to, statements regarding the Company’s expectations, strategic plans, exploration budgets and mineral resource estimates. The information in this MD&A is current to May 24, 2018.

### ***Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Information***

This document contains certain forward-looking statements, including statements regarding, metals grades, potential mineralization, exploration results, and future plans and objectives of Aurcana Corporation. These statements are forward-looking statements that involve various risks and uncertainties. Forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements with respect to potential mineral grades or tonnages at the Shafter property, mining and processing of mineralized material, achieving projected recovery rates, anticipated production rates and mine life, operating efficiencies, costs and expenditures, changes in mineral resources, and other information that is based on forecasts of future operational or financial results, estimates of amounts not yet determinable and assumptions of management. Any statements that express or involve discussions with respect to predictions, expectations, beliefs, plans, projections, objectives, assumptions or future events or performance (often, but not always, using words or phrases such as “expects” or does not expect”, “is expected”, “anticipates” or “does not anticipate”, “plans”, “estimates” or “intends” or stating that certain actions, events or results “may”, “could”, “would”, “might” or “will” be taken, occur or be achieved) are not statements of historical fact and may be “forward-looking statements”. Forward-looking statements are subject to a variety of risks and uncertainties which could cause actual events or results to materially differ from those reflected in the forward-looking statements.

Actual results may differ materially from results contemplated by the forward-looking statements. Important factors that could differ materially from the Company’s expectations include, among others, risks related to unsuccessful further exploration results, metals prices, fluctuations in currency prices, international operations, conclusions of economic evaluations and changes in project parameters as plans continue to be refined as well as changes in the availability of funding for mineral exploration and development, unanticipated changes in key management personnel and general economic conditions. When relying on forward-looking statements to make decisions, investors and others should carefully consider the foregoing factors and other uncertainties and should not place undue reliance on such forward-looking statements. The Company does not undertake to update any forward-looking statements, oral or written, made by itself or on its behalf, except as required by applicable law. Accordingly, readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements.

This document includes disclosure of scientific and technical information, as well as information in relation to the estimation of resources, with respect to the Shafter Project. Aurcana’s disclosure of mineral resource information is governed by National Instrument 43-101 – Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects (“NI 43-101”) under the guidelines set out in the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum (the “CIM”) Standards on Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves, adopted by the CIM Council, as may be amended from time to time by the CIM.

Certain information in this presentation is derived from a report titled “Preliminary Economic Assessment and Updated Technical Report on the Shafter Project, Presidio County, Texas”, as amended January 25, 2017. A copy of

the report is available on the SEDAR website under Aurcana’s profile at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com). The scientific and technical information contained in this presentation has been reviewed and approved by J. Blackwell (P. Geol.), a Qualified Person as defined by NI 43-101, and a director of and a technical advisor to the Company.

Cautionary Note to United States Investors Concerning Estimates of Measured, Indicated and Inferred Resources: Disclosure herein uses the terms “Measured”, “Indicated” and “Inferred” Resources. United States investors are advised that while such terms are recognized and required by Canadian regulations, the United States Securities and Exchange Commission does not recognize them. “Inferred Mineral Resources” are considered too speculative geologically to have economic considerations applied to them. It cannot be assumed that all or any part of an Inferred Mineral Resource will ever be upgraded to a higher category. Under Canadian rules, estimates of Inferred Mineral Resources may not form the basis of feasibility or other economic studies except in limited circumstances. United States investors are cautioned not to assume that all or any part of Measured or Indicated Mineral Resources will ever be converted into Mineral Reserves. United States investors are also cautioned not to assume that all or any part of a Mineral Resource is economically or legally mineable.

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## QUALIFIED PERSON

A Director of the Company, Mr. Jerry Blackwell, (PGeo.) acts as a technical advisor to Aurcana and is a Qualified Person as defined by National Instrument 43-101 – *Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects*. He has reviewed and approved the technical information contained herein. Disclosure documents, including technical reports filed by Aurcana can be found under the Company's profile on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

## NATURE OF BUSINESS AND COMPANY DESCRIPTION

Aurcana was incorporated under the laws of Ontario on October 12, 1917 under the name "Cane Silver Mines Limited" and was continued under the Canadian Business Corporations Act on September 14, 1998 under the name Aurcana Corporation. Aurcana is a reporting issuer in British Columbia, Alberta and Ontario. The Company is listed on the TSX Venture Exchange ("TSX-V") under the symbol AUN and achieved Tier 1 status in October 2008.

Aurcana is engaged in the development of natural resource properties. The Company's principal exploration and development property is the Shafter Silver property (the "Shafter Project"), located in Presidio County, southwest Texas, which is currently on "care and maintenance". The Shafter Project is owned by Rio Grande Mining Company ("RGM") through the Company's 100% owned US subsidiary, Silver Assets Inc.

### *Basis of presentation and going concern*

The accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements have been prepared on the basis that the Company will continue as a going concern, which assumes that the Company will be able to meet its commitments, continue operations and realize its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of business until at least December 31, 2017. Several adverse conditions and material uncertainties, including low metal prices, cast significant doubt upon the going concern assumption. As at March 31, 2018, the Company had working capital of \$0.5million, compared with \$0.9 million as at December 31, 2017. The major components of working capital at March 31, 2018 included \$0.7 million of current assets, and \$0.2 million in accounts payable.

On February 14, 2017, the Company issued an aggregate of 11,529,013 units (each a "Unit") at a purchase price of CDN\$ 0.30 per Unit, raising gross proceeds of CDN\$ 3,458,704. Each Unit consists of one common share (a "Common Share") and one transferable common share purchase warrant (a "Warrant") of Aurcana. Each Warrant will be exercisable to acquire one additional Common Share at an exercise price of CDN\$ 0.45 until February 27, 2020.

On May 8, 2018, the Company issued an aggregate of 13,715,400 units (each a "Unit") at a purchase price of CDN\$ 0.20 per Unit, raising gross proceeds of CDN\$ 2,743,080. Each Unit consists of one common share (a "Common Share") and one transferable common share purchase warrant (a "Warrant") of Aurcana. Each Warrant will be exercisable to acquire one additional Common Share at an exercise price of CDN\$ 0.30 until May 3, 2021.

The Corporation's Consolidated Financial Statements and MD&A may be found under the corporation's profile at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) and on the Company's website [www.aurcana.com](http://www.aurcana.com). The reader should be aware that historical results are not necessarily indicative of future performance. All financial amounts are expressed in United States dollars, unless otherwise stated.

## OUTLOOK

The Company has sufficient working capital to meet its near-term obligations and continue with the Shafter Project as its principal asset. The Company is currently assessing in greater detail, the potential costs of re-starting the Shafter Project, specifically, the costs associated with opening the underground mine and the extent of the definition drill program needed to confirm available resources for immediate mining when and if a production decision is made.

The following factors make The Shafter Project a valuable asset for Aurcana:

The Shafter Project:

- Is located in the State of Texas, USA
- Is a high grade silver deposit.
- Is highly leveraged to the price of silver.
- The processing facility and refinery are built; some modifications are planned before re-start to ensure maximum operating efficiencies are achieved when and if a production decision is made.
- The Shafter Project has excellent infrastructure, with water, electrical power installed and a labour pool nearby.
- Prior mining activity has allowed for an improved, more refined resource model; development issues were identified and a realistic plan has been developed.
- Much of the technical risk of the Shafter Project has now been identified; what remains is manageable.
- Major permits needed to operate are in place.
- The Company is debt free, with a favourable share structure.
- A modified discharge permit allows the Company to de-water the underground workings of the Shafter Project, to use it at site or to discharge it at previously permitted locations on the Shafter property, or potentially sell it to a third party for industrial uses.
- The Company has completed a Preliminary Economic Assessment and. The management and the Board of Directors of the Company are considering all available options.
- A “brownfields” drilling program was undertaken in 2017.
- A drilling program is being planned for the second half of 2018.

## CORPORATE DEVELOPMENTS

*During the Quarter ended March 31, 2018:*

- As part of the Restructuring Transaction, the Company provides Orion certain consulting services by specified officers in connection with the operation of the La Negra mine in consideration for \$40,000 per month for a total period of 12 months starting February 2016, which has been extended on a month-to-month basis.
- The Company continued to meet its obligations to maintain its land holdings at Shafter, all necessary permits were maintained, and the Company succeeded in obtaining a new water discharge permit.
- Trans-Pecos Pipeline, LLC (“Trans Pecos”) has built a pipeline that will transport natural gas between the Permian Basin and Presidio, Texas for delivery to customers in Chihuahua, Mexico. The route of the pipeline crosses the Shafter property and may impact upon some aspects of mining-related activities if and when they resume. The pipeline project may have an additional impact on longer-term exploration and development. The Company had been in discussions with representatives of Trans Pecos concerning safety, the near and long-term impacts of a pipeline on the Company and Shafter, and alternate routes for the pipeline easement.

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In March 2016 the Company was made aware that Trans Pecos filed a lawsuit against RGMC to acquire the proposed easement through exercise of its alleged power of eminent domain. The Company has engaged counsel to challenge the public use of the pipeline project and to ensure it receives fair compensation for the impact of the proposed pipeline on the market value of the property and the Company's Shafter operations. Subsequent to the quarter ending March 31, 2018, the Company entered into a Permanent Easement Agreement granting the requested easement to Trans Pecos. The proposed settlement calls for cash compensation for lands taken by Trans Pecos, industry-standard indemnity clauses against future damages, certain limitations on blasting parameters within a measured set-back from the pipeline right-of-way, and rights of access to the Company's roads at Shafter.

- Silver Assets, Inc. ("SAI") a subsidiary of Aurcana Corporation, entered into a term assignment agreement (the "Assignment") with a privately-owned, Texas-based oil and gas firm (the "Assignee") in July 2016. Under the Assignment, three contiguous oil and gas leases (the "Leases") have been assigned by SAI to the Assignee for a three-year term, plus any further period during which oil or gas production takes place on the Leases. SAI has retained a Net Revenue Interest Royalty in respect of the Leases that may provide up to 25% of the net revenues therefrom. In consideration of the Assignment, the Assignee made a cash payment of US\$374,469.41 to SAI. The Leases total 564 "mineral acres" and are located approximately 200 miles northeast of the Company's Shafter project, in the Permian Basin of West Texas, near Midland.

## REVIEW OF FINANCIAL RESULTS

### Revenue

During the quarter ended March 31, 2018, the Company generated revenues from consulting services in connection with the operation of the La Negra mine, for a total of \$120,000. (2017: \$120,000) and recognized \$30,806 (2017: 30,806) from deferred revenue as part of the Oil & gas lease agreement.

### Administrative Costs

	Three months ended March 31,	
	2018	2017
Salaries and consulting fees	\$ 157,677	\$ 159,572
Professional fees	25,017	52,464
Investor relations	22,500	30,000
Marketing and road shows	18,667	29,027
Listing and filing fees	14,636	3,107
Other	69,566	52,881
	<u>\$ 308,063</u>	<u>\$ 327,051</u>

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Rent and overhead	<b>10,959</b>	9,973
Travel and accommodation	<b>2,910</b>	5,788
Office	<b>9,343</b>	11,819
Project Development	<b>20,059</b>	-
Insurance expense	<b>20,219</b>	-
Other	<b>6,076</b>	25,301
Total Other	<b><u>\$ 69,566</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 52,881</u></b>

**Quarterly Financial Information**

The Company's financial statements are reported under IFRS as issued by the IASB. The following tables provide highlights from the Company's financial statements of quarterly results for the past eight quarters inclusive of discontinued operations:

Quarter Ended	March 31 2018	December 31 2017	September 30 2017	June 30 2017
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Revenues from management fees and oil & gas lease	150,806	151,491	151,491	151,149
Earnings (loss) before income taxes	(414,879)	254,195	(823,505)	(1,070,412)
Net income (loss) for the period before other comprehensive items	(414,879)	254,195	(823,505)	(1,070,412)
Comprehensive income (loss) for the Period	(387,928)	318,874	(655,416)	(998,776)
Loss per share	-	-	(0.01)	(0.01)

Quarter Ended	March 31 2017	December 2016	September 2016	June 30 2016
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Revenues from management fees and oil & gas lease	150,806	(196,621)	494,469	120,000
Loss before income taxes	(422,224)	(585,333)	(354,297)	(766,101)
Net Loss for the period before other comprehensive items	(422,224)	(585,333)	(354,297)	(766,101)
Comprehensive Loss for the Period	(371,890)	(621,459)	(236,936)	(694,942)
Loss per share	-	-	-	(0.01)

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- During the three months ending March 31, 2018:
  - The Company received \$120,000 (2017: \$120,000) for consulting fees in connection with the operation of the La Negra mine and recognized \$30,806 (2017: \$30806) on deferred revenue, from oil and gas.
  - Shafter mine care & maintenance costs decreased during first quarter of 2018 to \$154,273 compared to the same period of 2017 (\$178,922) due to a decrease on the accrual of the property taxes.
- During the three months ending December 31, 2017:
  - The Company received \$120,000 (2016: \$120,000) for consulting fees in connection with the operation of the La Negra mine and recognized \$31,491 on deferred revenue, from oil and gas show a negative income.
  - Shafter mine care & maintenance costs reflect a negative expense during fourth quarter of 2017 of (\$52,725) as a result of the payback from the power company; compared to the same period of 2016 (\$70,911).
- During the three months ending September 30, 2017:
  - The Company received \$120,000 (2016: \$120,000) for consulting fees in connection with the operation of the La Negra mine and recognized \$31,491 (2016: \$374,469) from referred revenue as part of the Oil & gas lease agreement.
  - Shafter mine care & maintenance costs decreased during third quarter of 2017 to \$206,663 compared to the same period of 2016 (\$368,270) due to a decrease in taxes payable as a result of the repayment of taxes owed to the county for tax years 2014 & 2015.
- During the three months ending June 30, 2017:
  - The Company received \$120,000 (2016: \$120,000) for consulting fees in connection with the operation of the La Negra mine and recognized \$31,149 (2016: nil) from referred revenue as part of the Oil & gas lease agreement.
  - Shafter mine care & maintenance costs decreased during second quarter of 2017 to \$180,844 compared to the same period of 2016 (\$211,077) due to a decrease in taxes payable as a result of the repayment of taxes owed to the county for tax years 2014 & 2015. In addition, \$97,758 (nil-2016) of expenses were incurred in preparation for an exploration drilling program.
  - The Company issued 2.95 million options which represent a non-cash cost of \$504,373 as Stock base compensation.
- During the three months ending March 31, 2017, the Company received \$120,000 for consulting fees in connection with the operation of the La Negra mine and recognized \$30,806 (2016: nil) from referred revenue as part of the Oil & gas lease agreement.
- Shafter mine care & maintenance costs increased during the first three months of 2017 to \$178,922 compared to three months ending March 31, 2016 (\$99,616) owing to adjustments in accounts payable.
- During the three months ending December 31, 2016, the Company received \$120,000 for consulting fees in connection with the operation of the La Negra mine. Due to an adjustment on deferred revenue, the revenues from oil and gas show a negative income.
- During the three months ending September 30, 2016, the Company received \$120,000 for consulting fees in connection with the operation of the La Negra mine, and \$374,469 for oil and gas lease.

- During the three months ending June 30, 2016, the Company received \$120,000 for consulting fees in connection with the operation of the La Negra mine.

### SHAFTER PROJECT, TEXAS USA

The Company owns the Shafter Project through its subsidiary Rio Grande Mining Company (“RGMC”). The Company continues to maintain the mine, mill and processing equipment at Shafter. On January 12, 2016 the Company announced a resource estimate of the mineralized zone.

MEASURED & INDICATED RESOURCES				
Class	Cut-off Ounces Silver/Ton	Tons	Grade Ounces Silver/Ton	Ounces Silver
Measured	4.0	100,000	8.73	888,000
Indicated	4.0	1,110,000	9.15	10,171,000
Measured + Indicated	4.0	1,210,000	9.14	11,059,000
INFERRED RESOURCES				
Class	Cut-off Ounces Silver/Ton	Tons	Grade Ounces Silver/Ton	Ounces Silver
Inferred	4.0	870,000	7.47	6,511,000

- Mine Development Associates (“MDA”), an independent mining consulting firm, prepared the resource estimate for Shafter, with an effective date of December 11, 2015. All units of measure are U.S. Customary.
- Mineral Resources are not Mineral Reserves and do not have demonstrated economic viability. There is no certainty that all or any part of the estimated Mineral Resources will be converted into Mineral Reserves. The estimate of Mineral Resources may be materially affected by environmental, permitting, legal, title, taxation, sociopolitical, marketing, or other relevant issues.
- The Mineral Resource estimate was undertaken by Paul Tietz, CPG of Mine Development Associates, Inc. (“MDA”) of Reno, Nevada, a qualified person (“QP”) as defined under NI 43-101. The Mineral Resource was estimated in accordance with the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum (“CIM”), CIM Standards on Mineral Resources and Reserves, Definitions and Guidelines prepared by the Standards Committee on Reserve Definitions and adopted by the CIM Council on May 10, 2014.
- Readers are advised that a Technical Report containing the foregoing resource estimate is available on SEDAR ([www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com)). The report is titled “Preliminary Economic Assessment and Updated Technical Report on the Shafter Project, Presidio County, Texas”, effective August 26, 2016 issued September 13, 2016, and amended on January 20, 2017 prepared by Paul Tietz, CPG, Neil Prenn, P.E., Edwin Peralta, P.E., and George Burgermeister, P.E., each of whom is a “qualified person” and “independent” as such terms are defined in NI 43-101(the “Technical Report”).



**Highlights of the PEA include:**

- Base Case\* post-tax NPV (5% discount rate) of \$18 million, internal rate of return (“IRR”) of 40.9%.
  - Initial capital costs forecast of approximately \$13.2 million, including \$1.1 million contingency.
  - Pre-production development of less than one year.
  - Mine production of just over 6 years.
  - Net average post-tax undiscounted operating cash flow of approximately \$5.5 million per year.
  - Life of Mine payable production forecasted to be 9.3 million ounces of silver
  - Average annual silver production during first six years of operation of 1.5 million ounces
  - Life of mine average silver recovery of 81.73%
  - Payback is approximately 1.7 years
- \*Base Case uses \$20/oz silver.

The PEA contemplates an underground mine using existing underground development and feeding the existing mill at a rate of 600 tons per day (TPD). Mining will use conventional mechanized methods. The total mill throughput in the PEA is estimated to be 1.3 million tons, of which 59% are currently classified in the Resource Estimate as Measured and Indicated material, and 41% are currently classified as Inferred material. A 5 oz/t breakeven cutoff grade was reflected in the underground mine design. The breakeven cut-off incorporates grade, mine and process plant operating costs and recovery data.

Note that the PEA is preliminary in nature and includes Inferred mineral resources that are considered too speculative geologically to have the economic considerations applied to them that would enable them to be categorized as mineral reserves, and there is no certainty that the economic results described in the PEA will be realized. Mineral resources that are not mineral reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability.

The Base Case discounted cash flows in the PEA are provided both pre-tax and post-tax, and are prepared in compliance with National Instrument 43-101 - Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects (“NI 43-101”) of the Canadian Securities Administrators. The PEA was completed by Mine Development Associates (“MDA”), and Samuel Engineering, Inc. (“Samuel”), both independent engineering firms. Readers are advised that a Technical Report containing the foregoing resource estimate is available on SEDAR ([www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com)). The report titled “Preliminary Economic Assessment and Updated Technical Report on the Shafter Project, Presidio County, Texas”, effective August 26, 2016 issued September 13, 2016, and amended on January 20, 2017 was prepared by Paul Tietz, CPG, Neil Prenn, P.E., Edwin Peralta, P.E., and George Burgermeister, P.E. Messrs. Tietz, Prenn, Peralta, Burgermeister and Glass are Qualified Persons as defined under National Instrument 43-101.”

During the three-month period ending September 31, 2017 five exploration core holes were completed on the western portion of the property, approximately 1.4 miles west-southwest of the current mineral resource area and 900 feet from the 400 level of the historical Mina Grande West underground workings of the Presidio Mine.

The programme was intended to test for new styles of mineralization in the district, centered upon high gold and silver intervals that were intersected in SD-264 drilled by Goldfields in 1983. Two core holes, 700 feet apart, intersected highly anomalous gold mineralization that is spatially associated with highly brecciated and altered lower Mina Grande limestone, iron mineralization and intrusive dykes.

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Interval From ... to (feet)	Core Length (feet)	Silver (ounces per ton)	Gold (ounces per ton)	Lead (%)	Zinc (%)
<b>Drill Hole 17-472 (drilled at -70°S)</b>					
622 - 630	8	4.47	0.03	-	1.9
and					
664 to 666.5	2.5	<b>11.44</b>	0.01	1.8	1.8
<b>Drill Hole 17-468 (drilled at -58°S)</b>					
452 to 470	18	10.47	0.02	1.6	1.9
including					
458 to 466.8	8.8	<b>19.16</b>	0.02	2.6	1.9
and					
471.1 to 473.2	2.1	0.90	<b>0.28</b>	6.6	0.5
<b>Historic Drill Hole SD 264 (drilled at -90°)</b>					
388 to 399	11	6.45	0.08	2.78	1.91
including					
395 to 399	4	17.2	0.10	7.10	3.03

There has not been enough drilling to define the orientation of mineralized structures and true thicknesses are uncertain. Drill holes SDH17-469 and 470 did not intersect gold-silver mineralization of note in the lower Mina Grande position. Drill hole SDH17-471 did not target mineralization.

The initial target area is an 800 by 600 foot "hockey stick"-shaped target area concealed by 250 to 500 feet of un-mineralized Cretaceous cover. That the target is open for expansion south and west.

In previous operations at Shafter gold has been recovered as an incidental by-product of silver in the Merrill-Crowe circuit. Grades within the resource area are not known but are assumed to be an order of magnitude less than those reported in this new area.

## LIQUIDITY AND FINANCIAL POSITION

The Company operates in a cyclical industry where levels of cash flow have historically been correlated to market prices for commodities and in particular the price of silver. In the determination of the Company's ability to meet its ongoing obligations and future contractual commitments, management relies on the Company's planning, budgeting and forecasting process to help determine the funds required to support the Company's normal operations on an ongoing basis and its expansionary plans. The key inputs used by the Company in this process include forecasted capital deployment, results from operations, results from the exploration and development of its properties and general industry conditions, including metals prices.

Several adverse conditions and material uncertainties, including lower metals prices, cast doubt upon the assumption that the Company will continue as a going concern. The business of mining and exploration involves a high degree of risk and there can be no assurance that future exploration and development of the Shafter property will result in profitable mining operations. The Company currently has finite sources of revenue, and will require cash to meet the necessary financing to acquire and complete the development of its mineral properties and for future corporate and

administrative expenses. While the Company has been successful in the past at raising funds, there can be no assurance that it will be able to do so in the future.

On May 8, 2018 the Company completed a non-brokered as announced on April 27, 2018, and issued an aggregate of 13,715,400 units (each a “Unit”) at a purchase price of \$0.20 per Unit, raising gross proceeds of CDN\$ 2,743,080. Each Unit consists of one common share (a “Common Share”) and one transferable common share purchase warrant (a “Warrant”) of Aurcana. Each Warrant will be exercisable to acquire one additional Common Share at an exercise price of \$0.30 until May 3, 2021. Aurcana agreed to paid cash finder’s fees to arm’s length parties totaling CDN\$ 92,480, and agreed to issue an aggregate of 472,400 non-transferable common share purchase warrants to finders, having the same terms as the Warrants issued in the Offering. All securities issued in the Offering are subject to a hold period of four months, expiring September 3, 2018. The net proceeds of the Offering will be used for the exploration and development of the Shafter Silver Project in Texas and for general working capital purposes.

### **Working capital**

The Company had current assets of \$0.7 million, a consolidated working capital of \$0.5 million, consolidated deficit of \$205.6 million and net loss of \$0.4 million as at and for the quarter ended on March 31, 2018.

### **Current assets**

As at March 31, 2018, the Company had current assets in the total amount of total \$0.7 million which includes \$0.4 million as cash and cash equivalents.

### **Mineral properties, plant and equipment (“PP&E”)**

PP&E, net of accumulated amortization, of \$6.9 million at March 31, 2018, was in the same amount at December 31, 2017.

Mineral properties (being Shafter), increased from \$9.5 million at March 31, 2017 to \$10.0 million at March 31, 2018; due to the exploration activities.

## **OUTSTANDING SHARE CAPITAL**

The Company is authorized to issue an unlimited number of common shares without par value.

As at May 24, 2018, the Company had the following issued and outstanding common shares and unexercised stock options and warrants:

	<b>Shares and Potential Shares</b>
Common shares outstanding	109,989,387
Warrants (average exercise price C\$0.37)	26,426,573
Stock options (average exercise price C\$0.24)	8,200,000
<b>Total common shares (fully diluted)</b>	<b>144,615,960</b>

**TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES**

The Company's related parties include companies owned by executive officers and directors and payments to these parties are as follows:

	Note	March 31 2018	March 31 2017
Technical and consulting fees	(i)	\$ 27,053	\$ 22,020
General and administrative expenses	(ii)	5,930	5,775
Consulting fees		<u>\$ 32,983</u>	<u>\$ 27,795</u>

- i) To companies controlled by officers or directors.
- ii) To a company controlled by the corporate secretary for management services performed as an officer.

Compensation of key management personnel:

	March 31 2018	March 31 2017
Consulting fees (as above)	\$ 32,983	\$ 27,795
Officer salaries	162,355	157,060
	<u>\$ 195,338</u>	<u>\$ 184,855</u>

Officer salaries Includes the salaries of the President and CEO, CFO and VP Project Development.

**COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES:**

*Head office lease*

Effective May 1, 2014, the Company executed a lease agreement for new office space for a period of 48 months, expiring on April 30, 2018. The minimum monthly payment is \$9,178. Subsequent the year ending December 31, 2015, in April, 2016 the Company subleased such premises for \$7,489 per month and moved to a new location. The new head office has a monthly lease cost of \$3,571 for a period of 36 months, expiring March 31, 2019.

*A schedule of commitments due by period is as follows (\$000s):*

	Commitments due by year (000's)		
	Total	2018	2019
	\$	\$	\$
Rent	\$ 53	\$ 42	\$ 11

**Claims to the Company**

Trans-Pecos Pipeline, LLC (“Trans Pecos”) constructed a pipeline that transports natural gas between the Permian Basin and Presidio, Texas for delivery to customers in Chihuahua, Mexico. The route of the pipeline crosses the Shafter property and may impact upon some aspects of mining-related activities if and when they resume. In March of 2016, the Company was made aware that Trans Pecos filed a lawsuit against RGMC to acquire the proposed easement through exercise of its alleged power of eminent domain. The Company engaged counsel to challenge the public use of the pipeline project and, in the event the acquisition is permitted, to secure fair compensation for the impact of the proposed pipeline on the market value of the property and the Company’s Shafter operations. Through the administrative phase of the legal proceedings, Trans Pecos obtained a statutory right of possession so as to move forward with construction of its project. As of the date hereof the pipeline is operational.

Subsequent to the quarter ending March 31, 2018, the Company entered into a Permanent Easement Agreement granting the requested easement to Trans Pecos. The proposed settlement calls for cash compensation for lands taken by Trans Pecos, industry-standard indemnity clauses against future damages, certain limitations on blasting parameters within a measured set-back from the pipeline right-of-way, and rights of access to the Company’s roads at Shafter.

**FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

The Company and its subsidiaries are exposed to the financial risk related to the fluctuation of foreign exchange rates in currencies other than the functional currency of each entity. A significant change in the currency exchange rates between the local functional currency of each entity and the other currencies it employs could have an effect on the Company’s results of operations, financial position or cash flows. The Company has not hedged its exposure to currency fluctuations.

At March 31, 2018, the Company’s Canadian operations (Canadian dollar functional currency) are exposed to currency risk through the following assets and liabilities denominated in USD dollars:

		<b>March 31, 2018</b>
Cash and cash equivalents	USD\$	251,337
Accounts payable		(9,081)
	USD\$	<u>242,256</u>
<b>CAD\$ Equivalent</b>		<b>312,365</b>

At March 31, 2018, the Company’s Mexican operations (U.S. dollar functional currency) are exposed to currency risk through the following assets and liabilities denominated in Mexican Pesos:

		<b>March 31, 2018</b>
Cash and cash equivalents	MXP\$	46,120
Other receivable		-
Accounts payable		1,125,415
	MXP\$	<u>1,171,535</u>
<b>USD\$ Equivalent</b>		<b>63,863</b>

### ***Fair value measurements***

The Company's financial instruments include cash and cash equivalents, trade and other receivables, amounts receivable, advances, accounts payable and accrued liabilities. The carrying values of these approximate their fair values due to the relatively short-term nature of these amounts.

The Company classifies the fair value of financial instruments within a hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to fair value measurement. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are: Level 1, which are inputs that are unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities; Level 2, which are inputs other than Level 1 quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly; and Level 3, which are inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data.

### **RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES**

The operations of Aurcana are speculative due to the high risk nature of its business which the exploration and development of mining properties. The following is a brief discussion of the distinctive or special characteristics of Aurcana's operations and industry which may have a material impact on, or constitute risk factors in respect of, Aurcana's financial performance. The risks below are not the only ones facing the Company. Additional risks not currently known to the Company, or that the Company currently deems immaterial may also impair the Company's operations. The order in which the following risk factors appear does not necessarily reflect management's opinion of their order or priority.

The carrying amount of financial assets recorded in the financial statements, net of any allowances for losses, represents the Company's maximum exposure to credit risk.

#### ***Liquidity risk***

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. Several adverse conditions and material uncertainties, including low metal prices, cast significant doubt upon the going concern assumption.

The Company manages liquidity risk by maintaining cash and cash equivalent balances to ensure that it is able to meet its short-term and long-term obligations as and when they fall due. Company-wide cash projections are managed centrally and regularly updated to reflect the dynamic nature of the business and fluctuations caused by commodity price and exchange rate movements.

Following the completion of the Restructuring Transaction, the Company no longer holds any assets that are currently generating revenue, and will therefore be solely reliant on debt or equity financing to meet its ongoing working capital needs.

#### ***Metals Price risk***

The value of the Company's securities may be significantly affected by the market price of silver, which is cyclical and subject to substantial price fluctuations. Market prices can be affected by numerous factors beyond the Company's control, including levels of supply and demand, economic growth rates of various international economies, expectations with respect to the rate of inflation, the relative strength of various currencies, interest rates, speculative activities, global or regional political or economic circumstances and sales or purchases of silver by holders in response to such factors. Silver prices have been highly volatile over the past several years, and further lower prices and could negatively impact the value of the Company's securities. Prolonged decreases in the price of

silver or other metals could adversely impact the ability of the Company to recommence operations at the Shafter Project. The Company may also curtail or suspend some or all of its exploration activities on the Shafter Project in response to lower silver prices.

#### *Risks related to recommencing mining operations*

The Shafter Project is currently on care and maintenance, and would require significant expenditures before production can be recommenced. The economic feasibility of the Shafter Project is based on many factors such as: estimation of mineral reserves, anticipated metallurgical recoveries, environmental considerations and permitting, future metals prices, and anticipated capital and operating costs. Many of these factors have changed since the Shafter Project was last in production, and the prior operation of the Shafter Project does not guarantee that future operation will be economically viable. Thus, it is possible that actual capital and operating costs and economic returns will differ significantly from prior operational results.

Any of the following events, among others, could affect the profitability or economic feasibility of the Shafter Project: unanticipated changes in grade and tons of mineralized material to be mined and processed, unanticipated adverse geological conditions, unanticipated metallurgical recovery problems, incorrect data on which engineering assumptions are made, availability and costs of labor, costs of processing and refining facilities, availability of economic sources of power, adequacy of water supply, unanticipated transportation costs, government regulations (including regulations with respect to prices, royalties, duties, taxes, permitting, restrictions on production, quotas on exportation of minerals, environmental), fluctuations in metals prices, and accidents, labor actions, the availability and delivery of critical equipment, successful re-start of operations, including the achievement of designed mill recover rates and force-majeure events.

It is not unusual in newly restarted mining operations to experience unexpected problems during the start-up phase, and delays can often occur at the start of production.

#### *Risks related to global financial conditions.*

Current global financial conditions for mining companies have been affected by a prolonged decline in commodities prices. Access to public financing has been negatively impacted by the prolonged decline in commodities prices, and the resulting decrease in the values of the securities of many mining and mineral exploration and development companies. These factors may impact the ability of the Company to obtain equity or debt financing in the future on terms favourable to the Company, or at all.

Additionally, these factors, as well as other related factors, may cause decreases in asset values that are deemed to be other than temporary, which may result in impairment losses. If such decreased levels of commodity prices continue, the Company's operations could be adversely impacted and the trading price of the Company's common shares may be adversely affected.

#### *Credit risk*

The Company's credit risk is primarily attributable to cash and bank balances, short-term deposits and accounts receivable. The Company limits its credit exposure on cash held in bank accounts by holding its key transactional bank accounts with banks of investment grade.

The Company manages its credit risk on short-term deposits by only investing with counterparties that carry investment grade ratings as assessed by external rating agencies and spreading the investments across these counterparties. Under the Company's risk management policy, allowable counterparty exposure limits are

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determined by the level of the rating unless exceptional circumstances apply. A rating of "A-" grade or equivalent is the minimum allowable rating required as assessed by international credit rating agencies. Likewise, it is the Company's policy to deal with banking counterparties for derivatives who are rated "A-" grade or above by international credit rating agencies and graduated counterparty limits are applied depending upon the rating.

Exceptions to the policy for dealing with relationship banks with ratings below "A-" are reported to, and approved by, the Audit Committee. As at March 31, 2017, substantially all cash and short-term deposits are with counterparties with ratings "A-" or higher.

### *Shareholder Dilution*

It is likely that additional capital required by the Company will be raised through the issuance of additional equity securities, resulting in dilution to the Company's shareholders.

### *Mining risks and insurance*

The business of mining is subject to certain types of risks and hazards, including environmental hazards, industrial accidents, unusual or unexpected changes to rock formations, changes in the regulatory environment, cave-ins and flooding. Such occurrences could result in damage to, or destruction of, mineral properties or production facilities, personal injury or death, environmental damage, delays in mining, monetary losses and possible legal liability. Any payments made with regards to such liabilities may have a material adverse effect on Aurcana's financial performance and results of operations. The Company carries insurance to protect itself against certain risks of mining and processing to the extent that is economically feasible but which may not provide adequate coverage in all circumstances.

### *Uncertainty of mineral resources and reserves*

Mineral reserves and mineral resources are estimates of the size and grade of deposits based on limited sampling and on certain assumptions and parameters. No assurance can be given that the anticipated tonnages and grades will be achieved or that the indicated level of recovery of payable metals will be realized. The grade of mineralized material actually recovered by the Company may differ from the estimated grades of the mineral reserves and mineral resources. Prolonged declines in the market price of silver, copper, lead or zinc may render mineral resources containing relatively lower grades of mineralization uneconomic to exploit and could materially reduce the Company's reserves. Should such reductions occur, the Company could be required to take a material write-down of its investment in mining properties or delay or discontinue the development of new projects, resulting in increased net losses and reduced cash flow. Market price fluctuations, as well as increased production costs or reduced recovery rates, may render mineral resources containing relatively lower grades of mineralization uneconomical to recover and may ultimately result in a restatement of mineral resources. Short-term factors relating to mineral resources, such as the need for orderly development of a mineralized deposit or the processing of new or different grades, may impair the profitability of a mine in any period. Mineral resources are not revised in response to short-term cyclical price variations in metal markets.

### *Reclamation obligations*

Reclamation requirements may change and do vary depending on the location and the government regulatory body, but they are similar in that they aim to minimize long term effects of exploration and mining disturbance by requiring the operating company to control possible deleterious effluents and to re-establish to some degree pre-disturbance land forms and vegetation. The Company calculates its estimates of the ultimate reclamation liability based on current laws and regulations and the expected future costs to be incurred in reclaiming, restoring and closing its



operating mine sites. It is possible that the Company's estimate of its ultimate reclamation liability could change in the near term due to possible changes in laws and regulations and changes in cost estimates.

### *Exploration risks*

The exploration for and development of mineral deposits involves significant risks which even a combination of careful evaluation, experience and knowledge may not eliminate. While the discovery of an ore body may result in substantial rewards, few properties which are explored are ultimately developed into producing mines. Major expenses may be required to locate and establish ore reserves, to develop metallurgical processes and to construct mining and processing facilities at a particular site

Whether any mineral deposit is commercially viable depends on a number of factors, some of which are the particular attributes of the deposit, such as size, grade and proximity to infrastructure, metal prices which are highly cyclical and government regulations, including mineral development and environmental protection. The exact effect of these factors cannot be accurately predicted, but the combination of these factors may result in Aurcana not receiving an adequate return on invested capital.

### *Conflicting interests*

Some of the directors and officers of Aurcana also serve as directors and/or officers of other companies involved in mineral resource exploration and development and consequently there exists the possibility for such directors and officers to be in a position of conflict. Any decision made by such directors and officers involving Aurcana will be made in accordance with their duties and obligations to deal fairly and in good faith to Aurcana and such other companies. In addition, such directors and officers are required, subject to applicable corporate laws, to declare and refrain from voting on any matter in which such directors and officers may have a conflict of interest.

### *Permitting and title*

Major operating permits for the Shafter Project remain in place.

Aurcana's property may be subject to prior unregistered agreements or transfers or native land claims and title may be affected by undetected defects. If a title defect or defects do exist, it is possible that Aurcana may lose all, or a portion, of its interest in the affected mineral claims. Aurcana has no present knowledge of any defect in the title of any of the properties in which the Company has an interest.

### *Management services*

The success of Aurcana depends to a large extent on the ability and judgment of the senior management of Aurcana and upon Aurcana's ability to retain the services of senior management. The loss of their services may have a material adverse effect on Aurcana.

### *Market influences*

The Company's common shares are listed for trading on the TSX Venture Exchange. Shareholders of the Company may be unable to sell significant quantities of the Common Shares into the public trading markets without a significant reduction in the price of the shares. The market price of the Common Shares may be affected significantly by factors such as changes in the Company's operating results, the availability of financings, fluctuations in the price of metals, the interest of investors, traders and others mine public companies and general market conditions. In recent years the securities markets have experienced a high level of price and volume volatility, and the market price of securities of many companies, particularly small capitalization mine companies similar to the Company, have

experienced wide fluctuations, which have not necessarily been related to operating performance, underlying asset values or future prospects. There can be no assurance that future fluctuations in the price of the Company's shares will not occur.

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### *Controls and procedures*

In connection with Exemption Orders issued in November 2007 and revised in December 2008 by each of the securities commissions across Canada, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of the Company will file a Venture Issuer Basic Certificate with respect to the financial information contained in the unaudited interim financial statements and the audited annual financial statements and respective accompanying Management's Discussion and Analysis.

In contrast to the certificate under National Instrument 52-109 – Certification of disclosure in an Issuer's Annual and Interim Filings ("NI 52-109"), the Venture Issuer Basic Certification does not include representations relating to the establishment and maintenance of disclosure controls and procedures and internal control over financial reporting, as defined in NI 52-109.

### *Disclosure controls and procedures*

Disclosure controls and procedures ("DC&P") are intended to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified by securities regulations and that information required to be disclosed is accumulated and communicated to management. Internal controls over financial reporting ("ICFR") are intended to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purpose in accordance with IFRS.

TSX-V listed companies are not required to provide representations in the annual filings relating to the establishment and maintenance of DC&P and ICFR, as defined in NI 52-109. In particular, the CEO and CFO certifying officers do not make any representations relating to the establishment and maintenance of (a) 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 (b) 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 IFRS.

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 their certificates regarding the absence of misrepresentations and fair disclosure of financial information. Investors should be aware that inherent limitations on the ability of certifying officers of a TSX-V issuer to design and implement on a cost effective basis DC&P and ICFR as defined in Multinational Instrument 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 information on the Company can be found on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) and on the Company's website at [www.aurcana.com](http://www.aurcana.com).