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FORM 10-Q

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QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

FOR THE QUARTERLY PERIOD ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017.

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

FOR THE TRANSITION PERIOD FROM TO

COMMISSION FILE NUMBER 1-13627

GOLDEN MINERALS COMPANY

(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

DELAWARE

26-4413382

(STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION OF
INCORPORATION OR ORGANIZATION)

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SMALLER REPORTING COMPANY

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INDICATE BY CHECK MARK WHETHER THE REGISTRANT IS A SHELL COMPANY (AS DEFINED IN RULE 12B-2 OF THE EXCHANGE ACT): YES NO

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AT NOVEMBER 7, 2017, 92,005,448 SHARES OF COMMON STOCK, \$0.01 PAR VALUE PER SHARE, WERE ISSUED AND OUTSTANDING

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements

GOLDEN MINERALS COMPANY
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(Expressed in United States dollars)
(Unaudited)

	September 30, 2017	December 31, 2016
	(in thousands, except share data)	
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 4)	\$ 4,966	\$ 2,588
Short-term investments (Note 4)	242	334
Trade receivables	391	380
Inventories, net (Note 6)	267	245
Value added tax receivable, net (Note 7)	1	5
Related party receivable (Note 21)	—	643
Prepaid expenses and other assets (Note 5)	466	578
Total current assets	6,333	4,773
Property, plant and equipment, net (Note 8)	8,569	9,235
Total assets	<u>\$ 14,902</u>	<u>\$ 14,008</u>
Liabilities and Equity		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable and other accrued liabilities (Note 9)	\$ 1,348	\$ 1,224
Deferred revenue (Note 15)	293	—
Other current liabilities	9	24
Total current liabilities	1,650	1,248
Asset retirement and reclamation liabilities (Note 10)	2,449	2,434
Deferred revenue (Note 15)	674	—
Warrant liability - related party (Note 12)	—	976
Warrant liability (Note 12)	—	922
Other long term liabilities	51	66
Total liabilities	<u>4,824</u>	<u>5,646</u>
Commitments and contingencies (Note 19)		
Equity (Note 14)		
Common stock, \$.01 par value, 200,000,000 and 100,000,000 shares authorized; 92,005,448 and 89,020,041 shares issued and outstanding, respectively	919	889
Additional paid in capital	516,237	495,455
Accumulated deficit	(507,041)	(488,037)
Accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income	(37)	55
Shareholders' equity	10,078	8,362
Total liabilities and equity	<u>\$ 14,902</u>	<u>\$ 14,008</u>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

GOLDEN MINERALS COMPANY
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND COMPREHENSIVE LOSS
(Expressed in United States dollars)
(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
	(in thousands except per share data)		(in thousands, except per share data)	
Revenue:				
Oxide plant lease (Note 15)	\$ 1,771	\$ 1,729	\$ 5,107	\$ 4,768
Total revenue	<u>1,771</u>	<u>1,729</u>	<u>5,107</u>	<u>4,768</u>
Costs and expenses:				
Oxide plant lease costs (Note 15)	(619)	(549)	(1,704)	(1,478)
Exploration expense	(977)	(927)	(1,968)	(2,865)
El Quevar project (expense) income	(183)	65	(524)	(308)
Velardeña shutdown and care and maintenance costs	(379)	(456)	(1,098)	(1,589)
Administrative expense	(694)	(897)	(2,592)	(3,141)
Stock based compensation	7	(95)	(300)	(666)
Reclamation expense	(49)	(47)	(146)	(144)
Other operating income, net (Notes 7 and 8)	951	1,281	1,813	1,558
Depreciation and amortization	(138)	(346)	(456)	(1,317)
Total costs and expenses	<u>(2,081)</u>	<u>(1,971)</u>	<u>(6,975)</u>	<u>(9,950)</u>
Loss from operations	(310)	(242)	(1,868)	(5,182)
Other income and (expense):				
Interest expense (Note 11)	—	—	—	(515)
Interest and other income (Note 16)	15	10	37	12
Warrant derivative loss (Notes 3 and 17)	—	(545)	—	(2,821)
Derivative loss (Note 17)	—	—	—	(778)
Loss on debt extinguishment (Note 11)	—	—	—	(1,653)
Loss on foreign currency	(23)	(21)	(20)	(63)
Total other income (expense)	<u>(8)</u>	<u>(556)</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>(5,818)</u>
Loss from operations before income taxes	(318)	(798)	(1,851)	(11,000)
Income tax benefit	—	—	—	26
Net loss	<u>\$ (318)</u>	<u>\$ (798)</u>	<u>\$ (1,851)</u>	<u>\$ (10,974)</u>
Comprehensive loss, net of tax:				
Unrealized (loss) gain on securities	11	107	(92)	278
Comprehensive loss	<u>\$ (307)</u>	<u>\$ (691)</u>	<u>\$ (1,943)</u>	<u>\$ (10,696)</u>
Net loss per common share — basic				
Loss	<u>\$ (0.00)</u>	<u>\$ (0.01)</u>	<u>\$ (0.02)</u>	<u>\$ (0.14)</u>
Weighted average Common Stock outstanding - basic				
(1)	<u>91,097,279</u>	<u>88,878,371</u>	<u>90,028,480</u>	<u>78,080,858</u>

(1) Potentially dilutive shares have not been included because to do so would be anti-dilutive.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

GOLDEN MINERALS COMPANY
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(Expressed in United States dollars)
(Unaudited)

	Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,	
	2017	2016
	(in thousands)	
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities (Note 18)	\$ 22	\$ (5,123)
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Proceeds from sale of assets	750	898
Capitalized costs and acquisitions of property, plant and equipment	(5)	(36)
Net cash from investing activities	\$ 745	\$ 862
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Proceeds from issuance of common stock, net of issuance costs	1,611	3,599
Net cash from financing activities	\$ 1,611	\$ 3,599
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	2,378	(662)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	2,588	4,077
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 4,966	\$ 3,415

See Note 18 for supplemental cash flow information.

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GOLDEN MINERALS COMPANY
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
(Expressed in United States dollars)
(Unaudited)

	Common Stock		Additional Paid-in Capital	Accumulated Deficit	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (loss)	Total Equity
	Shares	Amount				
Balance, December 31, 2015	53,335,333	\$ 534	\$ 484,742	\$ (477,378)	\$ (127)	\$ 7,771
Stock compensation accrued and shares issued for vested stock awards	317,968	2	250	—	—	252
Shares issued on conversion of Sentient Note (Note 11)	27,366,740	273	6,944	—	—	7,217
Registered offering common stock, net and warrants (Note 14)	8,000,000	80	3,519	—	—	3,599
Unrealized gain on marketable equity securities, net of tax	—	—	—	—	182	182
Net loss	—	—	—	(10,659)	—	(10,659)
Balance, December 31, 2016	89,020,041	\$ 889	\$ 495,455	\$ (488,037)	\$ 55	\$ 8,362
Cumulative adjustment related to change in accounting principle (Note 3)	—	—	19,046	(17,148)	—	1,898
Adjusted balance at January 1, 2017	89,020,041	\$ 889	\$ 514,501	\$ (505,185)	\$ 55	\$ 10,260
Stock compensation accrued and shares issued for vested stock awards	150,000	1	149	—	—	150
Shares issued under the at-the-market offering agreement, net (Note 14)	1,024,392	11	671	—	—	682
Consideration shares sold to Hecla, net (Note 15)	1,811,015	18	911	—	—	929
Deemed dividend on warrants (Note 3)	—	—	5	(5)	—	—
Unrealized loss on marketable equity securities, net of tax	—	—	—	—	(92)	(92)
Net loss	—	—	—	(1,851)	—	(1,851)
Balance, September 30, 2017	92,005,448	\$ 919	\$ 516,237	\$ (507,041)	\$ (37)	\$ 10,078

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

GOLDEN MINERALS COMPANY
NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(Expressed in United States dollars)
(Unaudited)

1. Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements and Nature of Operations

Golden Minerals Company (the “Company”), a Delaware corporation, has prepared these unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (“GAAP”) and the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”). The interim condensed consolidated financial statements do not include all disclosures required by GAAP for annual financial statements, but in the opinion of management, include all adjustments necessary for a fair presentation. Interim results are not necessarily indicative of results for a full year; accordingly, these interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the annual financial statements included in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016, and filed with the SEC on February 28, 2017.

The Company is a mining company, holding a 100% interest in the Velardeña and Chicago precious metals mining properties and associated oxide and sulfide processing plants in Mexico (the “Velardeña Properties”). During November 2015 the Company suspended mining and sulfide processing activities at its Velardeña Properties in order to conserve the asset until the Company is able to develop mining and processing plans that at then current prices for silver and gold indicate a sustainable positive operating margin (defined as revenues less costs of sales) or the Company is able to locate, acquire and develop alternative mineral sources that could be economically mined and transported to the Velardeña Properties for processing. The Company has placed the mine and sulfide processing plant on care and maintenance to enable a re-start of either the mine or mill when mining and processing plans and metals prices support a cash positive outlook. The Company incurred approximately \$2.0 million in related shutdown costs for employee severance, net working capital obligations, and other shutdown expenditures during the year ended December 31, 2016 and \$1.1 million in care and maintenance costs for the nine months ended September 30, 2017. The Company expects to incur approximately \$0.4 million in quarterly care and maintenance costs while mining and processing remain suspended.

The Company has retained a core group of employees, most of whom have been assigned to operate the oxide plant, which is leased to a third party and not affected by the shutdown. The oxide plant began processing material for the third party in mid-December 2015, and the Company expects to receive net cash flow under the lease of approximately \$4.6 million in 2017. During March 2017, the third party exercised its right to extend the lease through December 31, 2018. On August 2, 2017, the Company granted the third party an option to extend the lease for an additional period of up to two years ending no later than December 31, 2020 in exchange for a \$1.0 million cash payment and the purchase of \$1.0 million, or approximately 1.8 million shares of the Company’s common stock, issued at par at a price of \$0.55 per share, based on an undiscounted 30-day volume weighted average stock price (see Note 14). The retained employees also include an exploration group and an operations and administrative group, led by a newly appointed general manager of Mexico operations to continue to advance the Company’s plans in Mexico, oversee corporate compliance activities, and to maintain and safeguard the longer term value of the Velardeña Properties and other Mexican assets.

The Company remains focused on evaluating and searching for mining opportunities in North America (including Mexico) with near term prospects of mining, and particularly for properties within reasonable haulage distances of our Velardeña Properties. The Company is also reviewing strategic opportunities, focusing primarily on development or operating properties in North America, including Mexico. We are also focused on evaluation activities at our El Quevar exploration property in Argentina, and are continuing our exploration efforts on selected properties in our portfolio of approximately [10] exploration properties located primarily in Mexico.

The Company is considered an exploration stage company under the criteria set forth by the SEC as the Company has not yet demonstrated the existence of proven or probable mineral reserves, as defined by SEC Industry Guide 7, at the Velardeña Properties, or any of the Company’s other properties. As a result, and in accordance with GAAP for exploration stage companies, all expenditures for exploration and evaluation of the Company’s properties are expensed as incurred. As such the Company’s financial statements may not be comparable to the financial statements of mining companies that do have proven and probable mineral reserves. Such companies would typically capitalize certain development costs including infrastructure development and mining activities to access the ore. The capitalized costs would be amortized on a units-of-production basis as reserves are mined. The amortized costs are typically allocated to inventory and eventually to cost of sales as the inventories are sold. As the Company does not have proven and probable reserves, substantially all

expenditures at the Company's Velardeña Properties for mine construction activity, as well as costs associated with the mill facilities, and for items that do not have a readily identifiable market value apart from the mineralized material, have been expensed as incurred. Such costs are charged to cost of metals sold or project expense during the period depending on the nature of the costs. Certain of the costs may be reflected in inventories prior to the sale of the product. The term "mineralized material" as used herein, although permissible under SEC Industry Guide 7, does not indicate "reserves" by SEC standards. The Company cannot be certain that any deposits at the Velardeña Properties or any other exploration property will ever be confirmed or converted into SEC Industry Guide 7 compliant "reserves."

2. New Accounting Pronouncements

In July 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-11, "Earnings Per Share (Topic 260); Distinguishing Liabilities from Equity (Topic 480); Derivatives and Hedging (Topic 815): (Part 1) Accounting for Certain Financial Instruments with Down Round Features, (Part II) Replacement of the Indefinite Deferral for Mandatorily Redeemable Financial Instruments of Certain Non public Entities and Certain Mandatorily Redeemable Non-controlling Interests with a Scope Exception" ("ASU 2017-11"). Part I relates to the accounting for certain financial instruments with down round features in Subtopic 815-40, which is considered in determining whether an equity-linked financial instrument qualifies for a scope exception from derivative accounting. Down round features are features of certain equity-linked instruments (or embedded features) that result in the strike price being reduced based on the pricing of future equity offerings. An entity still is required to determine whether instruments would be classified as equity under the guidance in Subtopic 815-40 in determining whether they qualify for that scope exception. If they do qualify, freestanding instruments with down round features are no longer classified as liabilities. For the Company, ASU 2017-11 is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2018, including interim periods within that reporting period. Early adoption is permitted, including in an interim period. The Company early adopted ASU 2017-11 during the interim period ended September 30, 2017 (see Note 3).

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-02, "Leases" ("ASU 2016-02"), which will require lessees to recognize a right-of-use asset and a lease liability for all leases that are not short-term in nature. For a lessor, the accounting applied is also largely unchanged from previous guidance. The new rules will be effective for the Company in the first quarter of 2019. The Company does not anticipate early adoption. The Company does not expect the adoption of ASU 2016-02 to materially change the amounts related to leases that are currently recorded as none of its operating leases are material and therefore the Company does not expect the adoption to have a material impact on its consolidated financial position or results of operations.

In January 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-01, "Recognition and Measurement of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities" ("ASU 2016-01"), which amended its standards related to the accounting of certain financial instruments. This amendment addresses certain aspects of recognition, measurement, presentation and disclosure. Specifically, available for sale investments will not run through other comprehensive income. The new rules will become effective for annual and interim periods beginning after December 15, 2017. Early adoption is not permitted. The Company is in the process of evaluating the impact the amendment will have on its consolidated financial position and results of operations.

In May 2014, FASB and the International Accounting Standards Board issued ASU No. 2014-09, "Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606)" ("ASU 2014-09"). ASU 2014-09 outlines a single comprehensive model for entities to use in accounting for revenue arising from contracts with customers and supersedes most current revenue recognition guidance, including industry-specific guidance. In addition, the guidance requires improved disclosures to help users of financial statements better understand the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of revenue that is recognized and the related cash flows. ASU 2014-09 is effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2017; early adoption is not permitted. ASU 2014-09 was originally effective December 15, 2016 but ASU 2015-14 deferred the effective date by one year. As the Company's current accounting practices per the guidance of ASU 2014-09 are comparable to the requirements of ASU 2014-09, the Company does not expect the adoption of this update to result in a material impact on its consolidated financial position or results of operations.

3. Change in Accounting Principle

In July 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-11, "Earnings Per Share (Topic 260); Distinguishing Liabilities from Equity (Topic 480); Derivatives and Hedging (Topic 815): (Part 1) Accounting for Certain Financial Instruments with Down Round Features, (Part II) Replacement of the Indefinite Deferral for Mandatorily Redeemable Financial Instruments of

Certain Non public Entities and Certain Mandatorily Redeemable Non-controlling Interests with a Scope Exception” (“ASU 2017-11”). Part I relates to the accounting for certain financial instruments with down round features in Subtopic 815-40, which is considered in determining whether an equity-linked financial instrument qualifies for a scope exception from derivative accounting. Down round features are features of certain equity-linked instruments (or embedded features) that result in the strike price being reduced based on the pricing of future equity offerings. An entity still is required to determine whether instruments would be classified in equity under the guidance in Subtopic 815-40 in determining whether they qualify for that scope exception. If they do qualify, freestanding instruments with down round features are no longer classified as liabilities. In the case where the exception from derivative accounting does not apply, warrants must be accounted for as a liability and recorded at fair value at the date of grant and re-valued at the end of each reporting period.

The September 2012 and 2014 warrants (see Note 14) include anti-dilution provisions characterized as down round features and have previously been accounted for as liabilities, with the fair value of the warrant liabilities remeasured at each reporting date and the change in liabilities recorded as other non-operating income or loss. The Company had recorded a “Warrant liability” of \$1.9 million and a warrant derivative gain of \$17.1 million in its “Accumulated deficit” as reported in its Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets for the year ended December 31, 2016 relating to the September 2012 and 2014 warrants. The Company had recorded a warrant liability of \$1.5 million as of June 30, 2017 and reported a warrant derivative gain of \$0.4 million for the six months ended June 30, 2017 relating to the September 2012 and 2014 warrants.

In addition, for freestanding equity-classified financial instruments, ASU 2017-11 also requires entities that present earnings per share (EPS) in accordance with Topic 260 to recognize the effect of the down round feature when it is triggered. That effect is treated as a dividend and as a reduction of income available to common shareholders in basic EPS. Certain equity transactions following the issuance of the September 2012 and 2014 warrants have triggered anti-dilution clauses in the warrant agreements resulting in additional warrant shares and a reduction to the original strike price of the warrants. ASU 2017-11 prescribes a method to measure the value of a deemed dividend related to a triggering event by computing the difference in fair value between two instruments that have terms consistent with the actual instrument but that do not have a down round feature, where the number of warrant shares and strike price of one instrument corresponds to the actual instrument before the triggering event and the number of warrant shares and strike price of the other instrument corresponds to the actual instrument immediately after the triggering event. Following ASU 2017-11, for periods ending on or prior to December 31, 2016 the Company would have reduced its “Accumulated deficit” as reported on its Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets by approximately \$0.3 million related to prior triggering events. During the nine month period ending September 30, 2017 the Company would have reduced its accumulated deficit by approximately \$5,000 related to triggering events.

Except for the down round features in the September 2012 and 2014 warrants, the warrants would have been classified in equity under the guidance in Subtopic 815-40 and therefore qualify for the scope exception in ASU 2017-11. As permitted, the Company has elected to adopt the accounting principles prescribed by ASU 2017-11 for the interim period ended September 30, 2017 and has recorded a cumulative-effect adjustment stemming from a change in accounting principle in its financial statements for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017 measured retrospectively to the beginning of 2017. The cumulative effect adjustment appears at the beginning of 2017 in the Company’s Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity. The results of operations for the Company for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017 reflect application of the change in accounting principle from the beginning of 2017.

The following table details the impact stemming from the cumulative effect of the change in accounting principle on the Company’s Consolidated Balance Sheets as of the beginning of 2017.

Balance Sheet Accounts Impacted by September 2012 and 2014 Warrants	As Previously Reported December 31, 2016	Cumulative Effect Adjustment at the Beginning of 2017	Reported after the Effect of a Change in Accounting Principle at the Beginning of 2017
		(in thousands)	
Warrant Liability - Related Party	\$ 976	\$ (976)	\$ —
Warrant Liability	922	(922)	—
Additional Paid-in Capital	495,455	19,046	514,501
Accumulated Deficit	(488,037)	(17,148)	(505,185)

As noted above, the Company had previously reported a warrant derivative gain of \$0.4 million during the six month period ending June 30, 2017. Because the Company has retroactively applied the change in accounting principle discussed above to the beginning of 2017, the Company is no longer reporting warrant derivative gains or losses for the September 2012 and 2014 warrants beginning in 2017. Amounts reported for periods ending on or prior to December 31, 2016 have not been adjusted.

4. Cash and Cash Equivalents and Short-term Investments

The Company considers all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents. Short-term investments include investments with maturities greater than three months, but not exceeding 12 months, or highly liquid investments with maturities greater than 12 months that the Company intends to liquidate during the next 12 months for working capital needs.

The Company determines the appropriate classification of its investments in equity securities at the time of acquisition and re-evaluates those classifications at each balance sheet date. Available for sale investments are marked to market at each reporting period with changes in fair value recorded as a component of other comprehensive income (loss). If declines in fair value are deemed other than temporary, a charge is made to net income (loss) for the period.

The following tables summarize the Company's short-term investments at September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016:

<u>September 30, 2017</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Estimated Fair Value</u>	<u>Carrying Value</u>
(in thousands)			
Investments:			
Short-term:			
Available for sale common stock	\$ 275	\$ 242	\$ 242
December 31, 2016			
Investments:			
Short-term:			
Available for sale common stock	\$ 275	\$ 334	\$ 334

The available for sale common stock consists of 7,500,000 common shares, approximately 10% of the outstanding common shares, of Golden Tag Resources, Ltd. ("Golden Tag"), a junior mining company that was a joint venture partner in the Company's previously owned San Diego exploration property in Mexico. The Company acquired the shares during 2015 and 2016 in transactions involving the sale of its remaining 50% interest in the San Diego property to Golden Tag.

Credit Risk

The Company invests substantially all of its excess cash with high credit-quality financial institutions or in U.S. government or debt securities. Credit risk is the risk that a third party might fail to fulfill its performance obligations under the terms of a financial instrument. For cash and equivalents and investments, credit risk represents the carrying amount on the balance sheet. The Company mitigates credit risk for cash and equivalents and investments by placing its funds and investments with high credit-quality financial institutions, limiting the amount of exposure to each of the financial institutions, monitoring the financial condition of the financial institutions and investing only in government and corporate securities rated "investment grade" or better. The Company invests with financial institutions that maintain a net worth of not less than \$1 billion and are members in good standing of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation.

5. Prepaid Expenses and Other Assets

Prepaid expenses and other current assets consist of the following:

	September 30, 2017	December 31, 2016
	(in thousands)	
Prepaid insurance	\$ 168	\$ 296
Deferred offering costs	137	153
Recoupable deposits and other	161	129
	<u>\$ 466</u>	<u>\$ 578</u>

The deferred offering costs are related to the ATM Program discussed in detail in Note 14.

6. Inventories, net

Inventories at the Velardeña Properties at September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016 consist of the following:

	September 30, 2017	December 31, 2016
	(in thousands)	
Material and supplies	\$ 267	\$ 245
	<u>\$ 267</u>	<u>\$ 245</u>

The material and supplies inventory at September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016 is reduced by a \$0.2 million obsolescence charge reflected in shutdown and care and maintenance costs.

7. Value Added Tax Receivable, Net

The Company has recorded value added tax (“VAT”) paid in Mexico and related to the Velardeña Properties as a recoverable asset. Mexico law allows for certain VAT payments to be recovered through ongoing applications for refunds. At September 30, 2017, the Company has also recorded approximately \$10,000 of VAT receivable as a reduction to VAT payable in Mexico, which appears in “*Accounts payable and other accrued liabilities*” on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets.

During the third quarter 2017, the Company received refunds of approximately \$1.1 million from the government of Argentina for VAT paid in that country during 2012 and 2013. Because of uncertainties relating to collectability of the taxes the Company had recorded a full valuation allowance against the VAT receivable at the time the taxes were paid. The Company reported the \$1.1 million of VAT refunds received during the nine months ended September 30, 2017 in “*Other operating income*” on the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss. The Company has remaining Argentina VAT refund claims totaling \$0.2 million. The Company cannot predict if or when it will receive these VAT refunds and accordingly has recorded a full valuation allowance for these pending VAT refund claims.

The Company has also paid VAT in Mexico as well as other countries, primarily related to exploration projects, which has been charged to expense as incurred because of the uncertainty of recoverability.

8. Property, Plant and Equipment, Net

The components of property, plant and equipment are as follows:

	September 30, 2017	December 31, 2016
	(in thousands)	
Mineral properties	\$ 9,352	\$ 9,352
Exploration properties	2,518	2,518
Royalty properties	200	200
Buildings	4,221	4,386
Mining equipment and machinery	15,996	16,351
Other furniture and equipment	957	952
Asset retirement cost	865	992
	<u>34,109</u>	<u>34,751</u>
Less: Accumulated depreciation and amortization	<u>(25,540)</u>	<u>(25,516)</u>
	<u>\$ 8,569</u>	<u>\$ 9,235</u>

The asset retirement cost (“ARC”) is all related to the Company’s Velardeña Properties. The amounts for ARC have been fully depreciated as of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016. The decrease in the ARC during the period is related to an adjustment to the asset retirement obligation (“ARO”), as discussed below in Note 10.

In August 2016, the Company sold certain mining equipment consisting of two haul trucks, two scoop trams and a compressor to Minera Indé, an indirect subsidiary of Sentient, for \$687,000 (see Note 21). The equipment sold was excess equipment held at the Company’s Velardeña Properties that the Company did not expect to use. The Company received \$69,000 or 10% of the sales price at the closing of the sale, with the remaining \$618,000 plus interest on the unpaid balance at an annual rate of 10% due in February 2017. The Company and Minera Indé amended the original equipment sale on March 31, 2017 to include the sale of an additional piece of excess equipment for \$185,000 and extend the time for payment relating to the original equipment sale. Upon execution of the amendment the Company received an additional payment of \$100,000. The remaining principal and interest balance, plus additional interest on the unpaid balance at an annual rate of 10%, was amended to be due in August 2017. The Company recorded a gain of \$105,000 on the sale of the additional equipment, included in “*Other operating income*” in the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss, equal to the gross proceeds less the remaining basis in the equipment. On May 2, 2017, the Company received approximately \$750,000 from Minera Indé as payment in full for the remaining balance due related to the equipment sale, including interest through that date.

In the third quarter 2016, the Company, through its wholly owned Mexican subsidiary, entered into an earn-in agreement with a 100% owned Mexican subsidiary of Electrum Global Holdings, L.P., a privately owned company (together “Electrum”), related to the Company’s Celaya exploration property in Mexico. The Company received an upfront payment of \$0.2 million and Electrum agreed to incur exploration expenditures totaling at least \$0.5 million in the first year of the agreement, reduced by certain costs Electrum previously incurred on the property since December 2015 in its ongoing surface exploration program. Electrum, at its option, can elect to acquire an undivided 60% interest in a joint venture company to be formed to hold the Celaya project after incurring exploration expenditures totaling \$2.5 million during the first three years of the agreement. Electrum would serve as manager of the joint venture. If the Company elects not to contribute to additional exploration or development expenditures after the initial earn-in period, Electrum, at its option, would have the right to earn an additional 20% interest in the Celaya project, for a total interest of 80%, by incurring an additional \$2.5 million of exploration or development expenditures over a second three-year period. Following the second earn-in period the Company would have the right to maintain its 20% interest or its interest ultimately could be converted into a 10% net profits interest.

In April 2016, the Company entered into an option agreement under which Santacruz Silver Mining Ltd. (“Santacruz”) may acquire the Company’s interest in certain nonstrategic mineral claims located in the Zacatecas Mining District, Zacatecas, Mexico (the “Zacatecas Properties”) for a series of payments totaling \$1.5 million. Santacruz paid the Company \$0.2 million on signing the agreement, and additional payments of \$0.2 million in October 2016, \$0.3 million in May 2017 and one half of the October 2017 installment of \$0.3 million. To maintain its option and acquire the Zacatecas Properties, Santacruz must pay the Company the remaining one half of \$0.3 million already due in October 2017 and the final amount of \$0.5 million due in April 2018. Santacruz was not able to make the full October 2017 payment as scheduled and the Company has granted Santacruz an extension of time to make the payment. Santacruz has the right to terminate the option

agreement at any time, and the agreement could be terminated, at the Company's option, if Santacruz fails to make subsequent payments when due.

9. Accounts Payable and Other Accrued Liabilities

The Company's accounts payable and other accrued liabilities consist of the following:

	September 30, 2017	December 31, 2016
	(in thousands)	
Accounts payable and accruals	\$ 273	\$ 344
Accrued employee compensation and benefits	1,075	880
	<u>\$ 1,348</u>	<u>\$ 1,224</u>

September 30, 2017

Accounts payable and accruals at September 30, 2017 consist primarily of \$0.1 million due to contractors and suppliers and \$0.2 million related to the Company's Velardeña Properties and corporate administrative activities, respectively. In the case of the Velardeña Properties, amounts due also include a VAT payable of less than \$0.1 million that is not an offset to the VAT receivable.

Accrued employee compensation and benefits at September 30, 2017 consist of \$0.3 million of accrued vacation payable and \$0.8 million related to withholding taxes and benefits payable, of which \$0.3 million is related to activities at the Velardeña Properties, and \$0.5 million is related to the KELTIP (see Note 14).

December 31, 2016

Accounts payable and accruals at December 31, 2016 are primarily related to amounts due to contractors and suppliers in the amounts of \$0.1 million and \$0.2 million related to the Company's Velardeña Properties and corporate administrative activities, respectively. In the case of the Velardeña Properties, approximately \$0.1 million is related to a net VAT payable.

Accrued employee compensation and benefits at December 31, 2016 consist of \$0.3 million of accrued vacation payable and \$0.6 million related to withholding taxes and benefits payable, of which \$0.2 million is related to activities at the Velardeña Properties and \$0.3 million is related to the KELTIP (see Note 14).

10. Asset Retirement Obligation and Reclamation Liabilities

The Company retained the services of a mining engineering firm to prepare a detailed closure plan for the Velardeña Properties. The plan was completed during the second quarter 2012 and indicated that the Company had an ARO and offsetting ARC of approximately \$1.9 million.

The Company will continue to accrue additional estimated ARO amounts based on an asset retirement plan as activities requiring future reclamation and remediation occur. During the first nine months of 2017, the Company recognized approximately \$146,000 of accretion expense and approximately \$4,000 of amortization expense related to the ARC.

The following table summarizes activity in the Velardeña Properties ARO:

	Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,	
	2017	2016
	(in thousands)	
Beginning balance	\$ 2,380	\$ 2,480
Changes in estimates, and other	(128)	(293)
Accretion expense	146	144
Ending balance	<u>\$ 2,398</u>	<u>\$ 2,331</u>

The decreases in the ARO recorded during the 2017 and 2016 periods are the result of changes in assumptions related to inflation factors and the timing of future expenditures used in the determination of future cash flows.

The ARO set forth on the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets at September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016 includes approximately \$0.1 million of reclamation liabilities related to activities at the El Quevar project in Argentina.

11. Convertible Note Payable – Related Party, Net

In October 2015, the Company borrowed \$5.0 million from The Sentient Group, LLC (“Sentient”), the Company’s largest stockholder, pursuant to the terms of a Senior Secured Convertible Note the (“Sentient Note”) and a related loan agreement (the “Sentient Loan”), with principal and accrued interest due on October 27, 2016. In January 2016, upon approval by the Company’s stockholders, the Sentient Note became convertible, solely at Sentient’s option, into shares of the Company’s common stock at a price equal to the lowest of: 1) \$0.289, 90 percent of the 15-day volume weighted average price (“VWAP”) for the period immediately preceding the loan closing date, 2) 90 percent of the 15-day VWAP for the period immediately preceding the loan conversion date, or 3) an anti-dilution adjusted price based on the lowest price for which the Company has sold its stock following the loan closing date. The loan provided for interest at a rate of 9% per annum, compounded monthly.

On February 11, 2016, Sentient converted approximately \$3.9 million of principal and \$0.1 million of accrued interest (representing the total amount of accrued interest at the conversion date) on the Sentient Note into 23,355,000 shares of the Company’s common stock at an exercise price of approximately \$0.172 per share, equal to 90% of the 15-day VWAP immediately preceding the conversion date. On June 10, 2016, Sentient converted the remaining approximately \$1.1 million of principal and approximately \$34,000 of accrued interest (representing the total amount of accrued interest at the conversion date) into 4,011,740 shares of the Company’s common stock at an exercise price of approximately \$0.289 per share, equal to 90% of the 15-day VWAP immediately preceding the loan’s original issue date.

The beneficial conversion feature of the Sentient Note represented an embedded derivative as defined by ASC 815 "Derivatives and Hedging" ("ASC 815"). ASC 815 provides that a derivative instrument's fair value must be bifurcated from the note and separately recorded on the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheet. The Company used a third party consultant to value the embedded derivative in the Sentient Note employing a Monte Carlo type probability analysis, which falls within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy (see Note 12). For purposes of valuing the embedded derivative as of the Sentient Loan closing date, at December 31, 2015, at February 11, 2016 (first partial conversion date), and at March 31, 2016, the valuation model took into account, among other items: 1) the probability of successfully achieving stockholder approval of the Sentient Note’s conversion feature, 2) future variations in the Company’s stock price, and 3) the probability of entering into an equity transaction prior to the Sentient Loan maturity date that would lower the conversion price. It was determined that the embedded derivative had a fair value of approximately \$1.1 million at October 27, 2015, the date the Company entered into the Sentient Loan. Subsequent mark-to-market changes in the value of the derivative were recorded as income or loss in the Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss. The Sentient Note was recorded net of the bifurcated embedded derivative at October 27, 2015 with the \$1.1 million difference between the face value and the recorded value of the Note representing a loan discount that was amortized to interest expense over the life of the loan using the interest rate method.

The Company incurred approximately \$0.3 million in legal and other costs associated with the Sentient Loan. Per the guidance of ASU 2015-03 the loan costs were presented as a reduction to the note payable on the accompanying

Consolidated Balance Sheets and were amortized to interest expense over the life of the Sentient note using the interest rate method.

The Company adjusted the recorded value of the Sentient Loan at the first partial conversion date and at March 31, 2016 to reflect the amortization of the loan discount and loan costs, shown as “*Interest expense*” in the Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss. For the nine months ended September 30, 2016, the Company recorded a total noncash loss on debt extinguishment of \$1.7 million reflecting the difference between the value of the shares issued to Sentient as a result of the February 11, 2016 conversion and the recorded value of the Sentient Loan, including related loan costs, loan discount and embedded derivative eliminated at the conversion date. The Company marked-to-market the embedded derivative at the February 11, 2016 conversion date and recorded a total derivative loss of \$0.8 million for nine months ended September 30, 2016 in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss.

At June 10, 2016, the Sentient Note had been fully converted and the Company had no outstanding debt at September 30, 2017 or December 31, 2016.

12. Fair Value Measurements

Financial assets and liabilities and nonfinancial assets and liabilities are measured at fair value under a framework of a fair value hierarchy which prioritizes the inputs into valuation techniques used to measure fair value into three broad levels. This hierarchy gives the highest priority to quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs. Further, financial assets and liabilities should be classified by level in their entirety based upon the lowest level of input that was significant to the fair value measurement. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy per ASC 820 are as follows:

Level 1: Unadjusted quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that are accessible at the measurement date.

Level 2: Quoted prices in inactive markets for identical assets or liabilities, quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, or other observable inputs either directly related to the asset or liability or derived principally from corroborated observable market data.

Level 3: Unobservable inputs due to the fact that there is little or no market activity. This entails using assumptions in models which estimate what market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability.

The following table summarizes the Company's financial assets and liabilities at fair value on a recurring basis at September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, by respective level of the fair value hierarchy:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	(in thousands)			
At September 30, 2017				
Assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,966	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 4,966
Trade accounts receivable	387	—	—	387
Trade accounts receivable - related party	4	—	—	4
Short-term investments	242	—	—	242
	<u>\$ 5,599</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 5,599</u>
At December 31, 2016				
Assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,588	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 2,588
Trade accounts receivable	380	—	—	380
Trade accounts receivable - related party	643	—	—	643
Short-term investments	334	—	—	334
	<u>\$ 3,945</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 3,945</u>
Liabilities:				
Warrant liability - related party	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 976	\$ 976
Warrant liability	—	—	922	922
	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 1,898</u>	<u>\$ 1,898</u>

The Company's cash equivalents, comprised principally of U.S. treasury securities, are classified within Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy.

The Company's trade accounts receivable are classified within Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy and are related to the lease of the oxide plant, valued per the terms of the lease rates per the plant lease agreement, and to the sale of mining equipment, based on the terms of the sales agreement.

The Company's short-term investments consist of the available for sale common stock in Golden Tag and are classified within Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy (see Note 4).

At December 31, 2016, the Company recorded a liability for warrants to acquire the Company's stock as a result of anti-dilution clauses in the warrant agreements that could result in a resetting of the warrant exercise price in the event the Company were to issue additional shares of its common stock in a future transaction at a price lower than the current exercise price of the warrants (see Note 14). The Company assessed the fair value of its warrant liability at the end of each reporting period, with changes in the value recorded as "Warrant derivative (loss) gain" on the Company's Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss. The valuation policies were approved by the Chief Financial Officer who reviewed and approved the inputs used in the fair value calculations and the changes in fair value measurements from period to period for reasonableness. Fair value measurements are discussed with the Company's Chief Executive Officer, as deemed appropriate. The warrant liability was recorded at fair value as of December 31, 2016, based primarily on a valuation performed by a third party expert using a Monte Carlo simulation, which falls within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy. The valuation model took into account the probability that the Company could issue additional shares in a future transaction at a lower price than the current exercise price of the warrants. The Company did not have a warrant liability at September 30, 2017 as the result of a change in accounting principal during the period as discussed in Note 3.

In addition to the warrant exercise prices (see Note 14) other significant inputs to the warrant valuation model at December 31, 2016 included the following:

	December 31,
	2016
Company's ending stock price	\$ 0.58
Company's stock volatility	110%
Applicable risk free interest rate	1.39%

At September 30, 2017, the remaining warrants are recorded as equity as the result of a change in accounting principal fully detailed in Note 3.

Non-recurring Fair Value Measurements

There were no non-recurring fair value measurements at December 31, 2016 or September 30, 2017.

13. Income Taxes

The Company accounts for income taxes in accordance with the provisions of ASC 740, "Income Taxes" ("ASC 740"), on a tax jurisdictional basis. For the nine months ended September 30, 2017 the Company did not recognize any income tax benefit or expense. For the nine months ended September 30, 2016 the Company recorded a nominal income tax benefit related to the partial removal of a valuation allowance on net operating losses resulting from an unrealized gain on held for sale investments reported in other comprehensive income in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss and treated as a source of taxable income. The Company operates in jurisdictions that have generated ordinary losses on a year-to-date basis. However, the Company is unable to recognize a benefit for those losses, except as described in this paragraph, thus an estimated effective tax rate has not been used to report the year-to-date results.

In accordance with ASC 740, the Company presents deferred tax assets net of its deferred tax liabilities on a tax jurisdictional basis on its Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. As of September 30, 2017 and as of December 31, 2016, the Company had no net deferred tax assets or net deferred tax liabilities reported on its balance sheet.

The Company, a Delaware corporation, and its subsidiaries file tax returns in the United States and in various foreign jurisdictions. The tax rules and regulations in these countries are highly complex and subject to interpretation. The Company's income tax returns are subject to examination by the relevant taxing authorities and in connection with such examinations, disputes can arise with the taxing authorities over the interpretation or application of certain tax rules within the country involved. In accordance with ASC 740, the Company identifies and evaluates uncertain tax positions, and recognizes the impact of uncertain tax positions for which there is less than a more-likely-than-not probability of the position being upheld upon review by the relevant taxing authority. Such positions are deemed to be "unrecognized tax benefits" which require additional disclosure and recognition of a liability within the financial statements. The Company had no unrecognized tax benefits at September 30, 2017 or December 31, 2016.

14. Equity

Consideration Shares

On August 2, 2017, the Company granted Hecla an option to extend the oxide plant lease for an additional period of up to two years (see Note 15). As partial consideration for the option Hecla purchased \$1.0 million, or approximately 1.8 million shares, of the Company's common stock (the "Consideration Shares"), issued at par at a price of \$0.55 per share, based on an undiscounted 30-day volume weighted average stock price. The Consideration Shares were offered and sold without registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Act") in reliance on the exemptions provided by Section 4(a)(2) of the Act and/or Regulation D promulgated thereunder. Under the terms of the Option Agreement (defined herein), the Company agreed to register with the SEC the resale of the Consideration Shares. A resale registration statement with the SEC became effective in September 2017. The \$1.0 million received for the Consideration Shares, net of \$71,000 in legal and stock exchange issuance fees, has been recorded as equity in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets for the quarter ended September 30, 2017.

At the Market Offering Agreement

In December 2016, the Company entered into an at-the-market offering agreement (as amended from time to time, the "ATM Agreement") with H. C. Wainwright & Co., LLC ("Wainwright"), under which the Company may, from time to time, issue and sell shares of the Company's common stock through Wainwright as sales manager in an at-the-market offering under a prospectus supplement for aggregate sales proceeds of up to \$5.0 million (the "ATM Program") or a maximum of 10 million shares. On September 29, 2017, the Company entered into an amendment to the ATM Agreement with Wainwright to reflect a new registration statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-220461) under which shares of the Company's common stock may be sold under the ATM Program. The ATM Agreement will remain in full force and effect until the earlier of December 31, 2018, or the date that the ATM Agreement is terminated in accordance with the terms therein. Offers or sales of common shares under the ATM Program will be made only in the United States and no offers or sales of common shares under the ATM Agreement will be made in Canada. The common stock will be distributed at the market prices prevailing at the time of sale. As a result, prices of the common stock sold under the ATM Program may vary as between purchasers and during the period of distribution. The ATM Agreement provides that Wainwright will be entitled to compensation for its services at a commission rate of 2.0% of the gross sales price per share of common stock sold. The Company reimbursed certain legal expenses of Wainwright totaling \$50,000 and incurred additional accounting, legal, and regulatory costs of approximately \$109,000 in connection with establishing the ATM Program. Such costs have been deferred and will be amortized to equity as sales are completed under the ATM Program. At September 30, 2017, the unamortized costs appear on the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets as "*Prepaid expense and other assets.*"

During the nine months ended September 30, 2017 the Company sold an aggregate of approximately 1,024,000 common shares under the ATM Program at an average price of \$0.70 per common share for gross proceeds of approximately \$720,000. The Company paid cash commissions and other nominal transaction fees to Wainwright totaling approximately \$16,000 or 2.2% of the gross proceeds and amortized approximately \$23,000 of deferred accounting, legal and regulatory costs resulting in a net amount of approximately \$682,000 that has been recorded as equity in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. During the nine months ended September 30, 2017 the Company also incurred approximately \$15,000 in additional accounting, legal, and regulatory costs associated with the ATM Program that were included in "*General and administrative costs*" in the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations and Comprehensive Loss.

Equity Incentive Plans

Under the Company's Amended and Restated 2009 Equity Incentive Plan (the "Equity Plan") awards of the Company's common stock may be made to officers, directors, employees, consultants and agents of the Company and its subsidiaries. The Company recognizes stock-based compensation costs using a graded vesting attribution method whereby costs are recognized over the requisite service period for each separately vesting portion of the award.

The following table summarizes the status of the Company's restricted stock grants issued under the Equity Plan at September 30, 2017 and the changes during the nine months then ended:

Restricted Stock Grants	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value Per Share
Outstanding at December 31, 2016	100,000	\$ 0.63
Granted during the period	150,000	0.57
Restrictions lifted during the period	(50,000)	0.57
Forfeited during the period	—	—
Outstanding at September 30, 2017	<u>200,000</u>	<u>\$ 0.60</u>

During the period a 150,000 share restricted stock grant was made to a new employee with 50,000 shares vesting immediately and the remaining shares vesting at 50,000 shares on each of the first and second anniversaries of the grant. For the nine months ended September 30, 2017 the Company recognized approximately \$56,000 of compensation expense related to the restricted stock grants. The Company expects to recognize additional compensation expense related to these awards of approximately \$92,000 over the next thirty-five months.

The following table summarizes the status of the Company's stock option grants issued under the Equity Plan at September 30, 2017 and the changes during the nine months then ended:

Equity Plan Options	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Exercise Price Per Share
Outstanding at December 31, 2016	95,810	\$ 8.02
Granted during the period	—	—
Forfeited or expired during period	(55,500)	8.00
Exercised during period	—	—
Outstanding at September 30, 2017	<u>40,310</u>	<u>\$ 8.05</u>
Exercisable at end of period	40,310	\$ 8.05
Granted and vested	40,310	\$ 8.05

Also, pursuant to the Equity Plan, the Company's Board of Directors adopted the Non-Employee Director's Deferred Compensation and Equity Award Plan (the "Deferred Compensation Plan"). Pursuant to the Deferred Compensation Plan the non-employee directors receive a portion of their compensation in the form of Restricted Stock Units ("RSUs") issued under the Equity Plan. The RSUs generally vest on the first anniversary of the grant and each vested RSU entitles the director to receive one unrestricted share of common stock upon the termination of the director's board service.

The following table summarizes the status of the RSU grants issued under the Deferred Compensation Plan at September 30, 2017 and the changes during the nine months then ended:

Restricted Stock Units	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value Per Share
Outstanding at December 31, 2016	1,607,317	\$ 1.28
Granted during the period	280,000	0.48
Restrictions lifted during the period	—	—
Forfeited during the period	—	—
Outstanding at September 30, 2017	<u>1,887,317</u>	<u>\$ 1.16</u>

For the nine months ended September 30, 2017 the Company recognized approximately \$93,000 of compensation expense related to the RSU grants. The Company expects to recognize additional compensation expense related to the RSU grants of approximately \$88,000 over the next 8 months.

Key Employee Long-Term Incentive Plan

The Company's 2013 Key Employee Long-Term Incentive Plan (the "KELTIP") provides for the grant of units ("KELTIP Units") to certain officers and key employees of the Company, which units will, once vested, entitle such officers and employees to receive an amount, in cash or in Company common stock issued pursuant to the Company's Equity Plan, measured generally by the price of the Company's common stock on the settlement date. KELTIP Units are not an actual equity interest in the Company and are solely unfunded and unsecured obligations of the Company that are not transferable and do not provide the holder with any stockholder rights. Payment of the settlement amount of vested KELTIP Units is deferred generally until the earlier of a change of control of the Company or the date the grantee ceases to serve as an officer or employee of the Company. The KELTIP Units are recorded as a liability, included in "Accounts payable and other accrued liabilities" in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. On May 23, 2017 and May 19, 2016, the Company awarded 435,000 and 585,000 KELTIP Units respectively, to two officers of the Company and recorded approximately \$0.2 million and \$0.3 million respectively, of compensation expense, included in "Stock based compensation" in the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations and Comprehensive Loss. The KELTIP Units are marked to market at the end of each reporting period and for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 the Company recognized an approximately \$59,000 reduction to compensation expense. There were 1,020,000 and 585,000 KELTIP Units outstanding at September 30, 2017 and at December 31, 2016, respectively.

Common stock warrants

The following table summarizes the status of the Company's common stock warrants at September 30, 2017 and the changes during the nine months then ended:

	Number of Underlying Shares	Weighted Average Exercise Price Per Share
Common Stock Warrants		
Outstanding at December 31, 2016	17,578,950	\$ 2.17
Granted during period	—	—
Dilution adjustment	157,302	
Expired during period	(6,258,080)	4.62
Exercised during period	—	
Outstanding at September 30, 2017	<u>11,478,172</u>	\$ 0.81

The warrants relate to prior registered offerings and private placements of the Company's stock. In September 2012, the Company closed on a registered offering and concurrent private placement with Sentient in which it sold units, consisting of one share of common stock and a five-year warrant to acquire one half of a share of common stock at an exercise price of \$8.42 per share. A total of 3,431,649 warrant shares were issued and became exercisable on March 20, 2013 and expired on September 19, 2017, five years from the date of issuance.

In September 2014, the Company closed on a registered public offering and concurrent private placement with Sentient in which it sold units, consisting of one share of common stock and a five-year warrant to acquire one half of a share of common stock at an exercise price of \$1.21 per share. A total of 4,746,000 warrant shares were issued that became exercisable on March 11, 2015 and will expire on September 10, 2019, five years from the date of issuance.

In May 2016, the Company issued 8.0 million registered shares of common stock at a purchase price of \$0.50 per share in a registered direct offering (the "Offering") resulting in gross proceeds of \$4.0 million. In connection with the Offering, each investor received an unregistered warrant to purchase three-quarters of a share of common stock for each share of common stock purchased. The resulting 6,000,000 warrant shares have an exercise price of \$0.75 per share, became exercisable on November 7, 2016 and will expire on November 6, 2021, five years from the initial exercise date.

The warrants issued in September 2012 and September 2014 were recorded as a liability on the balance sheet at December 31, 2016, as a result of anti-dilution clauses in the warrant agreements that could result in a resetting of the warrant exercise price and the number of warrant shares outstanding in the event the Company were to issue additional shares of its common stock in a future transaction at an offering price lower than the current exercise price of the warrants. The May 2016 warrants are not subject to anti-dilution and the warrants are recorded as equity.

Pursuant to the anti-dilution clauses in the September 2012 and 2014 warrant agreements, the exercise price of the warrants had been adjusted downward as a result of the subsequent issuance of the Company's common stock in separate transactions, including the September 2014 registered public offering and private placement, the conversion of the Sentient Note, the May 2016 Offering and private placement, the ATM Program and the Hecla Share Issuance (defined herein). As a result of these transactions, the number of shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of the September 2012 warrants, prior to their expiration on September 19, 2017, had increased from the original 3,431,649 shares to 6,258,080 shares (2,826,431 share increase) and the exercise price has been reduced from the original \$8.42 per share to \$4.62 per share. The number of shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of the September 2014 warrants has increased from the original 4,746,000 shares to 5,478,172 shares (732,172 share increase) and the exercise price has been reduced from the original \$1.21 per share to \$0.87 per share.

At December 31, 2016, the total liability recorded for the 2012 and 2014 warrants was approximately \$1.9 million, consisting of approximately \$1.8 million for the 2014 warrants and \$0.1 million for the 2012 warrants. The Company did not have a warrant liability at September 30, 2017 as the result of a change in accounting principal during the period as discussed in Note 3.

15. Revenue, Deferred Revenue and Related Costs

Oxide Plant Lease and Oxide Plant Lease Costs

For the nine months ended September 30, 2017 the Company recorded revenue of approximately \$5.1 million and related costs of approximately \$1.7 million associated with the lease of the Velardeña Properties oxide plant. The Company recognizes oxide plant lease fees and reimbursements for labor, utility and other costs as "*Revenue: Oxide plant lease*" in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss following the guidance of ASC 605 regarding "income statement characterization of reimbursements received for "out-of-pocket" expenses incurred" and "reporting revenue gross as a principal versus net as an agent". ASC 605 supports recording as gross revenue fees received for the reimbursement of expenses in situations where the recipient is the primary obligor and has certain discretion in the incurrence of the reimbursable expense. The actual costs incurred for reimbursed direct labor and utility costs are reported as "*Oxide plant lease costs*" in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss. The Company recognizes lease fees during the period the fees are earned per the terms of the lease.

On August 2, 2017, the Company granted Hecla an option to extend the oxide plant lease for an additional period of up to two years ending no later than December 31, 2020 (the "Extension Period") in exchange for a \$1.0 million upfront cash payment and the purchase of \$1.0 million, or approximately 1.8 million shares, of the Company's common stock, issued at par at a price of \$0.55 per share, based on an undiscounted 30-day volume weighted average stock price (see Note 14). The option and lease extension were memorialized in (i) an Option Agreement dated August 2, 2017 among the Company and Hecla Mining Company (the "Option Agreement"), and (ii) a Second Amendment to Master Agreement and Lease Agreement dated August 2, 2017 among Minera William S.A. de C.V., an indirect subsidiary of the Company, and Minera Hecla S.A. de C.V., an indirect subsidiary of Hecla Mining Company (the "Second Amendment"). Under the Second Amendment, Hecla must exercise the option to extend the lease no later than October 3, 2018. All of the fixed fees and throughput related charges remain the same as under the original lease. Similar volume limitations apply to any required future tailings expansions, which Hecla will fund, leaving unused at the end of the lease term an agreed amount of capacity in the expanded tailings facility. Pursuant to the Second Amendment, Hecla will have the right to terminate the lease during the Extension Period for any reason with 120 days' notice. Hecla will also have a one-time right of first refusal to continue to lease the plant following a termination notice through December 31, 2020 if the Company decides to use the oxide plant for its own purposes before December 31, 2020.

The Company expects to recognize the \$1.0 million of income from granting the option over the expected life of the lease from August 2, 2017 through December 31, 2020 on a straight-line basis, including such income in "*Other operating income*" in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss. As of September 30, 2017 the unamortized portion of the lease option totaled approximately \$1.0 million recorded as short and long term "*Deferred revenue*" on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. The \$1.0 million received for the Consideration Shares, net of \$71,000 in legal and stock exchange issuance fees, has been recorded as equity in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets for the quarter ended September 30, 2017.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2016 the Company recorded revenue of approximately \$4.8 million and related costs of approximately \$1.5 million associated with the lease of the Velardeña Properties oxide plant.

16. Interest and Other Income

For the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016 the Company had only a nominal amount of interest and other income. The 2017 amount is primarily related to interest on amounts receivable from the sale of mining equipment as discussed in Note 8.

17. Derivative Loss

During the nine months ended September 30, 2016 the Company recorded approximately \$2.8 million of warrant derivative loss related to an increase in the fair value of the liability recorded for warrants to acquire the Company's common stock. The warrant liability at December 31, 2016 was recorded at fair value based primarily on a valuation performed by a third-party expert using a Monte Carlo simulation which falls within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy (see Note 12). The third party valuation model takes into account the probability that the Company could issue additional shares in a future transaction at a lower price than the current exercise price of the warrants. Significant inputs to the third party valuation model included prices for the warrants disclosed above, the probability of an additional issuance of the Company's common stock at a lower price than the current warrant exercise price and the inputs in the table below for the respective periods. The Company did not have a warrant liability at September 30, 2017 as the result of a change in accounting principal during the period as discussed in Note 3.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2016 the Company recorded approximately \$0.8 million of derivative loss related to an increase in the fair value of the derivative liability related to the Sentient Loan (see Note 11). The derivative liability was recorded at fair value at September 30, 2016 based primarily on a valuation performed by a third party expert using a Monte Carlo simulation, which falls within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy (see Note 12). Significant inputs to the valuation model included: 1) future variations in the Company's stock price, and 2) the probability of entering into an equity transaction prior to the loan maturity date that would lower the conversion price. At September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the Sentient Loan had been fully converted.

18. Supplemental Cash Flow Information

The following table reconciles net loss for the period to cash used in operations:

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2017	2016
	(in thousands)	
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net loss	\$ (1,851)	\$ (10,974)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used in operating activities:		
Amortization and depreciation	456	1,317
Accretion of asset retirement obligation	146	143
Write off of loss contingency, net	—	(212)
Asset write off	—	24
Gain on reduction of asset retirement obligation	(56)	—
Gain on sale of assets	(605)	(1,522)
Amortization of deferred loan costs	—	57
Warrant liability fair market adjustment	—	2,821
Derivative liability fair market adjustment	—	778
Accretion of loan discount	—	372
Loss on debt extinguishment	—	1,653
Deferred income taxes	—	(26)
Stock compensation	299	666
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Decrease in trade accounts receivable	607	41
Decrease in prepaid expenses and other assets	137	150
(Increase) decrease in inventories	(22)	66
(Increase) decrease in value added tax recoverable, net	(3)	347
Increase in accrued interest payable net of amounts capitalized	—	86
Increase (decrease) in deferred revenue	967	(500)
Decrease in reclamation liability	(4)	(8)
Decrease in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(34)	(389)
Decrease in deferred leasehold payments	(15)	(13)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	\$ 22	\$ (5,123)

19. Commitments and Contingencies

At September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the Company had no gain or loss contingencies. The Company has certain purchase and lease commitments as set forth in the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016.

20. Segment Information

The Company's sole activity is the mining, construction and exploration of mineral properties containing precious metals. The Company's reportable segments are based upon the Company's revenue producing activities and cash consuming activities. The Company reports two segments, one for its Velardeña Properties in Mexico and the other comprised of non-revenue producing activities including exploration, construction and general and administrative activities. Intercompany revenue and expense amounts have been eliminated within each segment in order to report on the basis that management uses internally for evaluating segment performance.

The financial information relating to the Company's segments is as follows:

	Revenue	Costs Applicable to Sales	Depreciation, Depletion and Amortization	Exploration, El Quevar, Velardeña and Administrative Expense	Pre-Tax (gain) loss	Total Assets	Capital Expenditures
Three Months Ended							
September 30, 2017							
Velardeña Properties	\$ 1,771	\$ 619	\$ 53	\$ 623	\$ (2,016)		\$ 3
Corporate, Exploration & Other	—	—	85	1,609	2,334		2
	<u>\$ 1,771</u>	<u>\$ 619</u>	<u>\$ 138</u>	<u>\$ 2,232</u>	<u>\$ 318</u>		<u>\$ 5</u>
Nine Months Ended							
September 30, 2017							
Velardeña Properties	\$ 5,107	\$ 1,704	\$ 179	\$ 1,361	\$ (3,667)	\$ 6,573	\$ 3
Corporate, Exploration & Other	—	—	277	4,820	5,518	8,329	2
	<u>\$ 5,107</u>	<u>\$ 1,704</u>	<u>\$ 456</u>	<u>\$ 6,181</u>	<u>\$ 1,851</u>	<u>\$ 14,902</u>	<u>\$ 5</u>
Three Months Ended							
September 30, 2016							
Velardeña Properties	\$ 1,729	\$ 549	\$ 249	\$ 509	\$ (1,563)		\$ 15
Corporate, Exploration & Other	—	—	97	1,706	2,361		—
	<u>\$ 1,729</u>	<u>\$ 549</u>	<u>\$ 346</u>	<u>\$ 2,215</u>	<u>\$ 798</u>		<u>\$ 15</u>
Nine Months Ended							
September 30, 2016							
Velardeña Properties	\$ 4,768	\$ 1,478	\$ 982	\$ 2,100	\$ (1,319)	\$ 8,370	\$ 35
Corporate, Exploration & Other	—	—	335	5,803	12,319	6,647	1
	<u>\$ 4,768</u>	<u>\$ 1,478</u>	<u>\$ 1,317</u>	<u>\$ 7,903</u>	<u>\$ 11,000</u>	<u>\$ 15,017</u>	<u>\$ 36</u>

21. Related Party Transactions

The following sets forth information regarding transactions between the Company (and its subsidiaries) and its officers, directors and significant stockholders.

Sale of Equipment:

In August 2016, the Company sold certain mining equipment to Minera Indé, an indirect subsidiary of Sentient, for \$687,000 (see Note 8), in a transaction approved by the Company's Audit Committee and Board of Directors. At September 30, 2017 Sentient holds approximately 45% of the Company's 92.0 million shares of issued and outstanding common stock. The equipment sold was excess equipment held at the Company's Velardeña Properties that the Company did not expect to use. The Company used a third party consultant with experience in the used mining equipment market in Mexico to determine a fair value. The Company believes the price paid was at least equal to the fair market value of the equipment had it been sold through auction or in the open market. The Company received 10% of the sales price at the closing of the sale in August 2016, with the remainder, plus interest on the unpaid balance at an annual rate of 10%, due in February 2017.

With the approval of a Special Committee of the Company's Board of Directors, the Company and Minera Indé amended the original equipment sale on March 31, 2017 to include the sale of an additional piece of excess equipment for \$185,000 and extend the time for payment relating to the original equipment sale. Upon execution of the amendment the Company received an additional payment of \$100,000. The remaining principal and interest balance, plus additional interest on the unpaid balance at an annual rate of 10%, was amended to be due in August 2017. The Company recorded a gain of \$105,000 on the sale of the additional equipment, included in "Other operating income" in the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss, equal to the gross proceeds less the remaining basis in the equipment. On May 2, 2017, the Company received approximately \$750,000 from Minera Indé as payment in full for the remaining balance due related to the equipment sale, including interest through that date.

Administrative Services:

Beginning in August 2016, the Company began providing limited accounting and other administrative services to Minera Indé, an indirect subsidiary of Sentient. The services are provided locally in Mexico by the administrative staff at the Company's Velardeña Properties. The Company charges Minera Indé \$15,000 per month for the services, which provides reimbursement to the Company for its costs incurred plus a small profit margin. Amounts received under the arrangement reduce costs incurred for the care and maintenance of the Velardeña Properties and allows the Company to

maintain a larger more experienced staff at the Velardeña Properties to support the oxide plant lease and potential future mining or processing activities. The Company's Board of Directors and Audit Committee approved the agreement. For the nine months ended September 30, 2017 the Company charged Minera Indé approximately \$135,000 for services, offsetting costs that are recorded in "*Velardeña shutdown and care and maintenance*" in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss.

Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

Our Company

We were incorporated in Delaware in March 2009 under the Delaware General Corporation Law. During the nine months ended September 30, 2017, our principal source of revenue was from the lease of our oxide plant. We incurred net operating losses for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016.

The Company remains focused on evaluating and searching for mining opportunities in North America (including Mexico) with near term prospects of mining, and particularly for properties within reasonable haulage distances of our Velardeña Properties. The Company is also reviewing strategic opportunities, focusing primarily on development or operating properties in North America, including Mexico. We are also focused on evaluation activities at our El Quevar exploration property in Argentina, and are continuing our exploration efforts on selected properties in our portfolio of approximately [10] exploration properties located primarily in Mexico.

This discussion should be read in conjunction with Management's Discussion and Analysis included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016, filed with the SEC on February 28, 2017.

Highlights for the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2017

Velardeña Oxide Plant Lease Agreement

In July 2015, we leased our Velardeña oxide plant to a wholly-owned subsidiary of Hecla Mining Company for an initial term of 18 months beginning July 1, 2015. The lease agreement contained several lease extension options, and in the third quarter 2016, the lease was extended through June 2017. The 2016 extension included an agreement under which Hecla would construct, at its cost, certain tailings expansion facilities to accommodate Hecla's increased use of tailings capacity in excess of an agreed amount, while preserving flexibility for future tailings expansions. The tailings expansion work began in early 2017 and is now completed. The parties agreed that Hecla would either leave unused at the end of the lease term an agreed amount of capacity in the expanded tailings facility, or construct an additional expansion at its cost. In connection with their agreement regarding tailings impoundment expansions, the parties agreed that Hecla had the right to extend the lease for an additional 18 months following June 30, 2017, or until December 31, 2018. On March 24, 2017, Hecla exercised its right to extend the lease until December 31, 2018.

On August 2, 2017, we granted Hecla an option to extend the lease for an additional period of up to two years ending no later than December 31, 2020 (the "Extension Period") in exchange for a \$1.0 million cash payment and the purchase of \$1.0 million, or approximately 1.8 million shares, of the Company's common stock issued at par at a price of \$0.55 per share (the "Hecla Share Issuance"), based on an undiscounted 30-day volume weighted average stock price. Hecla must exercise the option to extend the lease no later than October 3, 2018. All of the fixed fees and throughput related charges remain the same as under the original lease. Similar volume limitations apply to any required future tailings expansions, which Hecla will fund, leaving unused at the end of the lease term an agreed amount of capacity in the expanded tailings facility. Hecla will have the right to terminate the lease during the Extension Period for any reason with 120 days' notice. Hecla will also have a one-time right of first refusal to continue to lease the plant following a termination notice through December 31, 2020 if we decide to use the oxide plant for our own purposes before December 31, 2020.

Hecla is responsible for ongoing operation and maintenance of the oxide plant. During the nine months ended September 30, 2017, Hecla processed approximately 101,000 tonnes of material through the oxide plant, resulting in total revenues to us of approximately \$5.1 million, comprised of approximately \$2.2 million for direct plant charges plus fixed fees and other net reimbursable costs totaling approximately \$2.9 million. We incurred costs of approximately \$1.7 million related to the services we provide under the lease and reported a net operating margin of approximately \$3.4 million during the first nine months of 2017. Hecla has been processing material near the intended approximately 400 tonnes per day rate during 2017. At this rate, we expect net cash payments to us, net of reimbursable costs, should total approximately \$0.4 million per month, including variable and fixed fees, or nearly \$4.5 million annually.

Santa Maria

Since 2015, we have completed test mining and processing of 7,500 tons from the Santa Maria mine west of Hildalgo de Parral, Chihuahua, with average grades 338 gpt silver and 0.7 gpt gold. In March 2017, a preliminary economic

assessment (“PEA”) was completed on our behalf by the engineering firm Tetra Tech, prepared pursuant to Canadian National Instrument 43-101, based on an updated estimate of mineralized material. The PEA presented a base case assessment of developing Santa Maria’s mineral deposit. The PEA contemplates a 38-month underground mining operation at a mining rate of 200 tonnes per day using a combination of cut and fill and other mining techniques, and custom milling at a local third-party flotation mill. Based on the assumptions in the PEA, we believe there may be potential to develop a small mining operation at Santa Maria.

In August 2017, we acquired three additional claims that cover the eastward extension of the Santa Maria vein. The new claims provide a 600 meter potential extension to the strike length of the vein system and add substantial downdip expansion potential. In August 2017, we also commenced a new drill program targeting extensions of the vein deposit described in the PEA and recent estimate of mineralized material with the goal of expanding the existing estimate of mineralized material to improve the overall economics reported in the PEA. Nine holes and approximately 1,900 meters have been drilled to date with mineralized intercepts revealed in completed assay results from the first six holes. A total of twelve holes are planned for the drill program and assay results from the remaining six holes already drilled or planned are expected to be available in the fourth quarter 2017.

We have the right to acquire the Santa Maria property under two separate option agreements representing the total concessions that comprise the property for additional payments of \$1.4 million, payable through April 2022. The first option agreement, covering concessions acquired in August 2014, requires an additional approximately \$0.7 million be paid to acquire a 100% interest in the concessions related to that option by continuing to make minimum payments of \$0.1 in 2018 and \$0.2 in each of the years 2019 through 2021. In addition, until the total due under the first option agreement has been paid, the property owners have the right to 50% of any net profits from mining activities from the concessions related to the option, after reimbursement of all costs incurred by us since April 2015, to the extent that such net profit payments exceed the minimum payments. The second option agreement, covering concessions recently acquired in August 2017, requires an additional approximately \$0.7 million be paid to acquire a 100% interest in the concessions related to that option by making additional payments of \$0.1 million in 2018 and \$0.2 million in each of the years 2019 through 2021.

El Quevar

In September 2017, we received a permit to dewater the underground mine workings at our El Quevar silver project located in Salta, Argentina, to evaluate the possibility of exploration drilling from underground in conjunction with a current project to re-model the existing silver materialized material at the Yaxtché deposit. Based on the previous mineralized material results and using a higher cutoff grade for silver, we are evaluating the potential to define a smaller but higher grade silver material in the core of the previously defined Yaxtché deposit that could be amenable to potentially profitable underground mining and flotation processing.

To date, the Company has received US\$1.1 million in refunds of previous valued added tax (“VAT”) payments made in Argentina during 2012 and 2013. The refunds, available through certain provisions in the Argentina Mining Investment Law, have been pending for several years, but were only recently approved for payment by the Argentine tax authority. The added cash allows the Company more flexibility in advancing its exploration projects, particularly at El Quevar.

We continue to hold our El Quevar property on care and maintenance while we conduct the evaluation activities discussed above and remain open to finding a partner to contribute to the funding of further exploration.

Rodeo

During 2016, we completed a 2,080-meter core drilling program at the Rodeo property, approximately 80 kilometers west of the Velardeña Properties in Durango Mexico. The results from the program revealed a gold and silver bearing epithermal vein and breccia system with encouraging gold and silver values over an approximate 50 to 70 meter true width. The system is exposed at the top of a northwesterly striking ridge and dips steeply to the northeast over about one kilometer of strike length. During January 2017, the engineering firm of Tetra Tech completed an estimate of mineralized material at the Rodeo deposit, prepared pursuant to Canadian National Instrument 43-101. We believe this material, as currently identified, could provide additional mined material for our Velardeña oxide mill following the completion of the Hecla lease, currently set to expire December 31, 2020.

We have received confirmation of good gold and silver metallurgical recoveries for milled material in initial test work. Bottle roll cyanide leach testing of the high-grade samples resulted in gold extractions of 80 to 86 percent. The gold extraction is size dependent with the lowest extraction at a grind of 100 mesh and the highest extraction at a grind of 200 mesh. Silver extractions ranged from 72 to 76 percent for all tests. The gold and silver readily leached from the samples within 24 hours. Reagent consumption averaged 1.7 kilograms per metric tonne (“kg/mt”) for sodium cyanide and 9.8 kg/mt for lime. Test work also indicates that the material is not suitable for gold and silver recovery by heap leaching.

In 2017, we plan to continue to evaluate the economics of mining the deposit using open pit techniques and processing the material at our Velardeña oxide plant following the termination of the lease of the plant to Minera Hecla.

Celaya Farm-out

In August 2016, our wholly owned Mexican subsidiary entered into an earn-in agreement with a 100% owned Mexican subsidiary of Electrum Global Holdings, L.P., a privately owned company (together “Electrum”), related to our Celaya exploration property in Mexico. We received an upfront payment of \$0.2 million and Electrum agreed to incur exploration expenditures totaling at least \$0.5 million within the first year of the agreement, reduced by certain costs Electrum previously incurred on the property since December 2015 in its ongoing surface exploration program. Electrum, at its option, can elect to acquire an undivided 60% interest in a joint venture company to be formed to hold the Celaya project after incurring exploration expenditures totaling \$2.5 million during the first three years of the agreement. Electrum would serve as manager of the joint venture. If we elect not to contribute to additional exploration or development expenditures after the initial earn-in period, Electrum, at its option, would have the right to earn an additional 20% interest in the Celaya project, for a total interest of 80%, by incurring an additional \$2.5 million of exploration or development expenditures over a second three-year period. Following the second earn-in period we would have the right to maintain our 20% interest or our interest ultimately could be converted into a 10% net profits interest.

Electrum Global Holdings’ Mexican subsidiary, Minera Adularia, has completed 5,600 meters of drilling on the property in seven drill holes in their ongoing drill program. Results to date show intercepts of epithermal quartz vein mineralization with grades for gold, silver, lead and zinc that warrant further drill testing. In three of the seven holes, intercepts of quartz vein material carry gold and silver grades that are within the range of economic interest, if sufficient volumes can be found in a configuration amenable to exploitation.

Mogotes

In September 2017, we began a 1,500 meter drill program on our Mogotes property on the El Mogote claim located 7 kilometers southeast of the town of Velardeña, Durango, Mexico. The drill program is planned to test an area of silicification and breccias hosted in andesitic volcanic rocks. The altered area is exposed over a strike length of 1.5 kilometers and a width of about 500 meters. The breccias are interpreted to be a combination of fault breccias and hydrothermal breccias associated with strong silicification controlled in part by a northwest striking southwest dipping normal fault that juxtaposes Tertiary volcanics west of the fault against Cretaceous limestone east of the fault. The altered area has a strong geochemical signature of widespread anomalously high arsenic and antimony with erratic values of gold up to 1.8 ppm from surface rock samples.

We plan to drill at least seven holes totaling 1,700 meters in this initial test of the Mogotes East target. Five holes totaling 1,500 meters have already been drilled with assay results pending. The Company is targeting veins and breccias that may be associated with the exposed hydrothermal alteration and anomalous geochemistry, and expects to encounter sulfide mineralization at depths of less than 200 meters below surface.

The Mogotes property was purchased from Silver Standard Resources in 2015 and is wholly owned by one of Golden Minerals’ Mexican subsidiaries, subject to a 2 percent Net Smelter Return royalty to Silver Standard and a pre-existing finder’s fee agreement (2 percent of direct exploration and development expenditures, capped at \$365,000).

Other Exploration

In October 2017 we acquired the right to purchase claims covering the Yoquivo District, Ocampo Municipality, Chihuahua through an option agreement. The Yoquivo District is a past producing, bonanza grade epithermal vein gold and silver district located 35 kilometers southeast of the Ocampo Mining District. We have the right to purchase six claims totaling 1,906 hectares for payment of \$0.5 million over four years plus outstanding claim taxes totaling approximately

\$0.1 million. No cash payments to the owner are due until the second anniversary of the agreement. The owner retains a two percent net smelter return royalty capped at \$2.0 million.

In April 2016, we entered into an option agreement under which Santacruz Silver Mining Ltd. may acquire our interest in certain nonstrategic mineral claims located in the Zacatecas Mining District, Zacatecas, Mexico for a series of payments totaling \$1.5 million. Santacruz paid the Company \$0.2 million on signing the agreement and additional payments of \$0.2 million in October 2016, \$0.3 million in May 2017 and one half of the October 2017 installment of \$0.3 million. To maintain its option and acquire the Zacatecas Properties, Santacruz is required to pay the remaining one half of \$0.3 million already due in October 2017 and the final amount of \$0.5 million due in April 2018. Santacruz was not able to make the full October 2017 payment as scheduled and we have granted Santacruz an extension of time to make the payment. Santacruz has the right to terminate the option agreement at any time, and the agreement could be terminated, at our option, if Santacruz fails to make subsequent payments when due.

Sale of Mining Equipment

In August 2016, we sold certain mining equipment consisting of two haul trucks, two scoop trams and a compressor to Minera Indé, an indirect subsidiary of Sentient, a related party, for \$687,000. The equipment sold was excess equipment held at our Velardeña Properties that we did not expect to use. We used a third party consultant with experience in the used mining equipment market in Mexico to determine a fair value. We believe the price paid was at least equal to the fair market value of the equipment had it been sold through auction or in the open market. We received 10% of the sales price at the closing of the sale in August, with the additional 90%, plus interest on the unpaid balance at an annual rate of 10%, due in February 2017.

With the approval of a Special Committee of the Company's Board of Directors, the Company and Minera Indé amended the original equipment sale on March 31, 2017 to include the sale of an additional piece of excess equipment for \$185,000 and extend the time for payment relating to the original equipment sale. Upon execution of the amendment, the Company received an additional payment of \$100,000. The remaining principal and interest balance, plus additional interest on the unpaid balance at an annual rate of 10%, was amended to be due in August 2017. On May 2, 2017, we received approximately \$750,000 from Minera Indé as payment in full for the remaining balance due related to the equipment sale, including interest through that date.

Financial Results of Operations

For the results of continuing operations discussed below, we compare the results from operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017 to the results from operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016.

Three Months Ended September 30, 2017

Revenue from oxide plant lease. We recorded revenue of \$1.8 million and \$1.7 million during the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively, related to the lease of our Velardeña oxide plant to a third party.

Oxide plant lease costs. We recorded \$0.6 million and \$0.5 million of costs related to the oxide plant lease during the three-month periods ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively. The costs consist primarily of reimbursable labor and utility costs which for accounting purposes are also included in revenue from the oxide plant lease.

Exploration expense. Our exploration expense, including work at the Santa Maria, Rodeo and Mogotes properties, property holding costs and allocated administrative expenses, totaled \$1.0 million for the three months ended September 30, 2017, as compared to \$0.9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2016. Exploration expense for both years was incurred primarily in Mexico. The higher exploration expenses in 2017 are primarily related to drilling activity and property acquisition payments occurring at the Santa Maria property, Mogotes and other properties.

Velardeña shutdown and care and maintenance costs. We recorded \$0.4 million and \$0.5 million for the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively, for expenses related to shut down and care and maintenance at our Velardeña Properties as the result of the suspension of mining and processing activities in November 2015.

El Quevar project expense. During the three months ended September 30, 2017 we incurred \$0.2 million primarily related to holding costs for the Yaxché deposit at our El Quevar project in Argentina. During the three months ended September 30, 2016 we recorded net negative expense of approximately \$0.1 million primarily related to a reversal of an accrual for Argentina equity tax recorded during the 2015 period resulting from an audit of certain prior years.

Administrative expense. Administrative expenses totaled \$0.7 million for the three months ended September 30, 2017 compared to \$0.9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2016. Administrative expenses, including costs associated with being a public company, are incurred primarily by our corporate activities in support of the Velardeña Properties, El Quevar project and our exploration portfolio. The \$0.7 million of administrative expenses we incurred during the third quarter 2017 is comprised of \$0.4 million of employee compensation and directors' fees, \$0.1 million of professional fees and \$0.2 million of insurance, rents, travel expenses, utilities and other office costs. The \$0.9 million of administrative expenses we incurred during the third quarter 2016 is comprised of \$0.4 million of employee compensation and directors' fees, \$0.3 million of professional fees and \$0.2 million of insurance, rents, travel expenses, utilities and other office costs.

Stock based compensation. During the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016 we incurred a nominal reduction to expense and approximately \$0.5 million of expense, respectively, related to stock based compensation. Stock based compensation varies from period to period depending on the number and timing of shares granted, the type of grant, the market value of the shares on the date of grant and other variables. The 2017 and 2016 third quarter stock based compensation amounts include \$0.1 million reduction to expense and \$0.4 million of expense, respectively, related to KELTIP grants made to two officers (see Note 14 to the consolidated financial statements filed as part of this Form 10-Q for a discussion of KELTIP grants). The 2017 reduction to expense resulted from marking-to-market the outstanding KELTIP grants.

Reclamation and accretion expense. During the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016 we incurred approximately \$49,000 and \$47,000 of reclamation expense, respectively, related to the accretion of an asset retirement obligation at the Velardeña Properties.

Other operating income, net. We recorded \$1.0 million and \$1.3 million of other operating income for the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively. The net amount for the 2017 period consists primarily of a refund of value added tax from Argentina (see Note 7). The net amount for the 2016 period consists primarily of net gains related to the sale of certain assets and non-strategic exploration properties.

Depreciation, depletion and amortization. During the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016 we incurred depreciation, depletion and amortization expense of \$0.1 million and \$0.3 million, respectively. The decrease in depreciation, depletion and amortization expense during the 2017 period is primarily the result of certain equipment at our Velardeña Properties having been fully depreciated.

Interest and other income. We recorded a nominal amount of interest and other income for the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016 respectively, primarily related to cash balances held in banks.

Warrant derivative (loss) gain. During the three months ended September 30, 2016 we recorded a loss of approximately \$0.5 million related to an increase in the fair value of the liability recorded for warrants to acquire the Company's common stock (see Note 12 of our consolidated financial statements filed as part of this Form 10-Q). We did not record any warrant derivative gains or losses during 2017 following a change in accounting principle and the subsequent reclassification of the warrant liabilities to equity retroactively to the beginning of 2017 (see Note 3 to the consolidated financial statements filed as part of this Form 10-Q).

Gain (Loss) on foreign currency. We recorded a nominal foreign currency loss and gain for the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016 respectively. Foreign currency gains and losses are primarily related to the effect of currency fluctuations on monetary assets net of liabilities held by our foreign subsidiaries that are denominated in currencies other than US dollars.

Income taxes. We recorded no income tax expense or benefit for the three months ended September 30, 2017 and September 30, 2016.

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2017

Revenue from oxide plant lease. We recorded revenue of \$5.1 million and \$4.8 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively, related to the lease of our Velardeña oxide plant to a third party.

Oxide plant lease costs. We recorded \$1.7 million and \$1.5 million of costs related to the oxide plant lease during the nine month periods ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively. The costs consist primarily of reimbursable labor and utility costs which for accounting purposes are also included in revenue from the oxide plant lease.

Exploration Expense. Our exploration expense, including work at the Santa Maria and Rodeo properties, property holding costs and allocated administrative expenses, totaled \$2.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2017, as compared to \$2.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2016. Exploration expense for both years was incurred primarily in Mexico. The higher exploration expenses in 2016 are primarily related to test mining activity occurring at the Santa Maria property in 2016 and drilling at the San Luis del Cordero property.

Velardeña shutdown and care and maintenance costs. We recorded \$1.1 million and \$1.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively, for expenses related to shut down and care and maintenance at our Velardeña Properties as the result of the suspension of mining and processing activities in November 2015. The 2016 expense included certain one-time repair and maintenance costs associated with the plant shut down.

El Quevar project expense. During the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016 we incurred \$0.5 million and \$0.3 million, respectively, primarily related to holding costs for the Yaxtché deposit at our El Quevar project in Argentina. The amount for the 2017 period is higher than the same period in 2016 due to an increase in evaluation activities at the El Quevar project, as discussed above.

Administrative expense. Administrative expenses totaled \$2.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 compared to \$3.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2016. Administrative expenses, including costs associated with being a public company, are incurred primarily by our corporate activities in support of the Velardeña Properties, El Quevar project and our exploration portfolio. The \$2.6 million of administrative expenses we incurred during the nine months ended September 30, 2017 is comprised of \$1.1 million of employee compensation and directors' fees, \$0.7 million of professional fees and \$0.8 million of insurance, rents, travel expenses, utilities and other office costs. The \$3.1 million of administrative expenses we incurred during the nine months ended September 30, 2016 is comprised of \$1.1 million of employee compensation and directors' fees, \$1.2 million of professional fees and \$0.8 million of insurance, rents, travel expenses, utilities and other office costs.

Stock based compensation. During the nine months ended September 30, 2017 we incurred \$0.3 million of expense related to stock based compensation compared to \$0.7 million for nine months ended September 30, 2016. Stock based compensation varies from period to period depending on the number and timing of shares granted, the type of grant, the market value of the shares on the date of grant and other variables. The 2017 and 2016 nine-month stock based compensation amounts include \$0.2 million and \$0.4 million, respectively, related to KELTIP grants made to two officers (see Note 14 to the consolidated financial statements filed as part of this Form 10-Q for a discussion of KELTIP grants).

Reclamation and accretion expense. During each of the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016 we incurred approximately \$0.1 million of reclamation expense related to the accretion of an asset retirement obligation at the Velardeña Properties.

Other operating income, net. We recorded \$1.8 million and \$1.6 million of other operating income for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively. The net amount for the 2017 period consists primarily of a refund of value added tax from Argentina (see Note 7 to the consolidated financial statements filed as part of this Form 10-Q), net gains related to the sale of equipment to Minera Indé, discussed above, a gain related to the reduction of the asset retirement obligation liability at our Velardeña Properties and the sale of certain assets and non-strategic exploration properties. The net amount for the 2016 period is primarily related to the sale of certain assets and non-strategic exploration properties.

Depreciation, depletion and amortization. During the nine months ended September 30, 2017 we incurred depreciation, depletion and amortization expense of \$0.5 million compared to \$1.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2016. The decrease in depreciation, depletion and amortization expense during the 2017 period is primarily the result of certain equipment at our Velardeña Properties having been fully depreciated.

Interest and other income. We recorded a nominal amount of interest and other income for the nine months ended September 30, 2017, including accrued interest related to the sale of equipment to Minera Indé, discussed above. During the nine months ended September 30, 2016 we recorded only a nominal amount of interest and other income primarily related to cash balances held in banks.

Warrant derivative (loss) gain. During the nine months ended September 30, 2016 we recorded a loss of approximately \$2.8 million related to an increase in the fair value of the liability recorded for warrants to acquire the Company's common stock (see Note 12 of our consolidated financial statements filed as part of this Form 10-Q). We did not record any warrant derivative gains or losses during 2017 following a change in accounting principle and the subsequent reclassification of the warrant liabilities to equity retroactively to the beginning of 2017 (see Note 3 to the consolidated financial statements filed as part of this Form 10-Q).

Derivative loss. For the nine months ended September 30, 2016 we recorded a \$0.8 million loss related to the fair value adjustment to the beneficial conversion feature of the Sentient Note, which constitutes an imbedded derivative (see Note 12 of our consolidated financial statements filed as part of this Form 10-Q). There were no such amounts recorded for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 as the Sentient Note was fully converted and no longer outstanding as of September 30, 2016.

Loss on foreign currency. We recorded a nominal foreign currency loss and a \$0.1 million foreign currency loss for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016 respectively. Foreign currency gains and losses are primarily related to the effect of currency fluctuations on monetary assets net of liabilities held by our foreign subsidiaries that are denominated in currencies other than US dollars.

Income taxes. We recorded no income tax expense or benefit for the nine months ended September 30, 2017. We recorded a nominal income tax benefit for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 related to mark-to-market held for sale investment gains recorded as other comprehensive income.

Liquidity, Capital Resources and Going Concern

At September 30, 2017, our aggregate cash and cash equivalents totaled \$5.0 million, \$2.4 million greater than the \$2.6 million in similar assets held at December 31, 2016. The net increase is due in part from the following expenditures and cash inflows for the nine months ended September 30, 2017. Expenditures totaled \$6.2 million from the following:

- \$2.0 million in exploration expenditures, including work at the Santa Maria, Mogotes and Rodeo properties;
- \$1.1 million in care and maintenance costs at the Velardeña Properties;
- \$0.5 million in evaluation activities, care and maintenance and property holding costs at the El Quevar project; and
- \$2.6 million in general and administrative expenses.

The foregoing expenditures were offset by cash inflows of \$8.6 million from the following:

- \$3.4 million of net operating margin received pursuant to the oxide plant lease (defined as oxide plant lease revenue less oxide plant lease costs);
- \$1.9 million from Hecla comprised of \$1.0 million for an option to extend the oxide plant lease for an additional period of up to two years and \$1.0 million for the purchase 1.8 million shares of the Company's common stock issued at a price of \$0.55 per share, less \$0.1 million in legal and stock exchange issuance costs;
- \$1.1 million in refunds of previous VAT payments made in Argentina during 2012 and 2013;

- \$0.8 million from final payments related to the sale of excess mining equipment to Minera Indé;
- \$0.7 million of net proceeds received from the issuance of our common stock under the ATM Program;
- \$0.3 million from the farm out of certain nonstrategic mineral claims to Santacruz;
- \$0.2 million of net proceeds from the sale of other nonstrategic exploration properties and mining equipment; and
- \$0.2 million from a decrease in working capital.

In addition to our \$5.0 million cash balance at September 30, 2017, we also expect to receive approximately \$4.6 million in net operating margin from the lease of the oxide plant and \$0.8 million from the aforementioned exploration property farm out during the next twelve month period ending September 30, 2018. With the transactions referred to above and if no additional sales of common stock under the ATM Program occur, we project we would end 2017 with a cash balance of approximately \$3.5 million and end September 30, 2018 with a cash balance of approximately \$2.5 million based on the following forecasted expenditures during the next twelve months ending September 30, 2018:

- Approximately \$2.0 million on exploration activities and property holding costs related to our portfolio of exploration properties located primarily in Mexico, including project assessment and evaluation costs relating to Santa Maria, Rodeo, Mogotes and other properties;
- Approximately \$1.5 million at the Velardeña Properties for care and maintenance;
- Approximately \$1.0 million at the El Quevar project to fund ongoing exploration and evaluation activities, care and maintenance and property holding costs; and
- Approximately \$3.4 million on general and administrative costs.

The actual amount of cash that we receive or the expenditures that we incur during the remainder of 2017 and the first three quarters of 2018 and the projected cash balances at December 31, 2017 and September 30, 2018 may vary significantly from the amounts specified above and will depend on a number of factors, including variations from anticipated care and maintenance costs at the Velardeña Properties and costs for continued exploration, project assessment, and development at our other exploration properties, including Santa Maria, Mogotes, Rodeo and El Quevar. Moreover, if revenues from our oxide plant lease or payments from the exploration farm out agreement are less than anticipated, we may reduce our planned expenditures accordingly.

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis under which an entity is considered to be able to realize its assets and satisfy its liabilities in the normal course of business. However, our continuing long-term operations are dependent upon our ability to secure sufficient funding and to generate future profitable operations. The underlying value and recoverability of the amounts shown as property, plant and equipment in our consolidated financial statements are dependent on our ability to generate positive cash flows from operations and to continue to fund exploration and development activities that would lead to profitable mining activities or to generate proceeds from the disposition of property, plant and equipment. There can be no assurance that we will be successful in generating future profitable operations or securing additional funding in the future on terms acceptable to us or at all. We believe the continuing cash flow from the lease of the oxide plant and prior asset dispositions make it probable that we will have sufficient cash to meet our financial obligations and continue our business strategy beyond one year from the filing of our consolidated financial statements for the period ended September 30, 2017.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In July 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-11, “Earnings Per Share (Topic 260); Distinguishing Liabilities from Equity (Topic 480); Derivatives and Hedging (Topic 815): (Part 1) Accounting for Certain Financial Instruments with Down Round Features, (Part II) Replacement of the Indefinite Deferral for Mandatorily Redeemable Financial Instruments of Certain Non public Entities and Certain Mandatorily Redeemable Non-controlling Interests with a Scope Exception” (“ASU 2017-11”). Part I relates to the accounting for certain financial instruments with down round features in Subtopic 815-40, which is considered in determining whether an equity-linked financial instrument qualifies for a scope exception

from derivative accounting. Down round features are features of certain equity-linked instruments (or embedded features) that result in the strike price being reduced based on the pricing of future equity offerings. An entity still is required to determine whether instruments would be classified as equity under the guidance in Subtopic 815-40 in determining whether they qualify for that scope exception. If they do qualify, freestanding instruments with down round features are no longer classified as liabilities. For us, ASU 2017-11 is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2018, including interim periods within that reporting period. Early adoption is permitted, including in an interim period. We early adopted ASU 2017-11 during the interim period ended September 30, 2017 (see Note 3 of our consolidated financial statements filed as part of this Form 10-Q).

In March 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-08, “Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606): Principal versus Agent Considerations (Reporting Revenue Gross versus Net)” (“ASU 2016-08”), which clarifies principal versus agent when another party, along with the entity, is involved in providing a good or service to a customer. Topic 606,

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-02, “Leases” (“ASU 2016-02”), which will require lessees to recognize a right-of-use asset and a lease liability for all leases that are not short-term in nature. For a lessor, the accounting applied is also largely unchanged from previous guidance. The new rules will be effective for us in the first quarter of 2019. We do not anticipate early adoption. We do not expect the adoption of ASU 2016-02 to materially change the amounts related to leases that are currently recorded as none of its operating leases are material and therefore we do not expect the adoption to have a material impact on our consolidated financial position or results of operations.

In January 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-01, “Recognition and Measurement of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities” (“ASU 2016-01”), which amended its standards related to the accounting of certain financial instruments. This amendment addresses certain aspects of recognition, measurement, presentation and disclosure. Specifically, available for sale investments will not run through other comprehensive income. The new rules will become effective for annual and interim periods beginning after December 15, 2017. Early adoption is not permitted. We are in the process of evaluating the impact the amendment will have on our consolidated financial position or results of operations.

In May 2014, FASB and the International Accounting Standards Board issued ASU No. 2014-09, “Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606)” (“ASU 2014-09”). ASU 2014-09 outlines a single comprehensive model for entities to use in accounting for revenue arising from contracts with customers and supersedes most current revenue recognition guidance, including industry-specific guidance. In addition, the guidance requires improved disclosures to help users of financial statements better understand the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of revenue that is recognized and the related cash flows. ASU 2014-09 is effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2017; early adoption is not permitted. ASU 2014-09 was originally effective December 15, 2016 but ASU 2015-14 deferred the effective date by one year. As our current accounting practices per the guidance of ASU 2014-09 are comparable to the requirements of ASU 2014-09, we do not expect the adoption of this update to result in a material impact to our consolidated financial position or results of operations.

Forward-Looking Statements

Some information contained in or incorporated by reference into this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q may contain forward-looking statements. These statements include comments relating to our plans, expectations and assumptions concerning the oxide plant lease, including the expected term, anticipated revenues, and potential future tailings expansion; the Santa Maria property, including the PEA results (including life of mine and production expectations), and other expectations regarding the project, including future drilling plans, timing of initial drill results, expansion potential for the existing deposit and general cost expectations; the Rodeo property, including the Company's general evaluation plans and cost expectations; the Celaya property, including farm-out terms and possible future drill testing; the Mogotes property, including future drilling plans and evaluation activities; the El Quevar project, including timing and expectations of evaluation activities; our financial outlook for the remainder of 2017 and through the end of the third quarter 2018, including anticipated income and expenditures during those periods; expected need for external financing and statements concerning our financial condition, business strategies and business and legal risks.

The use of any of the words “anticipate,” “continues,” “estimate,” “expect,” “may,” “will,” “project,” “should,” “could,” “believe” and similar expressions are intended to identify uncertainties. We believe the expectations reflected in those forward-looking statements are reasonable. However, we cannot assure that these expectations will prove to be correct. Actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of the factors set forth below and other factors set forth in, or incorporated by reference into this report:

- Lower revenue than anticipated from the oxide lease, which could result from delays or problems at the third party's mine or at the oxide plant, permitting problems at the third party's mine or the oxide plant, delays in constructing additional tailings capacity at the oxide plant, earlier than expected termination of the lease or other causes;
- Higher than anticipated care and maintenance costs at the Velardeña Properties in Mexico or at El Quevar in Argentina;
- Continued decreases or insufficient increases in silver and gold prices;
- Whether we are able to raise the necessary capital required to continue our business on terms acceptable to us or at all, and the likely negative effect of continued low silver and gold prices or unfavorable exploration results;
- Unfavorable results from exploration at the Santa Maria, Rodeo, Mogotes or other exploration properties and whether we will be able to advance these or other exploration properties;
- Risks related to the El Quevar project in Argentina, including unfavorable results from our evaluation activities, the feasibility and economic viability and unexpected costs of maintaining the project, and whether we will be able to find a joint venture partner to further advance the project;
- Variations in the nature, quality and quantity of any mineral deposits that are or may be located at the Velardeña Properties or the Company's exploration properties, changes in interpretations of geological information, and unfavorable results of metallurgical and other tests;
- Whether we will be able to mine and sell minerals successfully or profitably at any of our current properties at current or future silver and gold prices and achieve our objective of becoming a mid-tier mining company;
- Potential delays in our exploration activities or other activities to advance properties towards mining resulting from environmental consents or permitting delays or problems, accidents, problems with contractors, disputes under agreements related to exploration properties, unanticipated costs and other unexpected events;
- Our ability to retain key management and mining personnel necessary to successfully operate and grow our business;
- Economic and political events affecting the market prices for gold, silver, zinc, lead and other minerals that may be found on our exploration properties;
- Political and economic instability in Mexico, Argentina, and other countries in which we conduct our business and future actions of any of these governments with respect to nationalization of natural resources or other changes in mining or taxation policies;
- Volatility in the market price of our common stock; and
- The factors discussed under "Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016 and item 1A of this Report on Form 10-Q.

Many of these factors are beyond our ability to control or predict. You should not unduly rely on these forward-looking statements. These statements speak only as of the date of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. Except as required by law, we are not obligated to publicly release any revisions to these forward-looking statements to reflect future events or developments.

Cautionary Statement Regarding Mineralized Material

"Mineralized material" as used in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, although permissible under the SEC Industry Guide 7, does not indicate "reserves" by SEC standards. We cannot be certain that any deposits at the El Quevar, Santa Maria or Rodeo properties or any deposits at our other exploration properties, will ever be confirmed or converted into SEC Industry Guide 7 compliant "reserves". Investors are cautioned not to assume that all or any part of the disclosed mineralized material estimates will ever be confirmed or converted into reserves or that mineralized material can be economically or legally extracted.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

Interest Rate Risk

We invest substantially all of our excess cash in U.S. government and debt securities rated “investment grade” or better. The rates received on such investments may fluctuate with changes in economic conditions. Based on the average cash and investment balances outstanding during the first nine months of 2017, a 1% decrease in interest rates would have resulted in only a nominal reduction in interest income for the period.

Foreign Currency Exchange Risk

Although most of our expenditures are in U.S. dollars, certain purchases of labor, supplies and capital assets are denominated in other currencies, primarily in Mexico. As a result, currency exchange fluctuations may impact the costs of our exploration and mining activities. To reduce this risk, we maintain minimum cash balances in foreign currencies and complete most of our purchases in U.S. dollars.

Commodity Price Risk

We are primarily engaged in the exploration and mining of properties containing gold, silver, zinc, lead and other minerals. As a result, decreases in the price of any of these metals have the potential to negatively impact our ability to establish reserves and mine on our properties. We currently hold no commodity derivative positions.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

(a) Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Our Chief Executive Officer (principal executive officer) and Chief Financial Officer (principal financial officer) have evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”)) as of September 30, 2017, (the “Evaluation Date”). Based on such evaluation, such officers have concluded that, as of the Evaluation Date, our disclosure controls and procedures are effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act are recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC’s rules and forms and to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

(b) Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There have been no changes in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the period covered by this report that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

None.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

The risk factors for the quarter ended September 30, 2017, are substantially the same as those set forth in Part I, Item 1A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016.

Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

None.

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities

None.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

Not applicable.

Item 5. Other Information

None.

Item 6. Exhibits

- 10.1 [Option Agreement dated August 2, 2017 among Golden Minerals Company and Hecla Mining Company. \(1\)](#)
- 10.2 [Second Amendment to the Master Agreement and Lease Agreement dated August 2, 2017 among Minera William S.A. de C.V. and Minera Hecla S.A. de C.V. \(1\)](#)
- 31.1 [Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.](#)
- 31.2 [Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.](#)
- 32 [Certification of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1350 \(Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act\). **](#)
- 101.INS XBRL Instance Document*
- 101.SCH XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document*
- 101.CAL XBRL Taxonomy Calculation Linkbase Document*
- 101.DEF XBRL Taxonomy Definition Document*
- 101.LAB XBRL Taxonomy Label Linkbase Document*
- 101.PRE XBRL Taxonomy Presentation Linkbase Document*

* Filed herewith

** Furnished herewith

(1) Incorporated by reference to our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on August 3, 2017.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

GOLDEN MINERALS COMPANY

Date: November 7, 2017

By: /s/ Warren M. Rehn

Warren M. Rehn

President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: November 7, 2017

By: /s/ Robert P. Vogels

Robert P. Vogels

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

CERTIFICATIONS

I, Warren M. Rehn, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Golden Minerals Company;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - a. Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - b. Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - c. Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - d. Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors:
 - a. All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - b. Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: November 7, 2017

/s/ Warren M. Rehn
Warren M. Rehn
Chief Executive Officer

I, Robert P. Vogels, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Golden Minerals Company;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - a. Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - b. Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - c. Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - d. Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors:
 - a. All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal controls over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - b. Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: November 7, 2017

/s/ Robert P. Vogels
Robert P. Vogels
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Golden Minerals Company (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2017 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), the undersigned hereby certifies, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §1350, as adopted pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

(1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and

(2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and result of operations of the Company.

/s/ Warren M. Rehn

Warren M. Rehn
Chief Executive Officer
November 7, 2017

/s/ Robert P. Vogels

Robert P. Vogels
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
November 7, 2017
