

NAUTILUS MINERALS INC.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

(US dollars)

The following Management Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") has been prepared as at May 15, 2018 for the three month period ended March 31, 2018.

The MD&A of Nautilus Minerals Inc. (the "Company", "NMI" or "Nautilus") should be read in conjunction with the Company's unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements for the three month period ended March 31, 2018 and related notes thereto which have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB") and as applicable to interim financial reporting.

This MD&A includes references to United States dollars, Canadian dollars, Papua New Guinea kina, United Kingdom pounds sterling and euros. All dollar amounts referenced, unless otherwise indicated, are expressed in United States dollars and the Canadian dollars are referred to as C\$, Papua New Guinea kina are referred to as PGK, United Kingdom pounds sterling are referred to as £ and euros are referred to as €

CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

This document includes "forward-looking statements" which include all statements other than statements of historical fact.

Forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements with respect to the future price of copper, gold and other metals; the estimation of mineral resources; the realization of mineral resource estimates; plans for establishing or expanding mineral resource estimates on the projects; the construction and delivery of the Production Support Vessel ("PSV"); the fulfillment of the obligations under the Ore Sales Agreement with Tongling Nonferrous Metals Group Co. Ltd ("Tongling Sales Agreement") and the timing and sustainability of such arrangements; costs and timing of the development of the Seafloor Production System; the Company's seafloor massive sulphide prospects ("SMS") (including Solwara 1) and new deposits; success of exploration and development activities; permitting time lines; currency fluctuations; requirements for additional capital; government regulation of exploration operations; the Company's financial position; business strategy; plans and objectives of management for future operations; the design and performance of the PSV and the Seafloor Production Tools ("SPTs"); and the procurement of the PSV. In certain cases, forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of words such as "plans", "expects" or "does not expect", "is expected", "budget", "scheduled", "estimates", "forecasts", "intends", "anticipates" or "does not anticipate", or "believes", or variations of such words and phrases or statements that certain actions, events or results "may", "could", "would", "might" or "will be taken", "occur" or "be achieved". Forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of the Company to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. Such factors include, among others, the risk of failure to obtain required equity or debt funding; the risk

that material assumptions listed in the paragraph below will not be borne out; changes in project parameters as plans continue to be refined; any additional permitting or licensing requirements associated with any modifications to the scope of the Solwara 1 Project; future prices of copper, gold and other metals being lower than expected; the over-arching risk that the Company will not commence production of mineralized material; possible variations in resources, grade or recovery rates; the risk of failure to conclude the investigation into the cyber-attack, the inability to reach agreement with Marine Assets Corporation (“MAC”) as to the deposit under the vessel charter agreement, the insolvency of MAC or the applicable shipyard and other events which may cause a delay to the delivery of the PSV; the risk that the obligations under the Tongling Sales Agreement are not fulfilled; late delivery of the PSV and SPTs or other equipment; variations in the cost of the PSV and SPTs or other equipment; variations in exchange rates; the failure to obtain regulatory approval for financings; changes in the cost of fuel and other inflationary factors; failure of plant, equipment or processes to operate as anticipated; accidents, labour disputes and other risks of the mining industry; delays in obtaining governmental approvals or financing or in the completion of development or construction activities.

Such forward-looking statements are current only as at the date of this MD&A and are based on numerous material assumptions (that management believes were reasonable at the time they are made) regarding the Company's present and future business strategies and the environment in which the Company will operate in the future, including the Company's continued compliance with regulatory requirements and the estimated costs and availability of funding for the continued exploration of the Company's tenements and the development of the Seafloor Production System. The Company has also assumed that market fundamentals will result in sustained copper and gold demand and prices; that the proposed development of its Seafloor Production System will be viable operationally and economically and proceed as expected; and that any additional financing needed will be available on reasonable terms. With respect to the arrangement with MAC, the Company is assuming that the parties will observe their obligations, that the investigation into the cyber-attack will reach a timely conclusion and that MAC and the Company can agree how to proceed in relation to the payment of the deposit under the vessel charter agreement.

Although the Company has attempted to identify important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially, the assumptions made may not prove to be correct or there may be unknown risks, uncertainties and other important factors beyond the Company's control that could cause the actual results, performance or achievements of the Company to be materially different from future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Except as may be required by applicable laws, the Company expressly disclaims any obligation or undertaking to disseminate any updates or revisions to any forward-looking statements contained herein to reflect any change in the Company's expectations with regard thereto or any change in events, conditions or circumstances on which any such statements are based.

OUR BUSINESS

Overview

Nautilus is a seafloor resource exploration company and the first publicly listed company to commercially explore the ocean floor for copper, gold, silver and zinc rich seafloor massive sulphide deposits and for manganese, nickel, copper and cobalt nodule deposits. The Company's main focus is to create shareholder value by demonstrating the viability of the seafloor production system and establishing a pipeline of development projects to maximize the value of mineral licenses and exploration applications that Nautilus holds in various locations in the Pacific Ocean.

The Company's principal project is the Solwara 1 Project in the Bismarck Sea. The Solwara 1 Project and the Company's other projects are described in detail in the Company's Annual Information Form, available on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

Nautilus' seafloor production system has the potential to open a new frontier of resource development as land-based mineral deposits continue to be depleted. Nautilus plans to become the world's first seafloor producer of copper and gold.

2018 Q1 SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- Bridge Loans
- Solwara 1 Project advanced
- Production Support Vessel construction advanced

Bridge Loans

In early January 2018, the Company commenced receiving secured bridge loans from Deep Sea Mining Finance Ltd. ("DSMF"), a private entity controlled by the Company's two largest shareholders, MB Holding and Metalloinvest Holding (Cyprus) Limited. The bridge loans are intended to form part of a larger secured structured credit facility in the amount of up to \$34 million to be provided by DSMF to the Company (the "Facility"). The Company and DSMF are currently in the process of negotiating the definitive agreements for the Facility. Upon the execution of such definitive agreements, all of the existing bridge loans provided by DSMF to the Company will become loans under the Facility. As at May 15, 2018, an amount of \$11.25 million in bridge loans has been advanced to the Company by DSMF, and a total of 48,324,740 share purchase warrants have been issued by the Company to DSMF as partial consideration for such bridge loans.

The bridge loans will assist the Company's immediate working capital requirements and facilitate payments required to continue the development of the Company's seafloor production system to be first utilized at the Company's Solwara 1 Project. The loans bear interest at 8% per annum, payable bi-annually in arrears with a one year maturity date. The Company will be entitled to pre-pay each loan prior to maturity, by paying 108% of the outstanding principal of the loan plus accrued and unpaid interest. Each loan is represented by a promissory note and will initially be secured against the assets of the Company through a general security agreement. DSMF may subsequently require the loans to be guaranteed by the Company's material operating subsidiaries and secured against the assets of such subsidiaries.

Solwara 1 Project advanced

During the first quarter of 2018, the Company continued to advance the Solwara 1 Project in accordance with the funding provided through the bridge loans.

Seafloor Production Equipment Build Progressed

Sichuan Honghua Petroleum Ltd (Honghua) have delivered derrick, draw-works systems and derrick substructure to Mawei shipyard. The derrick substructure and derrick have been installed on to the Production Support Vessel (PSV). Assembly of draw-works components including the

riser handling and storage systems have continued with some of the equipment placed onto the PSV.

The Honghua Offshore Qidong yard fabrication of the Dewatering Plant (DWP) modules consisting of structural steel, plate-work, tanks, piping and cable tray has been suspended pending further project finance. The fabrication at the time of suspension had progressed to 70% complete. Installation timing of this equipment will be recalculated once work is permitted to continue. The DWP separates the mineralized material from the seawater on the production support vessel.

The Seafloor Production Tools (SPTs) consisting of the Auxiliary Cutter, Bulk Cutter, and Collecting Machine remained in PNG following submerged trials. The submerged trials for the Bulk Cutter were completed during the quarter.

The riser system manufactured by General Marine Contractors remains in storage near the port of Houston ready to be shipped to China in 2018.

The Subsea Slurry Lift Pump (SSLP) remains at GE Hydril's test facility in Houston until early 2018 when it will be shipped to China to undergo submerged trials. Contract and technical discussions have continued with Chinese test facilities for the submerged trial of the SSLP in 2018.

Community Activities

A two day meeting hosted by the New Ireland Provincial Administration was held in Kavieng on 22-23 March 2018 to discuss development and achievements of the recently established Provincial Health Authority and private-public-partnerships (PPP) in the province. The meeting witnessed the signing of the MOU between Lihir Malaria Elimination Program Charitable Trust Inc (LMEP) and Nautilus Minerals for the donation of PGK400,000 to roll out a skin health program in Namatanai and the Coastal Area of Benefit (CAB) along the West Coast of New Ireland province.

ISGlobal and the National Department of Health jointly set up a team under the LMEP umbrella to implement the Mass Drug Administration program to eliminate yaws. Since this program will progress to the CAB area, the team will also address the skin disease, Tinea imbricata. The implementation program is scheduled for Q2 2018.

Nautilus Minerals engaged a consultant company called Bilum Books to provide the textbooks and teaching materials for the CAB elementary schools. Nautilus bought PGK 100, 000 worth of textbooks and teaching materials from Bilum books for 20 elementary schools. A three day workshop was convened in Namatanai town from 21-23 February 2018 and 31 elementary school teachers from the CAB area attended with all expenses incurred by Nautilus. After the training, elementary schools received cartons of textbooks and teaching materials depending on the total number of students they had in their respective schools.

Nautilus also completed the first phase of an infrastructure improvement program which will see bridges installed in place of wet crossings on the main road on the west coast of New Ireland. A panel bridge for the Pubonom wet crossing was completed during the reporting period, with a related civil works undertaken by a local company. The bridge will be officially opened by Sir Julius Chan, the Governor of New Ireland Province in April 2018. The ultimate aim of the

program is to provide all weather access to health facilities, to facilitate the delivery of government services and to encourage business development in the region.

Production Support Vessel construction advanced

The Mawei shipyard continued to progress the construction of the PSV during the quarter. The PSV was launched out of the dry dock in late March 2018 and docked at the shipyard wharf. Following the launch all work on the PSV has stopped due to the vessel ownership issues. The current level of vessel completion of piping systems is 90%, equipment and machinery installation 85%, outfitting 68%, electrical & instrumentation work 63%, painting 49%, Accommodation & fit-out 74%, and commissioning 9%. The overall PSV progress at the end of the reporting period is 80% complete.

The assembly and installation work for the SPT launch and recovery systems (LARS) continued during the period with the SBC lift winch, spooler and Hydraulic Power Unit installed and lift wire spoolers placed onto the PSV prior to the PSV launch. LARS A Frame installation work continued to be delayed due to fabrication defect repair work and as such were not installed prior to vessel launch.

RISK FACTORS

Nautilus' ability to generate revenues and achieve a return on shareholders' investment must be considered in light of the early stage nature of the Solwara 1 deposit and seafloor resource production in general. The Company is subject to many of the risks common to early stage enterprises, including personnel limitations, financial risks, metals prices, permitting and other regulatory approvals, the need to raise capital, resource shortages, lack of revenues, equipment failures and potential disputes with, or delays or other failures caused by third party contractors or joint venture partners. Substantial expenditures are required to discover and establish sufficient resources and to develop the mining and processing facilities and infrastructure at any site chosen for mining. There can be no assurance that the Company will be able to raise sufficient financing to facilitate this development. The Company's existing funds are not sufficient to bring the Solwara 1 Project into production and there can be no assurance that additional sources of finance will be available to the Company. As the Company has not completed a pre-feasibility study or feasibility study in respect of the Solwara 1 Project, there can be no assurance that the Company's production plans will, if fully funded and implemented, successfully demonstrate that seafloor resource production is commercially viable. Other factors that influence the Company's ability to succeed are more fully described in the Company's most recent Annual Information Form available on www.sedar.com, under the heading "Risk Factors". See also the factors discussed under "Cautionary Note Regarding Forward Looking Statements" above.

SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY RESULTS (unaudited)

The following table sets out selected unaudited quarterly financial information of Nautilus and is derived from the unaudited quarterly condensed consolidated interim financial statements which have been prepared by management in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") applicable to interim financial reports.

		2016			2017				2018
		Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Revenue	\$'M	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Loss for the period	\$'M	(3.7)	(4.0)	(2.7)	(2.4)	(2.7)	(2.5)	(2.0)	(2.5)
Basic and diluted loss per share	\$/share	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.004)	(0.004)	(0.004)	(0.004)	(0.003)	(0.004)

As Nautilus is currently a pre-production entity engaging in exploration activities there is a significant amount of variability in the quarterly expenditure of the Company depending on the timing of contract milestones and exploration campaigns. Below is a summary of the more significant fluctuations in results, excluding those resulting from foreign exchange movements.

Q2 2016

There were no significant matters to discuss in this quarter.

Q3 2016

The loss for the period reflected a decrease in expenditure across exploration, corporate social responsibility and development, relative to Q1 & Q2 2016. This reduced expenditure was offset by a significant increase in corporate costs due to employee termination costs resulting from the restructure of the Solwara 1 project delivery.

Q4 2016

The loss for the period reflected a decrease in expenditure across exploration, general and administration and development, relative to Q1, Q2 & Q3 2016. The reduced expenditure was a direct result of the restructure of the Solwara 1 project delivery.

Q1 2017

The loss for the period reflected an increase in expenditure across exploration due to the target generation cruise in the Bismarck Sea that took place during the quarter. This increase was offset by a reduction in general and administration expenditure. This was due to reduced travel, professional services and salary and wages for the period.

Q2 2017

The loss for the period reflected an increase in general and administration expenditure. This increase related primarily to professional services and directors fees paid during the quarter. This expenditure was offset by a reduction in exploration costs.

Q3 2017

The loss for the period reflected a decrease in CSR, general and administration and exploration expenditure. This decrease related primarily to the completion of the health patrol and New Ireland infrastructure projects that took place during quarter 2 2017. This reduced expenditure was offset by an increase in development costs resulting from PSV related costs.

Q4 2017

The loss for the period reflected an increase in general and administration expenditure for the quarter. These related primarily to professional services. This was offset by a gain in PSV related expenditure. This was due to the capitalisation of costs in Q4 2017 that had been expensed in Q3 2017. The gain in Q4 2017 reflects the reversal of these costs.

Q1 2018

The loss for the period reflected an increase in general and administration expenditure. These costs related to fees and finance charges associated with loans received during the quarter.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS – FOR THE PERIOD ENDED MARCH 31, 2018

The following discussion provides an analysis of the financial results of Nautilus:

Loss for the period

For the three months ended March 31, 2018, the Company recorded a loss of \$2.5 million (\$0.004 loss per share) compared to a loss of \$2.4 million (\$0.01 loss per share) for the same period in 2017. The primary variances were as follows:

Exploration

Exploration expense decreased to \$0.3 million (2017 - \$0.9 million). No exploration cruises took place during the quarter, which resulted in the significant decrease in geological services for the quarter.

	Nodule Exploration		SMS Exploration		Total Exploration	
	Three months ended		Three months ended		Three months ended	
	March 31,		March 31,		March 31,	
	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017
General and administration	-	-	4,306	9,748	4,306	9,748
Geological services	108,507	104	17,242	483,480	125,749	483,584
Mineral property fees	47,000	47,000	21,404	28,443	68,404	75,443
Professional services	20,772	47,313	3,878	644	24,650	47,957
Travel	636	-	9,583	49,348	10,219	49,348
Salary and wages	1,693	-	75,757	248,308	77,450	248,308
Total exploration expenditure	178,608	94,417	132,170	819,971	310,778	914,388

General & Administration

General & Administration expenditure increased to \$1.9 million (2017 - \$1.1 million). Professional services increased by \$0.3 million, which relates primarily to legal fees paid during the period. The company incurred \$0.5 million in finance charges in relation to loan amounts raised during the quarter. Salary and wages remained consistent during the reporting period.

	Three months ended	Three months ended
	March 31, 2018	March 31, 2017
Office and general	450,788	412,451
Professional services	271,712	18,648
Finance charges	542,149	-
Salary and wages	458,629	464,165
Shareholder related costs	65,093	54,376
Travel	57,031	29,434
Depreciation	58,771	74,255
Total general and administration expenditure	1,904,173	1,053,329

Corporate Social Responsibility

Corporate Social Responsibility decreased to \$0.2 million (2017 - \$0.6 million). Expenditure was lower during the quarter due to a reduction in community programs during the quarter.

Technology

Technology expense remained consistent at \$0.05 million (2017 - \$0.1 million).

Development – PSSV management

Development expenses remained consistent at \$0.02 million (2017 - \$0.02 million) during the period.

Foreign exchange

A foreign exchange loss of \$0.2 million was recorded during the quarter (2017 – gain \$0.2 million). The foreign exchange loss consists of realized gains and losses on actual cash transactions during the period and unrealized gains and losses on cash denominated in different currencies at the period end. The Company holds a “basket of currencies” to act as a natural hedge against its expected cash outflows and can therefore experience unrealized fluctuations at period end when cash balances are converted to US dollars for reporting purposes, as experienced during the current quarter.

Other income

Other income increased to \$0.1 million for the quarter (2016 – \$0.05 million) resulting from an increase in the joint venture management fee income.

Operating Losses

Overall, Nautilus’ operating loss increased to \$2.5 million for the period ended March 31, 2018, compared to \$2.4 million for the corresponding period in 2017. When adjusting the current year operating loss for the respective foreign currency exchange movements, the adjusted operating loss was \$2.3 million (2017 \$2.8 million), with the major impact coming from increased professional fees and finance charges associated with loans received during the quarter.

Cash flows

Operating activities

Cash used in operating activities was \$1.3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018, compared with the \$0.8 million of cash used in the corresponding period in 2017. The decrease was primarily related to changes in non cash working capital.

Investing activities

Cash used in investing activities was \$5.3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018 compared to \$8.8 million for the corresponding period in 2017, with the fluctuation representative of the milestone based contracts in place for the construction of the equipment.

Financing activities

Cash received from financing activities was \$6.7 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018, compared to \$2.0 million for the corresponding period in 2017. The increase was a result of loans received from Deep Sea Mining Finance Ltd during the quarter.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

The Company's financial objective is to ensure that it has sufficient liquidity in the form of cash and/or debt capacity to finance its ongoing requirements to support the Company's strategy of becoming the first company to commercially extract copper, gold, silver and zinc from the seafloor.

Key financial measures

The Company uses the following key financial measures to assess its financial condition and liquidity:

	March 31, 2018	March 31, 2017
Working Capital (Deficit)*	\$29.4 million	\$5.1 million
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$0.2 million	\$19.5 million

Under the Company's Investment Policy, cash cannot be invested for more than 90 days and must be held on deposit with banks with an S&P credit rating of A+ or better.

*Note, project partner contribution omitted.

Outlook, capital requirements and going concern

The Company's known contractual obligations at March 31, 2018, are quantified in the table below:

	March 31, 2018
	\$
<i>Non-cancellable commitments</i>	
Not later than 1 year	3,836,901
Later than 1 year and not later than 2 years	37,560,488
Later than 2 years and not later than 3 years	55,404,257
Later than 3 years and not later than 4 years	73,678,973
Later than 4 years and not later than 5 years	68,167,253
Later than 5 years	90,564,228
Total Commitments	<u>329,212,100</u>

The non-cancellable commitments as at March 31, 2018 include \$330.1 million for payments to be made under the charter party arrangement with MAC, and other related PSV costs, with an amended commencement date no later than September, 2019

The Company is involved in mineral exploration which is a high risk activity and relies on results from each exploration program to determine if areas justify any further exploration and the extent and method of appropriate exploration to be conducted.

The Company has no source of revenue and requires significant additional funding to be able to complete the build and deployment of the seafloor production system to be utilized at the Solwara

1 Project by the Company and its joint venture partner (as to 15%), the Independent State of Papua New Guinea's nominee.

In view of the Company's funding requirements, the Company continues to consider alternatives for securing immediate bridge financing to facilitate the time required to secure the significant additional project funding that is needed and/or to explore alternative transactions aimed at maximizing shareholder value.

In early January 2018, the Company commenced receiving secured bridge loans from Deep Sea Mining Finance Ltd. ("DSMF"), a private entity controlled by the Company's two largest shareholders. The bridge loans are intended to form part of a larger secured structured credit facility in the amount of up to \$34 million to be provided by DSMF to the Company (the "Facility"). The Company and DSMF are currently in the process of negotiating the definitive agreements for the Facility. Upon the execution of such definitive agreements, all of the existing bridge loans provided by DSMF to the Company will become loans under the Facility.

As at May 15, 2018 an amount of \$11.25 million in bridge loans has been advanced to the Company by DSMF and, in conjunction therewith, the Company has issued a total of 48,324,740 share purchase warrants to DSMF, each exercisable to purchase one common share of the Company at a price ranging from C\$0.17 to C\$0.23 for a period of five years from the date of issuance of the warrant.

The Company has reviewed all aspects of its business during this process and as result, has implemented certain measures aimed at preserving the Company's capital position. These measures include reducing the Company's workforce, terminating contracts for the construction of any seafloor production equipment that was in the early stages of development and not entering into any new construction contracts until further additional funding required is secured. Failure to secure project financing may result in the Company taking further steps aimed at maximizing shareholder value, including suspending or terminating the development of the seafloor production system and the Solwara 1 Project, and engaging in various transactions including, without limitation, asset sales, joint ventures and capital restructurings.

There can be no assurances that any transaction will result from these matters and any transaction will be subject to all necessary stock exchange and, if applicable, shareholder approvals as well as compliance with all other regulatory requirements.

The Company had previously disclosed that the Company was planning to commence initial production activities at the Solwara 1 Project during the third quarter of 2019, subject to securing project financing, finalizing the ship build contract delivery date between the shipyard and MAC Goliath Pte. Ltd. ("MAC") and finalizing the vessel equipment integration methodology (due in Q2 2018). As a result of the delays in securing the remaining project financing and delays in resolving the MAC default situation, the timing for initial production at the Solwara 1 Project is expected to be delayed past Q3 2019.

While the Company has been successful in securing financing in the past, there can be no assurance that it will be able to do so in the future. Nautilus' opinion concerning liquidity and its ability to avail itself in the future of the financing options mentioned above are based on currently available information. To the extent that this information proves to be inaccurate, future availability of financing may be adversely affected.

Factors that could affect the availability of funding include Nautilus' performance (as measured by various factors including the progress and results of its exploration work), the state of international debt and equity markets, investor perceptions and expectations of past and future performance, the global financial climate, metal and commodity prices, political events in the south Pacific, obtaining operating approvals from the PNG government for the Solwara 1 Project, drilling and metallurgical testing results on the Company's tenements, ongoing results from environmental studies, engineering studies and detailed design and delivery of equipment. Current market conditions, the Company's history, current financial position of the Company, combined with the Company's contractual obligations as stated in the commitments above, give rise to a material uncertainty which may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern and, therefore, its ability to realize its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of business.

The consolidated financial statements do not reflect the adjustments to the carrying values of the assets and liabilities and the reported expenses and statement of financial position classifications that would be necessary were the going concern assumptions deemed to be inappropriate. These adjustments could be material.

Foreign currency exchange rate risk

The Company's operations are located in several different countries, including Canada, Australia, PNG, Tonga and Solomon Islands and require equipment to be purchased from several different countries. Nautilus has entered into key contracts in United States dollars and British pounds sterling. Future profitability could be affected by fluctuations in foreign currencies. The Company has not entered into any foreign currency contracts or other derivatives to establish a foreign currency protection program but may consider such actions in the future. As at March 31, 2018 the Company held all of its cash in USD

Interest rate risk

The Company holds cash and cash equivalents which earn interest at variable rates as determined by financial institutions. As at March 31, 2018, with other variables unchanged, a 0.1% increase (decrease) in the interest rate would have no significant effect on comprehensive loss.

Credit risk

The Company places its cash only with banks with an S&P credit rating of A+ or better.

The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date is the carrying value of cash and cash equivalents and other receivables.

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity of IFRS requires the use of judgements and estimates that affect the amount reported and disclosed in the consolidated financial statements and related notes. These judgements and estimates are based on management's knowledge of the relevant facts and circumstances, having regard to previous experience, but actual results may differ materially from the amounts included in the financial statements. Information about such judgements and estimation is contained in the accounting policies and notes to the financial statements, and the key areas are summarized below.

The area of judgment that has the most significant effect on the amounts recognized in these consolidated financial statements is the review of asset carrying values and impairment assessment.

Review of asset carrying values and impairment assessment

Property, plant and equipment and exploration and evaluation assets are considered for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate that their carrying amounts may not be recoverable. If an indicator is identified, the asset's recoverable amount is calculated and compared to the carrying amount. For the purpose of measuring recoverable amounts, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash flows (cash-generating units or "CGUs"). The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to dispose and value in use (being the present value of the expected future cash flows of the relevant asset or CGU). An impairment loss is recognized for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount.

The determination of fair value less costs to sell and value in use requires management to make estimates and assumptions about expected production, sales volumes, commodity prices, mineral resources, operating costs and future capital expenditures. The estimates and assumptions are subject to risk and uncertainty; hence, there is the possibility that changes in circumstances will alter these assumptions, which may impact the recoverable amount of the assets.

In considering whether any impairment indicators occurred in respect of the Company's long lived assets as at March 31, 2018, management took into account a number of factors such as long term metal prices, projected costs to operate equipment, availability and costs of finance, cost and state of completion of subsea equipment construction, exploration successes in other areas, the existence and terms of binding off-take agreements and the Company's market capitalization compared to its net asset value.

Management has concluded that there are no impairment indicators relating to the Company's long-lived assets as at March 31, 2018.

FUTURE ACCOUNTING CHANGES

IFRS 16 Leases will be effective for accounting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2019. IFRS 16 sets out the principles for the recognition, measurement, presentation and disclosure of leases for both parties to a contract. i.e. the customer ('lessee') and the supplier ('lessor'). The Company is in the process of assessing the impact on the financial statements of this new standard.

There are no other IFRS or IFRIC interpretations that are not yet effective that would be expected to have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

OUTSTANDING SHARE DATA

The following is a summary of the Company's outstanding share data as of May 15, 2018.

Common shares

A total of 684,030,995 common shares are outstanding including 9,245,000 restricted shares.

Restricted shares

A total of 9,250,000 restricted shares are issued and outstanding under the Company's share loan plan, with loan expiry dates ranging from July 2018 through to March 22, 2023. The weighted average issue price for the restricted shares is C\$0.24.

Stock Options

A total of 8,232,000 stock options are issued and outstanding, with expiry dates ranging from July 2018 through to March 2023. The weighted average exercise price for all stock options is C\$0.25. Each stock option entitles the holder to purchase one common share of the Company.

Warrants

A total of 48,324,740 share purchase warrants are issued and outstanding, with expiry dates ranging from January 2023 through to March 2023. The weighted average exercise price for all stock options is C\$0.19. Each warrant entitles the holder to purchase one common share of the Company.

INTERNAL CONTROLS

Internal control over financial reporting

There have been no material changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting since the year ended December 31, 2017 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, internal control over financial reporting.

ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Additional information regarding Nautilus Minerals Inc., including its Annual Information Form, is available on SEDAR at www.sedar.com and on the Company's website www.nautilusminerals.com.