

ZEB NICKEL CORP.

CONDENSED INTERIM CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2022

Expressed in Canadian Dollars

(Unaudited – Prepared by Management)

NOTICE OF NO AUDITOR REVIEW OF INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Under National Instrument 51-102, Part 4, subsection 4.3(3)(a), if an auditor has not performed a review of the interim financial statements, they must be accompanied by a notice indicating that the financial statements have not been reviewed by an auditor.

The accompanying unaudited interim financial statements of the Company have been prepared by and are the responsibility of the Company's management.

The Company's independent auditor has not performed a review of these financial statements in accordance with standards established by the Chartered Professional Accountant of Canada for a review of interim financial statements by an entity auditor.

ZEB NICKEL CORP.**CONDENSED INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

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	March 31, 2022	December 31, 2021
ASSETS		
Current		
Cash	\$ 1,174,419	\$ 1,922,185
Commodity tax receivable	65,022	32,124
Prepaid	41,215	82,222
	1,280,656	2,036,531
Exploration and evaluation assets (Notes 4 and 7)	5,037,962	4,736,393
	\$ 6,318,618	\$ 6,772,924
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
LIABILITIES		
Current		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (Note 7)	\$ 174,255	\$ 505,001
	174,255	505,001
Long-term payable (Note 5)	660,565	623,874
	834,820	1,128,875
Shareholders' Equity		
Share capital (Note 6)	7,327,047	7,310,586
Accumulated the comprehensive income	31,575	53,870
Contributed surplus (Note 6)	473,444	301,458
Deficit	(2,348,268)	(2,021,865)
	5,483,798	5,644,049
	\$ 6,318,618	\$ 6,772,924

On behalf of the Board:“Anton J. Drescher”

Director

“Wayne Isaacs”

Director

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ZEB NICKEL CORP.**CONDENSED INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF LOSS AND COMPREHENSIVE LOSS**

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	For the three months ended March 31, 2022	For the three months ended March 31, 2021
EXPENSES		
Bank fees	\$ 586	\$ -
Consulting fees (Note 7)	6,000	-
Filing and regulatory fees	27,042	-
Management fees (Note 7)	15,000	-
Office	27,425	12,665
Professional fees (Note 7)	29,356	-
Share-based compensation (Notes 6 and 7)	182,651	-
Transfer agent fees	1,652	-
Loss before other item	(289,712)	(12,665)
OTHER ITEM		
Accretion of long-term payable (Note 5)	(36,691)	-
NET LOSS FOR THE PERIOD	(326,403)	(12,665)
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE LOSS		
Items that will be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss		
Currency translation differences	(22,295)	-
	(22,295)	-
Loss and comprehensive loss for the period	\$ (348,698)	\$ -
Basic and diluted loss per common share	\$ (0.01)	\$ (0.00)
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding	54,884,786	-

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ZEB NICKEL CORP.**CONDENSED INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY**

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	Number of shares	Share Capital	Contributed Surplus	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	Deficit	Total
December 31, 2020	120	\$ 3,911,219	\$ -	\$ 11,812	\$ (1,018,302)	\$ 2,904,729
Loss for the period	-	-	-	-	(12,665)	(12,665)
March 31, 2021	120	3,911,219	-	11,812	(1,030,967)	2,892,064
Shares of the Company on RTO	2,347,828	586,957	-	-	-	586,957
Eliminate shares of Zebediela	(120)	-	-	-	-	-
Shares issued to shareholders of Zebediela	41,000,000	-	-	-	-	-
Private placement	11,200,000	2,800,000	-	-	-	2,800,000
RTO finder's fee	250,000	62,500	-	-	-	62,500
Revaluation of Blue Rhino options and warrants on RTO	-	-	86,000	-	-	86,000
Exercise of options	86,958	69,200	(49,000)	-	-	20,000
Share issuance costs	-	(119,290)	-	-	-	(119,290)
Share-based compensation	-	-	264,658	-	-	264,658
Currency translation adjustment	-	-	-	42,058	-	42,058
Loss for the period	-	-	-	-	(990,898)	(990,898)
December 31, 2021	54,884,786	7,310,586	301,458	53,870	(2,021,865)	5,644,049
Exercise of warrants	25,200	16,461	(10,665)	-	-	5,796
Share-based compensation	-	-	182,651	-	-	182,651
Currency translation adjustment	-	-	-	(22,295)	-	(22,295)
Loss for the period	-	-	-	-	(326,403)	(326,403)
March 31, 2022	54,909,986	\$ 7,327,047	\$ 473,444	\$ 31,575	\$ (2,348,268)	\$ 5,483,798

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ZEB NICKEL CORP.
CONDENSED INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
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	For the three months ended March 31, 2022	For the three months ended March 31, 2021
Cash provided by (used in):		
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net loss for the period	\$ (326,403)	\$ (12,665)
Item not affecting cash:		
Share-based compensation	182,651	-
Accretion of long-term payable	36,691	-
Changes in non-working capital items:		
Commodity tax receivable	(32,898)	-
Prepaid	41,007	-
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	24,687	12,665
Net cash used in operating activities	(74,265)	-
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Exploration and evaluation costs	(657,002)	-
Net cash used in investing activities	(657,002)	-
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from exercise of warrants	5,796	-
Net cash provided by financing activities	5,796	-
Effect of foreign currency translation	(22,295)	-
Change in cash for the period	(747,766)	-
Cash, beginning of period	1,922,185	-
Cash, end of period	\$ 1,174,419	\$ -
Supplemental cash flow disclosures		
Exploration and evaluation expenditures in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 57,716	\$ -

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1. NATURE OF BUSINESS AND GOING CONCERN

ZEB Nickel Corp. (the “Company”) was incorporated under the Business Corporations Act (British Columbia) on February 6, 2019. The Company was formed for the primary purpose of completing an Initial Public Offering (“IPO” or “Offering”) on the TSX Venture Exchange (“Exchange”) as a Capital Pool Company (“CPC”) as defined in Policy 2.4 of the Exchange. On July 14, 2020, the Company completed its IPO and started trading on the Exchange under the symbol “RHNO.P”.

The Company’s condensed interim consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”) on a going concern basis, which contemplates that the Company will be able to realize its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of business. Realization values may be substantially different from the carrying values shown and these condensed interim 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. Such adjustments could be material.

The Company’s continuing operations and the ability of the Company to meet mineral property and other commitments are dependent upon the ability of the Company to continue to raise additional equity or debt financing. The Company has not achieved profitable operations and has accumulated losses since inception, and during the period ended March 31, 2022 incurred a net loss of \$324,403 (2021 - \$12,665). The Company will need to raise additional capital resources to fund its exploration programs and administrative expenses beyond the next twelve months. The above conditions may cast significant doubt about the Company’s ability to continue as a going concern.

COVID-19 (the coronavirus) has threatened a slowdown in the global economy as well as caused volatility in the global financial markets. While the full impact of COVID-19 on the global economy is uncertain, rapid spread of COVID-19 may have an adverse effect on the Company's financing capabilities. The extent to which COVID-19 may impact the Company’s business will depend on future developments such as the geographic spread of the disease, the duration of the outbreak, travel restrictions and social distancing, business closures or business disruptions, and the effectiveness of actions taken in Canada, the United States and other countries to contain and treat the virus. Although it is not possible to reliably estimate the length or severity of these developments and their financial impact to the date of approval of these financial statements, these conditions could have a significant adverse impact on the Company's financial position and results of operations for future periods.

Reverse Takeover

On July 30, 2021, the Company completed the acquisition of all of the issued and outstanding shares of a private company, Zebediela Nickel Company (Pty) Ltd. (“Zebediela”), through a reverse takeover (“RTO”) thereby completing its Qualifying Transaction. Zebediela was incorporated in South Africa on November 6, 2020.

Upon completion of the RTO, the shareholders of Zebediela obtained control of the consolidated entity. Accordingly, Zebediela was identified as the acquirer for accounting purposes, and the consolidated entity is considered to be a continuation of Zebediela, with the net assets of Blue Rhino Capital Corp. (“Blue Rhino”) at the date of the RTO deemed to have been acquired by Zebediela. (Note 3). The consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2021 include the results of operations of Zebediela Nickel Company (Pty) Ltd. from January 1, 2021, and of Blue Rhino from July 30, 2021, the date of the RTO. The comparative figures are those of Zebediela Nickel Company (Pty) Ltd. The Company continues to carry on the business of Zebediela as currently constituted, which is the exploration and development of mineral properties in South Africa.

Immediately prior to completion of the Transaction, the Company also consolidated its issued and outstanding common shares on a 2.3:1 basis. These condensed interim consolidated financial statements have been retrospectively adjusted to reflect the share consolidation. The Company also changed its name to ZEB Nickel Corp. and trades under the ticker symbol “ZBNI”.

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2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND BASIS OF PREPARATION**Statement of compliance and basis of presentation**

The condensed interim consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting (“IAS34”) using accounting policies consistent with the International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”) issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (“IASB”) and Interpretations of the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee (“IFRIC”). They do not include all financial information required for full annual financial statements and should be read in conjunction with the Audited Financial Statements of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2021.

These condensed interim consolidated financial statements were approved and authorized for issuance by the Board of Directors on May 26, 2022. Any subsequent changes to IFRS that are given effect in our annual consolidated financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2023 could result in restatements of these condensed interim consolidated financial statements. None of these standards are expected to have a significant effect on the condensed interim consolidated financial statements.

Basis of Measurement

These condensed interim consolidated financial statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis, except for financial instruments classified as financial instruments at fair value through profit and loss, or fair value through other comprehensive loss, which are stated at their fair value. In addition, these condensed interim consolidated financial statements have been prepared using the accrual basis of accounting, except for cash flow information. These consolidated financial statements are presented in Canadian dollars unless otherwise noted which is also the Company’s and its subsidiaries functional currency (see below).

Basis of consolidation

These condensed interim consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its subsidiaries:

Name of Subsidiary	Place of Domicile	Percentage Ownership
Zebediela Nickel Company (PTY) Ltd. (“Zebediela”)	South Africa	100%
Umnex Minerals Limpopo (Pty) Ltd. (“Umnex”) - inactive	South Africa	74%
Lesego Platinum Uitloop (Pty) Ltd. (“Lesego”) – inactive	South Africa	67%

All material intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated upon consolidation. Subsidiaries are all entities over which the Company has the power to govern the financial and operating policies generally accompanying a shareholding of more than one-half of the voting rights. Subsidiaries are fully consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the Company until the date on which control ceases. Umnex and Lesego solely own interest in the Company’s exploration property.

Estimates, judgments and assumptions

The preparation of the Company’s financial statements requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting year. Estimates and assumptions are continually evaluated and are based on management’s experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

The areas which require management to make significant judgments, estimates and assumptions in determining carrying values include, but are not limited to:

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2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND BASIS OF PREPARATION (CONTINUED)**Estimates, judgments and assumptions (continued)**Significant Judgments

- Going concern - The assessment of whether the concern assumption is appropriate requires management to take into account all available information about the future, which is at least, but not limited to, 12 months from the end of the reporting period. The Company is aware that material uncertainties exist related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt upon the Company's ability to continue as a going concern.
- Asset acquisition versus business combination - Management had to apply judgment with respect to whether an acquisition is an asset acquisition or business combination. The assessments require management to assess the inputs, processes, and outputs of the companies acquired at the time of acquisition. Acquisitions that do not meet the definition of a business combination are accounted for as asset acquisitions.
- Determination of the acquirer in the reverse takeover transaction – Management had to apply judgment to determine which party obtains control of the combining entities. Management applies judgment in determining control by assessing the following three factors: whether the Company has power over; whether the Company has exposure or rights to variable returns from its involvement; and whether the Company has the ability to use its powers over to affect the amount of its returns.
- The determination of the Company and its subsidiaries' functional currency - The Company applied judgment in determining its functional currency and the functional currency of its subsidiaries. The functional currency was determined based on the currency in which funds are sourced and the currency of the main economic environment in which the Company and its subsidiary operate.
- Indicators of impairment of property and equipment and exploration and evaluation assets - Assets or cash-generating units ("CGUs") are evaluated at each reporting date to determine whether there are any indications of impairment. The Company considers both internal and external sources of information when making the assessment of whether there are indications of impairment for the Company's exploration and evaluation assets.

Significant judgment is required when determining whether facts and circumstances suggest that the carrying amount of exploration and evaluation assets may exceed its recoverable amount. The retention of regulatory permits and licenses, the Company's ability to obtain financing for exploration and development activities and its future plans on the exploration and evaluation assets, current and future metal prices, and market sentiment are all factors considered by the Company.

Significant Estimates

- Share-based compensation - The fair value of stock options granted are measured using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. Measurement inputs include share price on measurement date, exercise price of the option, expected volatility, expected life of the options, expected dividends and the risk-free rate. The Company estimates volatility based on historical share price of comparable companies, excluding specific time frames in which volatility was affected by specific transactions that are not considered to be indicative of the entities' expected share price volatility. The expected life of the options is based on historical experience and general option holder behaviour. Dividends were not taken into consideration as the Company does not expect to pay dividends.
- Fair value of consideration in reverse takeover transaction - The fair value of consideration to acquire the Company in the reverse takeover transaction comprised common shares. Common shares were valued on the date of issuance. The Company applied IFRS 2 Share-based Payment in accounting for the Transaction.

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2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND BASIS OF PREPARATION (CONTINUED)

Exploration and Evaluation Assets

Exploration costs incurred prior to the Company obtaining an exploration license are expensed as incurred.

Once the right to explore a property has been acquired, all costs related to the acquisition, exploration, and evaluation of mineral properties are capitalized by property. These expenditures include costs for consulting geologists, surveying, geophysics, sampling, drilling, assaying and depreciation on equipment during the exploration phase.

Option payments to acquire an exploration and evaluation asset, made at the sole discretion of the Company under an option agreement, are capitalized at the time of payment. Option payments received are treated as a reduction of the carrying value of the related acquisition cost for the exploration and evaluation assets until the payments are in excess of acquisition costs, at which time they are then credited to profit or loss. Option payments are at the discretion of the optionee and, accordingly, are accounted for when payment is made or receipt is reasonably assured.

The Company is in the exploration stage and is in the process of determining whether its exploration and evaluation assets contain ore reserves that are economically recoverable. The recoverability of amounts recorded as exploration and evaluation assets is dependent upon the discovery of economically recoverable reserves, maintenance of the Company's legal interests in its mineral claims, obtaining further financing for exploration and development of its mineral claims and commencement of future profitable production, or receiving proceeds from the sale of all or an interest in its mineral properties. Management reviews the carrying value of exploration and evaluation assets on a periodic basis and will recognize impairment in value based upon current exploration results, the prospect of further work being carried out by the Company, the assessment of future probability of profitable revenues from the property or from the sale of the property. Amounts shown for exploration and evaluation assets represent costs incurred, net of write-downs and recoveries, and are not intended to represent present or future values.

Capitalized exploration and evaluation costs are assessed for impairment if facts and circumstances suggest that the carrying amount exceeds the recoverable amount. When there is little prospect of further work being carried out by the Company or its partners on a property, when a property is abandoned or when the capitalized costs are no longer considered recoverable, the related property costs are written down to management's estimate of their net recoverable amount. The recoverability of the carrying amount of mineral properties is dependent on the successful development and commercial exploitation or the sale of the respective areas of interest.

Restoration, Rehabilitation and Environmental Obligations

An obligation to incur restoration, rehabilitation, and environmental costs arise when an environmental disturbance is caused by the exploration, development, or ongoing production of a mineral property interest. Such costs arising from the decommissioning of plant and other site preparation work discounted to their net present value, are provided for and capitalized at the start of each project to the carrying amount of the asset, as soon as the obligation to incur such costs arises. Discount rates using a pre-tax rate that reflect the time value of money are used to calculate the net present value. These costs are charged against profit or loss over the economic life of the related asset, through amortization using either the unit-of-production or the straight-line method. The related liability is adjusted each period for the unwinding of the discount rate and for changes to the current market-based discount rate, and amount or timing of the underlying cash flows needed to settle the obligation. Costs for the restoration of subsequent site damage, which is created on an ongoing basis during production, are provided for at their net present values and charged against profits as extraction progresses.

The Company has no material restoration, rehabilitation, and environmental costs as the disturbance to date is minimal.

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2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND BASIS OF PREPARATION (CONTINUED)

Financial instruments

The Company classifies all financial instruments as fair value through profit or loss (“FVTPL”), financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income (“FVTOCI”), financial assets/liabilities at amortized cost. Management determines the classification of its financial assets and liabilities at initial recognition.

Financial assets carried at FVTPL are initially recorded at fair value and transaction costs are expensed in profit or loss. Realized and unrealized gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value of the financial asset held at FVTPL are included in profit or loss in the period in which they arise. The Company classifies cash as FVTPL.

Financial assets at amortized cost are initially recognized at fair value plus transaction costs and subsequently carried at amortized cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment. They are classified as current assets or non-current assets based on their maturity date.

Financial assets carried at FVTOCI are initially recognized at fair value plus transaction costs. Subsequently, they are measured at fair value, with gains and losses arising from changes in fair value recognized in other comprehensive income. There is no subsequent reclassification of fair value gains and losses to profit or loss following the de-recognition of the financial asset.

Financial assets are derecognized when they mature or are sold, and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership have been transferred. Gains and losses on de-recognition of financial assets classified as FVTPL or amortized cost are recognized in profit or loss. Gains or losses on financial assets classified as FVTOCI remain within accumulated other comprehensive income.

Financial liabilities are recognized when the Company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the financial instrument. A financial liability is derecognized when it is extinguished, discharged, cancelled or when it expires. Financial liabilities are classified as either financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss or financial liabilities subsequently measured at amortized cost.

Financial instruments that are measured at fair value use inputs, which are classified within a hierarchy that prioritizes their significance. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are:

- Level 1 - Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;
- Level 2 - Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability either directly or indirectly; and
- Level 3 - Inputs that are not based on observable market data.

The Company’s financial instruments classified as Level 1 are cash and accounts payable and accrued liabilities. Their carrying values approximate fair value due to their short-term maturity.

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2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND BASIS OF PREPARATION (CONTINUED)**Income taxes**

Income tax is recognized in profit or loss except to the extent that it relates to items recognized directly in equity, in which case it is recognized in equity. Current tax expense is the expected tax payable on the taxable income for the year, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at period end, adjusted for amendments to tax payable with regards to previous years.

Deferred tax is recorded using the statement of financial position liability method, providing for temporary differences, between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for taxation purposes. The following temporary differences are not provided for: goodwill not deductible for tax purposes; the initial recognition of assets or liabilities that affect neither accounting or taxable loss; and differences relating to investments in subsidiaries to the extent that they will probably not reverse in the foreseeable future. The amount of deferred tax provided is based on the expected manner of realization or settlement of the carrying amount of assets and liabilities, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the statement of financial position date.

A deferred tax asset is recognized only to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which the asset can be utilized.

Additional income taxes that arise from the distribution of dividends are recognized at the same time as the liability to pay the related dividend. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities and when they relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority and the Company intends to settle its current tax assets and liabilities on a net basis.

Share Capital

Instruments issued by the Company are classified as equity only to the extent that they do not meet the definition of financial liability or financial asset. The Company's common shares are classified as equity instruments.

Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of new shares are shown in equity as a deduction, net of tax, from the proceeds.

Shares issued as consideration for goods or services provided to those other than employees or others providing similar services are measured at the fair value of the goods or services received, except when the fair value cannot be measured reliably, in which case they are measured at the fair value of the equity instrument granted. Warrants issued by the Company typically accompany an issuance of shares in the Company (a "unit") and entitle the warrant holder to exercise the warrants for a stated price and a stated number of common shares in the Company. The fair value of units issued is measured using the residual value approach, with the allocation of proceeds first to shares based on the fair value of the shares on the date of issuance and the remainder to warrants.

Share-based compensation

The Company records all share-based compensation at fair value. Where equity instruments are granted to employees, they are recorded at the fair value of the equity instrument granted at the grant date. The grant date fair value is recognized through profit or loss over the vesting period, described as the period during which all the vesting conditions are to be satisfied.

Where equity instruments are granted to non-employees, they are recorded at the fair value of the goods or services received.

When the value of goods or services received in exchange for the share-based compensation cannot be reliably estimated, the fair value is measured by use of a valuation model.

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2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND BASIS OF PREPARATION (CONTINUED)**Share-based compensation (continued)**

At each financial position reporting date, the amount recognized as an expense is adjusted to reflect the actual number of stock options expected to vest. On the exercise of stock options, agent options and warrants, share capital is recorded for the consideration received and for the fair value amounts previously recorded to share-based payments reserve. The Company uses the Black-Scholes option pricing model to estimate the fair value of share-based compensation.

Options and warrants issued as consideration in connection with common share placements are recorded at their fair value on the date of issuance as share issuance costs.

Earnings (loss) per share

Basic earnings (loss) per share is computed by dividing net earnings (loss) available to common shareholders by the weighted average number of shares outstanding during the reporting period. Diluted earnings (loss) per share is computed similar to basic earnings (loss) per share except that the weighted average shares outstanding are increased to include additional shares for the assumed exercise of stock options and warrants, if dilutive. The number of additional shares is calculated by assuming that outstanding stock options and warrants were exercised and that the proceeds from such exercises were used to acquire common stock at the average market price during the reporting periods. If these computations prove to be anti-dilutive, diluted loss per share is the same as basic loss per share.

Shares held in escrow, other than where their release is subject to the passage of time, are not included in the calculation of the weighted average number of common shares outstanding.

Impairment

At each reporting date, the carrying amounts of the Company's assets are reviewed to determine whether there is any indication that those assets are impaired. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated to determine the extent of the impairment, if any. The recoverable amount is the higher of fair value less costs to sell ("FVLCS") and value in use ("VIU"). FVLCS 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. In assessing VIU, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using 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 established 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 profit or loss for the period.

For the purposes of impairment testing, exploration and evaluation assets are allocated to cash-generating units to which the exploration activity relates. For an asset that does not generate largely independent cash inflows, the recoverable amount is determined for the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset (or cash-generating unit) is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, so that the increased carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognized for the asset (or cash-generating unit) in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognized immediately in profit or loss.

Change in Functional and Presentation Currency

Effective January 1, 2021, the Company changed its presentation currency from United States dollars to the Canadian dollar to reflect the Company's ongoing operations, sources of financing and market focus. Under IAS 8 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors, the change in presentation currency represents a voluntary change in accounting policy and is applied retrospectively. The comparative consolidated statements of loss and comprehensive loss and consolidated statements of cash flows for each period have been translated into the presentation currency using the average exchange rate prevailing during each year. All assets, liabilities and equity transactions have been translated using the exchange rate prevailing on the consolidated statements of financial position dates.

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3. REVERSE TAKE-OVER (“RTO”)

On July 30, 2021, the Company completed the acquisition of Zebediela, by way of issuing 41,000,000 common shares of the Company to the shareholders of Zebediela (“The Transaction”). As a result, the shareholders of Zebediela acquired control of the Company, thereby constituting an RTO. The Transaction is considered a purchase of the Company’s net assets by the Zebediela Shareholders. The Transaction is accounted for in accordance with guidance provided in *IFRS 2, Share-Based Payment* as the Company did not qualify as a business according to the definition in *IFRS 3, Business Combinations*. For RTO accounting purposes, the Transaction is recognized as if Zebediela had proceeded to issue the Company’s shares outstanding before the Transaction in exchange for the net assets acquired. The fair value of the 2,347,828 common shares of the Company was determined to be \$0.25 per common share, based on the fair value at July 30, 2021.

Consideration paid:	
Fair value of Blue Rhino common shares	\$ 586,957
Fair value of Blue Rhino agent warrants *	36,800
Fair value of Blue Rhino options **	49,200
Transaction costs – Fair value of common shares issued to finders	62,500
Total consideration paid	\$ 735,457
Identifiable assets acquired:	
Cash	\$ 134,198
Trade and other payables	(66,682)
Net assets acquired	\$ 67,516
Listing expense	\$ 667,941

- * The fair value of agent warrants were valued using the Black-Scholes options pricing model using the following inputs:
- o 150% volatility; 0.28% risk-free interest rate; \$0.25 fair value; \$0.10 exercise price, 2 year expected life; 0% expected dividend rate.
 - o
- ** The fair value of options were valued using the Black-Scholes options pricing model using the following inputs:
- o 150% volatility; 0.54% risk-free interest rate; \$0.25 fair value; \$0.10 exercise price, 10 year expected life; 0% expected dividend rate.

4. EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION ASSETS

The Company controls the rights to the Zebediela Nickel Project located in the Limpopo Province in the Republic of South Africa.

Balance December 31, 2020	\$ 4,025,640
Additions	
Drilling	337,943
Field work, administration and other	372,810
Balance December 31, 2021	4,736,393
Additions	
Field work, administration and other	301,569
Balance March 31, 2022	\$ 5,037,962

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5. LONG TERM PAYABLE

Upon completion of the Transaction, \$760,380 (US\$600,000) of accounts payable due to a related party was converted into a non-interest bearing long-term promissory note payable maturing January 30, 2023 (18 months from after the completion of the acquisition) (Note 3). The Company applied a market interest rate of 20% to discount the promissory note to its fair value and recognized a gain of \$182,145 during the year ended December 31, 2021.

Continuity of the promissory note is as follows:

Balance, December 31, 2020	\$ -
Addition	578,235
Accretion	45,639
Balance, December 31, 2021	623,874
Accretion	36,691
Balance, March 31, 2022	\$ 660,565

6. SHARE CAPITAL**Authorized share capital**

Unlimited number of common shares without par value.

Issued and outstanding

During the period ended March 31, 2022, the Company:

- issued 25,200 common shares pursuant to the exercise of options for gross proceeds of \$5,796, and accordingly, allocated \$10,665 from contribution surplus to share capital.

During the year ended December 31, 2021, the Company:

- issued 41,000,000 common shares pursuant to the RTO (Note 3).
- issued 11,200,000 common shares at \$0.25 for gross proceeds of \$2,800,000. The Company paid \$119,290 as share issuance costs.
- issued 250,000 common shares to a director of the Company as finder's fee in connection with the RTO (Note 3).
- issued 86,958 common shares pursuant to the exercise of options for gross proceeds of \$20,000, and accordingly, allocated \$49,000 from contribution surplus to share capital .

Escrow shares

At March 31, 2022, the Company had 39,789,673 shares held in escrow. 2,259,239 shares vested January 29, 2022, 4,309,239 shares vest July 29, 2022, 4,309,239 shares vest January 29, 2023, 6,149,999 shares vest July 29, 2023, 6,150,000 shares vest January 29, 2024 and 16,400,000 shares vest on July 29, 2024.

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6. CAPITAL STOCK (CONTINUED)**Stock option plan**

The Company has a stock option plan in place under which it is authorized to grant options to directors, senior officers, employees, management company employees, and consultants to acquire up to 10% of the issued and outstanding common shares. Under the plan, the maximum issuance in any 12-month period is limited for any consultant or person providing investor relations services to 2%, and 5% for any other participant. The exercise price of the shares subject to each option shall be determined by the Board, subject to applicable Exchange approval, at the time any option is granted. In no event shall such exercise price be lower than the exercise price permitted by the Exchange. The options can be granted for a maximum term of ten years. Options issued for investor relations services will be subject to a vesting schedule of at least 12 months whereby no more than 25% of the options granted may vest within any three-month period. All other vesting terms are determined by the Board of Directors.

Stock options

During the year ended December 31, 2021, the Company granted 2,785,000 stock options to directors, officers, and consultants, exercisable at a price of \$0.25 and an expiry date of November 9, 2025. The options have a fair value of \$605,500, calculated using the Black-Scholes option pricing model using the following inputs (i) Volatility of 150.00%; (ii) Term of 4 years; (iii) Discount rate of 1.26%; (iv) Dividend rate of Nil; and (v) market stock price of \$0.25. The options vest 20% every 3 months starting November 9, 2021. During the year ended December 31, 2021, the Company recorded \$264,658 of share-based compensation relating to the vesting period. During the year ended March 31, 2022, the Company recorded \$182,651 of share-based compensation relating to the vesting period.

A summary of the Company's stock option activity is as follows:

	Options	Weighted Average Exercise Price
Balance, at December 31, 2020	-	\$ -
Additions on acquisition (Note 3)	86,958	0.23
Granted	2,785,000	0.25
Exercised	<u>(86,958)</u>	0.23
Balance, December 31, 2021 and March 31, 2022	2,785,000	\$ 0.25
Exercisable, March 31, 2022	1,114,000	\$ 0.25

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6. CAPITAL STOCK (CONTINUED)**Stock options (continued)**

Details of options outstanding as at March 31, 2022:

Exercise price	Number of options outstanding	Expiry date	Number of options exercisable
\$0.25	2,785,000	November 9, 2025	1,114,000
	2,785,000		1,114,000

Warrants

A summary of the Company's warrant activity is as follows:

	Warrants	Weighted Average Exercise Price
Balance, at December 31, 2020	-	\$ -
Additions on acquisition (Note 3)	86,958	0.23
Balance, December 31, 2021	86,958	0.23
Exercised	(25,200)	0.23
Balance, March 31, 2022	61,758	\$ 0.23

Details of warrants outstanding as at March 31, 2022:

Exercise price	Number of options outstanding	Expiry date
\$0.23	61,758	July 14, 2022
	61,758	

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7. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Key management personnel are those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Company, directly or indirectly. Key management personnel includes the Company's executive officers and Board of Director members.

During the period ended March 31, 2022, the Company paid or accrued:

- i) \$15,000 (2021 - \$Nil) in management fees to the CEO.
- ii) \$20,000 (2021 - \$Nil) in professional fees to an accounting firm in which the CFO has an interest.
- iii) \$6,000 (2021 - \$Nil) in consulting fees to a director.
- iv) \$49,136 (2021 - \$Nil) in exploration expenditures, relating to field work, administration and other, to a corporation who has an officer who is also a director of the Company.

During the year ended December 31, 2021, the Company granted 2,785,000 stock options, of which 1,597,500 stock options were to its directors and officers, and recorded \$151,810 of share-based compensating related to the vesting period to the related parties. During the period ended March 31, 2022, the Company recorded \$104,770 of share-based compensating related to the vesting period to the related parties.

During the year ended December 31, 2021, the Company recorded listing expenses of \$112,500 related to \$50,000 accrued cash costs and \$62,500 in common shares issued to a director in consideration for facilitating the negotiation and completion of the Transaction (Note 3).

At March 31, 2022, the Company had \$57,893 (December 31, 2021 - \$318,338) in accounts payable and accrued liabilities relating to amounts owed to officers and directors of the Company.

At March 31, 2022, the Company had \$Nil (December 31, 2021 - \$80) in loan payable relating to amounts owed to a director of the Company.

8. CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

The Company defines its capital as shareholders' equity. The Company manages its capital structure to maximize its financial flexibility making adjustments to it in response to changes in economic conditions and the risk characteristics of the underlying assets and business opportunities. There were no changes in the Company's approach to capital management during the period ended March 31, 2022.

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9. FINANCIAL RISK FACTORS

The Company's risk exposures and the impact on the Company's financial instruments are summarized below:

Cash and accounts payable and accrued liabilities are carried at a fair value using a level 1 fair value measurement. The carrying value of these financial instruments approximate their fair values due to the short-term nature of the instruments.

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of loss associated with counterparty's inability to fulfil its obligations. The Company's credit risk is primarily attributable to its cash. The Company's management believes it has no significant credit risk as its cash is held with a major Canadian financial institution.

Liquidity risk

The Company's approach to managing liquidity risk is to ensure that it will have sufficient liquidity to meet liabilities when due. At March 31, 2022, the Company had a cash balance of \$1,174,419 (December 31, 2021 - \$1,922,185), and \$174,255 (December 31, 2021 - \$505,001) of accounts payable and accrued liabilities. The Company's accounts payable and accrued liabilities have contractual maturities of less than 30 days and are subjected to normal trade terms.

Market risk

Market risk is the risk of loss that may arise from changes in market factors such as interest rates and foreign exchange rates prices. The Company is not exposed to any significant interest rate risk.

Foreign currency risk

Foreign currency risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates. The Company is exposed to fluctuations in foreign currencies through its operations in South Africa. The Company monitors this exposure but has no hedge positions. As at March 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021, the Company was exposed to currency risk through the following financial assets and liabilities denominated in currencies other than the Canadian dollar:

	March 31, 2022		December 31, 2021	
	South African Rand (\$CAD equivalent)	US Dollars (\$CAD equivalent)	South African Rand (\$CAD equivalent)	US Dollars (\$CAD equivalent)
Cash	\$ 18,693	-	\$ 100,987	-
Commodity tax receivable	58,154	-	25,553	-
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(57,716)	-	(413,150)	-
Long-term payable	-	(660,565)	-	(623,874)
	\$ (286,610)	(660,565)	\$ (286,610)	(623,874)

Based on the above net exposures at March 31, 2022, a 10% depreciation or appreciation of the above currencies against the Canadian dollar would result in an increase or decrease of approximately \$100 (December 31, 2021 \$91,000) in the Company's after-tax net loss, respectively.

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10. SEGMENTED INFORMATION

The Company's operations comprise a single reporting segment. As the operations comprise a single reporting segment, amounts disclosed in the financial statements for expenses and loss for the period also represent segmented amounts.

All of the Company's exploration and evaluation assets are in South Africa.