

**TSXV: WHG** 

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

For the fiscal years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

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DATE OF REPORT: March 24, 2022

This MD&A for Whitehorse Gold Corp. and its subsidiary (collectively, "Whitehorse Gold" or the "Company") should be read in conjunction with the Company's audited consolidated financial statements as at and for the year ended December 31, 2021, consolidated financial statements as at and for the six months ended December 31, 2020 and the related notes contained therein. In addition, the Company reports its financial position, financial performance and cash flow in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board. The Company's significant accounting policies are set out in Note 2 of the audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2021.

#### 1. CORPORATE INFORMATION

The Company is a Canadian mining company engaged in exploring and developing mining properties, including its Skukum Gold Project (formerly referred to as Tagish Lake Gold Project) located in the Yukon Territory, Canada (the "Project"). Whitehorse Gold was incorporated under the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia) on November 27, 2019, for the purpose of carrying out a spin-out by way of plan of arrangement (the "Arrangement") with New Pacific Metals Corp. ("New Pacific"), which was completed on November 18, 2020.

The head office, registered address and records office of the Company are located at 1066 Hastings Street, Suite 1750, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, V6E 3X1. The Company's common shares (each, a "Share" or a "Common Share") commenced trading on the TSX Venture Exchange (the "TSXV") under the symbol "WHG" on November 25, 2020.

## 2. FISCAL 2021 HIGHLIGHTS

- Closed the 2021 Private Placement (as defined below) to raise aggregate gross proceeds of \$15,264,590.
- Received a Class 3 Quartz Mining Land Use Approval for the Project, which is valid for 5 years.
- Successfully completed the 2021 exploration and drilling program with 16,554 metres of diamond drilling in 44 holes.
- Subsequent to end of the reporting period, the Company announced the trading of the Common Shares on the OTCQX Market under the symbol "WHGDF" on March 16, 2022.

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#### 3. PROJECT OVERVIEW

On February 12, 2020, the Company entered into a share exchange agreement with New Pacific, pursuant to which New Pacific transferred to the Company all the issued and outstanding shares (the "WGY Shares") in the authorized share structure of Whitehorse Gold(Yukon) Corp formerly named as Tagish Lake Gold Corp., "WGY") in consideration for the issuance of (1) an aggregate of 20,000,000 fully-paid and non-assessable Common Shares; and (2) a demand promissory note in the principal sum of \$3,000,000 to New Pacific (the "Share Exchange Promissory Note"). As a result, WGY is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company.

The Project, covering an area of 170.3 square kilometres ("km"), is located approximately 55 km south of Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, Canada. The Project consists of 1,051 mining claims hosting three identified gold and gold-silver mineral deposits: Skukum Creek, Goddell and Mount Skukum. The Project is 100% owned by WGY.

The Company completed the 2021 drill program with 16,554 meters of diamond drilling in 44 holes on the Project, undertaken with three drill rigs, that were focused on the Project's three deposits. The program was comprised primarily of step out and infill holes, as well as exploration/technical holes. Additionally, a property-wide airborne geophysics survey (magnetics, radiometrics and VLF) was flown at 100-m line spacing over the 170.3-km² property, and extensive surface mapping and sampling programs were undertaken to test areas of interest and certain of the extensive occurrences on the Project. For additional information on the 2021 drill and exploration program, please see the Company's news release dated November 22, 2021.

Results of 14 holes in the Rainbow Zone, Rainbow 2 Zone and Berg Zone of the Skukum Creek Deposit were released. Please see the Company's news release dated September 9, 2021, October 5, 2021 and February 17, 2022.

### **Project Expenditures**

For the year ended December 31, 2021, total expenditures of \$8,779,827 (six months ended December 31, 2020 - \$1,586,867, from incorporation on November 27, 2019 to June 30, 2020 - \$851) were capitalized under the Project.

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The continuity schedule of mineral property interest is summarized as follows:

Cost	The Project
Balance, November 27, 2019	\$ -
Acquisition of the Project	104,205
Permitting	851
Impairment reversal	11,714,944
Balance, June 30, 2020	\$ 11,820,000
Capitalized exploration expenditures	
Geology Study	712,917
Drilling & Assaying	330,998
Camp service	200,432
Environmental study	163,625
Project management and support	144,749
Reporting and assessment	12,600
Permitting & Claims	21,546
Balance, December 31, 2020	\$ 13,406,867
Capitalized exploration expenditures	
Geology Study	\$ 1,783,245
Geophysics & Surveying	188,071
Drilling & Assaying	3,145,606
Camp service	2,020,543
Environmental monitoring	450,821
Project management and support	1,051,410
Permitting & Claims	140,131
Balance, December 31, 2021	\$ 22,186,694

## 4. REVIEW OF FINANCIAL RESULTS

Selected Annual Information

			From incorporation on
	For the year ended	Six months ended	November 27, 2019 to
	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020	June 30, 2020
Net (loss) income attributable to the equity holders	\$ (2,174,315)	\$ (640,137)	\$ 11,496,896
Operating expenses	2,520,714	548,148	138,323
Basic and diluted (loss) income per share	(0.04)	(0.03)	0.89
Total assets	28,327,823	15,092,463	12,269,831
Total liabilities	925,478	241,158	3,632,387

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Net loss attributable to the equity holders for the year ended December 31, 2021 was \$2,174,315, or \$0.04 per share, (six months ended December 31, 2020 - net loss of \$640,137 or \$0.03 per share, from incorporation on November 27, 2019 to June 30, 2020 – net income of \$11,496,896 or \$0.89 per share). The Company's financial results were primarily impacted by the following: (1) a one-time impairment reversal of \$11,714,944 that was recorded in the period from incorporation on November 27, 2019 to June 30, 2020 for the increase in the Project's recoverable amount; (2) a one-time expense recovery from the amortization of flow-through share premium of 364,603 that was recorded in current year for eligible exploration expenditure renounced to shareholders; and (3) an increase in operating expenses, as discussed below.

**Operating expenses** for year ended December 31, 2021 were \$2,520,714 (six months ended December 31, 2020 - \$548,148, from incorporation on November 27, 2019 to June 30, 2020 - \$138,323). The increased operating expenses resulted from the growth of the Company compared to prior periods, at which time the Company had limited operations. Items included in operating expenses were as follows:

- (i) Salaries and benefits expenses for year ended December 31, 2021 were \$1,112,949 (six months ended December 31, 2020 –\$95,303, from incorporation on November 27, 2019 to June 30, 2020 \$98,741). The increase in salaries and benefits expenses compared to prior periods was related to additional employees being hired to facilitate the Company's operations. \$225,193 in salaries and benefits expenses recorded before the Arrangement was approved by New Pacific shareholders on September 30, 2020 was reimbursed by New Pacific and recorded as an offset to the salaries and benefits expenses for the six months ended December 31, 2020.
- (ii) **Investor relations expenses** for the year ended December 31, 2021 were \$364,656 (six months ended December 31, 2020 \$38,891, from incorporation on November 27, 2019 to June 30, 2020 \$697). The increase in investor relations expenses was a result of an increase in advertising and marketing activities conducted since the Company's listing on the TSXV.
- (iii) **Filing and continuous listing fees** for the year ended December 31, 2021 were \$122,587 (six months ended December 31, 2020 \$68,054, from incorporation on November 27, 2019 to June 30, 2020 nil). The increase in filing and continuous listing fees in the current period was a result of expenses related to continuous disclosure and filings completed since the Company's listing.
- (iv) **Office and administration expenses** for the year ended December 31, 2021 were \$251,791 (six months ended December 31, 2020 \$69,813, from incorporation on November 27, 2019 to June 30, 2020 \$29,829). The increase in these expenses was mainly related to an increase in corporate activities conducted in the current year compared to the prior periods.
- (v) **Professional fees** for the year ended December 31, 2021 were \$241,799 (six months ended December 31, 2020 \$230,890, from incorporation on November 27, 2019 to June 30, 2020 \$9,010). The professional fees were comparable with six month ended December 31, 2020, but increased by \$232,789 compared to the period from incorporation on November 27, 2019 to June 30, 2020 mainly related to professional services incurred related to the Company's continuous listing and filing requirements.

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(vi) **Share-based compensation** for the year ended December 31, 2021 was \$409,816 (six months ended December 31, 2020 - \$43,773, from incorporation on November 27, 2019 to June 30, 2020 - \$nil). The increase was mainly due to amortization of stock options granted to certain directors, officers and consultants during current year and six months ended December 31, 2020.

#### **Selected Quarterly Financial Statements**

The following tables set out selected quarterly results for the past eight quarters:

				For the quarter	rs ende	ed	
	De	cember 31, 2021	S	September 30, 2021	Ju	ne 30, 2021	March 31, 2021
Net loss attributable to the equity holders	\$	(423,780)	\$	(652,065) \$		(576,018)	\$ (522,452)
Operating expenses		781,957		646,112		572,356	520,289
Basic and diluted loss per share		(0.01)		(0.01)		(0.01)	(0.01)
Total assets		28,327,823		30,821,078	:	29,889,471	14,736,693
Total liabilities		925,478		3,028,063		1,622,520	291,274
				For the quarter	rs ende	ed	
	De	cember 31, 2020	S	September 30, 2020	Ju	ne 30, 2020	March 31, 2020
Net (loss) income attributable to the equity holders	\$	(558,424)	\$	(81,713) \$	:	11,549,764	\$ (52,868)
Operating expenses		519,976		28,172		112,940	25,383
Basic and diluted (loss) income per share		(0.02)		(0.00)		0.58	(0.00)
Total assets		15,092,463		15,407,134	:	12,269,831	632,387
Total liabilities		241,158		6,851,403		3,632,387	3,544,707

### 5. LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

### **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

As at December 31, 2021, the Company had a working capital position of \$4,379, 064, of which the Company defines as current assets less current liabilities. Current liabilities that are to be settled in cash as at December 31, 2021 was \$912,244, which have primarily been incurred in connection with the Project and general corporate purposes. The Company's working capital is sufficient for the Company to meet is immediate liquidity requirements.

During the year ended December 31, 2021, the Company incurred a loss of \$2,174,315, and used cash of \$1,715,300 in operating activities. Operating losses in relation to exploration activities is expected to continue for the foreseeable future.

The Company does not have unlimited resources and its future capital requirements will depend on many factors. To the extent that its existing resources and the funds generated by future income are insufficient to fund the Company's operations, the Company may need to raise additional funds through public or private debt or equity financing. If additional funds are raised through the issuance of equity securities, the percentage ownership of current shareholders will be reduced and such equity securities may have rights, preferences or privileges senior to those of the holders of the Company's shares. No assurance can be given that additional financing will be available or that, if available, it can be obtained on terms favourable to the Company and its shareholders. If adequate funds are not available, the Company may be required to delay, limit or eliminate some or all of its proposed operations. The Company believes it has sufficient capital to meet its cash needs for the next 12 months, including the costs of compliance with continuing reporting

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#### requirements.

In addition, the current COVID-19 pandemic has caused significant disruption to global economic conditions, which may adversely impact the Company's results.

#### **Cash Flows**

**Cash used in operating activities** for year ended December 31, 2021 was \$1,715,300 (six months ended December 31, 2020 –\$471,283, from incorporation on November 27, 2019 to June 30, 2020 – \$91,009). Cash flows used in operating activities were mainly used for the payment of the Company's operating expenses as outlined above.

Cash (used in) provided by investing activities for the year ended December 31, 2021 was using cash of \$9,290,652 (six months ended December 31, 2020 – used cash of \$1,481,339, from incorporation on November 27, 2019 to June 30, 2020 provided cash of \$10,840). Cash flows used in investing activities were mainly used for capital expenditures on the Project.

Cash provided by financing activities for the year ended December 31, 2021 was \$14,577,347 (six months ended December 31, 2020 –\$3,136,490, from incorporation on November 27, 2019 to June 30, 2020 - \$500,000), which was primarily raised in the 2021 Private Placement (as defined below).

### **Use of Proceeds of Prior Financings**

On May 14, 2021, the Company closed a brokered and non-brokered private placement offering of units and flow-through units to raise aggregate gross proceeds of \$15,264,590 (the "2021 Private Placement"). Each unit consisted of one Common Share and one Common Share purchase warrant and each flow-through unit consisted of one flow-through Common Share and one Common Share purchase warrant. The cash provided from the 2021 Private Placement netted with the private placement costs totalled \$14,564,459. For additional information on the 2021 Private Placement, please see the Company's news releases dated April 28, May 6 and May 17, 2021.

On November 17, 2020, the Company closed a non-brokered private placement of 22,656,698 Common Shares for gross proceeds of \$6,797,010 (the "2020 Private Placement").

The following table provides a comparison of disclosure previously made by the Company regarding its intended use of proceeds raised in the 2021 Private Placement as described in the above-mentioned news releases, and use of proceeds raised in the 2020 Private Placement as described in the Company's TSXV Form 2B - *Listing Application* ("Listing Application") dated November 18, 2020 against the Company's actual use of such proceeds up to December 31, 2021. All amounts listed below exclude non-cash expenses. The amounts presented in the table below are approximate.

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	Use of Proceeds	Intended Use Amount	ual Use of the funds utill December 31, 2021	Int	(Over)/under ended expenditure
2020 Private	Repayment of the Promissory Notes and payables due to New Pacific Professional service for the Company's	\$ 3,690,000	\$ 3,695,056	\$	(5,056)
Placement	initial public offering	130,000	173,495		(43,495)
(Per Listing	Phase I Work Program	680,000	724,492		(44,492)
Application)	Commencement of Phase II Work Program	1,084,000	205,751		878,249
	Corporate use and working capital	1,213,010	1,998,216		(785,206)
		6,797,010	6,797,010		-
2021 Private	Continued exploration of the Project and for				
Placement	general corporate and working capital purposes	14,564,459	9,084,901		5,479,558
Total		\$ 21,361,469	\$ 15,881,911	\$	5,479,558

### 6. OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS

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

### 7. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Related party transactions are made on terms agreed upon by the related parties. The balances with related parties are unsecured, non-interest bearing, and due on demand. Related party transactions not disclosed elsewhere in the MD&A are as follows:

	Note	Decen	nber 31, 2021	Decem	ber 31, 2020
Payables due to Silvercorp Metals Inc.	i	\$	24,475	\$	20,879

i) Silvercorp Metals Inc. ("Silvercorp") owns approximately 29.5% interest in the Company, on a non-diluted basis. Silvercorp and the Company share office space and Silvercorp provides various general and administrative services to the Company. Expenses in services rendered and incurred by Silvercorp on behalf of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2021 were \$240,092 (six months ended December 31, 2020 - \$56,305, from incorporation on November 27, 2019 to June 30, 2020 - \$nil).

The remuneration of directors and key management personnel are as follows:

				From	incorporation on
		Year ended	Six months ended	Nove	ember 27, 2019 to
	Decer	nber 31, 2021	December 31, 2020		June 30, 2020
Directors' fees	\$	87,000	\$ -	\$	-
Directors' share-based compensation		142,571	9,911		-
Key management's salaries and benefits		980,198	187,875		57,271
Key management's share-based compensation		262,552	35,101		<u>-</u>
	\$	1,472,321	\$ 232,887	\$	57,271

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#### 8. PROPOSED TRANSACTIONS

There are no proposed acquisitions or disposals of assets or business, other than those in the ordinary course of business, approved by the Board as at the date of this MD&A.

#### 9. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND ESTIMATES

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements is in conformity with IFRS requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported on the consolidated financial statements. These critical accounting estimates represent management's estimates that are uncertain and any changes in these estimates could materially impact the Company's consolidated financial statements. Management continuously reviews its estimates and assumptions using the most current information available. The Company's critical accounting policies and estimates are described in Note 2 of the audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2021.

### 10. CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES INCLUDING INITIAL ADOPTION

The Company applied the following new accounting policies to align with its business development.

#### Flow-through common shares

Canadian income tax legislation permits companies to issue flow-through instruments whereby the income tax deductions generated by eligible expenditures of the Company, defined in the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) as qualified Canadian exploration expenses ("CEE"), are claimed by the investors rather than by the Company. Shares issued on a flow-through basis are typically sold at a premium above the market share price which relates to the tax benefits that will flow through to the investors. The Company issues flow-through shares as part of its equity financing transactions in order to fund its exploration activities of the Project. The Company estimates the portion of the proceeds attributable to the premium as being the excess of the flow-through share price over the market share price of the common shares without the flow-through feature at the time of issuance. The premium is recorded as a liability which represents the Company's obligation to spend the flow-through funds on eligible expenditures and is amortized through the consolidated statement of loss and comprehensive loss as the eligible expenditures are incurred and renounced.

#### Lease

### Lease Definition

At inception of a contract, the Company assesses whether the contract is, or contains, a lease. A contract is, or contains, a lease if it conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration. An identified asset may be implicitly or explicitly specified in a contract, but must be physically distinct, and must not have the ability for substitution by a lessor. A lessee has the right to control an identified asset if it obtains substantially all of its economic benefits and either pre-determines or directs how and for what purposes the asset is used.

## Measurement of Right of Use ("ROU") Assets and Lease Obligations

At the commencement of a lease, the Company, if acting in capacity as a lessee, recognizes an ROU asset and a lease obligation. The ROU asset is initially measured at cost, which comprises the initial amount of the lease obligation adjusted for any lease payments made at, or before, the commencement date, plus any initial direct costs incurred, less any lease incentives received.

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The ROU asset is subsequently amortized on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the term of the lease, or the useful life of the asset determined on the same basis as the Company's plant and equipment. The ROU asset is periodically adjusted for certain remeasurements of the lease obligation, and reduced by impairment losses, if any.

The lease obligation is initially measured at the present value of the lease payments remaining at the lease commencement date, discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease or the Company's incremental borrowing rate if the rate implicit in the lease cannot be determined. Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease obligation, when applicable, may comprise of fixed payments, variable payments that depend on an index or rate, amounts expected to be payable under a residual value guarantee and the exercise price under a purchase, extension or termination option that the Company is reasonably certain to exercise.

The lease obligation is subsequently measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method. It is remeasured when there is a change in future lease payments arising from a change in an index or rate, if there is a change in the Company's estimate of the amount expected to be payable under a residual value guarantee, or if the Company changes its assessment of whether it will exercise a purchase, extension or termination option. When the lease obligation is remeasured, a corresponding adjustment is made to the carrying amount of the ROU asset.

#### **Recognition Exemptions**

The Company has elected not to recognize the ROU asset and lease obligations for short-term leases that have a lease term of 12 months or less or for leases of low-value assets. Payments associated with these leases are recognized as general and administrative expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term on the consolidated statement of loss and comprehensive loss.

## 11. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Company manages its exposure to financial risks, including liquidity risk and credit risk in accordance with its risk management framework. The Company's Board has overall responsibility for the establishment and oversight of the Company's risk management framework and reviews the Company's policies on an ongoing basis.

### (a) Fair Value

The Company classifies its fair value measurements within a fair value hierarchy, which reflects the significance of inputs used in making the measurements as defined in IFRS 13 – Fair Value Measurement ("IFRS 13").

Level 1 – Unadjusted quoted prices at the measurement date for identical assets or liabilities in active markets.

Level 2 – Observable inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1, such as quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar assets and liabilities in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data.

Level 3 – Unobservable inputs which are supported by little or no market activity.

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The Company does not have any financial instruments that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis as at December 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020. Fair value of financial instruments measured at amortised cost approximate their carrying amount as at December 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020 due to their short-term nature.

### (b) Liquidity Risk

The Company has no operating revenues. Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will not be able to meet its short-term business requirements. As at December 31, 2021, the Company had working capital of \$4,379,064. The Company's ability to continue operations in the normal course of business is dependent on the Company's ability to secure additional financing.

In the normal course of business, the Company enters into contracts that give rise to commitments for future minimum payments. The following summarizes the remaining contractual maturities of the Company's financial liabilities:

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	Du	ue within a year	2-5 years	Total
Trade and other payables	\$	799,724	\$ -	\$ 799,724
Accrued liabilities		86,052	-	86,052
Lease obligations		33,392	16,696	50,088
	\$	919,168	\$ 16,696	\$ 935,864

#### (c) Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the Company if the counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations. The Company's exposure to credit risk is primarily associated with cash, receivables, and deposits and prepayments. The carrying amount of financial assets included on the consolidated statement of financial position represents the maximum credit exposure.

The Company has deposits of cash that meet minimum requirements for quality and liquidity as stipulated by the Board. Management believes the risk of loss to be remote, as majority of its cash are held with major financial institutions. As at December 31, 2021, the Company had a GST receivables balance of \$72,602 (December 31, 2020 - \$43,611, June 30, 2020 - \$1,058).

### 12. OUTSTANDING SHARE DATA

As at the date of this MD&A, the following securities were outstanding:

### (a) Share Capital

- Authorized unlimited number of common shares without par value.
- Issued and outstanding 52,848,256 common shares with a recorded value of \$21.0 million.

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#### (b) Options

The outstanding options as at the date of this MD&A are summarized as follows:

Expiry Date	Exercise Price \$	Options Outstanding
November 18, 2030	0.315	1,958,333
February 25, 2027	0.50	1,475,000
November 28, 2026	0.60	500,000
May 5, 2031	1.38	270,833
	0.482	4,204,166

## (c) Warrants

The outstanding Common Share purchase warrants as at the date of this MD&A are summarized as follows:

Warrants Outstanding	Exercise Price \$	Expiry Date
6,287,300	2.00	May 14, 2026
3,646,025	2.10	May 14, 2026
292,249	2.00	May 14, 2023
		IVIA y 14, 2023
10,225,574	2.04	, ,

# **Security Escrow Agreement**

On November 18, 2020, the Company entered into a TSXV Form 5D *Value Security Escrow Agreement* (the "Escrow Agreement") with Computershare Investor Services Inc. and certain insiders of the Company, pursuant to which 6,507,333 common shares of the Company and 2,725,000 stock options were deposited into a 36-month escrow. As at the date of this MD&A, there are a total of 3,904,400 common shares and 458,333 options left in escrow under the Escrow Agreement.

#### 13. RISK FACTORS

There are numerous risks involved with mining and exploration companies and the Company is subject to these risks in addition to risks which are outlined in the Listing Application under the heading "Item 21 – Risk Factors", in the Company's Annual Information Form dated March 31, 2021 under the heading "Item 4.2 – Risk Factors" as well as the Company's other public disclosure filings. In addition, please refer to the "Financial Instruments" section of this MD&A for an analysis of financial risk factors. The Company's major risks (in no particular order) and the strategy for managing these risks are as follows:

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### **Exploration and Development**

Long-term operation of the Company's business and its profitability are dependent, in part, on the cost and success of its exploration and future development programs. Mineral exploration and development involves a high degree of risk and historically few properties that are explored are ultimately developed into producing mines. There is no assurance that the Company's mineral exploration and future development programs will result in any discoveries, expansions of mineral resources or the definition of mineral reserves. There is also no assurance that, even if commercially viable quantities of mineral resources or mineral reserves are discovered, a mineral property will be brought into commercial production. Development of the Company's mineral properties will only commence if the Company obtains satisfactory exploration results. Discovery of mineral deposits is dependent upon a number of factors, including the technical skill of the exploration geoscientists involved. The commercial viability of a mineral deposit is also dependent upon a number of factors including: the particular attributes of the deposit such as size, grade and proximity to infrastructure; metal prices; and government regulations including regulations relating to royalties, allowable production, importing and exporting of minerals and environmental protection. Most of the above factors are beyond the control of the Company. Unsuccessful exploration or development programs could have a material adverse impact on the Company's operations and profitability.

In addition, the Company's mineral projects are subject to a number of risks that may make it less successful than anticipated, including: (a) delays or higher than expected costs in implementing recommendations contained in the Technical Report or other technical reports that may be prepared for the Company's mineral projects; (b) negative technical results and/or technical results that fail to deliver the required returns to render the ongoing development of the Skukum Gold Project economic; (c) delays in receiving environmental permits and/or social license from indigenous groups; (d) delays in receiving construction and operating permits; (e) delays or higher than expected costs in obtaining the necessary equipment or services to build and operate the Skukum Gold Project and the Company's other mineral projects; and (f) adverse mining conditions may delay and hamper the ability of the Company to produce the expected quantities of minerals.

Moreover, the Company's operations are subject to a number of risks and hazards including, without limitation:

- industrial accidents;
- failure of processing and mining equipment;
- labour disputes;
- supply problems and delays;
- encountering unusual or unexpected geologic formations or other geological or grade problems;
- encountering unanticipated ground or water conditions;
- cave-ins, pit wall failures, flooding, rock bursts and fire;
- periodic interruptions due to inclement or hazardous weather conditions;
- uncertainties relating to the interpretation of drill results;
- inherent uncertainty of cost estimates and the potential for unexpected costs and expenses;
- results of future preliminary economic assessments, pre-feasibility and feasibility studies, and the
  possibility that future exploration, development or mining results will not be consistent with the
  Company's expectations; and
- the potential for delays in exploration or the completion of future feasibility studies.

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Such risks, individually or in combination, could result in negative impacts including: damage to, or destruction of, mineral properties or processing facilities; personal injury or death; loss of key employees; environmental damage; delays in mining; monetary losses; and possible legal liabilities. Satisfying such liabilities may be very costly and could have a materially adverse effect on future cash flow, results of operations and financial condition.

#### **Government Permits and Licenses**

The Company's operations are subject to government approvals, licences and permits. No guarantee can be given that the necessary government exploration and mining permits and licenses will be issued to the Company or, if they are issued, that they will be renewed in an appropriate or timely manner, or that the Company will be in a position to comply with all conditions that are imposed. The granting and enforcement of the terms of such approvals, licences and permits are, as a practical matter, subject to the discretion of the applicable governments or governmental officials. To the extent such approvals, licenses or permits are required and not obtained, the Company may be curtailed or prohibited from continuing or proceeding with exploration or development of mineral properties.

#### **First Nation Claims and Consultation**

First Nation interests and rights as well as related consultation issues may impact the Company's ability to pursue exploration, development and mining at its properties. The Company intends to communicate and consult with First Nations communities in order to manage its relationship with those groups but there is no assurance that claims or other assertions of rights by First Nation communities or consultation issues will not arise on or with respect to the Company's properties or activities. Such claims and issues could result in significant costs and delays or materially restrict the Company's activities.

### **Calculation of Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves**

There is a high degree of uncertainty attributable to the calculation of mineral resources, mineral reserves and corresponding grades. Until any future estimated mineral reserves are actually mined and processed, the quantity of future mineral resources, mineral reserves, and corresponding grades, if any, as disclosed at the Company's mineral property must be considered as estimates only. Accordingly, there can be no assurance that the Company will ever be able to delineate any mineral resources or mineral reserves at any of its currently owned projects.

### **Fluctuating Commodity Prices**

The Company's future revenues, if any, are expected to be derived in large part from the mining and sale of metals. Historically, the prices of those commodities has fluctuated widely, particularly in recent years, being affected by numerous factors beyond the Company's control including: international economic and political trends; expectations of inflation; currency exchange fluctuations; interest rates; supply and demand; sales by government holders; global or regional consumptive patterns; speculative activities; availability and costs of metal substitutes; and increased production due to new mine developments and improved mining and production methods. The price of base and precious metals will have a significant influence on the market price of the Company's shares and the value of its property. The effect of these factors on the price of base and precious metals, and therefore the viability of the Company's exploration projects, cannot be accurately predicted. If precious and base metal prices were to decline significantly, or for an extended period of time, the Company may be unable to continue its current exploration activities or fulfil obligations under its permits or licenses.

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#### **Key Human Resources**

The Company depends on the services of a number of key skilled experts, including its current board and executive officers, the loss of any one of whom could have an adverse effect on the Company's operations. The Company's ability to manage growth effectively will require it to continue to implement and improve management systems, and to recruit and train new employees. The Company cannot assure that it will be successful in attracting and re-training skilled and experienced specialists.

### **Governmental Regulation**

The Company's mineral exploration and development activities are subject to various laws governing prospecting, mining, development, production, taxes, labour standards and occupational health, mine safety, toxic substances, land use, water use and other matters. No assurance can be given that new rules and regulations will not be enacted or that existing rules and regulations will not be applied in a manner which could limit or curtail exploration, development or production. Failure to comply with applicable laws, regulations and permitting requirements may result in enforcement actions thereunder, including orders issued by regulatory or judicial authorities causing operations to cease or be curtailed, and may include corrective measures requiring capital expenditures, installation of additional equipment, or remedial actions. Parties engaged in mining operations or in the exploration or development of mineral properties may be required to compensate those suffering loss or damage by reason of the mining activities and may have fines or penalties imposed for violations of applicable laws or regulations.

#### **Environmental Risks**

The Company's exploration and development activities are subject to extensive laws and regulations governing environmental protection, including laws related to reclamation bonds. Environmental laws and regulations are complex and have tended to become more stringent over time. Failure to comply with applicable environmental health and safety laws may result in injunctions, damages, suspension or revocation of permits, and imposition of penalties. There can be no assurance that the Company has been, or will be, at all times in complete compliance with current and future environmental and health and safety laws and that compliance with environmental permits and regulations will not materially adversely affect the Company's business, results of operations or financial condition.

# **Realization of Benefits of the Arrangement**

The Arrangement was proposed by New Pacific and the Company to strengthen the position of each entity in the mining and exploration industry and to create the opportunity to realize certain benefits. Achieving the benefits of the Arrangement depends in part on the ability of Whitehorse Gold to effectively capitalize on its scale, to realize the anticipated capital and operating synergies, to profitably sequence the growth prospects of its asset base and to maximize the potential of its improved growth opportunities and capital funding opportunities. A variety of factors, including those risk factors set forth in the Listing Application may adversely affect the ability of Whitehorse Gold to achieve the anticipated benefits of the Arrangement.

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### No History of Operations, Earnings or Dividends

Following completion of the Arrangement, the Company became an independent public company. The operating history of New Pacific cannot be regarded as the operating history of the Company. The ability of the Company to raise capital, satisfy its obligations and provide a return to its shareholders will be dependent on future its performance. It will not be able to rely on the capital resources and cash flows of New Pacific. The Company has not yet commenced operations and therefore has no history of earnings or of a return on investment, and there is no assurance that its assets will generate earnings, operate profitably or provide a return on investment in the future. The likelihood of success of the Company must also be considered in light of the problems, expenses, difficulties, complications and delays frequently encountered in connection with the establishment of any business. The Company's proposed business strategies incorporate its management's best analysis of potential markets, opportunities and difficulties that it may face. No assurance can be given that the underlying assumptions will be achieved. The Company has never paid a dividend and, while it currently intends to seek to pay dividends in the future, has no current plans to pay dividends. The future dividend policy of the Company will be determined by the Board.

### **Additional Financing**

If the Company's exploration programs are successful in establishing mineral resources and subsequently commercially viable mineral reserves, additional funds will be required for the development of such a deposit and to place it in commercial production. One potential source of future funds is through the sale of equity capital. There is no assurance that this source will continue to be available, in required amounts or at all. If it is available, future equity financings may result in substantial dilution to shareholders. Another alternative for the financing of further exploration would be the offering by the Company of an interest in the property to be earned by another party or parties carrying out further exploration or development thereof. There can be no assurance the Company will be able to conclude any such agreements, on favourable terms or at all.

# COVID-19

The current outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business and operations, as well as impacting global economic conditions. Government efforts to control the spread of the virus have resulted in, among others, travel restrictions to Yukon Territory, Canada and reduced economic activity in Canada. The international response to the spread of COVID-19 has led to significant restrictions on travel, temporary business closures, quarantines, global stock and financial market volatilities, labour shortage and delay in logistics, and a general reduction in consumer activities. All of these could affect commodity prices, interest rates, credit risk, social security and inflation. Such public health crises at the moment or in the future may negatively affect the Company's operations along with the operations of its suppliers, contractors, service providers and local communities.

While the COVID-19 pandemic has already had direct and indirect impacts on the Company's operations and business, the extent to which the pandemic will continue to impact our operations are highly uncertain and cannot be predicted with confidence as at the date of this MD&A. These uncertainties include, but are not limited to, the duration of the outbreak, Canadian governments' mandates to curtail the spreading of the virus, community and social stabilities and the Company's ability to resume operations efficiently or economically. It is also uncertain whether the Company will be able to maintain an adequate financial condition and have sufficient capital, or have the ability to raise capital. Any of these uncertainties, and others, could have further material adverse effect on the Company's business and operations.

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The Company may experience additional business interruptions, including suspended (whether government mandated or otherwise) or reduced operations relating to COVID-19 and other such events could have a material adverse impact on the Company's business, operations and operating results, financial condition and liquidity.

### **Title to Property**

While the Company has investigated title to all of its mineral claims and, to the best of its knowledge, title to all of its property is in good standing, the Company's mineral property may be subject to prior unregistered agreements or transfers and title may be affected by such undetected defects. There may be valid challenges to the title of the Company's property which, if successful, could impair exploration, development and/or operations. The Company cannot give any assurance that title to its property will not be challenged. None of the Company's mineral property has been surveyed, and the precise location and extent thereof may be in doubt.

#### **Recent and Current Market Conditions**

Over recent years worldwide securities markets, including those in the United States and Canada, have experienced a high level of price and volume volatility. Accordingly, the market price of securities of many mining companies, particularly those considered exploration or development-stage companies, have experienced unprecedented shifts and/or volatility in price which have not necessarily been related to the underlying asset values or prospects of such companies. As a consequence, market forces may render it difficult or impossible for the Company to secure investors to participate in new share issues at an attractive price for the Company, or at all. Therefore, there can be no assurance that significant fluctuations will not materially adversely impact on the Company's ability to raise equity funding.

#### Competition

The mining industry is intensely competitive in all phases of its activities, and such competition could adversely affect the Company's ability to acquire suitable resource properties in the future.

### **Feasibility and Engineering Reports**

The Company carries out exploration operations at the Project in accordance with its applicable exploration permits. The Company has not yet completed, and may not complete, a preliminary economic assessment, preliminary feasibility or feasibility study or report which would permit the Company to consider advancing a project to the development stage.

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#### Insurance

The Company's exploration activities are subject to the risks normally inherent in the industry: these risks include, but are not limited to, environmental hazards; flooding; periodic or seasonal hazardous climate or weather conditions; or unexpected rock formations. The Company may become subject to liability which it cannot insure, or against which it may elect not to insure, due to high premium costs or other reasons. Where considered practical to do so the Company maintains insurance against risks in the operation of its business in amounts which the Company believes to be reasonable. Such insurance, however, contains exclusions and limitations on coverage. The Company cannot provide any assurance that such insurance will continue to be available, will be available at economically acceptable premiums or will be adequate to cover any resulting liability. In some cases, coverage is not available or considered too expensive relative to the perceived risk.

#### **Potential Conflicts of Interest**

Conflicts of interest may arise as a result of the directors, officers and promoters of the Company also holding positions as directors and/or officers of other companies. Some of those persons who are directors and officers of the Company have and will continue to be engaged in the identification and evaluation of assets and businesses and companies on their own behalf and on behalf of other companies; accordingly, situations may arise where the directors and officers may be in direct competition with the Company. Conflicts, if any, will be subject to the procedures and remedies under the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia).

#### **QUALIFIED PERSONS**

The technical information contained in this MD&A has been reviewed and approved by Alex Zhang, P. Geo., who is a Qualified Person for the purposes of National Instrument 43-101 – Standards of Disclosure of Mineral Projects.

### FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

This MD&A contains forward-looking statements and forward-looking information (collectively, "forward-looking statements") within the meaning of applicable Canadian and U.S. securities legislation. All statements, other than statements of historical fact included in this MD&A, including, without limitation, statements regarding future plans with respect to the Project; anticipated exploration, drilling, development and construction activities of the Company; timing of receipt of permits and regulatory approvals; estimates of the Company's revenues and capital expenditures; and other future plans, objectives or expectations of the Company are forward-looking statements. Estimates of mineral reserves and mineral resources are also forward-looking statements because they incorporate estimates of future developments including future mineral prices, costs and expenses and the amount of minerals that will be encountered if a property is developed. Forward-looking statements are often, but not always, identified by words or phrases such as "expects", "is expected", "anticipates", "believes", "plans", "projects", "estimates", "assumes", "intends", "strategies", "targets", "goals", "forecasts", "objectives", "budgets", "schedules", "potential" or variations thereof or stating that certain actions, events or results "may", "could", "would", "might" or "will" be taken, occur or be achieved, or the negative of any of these terms and similar expressions.

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considered reasonable at the date the statements are made that, while considered reasonable, are inherently subject to significant business, economic and competitive uncertainties and contingencies. The opinions, assumptions, factors and estimates include, but are not limited to: that market fundamentals will result in sustained precious metals demand and prices; the accuracy and reliability of estimates, projections, forecasts, studies and assessments; that there are no significant disruptions affecting operations, including labour disruptions, supply disruptions, power disruptions, security disruptions, damage to or loss of equipment, whether due to flooding, political changes, title issues, intervention by local landowners, environmental concerns, pandemics (including COVID-19) or otherwise; the assumptions underlying mineral resource estimates and the realization of such estimates; that the Company will be able to complete the required upgrading and retrofitting of the Project infrastructure to be fit for the Company's planned mining activities; the Company's ability to meet or achieve estimates, projections and forecasts; the availability and cost of inputs; the price and market for outputs; foreign exchange rates; taxation levels; the timely receipt of necessary approvals, licences and permits; the ability to meet current and future obligations; the ability to obtain timely financing on reasonable terms when required; the current and future social, economic and political conditions; and other assumptions and factors generally associated with the mining industry

Forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of the Company to differ materially from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. Such risks and other factors include, among others: social and economic impacts of COVID-19; actual exploration results; changes in project parameters as plans continue to be refined; results of future exploration activities and resource estimates; future metal prices; availability of capital and financing on acceptable terms; general economic, market or business conditions; commodity prices; uninsured risks; regulatory changes; defects in title; availability of personnel, materials and equipment on a timely basis; accidents or equipment breakdowns; delays in receiving government approvals; unanticipated environmental impacts on operations and costs to remedy same; and other exploration risks or other risks detailed herein and from time to time in the filings made by the Company with securities regulators.

There can be no assurance that forward-looking statements will prove to be accurate and accordingly readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. The Company undertakes no obligation to update any of the forward-looking statements in this MD&A or incorporated by reference herein, except as otherwise required by law. These forward-looking statements are made as of the date of this MD&A.

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