



# TASEKO REPORTS FIRST QUARTER 2021 FINANCIAL & OPERATING RESULTS

This release should be read with the Company's Financial Statements and Management Discussion & Analysis ("MD&A"), available at <a href="www.tasekomines.com">www.tasekomines.com</a> and filed on <a href="www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a>. Except where otherwise noted, all currency amounts are stated in Canadian dollars. Taseko's 75% owned Gibraltar Mine is located north of the City of Williams Lake in south-central British Columbia. Production volumes stated in this release are on a 100% basis unless otherwise indicated.

May 5, 2021, Vancouver, BC – Taseko Mines Limited (TSX: TKO; NYSE American: TGB; LSE: TKO) ("Taseko" or the "Company") reports the results for the three months ended March 31, 2021.

The Company reported Earnings from mining operations before depletion and amortization of \$30.3 million and Adjusted EBITDA\* of \$23.7 million, which represent increases of 412% and 344%, respectively, over the first quarter of 2020. For the first quarter 2021, the Company had an adjusted net loss of \$5.5 million, or (\$0.02) per share.

Russell Hallbauer, CEO and Director of Taseko, commented, "Strong earnings in the first quarter were supported by a steadily rising copper price which reached its highest price in a decade, and sits today at about US\$4.50 per pound. We made good progress with detailed engineering at Florence and a favourable appeals court decision was received which clears the way for construction to begin in a few months upon receipt of the final key permit. We also took advantage of strong market conditions to successfully refinance and upsize our bonds during the quarter, and at current copper prices the Florence project could be fully funded with cashflow from Gibraltar. So, all in all, we are very happy with our achievements during the first quarter and 2021 is shaping up to be a transformative year for the Company.

From an ESG perspective, just yesterday, we were informed that Gibraltar has won the 2020 John Ash Award from the BC Ministry of Mines. This award is given to the B.C. mining operation with a minimum of one million hours worked that has the lowest injury-frequency rate. This is the fifth time in the last seven years that Gibraltar has won this prestigious award, a fantastic accomplishment for our team."

Mr. Hallbauer continued, "First quarter production of 22 million pounds of copper and 530 thousand pounds of molybdenum was slightly below expectation. Copper head grades in the first quarter were 25% below LOM average which negatively impacted recoveries, however, mining rates were above expectation as we benefited from shorter waste hauls and higher productivities. As mining advances in the Pollyanna pit, we expect improved grades and copper production in the second quarter. And, as previously disclosed, we expect much higher grade and production levels in the second half of the year, which will lead to lower operating costs per pound and improved earnings. At current copper prices, we are forecasting operating margins of over \$200 million for the remainder of 2021, which would put us in a position to fully fund construction of the commercial facility at Florence without a joint venture partner, if we choose to do so."

<sup>\*</sup>Non-GAAP performance measure. See end of news release

Stuart McDonald, President of Taseko added, "We acquired additional copper put options in the first quarter but have retained 100% of the copper price upside so we will continue to benefit from further copper price increases in the future. Excess cashflow from continued high copper prices in the years ahead, or proceeds from any accretive Florence financing transaction, could be used for debt reduction or dividends."

"We are in a strong financial position and ready to move into a construction program at Florence in the coming months. Based on our ongoing dialogue with the EPA, we expect they will issue the draft Underground Injection Control ("UIC") Permit in June. Once the draft permit has been issued, there will be a 30 day public comment period with a public hearing scheduled towards the end, similar to the Arizona state process that we completed last year. At the conclusion of the public comment period, the EPA will review and respond to the comments received from the public before granting the final UIC permit. While this permitting process has moved more slowly than expected, we know that it is moving forward and we are closing in on having a fully permitted and financed top tier copper project. Detailed engineering and procurement preparation has been advancing and we will be in very good shape to begin construction upon receipt of the UIC, which we expect sometime in the third quarter of this year," concluded Mr. McDonald.

#### **First Quarter Review**

- First quarter earnings from mining operations before depletion and amortization\* was \$30.3 million, Adjusted EBITDA\* was \$23.7 million and Adjusted net loss\* was \$5.5 million (\$0.02 loss per share);
- Site operating costs, net of by-product credits\* were US\$1.96 per pound produced, and total operating costs (C1)\* were US\$2.23 per pound produced;
- The Gibraltar mine produced 22.2 million pounds of copper in the first quarter. Copper recoveries were 81.5% and copper head grades were 0.19%;
- Gibraltar sold 22.0 million pounds of copper in the quarter (100% basis) which resulted in \$82.3 million of revenue for Taseko. Average LME copper prices were US\$3.86 per pound in the quarter and revenue also included positive provisional price adjustments of \$3.6 million due to the rising copper price;
- As mining advances in the Pollyanna pit, management expects improved grades and copper production in the second quarter, and much higher grade and production levels in the second half of the year, which will lead to lower operating costs per pound and improved earnings;
- On February 10, 2021, Taseko closed an offering of US\$400 million 7% Senior Secured Notes due in 2026. A portion of the proceeds were used to redeem all of the outstanding US\$250 million 8.75% 2022 Senior Secured Notes on March 3, 2021;
- The Company's cash balance at March 31, 2021 was \$197.0 million, and was affected by a negative working capital adjustment of \$27.2 million in the first quarter related primarily to an increase in accounts receivable due to shipment timing;
- In March 2021, the Company extended its copper price protection strategy by purchasing put options covering 41 million pounds of copper at a strike price of US\$3.75 per pound for the second half of 2021;
- During the quarter, Gibraltar entered into an off-take contract for 45 thousand tonnes of copper concentrate shipments in the second half of this year which included deeply discounted TCRC's at some of the lowest levels the mine has ever seen since it was re-opened in 2004;

<sup>\*</sup>Non-GAAP performance measure. See end of news release

- On May 4, 2021, the Gibraltar mine was awarded the prestigious 2020 John Ash Safety Award presented by the Ministry of Energy and Mines for having the lowest injury-frequency rate that has worked at least one million hours during the year. This is the 5th time Gibraltar has won this award over the last 7 years; and
- Final design and engineering of the commercial in-situ production facility as well as procurement of certain critical components is well underway to ensure construction of the commercial facility can commence following receipt of the UIC permit, which is expected in the third quarter of this year.

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

Operating Data (Gibraltar - 100% basis)	Three mo	nths ended Marc	ch 31,
	2021	2020	Change
Tons mined (millions)	32.0	28.5	3.5
Tons milled (millions)	7.2	7.5	(0.3)
Production (million pounds Cu)	22.2	32.4	(10.2)
Sales (million pounds Cu)	22.0	31.1	(9.1)
Financial Data	Three mo	nths ended Marc	ch 31,
(Cdn\$ in thousands, except for per share amounts)	2021	2020	Change
Revenues	86,741	62,084	24,657
Earnings from mining operations before depletion and amortization*	30,313	5,923	24,390
Adjusted EBITDA*	23,722	5,346	18,376
Adjusted net loss*	(5,534)	(21,647)	16,113
Per share - basic ("Adjusted EPS")*	(0.02)	(0.09)	0.07
Net loss (GAAP)	(11,217)	(48,950)	37,733
Per share - basic ("EPS")	(0.04)	(0.20)	0.16

<sup>\*</sup>Non-GAAP performance measure. See end of news release.

#### **REVIEW OF OPERATIONS**

Gibraltar mine (75% Owned)

Operating data (100% basis)	Q1 2021	Q4 2020	Q3 2020	Q2 2020	Q1 2020
Tons mined (millions)	32.0	26.4	23.3	20.5	28.5
Tons milled (millions)	7.2	7.5	7.5	7.7	7.5
Strip ratio	6.0	1.9	1.5	1.9	2.7
Site operating cost per ton milled (CAD\$)*	\$8.73	\$11.67	\$9.57	\$7.66	\$9.52
Copper concentrate					
Head grade (%)	0.19	0.20	0.23	0.28	0.26
Copper recovery (%)	81.5	83.3	85.0	85.2	83.4
Production (million pounds Cu)	22.2	25.0	28.9	36.8	32.4
Sales (million pounds Cu)	22.0	25.0	28.6	39.3	31.1
Inventory (million pounds Cu)	3.6	3.4	3.6	3.8	6.4
Molybdenum concentrate					
Production (thousand pounds Mo)	530	549	668	639	412
Sales (thousand pounds Mo)	552	487	693	656	403
Per unit data (US\$ per pound produced)*					
Site operating costs*	\$2.23	\$2.67	\$1.85	\$1.15	\$1.64
By-product credits*	(0.27)	(0.14)	(0.14)	(0.11)	(0.11)
Site operating costs, net of by-product credits*	\$1.96	\$2.53	\$1.71	\$1.04	\$1.53
Off-property costs	0.27	0.29	0.29	0.30	0.29
Total operating costs (C1)*	\$2.23	\$2.82	\$2.00	\$1.34	\$1.82

# **OPERATIONS ANALYSIS**

# First Quarter Review

To-date, there have been no interruptions to the Company's operations, logistics and supply chains as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Heightened health and safety protocols continue to be implemented and monitored for effectiveness.

Copper production in the first quarter was 22.2 million pounds and was impacted by lower mined ore grades from the Pollyanna pit. Additionally, ore hardness in the Pollyanna Pit benches and in ore drawn from the stockpiles continued to have some affect on recoveries and mill throughput in the quarter.

A total of 32.0 million tons were mined in the first quarter of 2021, an increase of 5.6 million tons over the prior quarter. The increased waste stripping was attributed to higher productivities and shorter hauling distances in the upper benches of the Pollyanna pit. Site operating costs, net of by-product credits for the first quarter were US\$1.96 per pound of copper produced.

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#### **OPERATIONS ANALYSIS- CONTINUED**

The strip ratio for the first quarter was 6.0 to 1 and reflects the increased waste stripping in Pollyanna. In addition, ore stockpiles decreased during the quarter by 2.6 million tons.

Total site spending (including capitalized stripping of \$21.5 million spent in the quarter) was generally consistent with the prior quarter. Capital expenditures in the first quarter also included costs associated with the dewatering system for the Gibraltar pit where mining is expected to start in the second quarter.

Molybdenum production was 530 thousand pounds in the first quarter. Molybdenum prices strengthened in the first quarter and averaged US\$11.32 per pound, compared to US\$9.01 per pound in Q4 2020. By-product credits per pound of copper produced\* was US\$0.27 in the first quarter, an increase over the prior quarters due to the higher molybdenum price and fewer copper pounds produced in the current period.

Off-property costs per pound produced\* were US\$0.27 for the first quarter and lower than prior quarters due to the benefit of lower treatment and refining charges in the current year. Gibraltar extended its long-term copper concentrate offtake contract, for roughly 50% of its production, for 2021 which is expected to result in at least a 30% reduction in treatment and refining costs in 2021. The Company also entered into an offtake contract for 45,000 tons of copper concentrate for later in the year at some of the lowest TCRC levels ever seen by the mine.

Total operating costs per pound produced (C1)\* were US\$2.23 for the quarter. Contributing to the decrease in C1\* costs was significantly increased capitalized stripping costs in the first quarter, which was \$20.3 million more than the prior quarter. The impact of capitalized stripping costs on lower C1\* costs is partially offset by fewer copper pounds being produced in the first quarter and the weakening US dollar.

#### **GIBRALTAR OUTLOOK**

Mining will continue to be focused on the Pollyanna pit which will be the main source of ore in 2021. Management expects improved grades and copper production in the second quarter and much higher grade and production levels in the second half of the year as higher-grade areas in Pollyanna are opened-up and available for processing. Ore release from the Gibraltar pit will commence in the second half of the year. Ore from the Gibraltar pit is relatively softer and is expected to require less energy to grind, which will provide opportunities for increased mill throughput in the future. Gibraltar produced 123 million pounds in 2020 and is expected to produce 125 million pounds on a 100% basis in 2021.

Copper prices are currently around US\$4.50 per pound, compared to the average LME copper price of US\$3.86 per pound in Q1 and US\$2.80 per pound in 2020. Copper prices have recovered swiftly since March 2020 and are testing decade high levels due to recovery in Chinese and the rest of world demand coupled with continued supply and political disruptions, most notably in South America. Many governments are now focusing on increased infrastructure investment to stimulate economic recovery after the pandemic, including green initiatives, which will require new primary supplies of copper. Most industry analysts are projecting ongoing supply constraints and deficits, which should support these higher copper prices in the years to come.

In March 2021 and in preparation for capital spend at Florence, the Company extended its copper price protection strategy by purchasing put options covering 41 million pounds of copper at a strike price of US\$3.75 per pound for the second half of 2021. Protecting a significant operating margin in 2021 allows the Company to focus on and advance near-term capital growth plans related to Florence Copper, and fund the Yellowhead Copper Project's ongoing environmental assessment work. This approach to managing copper price volatility does not cap the Company's cash flow should copper prices continue at these levels or increase further.

All of the above factors are supportive of improved financial performance at the Gibraltar mine for the remainder of 2021.

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#### FLORENCE COPPER

Florence Copper represents a low-cost growth project that will have an annual production capacity of 85 million pounds of copper over a 21-year mine life, and with the expected C1\* operating cost of US\$0.90 per pound puts Florence Copper in the lowest quartile of the global copper cost curve. The commercial production facility at Florence will also be one of the greenest sources of mined copper, with carbon emissions, water and energy consumption all dramatically lower than a conventional mine. We have successfully operated a Production Test Facility ("PTF") for the last two years at Florence to demonstrate that the in-situ copper recovery ("ISCR") process can produce high quality cathode while operating within permit conditions.

The next phase of Florence Copper will include the construction and operation of the commercial ISCR facility with an estimated capital cost of US\$230 million (including reclamation bonding and working capital). At a conservative copper price of US\$3.00 per pound, Florence Copper is expected to generate an after-tax internal rate of return of 37%, an after-tax net present value of US\$680 million at a 7.5% discount rate, and an after-tax payback period of 2.5 years.

In December 2020, the Company received the Aquifer Protection Permit ("APP") from the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality ("ADEQ"). During the APP process, Florence Copper received strong support from local community members, business owners and elected officials. The other required permit is the Underground Injection Control ("UIC") permit from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"). The EPA's technical review for the UIC permit has identified no significant issues and the Company expects to receive the draft permit in the coming months followed by the final UIC permit in the third quarter after which construction of the commercial ISCR facility at Florence Copper can commence.

On March 23, 2021, the Company announced a favourable appeals court decision that upholds Florence Copper's right to mine its private property within the Town, and also awarded US\$1.7 million in legal fees and costs to Florence Copper.

The Company now has the majority of the required construction funding for Florence Copper in hand, and with stronger expected operating cash flows from Gibraltar due to higher prevailing copper prices, the Company has numerous options available to obtain the remaining funding including retaining 100% ownership of the project.

Final design engineering for the commercial production facility as well as procurement of certain critical components is well underway to ensure a smooth and efficient transition into construction once the final UIC permit is received later this year.

#### ANNUAL ESG REPORT

The Company recently published its annual Environmental, Social, and Governance ("ESG") Report, titled 'Sustainability: Our Low Carbon Future' (the "Report"), highlighting Taseko's sustainability performance for 2020.

In this year's Report, Taseko has reported Scope 1 and 2 greenhouse gas emissions for Gibraltar which shows that the mine ranks in the first quartile of all copper mines globally. When commercial operations at Florence Copper commence, the Company's combined greenhouse gas emissions intensity will drop even lower, to an estimated 1.53 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent ("CO2e") per tonne of copper equivalent, based on an independent analysis by Skarn Associates.

#### Sustainability report highlights:

- Rigorous health and safety protocols enabled operations to continue at Gibraltar and at Florence Copper during the COVID-19 pandemic;
- Recognition from the British Columbia Technical and Research Committee on Reclamation with the Jake McDonald Award for outstanding work in mine reclamation and Indigenous collaboration;
- Outstanding safety performance at Gibraltar with zero loss time incidents, zero days lost, zero loss time severity, and zero loss time frequency;
- Continued commitment to a diverse workforce that reflects the communities in which we operate. In 2020 28% of the new hires at Taseko were female and 15% were Indigenous people;
- A priority on securing local goods and services with \$116 million and US\$2.5 million being distributed to local suppliers from Gibraltar and Florence Copper, respectively; \$72 million and US\$2.1 million was distributed in wages to local employees from Gibraltar and Florence Copper, respectively;
- Low Scope 1 and 2 greenhouse gas emission of 1.66 tonnes of CO2e per tonnes of copper produced equivalent and 0.09 tonnes of CO2e per tonnes of copper equivalent produced, respectively; and
- Continued discussions with our Indigenous neighbours, that included a Framework Agreement with a local
  Indigenous Nation to begin discussions on the Yellowhead Copper Project, as well as an extension to the
  standstill agreement with Tŝilhqot'in Nation as both parties seek a long-term solution to the conflict
  regarding New Prosperity.

The full Report can be viewed and downloaded at www.tasekomines.com/esg/overview.

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#### LONG-TERM GROWTH STRATEGY

Taseko's strategy has been to grow the Company by acquiring and developing a pipeline of complementary projects focused on copper in stable mining jurisdictions. We continue to believe this will generate long-term returns for shareholders. Our other development projects are focused primarily on copper and are located in British Columbia.

#### Yellowhead Copper Project

Yellowhead Mining Inc. ("Yellowhead") has an 817 million tonnes reserve and a 25-year mine life with a pre-tax net present value of \$1.3 billion at an 8% discount rate using a US\$3.10 per pound copper price. Capital costs of the project are estimated at \$1.3 billion over a 2-year construction period. Over the first 5 years of operation, the copper equivalent grade will average 0.35% producing an average of 200 million pounds of copper per year at an average C1\* cost, net of by-product credit, of US\$1.67 per pound of copper. The Yellowhead Copper Project contains valuable precious metal by-products with 440,000 ounces of gold and 19 million ounces of silver with a life of mine value of over \$1 billion at current prices.

#### LONG-TERM GROWTH STRATEGY - CONTINUED

The Company is focusing its current efforts on advancing the environmental assessment and some additional engineering work in conjunction with ongoing engagement with local communities including First Nations. A focus group has been formed between the Company and high-level regulators in the appropriate Provincial ministries in order to expedite the advancement of the environmental assessment and the permitting of the project. Management also commenced joint venture partnering discussions in 2020 with a number of strategic industry groups that are interested in potentially investing in the Yellowhead project in combination with acquiring significant copper offtake rights.

#### New Prosperity Gold-Copper Project

In late 2019, the Tŝilhqot'in Nation, as represented by Tŝilhqot'in National Government, and Taseko entered into a confidential dialogue, facilitated by the Province of British Columbia, to try to obtain a long-term solution to the conflict regarding Taseko's proposed gold-copper mine currently known as New Prosperity, acknowledging Taseko's commercial interests and the Tŝilhqot'in Nation's opposition to the project. The dialogue was supported by the parties' agreement on December 7, 2019 to a one-year standstill on certain outstanding litigation and regulatory matters that relate to Taseko's tenures and the area in the vicinity of Têtan Biny (Fish Lake).

The COVID-19 pandemic delayed the commencement of the dialogue, but the Tŝilhqot'in Nation and Taseko have made progress in establishing a constructive dialogue. In December 2020, the parties agreed to extend the standstill for a further year to continue this dialogue.

#### Aley Niobium Project

Environmental monitoring and product marketing initiatives on the Aley Niobium project continue. The pilot plant program has successfully completed the niobium flotation process portion of the test, raising confidence in the design and providing feed to the converter portion of the process. Completion of the converter pilot test, which is underway, will provide additional process data to support the design of the commercial process facilities and provide final product samples for marketing purposes.

The Company will host a telephone conference call and live webcast on Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time (8:00 a.m. Pacific) to discuss these results. After opening remarks by management, there will be a question and answer session open to analysts and investors. The conference call may be accessed by dialing 416-764-8688 in Canada, 888-390-0546 in the United States, 08006522435 in the United Kingdom, or online at tasekomines.com/investors/events. The conference call will be archived for later playback until May 20, 2021 and can be accessed by dialing 416-764-8688 Canada, 888-390-0541 in the United States, or online at tasekomines.com/investors/events and using the passcode 998786 #.

For further information on Taseko, please see the Company's website at www.tasekomines.com or contact:

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No regulatory authority has approved or disapproved of the information in this news release.

#### **CAUTION REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION**

This document contains "forward-looking statements" that were based on Taseko's expectations, estimates and projections as of the dates as of which those statements were made. Generally, these forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as "outlook", "anticipate", "project", "target", "believe", "estimate", "expect", "intend", "should" and similar expressions.

Forward-looking statements are subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause the Company's actual results, level of activity, performance or achievements to be materially different from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. These included but are not limited to:

- uncertainties about the effect of COVID-19 and the response of local, provincial, federal and international governments to the threat of COVID-19 on our operations (including our suppliers, customers, supply chain, employees and contractors) and economic conditions generally and in particular with respect to the demand for copper and other metals we produce;
- uncertainties and costs related to the Company's exploration and development activities, such as those associated with continuity of mineralization or determining whether mineral resources or reserves exist on a property;
- uncertainties related to the accuracy of our estimates of mineral reserves, mineral resources, production rates and timing of
  production, future production and future cash and total costs of production and milling;
- uncertainties related to feasibility studies that provide estimates of expected or anticipated costs, expenditures and economic returns from a mining project;
- uncertainties related to the ability to obtain necessary licenses permits for development projects and project delays due to third party opposition;
- uncertainties related to unexpected judicial or regulatory proceedings;
- changes in, and the effects of, the laws, regulations and government policies affecting our exploration and development activities and mining operations, particularly laws, regulations and policies;
- changes in general economic conditions, the financial markets and in the demand and market price for copper, gold and other
  minerals and commodities, such as diesel fuel, steel, concrete, electricity and other forms of energy, mining equipment, and
  fluctuations in exchange rates, particularly with respect to the value of the U.S. dollar and Canadian dollar, and the continued
  availability of capital and financing;
- the effects of forward selling instruments to protect against fluctuations in copper prices and exchange rate movements and the risks of counterparty defaults, and mark to market risk;
- the risk of inadequate insurance or inability to obtain insurance to cover mining risks:
- the risk of loss of key employees; the risk of changes in accounting policies and methods we use to report our financial condition, including uncertainties associated with critical accounting assumptions and estimates;
- · environmental issues and liabilities associated with mining including processing and stock piling ore; and
- labour strikes, work stoppages, or other interruptions to, or difficulties in, the employment of labour in markets in which we
  operate mines, or environmental hazards, industrial accidents or other events or occurrences, including third party interference
  that interrupt the production of minerals in our mines.

For further information on Taseko, investors should review the Company's annual Form 40-F filing with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission <a href="www.sec.gov">www.sec.gov</a> and home jurisdiction filings that are available at <a href="www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a>.

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

This discussion includes certain statements that may be deemed "forward-looking statements". All statements in this discussion, other than statements of historical facts, that address future production, reserve potential, exploration drilling, exploitation activities, and events or developments that the Company expects are forward-looking statements. Although we believe the expectations expressed in such forward-looking statements are based on reasonable assumptions, such statements are not guarantees of future performance and actual results or developments may differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in forward-looking statements include market prices, exploitation and exploration successes, continued availability of capital and financing and general economic, market or business conditions. Investors are cautioned that any such statements are not guarantees of future performance and actual results or developments may differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements. All of the forward-looking statements made in this MD&A are qualified by these cautionary statements. We disclaim any intention or obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except to the extent required by applicable law. Further information concerning risks and uncertainties associated with these forward-looking statements and our business may be found in our most recent Form 40-F/Annual Information Form on file with the SEC and Canadian provincial securities regulatory authorities.

#### NON-GAAP PERFORMANCE MEASURES

This document includes certain non-GAAP performance measures that do not have a standardized meaning prescribed by IFRS. These measures may differ from those used by, and may not be comparable to such measures as reported by, other issuers. The Company believes that these measures are commonly used by certain investors, in conjunction with conventional IFRS measures, to enhance their understanding of the Company's performance. These measures have been derived from the Company's financial statements and applied on a consistent basis. The following tables below provide a reconciliation of these non-GAAP measures to the most directly comparable IFRS measure.

# Total operating costs and site operating costs, net of by-product credits

Total costs of sales include all costs absorbed into inventory, as well as transportation costs and insurance recoverable. Site operating costs are calculated by removing net changes in inventory, depletion and amortization, insurance recoverable, and transportation costs from cost of sales. Site operating costs, net of by-product credits is calculated by subtracting by-product credits from the site operating costs. Site operating costs, net of by-product credits per pound are calculated by dividing the aggregate of the applicable costs by copper pounds produced. Total operating costs per pound is the sum of site operating costs, net of by-product credits and off-property costs divided by the copper pounds produced. By-product credits are calculated based on actual sales of molybdenum (net of treatment costs) and silver during the period divided by the total pounds of copper produced during the period. These measures are calculated on a consistent basis for the periods presented.

	Three months ended	March 31,
(Cdn\$ in thousands, unless otherwise indicated) – 75% basis	2021	2020
Cost of sales	72,266	83,309
Less:		
Depletion and amortization	(15,838)	(27,148)
Net change in inventories of finished goods	2,259	1,302
Net change in inventories of ore stockpiles	(8,226)	603
Transportation costs	(3,305)	(4,519)
Site operating costs	47,156	53,547
Less by-product credits:		
Molybdenum, net of treatment costs	(5,604)	(3,231)
Silver, excluding amortization of deferred revenue	(238)	(354)
Site operating costs, net of by-product credits	41,314	49,962
Total copper produced (thousand pounds)	16,684	24,318
Total costs per pound produced	2.48	2.05
Average exchange rate for the period (CAD/USD)	1.27	1.34
Site operating costs, net of by-product credits (US\$ per pound)	1.96	1.53
Site operating costs, net of by-product credits	41,314	49,962
Add off-property costs:		
Treatment and refining costs	2,414	4,956
Transportation costs	3,305	4,519
Total operating costs	47,033	59,437
Total operating costs (C1) (US\$ per pound)	2.23	1.82

#### **NON-GAAP PERFORMANCE MEASURES - CONTINUED**

#### Adjusted net income (loss)

Adjusted net income (loss) removes the effect of the following transactions from net income as reported under IFRS:

- Unrealized foreign currency gains/losses;
- Unrealized gain/loss on copper put and fuel call options; and
- Loss on settlement of long-term debt, including realized foreign exchange gains.

Management believes these transactions do not reflect the underlying operating performance of our core mining business and are not necessarily indicative of future operating results. Furthermore, unrealized gains/losses on derivative instruments, changes in the fair value of financial instruments, and unrealized foreign currency gains/losses are not necessarily reflective of the underlying operating results for the reporting periods presented.

	Three months ended March 31,		
(Cdn\$ in thousands, except per share amounts)	2021	2020	
Net loss	(11,217)	(48,950)	
Unrealized foreign exchange loss	8,798	29,747	
Realized foreign exchange gain on settlement of long-term debt	(13,000)		
Unrealized (gain) loss on copper put and fuel call options	802	(3,348)	
Loss on settlement of long-term debt	12,739	- -	
Estimated tax effect of adjustments	(3,656)	904	
Adjusted net loss	(5,534)	(21,647)	
Adjusted EPS	(0.02)	(0.09)	

# Adjusted EBITDA

Adjusted EBITDA is presented as a supplemental measure of the Company's performance and ability to service debt. Adjusted EBITDA is frequently used by securities analysts, investors and other interested parties in the evaluation of companies in the industry, many of which present Adjusted EBITDA when reporting their results. Issuers of "high yield" securities also present Adjusted EBITDA because investors, analysts and rating agencies consider it useful in measuring the ability of those issuers to meet debt service obligations.

Adjusted EBITDA represents net income before interest, income taxes, and depreciation and also eliminates the impact of a number of items that are not considered indicative of ongoing operating performance. Certain items of expense are added and certain items of income are deducted from net income that are not likely to recur or are not indicative of the Company's underlying operating results for the reporting periods presented or for future operating performance and consist of:

- Unrealized foreign exchange gains/losses;
- Unrealized gain/loss on copper put and fuel call options;
- Loss on settlement of long term debt (included in finance expenses);
- Realized foreign exchange gains on settlement of long-term debt; and
- Amortization of share-based compensation expense.

# **NON-GAAP PERFORMANCE MEASURES - CONTINUED**

	Three months ended I	March 31,	
(Cdn\$ in thousands)	2021	2020	
Net loss	(11,217)	(48,950)	
Add:			
Depletion and amortization	15,838	27,148	
Finance expense (includes loss on settlement of long-term debt)	23,958	10,771	
Finance income	(75)	(150)	
Income tax recovery	(4,302)	(10,118)	
Unrealized foreign exchange loss	8,798	29,747	
Realized foreign exchange gain on settlement of long-term debt	(13,000)	-	
Unrealized (gain) loss on copper put and fuel call options	802	(3,348)	
Amortization of share-based compensation expense	2,920	246	
Adjusted EBITDA	23,722	5,346	

# Earnings (loss) from mining operations before depletion and amortization

Earnings from mining operations before depletion and amortization is earnings from mining operations with depletion and amortization added back. The Company discloses this measure, which has been derived from our financial statements and applied on a consistent basis, to provide assistance in understanding the results of the Company's operations and financial position and it is meant to provide further information about the financial results to investors.

	Three months ended	March 31,	
(Cdn\$ in thousands)	2021	2020	
Earnings (loss) from mining operations	14,475	(21,225)	
Add:			
Depletion and amortization	15,838	27,148	
Earnings from mining operations before depletion and			
amortization	30,313	5,923	

# Site operating costs per ton milled

	Three months ended	March 31,
(Cdn\$ in thousands, except per ton milled amounts)	2021	2020
Site operating costs (included in cost of sales)	47,156	53,547
Tons milled (thousands) (75% basis)	5,402	5,622
Site operating costs per ton milled	\$8.73	\$9.52

# Management's Discussion and Analysis

This management discussion and analysis ("MD&A") is intended to help the reader understand Taseko Mines Limited ("Taseko", "we", "our" or the "Company"), our operations, financial performance, and current and future business environment. This MD&A is intended to supplement and complement the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto, prepared in accordance with IAS 34 of International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") for the three months ended March 31, 2021 (the "Financial Statements"). You are encouraged to review the Financial Statements in conjunction with your review of this MD&A and the Company's other public filings, which are available on the Canadian Securities Administrators' website at <a href="www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a> and on the EDGAR section of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission's ("SEC") website at <a href="www.sec.gov">www.sec.gov</a>.

This MD&A is prepared as of May 4, 2021. All dollar figures stated herein are expressed in Canadian dollars, unless otherwise specified. Included throughout this MD&A are references to Non-GAAP performance measures which are denoted with an asterisk and further explanation including their calculations are provided on page 22.

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

This discussion includes certain statements that may be deemed "forward-looking statements". All statements in this discussion, other than statements of historical facts, that address future production, reserve potential, exploration drilling, exploitation activities, and events or developments that the Company expects are forwardlooking statements. Although we believe the expectations expressed in such forward-looking statements are based on reasonable assumptions, such statements are not guarantees of future performance and actual results or developments may differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in forward-looking statements include market prices, global economic events arising from the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic outbreak, exploitation and exploration successes, continued availability of capital and financing and general economic, market or business conditions. Investors are cautioned that any such statements are not guarantees of future performance and actual results or developments may differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements. All of the forward-looking statements made in this MD&A are qualified by these cautionary statements. We disclaim any intention or obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except to the extent required by applicable law. Further information concerning risks and uncertainties associated with these forward-looking statements and our business may be found in the Company's other public filings with the SEC and Canadian provincial securities regulatory authorities.

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#### **OVERVIEW**

Taseko Mines Limited ("Taseko" or "Company") is a mining company that seeks to create long-term shareholder value by acquiring, developing, and operating large tonnage mineral deposits which are capable of supporting a mine for ten years or longer. The Company's principal operating asset is the 75% owned Gibraltar mine, which is located in central British Columbia and is one of the largest copper mines in North America. Taseko also owns Florence Copper, which is advancing towards construction starting later this year with commercial production expected by 2023, as well as the Yellowhead copper, New Prosperity gold-copper, Aley niobium and Harmony gold projects.

Three months ended March 31,

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

	2021	2020	Change
Tons mined (millions)	32.0	28.5	3.5
Tons milled (millions)	7.2	7.5	(0.3)
Production (million pounds Cu)	22.2	32.4	(10.2)
Sales (million pounds Cu)	22.0	31.1	(9.1)
Financial Data	Three mor	nths ended Marc	ch 31,
(Cdn\$ in thousands, except for per share amounts)	2021	2020	Change
Revenues	86,741	62,084	24,657
Earnings from mining operations before depletion and amortization*	30,313	5,923	24,390
Adjusted EBITDA*	23,722	5,346	18,376
Adjusted net loss*	(5,534)	(21,647)	16,113
Per share - basic ("Adjusted EPS")*	(0.02)	(0.09)	0.07
Net loss (GAAP)	(11,217)	(48,950)	37,733
Per share - basic ("EPS")	(0.04)	(0.20)	0.16

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#### First Quarter Review

- First quarter earnings from mining operations before depletion and amortization\* was \$30.3 million, Adjusted EBITDA\* was \$23.7 million and Adjusted net loss\* was \$5.5 million (\$0.02 loss per share);
- Site operating costs, net of by-product credits\* were US\$1.96 per pound produced, and total operating costs (C1)\* were US\$2.23 per pound produced;
- The Gibraltar mine produced 22.2 million pounds of copper in the first quarter. Copper recoveries were 81.5% and copper head grades were 0.19%;
- Gibraltar sold 22.0 million pounds of copper in the quarter (100% basis) which resulted in \$82.3 million of revenue for Taseko. Average LME copper prices were US\$3.86 per pound in the quarter and revenue also included positive provisional price adjustments of \$3.6 million due to the rising copper price;
- As mining advances in the Pollyanna pit, management expects improved grades and copper production in the second quarter, and much higher grade and production levels in the second half of the year, which will lead to lower operating costs per pound and improved earnings;
- On February 10, 2021, Taseko closed an offering of US\$400 million 7% Senior Secured Notes due in 2026.
   A portion of the proceeds were used to redeem all of the outstanding US\$250 million 8.75% 2022 Senior Secured Notes on March 3, 2021;
- The Company's cash balance at March 31, 2021 was \$197.0 million, and was affected by a negative working capital adjustment of \$27.2 million in the first quarter related primarily to an increase in accounts receivable due to shipment timing;
- In March 2021, the Company extended its copper price protection strategy by purchasing put options covering 41 million pounds of copper at a strike price of US\$3.75 per pound for the second half of 2021;
- During the quarter, Gibraltar entered into an off-take contract for 45 thousand tonnes of copper concentrate shipments in the second half of this year which included deeply discounted TCRC's at some of the lowest levels the mine has ever seen since it was re-opened in 2004;
- On May 4, 2021, the Gibraltar mine was awarded the prestigious 2020 John Ash Safety Award presented by the Ministry of Energy and Mines for having the lowest injury-frequency rate that has worked at least one million hours during the year. This is the 5th time Gibraltar has won this award over the last 7 years; and
- Final design and engineering of the commercial in-situ production facility as well as procurement of certain critical components is well underway to ensure construction of the commercial facility can commence following receipt of the UIC permit, which is expected in the third quarter of this year.

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# **REVIEW OF OPERATIONS**

Gibraltar mine (75% Owned)

Operating data (100% basis)	Q1 2021	Q4 2020	Q3 2020	Q2 2020	Q1 2020
Tons mined (millions)	32.0	26.4	23.3	20.5	28.5
Tons milled (millions)	7.2	7.5	7.5	7.7	7.5
Strip ratio	6.0	1.9	1.5	1.9	2.7
Site operating cost per ton milled (CAD\$)*	\$8.73	\$11.67	\$9.57	\$7.66	\$9.52
Copper concentrate					
Head grade (%)	0.19	0.20	0.23	0.28	0.26
Copper recovery (%)	81.5	83.3	85.0	85.2	83.4
Production (million pounds Cu)	22.2	25.0	28.9	36.8	32.4
Sales (million pounds Cu)	22.0	25.0	28.6	39.3	31.1
Inventory (million pounds Cu)	3.6	3.4	3.6	3.8	6.4
Molybdenum concentrate					
Production (thousand pounds Mo)	530	549	668	639	412
Sales (thousand pounds Mo)	552	487	693	656	403
Per unit data (US\$ per pound produced)*					
Site operating costs*	\$2.23	\$2.67	\$1.85	\$1.15	\$1.64
By-product credits*	(0.27)	(0.14)	(0.14)	(0.11)	(0.11)
Site operating costs, net of by-product credits*	\$1.96	\$2.53	\$1.71	\$1.04	\$1.53
Off-property costs	0.27	0.29	0.29	0.30	0.29
Total operating costs (C1)*	\$2.23	\$2.82	\$2.00	\$1.34	\$1.82

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#### **OPERATIONS ANALYSIS**

#### First Quarter Review

To-date, there have been no interruptions to the Company's operations, logistics and supply chains as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Heightened health and safety protocols continue to be implemented and monitored for effectiveness.

Copper production in the first quarter was 22.2 million pounds and was impacted by lower mined ore grades from the Pollyanna pit. Additionally, ore hardness in the Pollyanna Pit benches and in ore drawn from the stockpiles continued to have some affect on recoveries and mill throughput in the quarter.

A total of 32.0 million tons were mined in the first quarter of 2021, an increase of 5.6 million tons over the prior quarter. The increased waste stripping was attributed to higher productivities and shorter hauling distances in the upper benches of the Pollyanna pit. Site operating costs, net of by-product credits for the first quarter were US\$1.96 per pound of copper produced.

The strip ratio for the first quarter was 6.0 to 1 and reflects the increased waste stripping in Pollyanna. In addition, ore stockpiles decreased during the quarter by 2.6 million tons.

Total site spending (including capitalized stripping of \$21.5 million spent in the quarter) was generally consistent with the prior quarter. Capital expenditures in the first quarter also included costs associated with the dewatering system for the Gibraltar pit where mining is expected to start in the second quarter.

Molybdenum production was 530 thousand pounds in the first quarter. Molybdenum prices strengthened in the first quarter and averaged US\$11.32 per pound, compared to US\$9.01 per pound in Q4 2020. By-product credits per pound of copper produced\* was US\$0.27 in the first quarter, an increase over the prior quarters due to the higher molybdenum price and fewer copper pounds produced in the current period.

Off-property costs per pound produced\* were US\$0.27 for the first quarter and lower than prior quarters due to the benefit of lower treatment and refining charges in the current year. Gibraltar extended its long-term copper concentrate offtake contract, for roughly 50% of its production, for 2021 which is expected to result in at least a 30% reduction in treatment and refining costs in 2021. The Company also entered into an offtake contract for 45,000 tons of copper concentrate for later in the year at some of the lowest TCRC levels ever seen by the mine.

Total operating costs per pound produced (C1)\* were US\$2.23 for the quarter. Contributing to the decrease in C1\* costs was significantly increased capitalized stripping costs in the first quarter, which was \$20.3 million more than the prior quarter. The impact of capitalized stripping costs on lower C1\* costs is partially offset by fewer copper pounds being produced in the first quarter and the weakening US dollar.

#### **GIBRALTAR OUTLOOK**

Mining will continue to be focused on the Pollyanna pit which will be the main source of ore in 2021. Management expects improved grades and copper production in the second quarter and much higher grade and production levels in the second half of the year as higher-grade areas in Pollyanna are opened-up and available for processing. Ore release from the Gibraltar pit will commence in the second half of the year. Ore from the Gibraltar pit is relatively softer and is expected to require less energy to grind, which will provide opportunities for increased mill throughput in the future. Gibraltar produced 123 million pounds in 2020 and is expected to produce 125 million pounds on a 100% basis in 2021.

Copper prices are currently around US\$4.50 per pound, compared to the average LME copper price of US\$3.86 per pound in Q1 and US\$2.80 per pound in 2020. Copper prices have recovered swiftly since March 2020 and are

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testing decade high levels due to recovery in Chinese and the rest of world demand coupled with continued supply and political disruptions, most notably in South America. Many governments are now focusing on increased infrastructure investment to stimulate economic recovery after the pandemic, including green initiatives, which will require new primary supplies of copper. Most industry analysts are projecting ongoing supply constraints and deficits, which should support these higher copper prices in the years to come.

In March 2021 and in preparation for capital spend at Florence, the Company extended its copper price protection strategy by purchasing put options covering 41 million pounds of copper at a strike price of US\$3.75 per pound for the second half of 2021. Protecting a significant operating margin in 2021 allows the Company to focus on and advance near-term capital growth plans related to Florence Copper, and fund the Yellowhead Copper Project's ongoing environmental assessment work. This approach to managing copper price volatility does not cap the Company's cash flow should copper prices continue at these levels or increase further.

All of the above factors are supportive of improved financial performance at the Gibraltar mine for the remainder of 2021.

#### **FLORENCE COPPER**

Florence Copper represents a low-cost growth project that will have an annual production capacity of 85 million pounds of copper over a 21-year mine life, and with the expected C1\* operating cost of US\$0.90 per pound puts Florence Copper in the lowest quartile of the global copper cost curve. The commercial production facility at Florence will also be one of the greenest sources of mined copper, with carbon emissions, water and energy consumption all dramatically lower than a conventional mine. We have successfully operated a Production Test Facility ("PTF") for the last two years at Florence to demonstrate that the in-situ copper recovery ("ISCR") process can produce high quality cathode while operating within permit conditions.

The next phase of Florence Copper will include the construction and operation of the commercial ISCR facility with an estimated capital cost of US\$230 million (including reclamation bonding and working capital). At a conservative copper price of US\$3.00 per pound, Florence Copper is expected to generate an after-tax internal rate of return of 37%, an after-tax net present value of US\$680 million at a 7.5% discount rate, and an after-tax payback period of 2.5 years.

In December 2020, the Company received the Aquifer Protection Permit ("APP") from the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality ("ADEQ"). During the APP process, Florence Copper received strong support from local community members, business owners and elected officials. The other required permit is the Underground Injection Control ("UIC") permit from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"). The EPA's technical review for the UIC permit has identified no significant issues and the Company expects to receive the draft permit in the coming months followed by the final UIC permit in the third quarter after which construction of the commercial ISCR facility at Florence Copper can commence.

On March 23, 2021, the Company announced a favourable appeals court decision that upholds Florence Copper's right to mine its private property within the Town, and also awarded US\$1.7 million in legal fees and costs to Florence Copper.

The Company now has the majority of the required construction funding for Florence Copper in hand, and with stronger expected operating cash flows from Gibraltar due to higher prevailing copper prices, the Company has numerous options available to obtain the remaining funding including retaining 100% ownership of the project.

Final design engineering for the commercial production facility as well as procurement of certain critical components is well underway to ensure a smooth and efficient transition into construction once the final UIC permit is received later this year.

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#### ANNUAL ESG REPORT

The Company recently published its annual Environmental, Social, and Governance ("ESG") Report, titled 'Sustainability: Our Low Carbon Future' (the "Report"), highlighting Taseko's sustainability performance for 2020.

In this year's Report, Taseko has reported Scope 1 and 2 greenhouse gas emissions for Gibraltar which shows that the mine ranks in the first quartile of all copper mines globally. When commercial operations at Florence Copper commence, the Company's combined greenhouse gas emissions intensity will drop even lower, to an estimated 1.53 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent ("CO2e") per tonne of copper equivalent, based on an independent analysis by Skarn Associates.

#### Sustainability report highlights:

- Rigorous health and safety protocols enabled operations to continue at Gibraltar and at Florence Copper during the COVID-19 pandemic;
- Recognition from the British Columbia Technical and Research Committee on Reclamation with the Jake McDonald Award for outstanding work in mine reclamation and Indigenous collaboration;
- Outstanding safety performance at Gibraltar with zero loss time incidents, zero days lost, zero loss time severity, and zero loss time frequency;
- Continued commitment to a diverse workforce that reflects the communities in which we operate. In 2020 28% of the new hires at Taseko were female and 15% were Indigenous people;
- A priority on securing local goods and services with \$116 million and US\$2.5 million being distributed to local suppliers from Gibraltar and Florence Copper, respectively; \$72 million and US\$2.1 million was distributed in wages to local employees from Gibraltar and Florence Copper, respectively;
- Low Scope 1 and 2 greenhouse gas emission of 1.66 tonnes of CO2e per tonnes of copper produced equivalent and 0.09 tonnes of CO2e per tonnes of copper equivalent produced, respectively; and
- Continued discussions with our Indigenous neighbours, that included a Framework Agreement with a
  local Indigenous Nation to begin discussions on the Yellowhead Copper Project, as well as an extension
  to the standstill agreement with Tŝilhqot'in Nation as both parties seek a long-term solution to the conflict
  regarding New Prosperity.

The full Report can be viewed and downloaded at <a href="www.tasekomines.com/esg/overview.">www.tasekomines.com/esg/overview.</a>

On May 4, 2021, the Gibraltar mine was awarded the prestigious 2020 John Ash Safety Award presented by the Ministry of Energy and Mines for having the lowest injury-frequency rate that has worked at least one million hours during the year. This is the 5th time Gibraltar has won this award over the last 7 years.

#### PERSONNEL UPDATE

Brian Battison, Vice President of Corporate Affairs, who has been with Taseko since 2006, will be retiring at the end of June 2021. He will continue to act as an adviser to the Company to support our government relations work after his retirement over the coming year.

#### **LONG-TERM GROWTH STRATEGY**

Taseko's strategy has been to grow the Company by acquiring and developing a pipeline of complementary projects focused on copper in stable mining jurisdictions. We continue to believe this will generate long-term returns for shareholders. Our other development projects are focused primarily on copper and are located in British Columbia.

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#### Yellowhead Copper Project

Yellowhead Mining Inc. ("Yellowhead") has an 817 million tonnes reserve and a 25-year mine life with a pre-tax net present value of \$1.3 billion at an 8% discount rate using a US\$3.10 per pound copper price. Capital costs of the project are estimated at \$1.3 billion over a 2-year construction period. Over the first 5 years of operation, the copper equivalent grade will average 0.35% producing an average of 200 million pounds of copper per year at an average C1\* cost, net of by-product credit, of US\$1.67 per pound of copper. The Yellowhead Copper Project contains valuable precious metal by-products with 440,000 ounces of gold and 19 million ounces of silver with a life of mine value of over \$1 billion at current prices.

The Company is focusing its current efforts on advancing the environmental assessment and some additional engineering work in conjunction with ongoing engagement with local communities including First Nations. A focus group has been formed between the Company and high-level regulators in the appropriate Provincial ministries in order to expedite the advancement of the environmental assessment and the permitting of the project. Management also commenced joint venture partnering discussions in 2020 with a number of strategic industry groups that are interested in potentially investing in the Yellowhead project in combination with acquiring significant copper offtake rights.

#### New Prosperity Gold-Copper Project

In late 2019, the Tŝilhqot'in Nation, as represented by Tŝilhqot'in National Government, and Taseko entered into a confidential dialogue, facilitated by the Province of British Columbia, to try to obtain a long-term solution to the conflict regarding Taseko's proposed gold-copper mine currently known as New Prosperity, acknowledging Taseko's commercial interests and the Tŝilhqot'in Nation's opposition to the project. The dialogue was supported by the parties' agreement on December 7, 2019 to a one-year standstill on certain outstanding litigation and regulatory matters that relate to Taseko's tenures and the area in the vicinity of Težtan Biny (Fish Lake).

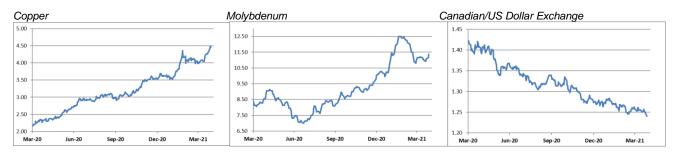
The COVID-19 pandemic delayed the commencement of the dialogue, but the Tŝilhqot'in Nation and Taseko have made progress in establishing a constructive dialogue. In December 2020, the parties agreed to extend the standstill for a further year to continue this dialogue.

#### Aley Niobium Project

Environmental monitoring and product marketing initiatives on the Aley Niobium project continue. The pilot plant program has successfully completed the niobium flotation process portion of the test, raising confidence in the design and providing feed to the converter portion of the process. Completion of the converter pilot test, which is underway, will provide additional process data to support the design of the commercial process facilities and provide final product samples for marketing purposes.

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#### **MARKET REVIEW**



Prices (USD per pound for Commodities) (Source Data: Bank of Canada, Platts Metals, and London Metals Exchange)

Copper prices are currently around US\$4.50 per pound with continued upside amongst a bullish market backdrop and sentiment. After a dramatic but short-lived drop in copper prices with the onset of COVID-19 in March of 2020, copper prices have dramatically recovered and are now testing decade highs and even record levels in Canadian dollar terms. Supply challenges caused by the pandemic and political uncertainty, particularly in Peru and Chile where the largest copper mines in the world are located, saw curtailed operations and project delays which continue to impact supply in 2021. At the same time, Chinese demand recovered swiftly in the second half of 2020 with significant restocking taking place resulting in an estimated 2020 deficit of copper of over 500,000 tonnes, the highest in more than a decade. Focus in 2021 is now turning to the expected demand growth, inflation and the weaker US dollar arising from the expected economic recovery in North America and Europe resulting from unprecedented stimulus measures announced by central governments. The rollout of vaccine programs should improve the 2021 global demand outlook, further pressuring the copper supply deficit. The longer-term outlook for copper is also favourable with the focus on government investment in construction and infrastructure including initiatives focused on green sources of power and the electrification of transportation which are inherently copper intensive. This increased demand for copper after years of under investment by the industry in new mine supply is expected to support strong copper prices in the years ahead.

Molybdenum prices have also experienced volatility in 2020 due to the combination of a COVID-19 induced global economic slowdown and a decrease in molybdenum usage which has a particularly high dependence on demand from the oil and gas and transportation sectors. The average molybdenum price was US\$11.32 per pound during the first quarter of 2021, compared to US\$9.01 per pound in the fourth quarter of 2020. The Company's sales agreements specify molybdenum pricing based on the published Platts Metals reports.

Approximately 80% of the Gibraltar mine's costs are Canadian dollar denominated and therefore, fluctuations in the Canadian/US dollar exchange rate can have a significant effect on the Company's operating results and unit production costs, which are earned and in some cases reported in US dollars. Overall, the Canadian dollar modestly strengthened by approximately 1.2% during 2021.

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#### FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

### Earnings

	Three mor		
(Cdn\$ in thousands)	2021	2020	Change
Net loss	(11,217)	(48,950)	37,733
Net unrealized foreign exchange loss	8,798	29,747	(20,949)
Realized foreign exchange gain on settlement of long-term debt	(13,000)	-	(13,000)
Loss on settlement of long-term debt	12,739	-	12,739
Unrealized (gain) loss on copper put and fuel call options	802	(3,348)	4,150
Estimated tax effect of adjustments	(3,656)	904	(4,560)
Adjusted net loss *	(5,534)	(21,647)	16,113

The Company's net loss was \$11.2 million (\$0.04 loss per share) for the three months ended March 31, 2021, compared to a net loss of \$49.0 million (\$0.20 loss per share) for the same period in 2020. The decreased net loss in the current period was primarily due to the greater earnings from mining operations before depletion and amortization\* which was \$30.3 million for the current quarter compared to \$5.9 million for the same period in 2020. During the first quarter of 2021, earnings from mining operations was positively impacted by the higher average copper price, an increase in waste stripping costs being capitalized, lower depletion and amortization expense partially offset by lower sales volumes of copper concentrate due to the lower grade ore being processed from the Pollyanna pit.

The net foreign exchange gain or loss is substantially driven by the translation of the Company's US dollar denominated senior secured notes. The first quarter of 2020 was negatively impacted by the sharp fall in the Canadian dollar following the onset of COVID-19 which resulted in an unrealized foreign exchange loss of \$29.7 million in the prior year quarter, compared to a weakening US dollar trend in the current quarter which resulted in a \$4.2 million net foreign exchange gain was comprised of a realized foreign exchange gain of \$13.0 million recorded on settlement of the US\$250 million 8.75% Senior Secured Notes ("2022 Notes") of which only \$1.1 million related to foreign exchange rate movements in the current quarter with the balance recognized as unrealized in previous fiscal years. The \$8.8 million net unrealized foreign exchange loss includes the \$11.9 million reversal of these unrealized foreign exchange gains on the 2022 Notes for prior periods offset by \$3.1 million in unrealized foreign exchange gains on the new 2026 Notes in the current quarter due to the weakening US dollar trend. The \$12.7 million settlement loss recorded upon repayment of the 2022 Notes from the bond refinancing in February of 2021 also increased the GAAP net loss in the current quarter.

Included in net income (loss) are a number of items that management believes require adjustment in order to better measure the underlying operating performance of the mining business. Unrealized gains or losses or items that are not recurring have been adjusted in determining adjusted net income (loss) as well as their estimated tax effect. No adjustments are made to adjusted net income (loss) for positive or negative provisional price adjustments in the quarter as these adjustments normalize or reverse throughout the year.

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Revenues				
	Three mo	Three months ended		
		March 31,		
(Cdn\$ in thousands)	2021	2020	Change	
Copper contained in concentrate	78,750	75,928	2,822	
Molybdenum concentrate	5,686	3,842	1,844	
Silver	727	996	(269)	
Price adjustments on settlement receivables	4,941	(12,960)	17,901	
Total gross revenue	90,104	67,806	22,298	
Less: treatment and refining costs	(3,363)	(5,722)	2,359	
Revenue	86,741	62,084	24,657	
(thousands of pounds, unless otherwise noted)				
Sales of copper in concentrate**	15,919	22,478	(6,559)	
Average realized copper price (US\$ per pound)	4.09	2.06	2.03	
Average LME copper price (US\$ per pound)	3.86	2.56	1.30	
Average exchange rate (US\$/CAD)	1.27	1.34	(0.07)	

<sup>\*\*</sup> This amount includes a net smelter payable deduction of approximately 3.5% to derive net payable pounds of copper sold.

Copper revenues for the three months ended March 31, 2021 increased by \$2.8 million compared to the same period in 2020, primarily due to higher prevailing LME copper prices by US\$1.30 per pound in the current quarter, partially offset by decreases in the volume of payable copper sold by 6.6 million pounds (75% basis). The Company also recognized positive net price adjustments of \$3.6 million, for provisionally priced copper concentrate due to increasing copper price trends following shipment, compared to negative price adjustments of \$13.6 million in the prior year quarter which reflected the sharp drop in the copper price seen last March with the onset of COVID-19. These revenue adjustments resulted in a US\$0.18 per pound increase to the average realized copper price for the quarter, compared to a US\$0.44 per pound decrease in the first quarter in 2020. Partially offsetting the higher copper price this quarter was the weakening US dollar.

Molybdenum revenues for the three months ended March 31, 2021 increased by \$1.8 million compared to the same period in 2020, primarily due to higher molybdenum sales volumes by 112 thousand pounds (75% basis) and higher average molybdenum prices of US\$11.32 per pound, compared to US\$9.63 per pound for the same prior period. During the three months ended March 31, 2021, positive net price adjustments of \$1.3 million were recorded for provisionally priced molybdenum concentrate.

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Cost of sales			
	Three months ended March 31,		
(Cdn\$ in thousands)	2021	2020	Change
Site operating costs	47,156	53,547	(6,391)
Transportation costs	3,305	4,519	(1,214)
Changes in inventories of finished goods	(2,259)	(1,302)	(957)
Changes in inventories of ore stockpiles	8,226	(603)	8,829
Production costs	56,428	56,161	267
Depletion and amortization	15,838	27,148	(11,310)
Cost of sales	72,266	83,309	(11,043)
Site operating costs per ton milled*	\$8.73	\$9.52	\$(0.79)

Site operating costs for the three months ended March 31, 2021 decreased by \$6.4 million, compared to the same prior period primarily due to greater stripping costs being capitalized in 2021 compared to 2020. For the three months ended March 31, 2021, capitalized waste stripping costs for the Pollyanna pit were \$21.5 million, compared to \$13.9 million for the same period in 2020.

Cost of sales is also impacted by changes in copper concentrate inventories and ore stockpiles. Although finished copper inventory increased only modestly by 0.2 million pounds over the quarter, the finished goods inventory had a higher average production cost per pound than the fourth quarter of 2020. There was also a decrease of 2.6 million tons in the ore stockpiles during the quarter, which resulted in an increase in production costs of \$8.2 million.

Depletion and amortization for the three months ended March 31, 2021 decreased by \$11.3 million over the same period in 2020. Ore tons that were mined from the Granite pit in the first quarter of 2020 had a higher depreciation cost per ton compared to the current ore being mined from the Pollyanna pit.

Other operating (income) expenses

	Three mor	nths ended March 31,	
(Cdn\$ in thousands)	2021	2020	Change
General and administrative	5,296	3,898	1,398
Share-based compensation expense	2,790	184	2,606
Project evaluation expenditures	312	157	155
Realized (gain) loss on derivative instruments	1,189	(2,507)	3,696
Unrealized (gain) loss on derivative instruments	802	(3,348)	4,150
Other income, net	(352)	(395)	43
	10,037	(2,011)	12,048

General and administrative expenses have increased in the three months ended March 31, 2021, compared to the same prior period primarily due to timing of accruals for certain employment and consulting services.

Share-based compensation expense is comprised of amortization of share options and performance share units and the expense on deferred share units. Share-based compensation expense increased for the three months ended March 31, 2021, compared to the same period in 2020, primarily due to the revaluation of the liability for

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deferred share units resulting from an increase in the Company's share price during the period. More information is set out in Note 14 of the March 31, 2021 unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements.

During the three months ended March 31, 2021, the Company realized a loss of \$1.2 million for premiums paid for copper put options covering first quarter production at a strike price of US\$3.20 per pound that settled out-of-themoney during the period. The realized gain of \$2.5 million in the first quarter of 2020 relates to copper put options with a strike price of \$2.60 per pound that settled in the money during that period when copper prices dropped in March following the onset of COVID-19. For the three months ended March 31, 2021, the net unrealized loss of \$0.8 million relates to the fair value adjustments on outstanding copper put and fuel call options. The net unrealized gain of \$3.3 million in the first quarter of 2020 relates substantially to the fair value adjustment for 7.5 million outstanding copper put options that expired in-the-money for the month of April 2020.

Project evaluation expenditures represent costs associated with the New Prosperity project.

# Finance expenses and income

	Three months ended March 31,			
(Cdn\$ in thousands)	2021	2020	Change	
Interest expense	9,746	9,360	386	
Loss on settlement of long-term debt	12,739	-	12,739	
Finance expense – deferred revenue	1,368	1,056	312	
Accretion of PER	105	355	(250)	
Finance income	(75)	(150)	75	
	23,883	10,621	13,262	

As part of the bond refinancing completed on February 10, 2021, the Company redeemed its US\$250 million senior secured notes which resulted in a loss on settlement of \$12.7 million, comprised of \$6.9 million paid in call premium, interest costs over the redemption call period of \$1.8 million and a write-off of deferred financing costs of \$4.0 million.

Finance expense on deferred revenue adjustments represents the implicit financing component of the upfront deposit from the silver sales streaming arrangement with Osisko Gold Royalties Ltd. ("Osisko").

#### Income tax

	Three mo	Three months ended March 31,			
(Cdn\$ in thousands)	2021	2020	Change		
Current income tax expense	131	-	131		
Deferred income tax recovery	(4,433)	(10,118)	5,685		
Income tax recovery	(4,302)	(10,118)	5,816		
Effective tax rate	27.7%	17.1%	10.6%		
Canadian statutory rate	27.0%	27.0%	-		
B.C. Mineral tax rate	9.5%	9.5%	-		

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The overall income tax recovery for the three months ended March 31, 2021 was due to deferred income tax recovery recognized on losses for accounting purposes. The effective rate this quarter is similar to the combined B.C. and federal tax rate of 27% as financing expenses including the loss on settlement of the 2022 Notes is not deductible for BC mineral tax purposes.

In addition, as foreign exchange revaluations on the senior secured notes are not recognized for tax purposes until realized, and in the case of capital losses, when they are applied, the effective tax rate may be significantly higher or lower than the statutory rates, as is the case for the three months ended March 31, 2020, relative to net loss for the period.

The current income tax expense represents an estimate of B.C. mineral taxes payable for the current period.

#### **FINANCIAL CONDITION REVIEW**

#### Balance sheet review

	At March 31,	At December 31,	
(Cdn\$ in thousands)	2021	2020	Change
Cash and equivalents	197,018	85,110	111,908
Other current assets	95,930	72,088	23,842
Property, plant and equipment	768,258	742,619	25,639
Other assets	10,441	10,548	(107)
Total assets	1,071,647	910,365	161,282
Current liabilities	60,341	60,867	(526)
Debt:			
Senior secured notes	491,801	313,965	177,836
Equipment related financings	47,868	49,439	(1,571)
Deferred revenue	46,413	47,154	(741)
Other liabilities	119,730	121,568	(1,838)
Total liabilities	766,153	592,993	173,160
Equity	305,494	317,372	(11,878)
Net debt (debt minus cash and equivalents)	342,651	278,294	64,357
Total common shares outstanding (millions)	283.1	282.1	1.0

The Company's asset base is comprised principally of property, plant and equipment, reflecting the capital intensive nature of Gibraltar and the mining business. Other current assets primarily include accounts receivable, inventories (concentrate inventories, ore stockpiles, and supplies), prepaid expenses, and marketable securities. Concentrate inventories, accounts receivable and cash balances fluctuate in relation to transportation and cash settlement schedules.

Net debt has increased by \$64.4 million in the three months ended March 31, 2021, primarily due to the senior notes refinancing during the quarter. While cash flow from operating activities were an outflow of \$3.3 million in the current quarter, there was increase in accounts receivable by \$23.8 million primarily relating to a shipment in the quarter for which payment was received after the quarter. The Company also had increased capital expenditures totaling \$33.3 million for property, plant and equipment additions in the quarter, which includes \$21.5 million for Gibraltar capitalized stripping costs and \$6.4 million for Florence Copper.

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Deferred revenue relates to the advance payments received from Osisko for the sale of Taseko's share of future silver production from Gibraltar.

Other liabilities decreased by \$1.8 million primarily due to a decrease in deferred tax liabilities and partially offset by decreases in the provision for environmental rehabilitation ("PER") and the liability related to the deferred share units outstanding.

As at May 4, 2021, there were 283,189,024 common shares and 9,891,533 stock options outstanding. More information on these instruments and the terms of their exercise is set out in Note 14 of the March 31, 2021 unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements.

#### Liquidity, cash flow and capital resources

Cash flow used by operations during the three months ended March 31, 2021 was \$3.3 million compared to cash flow provided by operations of \$17.7 million for the same period in 2020. Operating cash flow did not include accounts receivable for shipments made in the quarter which increased by \$23.8 million in the quarter.

Cash used for investing activities during the three months ended March 31, 2021 was \$44.0 million compared to cash used for investing activities of \$16.2 million for the same period in 2020. Investing cash flows in the first quarter includes \$21.5 million for capitalized stripping costs, \$5.0 million for other sustaining capital expenditures at Gibraltar including additional spend for dewatering costs for the Gibraltar pit, and \$6.4 million of expenditures for Florence Copper. Also included in investing activities is the \$11.1 million purchase of copper put options in the quarter covering production for the second half of 2021 and \$0.4 million of proceeds from the settlement of fuel call options.

Net cash provided by financing activities for the three months ended March 31, 2021 was \$160.7 million. The Company received gross proceeds of \$507.6 million and incurred financing charges of \$11.5 million from issuance of the US\$400 million 7% senior secured notes ("2026 Notes") due in February 2026. A portion of the proceeds were used to redeem the outstanding 2022 Notes for \$317.2 million and payment of redemption related costs of \$8.7 million. There are no principal payments required on the 2026 Notes until the maturity date in February 2026 and the first interest payment of US\$14.4 million is due on August 15, 2021.

Principal repayments for equipment loans and leases were \$4.8 million and interest paid was \$5.2 million for the three month period ended March 31, 2021. The Company continues to make monthly principal repayments for equipment loans and leases.

At March 31, 2021, the Company had cash and equivalents of \$197.0 million (December 31, 2020 - \$85.1 million).

#### Liquidity outlook

On February 10, 2021, the Company completed its offering of the 2026 Notes. After repayment of the 2022 Notes and related transaction costs, the Company generated net proceeds of approximately \$167 million in additional cash available for capital expenditures, including for Florence Copper and for general corporate purposes and working capital. The 2026 Notes allow for up to US\$145 million of first lien secured debt to be issued and up to US\$50 million of debt for equipment financing, all subject to the terms of the note indenture.

With receipt of the net proceeds from the November 2020 common share offering and the net proceeds from the 2026 Notes noted above, the Company now has funding available for a significant portion of the construction cost of the commercial facility at Florence Copper. Florence Copper has an estimated capital cost (based on the Company's 2017 NI 43-101 technical report) of approximately US\$230 million (including reclamation bonding and working capital).

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To address the remaining project funding requirements for Florence Copper, in addition to cash flow from the Gibraltar mine, the Company may raise additional capital through equity financings or asset sales, including royalties, sales of project interests, or joint ventures or additional credit facilities, including additional notes offerings. The Company evaluates these financing alternatives based on a number of factors including the prevailing metal prices and projected operating cash flow from Gibraltar, relative valuation, liquidity requirements, covenant restrictions and other factors, in order to optimize the Company's cost of capital and maximize shareholder value.

The Company does not have any significant capital plans for its other development projects over the next 12 months. Should plans for these other development projects materially change, the Company may require additional external funding.

Future changes in copper and molybdenum market prices could also impact the timing and amount of cash available for future investment in the Company's development projects, debt obligations, and other uses of capital. To mitigate commodity price risks in the short-term, copper put options are entered into for a substantial portion of Taseko's share of Gibraltar copper production and the Company has a long track record of doing so (see "Hedging Strategy").

# Hedging strategy

The Company's hedging strategy is to secure a minimum price for a significant portion of copper production using put options that are either purchased outright or funded by the sale of call options that are significantly out of the money. The amount and duration of the hedge position is based on an assessment of business-specific risk elements combined with the copper pricing outlook. Copper price and quantity exposure are reviewed at least quarterly to ensure that adequate revenue protection is in place. Hedge positions are typically extended adding incremental quarters at established put strike prices to provide the necessary price protection. The Company's hedging strategy is designed to mitigate short-term declines in copper price.

Considerations on the cost of the hedging program include an assessment of Gibraltar's estimated production costs, anticipated copper prices and the Company's capital requirements during the relevant period. In March 2021, the Company purchased 41 million pounds of copper put options at strike price of US\$3.75 per pound covering the second half of 2021.

From time to time, the Company will look at potential hedging opportunities to mitigate the risk of rising input costs, including foreign exchange and fuel prices where such a strategy is cost effective. During 2020, and in line with its copper put strategy, the Company purchased fuel call options to provide a price ceiling for its share of diesel fuel consumed at the Gibraltar mine site while allowing it to benefit from further decreases in fuel prices tied to the weaker oil market.

	Notional amount	Strike price	Term to maturity	Original cost
At May 4, 2021				
Copper put options	10.0 million lbs	US\$3.20 per lb	May to June 2021	\$1.2 million
Copper put options	41.0 million lbs	US\$3.75 per lb	July to December 2021	\$11.1 million

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### Commitments and contingencies

#### Commitments

Payments due

	Remainder						
(Cdn\$ in thousands)	of 2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Thereafter	Total
Debt:							
2026 Notes <sup>1</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	503,000	503,000
Interest	18,094	35,210	35,210	35,210	35,210	17,605	176,539
Equipment loans:							
Principal	5,673	6,522	4,670	1,375	-	-	18,240
Interest	652	509	197	18	-	-	1,376
Lease liabilities:							
Principal	7,022	8.258	1,619	1,319	1,305	898	20,421
Interest	649	539	267	180	100	24	1,759
Lease related obligation:							
Rental payment	1,970	2,627	5,636	-	-	-	10,233
PER <sup>2</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	80,097	80,097
Capital expenditures	1,501	-	-	-	-	-	1,501
Other expenditures							
Transportation related services <sup>3</sup>	3,863	849	-	-	-	-	4,712

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> On February 10, 2021, the Company closed its offering of the 2026 Notes and a portion of the proceeds was used to redeem all of the 2022 Notes.

The Company has guaranteed 100% of certain equipment loans and leases entered into by Gibraltar in which it holds a 75% interest. As a result, the Company has guaranteed the joint venture partner's 25% share of this debt which amounted to \$13.9 million as at March 31, 2021.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The provision for environmental rehabilitation amounts presented in the table represents the present value of estimated costs of legal and constructive obligations required to retire an asset, including decommissioning and other site restoration activities, primarily for the Gibraltar mine and Florence Copper. The Company has provided a surety bond of \$37,500 for its 75% share of Gibraltar's reclamation security. For Florence Copper, the Company has provided to the federal and state regulator surety bonds totaling \$12.3 million for reclamation security for the PTF being operated.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Transportation related services commitments include ocean freight and port handling services, which are both cancellable upon certain operating circumstances.

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#### SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY RESULTS

	2021	2020				2019		
(Cdn\$ in thousands, except per share amounts)	Q1	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1	Q4	Q3	Q2
Revenues	86,741	87,398	87,780	106,005	62,084	89,932	82,436	86,521
Net income (loss)	(11,217)	5,694	987	18,745	(48,950)	(9,931)	(24,508)	(11,012)
Basic EPS	(0.04)	0.02	-	0.08	(0.20)	(0.04)	(0.10)	(0.04)
Adjusted net income (loss) *	(5,534)	(7,473)	(5,754)	8,335	(21,647)	(16,159)	(20,561)	(17,471)
Adjusted basic EPS *	(0.02)	(0.03)	(0.02)	0.03	(0.09)	(0.07)	(80.0)	(0.07)
Adjusted EBITDA *	23,722	20,478	31,545	50,860	5,346	18,246	7,906	14,660
(US\$ per pound, except where i	ndicated)							
Realized copper price *	4.09	3.69	3.15	2.70	2.06	2.82	2.56	2.69
Total operating costs *	2.23	2.82	2.00	1.34	1.82	2.01	2.05	2.01
Copper sales (million pounds)	16.5	18.8	21.4	29.5	23.3	25.0	25.1	24.2

Financial results for the last eight quarters reflect: volatile copper and molybdenum prices and foreign exchange rates that impact realized sale prices; and variability in the quarterly sales volumes due to copper grades and timing of shipments which impacts revenue recognition.

#### **CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND ESTIMATES**

The Company's significant accounting policies are presented in Note 2.4 of the 2020 annual consolidated financial statements. The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates. Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimates are revised and in any future periods affected.

In the process of applying the Company's accounting policies, significant areas where judgment is required include the determination of a joint arrangement, determining the timing of transfer of control of inventory for revenue recognition, provisions for environmental rehabilitation, reserve and resource estimation, functional currency, determination of the accounting treatment of the advance payment under the silver purchase and sale agreement reported as deferred revenue, determination of business or asset acquisition treatment, and recovery of other deferred tax assets.

Significant areas of estimation include reserve and resource estimation; asset valuations and the measurement of impairment charges or reversals; valuation of inventories; plant and equipment lives; tax provisions; provisions for environmental rehabilitation; valuation of financial instruments and derivatives; capitalized stripping costs and share-based compensation. Key estimates and assumptions made by management with respect to these areas have been disclosed in the notes to these consolidated financial statements as appropriate.

The accuracy of reserve and resource estimates is a function of the quantity and quality of available data and the assumptions made and judgment used in the engineering and geological interpretation, and may be subject to revision based on various factors. Changes in reserve and resource estimates may impact the carrying value of property, plant and equipment; the calculation of depreciation expense; the capitalization of stripping costs incurred during production; and the timing of cash flows related to the provision for environmental rehabilitation.

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Changes in forecast prices of commodities, exchange rates, production costs and recovery rates may change the economic status of reserves and resources. Forecast prices of commodities, exchange rates, production costs and recovery rates, and discount rates assumptions, either individually or collectively, may impact the carrying value of derivative financial instruments, inventories, property, plant and equipment, and intangibles, as well as the measurement of impairment charges or reversals.

There were no changes in accounting policies during the three months ended March 31, 2021.

#### INTERNAL AND DISCLOSURE CONTROLS OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

The Company's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting and disclosure controls and procedures.

The Company's internal control system over financial reporting is designed to provide reasonable assurance to management and the Board of Directors regarding the preparation and fair presentation of published financial statements. Internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that:

- (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that in reasonable detail accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the Company;
- (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with IFRS, and that receipts and expenditures of the Company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the Company; and
- (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of the Company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

The Company's internal control system over disclosure controls and procedures is designed to provide reasonable assurance that material information relating to the Company is made known to management and disclosed to others and information required to be disclosed by the Company in its annual filings, interim filings or other reports filed or submitted by us under securities legislation is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the securities legislation.

All internal control systems, no matter how well designed, have inherent limitations. Therefore, even those systems determined effective can provide only reasonable assurance with respect to financial reporting and disclosure.

There have been no changes in our internal controls over financial reporting and disclosure controls and procedures during the period ended March 31, 2021 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, internal control over financial reporting and disclosure.

#### **KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL**

Key management personnel include the members of the Board of Directors and executive officers of the Company.

The Company contributes to a post-employment defined contribution pension plan on the behalf of certain key management personnel. This retirement compensation arrangement ("RCA Trust") was established to provide benefits to certain executive officers on or after retirement in recognition of their long service. Upon retirement, the participant is entitled to the distribution of the accumulated value of the contributions under the RCA Trust. Obligations for contributions to the defined contribution pension plan are recognized as compensation expense in the periods during which services are rendered by the executive officers.

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Certain executive officers are entitled to termination and change in control benefits. In the event of termination without cause, other than a change in control, these executive officers are entitled to an amount ranging from 9-month to 12-months' salary. In the event of a change in control, if a termination without cause or a resignation occurs within 12 months following the change of control, these executive officers are entitled to receive, among other things, an amount ranging from 24-months' to 32-months' salary and accrued bonus, and all stock options held by these individuals will fully vest.

Executive officers and directors also participate in the Company's share option program (refer to Note 14 of the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements).

Compensation for key management personnel (including all members of the Board of Directors and executive officers) is as follows:

	inree months ende	d Warch 31,
(Cdn\$ in thousands)	2021	2020
Salaries and benefits	3,554	3,616
Post-employment benefits	599	258
Share-based compensation expense	2,537	89
	6,690	3,963

Brian Battison, Vice President of Corporate Affairs, who has been with Taseko since 2006, will be retiring at the end of June 2021. He will continue to act as an adviser to the Company to support our government relations work after his retirement over the coming year.

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#### NON-GAAP PERFORMANCE MEASURES

This document includes certain non-GAAP performance measures that do not have a standardized meaning prescribed by IFRS. These measures may differ from those used by, and may not be comparable to such measures as reported by, other issuers. The Company believes that these measures are commonly used by certain investors, in conjunction with conventional IFRS measures, to enhance their understanding of the Company's performance. These measures have been derived from the Company's financial statements and applied on a consistent basis. The following tables below provide a reconciliation of these non-GAAP measures to the most directly comparable IFRS measure.

# Total operating costs and site operating costs, net of by-product credits

Total costs of sales include all costs absorbed into inventory, as well as transportation costs and insurance recoverable. Site operating costs are calculated by removing net changes in inventory, depletion and amortization, insurance recoverable, and transportation costs from cost of sales. Site operating costs, net of by-product credits is calculated by subtracting by-product credits from the site operating costs. Site operating costs, net of by-product credits per pound are calculated by dividing the aggregate of the applicable costs by copper pounds produced. Total operating costs per pound is the sum of site operating costs, net of by-product credits and off-property costs divided by the copper pounds produced. By-product credits are calculated based on actual sales of molybdenum (net of treatment costs) and silver during the period divided by the total pounds of copper produced during the period. These measures are calculated on a consistent basis for the periods presented.

Three months anded March 31

	inree months ended	i warch 31,
(Cdn\$ in thousands, unless otherwise indicated) - 75% basis	2021	2020
Cost of sales	72,266	83,309
Less:		
Depletion and amortization	(15,838)	(27,148)
Net change in inventories of finished goods	2,259	1,302
Net change in inventories of ore stockpiles	(8,226)	603
Transportation costs	(3,305)	(4,519)
Site operating costs	47,156	53,547
Less by-product credits:		
Molybdenum, net of treatment costs	(5,604)	(3,231)
Silver, excluding amortization of deferred revenue	(238)	(354)
Site operating costs, net of by-product credits	41,314	49,962
Total copper produced (thousand pounds)	16,684	24,318
Total costs per pound produced	2.48	2.05
Average exchange rate for the period (CAD/USD)	1.27	1.34
Site operating costs, net of by-product credits (US\$ per pound)	1.96	1.53
Site operating costs, net of by-product credits	41,314	49,962
Add off-property costs:		
Treatment and refining costs	2,414	4,956
Transportation costs	3,305	4,519
Total operating costs	47,033	59,437
Total operating costs (C1) (US\$ per pound)	2.23	1.82

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#### Adjusted net income (loss)

Adjusted net income (loss) removes the effect of the following transactions from net income as reported under IFRS:

- Unrealized foreign currency gains/losses:
- Unrealized gain/loss on copper put and fuel call options; and
- Loss on settlement of long-term debt, including realized foreign exchange gains.

Management believes these transactions do not reflect the underlying operating performance of our core mining business and are not necessarily indicative of future operating results. Furthermore, unrealized gains/losses on derivative instruments, changes in the fair value of financial instruments, and unrealized foreign currency gains/losses are not necessarily reflective of the underlying operating results for the reporting periods presented.

	Three months ended March 31,		
(Cdn\$ in thousands, except per share amounts)	2021	2020	
Net loss	(11,217)	(48,950)	
Unrealized foreign exchange loss	8,798	29,747	
Realized foreign exchange gain on settlement of long-term debt	(13,000)	-	
Loss on settlement of long-term debt	12,739	-	
Unrealized (gain) loss on copper put and fuel call options	802	(3,348)	
Estimated tax effect of adjustments	(3,656)	904	
Adjusted net loss	(5,534)	(21,647)	
Adjusted EPS	(0.02)	(0.09)	

#### Adjusted EBITDA

Adjusted EBITDA is presented as a supplemental measure of the Company's performance and ability to service debt. Adjusted EBITDA is frequently used by securities analysts, investors and other interested parties in the evaluation of companies in the industry, many of which present Adjusted EBITDA when reporting their results. Issuers of "high yield" securities also present Adjusted EBITDA because investors, analysts and rating agencies consider it useful in measuring the ability of those issuers to meet debt service obligations.

Adjusted EBITDA represents net income before interest, income taxes, and depreciation and also eliminates the impact of a number of items that are not considered indicative of ongoing operating performance. Certain items of expense are added and certain items of income are deducted from net income that are not likely to recur or are not indicative of the Company's underlying operating results for the reporting periods presented or for future operating performance and consist of:

- Unrealized foreign exchange gains/losses;
- Unrealized gain/loss on copper put and fuel call options;
- Loss on settlement of long term debt (included in finance expenses);
- Realized foreign exchange gains on settlement of long-term debt; and
- Amortization of share-based compensation expense.

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	Three months ended	March 31,
(Cdn\$ in thousands)	2021	2020
Net loss	(11,217)	(48,950)
Add:		
Depletion and amortization	15,838	27,148
Finance expense (includes loss on settlement of long-term debt)	23,958	10,771
Finance income	(75)	(150)
Income tax recovery	(4,302)	(10,118)
Unrealized foreign exchange loss	8,798	29,747
Realized foreign exchange gain on settlement of long-term debt	(13,000)	-
Unrealized (gain) loss on copper put and fuel call options	802	(3,348)
Amortization of share-based compensation expense	2,920	246
Adjusted EBITDA	23,722	5,346

# Earnings (loss) from mining operations before depletion and amortization

Earnings from mining operations before depletion and amortization is earnings from mining operations with depletion and amortization added back. The Company discloses this measure, which has been derived from our financial statements and applied on a consistent basis, to provide assistance in understanding the results of the Company's operations and financial position and it is meant to provide further information about the financial results to investors.

(Cdn\$ in thousands)	Three months ended March 31,	
	2021	2020
Earnings (loss) from mining operations	14,475	(21,225)
Add:		
Depletion and amortization	15,838	27,148
Earnings from mining operations before depletion and amortization	30,313	5,923

# Site operating costs per ton milled

(Cdn\$ in thousands, except per ton milled amounts)	Three months ended March 31,	
	2021	2020
Site operating costs (included in cost of sales)	47,156	53,547
Tons milled (thousands) (75% basis)	5,402	5,622
Site operating costs per ton milled	\$8.73	\$9.52



Condensed Consolidated Interim Financial Statements
March 31, 2021
(Unaudited)

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets

(Cdn\$ in thousands)

(Unaudited)

	Note	March 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and equivalents		197,018	85,110
Accounts receivable		30,846	6,689
Inventories	9	50,156	58,841
Other financial assets	8	11,806	3,583
Prepaids		3,122	2,975
		292,948	157,198
Property, plant and equipment	10	768,258	742,619
Other financial assets	8	5,256	5,298
Goodwill		5,185	5,250
		1,071,647	910,365
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LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities		40.000	F4 747
Accounts payable and other liabilities  Current portion of long-term debt	11	48,038 18,888	51,747 17,617
Current portion of deferred revenue	12	6,726	5,604
Interest payable on senior secured notes	12	4,890	1,160
Current income tax payable		687	2,356
Outrone moonto tax payable		79,229	78,484
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Long-term debt	11	520,781	345,787
Provision for environmental rehabilitation ("PER")		80,097	78,983
Deferred and other tax liabilities		34,642	39,060
Deferred revenue	12	46,413	47,154
Other financial liabilities	13	4,991	3,525
		766,153	592,993
EQUITY			
Share capital	14	473,711	472,870
Contributed surplus		54,540	53,433
Accumulated other comprehensive income ("AOCI")		5,065	7,674
Deficit		(227,822)	(216,605)
		305,494	317,372
		1,071,647	910,365

Commitments and contingencies

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Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss)

(Cdn\$ in thousands, except share and per share amounts)

(Unaudited)

Revenues       3       86,741       62,084         Cost of sales       4       (56,428)       (56,161)         Production costs       4       (56,428)       (56,161)         Depletion and amortization       4       (15,838)       (27,148)         Earnings (loss) from mining operations       14,475       (21,225)         General and administrative       (5,296)       (3,898)         Share-based compensation expense       14b       (2,790)       (184)         Project evaluation expenditures       (312)       (157)         Gain (loss) on derivatives       5       (1,991)       5,855         Other income       352       395         Income (loss) before financing costs and income taxes       4,438       (19,214)         Finance expenses, net       6       (23,883)       (10,621)         Foreign exchange gain (loss)       3,926       (29,233)         Loss before income taxes       (15,519)       (59,068)         Income tax recovery       7       4,302       10,118         Net loss       (11,217)       (48,950)         Other comprehensive income (loss):       (2,398)       16,686         Total other comprehensive income (loss)       (2,609)       16,492 <th></th> <th colspan="2">Three months ended March 3</th> <th>d March 31,</th>		Three months ended March 3		d March 31,
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Loss per share  Basic (0.04) (0.20) Diluted (0.04) (0.20)  Weighted average shares outstanding (thousands)  Basic 282,854 246,194	Total other comprehensive income (loss)		(2,609)	16,492
Basic       (0.04)       (0.20)         Diluted       (0.04)       (0.20)         Weighted average shares outstanding (thousands)         Basic       282,854       246,194	Total comprehensive loss		(13,826)	(32,458)
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Diluted 282,854 246,194	Basic		282,854	246,194
	Diluted		282,854	246,194

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

(Cdn\$ in thousands)

(Unaudited)

		Three months ende	d March 31,
	Note	2021	2020
Ownership a nativital na			
Operating activities  Net loss for the period		(11 217)	(49.050)
Adjustments for:		(11,217)	(48,950)
Depletion and amortization		15,838	27,148
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Income tax recovery	7 14b	(4,302) 2,920	(10,118) 246
Share-based compensation expense		•	
(Gain) loss on derivatives	5	1,991	(5,855)
Finance expenses, net	6	23,883	10,621
Foreign exchange (gain) loss	40	(4,202)	29,747
Amortization of deferred revenue	12	(987)	(1,140)
Other operating activities		-	2,860
Net change in working capital:			
Change in accounts receivable	16	(23,844)	9,314
Change in other working capital items	16	(3,363)	3,798
Cash provided by (used for) operating activities		(3,283)	17,671
Investing activities			
Gibraltar capitalized stripping costs	10	(21,452)	(13,916)
Gibraltar capital expenditures	10	(5,010)	(1,544)
Florence Copper development costs	10	(6,351)	(2,023)
Other project development costs	10	(523)	(761)
Purchase of copper put and fuel call options	5	(11,143)	(988)
Proceeds from copper put options		-	2,868
Other investing activities		478	177
Cash used for investing activities		(44,001)	(16,187)
Financing activities			
Net proceeds from issuance of senior secured notes	11e	496,098	-
Repayment of senior secured notes	11e	(317,225)	-
Redemption cost on settlement of senior secured notes		(8,714)	-
Interest paid		(5,183)	(994)
Repayment of equipment loans and leases		(4,777)	(4,341)
Proceeds on exercise of options		494	-
Cash provided by (used for) financing activities		160,693	(5,335)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and equivalents		(1,501)	822
Increase (decrease) in cash and equivalents		111,908	(3,029)
Cash and equivalents, beginning of period		85,110	53,198
Cash and equivalents, end of period		197,018	50,169

Supplementary cash flow disclosures

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Condensed Consolidated Statements of Changes in Equity (Cdn\$ in thousands)

(Unaudited)

	Share capital	Contributed surplus	AOCI	Deficit	Total
Balance at January 1, 2020	436,318	51,622	6,827	(193,081)	301,686
Share-based compensation	-	617	-	-	617
Total comprehensive income (loss) for the period	-	-	16,492	(48,950)	(32,458)
Balance at March 31, 2020	436,318	52,239	23,319	(242,031)	269,845
Balance at January 1, 2021	472,870	53,433	7,674	(216,605)	317,372
Share-based compensation	-	1,454	-	-	1,454
Exercise of options	841	(347)	-	-	494
Total comprehensive loss for the period	-	-	(2,609)	(11,217)	(13,826)
Balance at March 31, 2021	473,711	54,540	5,065	(227,822)	305,494

Notes to Condensed Consolidated Interim Financial Statements (Cdn\$ in thousands - Unaudited)

#### 1. REPORTING ENTITY

Taseko Mines Limited (the "Company" or "Taseko") is a corporation governed by the *British Columbia Business Corporations Act.* These unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements of the Company as at and for the three month period ended March 31, 2021 comprise the Company, its subsidiaries and its 75% interest in the Gibraltar joint venture. The Company is principally engaged in the production and sale of metals, as well as related activities including mine permitting and development, within the province of British Columbia, Canada and the State of Arizona, USA. Seasonality does not have a significant impact on the Company's operations.

#### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### (a) Statement of compliance

These condensed consolidated interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with IAS 34, *Interim Financial Reporting* and follow the same accounting policies and methods of application as the Company's most recent annual financial statements. These condensed consolidated interim financial statements do not include all of the information required for full consolidated annual financial statements and should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements of the Company as at and for the year ended December 31, 2020, prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB).

These condensed consolidated interim financial statements were authorized for issue by the Company's Audit and Risk Committee on May 4, 2021.

#### (b) Use of judgments and estimates

In preparing these condensed consolidated interim financial statements, management has made judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expense. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The significant judgments made by management in applying the Company's accounting policies and the key sources of estimation uncertainty were the same as those applied to the consolidated financial statements as at and for the year ended December 31, 2020.

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the coronavirus ("COVID-19") outbreak a pandemic creating an unprecedented global health and economic crisis. COVID-19's impact on global markets has been significant. The duration and magnitude of COVID-19's effects on the economy, movement of goods and services across international borders, the copper market, and on the Company's financial and operational performance continues to remain uncertain at this time. As of the date of these statements, there has not been any direct impact on the Company's operations as a result of COVID-19.

The Company will continue to closely monitor the potential impact of COVID-19 on its business. Should the duration, spread or intensity of the COVID-19 pandemic deteriorate in the future, there could be a potentially material and negative impact on the Company's operating plan, its cash flows, and the valuation of its long-lived assets due to decreases in metal prices, potential future decreases in revenue from the sale of its products and the profitability of its ongoing operations. Impacts from COVID-19 could also include a temporary cessation of mining operations at the Gibraltar mine due to a localized outbreak amongst personnel at the mine site or in the Company's supply chain. The Company's access to financing to support the development of its other mineral properties, including the Florence Copper project, could also be negatively impacted or delayed as a result of COVID-19.

Notes to Condensed Consolidated Interim Financial Statements (Cdn\$ in thousands - Unaudited)

#### 3. REVENUES

	Three months ended March 31,	
	2021	2020
Copper contained in concentrate	78,750	75,928
Molybdenum concentrate	5,686	3,842
Silver (Note 12)	727	996
Price adjustments on settlement receivables	4,941	(12,960)
Total gross revenue	90,104	67,806
Less: Treatment and refining costs	(3,363)	(5,722)
Revenue	86,741	62,084

#### 4. COST OF SALES

	Three months ended March 31,	
	2021	2020
Site operating costs	47,156	53,547
Transportation costs	3,305	4,519
Changes in inventories of finished goods	(2,259)	(1,302)
Changes in inventories of ore stockpiles	8,226	(603)
Production costs	56,428	56,161
Depletion and amortization	15,838	27,148
Cost of sales	72,266	83,309

Site operating costs include personnel costs, non-capitalized waste stripping costs, repair and maintenance costs, consumables, operating supplies and external services.

#### 5. DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS

During the three month period ended March 31, 2021, the Company purchased copper put option contracts for a total of 41 million pounds of copper with maturity dates ranging from July 2021 to December 2021, with a strike price of US\$3.75 per pound, at a total cost of \$11,143.

The Company recognized a net realized loss of \$1,659 on copper put options for 22.5 million pounds with a strike price of \$3.20 that expired out-of-the-money during the three month period.

During the three month period ended March 31, 2021, the Company received proceeds of \$404 on diesel fuel call options with \$313 received after the quarter. There were no fuel call options outstanding at March 31, 2021.

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The following table outlines the (gains) losses associated with derivative instruments:

	Three months ended March 31,	
	2021	2020
Realized (gain) loss on copper put options	1,659	(2,507)
Realized gain on fuel call options	(470)	-
Unrealized (gain) loss on copper put options	771	(3,667)
Unrealized loss on fuel call options	31	319
	1,991	(5,855)

## **6. FINANCE EXPENSES**

	Three months ended	
	March 3	
	2021	2020
Interest expense	9,746	9,360
Finance expense – deferred revenue (Note 12)	1,368	1,056
Accretion on PER	105	355
Finance income	(75)	(150)
Loss on settlement of long-term debt (Note 11a)	12,739	-
	23,883	10,621

As part of the bond refinancing completed on February 10, 2021, the Company redeemed its US\$250 million senior secured notes, which resulted in an accounting loss of \$12,739, comprised of \$6,941 paid on the call premium, a write-off of deferred financing costs of \$4,025 and additional interest costs over the call period of \$1,773.

### 7. INCOME TAX

	Three months ended March 31,	
	2021	2020
Current income tax expense	131	-
Deferred income tax recovery	(4,433)	(10,118)
	(4,302)	(10,118)

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#### 8. OTHER FINANCIAL ASSETS

	March 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
Current:		
Marketable securities	1,579	1,791
Copper put options (Note 5)	10,227	1,514
Fuel call options (Note 5)	-	278
	11,806	3,583
Long-term:		
Investment in subscription receipts	1,200	1,200
Reclamation deposits	2,798	2,825
Restricted cash	1,258	1,273
	5,256	5,298

The Company holds strategic investments in publicly traded and privately owned mineral exploration and development companies, including marketable securities and subscription receipts. Marketable securities and the investment in subscription receipts are accounted for at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI).

#### 9. INVENTORIES

	March 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
Ore stockpiles	11,139	21,946
Copper contained in concentrate	10,190	7,948
Molybdenum concentrate	415	398
Materials and supplies	28,412	28,549
	50,156	58,841

During the three months ended March 31, 2021, the Company recorded an impairment reversal of \$3,740 to adjust the carrying value of ore stockpiles to net realizable value, of which \$1,228 is recorded in depletion and amortization and the balance in production costs.

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## 10. PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

The following schedule shows the continuity of property, plant and equipment net book value for the three months ended March 31, 2021:

	Three months ended March 31, 2021
Net book value beginning of period	742,619
Additions:	
Gibraltar capitalized stripping costs	24,556
Gibraltar capital expenditures	6,444
Florence Copper development costs	9,933
Yellowhead development costs	479
Aley development costs	44
Other items:	
Right of use assets	1,929
Rehabilitation costs asset	1,082
Disposals	(203)
Foreign exchange translation and other	(2,356)
Depletion and amortization	(16,269)
Net book value at March 31, 2021	768,258

Net book value	Gibraltar Mines (75%)	Florence Copper	Yellowhead	Aley	Other	Total
At December 31, 2020	504,995	203,079	18,649	13,861	2,035	742,619
Net additions Changes in rehabilitation	32,765	9,894	479	44	-	43,182
cost asset	1,082	-	-	-	-	1,082
Depletion and amortization Foreign exchange	(16,195)	27	-	-	(101)	(16,269)
translation and other	-	(2,356)	-	-	-	(2,356)
At March 31, 2021	522,647	210,644	19,128	13,905	1,934	768,258

Non-cash additions to property, plant and equipment include \$3,104 of depreciation of capitalized stripping.

Since its acquisition of the Florence Copper Project in November 2014, the Company has incurred and capitalized a total of \$114.3 million in project development and other costs, including capitalized interest.

Depreciation related to the right of use assets for the three months period ended March 31, 2021 was \$941.

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#### **11. DEBT**

	March 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
Current:		
Lease liabilities (b)	9,248	8,094
Secured equipment loans (c)	7,616	7,536
Lease related obligations (d)	2,024	1,987
	18,888	17,617
Long-term:		
Senior secured notes (a)	491,801	313,965
Lease liabilities (b)	11,482	11,829
Secured equipment loans (c)	10,561	12,536
Lease related obligations (d)	6,937	7,457
	520,781	345,787
Total debt	539,669	363,404

## (a) Senior secured notes

On February 10, 2021, the Company completed an offering of US\$400 million aggregate principal amount of senior secured notes (the "2026 Notes"). The 2026 Notes mature on February 15, 2026 and bear interest at an annual rate of 7.0%, payable semi-annually on February 15 and August 15. A portion of the proceeds were used to redeem the outstanding US\$250 million 8.75% Senior Secured Notes (the "2022 Notes") due on June 15, 2022. The remaining proceeds, net of transaction costs, call premium and accrued interest, of approximately \$167 million (US\$131 million) are available for capital expenditures, including at its Florence Copper project and Gibraltar mine, working capital and for general corporate purposes.

The 2026 Notes are secured by liens on the shares of Taseko's wholly-owned subsidiary, Gibraltar Mines Ltd., and the subsidiary's rights under the joint venture agreement relating to the Gibraltar mine, as well as the shares of Curis Holdings (Canada) Ltd. and Florence Holdings Inc. The 2026 Notes are guaranteed by each of Taseko's existing and future restricted subsidiaries. The 2026 Notes also allow for up to US\$145 million of first lien secured debt to be issued and up to US\$50 million of debt for equipment financing, all subject to the terms of the note indenture. The Company is also subject to certain restrictions on asset sales, issuance of preferred stock, dividends and other restricted payments. However, there are no maintenance covenants with respect to the Company's financial performance.

The Company may redeem some or all of the 2026 Notes at any time on or after February 15, 2023, at redemption prices ranging from 103.5% to 100%, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the date of redemption. Prior to February 15, 2023, all or part of the notes may be redeemed at 100%, plus a make-whole premium, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the date of redemption. Until February 15, 2023, the Company may redeem up to 10% of the aggregate principal amount of the notes, at a redemption price of 103%, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the date of redemption. In addition, until February 15, 2023, the Company may redeem up to 40% of the aggregate principal amount of the notes, in an amount not greater than the net proceeds of certain equity offerings, at a redemption price of 107%, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the date of redemption. On a change of control, the 2026 Notes are redeemable at the option of the holder at a price of 101%.

The settlement of the 2022 Notes resulted in an accounting loss of \$12,739 (Note 6).

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#### (b) Lease liabilities

Lease liabilities includes the Company's outstanding lease liabilities under IFRS 16.

## (c) Secured equipment loans

The equipment loans are secured by existing mining equipment at the Gibraltar mine and commenced between June, 2018 and August of 2019 with monthly repayment terms ranging between 48 and 60 months and with interest rates ranging between 5.2% to 6.4%.

### (d) Lease related obligations

Lease related obligations relate to a lease arising under a sale leaseback transaction on certain items of equipment at the Gibraltar mine. The lease commenced in June, 2019 and has a term of 54 months. At the end of the lease term, the Company has an option to renew the term, an option to purchase the equipment at fair market value or option to return the equipment. The lease contains a fixed price early buy-out option exercisable at the end of 48 months.

#### (e) Debt continuity

The following schedule shows the continuity of total debt for the first three months of 2021:

Total debt as at December 31, 2020	363,404
Settlement of 2022 Notes	(317,225)
Foreign exchange gain	(1,075)
Write-off of deferred financing charges	4,025
Issuance of 2026 Notes	507,560
Deferred financing charges	(11,462)
Lease additions	3,257
Lease liabilities and equipment loans repayments	(4,777)
Unrealized foreign exchange gain	(4,628)
Amortization of deferred financing charges	590
Total debt as at March 31, 2021	539,669

#### 12. DEFERRED REVENUE

On March 3, 2017, the Company entered into a silver stream purchase and sale agreement with Osisko Gold Royalties Ltd. ("Osisko"), whereby the Company received an upfront cash deposit payment of US\$33 million for the sale of an equivalent amount of its 75% share of Gibraltar payable silver production until 5.9 million ounces of silver have been delivered to Osisko. After that threshold has been met, 35% of an equivalent amount of Taseko's share of all future payable silver production from Gibraltar will be delivered to Osisko. The Company receives cash payments of US\$2.75 per ounce for all silver deliveries made under the agreement.

On April 24, 2020, Taseko entered into an amendment to its silver stream with Osisko and received \$8,510 in exchange for reducing the delivery price of silver from US\$2.75 per ounce to nil. The amendment is accounted for as a contract modification under IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers. The funds received were available for general working capital purposes.

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The Company recorded the deposits from Osisko as deferred revenue and recognizes amounts in revenue as silver is delivered. The amortization of deferred revenue is calculated on a per unit basis using the estimated total number of silver ounces expected to be delivered to Osisko over the life of the Gibraltar mine. The current portion of deferred revenue is an estimate based on deliveries anticipated over the next twelve months.

The following table summarizes changes in the Osisko deferred revenue:

Balance at January 1, 2020	43,991
Deferred revenue deposit (amendment to silver stream)	8,510
Finance expense	5,172
Amortization of deferred revenue	(4,915)
Balance at December 31, 2020	52,758
Finance expense (Note 6)	1,368
Amortization of deferred revenue	(987)
Balance at March 31, 2021	53,139

	March 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
Current portion of deferred revenue	6,726	5,604
Long-term portion of deferred revenue	46,413	47,154
Total deferred revenue	53,139	52,758

#### 13. OTHER FINANCIAL LIABILITIES

	March 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
Long-term:	2021	2020
Deferred share units (Note 14b)	4,991	3,525

## 14. EQUITY

## (a) Share capital

The Company's authorized share capital consists of an unlimited number of common shares with no par value.

	Common shares (thousands)
Common shares outstanding at January 1, 2021	282,115
Exercise of share options	1,002
Common shares outstanding at March 31, 2021	283,117

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## (b) Share-based compensation

	Options (thousands)	Average price
Outstanding at December 31, 2020	8,969	1.19
Granted	2,327	1.58
Exercised	(1,002)	0.66
Expired	(324)	2.86
Outstanding at March 31, 2021	9,970	1.28
Exercisable at March 31, 2021	7,336	1.30

During the three month period ended March 31, 2021, the Company granted 2,327,000 (2020 – 1,096,000) share options to directors, executives and employees, exercisable at an average exercise price of \$1.58 per common share (2020 - \$0.72 per common share) over a five year period. The total fair value of options granted was \$2,024 (2020 – \$438) based on a weighted average grant-date fair value of \$0.87 (2020 – \$0.40) per option.

The fair value of options was measured at the grant date using the Black-Scholes formula. Expected volatility is estimated by considering historic average share price volatility. The inputs used in the Black-Scholes formula are as follows:

	Three months ended	
	March 31, 2021	
Expected term (years)	5	
Forfeiture rate	0%	
Volatility	67%	
Dividend yield	0%	
Risk-free interest rate	0.4%	
Weighted-average fair value per option	\$0.87	

The Company has other share-based compensation plans in the form of Deferred Share Units ("DSUs") and Performance Share Units ("PSUs").

	DSUs (thousands)	PSUs (thousands)
Outstanding at January 1, 2021	2,123	2,650
Granted	198	530
Settled	-	(400)
Outstanding at March 31, 2021	2,321	2,780

During the three month period ended March 31, 2021, 198,000 DSUs were issued to directors (2020 - 572,000) and 530,000 PSUs to senior executives (2020 – 825,000). The fair value of DSUs and PSUs granted was \$1,235 (2020 - \$899), with a weighted average fair value at the grant date of \$1.58 per unit for the DSUs (2020 - \$0.72 per unit) and \$1.74 per unit for the PSUs (2020 - \$0.59 per unit).

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Share-based compensation expense (recovery) is comprised as follows:

	Three months ended March 31,	
	2021	2020
Share options – amortization	1,186	323
Performance share units – amortization	268	294
Change in fair value of deferred share units	1,466	(371)
	2,920	246

#### 15. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

#### (a) Commitments

The Company is a party to certain contracts relating to service and supply agreements. Future minimum payments under these agreements as at March 31, 2021 are presented in the following table:

Remainder of 2021	3,863
2022	849
2023	-
2024	-
2025	-
2026 and thereafter	-
Total commitments	4,712

As at March 31, 2021, the Company had outstanding capital commitments of \$1,501 (at December 31, 2020 - \$2,733).

## (b) Contingencies

The Company has guaranteed 100% of certain capital lease and equipment loans entered into by the Gibraltar joint venture in which it holds a 75% interest. As a result, the Company has guaranteed the joint venture partner's 25% share of this debt which amounted to \$13,859 as at March 31, 2021.

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#### 16. SUPPLEMENTARY CASH FLOW INFORMATION

	2021	2020
Net change in working capital items:		
Accounts receivable	(23,844)	9,314
Change in other working capital items:		
Inventories	6,105	(2,970)
Prepaids	(382)	717
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(7,275)	(1,378)
Advance payment on product sales	-	6,912
Interest payable	(11)	517
Mineral tax payable	(1,800)	-
	(3,363)	3,798
Non-cash investing and financing activities		
Assets acquired under capital lease	1,328	1,211
ROU assets	1,929	1,763

#### 17. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The fair value hierarchy establishes three levels to classify the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value, by reference to the reliability of the inputs used to estimate the fair values.

Level 1 – quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;

Level 2 – inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e., as prices) or indirectly (i.e., derived from prices); and

Level 3 – inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

The fair values of the senior secured notes are \$511,712 and the carrying value is \$491,801 at March 31, 2021. The fair value of all other financial assets and liabilities approximates their carrying value.

The Company has certain financial assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis and uses the fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value, with Level 1 inputs having the highest priority.

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	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
March 31, 2021				
Financial assets designated as FVPL				
Derivative asset copper put options	-	10,227	-	10,227
	-	10,227	-	10,227
Financial assets designated as FVOCI				
Marketable securities	1,579	-	-	1,579
Investment in subscription receipts	-	-	1,200	1,200
Reclamation deposits	2,798	-	-	2,798
	4,377	-	1,200	5,577
December 31, 2020				
Financial assets designated as FVPL				
Derivative asset copper put options	-	1,514	-	1,514
Derivative asset fuel call options	-	278	-	278
	-	1,792	-	1,792
Financial assets designated as FVOCI				
Marketable securities	1,791	-	-	1,791
Investment in subscription receipts	-	-	1,200	1,200
Reclamation deposits	2,825	-	-	2,825
	4,616	-	1,200	5,816

There have been no transfers between fair value levels during the reporting period. The carrying value of cash and equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities approximate their fair value as at March 31, 2021.

The fair value of the senior secured notes, a Level 1 instrument, is determined based upon publicly available information. The fair value of the lease liabilities and secured equipment loans, Level 2 instruments, are determined through discounting future cash flows at an interest rate of 5.5% based on the relevant loans effective interest rate.

The fair values of Level 2 instruments are based on broker quotes. Similar contracts are traded in an active market and the broker quotes reflect the actual transactions in similar instruments.

The Company's metal concentrate sales contracts are subject to provisional pricing with the selling price adjusted at the end of the quotational period. At each reporting date, the Company's settlement receivable on these contracts are marked-to-market based on a quoted forward price for which there exists an active commodity market. At March 31, 2021 the Company had settlement receivables of \$6,137 (2020 - settlement payables of \$1,812).

The subscription receipts, a Level 3 instrument, are valued based on a management estimate. As the subscription receipts are an investment in a private exploration and development company, there are no observable market data inputs.

#### Commodity Price Risk

The Company is exposed to the risk of fluctuations in prevailing market commodity prices on the metals it produces. The Company enters into copper put option contracts to reduce the risk of short-term copper price volatility. The amount and duration of the hedge position is based on an assessment of business-specific risk elements combined

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with the copper pricing outlook. Copper put option contracts are typically extended adding incremental quarters at established put strike prices to provide the necessary price protection.

Provisional pricing mechanisms embedded within the Company's sales arrangements have the character of a commodity derivative and are carried at fair value as part of accounts receivable.

The table below summarizes the impact on revenue and receivables for changes in commodity prices on the provisionally invoiced sales volumes.

As at March 31,

2021

Copper increase/decrease by US\$0.41/lb.1

8,099

The sensitivities in the above table have been determined with foreign currency exchange rates held constant. The relationship between commodity prices and foreign currencies is complex and movements in foreign exchange can impact commodity prices. The sensitivities should therefore be used with care.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The analysis is based on the assumption that the period end copper price increases 10% with all other variables held constant. At March 31, 2021, 15.7 million pounds of copper in concentrate were exposed to copper price movements. The closing exchange rate at March 31, 2021 of CAD/USD 1.2575 was used in the analysis.