

BIG RIDGE GOLD CORP.

(An Exploration Stage Company)

CONDENSED INTERIM CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the three months ended September 30, 2021 and 2020

Notice to Reader

Under National Instrument 51-102, Part 4, subsection 4.3(3)(a), if an auditor has not performed a review of the unaudited 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 condensed interim consolidated financial statements have been prepared by and are the responsibility of the Corporation's management.

The Corporation's independent auditor has not performed a review of these financial statements in accordance with standards established by the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants for a review of unaudited interim financial statements by an entity's auditor.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONDENSED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The accompanying condensed interim consolidated financial statements of Big Ridge Gold Corp. are the responsibility of the Board of Directors and Management. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB") and, where appropriate, include management's best estimates and judgments.

Management maintains a system of internal control designed to provide reasonable assurance that assets are safeguarded from loss or unauthorized use, and that financial information is timely and reliable. However, any system of internal control over financial reporting, no matter how well designed and implemented, has inherent limitations and may not prevent or detect all misstatements.

The Board of Directors is responsible for ensuring that management fulfills its responsibilities for financial reporting and is ultimately responsible for reviewing and approving the financial statements.

The Board of Directors carries out this responsibility principally through its Audit Committee. The Board of Directors appoints the Audit Committee, the majority of whose members are independent directors. The Audit Committee meets periodically with Management to review the financial reporting process and financial statements, together with other financial information of the Company. The Audit Committee reports its findings to the Board of Directors for its consideration in approving the consolidated financial statements together with other financial information of the Company for issuance to the shareholders. The Board of Directors approves the financial statements on recommendation from the Audit Committee.

Michael Bandrowski

President and Chief Executive Officer

Jim Kirke

Chief Financial Officer

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BIG RIDGE GOLD CORP. CONDENSED INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Unaudited - Expressed in Canadian dollars

		September 30	June 30
	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
ASSETS	11010	Ψ	Ψ
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents		10,509,782	8,295,125
Amounts receivable		85,012	49,379
Marketable securities	5	214,590	530,613
Prepaids and deposits		239,289	7,844
Total Current Assets		11,048,673	8,882,961
Property, plant and equipment		107,441	-
Exploration and evaluation assets	6	4,071,192	4,071,192
Total Assets		15,227,306	12,954,153
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY			
Current liabilities			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		445,202	183,121
		445,202	183,121
Deferred Share Unit liability	9	151,581	2,181
Total Liabilities		596,783	185,302
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY			
Share capital	7	35,974,316	32,759,316
Contributed surplus - warrants	8	1,303,426	1,303,426
Contributed surplus - options	9	1,879,364	1,832,879
Deficit		(24,526,583)	(23,126,770)
Total Shareholders' Equity		14,630,523	12,768,851
Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity		15,227,306	12,954,153

Nature of operations (Note 1) Subsequent event (Note 15)

Approved and authorized by the Board of Directors on November 23, 2021

<u>"Nick Tintor"</u>, Director <u>"Michael Bandrowski"</u>, Director

BIG RIDGE GOLD CORP. CONDENSED INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND COMPREHENSIVE LOSS

For the three months ended September 30

Expressed in Canadian dollars

		2021	2020
	Note	\$	\$
EXPENSES			
Exploration expense	6	653,022	6,700
General and administrative expense	10	435,474	325,143
Finance expense, net	12	311,317	3,571
Loss and Comprehensive Loss		1,399,813	335,414
Loss and comprehensive loss per share		\$	\$
Basic and diluted		0.01	0.01
Weighted average number of common sh	ares		
outstanding		#	#
Basic and diluted		103,791,064	43,897,452

BIG RIDGE GOLD CORP. CONDENSED INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

For the three months ended September 30

Unaudited - Expressed in Canadian dollars

	2021 \$	2020 \$
Operating activities:	·	·
Loss for the period	(1,399,813)	(335,414)
Items not affecting cash:		
Amortization	1,630	365
Share-based compensation (note 9)	195,885	159,152
Loss on revaluation of marketable securities (note 4)	316,023	6,321
	(886,275)	(169,576)
Changes in non-cash working capital items (note 13)	82,463	(21,955)
Cash used in operating activities	(803,812)	(191,531)
Investing activities:		
Purchase of capital assets	(109,071)	(1,458)
Cash used in investing activities	(109,071)	(1,458)
Financing activities:		
Funds released from escrow in respect of subscription receipts		
financing completed in 2020	-	2,232,500
Cash acquired upon completion of acquisition of Empress Resources	-	1,060,676
Common shares issued for cash	3,215,000	-
Share issuance costs paid in cash	(87,460)	(202,533)
Withholding taxes on dividend	-	(372)
Cash provided by (used in) financing activities	3,127,540	3,090,271
Net increase (decrease) in cash	2,214,657	2,897,282
Cash - Beginning of period	8,295,125	140,025
Cash - End of period	10,509,782	3,037,307
Supplementary Disclosure		
Interest paid in cash	-	-
Income taxes paid in cash	-	-

BIG RIDGE GOLD CORP. CONDENSED INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

Unaudited - Expressed in Canadian dollars

	Share C	apital	Contributed Surplus S		Shares allotted C	Commitment to		
	Number	Amount	Options	Warrants	but not issued	issue shares	Deficit	Total
	#	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance - July 1, 2020	11,274,657	21,853,469	1,542,434	1,057,065	2,232,500	25,000	(21,982,570)	4,727,898
Loss for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	(335,414)	(335,414)
Stock option expense	-	-	159,152	-	-	-	-	159,152
Issuance of common share units pursuant to								
private placement	22,325,000	2,232,500	-	-	(2,232,500)	-	-	-
Issuance of common shares pursuant to the								
acquisition of Empress Resources Ltd.	12,214,211	820,365	-	-	-	-	-	820,365
Issuance of common shares pursuant to a								
debt settlement with a former officer	250,000	25,000	-	-	-	(25,000)	-	-
Issuance of common shares pursuant to a								
finder's fee agreement	375,000	37,500	-	-	-	-	-	37,500
Share issuance costs	-	(257,726)	-	92,693	-	-	-	(165,033)
Dividend paid pursuant to the terms of the								
Transaction	-	-	-	-	-	-	(248,384)	(248,384)
Balance - September 30, 2020	46,438,868	24,711,108	1,701,586	1,149,758	-	-	(22,566,368)	4,996,084
Balance - July 1, 2021	90,051,118	32,759,316	1,832,879	1,303,426	-	-	(23, 126, 770)	12,768,851
Loss for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,399,813)	(1,399,813)
Stock option expense	-	-	46,485	-	-	-	-	46,485
Issuance of common shares pursuant to the								
exercise of warrants	16,075,000	3,215,000			=	=	<u> </u>	3,215,000
Balance - September 30, 2021	106,126,118	35,974,316	1,879,364	1,303,426		-	(24,526,583)	14,630,523

Expressed in Canadian dollars

1. NATURE OF OPERATIONS

Big Ridge Gold Corp. ("the Company") is engaged in the acquisition, exploration and evaluation of Canadian gold projects. The Company's head office is located at Suite 1801, 1 Yonge Street, Toronto, Ontario, M5E 1W7, and the Company's registered and records office is located at Suite 1500, 1055 West Georgia Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6E 4N7.

The Company presently has no proven or probable reserves and on the basis of information to date, it has not yet determined whether its properties contain economically recoverable ore reserves. The Company has not generated any revenues from its operations to date and consequently is considered to be in the exploration stage. The amounts shown as exploration and evaluation assets represent acquisition costs incurred to date, less amounts written down or written off, and do not necessarily represent present or future values. The recoverability of the carrying amounts for exploration and evaluation assets is dependent upon raising financing, the sale or joint venturing of the exploration and evaluation assets, and/or the attainment of profitable operations.

On July 2, 2020, the Company completed a 5:1 share consolidation. All references in these condensed interim consolidated financial statements to number of shares and per share amounts have been retroactively restated where necessary to reflect the consolidation.

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the basis of accounting principles applicable to a going concern, which assume that the Company will continue in operation for the foreseeable future and will be able to realize its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of operations. In the opinion of management, the Company's working capital is sufficient to support the Company's general administrative and corporate operating requirements and anticipated spending on its mineral projects for the next twelve months. Management will continue to seek 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.

In March 2020 the World Health Organization declared coronavirus COVID-19 a global pandemic. This contagious disease outbreak, which has continued to spread, and any related adverse public health developments, has adversely affected workforces, economies, and financial markets globally, potentially leading to an economic downturn. It is not possible for the Company to predict the duration or magnitude of the adverse results of the outbreak and its effects on the Company's business or ability to raise funds.

2. BASIS OF PREPARATION

Basis of presentation

These consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Empress Resources Corp., from the date of acquisition onwards. The financial statements of Empress are prepared for the same period as those of the Company using consistent accounting policies for all periods presented. All intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated.

These consolidated financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors of the Company on November 23, 2021.

Statement of Compliance

These condensed interim consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"), as issued by the International Accounting

BIG RIDGE GOLD CORP.

NOTES TO THE CONDENSED INTERIM CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the three months ended September 30, 2021 and 2020

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Standards Board ("IASB"), including International Accounting Standard ("IAS") 34 – *Interim Financial Reporting*. These condensed interim consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Company's annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2021, which have been prepared in accordance with IFRS. The accounting policies and methods of application adopted are consistent with those disclosed in Note 3 of the Company's financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2021.

These condensed interim consolidated d by the Board of Directors of the Company on November 23, 2021.

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These condensed interim consolidated financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, which contemplates the realization of assets and discharge of all liabilities in the normal course of business.

The condensed interim consolidated financial statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis, except for certain financial instruments which are measured at fair value through profit or loss, as disclosed in Note 3 of the Company's annual financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2021.

Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments

The preparation of these consolidated 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 consolidated financial statements and the reported expenses during the year. 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 characterization of the Company's acquisition on July 7, 2020 of the outstanding securities of Empress Resources Corp. as an acquisition of assets as opposed to a business combination.
- b) The carrying value and the recoverability of exploration and evaluation assets, which are included in the consolidated statements of financial position based on the planned exploration budgets and drill results of exploration programs.
- c) The inputs used in accounting for share-based compensation expense included in profit or loss calculated using the Black-Scholes option pricing model.
- d) 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.
- e) The recognition of deferred tax assets based on the change in unrecognized deductible temporary tax differences.

3. SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies followed in these condensed interim consolidated financial statements are consistent with those disclosed in Note 3 of the Company's annual financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2021.

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New Accounting Standards

There were no new accounting standards effective July 1, 2021 that were applicable to the Company.

New interpretations or amendments to existing standards not yet effective

The following standards and interpretations have been issued but are not mandatory for annual reporting periods ending on June 30, 2022:

- Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current Amendments to IAS 1 Effective period beginning on or after January 1, 2023;
- Property, Plant and Equipment: Proceeds before intended use Amendments to IAS 16 Effective period beginning on or after January 1, 2022; and
- Annual Improvements to IFRS Standards 2018 2020 Effective period beginning on or after January 1, 2022).

Based on the assessment performed by management, the above-noted amendments to the standards and interpretations are not expected to have a material impact on the consolidated financial statements of the Company.

4. PLAN OF ARRANGEMENT (THE "TRANSACTION")

On July 7, 2020, the Company completed a Plan of Arrangement agreement with Empress Resources Corp. ("Empress") and Empress Royalty Corp. ("Royalty") pursuant to which the Company issued 12,214,211 common shares to Empress shareholders in exchange for all the issued and outstanding common shares of Empress. In addition, the Company issued a total of 9,557,800 warrants to holders of Empress unit warrants and 242,544 warrants to holders of Empress broker compensation warrants, as the Empress warrants were cancelled upon closing of the Transaction. The details of these warrants are set out in Note 8 to these consolidated financial statements.

The acquisition of Empress was accounted for as an asset acquisition, with the Company identified as the acquirer. Upon closing, the net assets of Empress were as follows:

Net assets acquired	895,365
Less: Trade accounts payable	(182,176)
	1,077,541
Prepaid expenses and deposits	981
Amounts receivable	15,884
Cash	1,060,676
	\$

The consideration paid by the Company was comprised as follows:

	# of instruments	\$
Fair value of shares	12,214,211	820,365
Replacement warrants	9,800,344	-
Finder's fee	-	75,000
		895,365

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Pursuant to the Transaction, the Company granted Royalty net smelter returns royalties on claims associated with all of its mineral properties, at rates which ranged from 0.5% to 1.0%, and transferred a retained royalty on the Empress project, which was acquired by Sanatana Resources in the year ended June 30, 2020. No value was attributed to these royalties. The Company also transferred its portfolio of marketable securities to Royalty in exchange for 4,615,384 Royalty common shares, of which 4,607,950 shares were distributed to the Company's shareholders as a dividend. The remaining 7,434 Royalty shares were retained by the Company in consideration of non-resident withholding taxes required to be paid on certain dividend payments.

5. MARKETABLE SECURITIES

On July 7, 2020, the Company transferred its portfolio of marketable securities to Royalty pursuant to the terms of the Transaction (note 4). The tables below set out the cost and fair value of the Company's marketable securities at September 30, 2021 and June 30, 2021.

September 30, 2021:

		Shares	Cost	Fair Value
Company	Note	#	\$	\$
Empress Royalty Corp. (EMPR: TSX-V)	4	7,434	371	2,119
Clarity Gold Corp. (CLAR: CSE)	6	685,391	1,000,000	212,471
			1,000,371	214,590

June 30, 2021:

		Shares	Cost	Fair Value
Company	Note	#	\$	\$
Empress Royalty Corp. (EMPR: TSX-V)	4	7,434	371	2,862
Clarity Gold Corp. (CLAR: CSE)	6	685,391	1,000,000	527,751
			1,000,371	530,613

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BIG RIDGE GOLD CORP. NOTES TO THE CONDENSED INTERIM CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the three months ended September 30, 2021 and 2020

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6. EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION ASSETS

The movement in capitaized acquisition costs with respect to the Company's mineral exploration and evaluation assets is set out below.

	\$
Newfoundland:	
Hope Brook:	
Balance - July 1, 2020	-
Acquisition costs	2,724,131
Balance - June 30 and September 30, 2021	2,724,131
Quebec:	
Destiny	
Balance - July 1, 2020	809,100
Proceeds received pursuant to option agreement with Clarity Gold	333,133
Corp.	(1,500,000)
Recovery of exploration and evaluation assts	690,900
Balance - June 30 and September 30, 2021	-
Greenoaks Balance - July 1, 2020, June 30, 2021 and September 30, 2021	450,000
Dulance - July 1, 2020, June 30, 2021 and September 30, 2021	430,000
Miner Lake	
Balance - July 1, 2020, June 30, 2021 and September 30, 2021	9,568
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Mud Lake	
Balance - July 1, 2020, June 30, 2021 and September 30, 2021	40,163
Brookbank East	
Balance - July 1, 2020, June 30, 2021 and September 30, 2021	3,810
Manitoba:	
Oxford	
Balance - July 1, 2020, June 30, 2021 and September 30, 2021	843,520
Total - September 30, 2021	

Expressed in Canadian dollars

The table below shows the breakdown of exploration expenses with respect to the Company's exploration and evaluation assets.

	Newfound-								
	land	Quebec			Ontario			Manitoba	
	Hope Brook	Destiny	Green- oaks \$	Miner Lake	Mud Lake	Brook- bank East	Golden Heart	Oxford	Tota
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hree months ended September 30, 2	2021:								
Project management	75,207	-	_	-	-	-	_	-	75,207
Camp labour	119,966	-	_	-	_	_	-	_	119,966
Camp costs	49,297	-	-	_	_	_	_	_	49,297
Geophysics	150,567	-	-	_	_	-	_	_	150,567
Assaying	1,925	-	-	_	-	-	-	-	1,925
Core Handling	14,529	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14,529
Drilling	16,823	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16,823
Vehicles - Fuel and repairs	9,133	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,133
Drilling	45,786	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	45,786
Geochemistry	5,188	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,188
Mapping	2,886	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,886
GIS and related activities	52,001	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	52,001
Metallurgy	2,853	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,853
Prospecting	13,880	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13,880
Resource modelling	3,328	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,328
Shipping and site travel	88,629	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	88,629
Project-specific general and administrative									
expenses	1,024	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,024
ploration expense for the period	653,022	-	-	-	-	-	-		653,022
hree months ended September 30, 2	2020:								
Assays	-	5,400	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,400
Computer/digitization	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,300	1,300
cploration expense for the period	-	5,400	-	-	-	-	-	1,300	6,700

The mining claims which underly each of these projects are subject to net smelter returns royalties at rates which range from 1.0% to 3.75%. A portion of the claims associated with the Oxford project are also subject to an overlapping 7.5% net profits interest.

Expressed in Canadian dollars

Hope Brook

On April 6, 2021, the Company entered into an earn-in agreement with First Mining Gold Corp. ("First Mining"), pursuant to which the Company may earn an interest of up to 80% in the Hope Brook Gold Project, located in Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Company incurred the following acquisition costs, at which point it became the operator of the Hope Brook Gold Project:

	\$
Cash	500,000
11,500,000 common shares with a fair value of \$0.19 per share	2,185,000
Transaction costs	39,131
	2,724,131

The earn-in is comprised of two stages, as described below:

- In order to exercise its first earn-in right to acquire a 51% interest in the Hope Brook Gold Project, the Company must incur and fund expenditures on the Hope Brook Gold Project of no less than \$10 million by June 8, 2024. Upon achieving this expenditure threshold and issuing an additional 15 million common shares to First Mining, subject to the approval of the TSX Venture Exchange, the Company will earn a 51% interest and will become party to a joint venture agreement for the Hope Brook Gold Project with First Mining (49% interest), with the Company continuing as the operator. Concurrently with the creation of the joint venture, the joint venture entity will grant to First Mining a 1.5% net smelter returns royalty on the Hope Brook Gold Project, subject to a right of the Company to buy back 0.5% for \$2 million.
- To earn an additional 29% interest in the Hope Brook Gold Project, the Company must incur and fund an additional \$10 million in expenditures on the project by June 8, 2026. Upon achieving this final expenditure threshold and issuing an additional 10 million common shares ("Stage 2 Shares") to First Mining, subject to the approval of the TSX Venture Exchange, the Company will become the holder of an 80% interest in the Hope Brook Gold Project. The Company will solely fund all expenditures on the project up to and including the date on which the Company announces the results of a feasibility study on the project, at which time First Mining's free carry period will terminate. If the issuance of the Stage 2 Shares would result in First Mining owning more that 19.9% of the total number of the Company's common shares issued and outstanding following such share issuance, the number of Stage 2 Shares shall be reduced such that First Mining will own no more than 19.9% of the total number of the Company's common shares issued and outstanding following the issuance of the Stage 2 Shares.

In addition, upon the commencement of commercial production at the project, the Company will pay \$2 million to First Mining.

On closing, the Company granted First Mining a number of rights which will continue so long as it holds at least 10% of the Company's issued and outstanding common shares, including the right to nominate one director to the Company's board, and a right to participate in financings by the Company to maintain its percentage ownership in the Company's shares. The Earn-In Agreement also includes various restrictions on the parties from transferring their respective interests in the Hope Brook Project and on First Mining's ability to resell its Big Ridge shares.

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Destiny Gold Project

On November 27, 2020, the Company entered into a option agreement with Clarity Gold Corp. ("Clarity") pursuant to which Clarity may earn up to a 100% interest in the Company's wholly owned Destiny gold project:

Initially, Clarity may earn a 49% interest in the project by making a series of cash payments and share issuances to the Company as described below:

- A deposit of \$50,000;
- A cash payment of \$450,000 and the equivalent of \$1,000,000 in common shares of Clarity on or before January 26, 2021;
- A cash payment of \$750,000 and the equivalent of \$1,000,000 in common shares of Clarity on or before January 11, 2022; and
- A cash payment of \$750,000 and the equivalent of \$1,500,000 in common shares of Clarity on or before January 11, 2023.

Clarity may increase its interest in the Destiny project to 100% by making an additional \$1,000,000 in cash payments and issuing the equivalent of \$2,000,000 in common shares on or before January 11, 2024, In the event that Clarity earns a 100% interest in the project, the Company will retain a 1% net smelter returns royalty which Clarity may buy back for a further payment of \$1,000,000.

In the year ended June 30, 2021, the \$1,500,000 in cash and securities received from Clarity were applied first to reduce the carrying value of the Destiny project to \$Nil, with the remaining \$690,900 in proceeds credited to the consolidated statement of operations and comprehensive loss as a recovery of exploration and evaluation assets.

Oxford Gold Project

The Company owns a 100% interest in the Oxford Lake property, subject to certain underlying royalties on some of the claims.

On October 5, 2020, the Company entered into an Exploration Agreement with the Bunibonibee Cree Nation ("BCN") which authorizes the recommencement of exploration activities at Oxford upon completion of a Heritage Resource Impact Assessment ("HRIA") in a form satisfactory to the Historic Resource Branch of Manitoba Sport, Culture and Heritage. At September 30, 2021 work on the HRIA was suspended as a result of difficulties in accessing the property to complete the HRIA, a direct result of COVID-19.

Ontario mining properties

On March 11, 2021, Big Ridge entered into a sale agreement with Caprock Mining Corp. (then known as Blingold Corp.) ("Caprock") pursuant to which Big Ridge agreed to sell its interest in its Mud Lake, Golden Heart, Brookbank East, Three Towers, Miner Lake, and Green Oaks properties to Caprock in exchange for the issuance by Caprock of 10,000,000 common shares of Caprock. The closing of this sale agreement is subject to a number of conditions, including the completion by Caprock of an initial financing generating gross proceeds of no less than \$1,000,000 and the appointment of a representative of Big Ridge to the board of Caprock. The closing of the sale of these properties is subject to the timing of the listing of Caprock's common shares on the Canadian Stock Exchange, which had not occurred as at September 30, 2021.

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7. SHARE CAPITAL

a) Authorized:

Unlimited Common shares without par value

b) <u>Issued and outstanding:</u>

The following table shows the movement in issued and outstanding share capital.

	Number of	•
	shares	\$
Balance - July 1, 2020	11,274,657	21,853,469
Issuance of common shares pursuant to the Transaction ⁽ⁱ⁾	12,214,211	820,365
Shares issued pursuant to a finder's fee agreement (i)	375,000	37,500
Shares issued upon conversion of subscription receipts (ii)	22,325,000	2,232,500
Shares issued pursuant to a debt settlement with a former		
officer (iii)	250,000	25,000
Issuance of common shares to First Mining pursuant to the		
option agreement on the Hope Brook Gold Project ^(iv)	11,500,000	2,185,000
Issuance of common shares pursuant to private placement (v)	24,390,500	5,000,053
Common shares issued pursuant to the exercise of warrants	7,378,750	1,502,411
Common shares issued pursuant to the exercise of stock		
options	343,000	65,587
Fair value adjustment	-	22,500
Share issue costs	-	(985,069)
Balance - June 30, 2021	90,051,118	32,759,316
Common shares issued pursuant to the exercise of warrants	16,075,000	3,215,000
Balance - September 30, 2021	106,126,118	35,974,316

The valuations attributed to the common shares and warrants issued pursuant to the Transaction and the conversion of the subscription receipts financing, referenced in notes i) and ii) below and in note 8, have been restated to reflect the use of the residual value method in the annual consolidated financial statements to apportion proceeds of each issuance of securities between Common shares and Warrants.

i) On July 7, 2020, the Company issued 12,214,211 common shares to acquire the outstanding common shares of Empress under the terms of the Transaction.

As described in note 4 to these consolidated financial statements, the consideration of this asset acquisition included common shares, warrants and transaction costs in the form of finder's fees. The value attributed to the Company's common shares issued in connection with this acquisition amounted to \$820,365.

The Company incurred a finder's fee amounting to \$75,000 in connection with the Transaction, of which \$37,500 was satisfied by the issuance of 375,000 common shares on July 7, 2020.

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- ii) On July 8, 2020, following the completion of the Transaction, the proceeds from a private placement of 22,325,000 subscription receipts were released from escrow and the subscription receipts converted into the following securities:
 - 22,325,000 common shares, and
 - 22,325,000 share purchase warrants, with each warrant exercisable into one common share at an exercise price of \$0.20 per share and expiring on May 29, 2022.

The gross proceeds of this financing, which amounted to \$2,232,500, were apportioned between Common shares and Warrants using the residual value method, which resulted in a value of \$2,232,500 being attributed to the shares.

- iii) In the year ended June 30, 2020, the Company entered into a debt settlement agreement with the former president of the Company, pursuant to which the Company agreed to issue 250,000 common shares in settlement of an indebtedness of \$25,000. This obligation was reflected in the consolidated financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2020 as Commitment to issue shares. The Company issued these shares on July 9, 2020.
- iv) On June 7, 2021, the Company issued 11,500,000 common shares to First Mining pursuant to the option agreement on the Hope Brook Gold Project. These shares were measured at the closing price on June 7, 2021 and resulted in a fair value of \$2,185,000.
- v) On June 30, 2021, the Company closed a private placement of 24,390,500 flow-through share units at a price of \$0.205 per unit, for aggregate gross proceeds of \$5,000,053. The gross proceeds were apportioned between Common shares and Warrants using the residual value method, which resulted in a value of \$5,000,053 being attributed to the shares.

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8. WARRANTS

The following table shows the movement in warrants:

J		Number of shares	
	Number of warrants	issuable upon exercise of	\$
Balance - July 1, 2020	1,009,321	1,009,321	1,057,065
Unit warrants issued upon conversion of			
subscription receipts (a)	22,325,000	22,325,000	-
Broker compensation warrants issued in			
connection with subscription receipts financing (a)	913,500	913,500	92,693
Issuance of replacement unit warrants pursuant			
to the Transaction ^(b)	9,557,800	9,605,589	-
Issuance of replacement broker compensation			
warrants pursuant to the Transaction (b)	242,544	243,757	-
Issuance of unit warrants pursuant to private			
placement ^(c)	24,390,500	24,390,500	-
Issuance of broker compensation warrants			
pursuant to private placement (c)	1,463,430	1,463,430	242,455
Exercised	(7,378,750)	(7,378,750)	(88,787)
Expired	(934,755)	(935,652)	-
Balance - June 30, 2021	51,588,590	51,636,695	1,303,426
Exercised (a)	(16,075,000)	(16,075,000)	-
Expired	(63,360)	(63,676)	-
Balance - September 30, 2021	35,450,230	35,498,019	1,303,426

a) As described in note 7(b)(ii), the subscription receipts financing completed in May 2020 converted into 22,325,000 common shares and 22,325,000 share purchase warrants on July 7, 2020 following the completion of the Transaction. The warrants are exercisable into common shares at a price of \$0.20 per share and expire May 29, 2022. The gross proceeds of this financing were apportioned between Common Shares and Warrants on the basis of residual value, which resulted in no value being attributed to the warrants.

These warrants were issued with a provision entitling the Company to accelerate their expiry in the event that the Company's shares traded for ten consecutive trading days with a closing share price on the TSX Venture Exchange greater than or equal to \$0.25. This condition was met on June 21, 2021, and the Company provided notice of the accelerated expiry to its warrant holders on June 22, 2021. In the period from June 22 to June 30, 2021, a total of 6,250,000 warrants were exercised, and in the period ended September 30, 2021 the remaining 16,075,000 warrants were exercised.

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In addition, the Company issued a total of 913,500 broker compensation warrants, each of which is exercisable into one common share at a price of \$0.10 per share. The fair value of these warrants was estimated using the Black-Scholes option pricing model using the following assumptions:

Dividend yield	Nil	
Expected future volatility	70%	
Expected life	2 years	
which yielded an estimated fair value of	\$ 0.10150	

b) In accordance with the terms of the Transaction, the Company issued warrants to replace unit and broker compensation warrants issued by Empress and outstanding immediately prior to the close of the Transaction. Each warrant issued in replacement is exercisable into 1.005 shares of the Company.

No value was attributed to these warrants.

c) In connection with the private placement of 24,390,500 flow-through units which closed on June 30, 2021, the Company issued 24,390,500 share purchase warrants exercisable at a price of \$0.18 and expiring on June 30, 2023. The gross proceeds of this financing were apportioned between Common Shares and Warrants on the basis of residual value, which resulted in no value being attributed to the warrants.

In addition, the Company issued a total of 1,463,430 broker compensation warrants, each of which is exercisable into one common share at a price of \$0.205 per share and expires on June 30, 2023. The fair value of these warrants was estimated using the Black-Scholes option pricing model using the following assumptions:

Risk free interest rate	0.32%
Dividend yield	Nil
Expected future volatility	80%
Expected life	2 years
which yielded an estimated fair value of	\$ 0.16600

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The details of the warrants outstanding at September 30, 2021 are set out below.

	arrante catetarranig	Shares issuable upon Number of exercise of				
	Issue date	Expiry date	warrants #	warrants #		Exercise price \$
Unit warrants:						
	July 7, 2020	May 11, 2022	4,317,400	4,338,987	\$	0.480
	July 7, 2020	June 14, 2022	4,038,400	4,058,592	\$	0.480
	July 7, 2020	August 7, 2022	1,202,000	1,208,010	\$	0.480
	June 30, 2021	June 30, 2023	24,390,500	24,390,500	\$	0.180
Broker comper	sation warrants:					
	July 8, 2020	July 8, 2022	38,500	38,500	\$	0.100
	June 30, 2021	June 30, 2023	1,463,430	1,463,430	\$	0.205
			35,450,230	35,498,019		

The details of the warrants outstanding at June 30, 2021 are set out below.

The details of the warrants outstar	raing at band bo, 202 i	are cor our se	Shares issuable upon	
Issue date	Expiry date	Number of warrants	exercise of warrants	Exercise price
Unit warrants:		#	#	\$
July 7, 2020	May 11, 2022	4,317,400	4,338,987	\$ 0.480
July 7, 2020	June 14, 2022	4,038,400	4,058,592	\$ 0.480
July 7, 2020	August 7, 2022	1,202,000	1,208,010	\$ 0.480
July 8, 2020	July 22, 2021	16,075,000	16,075,000	\$ 0.200
June 30, 2021	June 30, 2023	24,390,500	24,390,500	\$ 0.180
Broker compensation warrants	:			
July 7, 2020	August 7, 2021	63,360	63,676	\$ 0.730
July 8, 2020	July 8, 2022	38,500	38,500	\$ 0.100
June 30, 2021	June 30, 2023	1,463,430	1,463,430	\$ 0.205
		51,588,590	51,636,695	

9. SHARE-BASED COMPENSATION

Share-based compensation expenses recognized in General and administrative expense in the consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive loss for the three-month periods ended September 30, 2021 and 2020 is as follows:

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Stock options	46,485	159,152
Deferred share units	149,400	-
	195,885	159,152

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Stock Option Plan

The Company's Share Option Plan (the "Plan") was approved by the Company's shareholders most recently at its annual meeting held December 15, 2020. The purpose of the Plan is to attract, retain and motivate directors, officers, employees and external service providers by providing them with the opportunity to acquire a proprietary interest in the Company and to benefit from its growth.

Under the Plan the Board of Directors may grant options to directors, officers, employees or consultants, with the number of outstanding options at any time limited to a maximum of 10% of the number of issued and outstanding common shares. Options carry a term of no more than five years, and the exercise price of any option is no less than the closing price on the TSX Venture Exchange on the last trading day preceding the grant date. The vesting periods for individual awards of options are determined at the discretion of the Corporate Governance, Compensation and Nominating Committee.

Share-based compensation is recognized and charged to operations based upon the relative fair values and vesting conditions of the options granted.

The fair value of option grants is estimated at the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model. No options were awarded in the period ended September 30, 2021. The fair values of options granted during the three months ended September 30, 2020, were based on the weighted average assumptions set out in the following table:

Expected volatility	80.00%
Risk-free interest rate	0.25%
Expected dividend yield	Nil
Expected life	2 years
Expected forfeiture rate	Nil

The weighted average fair value per option granted during the period ended September 30, 2021, was \$Nil (2020 – \$0.066).

The Company recognized a current period expense related to the recognition of the costs associated with unvested options amounting to \$46,485. As at September 30, 2021, there was \$201,606 of share-based compensation expense (June 30, 2021 – \$248,091) relating to the Company's unvested stock options to be recognized in future periods.

A summary of option activity under the Plan during the three months ended September 30, 2021 and 2020 is as follows:

	2021		2020		
	Number of options	Weighted average exercise price	Number of options	Weighted average exercise price	
	#	\$	#	\$	
Balance - beginning of period	4,447,500	0.26	550,000	0.31	
Issued	-	-	2,420,500	0.20	
Balance - end of period	4,447,500	0.26	2,970,500	0.21	

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The number of options outstanding at September 30, 2021 by issue date is shown in the following table.

Options Outstanding					
Date of Grant	Expiry Date	Number outstanding #	Exercise Price \$	Remaining life (Years)	Number outstanding
March 27, 2017	March 27, 2022	65,000	0.50	0.49	65,000
September 19, 2018	September 19, 2023	130,000	0.25	1.97	130,000
July 1, 2020	July 1, 2025	52,500	0.11	3.75	52,500
August 31, 2020	August 31, 2023	1,425,000	0.20	1.92	1,425,000
October 28, 2020	October 28, 2023	200,000	0.20	2.08	200,000
January 21, 2021	January 21, 2024	200,000	0.20	2.31	200,000
June 30, 2021	June 30, 2026	2,375,000	0.305	4.75	791,668
·	_	4,447,500	0.26	3.46	2,864,168

The number of options outstanding at September 30, 2020, by issue date is shown in the following table. The number and exercise price of each outstanding option have been restated to reflect the 5:1 consolidation of the Company's common shares that took place on July 7, 2020.

		Number		
Date of Grant	Expiry Date	outstanding	Exercise Price	Remaining life
		#	\$	(Years)
December 10, 2015	December 10, 2020	25,000	0.25	0.49
March 27, 2017	March 27, 2022	135,000	0.50	1.49
September 19, 2018	September 19, 2023	390,000	0.25	2.97
July 1, 2020	July 1, 2025	395,500	0.11	4.75
August 31, 2020	August 31, 2023	2,025,000	0.20	2.92
		2,970,500	0.21	3.08

All of the outstanding options at September 30, 2020 were fully vested.

Deferred Share Unit Plan

The Company's Deferred Share Unit ("DSU") Plan was adopted on June 7, 2021. Pursuant to the DSU Plan, the Company may, from time to time, grant DSUs to officers and directors of the Company. The DSUs issued under the DSU Plan to date vest on December 31, 2021. The DSU's are settled in cash upon the officer or director's termination of service. The price per share which will prevail upon any settlement of DSU's is defined as the five-day volume weighted average trading price of the Company's common shares prior to the date of redemption.

On June 30, 2021, the Company awarded a total of 1,061,737 DSU's. The Company recognized a current period expense in the period ended September 30, 2021 amounting to \$149,400 in respect of these DSUs, and an additional \$149,952 represents a compensation expense to be recognized in the three months ending December 31, 2021.

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10.GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

		2021	2020
	Note	\$	\$
Management fees		10,000	83,782
Salaries, wages and benefits	11	103,703	-
Share-based compensation	9	195,885	159,152
Professional fees		29,148	26,078
Investor and shareholder relations		41,137	10,475
Office expenses		13,532	25,657
Transfer agent and filing fees		40,439	19,634
Travel and promotion		-	-
Amortization		1,630	365
		435,474	325,143

11.SALARIES, WAGES AND BENEFITS

		2021	2020
	Note	\$	\$
Salaries and wages	14	264,786	-
Director fees	14	20,000	-
Social security benefits		20,739	-
		305,525	-
Charged to general and administrative	re e		
expense		103,703	-
Charged to exploration expense		170,771	-
Charged to property, plant and			
equipment		31,051	
		305,525	-

12.FINANCE EXPENSE, NET

		2021	2020
!	Note	\$	\$
Interest income		(3,754)	(2,750)
Foreign exchange (gain) loss		(952)	-
Losses on marketable securities	5	316,023	6,321
		311,317	3,571

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13.CHANGES IN NON-CASH WORKING CAPITAL

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
(Increase) decrease in amounts receivable	(35,633)	(13,221)
Decrease in prepaids and deposits	(231,445)	(2,082)
Decrease (increase) in amounts due from related party	-	4,062
(Decrease) increase in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	349,541	(61,623)
Decrease in amounts due to related parties	-	50,909
	82,463	(21,955)

14.RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the periods ended September 30, 2021 and 2020, the Company recognized the following costs in respect of services provided by related parties:

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Charged to Salaries, Wages and Benefits:		
Salaries paid to key management	80,000	-
Director fees	20,000	-
	100,000	-
Charged to Share-Based Compensation:		
Stock option expense recognized in the period	29,359	159,152
DSU expense recognized in the period	149,400	-
	178,759	159,152
Charged to Management fees:		
Escarpment Capital Advisors (controlled by Company's President)	-	45,000
Nick Tintor (Chairman)	10,000	-
Mirador Management (controlled by a director and former CEO)	-	10,500
ASI Accounting Services (controlled by Company's CFO from February 11,	_	15,245
2020 to August 31, 2020)		ŕ
Jim Kirke - CFO from August 31, 2020	-	10,000
	10,000	80,745
Charged to Exploration expenses:		
Nick Tintor - Chairman	5.000	_
	5,000	-
Transaction costs with respect to the Transaction:		
Escarpment Capital Advisors	-	75,000
	-	75,000

15. SUBSEQUENT EVENT

Warrant exercises

Subsequent to September 30, 2021, Big Ridge issued a total of 1,566,667 common shares pursuant to the exercise of share purchase warrants, for aggregate proceeds of \$282,000.