SANDSPRING
RESOURCES LTD.

Consolidated Financial Statements
Years Ended December 31, 2017 and 2016

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Expressed in Canadian Dollars

MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING

The accompanying consolidated financial statements of Sandspring Resources Ltd. were prepared by management in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards. Management acknowledges responsibility for the preparation of the consolidated financial statements, including responsibility for significant accounting judgments and estimates and the choice of accounting principles and methods that are appropriate to the Company's circumstances. The significant accounting policies of the Company are summarized in Note 3 to the consolidated financial statements.

The Board of Directors is responsible for reviewing and approving the consolidated financial statements together with other financial information of the Company and for ensuring that management fulfills its financial reporting responsibilities. An Audit Committee assists the Board of Directors in fulfilling this responsibility. The Audit Committee meets with management as well as with the independent auditors to review the consolidated financial statements together with other financial information of the Company. The Audit Committee reports its findings to the Board of Directors for its consideration in approving the consolidated financial statements together with other financial information of the Company for issuance to the shareholders.

Management recognizes its responsibility for conducting the Company's affairs in compliance with established financial standards, and applicable laws and regulations, and for maintaining proper standards of conduct for its activities.

/s/ Rich Munson
Chief Executive Officer

/s/ Jessica Van Den Akker
Chief Financial Officer

Toronto, Canada
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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Shareholders of Sandspring Resources Ltd.

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Sandspring Resources Ltd., which comprise the consolidated statements of financial position as at December 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive loss, shareholders' equity and cash flow for the years then ended, and notes, comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Consolidated Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these consolidated financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. The procedures selected depend on our judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, we consider internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained in our audits is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of Sandspring Resources Ltd. as at December 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, and its consolidated financial performance and its consolidated cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards**.**

Emphasis of Matter

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 in the consolidated financial statements, which indicates that Sandspring Resources Ltd.'s future viability is dependent on its ability to raise financing to fund operating and investing activities. This condition, along with other matters as set forth in Note 1 in the consolidated financial statements, indicates the existence of material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about Sandspring Resources Ltd.'s ability to continue as a going concern.

KPMG LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants
April 12, 2018
Toronto, Canada

SANDSPRING RESOURCES LTD.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

(Expressed in Canadian Dollars)

As at		**December 31, 2017**	December 31, 2016
ASSETS	**Notes**	**$**	**$**
Current			
Cash		**4,802,907**	4,099,220
Restricted cash	4	**181,190**	200,033
Prepaid expenses		**139,819**	173,056
		5,123,916	4,472,309
Equipment	7	**174,091**	126,949
Mineral properties under exploration	8	**25,061,071**	25,061,071
		30,359,078	29,660,329
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		**1,023,107**	418,203
Deferred property obligation	8	**1,141,307**	-
Deferred management compensation	9	**432,852**	1,057,422
		2,597,266	1,475,625
Non-current liabilities			
Deferred property obligation	8	**-**	1,017,958
Deferred management compensation	9	**582,925**	-
Deferred revenue	10	**16,940,800**	16,940,800
		17,523,725	17,958,758
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY			
Common shares	11	**134,161,312**	130,594,813
Equity reserve	12, 13	**18,439,230**	13,984,600
Deficit		**(142,362,455)**	(134,353,467)
		10,238,087	10,225,946
		30,359,078	29,660,329

Going concern - Note 1
Commitments - Notes 8, 10, 17
Subsequent events - Notes 9, 11, 13

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

On behalf of the Board of Directors:

"Signed"
Rich Munson, CEO/Director

"Signed"
P. Greg Barnes, EVP/Director

SANDSPRING RESOURCES LTD.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND COMPREHENSIVE LOSS

(Expressed in Canadian Dollars, except share and per share amounts)

	Notes	**Year Ended December 31, 2017**	Year Ended December 31, 2016
		$	$
Expenditures			
Administrative		**211,453**	218,998
Consulting		**201,415**	247,500
Depreciation	7	**38,452**	177,183
Foreign exchange (gain) loss		**(218,445)**	(146,526)
Exploration expenses	8	**4,315,107**	5,274,675
Professional fees		**106,952**	119,629
Salaries and other employee benefits		**661,426**	631,498
Investor relations and marketing		**413,371**	531,984
Stock-based compensation	13	**2,191,894**	72,779
Regulatory and transfer agent		**44,539**	40,364
Travel		**85,673**	76,474
		8,051,837	7,244,558
Interest income		**42,849**	9,318
Net loss and comprehensive loss for the period		**(8,008,988)**	(7,235,240)
Loss per share			
Basic and diluted		**(0.07)**	(0.07)
Weighted average number of shares outstanding			
Basic and diluted		**117,924,958**	103,687,826

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

SANDSPRING RESOURCES LTD.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

(Expressed in Canadian Dollars, Except Share Amounts)

	Common Shares	Common Shares	Equity Reserve	Deficit	Total
	#	$	$	$	$
Balance, December 31, 2015	**82,594,545**	**123,834,403**	**11,923,604**	**(127,118,227)**	**8,639,780**
Stock-based compensation	-	-	72,779	-	72,779
Shares issued in settlement of debt	100,000	15,000	-	-	15,000
Shares issued on exercise of options	647,663	184,989	(56,156)	-	128,833
Shares issued on exercise of warrants	10,250,000	2,621,888	(287,888)	-	2,334,000
Shares issued on private placement	20,312,500	4,082,557	2,417,443	-	6,500,000
Shares issued as finder's fees	156,250	31,404	18,596	-	50,000
Share issue costs	-	(175,428)	(103,778)	-	(279,206)
Net loss for the year	-	-	-	(7,235,240)	(7,235,240)
Balance, December 31, 2016	**114,060,958**	**130,594,813**	**13,984,600**	**(134,353,467)**	**10,225,946**
Stock-based compensation	-	-	2,321,677	-	2,321,677
Shares issued on exercise of options	128,331	40,856	(15,190)	-	25,666
Shares issued on private placement	17,200,000	3,740,777	2,279,223	-	6,020,000
Share issue costs	-	(215,134)	(131,080)	-	(346,214)
Net loss for the period	-	-	-	(8,008,988)	(8,008,988)
Balance, December 31, 2017	**131,389,289**	**134,161,312**	**18,439,230**	**(142,362,455)**	**10,238,087**

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOW

(Expressed in Canadian Dollars)

		Year Ended December 31, 2017	Year Ended December 31, 2016
Cash (used in) provided by:	**Notes**	**$**	$
Operating activities			
Net loss for the period		**(8,008,988)**	(7,235,240)
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation		**38,452**	177,183
Stock-based compensation		**2,321,677**	72,779
Accretion of deferred property obligation	8	**123,349**	144,003
Deferred management compensation foreign exchange		**(41,645)**	(19,781)
Restricted cash		**18,843**	5,127
Change in non-cash working capital:			
Prepaid expenses		**33,237**	(83,549)
Accounts payable		**604,904**	(223,474)
		(4,910,171)	(7,162,952)
Investing activities			
Purchase of equipment		**(85,594)**	(67,665)
		(85,594)	(67,665)
Financing activities			
Proceeds received from private placement, net of issuance costs	11	**5,673,786**	6,270,794
Proceeds from exercise of stock options		**25,666**	128,833
Proceeds from exercise of warrants		**-**	2,334,000
		5,699,452	8,733,627
Cash beginning of period		**4,099,220**	2,596,210
Change in cash		**703,687**	1,503,010
Cash end of period		**4,802,907**	4,099,220

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1. Corporate Information and Going Concern

Sandspring Resources Ltd. ("Sandspring" or "the Company") is a resource exploration company, incorporated in Canada on September 20, 2006 under the Business Corporations Act (Alberta). The Company continued out of Alberta and into Ontario effective March 31, 2010. Sandspring is focused on the exploration for, and resource expansion of, gold and related minerals in Guyana, South America. Sandspring's principal place of business is located at 9137 East Mineral Circle, Suite 180, Centennial, Colorado in the United States of America.

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, which contemplates that the Company will continue in operation for the foreseeable future and will be able to realize its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of business.

As at December 31, 2017, the Company had a working capital of $2,526,650 (December 31, 2016: $2,996,684) and an accumulated deficit of $142,362,455 (December 31, 2016: $134,353,467), incurred losses in 2017 amounting to $8,008,988 (2016: $7,235,240), and used cash in operating activities during 2017 of $4,910,171 (2016: $7,162,952). In October 2017, the Company completed an equity financing for gross proceeds of $6,020,000 (Note 11), however the Company needs to raise additional funds to meet its budgeted 2018 expenditures. The Company will exercise discretion as to the amount and timing of its expenditures and evaluate financing needs throughout 2018 as required.

In November 2013, the Company entered into a precious metals purchase agreement (the "Purchase Agreement") with Silver Wheaton (Caymans) Ltd., who subsequently changed its name to Wheaton Precious Metals (Caymans) Ltd. ("Wheaton"). Under this Purchase Agreement, Wheaton will pay Sandspring incremental up-front cash payments totaling US$153.5 million for 10% of the payable gold production and 50% of the silver production from the Company's Toroparu Project in Upper Puruni, Guyana (the "Toroparu Project"). Sandspring has received initial draw downs of US$15.5 million of the cash payment, used primarily for advancement of the final feasibility study for the Toroparu Project.

Under the terms of the Purchase Agreement, as amended, the Company is required to complete a final feasibility study for its Toroparu Project before December 31, 2018, upon receipt of which Wheaton can elect to proceed and pay the balance of the US$138 million owed under the Purchase Agreement to finance construction of the Toroparu Project, or can elect to terminate the Purchase Agreement. The Company's ability to finance activities is dependent on whether Wheaton elects to proceed after completion of the feasibility study, as well as on the Company's ability to raise additional equity financing to fund ongoing activities, including the portion of project construction not financed by Wheaton. There are no assurances that Wheaton will elect to fund construction of the Toroparu Project, or that the Company will be successful in raising equity financing at all or, if available, on terms acceptable to the Company.

These conditions indicate the existence of material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt regarding the applicability of the going concern assumption. These consolidated financial statements do not give effect to adjustments that would be necessary to the carrying values and classification of assets and liabilities should the Company be unable to continue as a going concern. These adjustments could be material.

2. Basis of Presentation

Statement of Compliance

These consolidated financial statements of the Company are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as issued by the International Accountings Standards Board ("IASB"). The consolidated financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention, except for certain financial instruments that have been measured at fair value. The consolidated financial statements are presented in Canadian dollars, except when otherwise indicated. The Board of Directors approved the consolidated financial statements on April 12, 2018.

3. Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Consolidation

These consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiaries; Sandspring Resources (USA) Ltd. ("Sandspring USA"), GoldHeart Investment Holdings Ltd. ("GoldHeart") and ETK Inc. ("ETK"). Subsidiaries are fully consolidated from the date of acquisition, being the date on which the Company obtains control, and continue to be consolidated until the date that such control ceases. All inter-company transactions and balances are eliminated in full.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash equivalents consist of highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and which are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Translation of Foreign Currency

The Company's functional and presentation currency is the Canadian dollar. The Canadian dollar is also the functional currency of all the Company's subsidiaries.

Transactions in currencies other than the functional currency are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities not denominated in the functional currency are translated at the period end rates of exchange. Foreign exchange gains and losses are recognized in the statement of operations. Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are not retranslated.

Equipment

Equipment is measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment. Depreciation is based on cost less residual value and is provided on a straight-line basis over the following expected useful lives of the assets:

Heavy Equipment – 5 years
Office Furniture and Equipment – 3 years
Camp Equipment – 5 years

Vehicles – 5 years
Other Equipment – 5 years

The depreciation method, residual values, and useful lives of property plant and equipment are reviewed annually and any change in estimate is applied prospectively.

Exploration Expenses and Mineral Properties Under Exploration

Exploration expenditures include the costs of acquiring licenses, and costs associated with exploration and evaluation activities. Exploration expenditures are expensed as incurred except for expenditures associated with the acquisition of exploration and evaluation assets, which are recognized at the fair value at the acquisition date.

Once a project has been established as commercially viable and technically feasible, which management determines as when the project has a positive feasibility study, planned financing established and the Board of Directors has approved a decision to develop the project, and subject to an impairment analysis, related exploration and evaluation assets and development expenditures are capitalized. This includes costs incurred in preparing the site for mining operations. Capitalization ceases when the mine is capable of commercial production, with the exception of development costs which give rise to a future benefit.

The carrying value of the Company's mineral properties under exploration is assessed for impairment, based on guidance in IFRS 6 - *Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources*, when indicators of such impairment exist. If such an indication of impairment exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment, if any.

The recoverable amount is the higher of fair value less costs of disposal or value in use. Fair value is determined as the amount that would be obtained from the sale of the asset in an arm's length transaction between knowledgeable and willing parties. Where that does not exist, fair value less costs of disposal is assessed using discounted cash flow techniques, less an amount for costs of disposal. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted at a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset. If the recoverable amount of an asset is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset is reduced to its recoverable amount and the impairment loss is recognized in the statement of operations.

Stock-based Compensation

The Company offers a stock option plan for its directors, officers, employees and consultants. Stock options granted are settled with shares of the Company. An individual is classified as an employee when the individual is an employee for legal or tax purposes (direct employee) or provides services similar to those performed by a direct employee, including directors of the Company. The expense is determined based on the fair value of the award granted and recognized over the period in which services are received, which is usually the vesting period. Fair value of the awards is measured at the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. For awards with graded vesting, the fair value of each tranche is recognized over its respective vesting period. At the end of each reporting period, the Company re-assesses its estimates of the number of awards that are expected to vest and recognizes the impact of the revisions in the statement of operations.

Financial Instruments

The Company recognizes financial assets and financial liabilities when the Company becomes a party to a contract. Financial assets and financial liabilities, with the exception of financial assets classified as fair value through profit or loss, are measured at fair value plus transaction costs on initial recognition. Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are measured at fair value on initial recognition and transaction costs are expensed when incurred.

Impairment of Financial Assets

Financial assets are assessed for indicators of impairment at the end of each reporting period. Financial assets are impaired when there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial assets, the estimated future cash flows of the investments have been negatively impacted. Evidence of impairment could include:

i) significant financial difficulty of the issuer or counterparty;
ii) default or delinquency in interest or principal payments; or
iii) it becoming probable that the borrower will enter bankruptcy or financial re-organization.

If, in a subsequent period, the amount of the impairment loss decreases and the decrease can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment was recognized, the previously recognized impairment loss is reversed through profit or loss to the extent that the carrying amount of the investment at the date the impairment is reversed does not exceed what the amortized cost would have been had the impairment not been recognized.

Financial Instruments Recorded at Fair Value

Financial instruments recorded at fair value on the consolidated statement of financial position are classified using a fair value hierarchy that reflects the significance of the inputs used in making the measurements. The fair value hierarchy has the following levels:

i) Level 1 – valuation based on quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;

ii) Level 2 – valuation techniques based on inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices);

iii) Level 3 – valuation techniques using inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

Measurement in Subsequent Periods Depends on the Classification of the Financial Instrument

i) Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (“FVTPL”)

Financial assets are classified as FVTPL when acquired principally for the purpose of trading, if so designated by management (fair value option), or if they are derivative assets. Financial assets classified as FVTPL are measured at fair value, with changes recognized in the consolidated statements of operations.

The Company’s financial assets classified as FVTPL include cash and cash equivalents. The Company does not currently hold any derivative instruments.

ii) Other financial liabilities

Other financial liabilities are financial liabilities that are not classified as FVTPL. Other financial liabilities are initially measured at fair value, net of transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition, other financial liabilities are measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method.

Accounts payable, accrued liabilities, deferred property obligation, and deferred management compensation are classified as other financial liabilities.

Deferred Revenue

Deferred revenue consists of payments received by the Company in consideration for future commitments to deliver payable gold and silver at contracted prices. As deliveries are made, the Company will record a portion of the deferred revenue as sales, based on a proportionate share of deliveries made compared with the total estimated commitment.

Decommissioning Liabilities

The Company is required to recognize a liability when the Company has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation, and the amount of the obligation can be reliably estimated. If the effect is material, provisions are determined by discounting the expected future cash flows at a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and, where appropriate, the risks specific to the liability. As of December 31, 2017, and December 31, 2016, the Company has not incurred any such obligations.

Impairment of Long-Lived Assets

At each financial position reporting date the carrying amounts of the Company’s assets, excluding mineral properties under exploration, are reviewed to determine whether there is an indication that those assets are impaired. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment, if any.

The recoverable amount is the higher of fair value less costs of disposal or value in use. Fair value is determined as the amount that would be obtained from the sale of the asset in an arm's length transaction between knowledgeable and willing parties. Where that does not exist, fair value less costs of disposal is assessed using discounted cash flow techniques, less an amount for costs of disposal. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted at a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset. If the recoverable amount of an asset is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset is reduced to its recoverable amount and the impairment loss is recognized in the statement of operations.

Income Taxes

Income tax expense comprises current and deferred tax. Current tax and deferred tax are recognized in profit or loss except to the extent that it relates to a business combination, or items recognized directly in equity or in other comprehensive income.

Current tax is the expected tax payable or receivable on the taxable income or loss for the year, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date, and any adjustment to tax payable in respect of previous years.

Deferred tax is recognized in respect of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for taxation purposes. Deferred tax is not recognized for the following temporary differences: the initial recognition of assets or liabilities in a transaction that is not a business combination and that affects neither accounting nor taxable profit or loss, and differences relating to investments in subsidiaries and jointly controlled entities to the extent that it is probable that they will not reverse in the foreseeable future. Deferred tax is measured at the tax rates that are expected to be applied to temporary differences when they reverse, based on the laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset if there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax liabilities and assets, and they relate to income taxes levied by the same tax authority on the same taxable entity, or on different tax entities, but they intend to settle current tax liabilities and assets on a net basis or their tax assets and liabilities will be realized simultaneously.

A deferred tax asset is recognized for unused tax losses, tax credits and deductible temporary differences, to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which they can be utilized. Deferred tax assets are reviewed at each reporting date and are reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that the related tax benefit will be realized.

Loss per Share

The Company presents basic and diluted loss per share data for its common shares, calculated by dividing the loss attributable to common shareholders of the Company by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted loss per share is determined by adjusting the loss attributable to common shareholders and the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the effects of all dilutive potential common shares from the assumed exercised common share purchase warrants and options outstanding, if dilutive.

<u>Significant Accounting Estimates and Judgments</u>

The preparation of these consolidated financial statements require management to make certain estimates, judgments and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and reported amounts of expenses during the reporting period. Actual outcomes could differ from these estimates. These consolidated financial statements include estimates which, by their nature, are uncertain. The impacts of such estimates are pervasive throughout the financial statements, and may require accounting adjustments based on future occurrences. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimate is revised and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods. These estimates are based on historical experience, current and future economic conditions, and other factors including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Critical Accounting Estimates

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized prospectively from the period in which the estimates are revised. The following are the key estimate and assumption uncertainties that have a significant risk of resulting in a material adjustment within the next financial year.

i) Impairment of assets

When there are indications that an asset may be impaired, the Company is required to estimate the asset's recoverable amount. Management considers various factors including overall economic viability of the project, resource prices and long-term forecasts, ability to maintain title and finance the asset, and market capitalization, when evaluating whether there are any indicators of impairment. Recoverable amount is the greater of value in use and fair value less costs of disposal. Determining the value in use requires the Company to estimate expected future cash flows associated with the assets and a suitable discount rate in order to calculate present value. No impairments of non-financial assets have been recorded for the year ended December 31, 2017 (2016: $Nil).

ii) Stock-based compensation

Management is required to make certain estimates when determining the fair value of stock option awards, and the number of awards that are expected to vest. These estimates affect the amount recognized as stock-based compensation in the statement of operations. For the year ended December 31, 2017 the Company recognized $2,321,677 in stock-based compensation expense (2016: $72,779).

Critical Accounting Judgments

In the preparation of these consolidated financial statements management has made judgments, aside from those that involve estimates, in the process of applying the accounting policies. These judgments can have an effect on the amounts recognized in the financial statements.

i) Mineral properties under exploration

Management is required to apply judgment in determining whether technical feasibility and commercial viability can be demonstrated for the mineral properties. Once technical feasibility and commercial viability of a property can be demonstrated, exploration costs will be reclassified to mineral properties under exploration and subject to different accounting treatment. As at December 31, 2017 and 2016 management had determined that no reclassification of exploration expenditures was required as no positive feasibility has been derived, no planned financing was in place and the Board of Directors had not approved the development of the Toroparu Project.

ii) Going Concern

Management is required to apply judgment regarding the going concern assumption of the Company as discussed in Note 1 to the Annual Financial Statements. Management considers various factors including current working capital, budgeted and committed expenditures, discretionary expenditures and available financing opportunities. As at December 31, 2017, management determined the existence of material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern.

Future Accounting Changes

IFRS 9 - *Financial Instrument*s

IFRS 9 introduces the new requirements for the classification, measurement and de-recognition of financial assets and financial liabilities. Specifically, IFRS 9 requires all recognized financial assets that are within the scope of IAS 39 - *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement* to be subsequently measured at amortized cost or fair value, and all financial liabilities classified as subsequently measured at amortized cost except for financial liabilities measured at fair value through profit and loss. In July 2014, the IASB issued the final version of IFRS 9 - *Financial Instruments* bringing together the classification and measurement, impairment and hedge accounting phases of the IASB's project to replace IAS 39 - *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement.* The mandatory effective date of IFRS 9 would be annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2018, with early adoption permitted.

IFRS 15 - *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*

IFRS 15 introduces a new framework for determining the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of revenues and cash flows arising from a contract with a customer. The standard is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2018, with early adoption permitted.

IFRS 16 - *Leases*

IFRS 16 provides a single lessee accounting model, requiring lessees to recognize assets and liabilities for all leases unless the lease term is 12 months or less or the underlying asset has a low value. Lessors continue to classify leases as operating or finance. The standard is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2019.

The Company does not expect any financial impact from the adoption of the above new standards and will update necessary disclosure upon adoption.

4. Restricted Cash

Restricted cash consists of $181,190 (December 31, 2016: $200,033) held as security for performance bonds in favor of the Guyana Geology and Mines Commission ($168,563) and the Guyana Customs and Trade Administration ($12,627).

5. Capital Management

The Company manages its capital to ensure that funds are available or are scheduled to be raised to provide adequate funds to carry out the Company's defined exploration programs and to meet its ongoing administrative costs. The Company considers its capital to be total shareholders' equity (managed capital) which, at December 31, 2017, totaled $10,238,087 (December 31, 2016: $10,225,946). The Company is not subject to any externally imposed capital requirements.

This capital management is achieved by the Board of Directors' review and acceptance of exploration budgets that are achievable using existing capital resources and the timely matching and release of the next stage of expenditures with the resources made available from private placements or other fundraising.

The Company's capital management objectives, policies and processes remained unchanged during 2017.

6. Financial Instruments

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

<u>Credit Risk</u>

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the Company if the counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligation. Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to credit risk consist of cash and restricted cash. The maximum credit risk represented by the Company's financial assets is represented by their carrying amounts. The Company holds its cash and restricted cash with reputable financial institutions, from which management believes the risk of loss to be minimal.

<u>Liquidity Risk</u>

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will not have sufficient cash resources to meet its financial obligations as they come due. The Company's liquidity and operating results may be adversely affected if its access to the capital market is hindered whether as a result of a downturn in stock market conditions generally or as a result of conditions specific to the Company. The Company generates cash primarily through its financing activities. At December 31, 2017, the Company had cash and restricted cash of $4,984,097 (December 31, 2016: $4,299,253) to settle current liabilities of $2,597,266 (December 31, 2016: $1,475,625). The Company regularly evaluates its cash position to ensure preservation and security of capital as well as maintenance of liquidity (Note 1).

The Company's cash and restricted cash are measured using Level 1 inputs as at December 31, 2017.

Currency Risk

The Company's functional currency is the Canadian dollar and major purchases are transacted in Canadian dollars. The Company funds certain operations, exploration and administrative expenses in Guyana on a cash call basis using U.S. dollar currency and maintains U.S. dollar and Guyanese dollar bank accounts. The Company is subject to gains and losses from fluctuations in the U.S. dollar and Guyanese dollar against the Canadian dollar.

The following table summarizes, in Canadian dollar equivalents, the Company's major foreign currency exposures to the U.S. dollar as at December 31, 2017. The Company manages its U.S. dollar currency risk by maintaining resources in its U.S. dollar bank accounts sufficient to meet its U.S. dollar operational requirements. The Company's exposure to the currency risk of Guyanese dollars is not material.

		December 31, 2017
Cash	$	814,529
Liabilities		(1,403,544)
	$	(589,015)

The table below summarizes a sensitivity analysis for significant unsettled currency risk exposure with respect to the Company's financial instruments as at December 31, 2017, with all other variables held constant.

	Sensitivity Analysis, Change in USD		Increase (Decrease) in Net Income
Decrease in Net Income	-1%	$	5,890
Increase in Net Income	1%	$	(5,890)

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7. Equipment

	Camp Equipment	Heavy Equipment	Other Equipment	Vehicles	Furniture and Office Equipment	Total
Cost						
As at December 31, 2015	$ 76,359	$ 2,941,572	$ 308,408	$ 168,212	$ 298,380	$ 3,792,931
Additions	14,788	-	-	51,492	1,385	67,665
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
As at December 31, 2016	$ 91,147	$ 2,941,572	$ 308,408	$ 219,704	$ 299,765	$ 3,860,596
Additions	7,250	-	44,491	27,756	6,097	85,594
Disposals	-	-	-	-	(52,032)	(52,032)
As at December 31, 2017	$ 98,397	$ 2,941,572	$ 352,899	$ 247,460	$ 253,830	$ 3,894,158
Accumulated Depreciation						
As at December 31, 2015	$ 72,961	$ 2,767,771	$ 284,618	$ 143,675	$ 287,439	$ 3,556,464
Charge for the year	2,358	133,534	18,814	17,443	5,034	177,183
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
As at December 31, 2016	$ 75,319	$ 2,901,305	$ 303,432	$ 161,118	$ 292,473	$ 3,733,647
Charge for the year	3,829	7,813	4,773	17,246	4,791	38,452
Disposals	-		-	-	(52,032)	(52,032)
As at December 31, 2017	$ 79,148	$ 2,909,118	$ 308,205	$ 178,364	$ 245,232	$ 3,720,067
Net Book Value						
As at December 31, 2016	$ 15,828	$ 40,267	$ 4,976	$ 58,586	$ 7,292	$ 126,949
As at December 31, 2017	$ 19,249	$ 32,454	$ 44,694	$ 69,096	$ 8,598	$ 174,091

8. Mineral Properties Under Exploration

The Company has held mineral exploration concessions in the Upper Puruni River Area of northwestern Guyana, South America, referred to as the “Upper Puruni Property”. The Upper Puruni Property consists of certain small scale claims, medium scale prospecting permits (“PPMSs”), medium scale mining permits (“MPs”) and prospecting licenses (“PLs”).

The Upper Puruni Property is currently the Company’s primary resource property, and is held and operated through ETK, the Company’s wholly-owned subsidiary.

Certain of the PPMSs, MPs and small scale claims are held pursuant to an agreement between ETK and Mr. Alfro Alphonso (the “Upper Puruni Agreement”). The Toroparu Project is located within the holdings subject to the terms of the Upper Puruni Agreement.

The Company continuously reviews the composition of its mineral exploration concessions based on the results of exploration work completed on the Upper Puruni Property. ETK has been restructuring its mineral exploration concessions to ensure that exploration work and resources are focused on the areas considered to be most prospective.

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As an initial step in the land restructuring, ETK acquired rights in 2015 to the “Otomung Property” to the Northwest of the Toroparu Deposit. The Otomung Property is composed of 23 PPMSs.

In June of 2016, as a second step in the land restructuring, ETK agreed to surrender 67 PPMSs to Mr. Alphonso, and to assign to Mr. Alphonso the rights to three PLs.

ETK will consider further land adjustments as additional exploration work is completed.

Alfro Alphonso Joint Venture (Upper Puruni Agreement)

The Upper Puruni Agreement stipulates that ETK is the sole operator and has sole decision-making discretion in all matters related to the conduct of prospecting, exploration, development activities, and mining activities for the recovery of gold or other metals, minerals or gemstones from the lands. An in-kind royalty of 6% is payable to Mr. Alphonso on all gold and other mineral production from the claims subject to the Upper Puruni Agreement. The original Upper Puruni Agreement provided that ETK would commence commercial production, defined as production of 50,000 ounces of gold per year, beginning on January 1, 2013, or in lieu thereof, pay Mr. Alphonso an annual sum of the Guyana dollar equivalent of US$250,000 until commercial production has commenced. As production has not yet been achieved, the Company commenced paying US$250,000 annually to Mr. Alphonso in January 2013. The Company has made all annual payments through December 31, 2017.

The Upper Puruni Agreement also gives ETK the option of purchasing all of Mr. Alphonso’s interest in the Upper Puruni Property, except his right to continue to conduct alluvial mining on the property, for US$20 million. This buy-out option does not have an expiry date. The right of the Company to continue development of the PPMSs and MPs could be impacted if the buy-out option is exercised prior to the conversion of the PPMSs and MPs to large-scale mining licenses. There are no credits against the US$20 million buy-out price for royalty or other payments made by ETK to Mr. Alphonso.

In November 2013, the Company agreed to an amendment of the Upper Puruni Agreement. The agreement previously stated that in the event ETK had not achieved commercial production by January 1, 2017, Mr. Alphonso had the right to declare a default under the terms of the agreement. The agreement was amended to extend the deadline for achieving commercial production by three years, to January 1, 2020. Further, ETK shall pay to Mr. Alphonso the Guyana Dollar equivalent of the sum of US$1,000,000 on or before June 30, 2018.

The following table shows the continuity of the discounted long-term liability to Mr. Alphonso:

Balance, December 31, 2015		**$**	**873,955**
Additions:	Accretion	$	167,777
	Foreign exchange		(23,774)
Balance, December 31, 2016		**$**	**1,017,958**
Additions:	Accretion	$	196,904
	Foreign exchange		(73,555)
Balance, December 31, 2017		**$**	**1,141,307**

(Expressed in Canadian Dollars)

As at December 31, 2017, the carrying amount of the Company's interest in mineral properties is as follows:

	December 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
Toroparu	$ 25,061,071	$ 25,061,071

The carrying value of mineral properties under exploration represents the cost of acquired properties. All costs related to exploration activities are expensed as incurred. Mineral properties under exploration are not depreciated and will be reclassified once technical feasibility and commercial viability can be demonstrated.

The following table sets forth a breakdown of material components of the Company's exploration expenditures for the year ended December 31, 2017 and 2016.

	Year Ended December 31, 2017	Year Ended December 31, 2016
Upper Puruni exploration costs		
Camp expenses	$ 1,070,644	$ 1,409,046
Consulting	489,839	791,222
Drilling	585,842	672,927
Engineering studies	233,370	422,308
Lab fees	138,082	240,030
Office and administrative costs	206,857	211,715
Salaries and benefits	401,607	402,213
Travel and accommodation	287,970	320,625
Production commitment fees	484,008	463,912
Prospecting licenses	287,105	340,677
Stock-based compensation	129,783	-
Exploration costs sub-total	$ 4,315,107	$ 5,274,675
Depreciation	34,121	172,348
Total exploration costs	$ 4,349,228	$ 5,447,023

Godette Agreement

The Company, through its wholly-owned subsidiary ETK, has rights to 3 MPs pursuant to the Godette Joint Venture Agreement (the ''Godette Agreement''). It has sole operatorship and sole decision-making discretion in all matters pertaining to gold exploration on the lands subject to the Godette Agreement. ETK also has sole and exclusive right to sell all gold, other precious metals or gemstones it may recover from the properties.

The Godette Agreement gave ETK the option of purchasing 100% of the Godette's interest in the Godette Agreement for the sum of US$300,000. ETK exercised its option to purchase the Godette's interest during 2012 and completed payment during August 2016.

B.M. Mining Agreement

In October 2017, the Company, through its wholly owned subsidiary ETK, executed a final joint venture agreement (the "B.M. Mining Agreement") with B.M. Mining Company ("B.M. Mining") whereby ETK has the right to explore certain property adjacent to current holdings. As consideration for this right to explore, the Company must make annual payments of US$70,000 in 2018 increasing to US$100,000 in 2020. The Company also paid US$10,000 for signing of the agreement and US$75,000 being the total annual payments for 2016 and 2017, as the original binding agreement was entered into in 2015.

ETK has the right to buy B.M. Mining's interest in the B.M. Mining Agreement for US$200,000 and the issuance of a 3% net smelter royalty ("NSR"). ETK also has the right to buy all of the 3% NSR buyout upon payment to B.M. Mining of an amount that is tied to the price of gold per ounce at the time ETK exercises its option to purchase being a sliding scale of US$2,000,000 if the price of gold is up to US$1,400 per ounce, to US$4,000,000 if the price of gold is equal to or greater than US$2,001 per ounce.

9. Deferred Management Compensation

At December 31, 2017, the Company has an obligation of $1,015,777 (December 31, 2016: $1,057,422) pertaining to management compensation and severance amounts owed in connection with a corporate restructuring that occurred in the fourth quarter of 2014.

In November 2017, the Company agreed to settle $432,852 of its deferred management compensation through the issuance of an aggregate of 1,234,745 units at a price of $0.35 per unit. Each unit will consist of one common share and one share purchase warrant entitling the holder to acquire one additional common share at a price of $0.50 for a period of five years. In January 2018, the units were issued and the liability was extinguished. The balance of the deferred management compensation liability has been extended to December 31, 2019.

10. Deposit on Gold Purchase Agreement and Deferred Revenue

In 2013, the Company announced that it had entered into a Purchase Agreement with Wheaton under which Wheaton would pay the Company upfront cash payments totaling US$148.5 million for 10% of the payable gold production from the Company's Toroparu Project. In addition, Wheaton will make ongoing payments to the Company of the lesser of the market price and US$400 per payable ounce of gold delivered to Wheaton over the life of the Toroparu Project, subject to a 1% annual increase starting after the third year of production.

The Company received an initial draw down of US$13.5 million of the cash payment in December 2013 to be used primarily for advancement of the final feasibility study for the Toroparu Project.

In April 2015, the Company amended the Purchase Agreement to include a silver stream under which Wheaton will pay Sandspring incremental up-front cash payments totaling US$5.0 million for 50% of the payable silver production from the Toroparu Project, bringing the total contemplated payment from Wheaton to US$153.5 million. In addition, Wheaton will make ongoing payments to Sandspring of the lesser of the market price and US$3.90 per payable ounce of silver delivered to Wheaton over the life of the Toroparu Project, subject to a 1% annual increase starting on the fourth anniversary of production.

Sandspring received US$2.0 million of the incremental US$5.0 million cash payment in four equal installments over the course of 2015, with the remainder payable in installments during construction of the Toroparu Project.

The balance of the US$138 million is subject to Wheaton's election to proceed and is payable in installments during construction of the Toroparu Project once all necessary mining licenses have been obtained and conditions pertaining to final feasibility, the availability of project capital finance, the granting of security to Wheaton and other customary conditions are satisfied. If the feasibility study has not been delivered by December 31, 2018, or Wheaton elects not to proceed after receiving the feasibility study, Wheaton may elect (a) not to pay the balance of the deposit and to reduce the gold stream percentage from 10% to 0.909% and the silver stream percentage from 50% to nil, or (b) not to proceed with the streaming transaction and to convert the portion of the deposit already paid less US$2 million into debt of the Company that will become due and payable in whole or in part upon the occurrence of certain events including, but not limited to, a "change of control" of the Company or the Company obtaining certain levels of debt or equity financing. If Wheaton elects to reduce the streams, Sandspring may return the amount of the deposit already advanced less US$2 million to Wheaton and terminate the agreement. In the event the Company does not deliver sufficient gold and silver to repay the total balance of the deposit, the Company will be required to pay any remaining balance in cash.

11. Share Capital

The Company is authorized to issue an unlimited amount of common shares. The common shares do not have a par value.

During the year ended December 31, 2017, 128,331 stock options were exercised for net proceeds of $25,666.

In October, 2017, the Company completed a financing for gross proceeds of $6,020,000 through the issuance of 17,200,000 units where each unit consisted of one common share and one share purchase warrant entitling the holder to acquire one additional common share at a price of $0.50 until Oct 12, 2022. The warrants issued in connection with the financing were allocated a fair value of $2,279,223 on a relative fair value basis. The fair value of the warrants was determined using the Black Scholes valuation model with the following assumptions: i) expected share price volatility of 75%; ii) risk free interest rate of 1.69%; iii) dividend yield of $nil; and iv) expected life of 5 years.

Cash transaction costs of $346,214 were incurred as share issue costs of which $215,134 and $131,080 were deducted from share capital and reserves respectively, based on the pro rata allocation of the fair value on issuance of the units to share capital and reserves.

During the year ended December 31, 2017, 3,442,358 warrants expired.

Subsequent to December 31, 2017, 51,665 options were exercised for net proceeds of $10,333 and 1,234,745 units were issued to settle deferred management compensation of $432,852. Each unit consisted of one common share and one share purchase warrant entitling the holder to acquire an additional common share at a price of $0.50 for a period of five years.

(Expressed in Canadian Dollars)

12. Warrants

As at December 31, 2017, the Company had a total of 53,260,400 warrants outstanding. The following table shows the continuity of warrants during the year:

	Number of Warrants Outstanding		Weighted Average Exercise Price
Balance, December 31, 2015	29,284,008	$	0.37
Warrants exercised	(10,250,000)	$	0.23
Warrants issued on private placement	20,468,750		0.42
Balance, December 31, 2016	39,502,758	$	0.41
Warrants expired	(3,442,358)	$	0.90
Warrants issued on private placement	17,200,000		0.50
Balance, December 31, 2017	53,260,400	$	0.41

The following warrants are outstanding as at December 31, 2017:

Expiry Date		Exercise Price	Number of Warrants
September 11, 2020	$	0.30	15,666,650
May 6, 2021	$	0.42	20,393,750
October 12, 2022	$	0.50	17,200,000
			53,260,400

13. Stock Options

The Company's stock option plan was approved by shareholders for the purpose of advancing the interests of the Company by encouraging the directors, officers, and employees of the Company, and of its subsidiaries and affiliates, to acquire common shares in the share capital of the Company, thereby increasing their interest in the Company, encouraging them to remain associated with the Company and furnishing them with additional incentive in their efforts on behalf of the Company. The number of stock options that may be granted under the plan is limited to not more than 10% of the issued common shares of the Company at the time of the stock option grant. The exercise price of stock options granted in accordance with the plan will be not less than the closing price of the common shares on the trading day immediately prior to the effective date of grant.

During the year ended December 31, 2017, 5,635,000 stock options were granted with an exercise price of $0.53 and a term of ten years.

The Company records a charge to the statement of operations and comprehensive loss account using the Black-Scholes fair valuation option pricing model.

(Expressed in Canadian Dollars)

The following table shows the continuity of stock options during the year:

	Number of Options Outstanding		Weighted Average Exercise Price
Balance, December 31, 2015	6,969,306	$	0.10
Options granted	200,000	$	0.45
Options expired	(823,320)		5.21
Options exercised	(647,663)		0.20
Balance, December 31, 2016	5,698,323	$	0.50
Options granted	5,635,000	$	0.53
Options expired	(374,997)		4.14
Options exercised	(128,331)		0.20
Balance, December 31, 2017	10,829,995	$	0.39

The following are the stock options outstanding as at December 31, 2017:

	Exercise Price	Outstanding	Exercisable	Weighted Average Remaining Years
$	0.15	175,000	175,000	7.21
$	0.18	350,000	350,000	4.48
$	0.20	4,261,665	4,261,665	7.76
$	0.45	200,000	200,000	0.01
$	0.53	5,635,000	5,635,000	9.23
$	1.23	208,330	208,330	0.10
		10,829,995	10,829,995	8.10

On March 24, 2017, the Company granted 5,635,000 stock options exercisable for one common share each at a price of $0.53 with an expiry date of March 24, 2027. The fair value of the stock options was estimated on the date of grant in the amount of $2,321,677 using the Black-Scholes valuation model with the following assumptions; i) exercise share price of $0.53; ii) expected share price volatility of 75%; iii) risk free interest rate of 1.13%; iv) no dividend yield. All of the options vested immediately.

During the year ended December 31, 2017, $2,321,677 (2016: $72,779) of share based compensation was recognized, which includes $129,783 that relates to exploration expenses in the statement of operations.

Subsequent to December 31, 2017, 408,330 options expired unexercised.

(Expressed in Canadian Dollars)

14. Income Tax

Reconciliation between tax expense and the product of accounting loss multiplied by the Company's domestic tax rate is as follows:

	December 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
Net loss before tax	$ (8,008,988)	$ (7,235,240)
Statutory tax rate	26.50%	26.50%
Expected tax recovery at statutory rate	(2,122,382)	(1,917,339)
Difference in tax rates in foreign jurisdictions	536,553	(195,632)
Impact of future tax rate difference	2,531,265	-
Foreign exchange	(858,826)	(1,479,917)
Change in unrecognized deferred tax assets	(1,631,820)	2,896,977
Permanent items	1,545,210	695,911
Total tax expense	$ -	$ -

The Company offsets tax assets and liabilities if and only if it has a legally enforceable right to set off the current tax assets and current tax liabilities or deferred tax assets and liabilities and they relate to taxes levied by the same tax authority.

The Company's net deferred tax liabilities at December 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016 include the following components:

	December 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
Deferred tax assets		
Tax losses carried forward	$ 2,075,316	$ 2,589,502
Deferred tax liabilities		
Other	(2,075,316)	(2,589,502)
Total tax expense	$ -	$ -

The tax benefit of the following unused tax losses and deductible temporary differences have not been recognized in the financial statements due to the unpredictability of future earnings.

	December 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
Tax loss carry-forwards	$ 70,185,175	$ 67,145,272
Mineral properties under exploration	1,505,948	2,315,817
Equipment	504,107	512,476
Share issue costs	450,129	218,256
	$ 72,645,359	$ 70,191,821

(Expressed in Canadian Dollars)

As at December 31, 2017, the Company has unused non-capital losses that expire as follows:

Expiry Date	Canada	Guyana	U.S.
2027 to 2036	$ 16,461,418	$ -	$ 18,015,911
Indefinite	$ -	$ 43,539,227	$ -

15. Related Party Transactions

The Company's transactions are in the normal course of business and all amounts due to related parties are non-interest bearing and payable on demand.

a) Included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities is $5,860 (December 31, 2016: $30,591) due to officers and directors of the Company.

b) Remuneration of directors and key management of the Company was as follows:

	Year Ended	
	December 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
Salaries and benefits for management	$ 347,376	$ 313,809
Stock-based compensation	1,936,447	70,167
	$ 2,283,823	$ 383,976

The Company's Directors elected to waive fees for 2017 and 2016.

16. Segmented Information

The Company primarily operates in one reportable operation segment, being the exploration of its Toroparu Project in Guyana. The Company has administrative offices in Vancouver, Canada and Centennial, USA. Segmented information on a geographic basis is as follows:

	United States	Guyana	Total
Equipment	$ 6,106	$ 120,843	$ 126,949
Mineral properties	-	25,061,071	25,061,071
December 31, 2016	$ 6,106	$ 25,181,914	$ 25,188,020

	United States	Guyana	Total
Equipment	$ 7,873	$ 166,218	$ 174,091
Mineral properties	-	25,061,071	25,061,071
December 31, 2017	$ 7,873	$ 25,227,289	$ 25,235,162

17. Commitments

The Company has executed a mineral agreement with the Government of Guyana that stipulates a royalty of 8% on gold (1.5% on copper) produced from its mineral claims payable in cash or in kind to the Government of Guyana.