

For the three months ended November 30, 2022

# Effective Date of this Report: January 13, 2023

This Management's Discussion & Analysis ("MD&A") is intended to help the reader understand the significant factors that have affected the performance of Queen's Road Capital Investment Ltd. and its subsidiary (collectively, "QRC", "we", "us", "our" or the "Company") and such factors that may affect its future performance. This MD&A should be read in conjunction with the Company's condensed interim consolidated financial statements for the three months ended November 30, 2022, and the consolidated audited financial statements for the year ended August 31, 2022, and the related noted attached thereto, which have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"), as issued by the International Accounting Standard Board ("IASB"). The consolidated financial statements are available under QRC's profile on SEDAR at <a href="www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a>. All amounts in this MD&A are expressed in United States dollars, unless otherwise stated.

The MDA includes the non-IFRS measure market value of investments, which does not have any standardized meaning prescribed under IFRS; and therefore, may not be comparable to similar measures presented by other entities. This non-GAAP measure should not be considered to be more meaningful than GAAP measures, which are determined in accordance with IFRS, such fair value of investments as indicators of the Company's performance. The reconciliation of the market value of investments, to the fair value of investments, the most directly comparable financial measure from the consolidated financial statements, is set out under "Investments at Fair Value" below.

# **Cautionary Statement on Forward-Looking Information**

Except for statements of historical fact, this MD&A contains certain "forward looking information" and "forward looking statements" within the meaning of applicable securities laws, which reflect Management's current expectations, assumptions, and beliefs of the Company as of the date of such information or statements. Generally, forward looking statements and information can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as "plans", "expects", "is expected", "budget", "scheduled", "estimates", "forecasts", "intends", "anticipates", "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 connotation thereof.

All such forward-looking statements are based on certain assumptions and analyses made by Management, in light of our experience and perception of historical trends, current conditions and expected future developments, as well as other factors we believe are appropriate in the circumstances. These statements are, however, subject to known and unknown risks and uncertainties and other factors. As a result, actual results, performance, or achievements could differ materially from those expressed in, or implied by, these forward-looking statements and, accordingly, no assurance can be given that any of the events anticipated by the forward-looking statements will transpire or occur, or if any of them do so, what benefits will be derived therefrom. These risks, uncertainties and other factors include, among others: but are not limited to, statements with respect to the Company's future growth, results of operations, performance and business prospects, opportunities, the Company's investment strategy, investment process, and competitive advantage, growth expectation and opportunities, the availability of future acquisition opportunities and use of the proceeds from financing.



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Although the Company has attempted to identify important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially, there may be other factors that cause results not to be as anticipated, estimated or intended. There can be no assurance that statements containing forward looking information 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 statements containing forward looking information. All the forward-looking information and statements contained in this document are expressly qualified, in their entirety, by this cautionary statement. The forward-looking information and statements are made as of the date of this document, and we assume no obligation to update or revise them except as required pursuant to applicable securities laws.

# **Description of the Business**

The Company is a dividend paying, resource focused investment company, making investments in privately held and publicly traded resource companies. The Company acquires and holds securities for long-term capital appreciation, with a focus on convertible debt securities of issuers having resource projects in advanced development or production located in safe jurisdictions. QRC is a Hong Kong based company listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol "QRC".

#### Key Accomplishments During the Three Months Ended November 30, 2022

#### \$5 Million Investment in Los Andes Copper Ltd.

On September 4, 2022, the Company completed the purchase of a further \$5 million convertible debenture issued by Los Andes Copper Ltd. ("Los Andes") having the following principal terms:

- 8.0% interest payable quarterly 5% in cash and 3% in Los Andes common shares;
- 5-year plus one day maturity; and
- Debenture convertible into Los Andes common shares at C\$16.75 per share.

QRC earned a 3% establishment fee on the principal amount of the Los Andes debenture, which was paid in cash.

# \$15 Million Investment in Challenger Exploration Ltd.

On September 12, 2022, the Company completed the purchase of a \$15 million convertible debentures issued by Challenger Exploration Ltd. ("**Challenger**") having the following principal terms:

- 9.0% interest payable quarterly 7% in cash and 2% in Challenger common shares;
- · 4-year maturity; and
- Debenture convertible into Challenger common shares at Australian Dollar ("A\$") \$0.25 per share.

QRC earned a 3% establishment fee on the principal amount of the Challenger debenture, which was settled by the issuance of 3,513,457 Challenger common shares.



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#### Declaration and Payment of Dividend

On October 18, 2022, the Company declared its second annual dividend of C\$0.017 per share to all shareholders on record as of November 7, 2022. The dividend was paid on November 17, 2022 and 90% of shareholders elected to reinvest their dividend in shares of the Company through the Company's dividend reinvestment plan ("**DRIP**").

#### \$4 Million Investment in IsoEnergy Ltd.

On November 16, 2022, the Company announced an agreement to purchase a further \$4 million convertible debenture issued by IsoEnergy Ltd. ("IsoEnergy) having the following principal terms:

- 10.0% interest payable semi-annually 7.5% in cash and 2.5% in IsoEnergy common shares;
- · 5-years plus one day maturity; and
- Debenture convertible into IsoEnergy common shares at C\$4.33 per share.

QRC will earn a 3% establishment fee on the principal amount of the IsoEnergy debenture. The investment was completed on December 6, 2022.

# **Normal Course Issuer Bid**

On November 18, 2022, the Company announced the continuation of the normal course issuer bid ("**NCIB**") valid for a period of twelve months from November 22, 2022. Purchases are conducted by a third-party broker.

# Investments

The Company has adopted an investment policy (the "Investment Policy") to govern the Company's investment activities which provides, among other things, the investment objectives and strategy based on the fundamental principles set out below. A copy of the Investment Policy is posted on the Company's website and filed on SEDAR.

# **Investment Objectives**

The Company invests primarily in public and privately held companies, primarily in the natural resource sector, with the objective of increasing shareholder return while seeking to preserve capital and limit downside risk by focusing on opportunities with attractive risk to reward profiles. The Company seeks to identify investments by utilizing the experience and expertise of its Management and Board. The Company seeks out superior investments that may include the acquisition of shares, equity, warrants, debt, convertible securities, royalty arrangements or streaming arrangements for public or private corporations with a focus on convertible debt securities.



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# **Investment Strategy**

In light of the numerous investment opportunities across the entire natural resources sector, the Company aims to adopt a flexible approach to investment targets without placing unnecessary limits on potential returns on its investment.

This approach is demonstrated in the Company's proposed investment strategy set out below.

- The Company invests in the securities of both public and private natural resource companies and may take
  part in private or public offerings for predetermined equity positions, royalties, debt or convertible or
  preferred securities.
- Initial investments of debt, equity or a combination thereof may be made in public or private companies
  through a variety of financial instruments including, but not limited to, private placements, participation in
  initial public offerings, bridge loans, secured loans, unsecured loans, convertible debentures, warrants and
  options, royalties, net profit interests and other hybrid instruments.
- Investment arrangements may include a combination of securities including, but not limited to equity, debt, convertible debentures, warrants, preferred shares, bridge financing, collateral, royalty arrangements or other securities as deemed appropriate by the Company's Management and in compliance with the Investment Policy. In certain cases, the Company expects to enter into oversight arrangements as a condition of the investment. Oversight may range from Board appointments, advisory positions, or management consulting positions with the target companies.
- The Company may purchase or sell securities on public exchanges.
- The Company reserves the right to acquire all or part of other businesses or assets of a target company
  that management believes will enhance the value for shareholders. The Company will place no formal limit
  on the size of potential investments and may require future equity or debt financings to raise money for
  specific investments.
- The Company may make investments in extra-ordinary activities, or activities not in the normal course of business, which may include but not be limited to mergers, acquisitions, corporate restructurings, spin-offs, take-overs, bankruptcies or liquidations, public listings, leveraged buyouts or start-ups. The Company may elect to invest in such events, provide financing, or purchase securities in exchange for fees, interest or equity positions.
- The majority of investments are expected to have an expected life of investment of four to five years; however, the Company may also invest in opportunities that could provide longer-term capital appreciation.
- Depending on market conditions, the Company intends to fully invest its available capital, apart from operating expenses.
- The Company will seek to maintain the ability to actively review and revisit all of investments on an ongoing basis.
- The Company will evaluate the liquidity of investments and seek to realize value from same in a prudent and orderly fashion.
- All investments will be made in compliance with applicable laws in relevant jurisdictions, and in compliance with any associated exchange policy.

Management and the Board of the Company may authorize investments outside the guidelines described above if they feel the investment is for the benefit of the Company and its shareholders.



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#### Investment Selection, Evaluation and Decision Making Process

The Company will pursue opportunities referred through investment banks, venture capital firms, legal and accounting firms and its professional network, and will gather insight into each opportunity, including its business model, financial prospects, management team, and the use of funds.

Management will research each investment target and will analyze and review opportunities with each target and provide a recommendation to the Board as a whole. Research activities undertaken by management will include gathering complete details about the target company's business strategy, financial history, management team, growth objectives, products, markets, competitive forces, and capital requirements.

Management will oversee the due diligence activities. When deemed necessary, the Company may augment its review activities by outsourcing research requirements on specific investment opportunities to independent firms (accounting/financial, legal or industry analysts) that have professional relationships with the Company. Management will assess the financing needs of the target company in order to determine if the opportunity is compatible with the investment returns specific to the Company's investment criteria. The result of Management's review will conclude with a recommendation to the Board indicating if the Company should consider an investment in the target company. Management recommendations may range from:

- continuing to consider investment;
- · recommending not to invest;
- considering investment with certain agreement covenants; and
- working with the target company in an advisory capacity in an effort to ready the target company for an
  investment at a later date.

The Board will make the final investment decision in respect of any opportunity presented to it be Management.

#### Composition of Investment Portfolio

The Company invests the majority of its funds in the securities of resource companies. Investments made by the Company may take different forms, including equity, warrants, debt, convertible debentures, royalties and metal streaming, although the Company is primarily focused on convertible debt securities.

As of the date of this report, the Company has invested a total of approximately \$126 million mainly in seven different resource companies as presented in the table below.

Resource Company	In	vestment Base	Investment Type
Adriatic Metals Plc	\$	20,000,000	Convertible Debt
Challenger Exploration Ltd.		15,000,000	Convertible Debt
Contango ORE, Inc.		20,000,000	Convertible Debt
IsoEnergy Ltd. <sup>(1)</sup>		10,000,000 (1)	Convertible Debt
Los Andes Copper Ltd.(1)		14,000,000 <sup>(1)</sup>	Convertible Debt
NexGen Energy Ltd.		30,000,000	Convertible Debt and Equity
Osisko Green Acquisition Ltd.		16,515,318	<b>Equity and Warrants</b>
	\$	125,515,318	

<sup>(1)</sup> Several convertible debentures issued on various dates.



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# **Income Generation**

The Company generates income from its investments in three main forms: (a) interest income from its convertible securities; (b) capital gains/losses from the disposal of its investments; and (c) fees earned as part of its investments.

#### (a) Interest income:

The Company receives interest income from its investments in convertible securities on a quarterly or semiannual basis, depending on the specific terms of each investment. Some of the Company's investments settle a portion of the interest payment in the form of equity.

The Company expects to receive annual interest payments of \$8.0 million (assuming interest payments are made by the investee issuers on a timely basis) from its investments in convertible debentures at the date of this report of \$94 million, an average interest rate of 8.5%.

### (b) Capital gains (losses):

The Company may generate income from capital gains/losses through the sale of its investments. Capital gains (losses) could come in the form of (a) sale of any equity investments; (b) sale of any convertible security investments; or (c) sale of any equity shares received as settlement of establishment fees or interest income. As of the date of this report, the Company has not realized on any material capital gains (losses) from its investments since it continues to hold all investments made since its inception as an investment company.

#### (c) Fees:

The Company may generate income from fees earned as part of its investments. The Company has earned establishment fees when it completed the convertible securities investments made to date. Establishment fees have been paid either in cash or shares.

#### Market Value of Investments

The Company has investments in publicly listed issuers and as such the market value of these investments moves with the share prices of the investee issuers. As most of the Company's investments are in convertible debt securities, the Company is less exposed to the risk of fluctuations to the market price of the equity securities in which it invests than it would be if it invested in those equity securities directly.



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#### Market Value of Investments (continued)

The following table presents the key assumptions used for the valuations of investments as at January 13, 2023:

Assumptions		As at January 13, 2022
C\$ / \$ Exchange Rate	C\$ / \$	C\$1.34
A\$ / \$ Exchange Rate	A\$ / \$	A\$0.70
NexGen Energy Ltd. ("NXE.TO") Share Price	C\$ / share	C\$6.26
IsoEnergy Ltd. ("ISO.V") Share Price	C\$ / share	C\$3.00
Adriatic Metals Plc ("ADT.AX") Share Price	A\$ / share	A\$3.32
Osisko Green Acquisition Ltd. ("GOGR.TO") Share Price	C\$ / share	C\$9.91
Contango ORE, Inc. ("CTGO.US") Share Price	US\$ / share	US\$25.82
Challenger Exploration Ltd. ("CEL.AX") Share Price	A\$ / share	A\$0.18

#### (a) Market value of equity investments:

The calculation of the market value of the Company's equity investments is straight forward as most of its investments are in investee issuers whose equity is listed and trading on various stock exchanges. Based on the share prices the current market value of the Company's current equity investments is as follows:

	Securities owned	Original investment	Current market value as at January 13, 2023	Value increase (decrease) over original investment
NexGen Energy Ltd. Osisko Green Acquisition Ltd. Class A Restricted Voting Shares Other investments	11,611,667	\$15,000,000	\$54,221,271	\$39,221,271
	2,000,000	\$14,989,100	\$14,784,425	\$(204,675)
	Various	NM <sup>(1)</sup>	\$11,369,766	NM <sup>(1)</sup>

<sup>(1)</sup> Not meaningful as "Other Investments" include (a) securities purchased for investment purposes; and (b) securities received as establishment fees and in settlement of interest receivable held for investment purposes that had no original investment cost to the Company.

#### (b) Market Value of Convertible Debt Investments:

The market value of convertible debt investments is more complex as it is the sum of a number of parts: (a) the standalone debt portion of the investment, (b) the conversion option of the investment and (c) any accrued interest due at the date of the valuation. The market value of the Company's convertible debt investments is as follows:

Resource Company	Principal amounts outstanding	Current market value as at January 13, 2023	Value increase over principal amounts
Adriatic Metals Plc	\$ 20,000,000	\$28,432,923	\$8,432,923
Challenger Exploration Ltd.	\$ 15,000,000	\$21,168,750	\$6,168,750
Contango ORE, Inc.	\$ 20,000,000	\$29,097,851	\$9,097,851
IsoEnergy Ltd.(1)	\$ 10,000,000 (1)	\$28,231,425	\$18,231,425
Los Andes Copper Ltd.(1)	\$ 14,000,000 <sup>(1)</sup>	\$21,830,107	\$7,830,107
NexGen Energy Ltd.	\$ 15,000,000	\$43,164,103	\$28,164,103

<sup>(1)</sup> Several convertible debentures issued on various dates.



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#### Results for the Three Months ended November 30, 2022

#### **Overall Performance**

	Three Months Ended		
	November 30, 2022	November 30, 2021	
	\$	\$	
Interest income	1,905,696	933,816	
Establishment fee income	600,000	-	
Realized gain on equity investments	41,991	322,400	
Unrealized gain on equity and other investments	2,558,800	3,921,395	
Unrealized (loss) gain on convertible debentures	(2,517,272)	9,373,279	
Income from investments	2,589,215	14,550,890	

Interest income from investments during the three months ended November 30, 2022 and November 30, 2021, of \$1,905,696 and \$933,816, respectively mainly represents the interest income earned on the convertible debenture portfolio listed above.

Establishment fee income during the three months ended November 30, 2022, of \$600,000 (2021 - nil) represents the establishment fee earned of \$450,000 and \$150,000 on the Challenger and Los Andes (September 2022) convertible debentures, respectively.

Realized gain on equity investments during the three months ended November 30, 2022 and November 30, 2021, of \$41,991 and \$322,400, respectively arise from the sale of equity investments.

Unrealized gain on equity and other investments during the three months ended November 30, 2022, of \$2,558,800 represents gain arising from the increase in the share price of NexGen. Unrealized gain on equity and other investments during the three months ended November 30, 2021, of \$3,921,395 represents gain arising from the investment in Osisko Green.

Unrealized loss on convertible debentures during the three months ended November 30, 2022, of \$2,517,272 mainly represent decreases in the fair value of the IsoEnergy and Challenger debentures partially offset up increases in the fair value of the Adriatic and NexGen debentures. Unrealised gain on convertible debentures during the three months ended November 30, 2021, of \$9,373,279 mainly represents an increase in the fair value of the IsoEnergy debenture.



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#### **Investments at Fair Value**

As at November 30, 2022, the Company had the following investments:

	Fair value at November 30. 2022
	\$
Equity and other investments of Public Companies:	•
NexGen Energy Ltd.	55,235,864
Osisko Green Acquisition Ltd.	14,777,792
Equity and other investments held for investment purposes	10,451,732
Convertible Debentures:	
Adriatic Metals Pty.	23,447,727
Challenger Exploration Ltd.	12,965,800
Contango ORE, Inc.	18,341,432
IsoEnergy Ltd.	23,828,405
Los Andes Copper <sup>(1)</sup>	15,580,853
NexGen Energy Ltd.	41,483,218
Total	216,112,823

<sup>(1)</sup> Several convertible debentures issued on various dates.

Fair Value of equity investments is calculated based on the closing market price of the relevant equity investment. Fair value of the convertible debentures is calculated using a valuation model of a system of two coupled Black Scholes equations and partial differential equations that are solved simultaneously using finite-difference methods. The fair value is for accounting purposes only. The Company's market value of these investments is detailed in the section above titled **Market Value of Investments**. Management believe that the market value of the investments provides a useful indication of the underlying value of the investment portfolio, particularly for the convertible debentures which are stated without the adjustment applied to volatility required to equate the initial valuation to the fair value of consideration exchanged in accordance with IFRS.

The reconciliation of the fair value of investments, the most directly comparable financial measure from the interim condensed consolidated financial statements to the market value of investments is set out below:

	November 30, 2022	August 31, 2022
	\$	\$
Fair value at the end of the period:  Equity and other investments - difference in assumptions on unlisted	216,112,823	196,751,187
investments	595,950	788,949
Convertible debentures - difference in volatility assumptions due to		
initial calibration of fair value with purchase price under IFRS	25,003,691	16,612,397
Convertible debentures - difference in models used	5,354,967	5,161,008
Market value at the end of the period:	247,067,431	219,313,541
Equity and other investments - update of market value to date of report	(373,260)	(2,844,322)
Equity and other investments - new investments at market value	436.043	388.645
Equity and other investments - disposals	(216,770)	(1,309,922)
Convertible debentures - update of market value to date of report	(409,067)	(5,014,030)
Convertible debentures - new investments at market value	5,796,243	28,890,734
Market value of investments at date of the report	252,300,620	239,424,646



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# Investments at Fair Value (continued)

The continuity of the Company's investments during the three months ended November 30, 2022 is as follows:

	Net proceeds August 31, from 2022 Additions disposition			Realized gain	Unrealized gain (loss)	November 30, 2022
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Equity and other investments	78,586,480	654,551	(1,376,434)	41,991	2,558,800	80,465,388
Convertible debentures	118,164,707	20,000,000	-	-	(2,517,272)	135,647,435
Total	196,751,187	20,654,551	(1,376,434)	41,991	41,528	216,112,823

The continuity of the Company's investments during the three months ended November 30, 2021 is as follows:

	Net proceeds						
	August 31, 2021	Additions	from disposition	Realized gain	Unrealized gain	November 30, 2021	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Equity and other							
investments	55,970,983	16,552,813	(590,866)	322,400	3,921,395	76,176,725	
Convertible debentures	90,424,517	· · -	-	· -	9,373,279	99,797,796	
Total	146,395,500	16,552,813	(590,866)	322,400	13,294,674	175,974,521	

#### **Selected Annual Information**

The following table provides a summary of the Company's financial results. For more details, please refer to the audited annual consolidated financial statements.

	Year ended August 31, 2022	Year ended August 31, 2021	Year ended August 31, 2020
	\$	\$	\$
Income from investments	8,497,730	71,391,730	17,142,576
(Loss) income for the year	(3,482,448)	67,024,933	5,112,147
Basic (loss) income per share	(0.01)	0.24	0.03
Diluted (loss) income per share	(0.01)	0.23	0.03
Total assets	232,574,253	149,224,629	80,053,613



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#### **Summary of Quarterly Results**

Quarter ended	Total assets	Income (loss) from investments	Net (loss) income	Net (loss) income per share basic	Net (loss) income per share diluted
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
November 30, 2022	233,102,323	2,589,215	459,017	0.00	0.00
August 31, 2022	232,574,253	1,138,409	(2,650,137)	(0.01)	(0.01)
May 31, 2022	233,522,989	(17,289,674)	(18,883,882)	(0.04)	(0.04)
February 28, 2022	267,997,472	10,098,105 <sup>°</sup>	4,164,965	0.01	0.01
November 30, 2021	180,563,770	14,550,890	13,886,606	0.05	0.05
August 31, 2021	149,224,629	1,184,415	659,957	0.00	0.00
May 31, 2021	148,620,043	27,518,563	27,140,343	0.10	0.09
February 28, 2021	121,465,466	44,834,789	43,906,253	0.16	0.15

The Company's performance and results are not expected to be subject to seasonal variations.

Income from Investments during the three months ended November 30, 2022, was principally attributable to interest earned on convertible debentures, with unrealised gain on equity and other investments offset by unrealised loss on convertible debentures due to the increase in the underlying share price in NexGen and Adriatic offset by the decrease in the underlying share price in IsoEnergy and Contango.

Income from Investments during the three months ended August 31, 2022, was principally attributable to interest earned on convertible debentures, with unrealized gain on investments on convertible debentures in IsoEnergy offset by unrealized loss on equity and other investments in NexGen due to the change in the underlying share price and Osisko Green due to the higher discount rate on unlisted investments.

Loss from Investments during the three months ended May 31, 2022, was principally attributed to unrealized loss on convertible debentures in IsoEnergy and NexGen combined with unrealized loss on equity investments in NexGen due to the change in the underlying share price.

Income from Investments during the three months ended February 28, 2022, was principally attributed to unrealized gain on equity investments in NexGen due to the change in the underlying share price.

Income from Investments during the three months ended November 30, 2021, was principally attributable to unrealized gain on convertible debenture investments in IsoEnergy combined with unrealized gain on the equity investment in Osisko Green.

Income from Investments during the three months ended August 31, 2021, was principally attributable to unrealized gain on convertible debentures investments in Adriatic combined with interest income earned on convertible debenture investments partially offset by unrealized loss on equity investments in NexGen due to the change in the underlying share price.

Income from Investments during the three months ended May 31, 2021, and February 28, 2021, was principally attributable to unrealized gain on equity investments in NexGen shares due to the change in the underlying share prices and unrealized gain on convertible debenture investments in NexGen, IsoEnergy and Adriatic.



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# **Summary of Quarterly Results (continued)**

Net loss during the three months ended August 31, 2022, was due to operating expenses. Net loss during the three months ended May 31, 2022, was due unrealized loss on investments and operating expenses.

Net income during the three months ended November 30, 2022; February 28, 2022; November 30, 2021; August 31, 2021; May 31, 2021, and February 28, 2021, is attributable to income from investments, less operating expenses.

# **Results of Operations**

#### Income from Investments for the Three Months ended November 30, 2022 and November 30, 2021

	For the Three Mo	nths
	November 30, 2022	November 30, 2021
	\$	\$
Interest income	1,905,696	933,816
Establishment fee income	600,000	-
Realized gain from investments	41,991	322,400
Unrealized gain from investments	41,528	13,294,674
	2,589,215	14,550,890

During the three months ended November 30, 2022, the Company recorded income from investments of \$2,589,215 compared to income from investments in the three months ended November 30, 2021, of \$14,550,890. The decrease for the three months ended November 30, 2022, compared to the prior period was mainly due to the lower unrealized gain on investments, which was primarily attributable to the relatively lower increase in the share prices of the investments between the corresponding periods. This was partially offset by an increase in interest income as a result of more investments in convertible debentures and establishment fee income earned in the three months to November 30, 2022, compared to nil in the three months to November 30, 2022 due to the principal value of investments made compared to the corresponding period.

Interest income for the three months ended November 30, 2022, of \$1,905,696 compared to \$933,816 in the three months ended November 30, 2021. The Company primarily earned interest income on its convertible debenture securities. The increase for the three months ended November 30, 2022, compared to the prior period was due to the purchase of additional investments in convertible debentures generating increased interest income.

Establishment fee income for the three months ended November 30, 2022, of \$600,000 compared to nil for the three months ended November 30, 2021. The income in the three months to November 30, 2022, was a 3% establishment fee on the principal amounts of \$15m Challenger and \$5m Los Andes convertible debentures.

Realized gain from investments for the three months ended November 30, 2022, was \$41,991 compared to \$322,400 for the three months ended November 30, 2021. The income reflected is gain from the sale of equity investments. The gain reflects the number equity investments sold and the individual share price at the time of sale compared to the carrying value of the investments at the beginning of the financial year.



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#### **Results of Operations (continued)**

# <u>Income from Investments for the Three Months Ended November 30, 2022 and November 30, 2021 (continued)</u>

The unrealized gain in the three months ended November 30, 2022, and November 30, 2021, was mainly attributable to an increase in the fair value of some of the convertible debenture securities partially offset by a decrease in the value of some of the investments in equities of public companies owned by the Company, due to a decrease in the underlying share prices of some of the investments held.

Unrealized gain from investments for the three months ended November 30, 2022, of \$41,528 compared to an unrealised gain of \$13,294,674 for the three months ended November 30, 2021. The reduction in the unrealized gain in the three months ended November 30, 2022, was mainly attributable to a decrease in the fair value of some of the convertible debenture securities value combined compared with an increase in the fair value of some of the convertible debenture securities value in the corresponding period. The share price of the some of the underlying issuers of the convertible debentures decreased between the start and end of the three months ended November 30, 2022, compared to an increase in the corresponding period resulting in an unrealized loss on some compared to an unrealized gain in the corresponding period. The amount of gain or loss from investments in future quarters will depend on the share price, volatility of the stock, remaining life of the debentures and credit adjusted interest rate during such quarters.

#### Operating Expenses for the Three Months ended November 30, 2022 and November 30, 2021

	November 30, 2022	November 30, 2021	Increase (decrease) expenses (increase) decrease gain
	\$	\$	\$
Consulting	2,201	2,384	(183)
Depreciation	46,661	-	46,661 <sup>°</sup>
Directors' fees	16,500	15,750	750
Foreign exchange loss (gain)	190,735	(66,832)	257,567
Interest expense and financing costs	-	270,693 <sup>°</sup>	(270,693)
Interest expense on lease liabilities	5,661	-	5,661
Management fees	225,000	180,000	45,000
Office & administration	70,827	59,930	10,897
Office expenses and rent	9,171	92,168	(82,997)
Professional fees	100,694	56,579	`44,115
Regulatory fees and transfer agent fees	62,444	53,612	8,832
Share-based compensation	1,296,198	-	1,296,198
Travel	104,106	-	104,106
	2,130,198	664,284	1,465,914



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#### Operating Expenses for the Three Months ended November 30, 2022 and November 30, 2021 (continued):

Significant changes for the three months ended November 30, 2022, compared to November 30, 2021, are as follows:

- Depreciation increased \$46,661 due to monthly depreciation a right-of-use asset recognised as the Company entered a lease for the office commencing on April 1, 2022.
- Foreign exchange loss \$190,735 compared to a gain of \$66,832 mainly due the impact of the C\$/\$ rate fluctuation on Canadian dollar cash raised in a private placement by the Company in February 2022 less amounts invested subsequently.
- Management fees increased \$45,000 due to an increase in the fees from January 1, 2022.
- Office expenses and rent decreased by \$82,997 due to the Company entering a lease for the office, with the
  costs reflected as depreciation on the right-of-use asset and interest expense on the lease liabilities from
  April 1, 2022.
- Professional fees increased \$44,115 mainly due to increased corporate activities.
- Share-based payments increased \$1,296,198 due to timing of vesting of stock options granted to executives, directors and consultants.
- Travel increased \$104,106 due to more business travel.

#### **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

# **Cash Flows**

	Three months ended		
	November 30, 2022	November 30, 2021	
	\$	\$	
Operating activities	817,725	(174,031)	
Financing activities	(1,344,789)	17,479,751	
Investing activities	(18,623,566)	(15,924,452)	
Change in cash during the period	(19,150,630)	1,381,268	

Cash provided by operating activities for the three months ended November 30, 2022, was \$817,725 (November 30, 2021 - used in \$174,031). The cash provided operating activities for the three months ended November 30, 2022, consists primarily net income of \$459,017 (November 30, 2021 - net income \$13,866,606) adjusted for items not affecting cash; interest income received; and interest expenses paid and changes in working capital.

Significant items not affecting cash for the three months ended November 30, 2022, were unrealized gain on investments of \$41,991 (November 30, 2021 - \$13,294,674); share-based compensation of \$1,296,198 (November 30, 2021 - nil); establishment fee income of \$450,000 (November 30, 2021 - nil); realized gain on investments of \$41,528 (November 30, 2021 - \$322,400) and depreciation of \$46,661 (November 30, 2021 - nil).



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# **Liquidity and Capital Resources (continued)**

# Cash Flows (continued)

Interest income recorded on convertible debentures of \$1,808,889 (November 30, 2021 - \$933,750) was adjusted to reflect interest received in cash on convertible debentures of \$970,558 (November 30, 2021 - \$487,500). Interest expenses and financing costs on bank loans was nil (November 30, 2021 - \$270,693) was adjusted to reflect interest paid of nil (November 30, 2021 - \$66,271). There was a decrease in net working capital items during the three months ended November 30, 2022, of \$171,884 (November 30, 2021 - increase of \$37,684).

Financing activities for the three months ended November 30, 2022, used \$1,344,789 (November 30, 2021 - provided \$17,479,751). The cash used in the three months ended November 30, 2022, were for the purchase of common shares under the NCIB of \$726,461 (November 30, 2021 - nil); a cash dividend of \$569,373 (November 30, 2021 - \$882,672) and payment of lease liabilities of \$48,955 (November 30, 2021 - nil). The cash provided by financing activities for the three months ended November 30, 2021, consists of net proceeds from a secured bank loan of \$16,419,502.

Investing activities for the three months ended November 30, 2022, was \$18,623,566 (November 30, 2021 - \$15,924,452). The cash used in investing activities for the three months ended November 30, 2022, was for investments of \$20,000,000 (November 30, 2021 - \$16,513,318), less the net proceeds from the sale of equity investments of \$1,376,434 (November 30, 2021 - \$590,866).

#### Capital Resources & Liquidity Risk

The Company's cash position as at November 30, 2022 was \$15,144,480 (August 31, 2022 - \$34,508,794) and the Company's working capital was \$15,254,322 (August 31, 2022 - \$34,159,865). The Company has long-term lease liabilities of \$265,895 (August 31, 2022 - \$315,843).

As at November 30, 2022, the Company believes there is sufficient working capital available to meet its current operational requirements. The Company may raise more capital for investment allocation from time to time.

#### Future Accounting Policy Changes

A number of new standards, amendments to standards, and interpretations are not yet effective as of the date of this report; and were not applied in preparing the consolidated financial statements. None of these are expected to have a material effect on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

#### Significant Accounting Policies

The financial information presented in this MD&A has been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("**IFRS**"). The Company's management has made judgements and estimates that affect the application of the Company's accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income, and expense. Actual amounts incurred by the Company may differ from these values.

The Company's significant accounting policies applied judgements and estimates are set out in the notes 2 and 3 of the audited annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended August 31, 2022. IFRS 16, "Leases" was adopted in the year ended August 31, 2022, to account for a lease arrangement entered into by the Company.



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# Significant Judgments

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with IFRS requires the Company to make judgments, apart from those involving estimates, in applying accounting policies. The most significant judgments in applying the accounting policies in the Company's annual consolidated financial statements include the valuation of investments.

#### **Capital Commitments**

The Company has no capital commitments.

#### **Off Balance Sheet Arrangements**

The Company has no off-balance sheet arrangements.

# **Outstanding Share Data**

The Company has the following common shares and stock options, outstanding as November 30, 2022, and August 31, 2022, and the date of this report.

# **Common Shares**

The Company's authorized capital consists of 5,000,000,000 common shares with a par value of C\$0.001 each.

As at November 30, 2022, and the date of this report, there were 452,266,991 issued common shares (August 31, 2022 - 445,895,954 shares).

As at November 30, 2022, the Company has purchased 3,440,194 common shares, of which 3,260,694 have been cancelled and 179,500 are held in treasury (August 31, 2022 - 2,339,578 common shares purchased and held in treasury). As at January 13, 2023, the Company has purchased 3,529,853 common shares, of which 3,260,694 shares have been cancelled and 269,159 shares are held in treasury.

#### **Stock Options**

As at November 30, 2022, August 31, 2022, and the date of this report, there were 38,650,000 stock options outstanding with a weighted average price of C\$0.61 and 20,900,000 stock options exercisable, with a weighted-average exercise price of C\$0.59.



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#### **Controls and Procedures**

As of November 30, 2022, an evaluation was carried out on the effectiveness of QRC's disclosure controls and procedures. Based on that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") and Chief Financial Officer "CFO") have certified that the design and operating effectiveness of QRC's disclosure controls and procedures were effective.

As at November 30, 2022, an evaluation was carried out on the effectiveness on internal controls over financial reporting to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements in accordance with IFRS. Based on that evaluation, the CEO and CFO have certified that the design and operating effectiveness of internal controls over financial reporting were effective.

These evaluations were conducted using the framework and criteria established in accordance with Internal Controls - Integrated Framework (2013) issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission ("COSO"). The Audit Committee assists the CEO and CFO in their responsibilities. Management's evaluation of controls can only provide reasonable, not absolute, assurance that all control issues that may result in material misstatement, if any, have been detected.