

# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

For the Six Months Ended December 31, 2018 (the "Period")

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# FORWARD LOOKING INFORMATION

Forward-looking statements relate to future events or future performance and reflect management's expectations or beliefs regarding future events and include, but are not limited to, statements with respect to the estimation of mineral reserves and resources, the realization of mineral reserve estimates, the timing and amount of estimated future production, costs of production, capital expenditures, success of mining operations, environmental risks, permitting risks, unanticipated reclamation expenses, title disputes or claims and limitations on insurance coverage. In certain cases, forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of words such as "plans", "expects" or "does not expect", "is expected", "budget", "scheduled", "estimates", "forecasts", "intends", "anticipates" or "does not anticipate", or "believes", or variations of such words and phrases or statements that certain actions, events or results "may", "could", "would", "might" or "will be taken", "occur" or "be achieved" or the negative of these terms or comparable terminology. By their very nature 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 be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. Such factors include, among others, risks related to actual results of current exploration activities; changes in project parameters as plans continue to be refined; future prices of resources; possible variations in ore reserves, grade or recovery rates; accidents, labour disputes and other risks of the mining industry; delays in obtaining governmental approvals or financing or in the completion of development or construction activities; as well as those factors detailed from time to time in the Company's interim and annual financial statements which are filed and available for review on SEDAR at www.sedar.com. Although the Company has attempted to identify important factors that could cause actual actions, events or results to differ materially from those described in forward-looking statements, there may be other factors that cause actions, events or results not to be as anticipated, estimated or intended. There can be no assurance that forward-looking statements will prove to be accurate, as actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such statements. Accordingly, readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements.

# INTRODUCTION

The following interim management's discussion and analysis ("MD&A" or "Report") of Alto Ventures Ltd. ("Alto" or "the Company") has been prepared as of February 25, 2019 (the "Report Date"). This MD&A should be read in conjunction with the Company's interim condensed financial statements for the six months ended December 31, 2018 and the notes thereto, and the financial statements and the notes thereto for the year ended June 30, 2018, which have been prepared using accounting policies consistent with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") (collectively, the "Financial Statements"). The Financial Statements have been prepared using the accrual basis of accounting except for cash flow information, and unless otherwise specified, all dollar amounts in this Report are in Canadian Dollars.

Management is responsible for the preparation and integrity of the Financial Statements, including the maintenance of appropriate information systems, procedures and internal controls. Management is also responsible for ensuring that information disclosed externally, including the Financial Statements and MD&A, is complete and reliable.

# **DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS**

The Company was incorporated under the provisions of the British Columbia Business Corporations Act on June 6, 1987. The Company is listed on the TSX Venture Exchange (the "Exchange") as a Tier 2 mining issuer under the trading symbol: ATV. The Company is in the business of acquiring and exploring gold projects.

The recoverability of values assigned to these gold properties is dependent upon the discovery of economically recoverable reserves, the ability to obtain necessary financing to complete development, and future profitable production or proceeds from disposition.

The Company has investigated ownership of its mineral interests as at the end of the Period and, to the best of its knowledge, ownership of its interests is in good standing.

### HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE PERIOD

The Company continues in its operational effectiveness measures while maintaining the Company in good standing.

- In September 2018, the Company received \$98,210 pursuant to the Manitoba government's Manitoba Exploration Assistance Program ("MEAP"), in respect of exploration conducted at Oxford Lake during 2017.
- In October, 2018 the Company completed 1,010 m of diamond drilling in five holes at Miner Lake, Ontario. Anomalous gold assays were obtained from each of the drill holes including 1.03 g/t Au over 3.0 m in hole MIN18-10; 4.48 g/t Au over 1.5 m in MIN18-11; and 0.23 g/t Au over 22.0 m in MIN18-14.
- In December 2018, the Company received a work permit to carry out exploration programs consisting of line cutting, ground geophysics and 3,000 m of diamond drilling on its Oxford Lake project in Manitoba. Because the property lies in the Bunibonibee Cree Nation Traditional Territory, the work permit was issued with certain conditions including a requirement that a heritage resource impact assessment (HRIA) satisfactory to the Historic Resource Branch of Manitoba Sport, Culture and Heritage be completed before work begins. The Company has requested quotations from several archaeological consultants to obtain costs estimates for the HRIA that is anticipated to be carried out during the summer 2019.
- On September 19, 2018, incentive stock options allowing for the acquisition of up to, in the aggregate, 2,000,000 common shares at \$0.05 per share until September 19, 2023, were granted. On December 31, 2018, options allowing for the purchase of up to, in the aggregate, 400,000 shares at prices ranging from \$0.06 to \$0.10 per share, expired.

#### **RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

• three months ended December 31, 2018 ("Q2-2019") results as compared with the three months ended December 31, 2017 ("Q2-2018")

The Company's loss for Q2-2019 was \$130,957 (Q2-2018: \$327,586). Exploration and evaluation expenditures were \$184,444 in Q2-2019, expended primarily at the Miner Lake property. The Company recognized an unrealized gain on marketable securities of \$140,750 (see Note 2 to the Financial Statements).

• six months ended December 31, 2018 ("Period") results as compared with the six months ended December 31, 2017 ("2018 Period")

General and administrative expenditures during the Period decreased as a result of lower exploration and evaluation expenditures, the allocation of salaries and wages, and the unrealized gain on marketable securities held at December 31, 2018. In respect of the incentive stock options granted on September 19, 2018, the Company recognized \$44,284 (2018 Period: \$Nil) in share-based compensation. The Company received \$98,210 pursuant to the Manitoba government's MEAP, in respect of exploration conducted at Oxford Lake during 2017. As a result of the adoption of IFRS 9, the Company recognized an unrealized gain on marketable securities of \$113,709 (see Note 2 to the Financial Statements).

### SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY RESULTS

The table below present's selected financial data for the Company's eight most recently completed quarters:

	December 31, 2018	September 30, 2018	June 30, 2018	March 31, 2018	December 31, 2017	September 30, 2017	June 30, 2017	March 31, 2017
In thousands \$								
Financial results								
Net loss (income) for period	131	63	233	141	328	319	(787)	334
Basic and diluted (income) loss per share	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	(0.02)	0.01
Exploration and evaluation expenditures	184	7	110	41	87	239	128	217
Balance sheet data								
Cash and short term deposits	961	1,270	1,372	1,504	1,679	763	951	479
Exploration and evaluation assets	2,156	2,156	2,156	2,189	2,189	2,189	2,188	2,239
Total assets	3,597	3,744	3,804	4,058	4,349	3,757	3,944	2,856
Shareholders' equity	3,531	3,662	3,681	3,996	4,213	3,696	3,836	2,650

# **RESOURCE PROPERTIES**

The Company owns three core gold properties in Quebec, Ontario and Manitoba. The three gold properties are Destiny Project in Quebec, Miner Lake in Ontario and Oxford Lake in Manitoba. The Company also has an interest in a number of other highly prospective gold properties on which exploration work was carried out by the Company in the past but not to the same level as on its core properties.

The technical information in this section was reviewed and approved by Mike Koziol P. Geo., Alto's President and Director. Mr. Koziol is a Qualified Person as per definitions in National Instrument 43-101. The Company's core properties are:

#### a) Destiny Property, Quebec

The Destiny Project is located in Despinassy Township, approximately 75 km northeast of Val d'Or, Quebec and lies within the Archean age Abitibi greenstone belt in Quebec. The property is 100% owned by Alto subject to certain underlying production royalties. The key claims that comprise the project are in good standing to 2020 and their tenure can be extended with minimal maintenance costs.

The Destiny project is host to a Mineral Resource\* calculated consistent with guidelines set out in National Instrument 43-101 and filed on Sedar in March, 2011. At the 0.5 g/t gold cut-off grade, the Indicated Mineral Resources of the DAC Deposit total approximately 10.8 million tonnes at an average grade of 1.05 g/t gold. In addition, at the same gold cut-off grade, the Inferred Mineral Resources total approximately 8.3 million tonnes at an average grade of 0.92 g/t gold. The estimated contained ounces in the Indicated category are 364,000 plus 247,000 ounces in the Inferred classification. At a cut-off grade of 1.0 g/t gold from approximately 15 metres below surface to a depth of 400 metres, the DAC deposit was estimated to include 3,858,800 tonnes at an average grade of 1.71 gpt Au Indicated (212,310 contained ounces gold) and 2,521,400 tonnes at an average grade of 1.53 gpt Au Inferred (124,390 contained ounces gold). The gold mineralization is open to depth and along strike. Mineral Resources are not Mineral Reserves and by definition do not demonstrate economic viability.

The DAC Deposit is one of several significant gold occurrences on the Destiny project. The Darla Zone lies one kilometre east and along the same trend as the DAC Deposit. In 2012 the Company completed 12 diamond drill holes in the Gap Zone, the area between the DAC Deposit and the Darla Zone. The objectives of these holes were to determine if there is potential to increase the estimated contained ounces on the Destiny property between the DAC Deposit and the Darla Zone.

The drilling at the Gap Zone has achieved the objectives and confirmed the presence of higher grade gold values in wide envelopes of anomalous gold mineralization. Some of the higher grades include 78.7 g/t gold over 1.0 m within an 8 m interval averaging 11.3 g/t gold in hole DES12-147 and 22.7 g/t gold over 1.05 m in DES12-154. The other wider mineralized intercepts include two zones in hole DES12-144 which assayed 1.05 g/t gold over 10 m in one zone and the other assayed 1.04 g/t gold over 11.0 m.

The 2012 drilling results are very positive and indicate that the DAC Deposit, the Gap Zone and the Darla Zone could be linked for a total mineralization length of more than two kilometres along strike. An in-fill

program of closer spaced holes will now be required to determine if the gold zones have potential to add significant tonnes and ounces to the DAC Deposit.

On May 15, 2018, the Company entered into an agreement with Hinterland Metals Inc. ("Hinterland") pursuant to which Hinterland could earn up to a 75% interest in the Company's Destiny property (the "Destiny Property"), by making certain cash and share payments to the Company, and incurring staged exploration expenditures on the Destiny property. Additionally, Hinterland was required to close a minimum financing of \$750,000 on or before June 30, 2018 (the "Hinterland Private Financing"). Hinterland was unable to complete the Hinterland Private Financing, pursuant to which the Hinterland Agreement terminated.

\*NI43-101 Technical Report and Resource Estimation of the DAC Deposit, Destiny Property, Quebec, March, 2011 by Todd McCracken, P.Geo.

#### b) Miner Lake, Ontario

Alto owns a 100% interest in the Miner Lake Property subject to underlying royalties on some of the claims. The key claims that comprise the Miner Lake Property are in good standing for 2020.

In October, 2018 the Company completed 1,010 m of diamond drilling in five holes. The program was designed to further test the main East-West mineralized corridor drilled in 2011 holes MIN11-06 and 07 as well as other targets on the property. This program continued to build on Alto's previous work which identified persistent anomalous gold mineralization in widespread breccia zones hosted by feldspar porphyritic diorite. Chlorite altered gold-bearing breccia zones associated with feldspar porphyritic diorite were intersected in each of the 2018 holes, with gold values ranging from under 0.002 g/t to 4.48 g/t/ Au in individual samples.

A summary of the downhole intervals containing higher gold values from the 2018 program are presented in Table 1.

Table 1 - M	iner Lake 20	18 DDH Ar	nomalous Au li	ntervals*
MIN18-10	From (m)	To (m)	Interval (m)	Au (g/t)
	50.7	55.2	4.5	0.379
	117	121.5	4.5	0.259
	150	153	3.0	1.03
	160.5	175.5	15.0	0.48
MIN18-11				
	155.1	159.6	4.5	0.272
	170.1	173.1	3.0	2.57
includes	171.6	173.1	1.5	4.48
	183.6	194.1	10.5	0.36
MIN18-12	59	60.5	1.5	0.941
MIN18-13	156.5	158	1.5	0.346
MIN18-14	117.5	139.5	22.0	0.23

\*The intervals reported are down-hole lengths as there is insufficient drilling density to determine the true widths. Mineralized zones generally start at 0.1 g/t gold and assay averages may include minimal intervals of waste material. No top cuts of assays were used.

New areas of the property were mapped, prospected and rock grab sampled during the summer of 2018. Zones of hydrothermal breccia were discovered in the diorite approximately one kilometer north of the main E-W mineralized corridor. These zones also appear to trend E-W and are similar in appearance to the goldbearing breccias to the south. Bedrock grab samples confirmed a new a cluster of gold anomalies associated with these breccias, including 2.88 g/t Au. Ground VLF consisting of five lines, totaling 10 km of

geophysical surveying has been completed. Two strong VLF anomalies were delineated, one of which is approximately 200 m south of the target E-W corridor.

The Company completed nine holes totalling 1,732 m of diamond drilling in 2011 to follow up targets generated from surface exploration programs completed in 2011 and 2010. Eight of the nine holes intersected significant gold anomalies with hole MIN11-06 intersecting 39.2 m at an average grade of 0.6 g/t gold including 4.24 g/t gold over 1.5 m. Results from surface saw-cut channel sampling at the Whaleback Trench returned significant gold averaging 1.78 g/t gold and 0.11 % copper across 19 m including one section of 3.36 g/t gold and 0.24% copper across 5.0 m and another section of 6.29 g/t gold and 0.08% copper across 2.0 m. These higher grade sections are contained within a wide sulphide-rich envelope that is almost 50 m wide. Channel sampling of other hydrothermal breccia zones in 2010 returned very encouraging results which include 6.79 g/t gold across 1.0 m and 4.14 g/t gold across 1.4 m.

In June 2015, the Company completed a surface glacial till sampling program to test for gold dispersion trains down ice from the main gold occurrences. In June, July and September, 2016, the Company completed additional glacial till sampling. Results of these programs delineated several gold anomalies that require follow-up.

Results from the exploration work on Miner Lake are very positive and indicate a persistent and widespread distribution of gold in the numerous fault/hydrothermal breccia zones. The main target on this property is a large gold (with copper) deposit that might be exploited by open pit mining.

#### c) Oxford Lake Property, Manitoba

The Company owns a 100% interest in the Oxford Lake Property subject to underlying royalties on some of the claims. Currently the property comprises approximately 36,000 ha and is in good standing through 2019. The Company had planned a 2017-18 winter program of ground geophysics to have been followed by approximately 3,000 m of diamond drilling; however, in December, 2017 the Company was advised of last minute challenges to obtaining a work permit for its 2017-18 winter program, including the diamond drilling and has decided not to proceed with the planned program during the 2017-18 winter season.

In December 2018, the Company received a work permit to carry out exploration programs consisting of line cutting, ground geophysics and 3,000 m of diamond drilling. Because the property lies within the Bunibonibee Cree Nation Traditional Territory, the work permit was issued with certain conditions including a requirement that a heritage resource impact assessment (HRIA) study satisfactory to the Historic Resource Branch of Manitoba Sport, Culture and Heritage be completed before work begins. The Company has sent out requests for quotations to several archaeological consultants to obtain costs estimates for the HRIA that is anticipated to be carried out during the summer 2019.

The Oxford Lake property hosts the Rusty Gold Deposit, with Historical Resource\* of 800,000 tonnes averaging 6 g/t gold and containing approximately 154,000 ounces of gold hosted in banded iron formation ("BIF"), as well as several other gold occurrences. In 2012 the Company drilled hole RUS12-03 in the Blue Jay area approximately two kilometres on trend and east of the Rusty Deposit (Rusty-Blue Jay Trend). RUS12-03 intersected two zones of high-grade gold mineralization in BIF: Zone One - 2.7 m averaging 6.7 g/t gold including 22.5 g/t gold over 0.5 m and Zone Two - 6.8 m averaging 5.7 g/t gold including 11.7 g/t gold over 1.6 m and 16.5 g/t gold over 1.0 m.

The Rusty Gold Deposit and Blue Jay Zone lie along a magnetic trend, the Carrot River-Rusty-Blue Jay trend, that was traced by Alto's 2011 VTEM and aeromagnetic surveys for 30 km along strike but only a limited number of holes were drilled in the past along this trend. BIF deposits such as the Musselwhite Mine in Ontario (24.4 M tonnes averaging 6 g/t Au mined, 8.21 M tonnes averaging 6.39 g/t Au Proven and Probable, and 2.88 M tonnes averaging 4.98 g/t Au Measured and Indicated) tend to be large and relatively high grade (Ontario Mining and Exploration 2016-an official publication of the Ontario Prospectors Association).

An eight week summer exploration program consisting of rock sampling, geological mapping and prospecting was completed in August 2017. In total, 803 rock grab samples were collected on the entire Oxford Lake property. Highlight of results include:

#### The 30 km Carrot River-Rusty-Blue Jay BIF Trend

The Carrot River-Rusty-Blue Jay trend is a 30 km trend of aeromagnetic highs associated with banded iron formation ("BIF") units which host the historical Rusty Gold Deposit, the multiple, high grade Blue Jay Gold Zone and the solitary hole CR92-2 drilled by Noranda 10 km further west in the Carrot River area intersecting gold in BIF (0.98 g/t Au over 3.1 m). Bedrock exposures on the trend west of the Rusty Gold Deposit and near CR92-2 are sparse due to overburden cover however Alto's prospecting team made significant new discoveries. Other significant gold anomalies were obtained from the Brogden Lake area located at the west end of the Carrot River-Rusty- Blue Jay trend, approximately 5 km west of CR92-2. Grab sampling of a historical gold showing here returned up to 2.41 g/t Au associated with a narrow, banded magnetite-chert iron formation.

#### District Scale Exploration Potential of the Oxford Lake Property

The Hyers Island area lies near the south end of this large property, approximately six kilometres southwest from the Rusty Gold Deposit. Verification grab samples from historical occurrences returned up to 109 g/t Au within a 15cm wide quartz-sulphide-carbonate vein from the south shore of Hyers Island; the vein also includes 16.9 g/t Ag, 0.7% Cu and 24% Zn. Several other notable gold and gold-base metals samples were obtained from narrow quartz-sulphide veins and sulphide pods near the south shore of Hyers Island including 7.2 g/t Au and 83.7 g/t Ag; 2.1 g/t Au and 24.1 g/t Ag; 1.2 g/t Au and 14.5 g/t Ag; and 2.3 g/t Au.

Significant new gold, silver and zinc assays were obtained from bedrock grab samples mineralized with pyrite and sphalerite on north Hyers Island including 4.9 g/t Au with 51 g/t Ag and 12.7% Zn; 1.8 g/t Au and 15.9 g/t Ag; and 2.9 g/t Au. The mineralized samples are within gossan-stained zones from a few cm to several metres in width, but their extent, controls on mineralization and continuity have not yet been determined. Other new high-grade gold and silver values were obtained from a narrow quartz-sulphide vein located west of Hyers Island. The vein assayed 12.4 g/t Au with 48 g/t Ag.

The Cat Eye Bay area lies near the southeast corner of this large property, approximately 15 km southeast from the Rusty Gold Deposit. Grab samples of narrow sulphide mineralized zones from historical trenches returned poly-metallic mineralization including 37.8 g/t Au, 71.9 g/t Ag, 2.5% Cu and 2.5% Zn. Historical drilling in the area of the trenches returned up to 9.3 g/t Au, 89.5 g/t Ag and 4.42% Zn over 0.52 m core length. Two new occurrences were discovered by Alto in 2017 away from the historical trenches. One occurrence, which is located approximately 400 m northwest and possibly along strike from Cat Eye Bay trenches, returned grab sample values up to 12.5 g/t Au and 0.9 g/t Ag. Gold and silver here are hosted by centimeter scale quartz veinlets within magnetite-amphibolite rock interpreted to be highly metamorphosed iron formation. The second occurrence is located approximately 3 km northeast of Cat Eye Bay and gold values up to 5.8 g/t Au, 7 g/t Ag and 1.1% Cu were obtained from quartz-chalcopyrite veinlets hosted by a 20 cm shear zone within mafic volcanics.

The abundance of the high grade showings and their widespread distribution confirm the excellent exploration potential of the Oxford Lake property, both on Alto's main BIF target along the Carrot River-Rusty-Blue Jay trend as well as in the Hyers Island and Cat Eye Bay areas. Additional work is required in the Hyers Island area as well as Cat Eye Bay to better understand the controls on mineralization before drilling is carried out.

\*The Historical Resource was estimated in 1990 and a Qualified Person (QP), as defined by NI43-101, has not done sufficient work to classify this historical estimate as current mineral resources. Alto is not treating the historical estimate as current mineral resources, as defined by NI43-101, and thus the historical estimate should not be relied upon.

# d) Other Properties

The Company also has interests in the following properties:

Property Name	Status	Comments
Windfall East (formerly Alcudia), Quebec Coldstream, Ontario	Sold during fiscal year ended June 30, 2017 Sold during fiscal year ended June 30,	The Windfall East project was sold to Beaufield in May, 2017. The Company retains a 1% NSR royalty, of which Beaufield retains the right to buy 0.5% NSR for \$1 million. The project was sold in 2016 and Alto retained NSR royalties ranging from 0.5 to 1.5% on certain
Empress, Ontario	2016 100% Alto subject to production royalties	claims. An Option Agreement to option 100% interest is the Empress property to Sanatana was finalized in June 2017 and amended subsequent to this reporting period. The amended terms include the issuance of 3,000,000 shares of Sanatana to Alto (received) and 200,000 consideration shares (pending). Cash payments totalling \$125,000 of which \$50,000 was received and \$75,000 is due by December 21, 2018. Completion of \$150,000 in expenditures of which \$50,000 is to be by December 21, 2018 and balance by June 21, 2019. Upon exercise of the Option, Alto will retain a 1% NSR royalty on existing claims and 0.33% NSR on claims which lie within a predetermined area of interest acquired during the option period. Sanatana also reimbursed \$20,000 for exploration expenditures incurred by Alto prior to finalizing the
Greenoaks, Ontario	100% Alto subject to underlying production royalties	agreement. Located in the Beardmore-Geraldton greenstone belt contiguous to the Company's Miner Lake property; several significant gold occurrences were discovered on the property; a small historical mine operated on the property. A glacial till sampling program was completed in July, 2015.
Mud Lake, Ontario	100% Alto subject to production royalties on some of the claims	Located in the Beardmore-Geraldton gold belt northeast of the Brookbank gold deposit that is being evaluated by Greenstone Gold Mines; several significant gold occurrences occur on the Mud Lake property. Prospecting, mapping, and rock and till sampling programs were completed during the summer of 2018
Brookbank East	100%	during the summer of 2018. Located approximately 15 km on strike east of the Brookbank gold deposit within a trend of gold occurrence that extends for over 30 km. Geology and alteration are reported to be similar to that observed at the Brookbank. A historical drill hole is reported to contain 10 g/t Au over 0.91 m. Prospecting and mapping programs were completed during the summer of 2018.

# LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

The Company does not have any cash flow from operations as its projects are at an exploration stage, therefore financings have been the primary source of funds.

At December 31, 2018, the Company had cash of \$961,204 and working capital of \$1,374,856. In the opinion of management, the working capital at December 31, 2018 is sufficient to support the Company's general administrative and corporate operating requirements for the next three months. Management plans to continue to seek the necessary financing through a combination of issuance of new equity instruments, entering into joint venture arrangements or debt financing; however, there is no assurance that the Company will be successful in these actions. Should the Company wish to continue fieldwork on its exploration projects, further financing will be required and the Company will likely have to go to the market to achieve this.

Given the volatility in equity markets, global uncertainty in economic conditions, cost pressures and results of exploration activities, management regularly reviews expenditures and exploration programs and equity markets in order that the Company has sufficient liquidity to support its growth strategy.

# LIQUIDITY OUTLOOK

The outlook is based on the Company's current financial position and is subject to change if opportunities become available based on current exploration program results and/or external opportunities. At present, the Company's operations do not generate cash inflows and its financial success is dependent on management's ability to discover economically viable mineral deposits. The mineral exploration process can take many years and is subject to factors that are beyond the Company's control. The Company's cash position is highly dependent on the ability to raise cash through financings and the expenditures on its exploration programs, operational costs to operate the Company and keep it in good standing, the maintenance costs of its properties and expenses required to maintain the properties and any agreements pertaining to the properties in good standing. Management believes that the Company will need external financings for the upcoming year in order to fund further exploration. As results of exploration programs are determined and other opportunities become available to the Company, management may complete an external financing. In order to finance the Company's future exploration programs and to cover administrative and overhead expenses, the Company raises money through equity sales, from the exercise of convertible securities and from optioning its resource properties. Many factors influence the Company's ability to raise funds, including the health of the resource market, the climate for mineral exploration investment, the Company's track record, and the experience and calibre of its management. Actual funding requirements may vary from those planned due to a number of factors, including the progress of exploration activities. Management believes it will be able to raise equity capital as required in the long term, but recognizes that there will be risks involved which may be beyond its control.

# TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

Services, expenses, and compensation of key management personnel:

Key management personnel currently consist of Directors, and Officers of the Company, as to the President, the Chief Executive Officer ("CEO"), the Chief Financial Officer ("CFO"), and the Corporate Secretary of the Company. At the Report Date, key management personnel consists of Richard Mazur (CEO and a Director), Marian (Mike) Koziol (President and a Director), Jeannine Webb (CFO), Jacqueline Collins (Corporate Secretary), and David Cowan (Director), Gary Zak (Director) and Michael Steeves (Director). During the periods ended December 31, 2018 and 2017, the Company incurred the following net charges, all recorded based on fair value, in respect of services received from related parties:

	Six months ended December 31,		
	2018 (\$)	2017 (\$)	
Mike Koziol - services (Officer and company with Director in common)	78,000	78,000	
Mirador Management – management fees (company with an officer in common)	21,000	21,000	
J Collins Consulting - Corporate Secretary services	18,000	18,000	
Venturex Consulting - CFO services	21,000	21,000	
McMillan LLP – legal fees (Legal firm with a partner and Company Director in common)	8,485	21,750	
Gary Zak - consulting services (Director and Former Officer in common)	-	1,000	
Total	146,485	160,750	

In respect of services provided to and expenses incurred on behalf of the Company, the Company owed various related parties the following at December 31, 2018 and June 30, 2018:

	December 31, 2018	June 30, 2018
	(\$)	(\$)
In respect of services provided to the Company		
owed to Companies with directors and officers in common	2,612	21,665
owed to a Director and Officer	54,000	36,000
In respect of expenses incurred on behalf of the Company		
owed to Directors and Officers	1,182	17,687
	57,795	75,352

In addition, pursuant to an agreement with an officer, a severance payment of \$156,000 will be due to him in the event of termination without cause.

During the periods ended December 31, 2018 and 2017, the Company incurred the following fees from key management personnel:

	Six months ended December 31,	
	2018	2017
	(\$)	(\$)
Management fees, directors and audit		
committee fees	146,485	160,750
Share-based compensation	44,284	-
	190,769	160,750

# SHARE CAPITAL INFORMATION

The table below presents the Company's common share data as the Report Date.

Common shares -	56,373,295			
Exer	rcise price	Expiry Date	Shares issuable	
	(\$)		(#)	
Warrants	0.12	April 19, 2020	1,775,000	
	0.12	April 19, 2020	224,000	
	0.12	June 4, 2020	2,002,857	
	0.12	June 4, 2020	175,450	
	0.12	June 27, 2020	1,268,750	
		_		5,446,057
Stock options	0.06	June 19, 2019	600,000	
	0.05	December 10, 2020	325,000	
	0.10	March 27, 2022	700,000	
	0.05	September 19, 2023	2,000,000	
				3,625,000
				65,444,352

# **OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS**

The Company has no off-balance sheet arrangements.

#### SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Company has no subsequent events to report that have not already been included in this Report.

# **RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS**

#### Adoption of new IFRS pronouncements:

The adoption of the following IFRS standards and amendments to existing standards effective July 1, 2017 did not have an effect on the Company's financial statements:

- a) IFRS 2, "Share-based Payments" is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2018.
- b) IFRS 7, "Financial Instruments: Disclosure" is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2018.
- c) IFRS 9, "Financial Instruments: Classification and Measurement" is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2018. The Company adopted IFRS 9 without restatement of prior year financial statements. IFRS 9 replaces the provisions of IAS 39, Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement ("IAS 39") that relate to the recognition, classification, and measurements of financial assets and financial liabilities, derecognition of financial instruments and impairment of financial assets. IFRS 9 uses a single approach to determine whether a financial asset is classified and measured at amortized cost or fair value. The approach in IFRS 9 is based on how the Company manages its financial instruments and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial asset. The Company has elected to classify its marketable securities as Fair Value Through Profit or Loss ("FVTPL") which will impact the statement of income (loss) by value changes of these assets.
- d) IFRS 15, "Revenue from Contracts with Customer" is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2018.

#### New accounting standards not yet adopted:

a) IFRS 16, "Leases" is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2019.

The Company has initially assessed that there will be no material impact on the statements of financial position or results of operations as a result of adopting the new standards above; however, enhanced disclosure requirements are expected.

# FINANCIAL AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS

Financial Instruments – Recognition and Measurement

#### Financial assets

The Company classifies its financial assets into one of the following categories, depending on the purpose for which the asset was acquired. The Company's accounting policy for each category is as follows:

*Fair value through profit or loss* - This category comprises derivatives, or assets acquired or incurred principally for the purpose of selling or repurchasing it in the near term. They are carried in the statement of financial position at fair value with changes in fair value recognized in the statement of operations.

Loans and receivables - These assets are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. They are carried at cost less any provision for impairment. Individually significant receivables are considered for impairment when they are past due or when other objective evidence is received that a specific counterparty will default.

*Held-to-maturity investments* - These assets are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments and fixed maturities that the Company's management has the positive intention and ability to hold to maturity. These assets are measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method. If there is objective evidence that the investment is impaired, determined by reference to external credit ratings and other relevant indicators, the financial asset is measured at the present value of estimated future cash flows. Any changes to the carrying amount of the investment, including impairment losses, are recognized in the statement of operations.

Available-for-sale - Non-derivative financial assets not included in the above categories are classified as available-for- sale. They are carried at fair value with changes in fair value recognized directly in equity. Where a decline in the fair value of an available-for-sale financial asset constitutes objective evidence of impairment, the amount of the loss is removed from equity and recognized in the statement of operations.

All financial assets except for those at fair value through profit or loss are subject to review for impairment at least at each reporting date. Financial assets are impaired when there is any objective evidence that a financial asset or a group of financial assets is impaired. Different criteria to determine impairment are applied for each category of financial assets, which are described above.

#### Financial liabilities

The Company classifies its financial liabilities into one of two categories, depending on the purpose for which the liability was incurred. The Company's accounting policy for each category is as follows:

*Fair value through profit or loss* - This category comprises derivatives, or liabilities acquired or incurred principally for the purpose of selling or repurchasing it in the near term. They are carried in the statement of financial position at fair value with changes in fair value recognized in the statement of operations.

*Other financial liabilities:* This category includes amounts due to related parties and accounts payables and accrued liabilities, all of which are recognized at amortized cost.

The Company has classified its cash as fair value through profit and loss. The Company's receivables are classified as loans and receivables. The Company's marketable securities are classified as available for sale. The Company's accounts payable and accrued liabilities, loan payable, and due to related parties are classified as other financial liabilities.

Fair value measurement disclosure includes classification of financial instrument fair values in a hierarchy comprising three levels reflecting the significance of the inputs used in making the measurements, described as follows:

Level 1: Valuations based on quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

<u>Level 2</u>: Valuations based on directly or indirectly observable inputs in active markets for similar assets or liabilities, other than Level 1 prices such as quoted interest or currency exchange rates; and <u>Level 3</u>: Valuations based on significant inputs that are not derived from observable market data, such as discounted cash flow methodologies based on internal cash flow forecasts.

The fair values of the Company's cash and marketable securities constitutes a level 1 fair value measurement. The fair value of the Company's receivables, due to related parties, loans payable and accounts payable and accrued liabilities approximate the carrying value due to their short-term nature.

#### Financial Risk

The Company's financial instruments are exposed to certain financial risks. The risk exposures and the impact on the Company's financial instruments are summarized below.

#### Interest rate risk

The Company has no material exposure at December 31, 2018 to interest rate risk through its financial instruments.

#### Sensitivity analysis

Based on management's knowledge and experience of the financial markets, the Company believes the following movements are "reasonably possible" over a three month period. Sensitivity to a plus or minus 1% change in cash interest rates would affect net loss by \$9,612 annually. The Company does not hold any balances in foreign currencies to give rise to exposure to foreign exchange risk.

#### Currency risk

As at December 31, 2018, all of the Company's cash was held in Canadian dollars, the Company's reporting currency. The Company has no operations in foreign jurisdictions at this time and as such has no currency risk associated with its operations.

#### Credit risk

The Company has some cash balances and no interest-bearing debt. The Company has no significant concentrations of credit risk arising from operations. The Company's current policy is to invest excess cash in investment-grade short-term deposit certificates issued by Canadian financial institutions with which it keeps its bank accounts and management believes the risk of loss to be remote.

Receivables consist of goods and services tax ("GST") due from the Federal Government of Canada and Québec Sales Tax ("QST") due from the Government of Québec.

#### Liquidity risk

The Company manages liquidity risk by maintaining sufficient cash balances. Liquidity requirements are managed based on expected cash flows to ensure that there is sufficient capital in order to meet short-term obligations. As at December 31, 2018, the Company had a cash balance of \$961,204 (June 30, 2018: \$1,372,471) to settle current liabilities of \$65,645 (June 30, 2018: \$123,251). Management plans to continue to seek the necessary financing through a combination issuance of new equity instruments, disposition of its properties, entering into joint venture arrangements or debt financing; however, there is no assurance that the Company will be successful in these actions.

#### **CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS**

The preparation of the Financial Statements requires management to make certain estimates, judgments and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported expenses during the period. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

Significant assumptions about the future and other sources of estimation uncertainty that management has made at the end of the reporting period, that could result in a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the event that actual results differ from assumptions made, relate to, but are not limited to, the following:

- a) The carrying value and the recoverability of exploration and evaluation assets, which are included in the statements of financial position based on the planned exploration budgets and drill results of exploration programs.
- b) The inputs used in accounting for share-based compensation expense included in profit or loss calculated using the Black-Scholes option pricing model.
- c) The valuations of shares issued in non-cash transactions using the quoted share price as the fair value based measurement on the date the shares are issued for the transaction.
- d) The recognition of deferred tax assets based on the change in unrecognized deductible temporary tax differences.

# **RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES**

The Company has no history of profitable operations and its present business is at an early stage. As such, the Company is subject to many risks common to such enterprises, including under-capitalization, cash shortages and limitations with respect to personnel, financial and other resources and the lack of revenues. There is no assurance that the Company will be successful in achieving a return on shareholders' investment and the likelihood of success must be considered in light of its early stage of operations.

The Company has no source of operating cash flow and no assurance that additional funding will be available to it for further exploration and development of its projects when required. Although the Company has been successful in the past in obtaining financing through the sale of equity securities or joint ventures, there can be no assurance that the Company will be able to obtain adequate financing in the future or that the terms of such financing will be favorable. Failure to obtain such additional financing could result in the delay or indefinite postponement of further exploration and development of its properties.

The Company's property interests are located in remote, undeveloped areas and the availability of infrastructure such as surface access, skilled labour, fuel and power at an economic cost, cannot be assured. These are integral requirements for exploration, development and production facilities on mineral properties. Power may need to be generated on site.

Resource acquisition, exploration, development, and operation is a highly speculative business that involves significant risks, which even a combination of careful evaluation, experience and knowledge may not eliminate. While the discovery of precious metals and other minerals may result in substantial rewards, few properties that are explored are ultimately developed into producing mines. Major expenses may be required to locate and establish economically viable mineral deposits, to develop metallurgical processes and to construct mining and processing facilities at a particular site. It is impossible to ensure that the acquisition, exploration or development programs planned by the Company will result in a profitable commercial mining operation. The potential for any project to eventually become an economically viable operation depends on numerous factors including: the quantity and quality of the minerals discovered if any, the proximity to infrastructure, metal and mineral prices (which vary considerably over time) and government regulations. The exact effect these factors can have on any given exploration property cannot accurately be predicted but the effect can be materially adverse.

The mineral industry is intensely competitive in all its phases. The Company competes with many other mineral exploration companies who have greater financial resources and technical capacity.

The market price of precious metals and other minerals is volatile and cannot be controlled.

Although the Company has exercised the usual due diligence with respect to title to properties in which it has interests, there is no guarantee that title to the properties will not be challenged or impugned. The Company's mineral property interests may be subject to prior unregistered agreements or transfers or land claims, and title may be affected by undetected defects.

Aboriginal rights may be claimed on properties or other types of tenure with respect to which mining rights have been conferred. The Company is aware of the mutual benefits afforded by cooperative relationships with indigenous people in conducting exploration activity and is supportive of measures established to achieve such cooperation. The outcome of any aboriginal land claims cannot be predicted, and if successful, could have a significant adverse effect on the Company.

The current or future operations of the Company, including exploration and evaluation activities, development activities and commencement of production on its properties, require permits from various governmental authorities and such operations are and will be subject to laws and regulations governing prospecting, development, mining, production, exports, taxes, labour standards, occupational health, waste disposal, toxic substances, land use, environmental protection, safety and other matters. Companies engaged in the development and operation of mines and related facilities generally experience increased costs, and delays in production and other schedules as a result of the need to comply with applicable laws, regulations and permits. There can be no assurance that approvals and permits required to conduct exploration and evaluation activities and/or commence production on its properties will be obtained on a timely basis, or at all. Additional permits and studies, which may include environmental impact studies conducted before permits can be obtained, may be necessary prior to operation of the properties in which the Company has interests and there can be no assurance that the Company will be able to obtain or maintain all necessary permits that may be required to commence construction, development or operation of mining facilities at these properties on terms which enable operations to be conducted at economically justifiable costs. 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 extraction operations may be required to compensate those suffering loss or damage by reason of such activities and may have civil or criminal fines or penalties imposed for violations of applicable laws or regulations. Amendments to current laws, regulations and permits governing operations and activities of mining companies, or more stringent implementation thereof, could have a material adverse impact on the Company and cause increases in capital expenditures or production costs or reduction in levels of production at producing properties or abandonment or delays in development of new mineral exploration properties. To the best of the Company's knowledge, it is currently operating in compliance with all applicable environmental regulations.

The Company and its subsidiaries may become subject to liability for pollution, fire, explosion and other risks against which it cannot insure or against which it may elect not to insure. Such events could result in substantial damage to property and personal injury. The payment of any such liabilities may have a material, adverse effect on the Company's financial position.

As at the date of the Report, there were no legal proceedings by or against the Company.

The Company is very dependent upon the personal efforts and commitment of its existing management. To the extent that management's services would be unavailable for any reason, a disruption to the operations of the Company could result, and other persons would be required to manage and operate the Company.

The Company's directors and officers serve as directors or officers, or may be associated with other reporting companies or have significant shareholdings in other public companies. To the extent that such other companies may participate in business or asset acquisitions, dispositions, or ventures in which the Company may participate, the directors and officers of the Company may have a conflict of interest in negotiating and concluding terms respecting the transaction.

# DISCLOSURE FOR VENTURE ISSUERS WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT REVENUE

Additional disclosure concerning the Company's general and administrative expenses and mineral property costs is provided in the Company's audited statement of operations contained in its Financial Statements

for the Period. These statements are available on the Company's website at www.altoventures.com or on its SEDAR Page Site accessed through www.sedar.com.

### DIVIDENDS

The Company has no earnings or dividend record and is unlikely to pay any dividends in the foreseeable future as it intends to employ available funds for mineral exploration and development. Any future determination to pay dividends will be at the discretion of the Board of Directors of the Company and will depend on the Company's financial condition, results of operations, capital requirements and such other factors as the Board of Directors of Alto deem relevant.

#### NATURE OF THE SECURITIES

The purchase of the Company's securities involves a high degree of risk and should be undertaken only by investors whose financial resources are sufficient to enable them to assume such risks. The Company's securities should not be purchased by persons who cannot afford the possibility of the loss of their entire investment. Furthermore, an investment in the Company's securities should not constitute a major portion of an investor's portfolio.

#### PROPOSED TRANSACTIONS

There are no proposed transactions that are required to be disclosed.

#### APPROVAL

The Board of Directors oversees management's responsibility for financial reporting and internal control systems through an Audit Committee. This Committee meets periodically with management and annually with the independent auditors to review the scope and results of the annual audit and to review the financial statements and related financial reporting and internal control matters before the financial statements are approved by the Board of Directors and submitted to the shareholders of the Company. The Board of Directors of the Company has approved the Financial Statements for the Period and the disclosure contained in the Report. A copy of this MD&A will be provided to anyone who requests it.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information is available on the Company's website at <u>www.altoventures.com</u> or on SEDAR at <u>www.sedar.com</u>.