



## **MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS** **Six Months Ended June 30, 2008**

### **General**

This Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") should be read in conjunction with the unaudited consolidated financial statements of the Company for the six months ended June 30, 2008 prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles. This MD&A is prepared as of August 14, 2008. All amounts are expressed in Canadian dollars unless otherwise indicated.

### **Business of the Company**

Fortuna Silver Mines Inc. is a mining company focused on producing silver and developing silver projects in Latin America. The Company's principal assets are the Caylloma poly metallic Mine in southern Peru and the San Jose Silver-Gold Project in southern Mexico.

### **Recent Developments and Highlights**

#### **Financial and Operating Results**

In the second quarter of 2008 the Company generated net income of \$2.39 million compared to a net loss of \$0.95 million for the corresponding quarter of 2007. Cash generated by operating activities before changes in working capital for the period was \$2.31 million compared to \$3.05 million in the corresponding quarter of 2007.

During the second quarter of 2008 the Company's Caylloma mine had its sixth consecutive quarter of production growth achieving 186,276 oz of silver production, which yields an increase of 33% and 56% with respect to the previous quarter and the same period in 2007 respectively. Silver production for the third quarter of 2008 is expected to be above 200,000 oz. Record throughput above 1,000 tpd was achieved early in July 2008 and the Company expects to maintain the full permitted average capacity for the plant of 1050 tpd from August 2008 onwards.

Cash production cost per tonne for the second quarter of 2008 was US\$46.92 and the corresponding unit net smelter return (NSR) was US\$97.79. (Cash production cost is a non-GAAP measure. See page 7 for reconciliation of cash production cost to the cost of sales in the consolidated statement of operations).

#### **San Jose Silver-Gold Project**

The Company and Continuum Resources Ltd. have issued a news release dated August 14, 2008 announcing that an agreement has been reached whereby Fortuna will acquire (the "Acquisition") all of the issued and outstanding securities of Continuum. The shares of both companies are listed on the TSX Venture Exchange.

The companies currently hold jointly the San Jose Project in Mexico (Fortuna 76%; Continuum 24%). As a result of the Acquisition, Fortuna will own 100% of the Project, thus strengthening its position in that country.

Continuum has 124,052,503 shares outstanding, and Fortuna will issue to the Continuum shareholders a total of 7.0 million shares, which is an exchange ratio of approximately 0.0564 of a share of Fortuna for every one Continuum share held. Stock options in Continuum held by non-insiders totaling 285,000 shares will be converted to options to purchase Fortuna shares, at the same ratio. No other rights to purchase Continuum shares will be outstanding at closing of the Acquisition.

The Acquisition is subject to regulatory and other approvals on behalf of both companies, and the recently announced private placement financing of Continuum has been cancelled. There will be no change of control or management of Fortuna.

### **Quarterly Information**

The following table provides information for the six fiscal quarters ended June 30, 2008:

		Quarters Ended					
		30-06-08	31-03-08	31-12-07	30-09-07	30-06-07	31-03-07
<b>Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 000</b>	7,848	6,834	7,930	9,201	8,797	5,739
<b>Mine operating income</b>	<b>\$ 000</b>	2,876	2,312	3,397	4,097	4,012	1,714
<b>*Operating income before stock-based compensation charge</b>	<b>\$ 000</b>	933	721	1,332	2,684	2,552	513
<b>Net Income (loss)</b>	<b>\$ 000</b>	2,388	(745)	1,411	(3,391)	947	(1,756)
<b>Net Income (loss) per share</b>							
	- basic	\$ 0.03	(0.01)	0.02	(0.05)	0.01	(0.03)
	- diluted	\$ 0.03	(0.01)	0.02	(0.05)	0.01	(0.03)

\*This item is equivalent to Mine operating income after deducting G&A expenses

### **Financial Results**

During the first semester of 2008 the Company generated \$14.68 million of sales compared to \$14.54 million in the same period of 2007. In US dollar terms, which is the currency under which sales take place, there was an increase of 13.5% in sales for the semester compared to the previous year. When broken down by type of concentrate; zinc concentrate sales in terms of tonnage increased 67% while unit value of concentrate decreased 57%. The latter decrease is explained by a reduction in the metal price of 34% and an increment in smelter treatment charges of US\$210 per ton of concentrate. In the case of lead-silver concentrate, sales in terms of tonnage increased by 64% while unit value of concentrate increased 14%. The latter increase is the combined result of an increment in metal prices of 31% and 27% for silver and lead respectively and higher smelter treatment charges of US\$330 per ton of concentrate.

The reduction in mine operating income as well as operating income in both quarters of 2008 compared to 2007 is attributable to reduced value of sales. This downward pressure on margins has been partially offset by higher production and head grades.

For the second quarter of 2008 the Company recorded net income of \$2.39 million compared to \$0.95 million in the corresponding quarter of 2007. Net income shows higher volatility than operating income as reported in the table above. This further volatility in net income is driven by stock based compensation charges, foreign exchange gain/(loss), and recently by unrealized gain (loss) on commodity contracts.

Total **cost of sales** for the second quarter of 2008 was \$4.97 million compared to \$4.79 million for the same period of 2007. While tonnage of concentrate sold in the second quarter of 2008 increased 63% compared to the corresponding quarter in 2007, this increase in percentage terms is not reflected in the change in cost of sales between the two comparative periods due to the significant increase achieved in head grades. Other things being equal, an increase in head grades will deliver higher concentrate production for equal or similar production costs. Another relevant factor affecting cost of sales is the larger life of mine estimate for purposes of depletion calculation being used in 2008.

**Selling and administrative expenses** for the second quarter of 2008 totalled \$1.94 million compared to \$1.46 million for the three months ended June 30, 2007. The increase is due mainly to higher corporate expenses associated with the growth in corporate activities as well as in the management team. A \$0.08 million increase in sale expenses at our Peruvian subsidiary was recorded due to higher concentrate sales. The stock based compensation charge totalled \$0.23 million for the three months ended June 30, 2008, compared to \$0.11 million for the three month period ended June 30, 2007.

**Interest and other income and expenses** in the second quarter of 2008 amounted to net income of \$0.23 million compared to net income of \$0.34 million for the three months ended June 30, 2007. This includes \$0.14 million of voluntary contributions for investments in the surrounding communities to our mining operations under an agreement subscribed with the Peruvian government in 2007.

**Net gain on commodity contract** for the second quarter of 2008 was \$2.24 million compared to nil in the corresponding quarter of 2007. The Company regularly enters into forward lead and zinc contracts with banks to fix the final settlement price of metal delivered in concentrates, where the final settlement price is yet to be set at a future quotational period according to contract terms, and has entered into a combination of option and forward contracts with a bank as part of a medium-term lead and zinc price protection program. The Company does not use hedge accounting (See section on financial instruments below for further detail).

**Interest and finance expenses** for the second quarter 2008 were \$0.03 million compared to \$0.04 million in the second quarter of 2007. These are related to capital lease financings for mining equipment in our Peruvian subsidiary.

**Foreign exchange gain** recorded for the second quarter of 2008 was \$0.42 million, compared to a loss of \$0.70 million for the three months ended June 30, 2007. The Company holds its foreign assets in US and local currencies. Under the temporal method for translation of financial statements which the Company currently uses, the gains and losses arising from the translation to the Canadian dollar are included in the statement of operations.

The \$1.16 million **Income tax provision** recorded in the second quarter of 2008 (2007: \$1.08 million) consisted of current income tax credit and future income tax expense. Current income tax credit recorded for the period, including the worker profit sharing plan regulated by Peruvian law was \$0.28 million (2007: nil). Future income tax expense, amounting to \$1.44 million (2007: \$1.08 million) relates mainly to temporary differences arising on amounts of mineral properties at Peruvian operations.

**Results of Operations**Peru – Caylloma Poly metallic Mine

Caylloma Mine	Quarters ended					
	30-Jun-08	31-Mar-08	31-Dic-07	30-Sep-07	30-Jun-07	31-Mar-07
<b>Tonnes milled</b>	80,121	70,408	68,615	65,806	63,806	52,687
<b>Average tons milled per day</b>	910	800	754	715	701	579
<b>Grade per tonne</b>						
Silver (oz)	2.75	2.64	2.43	2.45	2.29	2.23
Lead (%)	2.29	1.94	1.87	1.80	1.67	1.39
Zinc (%)	3.75	3.42	3.09	3.01	2.92	2.65
<b>Recoveries</b>						
Silver (%)	78.12	76.42	77.74	75.75	73.28	71.39
Lead (%)	88.94	87.26	87.51	88.50	89.22	88.59
Zinc (%)	87.58	86.45	85.09	86.51	86.22	84.16
<b>Production (metal contained)</b>						
Silver (oz)	186,276	140,239	139,433	132,450	119,110	95,473
Lead (tonnes)	1,633	1,189	1,124	1,049	952	646
Zinc (tonnes)	2,629	2,079	1,805	1,712	1,605	1,178
Unit cash production cost (US\$/tonne)	46.92	49.97	52.41	49.15	46.65	42.62
Unit Net Smelter Return (US\$/tonne)	97.79	97.70	118.41	133.70	123.65	90.26

After commencing production in late 2006 the 100% owned Caylloma mine had its sixth consecutive quarter of continuous production growth in the second quarter of 2008. This trend is explained by continuous increments in throughput as well as head grades. In the course of six quarters Caylloma has increased its quarterly throughput by 52% and its silver, lead and zinc output by 95%, 153%, and 123% respectively.

The processing plant has caught up with the mine and is currently operating at rates between 1,030 tpd and 1,060 tpd. With respect to the energy limitations mentioned in MD&A's for previous quarters, this increment in throughput has been achieved by gains in energy efficiency throughout the operation. Material production increments from current levels will require resolution of the energy project under consideration which involves ongoing negotiations that include neighboring mines.

The polymetallic Animas vein currently sources almost all mill feed. Development and preparation on four silver rich veins (San Cristobal, Bateas, Soledad, and Silvia) is currently underway with the objective of providing a high silver grade component of around 20% to the overall mine feed. Mining at San Cristobal is planned to commence sourcing the mill in September 2008 at a rate of 500 tonnes per month with grades of 12 oz/t with a later ramp up to 2,000 tonnes per month beginning April 2009. The mine plan for the other three structures will be laid out in the coming months as continued mine development allows the conversion of resources to reserves.

Bonanza silver grades on the north-east extension of the Bateas vein were discovered in the last quarter of 2007 as published on a March 10, 2008 news release. Highlights of the drilling on Bateas included 1.6 meters at 6,000 g/t Ag.

The main extraction level being developed in Animas 200 meters below current mine workings is advancing according to plan. This critical infrastructure item will open new production areas, serve as main haulage level reducing transportation cost and centralize other auxiliary mine services.

Cash production cost per tonne of treated ore for the first quarter of 2008 was US\$46.92 compared to US\$46.65 for the same period in 2007. With respect to the three preceding quarters the reduction in unit costs is the result of lower preparation activity as the mine has achieved its target capacity. (See page 7 for reconciliation of cash production cost to the cost of sales in the consolidated statement of operations).

The Company is working to publish its update resource estimate in the coming weeks. This new resource estimation will include drilling carried out in 2007 and early 2008. Current surface exploration and drilling on the Animas vein is focusing in an area named Nancy, on the northeast extension of the structure. Surface sampling and drilling conducted in Nancy during 2007 indicate the existence of a new mineralized shoot. The Company expects to disclose results during the third quarter once the current phase of follow up work is concluded.

### Mexico – San Jose Silver-Gold Project

#### *Trinidad Resource Estimation*

An updated geologic model for the Trinidad area of the San Jose Project was prepared based on 31,300 meters of drilling completed through the end of 2007. The updated geologic model was submitted to consulting group AMEC E&C Services, Inc. in March, followed by data analysis and geostatistical modeling of the mineralized zone. Based on AMEC's resource classification criteria, AMEC recommends a drill spacing of 31 meters for classification of resources in the indicated category. Drill spacing in the Trinidad Zone currently averages 64 meters.

Based on these findings, the Company has elected to carry out additional drilling and sampling focusing in the upper 250 meters of the deposit in order to convert a greater portion of the existing resources to the indicated category prior to proceeding with a prefeasibility study. Conversion of resources in the upper portion of the deposit will be accomplished by a combined surface drilling, underground drilling and underground development program. Two surface core drill rigs are currently working on-site and two additional drill rigs are anticipated to be on-site by the end of August. Development of the main access ramp continues and is projected to reach the existing sixth level by December. Surface drilling is also projected to be completed by December at which time the Company will proceed with the generation of a new resource estimate.

#### *Exploration of New Areas*

Exploration to date in the 50,000 hectare concession package held by the joint venture has identified a number of stream sediment and soil geochemical anomalies, warranting detailed investigation. Follow-up mapping and sampling in the San Jacinto, San Dionisio and Praxedis areas have identified outcropping low-sulphidation vein systems occurring in association with silicified and altered dacitic dome complexes. The veins are geochemically anomalous in gold and silver, with channel sample values ranging to 1.5 grams per tonne gold and 529 grams per tonne silver over 0.4 metre at Praxedis. In the El Rancho area, aerially extensive limestone-replacement jasperoids are present with strongly anomalous gold-in-soil values ranging to 1,165 parts per billion, silver-in-soil values ranging to 29.9 parts per million and arsenic-in-soil values ranging to greater than 10,000 parts per million. Detailed mapping and sampling are continuing in these areas to define specific drill targets to be tested this year.

### *Metallurgical Studies*

A detailed program of metallurgical sampling and testing is taking place. First phase of metallurgical tests is being conducted at the UNI metallurgical lab in Lima, Peru. Second phase tests will be carried out by an international lab still to be designated. A process flow sheet should be finalized by the end of the year in addition to basic engineering. Preliminary metallurgical tests conducted in 2005 by Resendiz labs in Mexico and Kappes Cassiday of the US, as well as recent mining and processing history of the Trinidad mineralization, indicate that recoveries of up to 85% for silver and gold are achievable with conventional flotation methods. The results of this program will be used in the pre-feasibility study.

### *Community Relations & Land Agreements*

Thirty three hectares of land covering the mineralized zone have been secured and the agreements duly registered in the Registro Agrario Nacional. An agreement with the local Ejido is being negotiated to serve as framework for further land acquisitions. Currently the Community Relations department is engaging local and surrounding communities through project presentations, site visits, and sustainable development and education programs.

### *Environmental Impact Statement (MIA)*

Clifton Associates is well advanced with the Manifiesto de Impacto Ambiental (MIA). Base line studies have been concluded and the document will be ready for filing with the environmental authorities once process design and basic engineering are completed by year end.

### *Industrial Water Supply*

Several potential water sources for the project have been identified and evaluated during this first half of the year. The company has advanced a scoping study on the alternative that considers the use of treated sewage from a nearby town. The objective is to move forward with the design and permitting of this alternative throughout the remainder of the year.

### *Underground Development*

The main access ramp has advanced 850 meters up to the date of this report and is expected to reach the projection of level 6 by December. The underground development plan is focused on developing levels 6 and 7 with the aim of assisting the resource conversion program to measured and indicated categories, testing long hole mining methods, and preparing stations to drill the deeper extensions of the deposit.

### Acquisitions

Fortuna is constantly evaluating new mining opportunities in order to meet our corporate objective of building significant silver inventory and cash flow, by acquiring advanced projects or operating mines from private parties in Latin America.

### Cash cost per tonne (non-GAAP measures)

Cash cost per tonne is a key performance measure that management uses to monitor performance. These performance measures have no meaning within Canadian Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (“Canadian GAAP”), and, therefore, amounts presented may not be comparable to similar data presented by other mining companies.

The following table presents a reconciliation of cash production costs per tonne of processed ore to the cost of sales in the consolidated statement of operations:

	CAD\$ \$'000	US\$ \$'000 @ 0.9897
<b>Cost of sales</b>	<b>4,972</b>	<b>4,921</b>
<b>Change in inventory (ore and concentrate stock piles)</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>Depletion, depreciation, and accretion</b>	<b>(1,207)</b>	<b>(1,195)</b>
<b>Total cash production cost</b>	<b>3,798</b>	<b>3,759</b>
<b>Total processed ore (tonnes)</b>		<b>80,121</b>
<b>Cash production cost per tonne of processed ore (US\$)</b>		<b>46.92</b>

### **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

The Company's cash resources and liquid investments as at June 30, 2008 were \$46.61 million compared to \$47.24 million as at December 31, 2007.

During the second quarter of 2008 cash generated by operating activities before changes in current assets and liabilities was \$2.31 million. Further liquidity contributed by changes in current assets and liabilities amounted to \$1.83 million, for total cash generated by operating activities of \$4.14 million.

During the second quarter of 2008 the Company invested a total amount of \$6.54 million in mineral properties and \$0.93 million in plant and equipment. Additionally, the investments in mining properties and projects in Mexico demanded total value added tax disbursements of \$0.45 million. This value added tax is refundable and is included as part of current assets as at June 30, 2008.

As at June 30, 2008, the Company had working capital of \$55.76 million compared to working capital of \$51.16 million at December 31, 2007.

Management believes the Company's cash position as well as its ongoing operation in Caylloma is sufficient to support the Company's operating and capital requirements on an ongoing basis. Actual funding requirements may vary from those planned due to further acquisition opportunities. Management believes it will be able to raise equity capital or access debt facilities as required in both the short and long term, but recognizes the uncertainty attached thereto.

### **Related Party Transactions**

The Company incurred charges from directors, officers, and companies having a common director or officer as follows:

	Six months ended June 30, 2008	Six months ended June 30, 2007
Mineral property costs – geological fees	\$000 -	\$000 45
Consulting fees	15	50
Salaries and wages	13	40
Management fees	508	115

These charges were measured at the exchange amount, which is the amount agreed upon by the transacting parties.

At June 30, 2008, due to related parties consists of approximately \$30,000 (December 31, 2007 - \$14,000) owing to an officer and to companies with a common director. These amounts were incurred as a result of shared administrative costs. These amounts are unsecured, non-interest bearing and payable in the normal course of business.

### **Critical Accounting Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the dates of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting periods. Significant items subject to such estimates and assumptions include the fair values of financial instruments and derivatives, determination of mineral reserves, the carrying amount of mineral property, plant and equipment, assay grades of metal concentrates sold, valuation of inventories and future income taxes, recoverability of receivables, provisions for asset retirement obligation and reclamation, fair value estimation of acquisitions and stock-based awards. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

### **Financial Instruments**

The carrying value of cash and cash equivalents, receivables, due from/to related parties and accounts payable and accrued liabilities approximate their fair value because of the short-term maturity of those instruments.

The Company enters into derivative contracts to manage its exposure to fluctuations in base metal prices. These consist of forward lead and zinc contracts with banks to fix the final settlement price of metal delivered in concentrates (QP hedges), where the final settlement price is yet to be set at a future quotational period according to contract terms, and combinations of options and forward contracts entered into with a bank as part of a medium-term lead and zinc price protection program. These contracts are marked-to-market at the end of each period, and the changes in estimated fair value are recorded as an unrealized gain (loss) on commodity contracts in the statement of operations. As at June 30, 2008 the Company estimated the fair value of the outstanding contracts at \$2.78 million and recorded a total gain in the statement of operations of \$2.24 million. Total cash settlement in favour of the Company for the second quarter of 2008 was \$0.16 million. The estimated fair value of derivative contracts was determined based on using applicable valuation techniques for commodity options with reference to the published marked prices for underlying commodities quoted at London Metal Exchange. The table below shows the change in the derivative asset carried in the balance sheet for the first quarter of 2008. The Canadian dollar amounts shown at the bottom of the table reflect the US dollar amounts translated into Canadian dollars for financial statement purposes.



	Balance Sheet	Statement of Operations	Cash Settlement		Balance Sheet
	Derivative asset	- (loss) + gain	- (gain) + loss		Derivative asset
	31/12/2007	S1 2008	S1 2008		30/06/2008
USD	US\$	US\$	US\$		US\$
<b>Positions Settled in S1 2008</b>	538,722	(227,839)	(310,883)		-
Medium Term hedges	538,722	(154,307)	(384,415)		
QP hedges		(73,533)	73,533		
					-
<b>Positions Still Open at 30/06/08</b>	887,354	1,862,428	-		2,749,781
Medium Term hedges	887,354	1,891,514	-		2,778,868
QP hedges	-	(29,086)	-		(29,086)
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,426,075</b>	<b>1,634,589</b>	<b>(310,883)</b>		<b>2,749,781</b>
<b>CAD</b>	<b>CAD</b>	<b>CAD</b>	<b>CAD</b>	FX adj.	<b>CAD</b>
Positions Settled in S1 2008	529,025	(229,552)	(313,220)	13,748	
Positions Still Open at 30/06/08	871,381	1,876,433		32,489	2,780,304
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,400,406</b>	<b>1,646,881</b>	<b>(313,220)</b>	<b>46,238</b>	<b>2,780,304</b>

The long-term investments into marketable securities are classified as available-for-sale and are measured at fair value at the end of each period. Fair value of these investments is determined based on published market prices of underlying securities. Change in fair values of available-for-sale marketable securities is recognized in other comprehensive income.

### Other Data

Additional information related to the Company is available for viewing at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

#### *Share Position and Outstanding Warrants and Options*

The Company's outstanding share position at May 14, 2008 is 85,331,659 common shares. In addition, a total of 17,968,335 share purchase warrants and incentive stock options are currently outstanding as follows:

<u>Type of Security</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Exercise Price</u>	<u>Expiry Date</u>
Warrants	8,588,000	\$2.30	July 11, 2009
	862,117	\$0.345	June 27, 2010
	<u>1,613,238</u>	\$0.345	November 17, 2010
	11,063,355		
Options	29,000	\$0.37	December 2, 2009
	30,000	\$0.80	July 24, 2010
	250,000	\$2.82	October 9, 2010

270,000	\$1.35	February 5, 2016
451,000	\$2.29	March 30, 2016
60,000	\$1.75	May 8, 2016
200,000	\$1.75	May 22, 2016
280,000	\$1.55	July 5, 2016
860,000	\$1.66	July 10, 2016
225,000	\$1.61	September 13, 2016
20,000	\$1.90	November 20, 2016
50,000	\$1.96	November 23, 2016
1,385,000	\$2.22	January 11, 2017
80,000	\$2.75	February 6, 2017
15,000	\$3.09	April 22, 2017
50,000	\$3.10	May 31, 2017
50,000	\$3.10	June 17, 2017
50,000	\$3.05	June 27, 2017
2,025,000	\$3.22	July 2, 2017
250,000	\$2.97	September 23, 2017
25,000	\$3.10	October 24, 2017
<u>250,000</u>	\$2.52	February 5, 2018
6,905,000		

### **Change in Accounting Policy**

Effective January 1, 2008, the Company adopted the following standards previously issued by the Canadian Accounting Standards Board. In accordance with the transitional provisions of these standards, the changes were adopted prospectively (if applicable), with no restatement of prior periods.

#### Section 1535 – Capital Disclosures

This Section establishes standards for disclosing information about an entity's capital and how it is managed. Disclosures include what is defined as capital, how it is managed, and whether externally imposed restrictions on capital are present.

#### Section 3031 - Inventories

This Section prescribes the accounting treatment for inventories and provides guidance on the determination of costs and its subsequent recognition as an expense, including any write-down to net realizable value. It also provides guidance on the cost formulas that are used to assign costs to inventories.

#### Section 3862 – Financial Instruments – Disclosures

This Section, in addition to Section 3863, replaces Section 3861 “Financial Instruments – Disclosure and Presentation” and requires entities to provide disclosure of quantitative and qualitative information in their financial statements that enable users to evaluate the significance of financial instruments for the entity's financial position and performance; and the nature and extent of risks arising from financial instruments to which the entity is exposed during the period and at the balance sheet date, and management's objectives, policies and procedures for managing such risks. Entities are required to disclose the measurement basis or bases used, and the criteria used to determine classification for different types of instruments.

#### Section 3863 – Financial Instruments – Presentation

This Section, in addition to Section 3862, replaces Section 3861 “Financial Instruments – Disclosure and Presentation”, and provides guidance on presentation of financial instruments as liabilities vs. equity and when

offsetting of financial assets and financial liabilities is appropriate. The adoption of this standard did not have a material impact on the Company's presentation of its financial instruments.

### **Forward Looking Information**

Certain statements contained in this MD&A and elsewhere constitute forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking statements involve a number of known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause the actual results, and performance of achievements of the Company to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date the statements were made, and readers are advised to consider such forward-looking statements in light of the risks set forth below.

### **Risks and Uncertainties**

The most significant risk affecting the profitability and viability of the Company's mining operations is the fluctuation of metal prices. Volatility of metal prices is high by historic measures and strong downturns on these prices can have significant adverse effects on the continuity of the Company's operations. In order to mitigate this risk in the medium term, the Company has put in place price protection strategies for approximately 50% of its zinc and lead metal production during twelve months from the original contract dates up to January 2009.

The Company's reporting currency is the Canadian dollar, however the Company's foreign assets as well as most of its commercial transactions are held and take place in US and local currencies. As a consequence, the financial results of the Company's operations as reported in Canadian dollars are subject to changes in value of the Canadian dollar relative to US and local currencies.

The business of mineral exploration and extraction involves a high degree of risk. Few properties that are in the exploration stage ultimately become producing mines. The Company's mineral properties are located in emerging nations and consequently may be subject to a higher level of risk compared to developed countries. Operations, the status of mineral property rights, title to the properties and the recoverability of amounts shown for mineral properties in emerging nations can be affected by changing economic, regulatory, and political situations.

### **Internal Controls**

No changes have been made to the Company's internal controls over financial reporting during the second quarter of 2008 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal controls over financial reporting.