

### CONDENSED INTERIM CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017

(Canadian dollars) (Unaudited)

Prepared by management - See Notice to Reader

#### **NOTICE TO READER**

Under National Instrument 51-102, Part 4, subsection 4.3 (3) (a), if an auditor has not performed a review of the condensed interim consolidated financial statements, they must be accompanied by a notice to this effect. These unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements have been prepared by management of the Corporation. Management have compiled the unaudited condensed interim consolidated statements of financial position of Erdene Resource Development Corporation as at March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017 and the unaudited condensed interim consolidated statements comprehensive loss, changes in equity and cash flows for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017. The Corporation's independent auditors have not audited, reviewed or otherwise attempted to verify the accuracy or completeness of the March 31, 2018 and 2017 condensed interim consolidated financial statements. Readers are cautioned that these statements may not be appropriate for their intended purposes.

Condensed Interim Consolidated Statements of Financial Position (Canadian dollars) (Unaudited)

	Notes		March 31, 2018		December 31, 2017
ASSETS					
Current assets:					
Cash		\$	2,251,684	\$	3,225,202
Receivables			175,139		148,069
Prepaid expenses			53,244		47,479
			2,480,067		3,420,750
Non-current assets:					
Exploration and evaluation assets	4		12,261,223		11,394,843
Property, plant and equipment			138,073		130,283
			12,399,296		11,525,126
TOTAL ASSETS		\$	14,879,363	\$	14,945,876
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LIABILITIES & EQUITY					
Current liabilities:					
Trade and other payables		\$	217,580	\$	191,600
TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$	217,580	\$	191,600
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SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	6	\$	100,060,095	\$	99,890,270
Share capital Contributed surplus	0	Ф	13,830,282	Φ	
Accumulated other			13,030,202		13,775,386
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comprehensive loss Deficit			(510,406) (98,718,188)		(894,855) (98,016,525)
Delicit			14,661,783		14,754,276
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		\$	14,879,363	\$	14,945,876

Commitments (Note 5) Comparative figures (Note 9)

Approved on behalf of the Board:

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

Signed "Peter C. Akerley"

Director

Signed "John P. Byrne"

Director

Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Loss (Canadian dollars) (Unaudited)

# For the three months ended March 31.

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	Notes		2018		2017	
Exploration expenses		\$	226,587	\$	150,542	
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Corporate and administration	7		486,608		460,898	
Foreign exchange loss (gain)			278		(1,227)	
Loss from operating activities			713,473		610,213	
Finance income			11,810		14,613	
Net loss		\$	701,663	\$	595,600	
Other comprehensive income:						
Foreign currency translation difference						
arising on translation of foreign subsidiaries			384,449		85,642	
Other comprehensive income			384,449		85,642	
Total comprehensive loss		\$	317,214	\$	509,958	
Pagin and diluted loss per share		\$	0.00	\$	0.00	
Basic and diluted loss per share		<b></b>	0.00	Φ	0.00	
Basic and diluted weighted average						
number of shares outstanding			146,036,264		134,120,581	

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**Consolidated Statements of Changes in Equity** 

(Canadian dollars) (Unaudited)

		Number of		Contributed	Accumulated other	<b>.</b>	
	Notes	shares	Share capital	surplus	comprehensive loss	Deficit	Total equity
Balance at January 1, 2017		126,810,031	\$ 86,783,669	\$ 11,952,465	\$ (636,283)	\$ (93,989,060)	\$ 4,110,791
Total comprehensive loss for the period:							
Net loss		-	-	-	-	(595,600)	(595,600)
Other comprehensive loss		-	-	-	85,642	-	85,642
Private placements, net of share issue costs	6	18,465,555	12,955,971	322,597	-	-	13,278,568
Options exercised	6	115,000	28,805	(8,805)			20,000
Share-based compensation		-	-	32,565	-	-	32,565
Total transactions with owners		18,580,555	12,984,776	346,357	-	-	13,331,133
Balance at March 31, 2017		145,390,586	\$ 99,768,445	\$12,298,822	\$ (550,641)	\$ (94,584,660)	\$ 16,931,966
Balance at January 1, 2018		145,963,086	\$ 99,890,270	\$ 13,775,386	\$ (894,855)	\$ (98,016,525)	\$ 14,754,276
Total comprehensive loss for the period:							
Net loss		-	-	-	-	(701,663)	(701,663)
Other comprehensive income		-	-	-	384,449	•	384,449
Options exercised	6	437,500	169,825	(60,450)			109,375
Share-based compensation		-	-	115,346			115,346
Total transactions with owners		437,500	169,825	54,896	-	-	224,721
Balance at March 31, 2018		146,400,586	\$ 100,060,095	\$ 13,830,282	\$ (510,406)	\$ (98,718,188)	\$ 14,661,783

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**Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows** (Canadian dollars)

(Unaudited)

For the period ended March 31.

		March :	31,	
	Notes	2018	2017	
Cash flows from operating activities:				
Net loss	\$	(701,663) \$	(595,600)	
Items not involving cash:			,	
Depreciation and amortization		5,042	3,632	
Share-based compensation		115,346	32,565	
Finance income		(11,810)	(14,613)	
Foreign exchange loss (gain)		278	(1,227)	
Change in non-cash working capital		(5,631)	43,048	
Cash flows from operating activities		(598,438)	(532,195)	
Cash flows from financing activities:				
Issue of common shares for cash, net of issue costs	6	-	13,278,568	
Proceeds on exercise of stock options	6	109,375	20,000	
Cash flows from financing activities		109,375	13,298,568	
Cash flows from investing activities:				
Expenditures on exploration and evaluation assets		(491,319)	(367,797)	
Expenditures on property, plant and equipment		(8,301)	(601)	
Interest received		11,810	14,613	
Cash flows from investing activities		(487,810)	(353,785)	
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Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents		3,355	3,144	
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		(973,518)	12,415,732	
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period		3,225,202	1,071,209	
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$	2,251,684 \$	13,486,941	

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

Notes to Condensed Interim Consolidated Financial Statements (Canadian dollars) (Unaudited)

For the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017

#### 1. Nature of operations

Erdene Resource Development Corporation (the "Corporation") is a corporation domiciled in Canada. The address of the Corporation's registered office is 1300-1969 Upper Water Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3J 2V1. The consolidated financial statements of the Corporation as at and for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017 comprise the Corporation and its subsidiaries. The principal business of the Corporation is the exploration and development of mineral deposits. The Corporation is primarily focused on the exploration of precious and base metal deposits in Mongolia.

#### 2. Going concern

These condensed interim consolidated financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, which assumes the Corporation will continue in operation for the foreseeable future and will be able to realize its assets and discharge its liabilities and commitments in the normal course of business. In assessing whether the going concern assumption is appropriate, management takes into account all available information about the future, which is at least, but is not limited to, twelve months from the end of the reporting period. However, in making its assessment, management is aware of material uncertainties related to events or conditions that cast significant doubt upon the Corporation's ability to continue as a going concern, as described in the following paragraphs.

The Corporation is in the exploration stage and is subject to the risks and challenges similar to other companies in a comparable stage of exploration. These risks include, but are not limited to, dependence on key individuals, successful exploration results and the ability to secure adequate financing to meet the minimum capital required to successfully advance the projects and continue as a going concern.

The Corporation experienced significant losses and negative cash flows from operations for the interim period ended March 31, 2018 and for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 and had a deficit of \$98,718,188 at March 31, 2018. The Corporation had working capital of \$2,262,487 at March 31, 2018, compared to \$3,229,150 at December 31, 2017, representing a \$966,663 decrease. Management estimates current working capital is sufficient to fund the Corporation's planned expenditures until the end of the second quarter of 2018; which could be extended with the deferral of planned expenditures if deemed necessary. The ability of the Corporation to continue as a going concern, realize its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of business and continue with, or expand upon its exploration programs is contingent upon securing equity financing, entering joint venture agreements or monetizing assets. The timing and availability of additional financing will be determined largely by market conditions and the results of the Corporation's ongoing exploration programs. There is no certainty that the Corporation will be able to raise funds as they are required in the future.

These consolidated financial statements do not reflect the adjustments that would be necessary if the going concern assumption were not appropriate. If the going concern basis was not appropriate, then adjustments would be necessary to the carrying amounts of the assets, the reported revenues and expenses, and the statement of financial position classifications used.

Notes to Condensed Interim Consolidated Financial Statements (Canadian dollars) (Unaudited)

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#### 3. Basis of presentation

Statement of compliance

These condensed interim consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") applicable to the preparation of interim financial statements, including IAS 34, Interim Financial Reporting ("IAS 34").

These financial statements were prepared using the same accounting policies and methods of computation and are subject to the same use of estimates and judgments, as the Corporations consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2017. They do not include all the disclosures that would otherwise be required in a complete set of financial statements and should be read in conjunction with the Corporation's 2017 annual consolidated financial statements which have been prepared in accordance with IFRS.

The condensed interim consolidated financial statements were authorized for issue by the Board of Directors on May 11, 2018.

#### 4. Exploration and evaluation assets

	Khundii Gold	Tse					Ulaan & Other	Total	
Balance, January 1, 2017	\$ 1,786,195	\$	551,271	\$	728,164	\$	581	\$ 3,066,211	
Additions  Effect of movements in exchange rates	6,109,190 (179,997)		1,480,569 (46,396)		74,062 (36,431)		949,326 (21,691)	8,613,147 (284,515	5)
Balance, December 31, 2017	\$ 7,715,388	\$	1,985,444	\$	765,795	\$	928,216	\$ 11,394,843	3
Balance, January 1, 2018 Additions	\$ 7,715,388 371,729	\$	1,985,444 118,202	\$	765,795 -	\$	928,216 1.388	\$ 11,394,843 491,319	
Effect of movements in exchange rates Balance, March 31, 2018	250,373 \$ 8,337,490	\$	65,128	\$	30,780 796,575	\$	28,780 958,384	375,061 \$ 12,261,223	1_

The Corporation's mineral exploration and mining licenses in Mongolia are held by its subsidiaries, Erdene Mongol LLC, Anian Resources LLC and Leader Exploration LLC. Mineral exploration licenses are valid for a period of three years and, through renewals, can be extended to a maximum of twelve years, subject to minimum work requirements. Mining licenses are issued for an initial term of 30 years with two 20-year extensions possible. These rights are held in good standing through the payment of an annual license fee.

#### Khundii

The license is located in Bayankhongor province in Mongolia. The 4,514 hectare Khundii license includes the Bayan Khundii and Altan Arrow gold prospects. The license has an annual renewal in April. On July 1, 2016, the Corporation began capitalizing exploration costs on the property in accordance with its capitalization policy. Prior to this, the Corporation only capitalized the license costs associated with Khundii.

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#### 4. Exploration and evaluation assets (continued)

#### Tsenkher Nomin

The license is located in Bayankhongor province in Mongolia. The 4,669 hectare Tsenkher Nomin license includes the Altan Nar gold, silver, lead, zinc prospect and has an annual renewal in December. On January 1, 2015, having received the initial resource estimate for the Altan Nar prospect, the Corporation began capitalizing exploration costs on the property in accordance with its capitalization policy. Prior to 2015, the Corporation only capitalized the license costs associated with Altan Nar.

#### Zuun Mod/Khuvyn Khar

The Zuun Mod property contains a molybdenum-copper resource. The property is located in Bayankhongor Province southwest of Ulaanbaatar. The mining license was issued in 2011 (consisting of 6,041 hectares) and the second contiguous mining license was issued in the third quarter 2012 (consisting of 358 hectares). The Mining License is valid for an initial 30-year term with provision to renew the license for two additional 20-year terms.

#### Ulaan & Other

On August 30, 2017 the Corporation acquired a 51% interest in the Ulaan exploration license, situated immediately adjacent to its high-grade Bayan Khundii gold project, with the option to acquire up to 100%. The Ulaan exploration license covers an area of approximately 1,780 hectares. Erdene acquired 51% of the outstanding shares of Leader Exploration LLC, a private Mongolian company that currently owns the property, for US\$750,000. Provided Erdene spends a minimum of US\$600,000 on work expenditures on the property over three years, it has the right to acquire the remaining 49% of the shares of Leader or, at Erdene's option, a portion of the property, for the then fair market value of the property or the portion to be acquired. Erdene may extend the option beyond three years by spending a minimum of US\$100,000 per annum on work expenditures.

#### **Teck Alliance**

In April 2013, the Corporation entered into an agreement with Teck Resources Limited ("Teck"), to fund and explore the Corporation's mineral tenements in the Trans Altai region of southwest Mongolia. Following the March 2017 acquisition of 543,478 shares for \$500,000, Teck has invested a total of \$3.0 million to December 31, 2017, thus fulfilling its investment commitment; and owned 8.7% of the outstanding shares of the Corporation at March 31, 2018 (2017 – 8.7%). Under the Teck Alliance, two licenses were staked in early 2015. Both are located in Govi-Altai province and total 1,552 hectares and both have June annual renewal dates. No major exploration work has been completed on these licenses to date.

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#### 4. Exploration and evaluation assets (continued)

#### Sandstorm Gold Ltd. Royalty Agreement

On April 21, 2016 the Corporation closed concurrent transactions with Sandstorm Gold Ltd. ("Sandstorm") for total consideration of \$2,500,000. In the first transaction Sandstorm was granted a 2% net smelter returns royalty ("NSR Royalty") on Erdene's Tsenkher Nomin and Khundii licenses in Exchange for 321,888 shares of Sandstorm with a value of \$1,500,000, the price being based on the 10 day volume weighted average price as at April 14, 2016. The second transaction was the issuance of 5 million Erdene shares from treasury to Sandstorm at \$0.20 per share for \$1,000,000 in cash consideration. The shares issued to Sandstorm were subject to an 18 month hold period that expired October 14, 2017. Erdene has a 3-year option to buy-back 50% of the NSR Royalty for \$1.2 million, to reduce the NSR Royalty to 1.0% which expires April 21, 2019. Sandstorm has been given a right of first refusal on future stream and/or royalty financings related to the Khundii and/or Tsenkher Nomin licenses.

The Corporation sold the shares in Sandstorm in 2016 realizing gross proceeds of \$1,981,064 and recognized a gain of \$481,064.

#### 5. Commitments

Operating lease rentals are payable as follows:

	March 31,	December 3 <sup>o</sup>	ember 31,	
	2018	2017		
Less than 1 year	62,936	62,93	36	
Between 1 and 5 years	26,223	41,95	57	
Total	\$ 89,159	\$ 104,89	93	

The Corporation has an operating lease for office space in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia that expires August 31, 2019.

In 2018, minimum exploration expenditures of USD\$1.50 per hectare are required on the Corporation's Tsenkher Nomin and Khundii licenses (USD\$7,004 and USD\$6,771 respectively).

The Corporation must spend a total of USD\$600,000 over three years in order to have the right to purchase any or all of the remaining 49% of Leader (Ulaan). The Corporation can extend the option period beyond three years by spending an additional USD\$100,000 per year on exploration work (see Note 4).

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#### 6. Share Capital

During the three months ended March 31, 2018, the Corporation issued 437,500 shares on the exercise of options, generating gross proceeds of \$109,375.

In the first quarter of 2018, 250,000 options were granted at a weighted average exercise price of \$0.42. The fair value of each option granted is estimated at the time of grant using the Black-Scholes option pricing model and resulted in a charge of \$74,500 (2017 - \$0) to share based compensation included in corporate and administration expenses.

During the three months ended March 31, 2018, the Corporation granted 97,254 DSUs with a fair value of \$0.42 per DSU (2017 - 37,429 DSUs with fair value of \$0.87 per DSU). The fair value of \$40,847 (2017 - \$32,565) was charged to share based compensation included in exploration expenses and corporate and administration expenses.

On February 23, 2017, the Corporation closed a bought deal common share private placement financing for gross proceeds to the Corporation of \$13.8 million. The offering was led by Paradigm Capital Inc., with a syndicate including Canaccord Genuity Corp. (collectively, the "Underwriters"). The Corporation issued an aggregate of 17,922,077 common shares at a price of \$0.77 per share, including the full exercise of the Underwriters 15% over-allotment option. In consideration for their services, the Underwriters received a cash commission of \$828,000 representing 6% of the gross proceeds and 1,075,324 compensation options representing 6% of the shares issued pursuant to the offering. Each compensation option entitles the holder to purchase one share for \$1.20 per share until February 22, 2019 and had a fair value on the grant date of \$322,597 (\$0.30 per compensation option).

On March 20, 2017 the Corporation closed a non-brokered private placement with Teck by issuing 543,478 shares at a price of \$0.92 for gross proceeds of \$500,000. This fulfills Teck's annual equity investment obligation pursuant to the agreement outlined in Note 4.

#### 7. Corporate and administration

	For the period ended March 31,		
	2018	2017	
Administrative services	\$ 121,293	\$ 103,402	
Depreciation and amortization	1,499	1,699	
Directors fees and expenses	24,035	41,233	
Investor relations and marketing	65,171	123,471	
Office and sundry	29,383	30,062	
Professional fees	62,302	34,223	
Regulatory compliance	60,322	46,341	
Share-based compensation	106,154	27,165	
Travel and accommodations	16,449	53,302	
	\$ 486,608	\$ 460,898	

Notes to Condensed Interim Consolidated Financial Statements (Canadian dollars) (Unaudited)

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#### 8. Financial instruments

#### Credit Risk:

The carrying amount of financial assets represents the maximum credit exposure. The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date was:

	Carrying Amount	
	March 31, December	r 31,
	2018 2017	
Cash	<b>\$ 2,251,684</b> \$ 3,225	,202
Receivables	<b>175,139</b> 148	,069
	<b>\$ 2,426,823</b> \$ 3,373	,271

The Corporation manages credit risk by holding the majority of its cash with a Canadian Schedule I bank, where management believes the risk of loss to be low. At March 31, 2018, \$137,402 or approximately 6% of the balance of cash was held in banks outside Canada (December 31, 2017 - \$113,555 or 4%).

Receivables include an amount from Morien Resources Corp ("Morien"). The Corporation has an agreement to provide management services to Morien, invoiced monthly. Morien accounted for 13% of receivables at March 31, 2018 (December 31, 2017 – 18%). Management believes the credit risk on amounts receivable is low.

#### Liquidity Risk:

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Corporation will encounter difficulty in meeting the obligations associated with its financial liabilities that are settled by delivering cash or another financial asset. The Corporation's approach to managing liquidity is to ensure, to the extent possible, that it will always have sufficient liquidity to meet its liabilities when due, under both normal and stressed conditions. As of March 31, 2018, the Corporation had a cash balance of \$2,251,684 (December 31, 2017 - \$3,225,202) to settle current liabilities of \$217,580 (December 31, 2017 - \$191,600).

#### Market Risk:

Market risk is the risk of loss that may arise from changes in market factors such as interest rates, foreign exchange rates, and commodity and equity prices.

#### a) Interest rate risk

As of March 31, 2018, the Corporation has no interest-bearing debt and is not exposed to any significant interest rate risk.

#### b) Foreign currency risk

The Corporation operates in Mongolia, giving rise to foreign currency risk. To limit the Corporation's exposure to this risk, cash balances are primarily held with high quality financial institutions in Canada. Based on the timing of the Corporation's exploration programs, foreign currencies may be purchased in advance of expenditures to lock in favourable rates in line with the Corporation's budgets, otherwise the Corporation does not use any form of hedging against fluctuations in foreign exchange.

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#### 8. Financial instruments (continued)

#### b) Foreign currency risk (continued)

The Corporation's exposure to US dollar currency risk was as follows:

	N	March 31,		cember 31,
		2018		2017
Cash	\$	241,423	\$	212,116
Trade and other receivables			\$	7,424
Trade and other payables		(41,913)	)	(13,767)
	\$	199,510	\$	205,773

Sensitivity to a plus or minus 10% change in the US dollar exchange rate would affect net loss and comprehensive loss and deficit by approximately \$20,000 (December 31, 2017 - \$20,600).

The Corporation's exposure to Mongolian Tugrik currency risk was as follows:

	N	March 31,		cember 31,
		2018		2017
Cash	\$	14,795	\$	25,328
Trade and other receivables		10,260		7,158
Trade and other payables		(21,190)		(71,012)
	\$	3,865	\$	(38,526)

Sensitivity to a plus or minus 10% change in the Mongolian Tugrik would affect net loss and comprehensive loss and deficit by approximately \$400 (December 31, 2017 - \$3,900).

#### c) Price risk

The Corporation's financial instruments are not exposed to any direct price risk other than that associated with commodities and how fluctuations impact companies in the mineral exploration and mining industries as the Corporation has no significant revenues.

#### Fair Value:

The fair value hierarchy of assets and liabilities measured at fair value on the consolidated statements of financial position or disclosed in the notes to the financial statements is as follows:

	March 31,		December 31,		
	2018			2017	
		Level 1		Level 1	
Assets measured at fair value:					
Cash	\$	2,251,684	\$	3,225,202	

Notes to Condensed Interim Consolidated Financial Statements (Canadian dollars) (Unaudited)

For the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017

#### 9. Comparative figures

Certain comparative information for 2017 has been reclassified to conform to the presentation adopted in the 2018 financial statements.



# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Quarter ended March 31, 2018

#### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS Quarter ended March 31, 2018

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This Management Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A"), dated May 11, 2018, relates to the operating results and financial condition of Erdene Resource Development Corporation ("Erdene" or the "Company" or the "Corporation") and should be read in conjunction with the Corporation's unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements for the years ended March 31, 2018 and 2017 and the notes thereto. The condensed interim consolidated financial statements of the Corporation have been prepared in Canadian dollars in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS").

This discussion includes certain statements that may be deemed "forward-looking statements". All statements in this discussion, other than statements of historical fact, that address reserve potential, exploration drilling, exploitation activities, budgeted financial results and events or developments that the Corporation expects, are forward-looking statements. Although the Corporation believes the expectations expressed in such forwardlooking statements are based on reasonable assumptions (including, but not limited to, assumptions in connection with the continuance of the Corporation and its subsidiaries as a going concern, general economic and market conditions, mineral prices, and the accuracy of mineral resource estimate), such statements are not guarantees of future performance and actual results or developments may differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in forwardlooking statements include market prices, exploration and evaluation results, continued availability of capital and financing and general economic, market or business conditions.

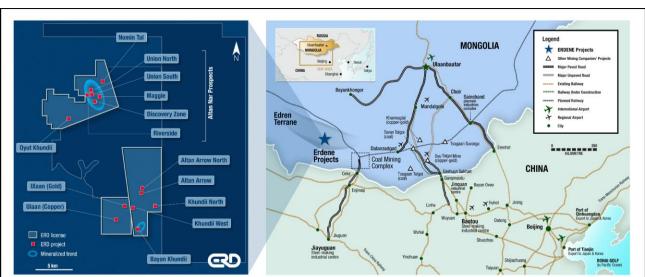
The risk factors identified above are not intended to represent a complete list of the factors which could affect the Corporation. Additional factors are noted under "Risk Factors" in the Corporation's Annual Information Form for the year ended December 31, 2017, a copy of which is available on the Corporation's SEDAR document page at www.sedar.com.

Any financial outlook or future-oriented financial information in this MD&A, as defined by applicable securities legislation, has been approved by management of the Corporation as of the date of this MD&A. Such financial outlook or future oriented financial information is provided for the purpose of providing information about management's current expectations and plans relating to the future. Readers are cautioned that such outlook or information should not be used for purposes other than for which it is disclosed in this MD&A.

### **First Quarter Highlights**

#### **Summary**

- The Corporation has discovered multiple high-grade gold and base metal prospects and deposits in a previously unexplored region of southwest Mongolia now identified as the Khundii gold district.
- The Corporation's recent exploration programs have concentrated on defining and expanding gold mineralized zones on its two, 100%-owned, flagship projects, Bayan Khundii and Altan Nar (16 kilometres apart), while exploring for and testing additional gold targets within the surrounding district.
- On April 11, 2018, the Corporation announced the commencement of its 2018 field work, including a drill program at Bayan Khundii which is initially focused on the new North Midfield Zone where late 2017 drilling returned the highest grade gold zone at Bayan Khundii since discovery. This drilling is testing for extension and continuity of structurally-controlled high-grade gold feeder zones in multiple locations and will be followed by gradual step-out drilling to define the perimeter of the Bayan Khundii gold system in advance of an anticipated Q3-Q4 2018 maiden resource estimate.
- On May 8, 2018, the results from six holes drilled in the North Midfield Zone were announced and confirmed strong continuity within this high-grade zone, with all holes intersecting visible gold mineralization and assays ranging from 22 to 169 g /t gold. Drill results for hole BKD-238, drilled in the core of the North Midfield Zone, returned 18 metres of 21.6 g/t gold, including 2 metres of 169 g/t gold.
- On May 10, 2018, subsequent to the end of Q1, the Corporation announced significant increases in the Altan Nar resource estimate. The Indicated gold equivalent ("AuEq") resource increased by 208% and the Inferred AuEq resource increased by 172%, compared to the 2015 mineral resource estimate. The Indicated Resource of 452,900 ounces ("oz") AuEg averaged 2.8 g/t AuEg and the Inferred Resource of 277,100 oz AuEq averaged 2.5 g/t AuEq, within a total resource of 5.0 million tonnes ("Mt") Indicated and 3.4 Mt Inferred.
- The Bayan Khundii drill program will be followed by drill testing of additional targets within the Khundii gold belt at the Corporation's neighboring Altan Arrow, Khundii North and Ulaan projects later in Q2/Q3 2018.



Erdene's emerging Khundii Gold District in southwest Mongolia

#### Bayan Khundii Gold Project - 100% Erdene

- The 2017 drill program at Bayan Khundii doubled the established continuity of significant gold mineralization over a 1.3 kilometre long trend that is locally up to 450 metres wide and remains open. To the end of 2017, approximately 18% of holes had intersected greater than one ounce of gold per tonne (31.1 g/t) over 1 metre intervals. These holes are located across the Bayan Khundii deposit area and demonstrate the consistent, high-grade nature of this deposit.
- The Corporation's 2018 drill program at Bayan Khundii is designed to:
  - Test high priority structural targets, principally within the North Midfield and Midfield zones, based on the structural interpretation and greater understanding of controls on mineralization completed in Q4-2017 by Dr. Armelle Kloppenburg, which led to the discovery of the ultra high-grade intersection (2,200 g/t gold over 1 metre) in hole BKD-231;
  - Complete closer-spaced drilling within the Striker, Midfield, and North Midfield zones to establish stronger continuity of gold mineralization within very high-grade gold domains that is anticipated to lead to higher levels of confidence in their definition and associated gold grades for incorporation in the Corporation's Q3-2018 maiden mineral resource estimate; and,
  - Test select areas within the larger 1.2 kilometre trend that demonstrate good potential for establishing additional extensions to mineralization or to identify new mineralized zones.
- With the completion of the first six holes of the 2018 drilling program at the North Midfield Zone, announced on May 8, 2018, the Corporation has completed 39,495 metres at Bayan Khundii in 240 drill holes since the first hole in Q4 2015.

#### North Midfield Zone

- In January 2018, the Corporation announced the discovery of ultra high-grade gold mineralization in a step-out hole in the North Midfield Zone testing a structural target, where hole BKD-231 returned the highest grade to date with 2200 g/t gold over 1 metre, within 14 metres of 158 g/t gold (BKD-231), delineating an important new target area that is being follow-up in Q2-2018 with closerspaced drilling.
- The BKD-231 intersection confirmed excellent continuity down-dip from earlier, near-by holes that included: BKD-110: 1 metre of 115 g/t gold and 1 metre of 108 g/t gold within 20 metres of 7.2 g/t gold; and BKD-111: 1 metre of 44 g/t gold and 1 metre of 33 g/t gold within 25 metres of 5.3 g/t gold.
- A comprehensive, independent structural study was completed at Bayan Khundii in Q4-2017 by Dr. Armelle Kloppenburg that assisted with the targeting of hole BKD-231, which is thought to be proximal to where major, deep-seated structures have intersected the northeast-trending hanging wall of the Bayan Khundii gold system.
- Additional drilling north of the Midfield Zone, also reported in January 2018, returned 22 metres of 8.3 g/t gold, within 36.5 metres of 5.6 g/t gold (BKD-232).
- Subsequent to the end of Q1, the results from six holes drilled in the North Midfield Zone, were announced on May 8, 2018, confirmed strong continuity within this high-grade zone, with all six holes intersecting visible gold mineralization and assays ranging from 22 to 169 g/t gold. Drill results for hole BKD-238, drilled in the core of the North Midfield Zone, returned very high grades, with 18 metres of 21.6 g/t gold, including 2 metres of 169 g/t gold.

#### Midfield Zone

- In 2017, the Corporation's Midfield Zone drilling confirmed that mineralization is more proximal to surface than previously thought (locally 24 metres vertical depth) and also confirmed greater depth of gold mineralization, with results including:
  - BKD-92: 2 metres of 113 g/t gold within 72 metres of 4.0 g/t gold;
  - BKD-98: 2 metres of 192 g/t gold within 80 metres of 6.0 g/t gold;
  - BKD-99: 4 metres of 69 g/t gold within 56 metres of 6.1 g/t gold;
  - BKD-150: 2 metres of 53.6 g/t gold within 17 metres of 8.2 g/t gold; and
  - BKD-230: 3 metres of 36.8 g/t gold within 18 metres of 7.2 g/t gold.
- While most of the drilling in the Midfield Zone has focused on extending the northern limits of the mineralized zone, hole BKD-210, located 80 metres east of Midfield's eastern boundary, returned 43 metres of 1.8 g/t gold (BKD-210) and included gold values up to 44.8 g/t, establishing a new eastern extension to the Midfield Zone.
- Drilling in Q2 2018 is designed to confirm and extend zones of gold mineralization.

#### Striker Zone

- While all 51 holes within the Striker Zone have intersected anomalous gold mineralization, approximately 70% have returned high-grade results with intervals of greater than 10 g/t gold, including up to 306 g/t gold. Recent 2017 drilling returned:
  - BKD-196: 1 metre of 43.1 g/t gold within 22 metres of 2.4 g/t gold;
  - BKD-222: 1 metre of 139 g/t gold within 23 metres of 6.7 g/t gold; and
  - BKD-227: 2 metres of 19.6 g/t gold, 1 metre of 111 g/t gold and 1 metre of 40 g/t gold, within 61 metres of 4.2 g/t gold.
- Step-out drilling 250 metres west of the Striker Zone (West Striker) returned the Corporation's best intersection to date in this area with 15 metres of 9.2 g/t gold, including 1 metre of 116 g/t gold (hole BKD-220).
- In Q2 2018, additional infill drilling will be carried out in Striker and West Striker zones.

#### **Technical Studies**

- In 2017, the Corporation completed additional metallurgical testing on three master composites that, similar to previous metallurgical results, indicate Bayan Khundii is free milling and amenable to conventional processing techniques, with recoveries now ranging from 91 to 99 percent.
- Various technical studies have been undertaken and many completed to support the permitting process and economic studies for both the Bayan Khundii and Altan Nar gold projects.
- A decision regarding when to commence an independent resource estimate will be influenced by drill results although it is anticipated that a resource study will be completed in Q3-Q4 2018.

#### Altan Arrow and Khundii North Gold Projects – 100% Erdene

In addition to drilling at Bayan Khundii, the Corporation completed significant exploration work during Q4 2017 within its 11.4 kilometre long Bayan Khundii license, with a particular focus on its Altan Arrow and Khundii North target areas, 3.5 kilometres north and 3.2 kilometres northeast of Bayan Khundii, respectively.

- The Altan Arrow prospect has been further defined as a 0.5 by 1 kilometre target area adjacent to a major northeast-trending extensional fault containing multiple zones of epithermal quartz veining with rock chip and trench results returning several samples in the 5 g/t to 57 g/t gold range, and recent reconnaissance drilling establishing continuity of high-grade zones at depth.
- Q4 2017 drilling at Altan Arrow, announced in Q1 2018, returned the highest grades to date at this prospect with 70 g/t gold over 2 metres (AAD-12).
- Q4 2017 drilling of a new target area 300 metres west of AAD-12, also announced in Q1 2018, returned 39 g/t gold over 1 metre, near-surface (AAD-11).
- The Khundii North target, 2.5 kilometres east of Altan Arrow, has now been traced over 1 km through gold in soils and rock chips with values up to 22 g/t gold.
- In 2018, the Corporation intends to complete additional drilling at Altan Arrow to follow-up on highgrade results intersected from reconnaissance drilling in Q4-2017. In addition, the Corporation will also complete follow-up, surface exploration and initial scout drilling at its Khundii North gold prospect, 2.5 kilometres east of Altan Arrow, where gold-in-soil anomalism has now been traced over 1 kilometre, containing areas of quartz stockwork, chalcedonic quartz with hematite breccia clasts that have returned up to 22 g/t gold from initial rock chip sampling.

#### Altan Nar Gold-Polymetallic Project – 100% Erdene

- Subsequent to the end of Q1, on May 10, 2018, the Corporation announced the results from an updated resource estimate with significant increases over the maiden resource estimate previously announced in March 2015. Indicated gold equivalent ("AuEq") resource increased by 208% and Inferred AuEg resource increased by 172%, compared to the maiden mineral resource estimate. The Indicated Resource of 452,900 ounces ("oz") AuEq averaged 2.8 g/t AuEq and the Inferred Resource of 277,100 oz AuEg averaged 2.5 g/t AuEg, within a total resource of 5.0 million tonnes ("Mt") Indicated and 3.4 Mt Inferred.
- The Corporation will continue to carry out technical studies in preparation for a Mining license application, anticipated in late 2018. Additional studies will include more metallurgical test work, economic evaluations, geotechnical and hydrogeological evaluations and other technical studies required.

#### **Ulaan Copper-Gold Porphyry Project**

- The Corporation announced in Q3 2017 that it had acquired a 51% interest, with the option to acquire up to 100%, in the Ulaan license, a 1,780 hectare exploration property, located immediately west of its Bayan Khundii license.
- Ulaan hosts a very large, 3-kilometre diameter, intense alteration zone with characteristics thought to be related to a porphyry complex at depth.
- To date in 2018, the Corporation has carried out a detailed exploration program at Ulaan, consisting of trenching and in-fill Induced Polarization pole-dipole surveys, a license-wide gravity survey, and detailed grid soil sampling that focussed on areas of interest defined during the initial Q4, 2017 program of geological mapping, prospecting, rock chip sampling, grid soil geochemical sampling, and an induced polarization survey. Results for the 2018 exploration work are pending.

#### **Teck Alliance**

- The Corporation continues to be active through its Alliance with Teck Resources Limited ("Teck"), Canada's largest diversified mining company, in assessing regional base and precious metal opportunities in southwest Mongolia's prolific Central Asian Orogenic Belt.
- The 2017 field program began in Q2 and was completed in Q4. The first phase consisted of detailed stream sediment sampling to follow up on anomalous results from the comprehensive regional stream program conducted over the entire Edren Terrane in 2016. The second phase of work consisted of ground-truthing stream sediment and ASTER anomalies, and additional work on previously identified target areas.
- The Alliance excludes the Corporation's Bayan Khundii, Altan Nar, Altan Arrow, Ulaan, Khuvyn Khar and Zuun Mod projects.

### **Company Overview**

Erdene is a mineral resource exploration and development corporation listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange (TSX: ERD). Over the past several years the Corporation has discovered a new gold district ("The Khundii Gold District") in southwest Mongolia which includes seven targets, three of which are considered significant prospects for development: Bayan Khundii, Altan Nar and Altan Arrow. Over the past two years, the Bayan Khundii prospect has advanced from the discovery of very high-grade gold samples collected at surface to the Corporation's flagship asset with 39,495 metres of diamond drilling from 240 holes. Drilling and surface exploration has also defined multiple targets in the surrounding areas adjacent to and further north on the Bayan Khundii license that have significant potential for additional gold resources. The near-term objectives of the Corporation are to complete the necessary drilling to allow for the completion of a maiden resource estimate at Bayan Khundii, to accompany the updated resource estimate for Altan Nar announced on May 10, 2018, and continue advancing exploration on various targets within the Khundii District, most importantly Altan Arrow, Khundii North and Ulaan.

The Corporation's 100%-owned Bayan Khundii ('Rich Valley') gold project was discovered in Q2 2015, with initial drill results reported in Q4 2015; the first hole returned 7 metres of 27.5 g/t gold at 14 metres depth. Bayan Khundii has become the highest priority project for the Corporation based on its high grades, proximity to surface, and favorable metallurgy. The Corporation has completed 39,495 metres of diamond drilling at Bayan Khundii to May 8, 2018, comprised of 240 diamond drill holes. Drilling to date has identified three main areas of very high grade gold mineralization with strong continuity, including the Striker Zone. where mineralization starts from surface, and Midfield and North Midfield Zones that extend to the northeast under younger, post-mineralization Cretaceous cover. The high-grade gold zones within these three areas can be very wide, grading in excess of 5 g/t gold (up to 2200 g/t) and greater than 50 metres in width. Stepout drilling in 2017 has indicated that mineralization encountered in the Midfield Zone, located 200 metres northeast from Striker Zone, extends for at least 280 meters further to the northeast under younger cover. The Midfield and North Midfield Zones have returned some of the highest grades and the longest mineralized intervals intersected to date at Bayan Khundii; hole BKD-98 returned 80 metres of 6.0 g/t gold at 42 metres depth, and hole BKD-231 returned 14 metres of 158 g/t gold, including one metre of 2200 g/t gold.

The 100%-owned Altan Nar ('Golden Sun') project is located 16 kilometres northwest of Bayan Khundii, and hosts a total of 18 mineralized (gold, silver, lead and zinc) target areas within a 5.6 by 1.5 kilometre mineralized corridor. Two of the early discoveries, Discovery Zone ("DZ") and Union North ("UN"), are the most advanced targets, hosting wide zones of high-grade, near-surface mineralization, and were the main focus of an updated mineral resource estimate released by the Corporation on May 10, 2018, as well as detailed metallurgical processing test-work, infill drilling and trenching completed in Q3 2015. In Q4 2016, the Corporation drill tested a structural intersection in DZ (hole TND-101) that returned consistent mineralization from surface to 170 metres depth, with high-grades gold intersections not previously observed at Altan Nar. This was an exploratory hole drilled perpendicular to a cross-cutting feature observed in geophysical surveys. Results from follow-up drilling of this new high-grade zone in Q2-Q4 2017 intersected several mineralized zones, with results including 5 metres of 29.7 g/t gold within a 20 metres of 10.3 g/t gold at 97 metres depth (hole TND-110). Some of the updated mineral resources announced on May 10, 2018 were from the remaining 16 targets, however, most of these are still considered early stage targets and are interpreted by the Corporation as having good potential for hosting additional resources.

Various technical studies have been and continue to be undertaken in support of the future mining license permitting process and related economic studies for both the Bayan Khundii and Altan Nar gold projects.

In addition to work being completed at Bayan Khundii and Altan Nar, the Corporation intends to continue its regional district-scale exploration program to identify additional high-grade precious and base metal projects and intends to seek to further consolidate the district with future acquisitions similar to the one made at the Ulaan property in Q3 2017. Through its Alliance with Teck, Erdene intends to also continue to assess regional opportunities for porphyry and porphyry-related mineralization within the larger Edren Terrane and intends to pursue acquisitions as opportunities arise in the Alliance's area of interest in southwest Mongolia. The Corporation's Bayan Khundii, Altan Nar, Altan Arrow, Ulaan, Khuvyn Khar and Zuun Mod properties are excluded from the Teck Alliance areas of interest.

### Sandstorm Gold Ltd. Royalty Agreement

On April 21, 2016 the Corporation closed concurrent transactions with Sandstorm Gold Ltd. ("Sandstorm") for total consideration of \$2,500,000. In the first transaction Sandstorm was granted a 2% net smelter returns royalty ("NSR Royalty") on Erdene's Tsenkher Nomin and Khundii licenses in Exchange for 321,888 shares of Sandstorm, at \$4.66 per share, for a total value of \$1,500,000, the price being based on the 10 day volume weighted average price as at April 14, 2016. The second transaction was the issuance of 5 million Erdene shares from treasury to Sandstorm at \$0.20 per share for \$1,000,000 in cash consideration. The shares issued to Sandstorm were subject to an 18-month hold period which expired October 14, 2017. Erdene has a 3-year option to buy-back 50% of the NSR Royalty for \$1.2 million, to reduce the NSR Royalty to 1.0%. Sandstorm was given a right of first refusal on future stream and/or royalty financings related to the Khundii and/or Tsenkher Nomin licenses.

\$876,972 of the \$1.5 million in royalty consideration was credited against Altan Nar's capitalized Exploration and Evaluation assets, being the balance at the date of close of the transaction. The remaining \$623,028 was recognized as a gain in the statement of loss for the period.

#### Alliance with Teck Resources Limited

In April 2013, an alliance was formed by the signing of option and private placement agreements (collectively, "Agreements") with Teck Resources Limited ("Teck") to fund and explore the Corporation's mineral tenements in the Trans Altai region of southwest Mongolia. Under the terms of the Agreement, Teck agreed to subscribe to shares of Erdene by way of annual, non-brokered private placements, priced at a 10% premium to Erdene's then 10-day volume weighted average share price, until it invested \$3 million or acquired 19.9% of the outstanding shares of the Corporation, whichever occurred first. Eighty five percent of the proceeds from the private placements are committed to exploration work. In return, the Corporation agreed that once it spent 85% of the proceeds from the Teck financings on the initial program Teck would have the option to acquire up to 75% interest in designated projects through a two-stage option process by funding additional expenditures.

The following are details of the combined \$3.0 million in private placements completed with Teck between April 2013 and March 2017:

- April 2013: The initial tranche, which closed on April 22, 2013, resulted in the issuance of five million shares priced at \$0.20 per share for aggregate proceeds to Erdene of \$1 million.
- November 2013 and April 2014: Teck purchased 2,142,857 shares at \$0.07 on November 7, 2013 for cash consideration of \$150,000, and on April 21, 2014, Teck purchased 2,000,000 shares at \$0.175 for cash consideration of \$350,000.
- April 2015: The Corporation closed a private placement with Teck on April 24, 2015, for \$392,857 at \$0.139 per share and received \$107,143 on the exercise of \$0.10 warrants for total consideration of \$500,000.
- April 2016: The Corporation agreed on April 22, 2016 to extend the optional subscription date for 2016 by 60 days to June 23, 2016. On June 3, 2016, the Corporation closed a private placement with Teck purchasing 1,063,830 shares at \$0.47 per share for cash consideration of \$500,000.
- On March 20, 2017, the Corporation closed a private placement with Teck purchasing 543,478 shares at \$0.92 per share for cash consideration of \$500,000.

The initial program is complete and no designated projects have been identified. Teck will continue to have the right, through to Q1 2020, to elect to enter into a joint venture agreement on new properties submitted by the Corporation and approved by Teck for acquisition.

### **Outlook and Strategy**

#### General

Over the past several years the Corporation has discovered a new gold district ("The Khundii Gold District") in southwest Mongolia. This includes a number of targets, three of which are considered significant prospects for development: Bayan Khundii, Altan Nar and Altan Arrow. Over the past two years, the Bayan Khundii prospect has advanced from the discovery of very high-grade gold samples collected at surface to the Corporation's flagship asset with 39,495 metres of diamond drilling including 240 holes. Drilling and surface exploration has also defined multiple targets in the surrounding areas, adjacent to the prospect and further north on the Bayan Khundii license, that have significant potential for additional gold resources. The near-term objectives of the Corporation are to establish a maiden resource estimate at Bayan Khundii to compliment the recently-completed updated resource estimate for Altan Nar, and continue advancing exploration on various targets within the Khundii District, most importantly Altan Arrow, Khundii North and Ulaan.

#### 2018 Program

Subsequent to the end of the first quarter, the Corporation announced the commencement of its Q2 2018 Bayan Khundii drill program; see press release dated April 11, 2018. The drill program is currently underway and consists of a projected 5,600 metres in approximately 25 diamond drill holes, with the following three objectives:

- Test high priority structural targets, principally within the North Midfield and Midfield zones, based on the structural interpretation and greater understanding of controls on mineralization completed in Q4-2017 by Dr. Armelle Kloppenburg, which led to the discovery of the ultra high-grade intersection (2,200 g/t gold over 1 metre) in hole BKD-231;
- Complete closer-spaced drilling within the Striker, Striker West, Midfield, and North Midfield zones to establish stronger continuity of gold mineralization within very high-grade gold domains that is

anticipated to lead to higher levels of confidence in their definition and associated gold grades for incorporation in the Corporation's Q3-2018 maiden mineral resource estimate; and,

Test select areas within the larger 1.2 kilometre trend that demonstrate good potential for establishing additional extensions to mineralization or to identify new mineralized zones.

On May 8, 2018 the Corporation announced initial results (first six holes) from its Q2-2018 Bayan Khundii drill program (see Bayan Khundii Gold Project - 2018 Drilling Update for North Midfield Zone). The Bayan Khundii drill program will be followed by testing of both follow-up and new drill targets at the Corporation's neighbouring Altan Arrow, Khundii North and Ulaan projects in Q2/Q3 2018.

The Corporation expects to announce a global resource estimate for Bayan Khundii and Altan Nar in Q3-Q4, 2018. Following the definition of resources and characterization of the deposits based on ore type and amenability to different mining and processing methods, preliminary economic assessments will be carried out which will progress through a series of increasingly more detailed and rigorous assessments. It is anticipated that these assessments will lead to a feasibility decision that will potentially lead into mine and plant development and construction and onto initial commercial production. Regional exploration will continue; however, the Corporation's immediate focus will continue to be the advancement of its Bayan Khundii, Altan Nar and Altan Arrow projects, and evaluation of prospects in the surrounding Khundii District.

#### Selected Annual Financial Information

The following information has been extracted from the Corporation's audited consolidated financial statements.

Expressed in thousands of Canadian dollars except per share amounts.

Fiscal Year Ended December 31	2017	2016	2015
Revenues	\$ Nil	\$ Nil	\$ Nil
Loss for the year	\$ 4,027	\$ 2,500	\$ 12,608
Basic and diluted loss per share	\$ 0.03	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.14
Total assets	\$ 14,946	\$ 4,293	\$ 2,522
Total long-term liabilities	\$ Nil	\$ Nil	\$ Nil
Cash dividends declared	\$ Nil	\$ Nil	\$ Nil

### **Discussion of Operations**

#### Three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017

The tables below show exploration and evaluation costs for the years ended Mach 31, 2018 and 2017, including those costs capitalized during the reporting periods. As explained in greater detail under "Project Summaries", exploration efforts have been focused primarily on the Khundii and Tsenkher Nomin licenses.

		Tsenkher			
Period ended March 31, 2018	Khundii	Nomin	Zuun Mod	Other	Total
Exploration expenditures					
Drilling, trenching, sampling and assaying	481	665	665	6,931	8,742
License costs	-	-	-	-	-
Geological services, camp and field	317,468	91,003	9,436	95,796	513,703
Travel and other	53,780	26,534	-	8,639	88,953
Share-based compensation	-	-	-	9,193	9,193
Mongolian office costs	-	-	-	97,315	97,315
Total exploration expenditures	371,729	118,202	10,101	217,874	717,906
Capitalized expenditures	(371,729)	(118,202)	-	(1,388)	(491,319)
Expensed exploration costs 2018	-	•	10,101	216,486	226,587
E&E assets, January 1, 2018	\$ 7,715,388	\$ 1,985,444	\$ 765,795	\$ 928,216	\$ 11,394,843
Additions	371,729	118,202	-	1,388	491,319
Effect of movements in exchange rates	250,373	65,128	30,780	28,780	375,061
E&E assets, March 31, 2018	\$ 8,337,490	\$ 2,168,774	\$ 796,575	\$ 958,384	\$12,261,223

	Tsenkher						
Period ended March 31, 2017	Khundii	Nomin	Zuun Mod	Other		Total	
Exploration expenditures							
Drilling, trenching, sampling and assaying	27,778	1,765	932	259		30,734	
Geological services, camp and field	264,427	45,169	12,970	71,702		394,268	
Travel and other	23,129	5,529	-	2,713		31,371	
Share-based compensation	-	-	-	5,400		5,400	
Mongolian office costs	-	-	-	56,566		56,566	
Total exploration expenditures	315,334	52,463	13,902	136,640		518,339	
Capitalized expenditures	(315,334)	(52,463)	-	-		(367,797)	
Expensed exploration costs 2017	-	-	13,902	136,640		150,542	
E&E assets, January 1, 2017	\$ 1,786,195	\$ 551,271	\$ 728,164	\$ 581	\$	3,066,211	
Additions	315,334	52,463	-	-		367,797	
Effect of movements in exchange rates	43,347	12,452	25,677	12		81,488	
E&E assets, March 31, 2017	\$ 2,144,876	\$ 616,186	\$ 753,841	\$ 593	\$	3,515,496	

Corporate and administrative expenses were \$486,608 for the three months ended March 31, 2018 compared to \$460,898 for the same period in 2017, a \$25,710 increase (see table below). Investor relations and marketing has decreased by \$58,300 year over year due to reduced marketing activity and fewer conferences attended in Q1 2018 verses Q1 2017. Non-cash share based compensation has increased year over year by \$78,989. The Corporation granted 250,000 options to certain directors, officers and employees of the Corporation in Q1 2018. No options were granted in the first quarter of 2017.

	For the periods ended March 31,					
		2018		2017		Change
Administrative services	\$	121,293	\$	103,402	\$	17,891
Depreciation and amortization		1,499		1,699		(200)
Directors fees and expenses		24,035		41,233		(17,198)
Investor relations and marketing		65,171		123,471		(58,300)
Office and sundry		29,383		30,062		(679)
Professional fees		62,302		34,223		28,079
Regulatory compliance		60,322		46,341		13,981
Share-based compensation		106,154		27,165		78,989
Travel and accommodations		16,449		53,302		(36,853)
	\$	486,608	\$	460,898	\$	25,710

### **Summary of Quarterly Results**

Expressed in thousands of Canadian dollars except per share amounts

	Fiscal 2018	Fiscal 2017				Fiscal 2016			
	Q1	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1	Q4	Q3	Q2	
	Mar	Dec	Sep	Jun	Mar	Dec	Sep	Jun	
Revenue	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
Net Loss	\$702	\$649	\$713	\$2,069	\$596	\$492	\$73	\$1,423	
Basic and diluted									
loss per share	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.01	\$0.02	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.01	
Total Assets	\$14,879	\$14,946	\$15,592	\$16,730	\$17,208	\$4,293	\$3,872	\$4,044	

For the three months ended March 31, 2018, the Corporation recognized a net loss of \$701,663, or \$0.00 per share, compared to a loss of \$595,600, or \$0.00 per share for the same period in 2017.

The Corporation's expenditures vary from quarter to quarter largely depending on the timing of its Mongolian exploration programs. The Corporation is not aware of any other specific trends which account for fluctuations in financial results from period to period.

### **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

At the date of this MD&A, the Corporation had approximately \$1.3 million in working capital.

On February 23, 2017, the Corporation closed a bought deal common share financing for gross proceeds to the Corporation of \$13.8 million. On March 20, 2017, the Corporation closed a non-brokered private placement with Teck for gross proceeds of \$500,000. (See Outstanding Share Data for complete details on all common share issuances).

Funds raised have been used to advance the Corporations projects in Mongolia and cover overhead and administrative costs in support of those programs (see Project Summaries and Discussion of Operations).

Current working capital is expected to fund the Corporation's budgeted expenditures to the end of the second quarter of 2018. The ability of the Corporation to continue with its exploration programs beyond this point is contingent upon securing additional funds through asset sales, formation of alliances, option, and/or joint venture agreements, equity financing and/or expenditure reductions. The timing and availability of additional equity financing will be determined largely by market conditions and the results of the Corporation's ongoing exploration programs.

The Corporation has minimal sources of income. It is therefore difficult to identify any meaningful trends or develop an analysis from the Corporation's cash flows. The Corporation is dependent primarily on the issuance of share capital to finance its exploration and development programs.

Other than as discussed herein, the Corporation is not aware of any trends, demands, commitments, events or uncertainties that may result in the Corporation's liquidity or capital resources materially increasing or decreasing at present or in the foreseeable future. Material increases or decreases in the Corporation's liquidity and capital resources will be substantially determined by the success or failure of the Corporation's Mongolian exploration and development programs and its ability to obtain sufficient equity financing.

### **Outstanding Share Data**

#### **Issued and Outstanding Share Capital**

On February 23, 2017, the Corporation closed a bought deal common share financing for gross proceeds to the Corporation of \$13.8 million. The offering was led by Paradigm Capital Inc., with a syndicate including Canaccord Genuity Corp. (collectively, the "Underwriters"). The Corporation issued an aggregate of 17,922,077 common shares at a price of \$0.77 per share, including the full exercise of the Underwriters 15% over-allotment option. In consideration for their services, the Underwriters received a cash commission of \$828,000 representing 6% of the gross proceeds and 1,075,324 compensation options representing 6% of the shares issued pursuant to the offering. Each compensation option entitles the holder to purchase one share for \$1.20 per share until February 22, 2019.

On March 20, 2017, the Corporation closed a non-brokered private placement with Teck by issuing 543,478 shares at a price of \$0.92 per share for gross proceeds of \$500,000.

During the first guarter of 2018 the Corporation has been working to cross-list its shares on the Mongolian Stock Exchange ("MSE"). Assuming all approvals are received, the Corporation expects to issue up to 4,000,000 shares in a public offering in Mongolia in the second guarter of 2018 in conjunction with the MSE listing.

As of the date of this MD&A, the Corporation had 146,400,586 shares issued and outstanding.

#### **Stock Options**

For the three months ended March 31, 2018, the corporation granted 250,000 options to certain officers, directors and employees of the Corporation.

During the three months ended March 31, 2018, the Corporation received \$109,375 on the exercise of 437,500 share purchase options at an average price of \$0.25 per share.

As of the date of this MD&A, the Corporation had 10,591,574 outstanding stock options with a weighted average exercise price of \$0.49, all of which are exercisable.

#### **Compensation options**

In conjunction with the Paradigm financing described in more detail under Issued and Outstanding Share Capital, the Corporation issued 1,075,324 compensation options. Each compensation option entitles the holder to purchase one share for \$1.20 per share until February 22, 2019 and had a fair value of \$322,597 (\$0.30 per compensation option).

As of the date of this MD&A, the Corporation had 1,075,324 outstanding compensation options with an exercise price of \$1.20, all of which are exercisable.

#### **Deferred Stock Units**

During the three months ended March 31, 2018, the Corporation granted certain officers, directors and employees of the Corporation an aggregate of 97,254 deferred stock units ("DSUs") at a weighted average price of \$0.42.

As of the date of this MD&A, the Corporation had a balance of 3,507,440 deferred stock units DSUs outstanding which will be settled in shares.

### **Project Summaries**

The Corporation's gold projects are located in the Edren Terrane, part of the Central Asian Orogenic Belt, which is host to some of the world's largest gold and copper-gold deposits. Although epithermal gold and porphyry copper-gold deposits are well documented across the border in China and along the westward trend, limited exploration has taken place in southwest Mongolia due to its isolation, both geographically and politically, until the mid-1990's. Exploration since that time in southeast Mongolia has resulted in the discovery of the world-class Oyu Tolgoi gold-copper deposit containing over 60 million ounces of gold. However, systematic regional exploration in the southwest part of Mongolia has been largely absent with the exception of the work undertaken by Erdene over the past decade. This work has resulted in the discovery of a new gold district (the "Khundii District") comprised of multiple gold and copper occurrences, including the discoveries at Bayan Khundii, Altan Nar, and Altan Arrow projects, over an approximately 25 kilometre trend. The Khundii District, although still in its infancy in regards to modern exploration, is now known to host the full spectrum of arc-related base and precious metal systems, including copper-gold porphyries, intermediate sulphidation / carbonate base metal gold deposits, and low sulphidation epithermal gold and gold-silver systems.

The following is a summary of the exploration programs carried out on the Corporation's properties in this region.

#### Bayan Khundii Gold Project (located on the Khundii license)

The Bayan Khundii ("Rich Valley") gold project is located on Erdene's 100%-owned, 4,514 hectare, Khundii exploration license in southwest Mongolia, 16 kilometres south of the Corporation's Altan Nar goldpolymetallic project. The license is in its seventh year of a maximum 12-year term and can be converted to a mining license at any time prior to the end of the twelfth year by meeting the requirements prescribed under the Minerals Law of Mongolia.

#### Discovery and Deposit Style

Bayan Khundii is a low-sulphidation epithermal gold system that was discovered by Erdene in Q2 2015 during a regional reconnaissance program, where 20% of the initial rock chip/grab samples returned values in excess of 3.0 g/t gold (up to 4,380 g/t gold), at areas now known as the Striker Zone and Gold Hill Zone. To date, the Corporation has identified gold mineralization in six separate prospect areas (Striker, Midfield, North Midfield, Gold Hill, West Striker and Northeast zones) over a 1.3 kilometre area that is locally up to 400 metres wide, and remains open to the north, west, and east. In regards to depth potential, the 2200 g/t gold intersection announced by the Corporation in Q1 2018 was the deepest ultra-high grade zone intersected to date and recent drilling in the newly defined Striker West area also provided high grades at previously unseen depths within altered host rock that remains open at depth. Additionally, the areas tested at the furthest northeast extent of the Bayan Khundii system have also displayed intense alteration and mineralization at depths that remain open in the preferred host rock. The deposit is characterized by structurally-controlled, high-grade gold veins hosted within intensely silicified and illite-altered Devonian volcanic units that contain low to moderate gold grades, locally over very wide intervals that are overlain in part by younger, post-mineralization Cretaceous and Quaternary units.

Bayan Khundii has similarities to other global low-sulphidation deposits including Ishikari (Japan), Kupol (Russia) and Round Mountain (USA).

#### **Drilling Summary**

Since drilling the first hole in Q4 2015 to the recently-announced results from the Q2, 2018 drill program on May 8, 2018, the Corporation has completed 240 diamond drill holes (45 to 90 degree angles) at Bayan Khundii totaling 39,495 metres, with the majority of holes intersecting anomalous gold mineralization.

#### Striker Zone

The first drill hole at Bayan Khundii was completed at the Striker Zone in Q4 2015 (BKD-01: 7 metres of 27.5 g/t gold at 14 metres depth; northern Striker Zone), and since that time, the Striker Zone has received more than 60 drill holes with approximately 70% intersecting intervals of greater than 10 g/t gold, indicative of the high-grade nature of the Bayan Khundii mineralization. The Corporation has identified very good continuity of multiple, near-surface, high-grade gold zones, including both very high concentrations of gold (e.g. 306 g/t gold over 1 metre; hole BKD-77), wide intervals of high-grade gold (e.g. 5.3 g/t gold over 63 metres; hole BKD-17), and broad, lower grade intervals surrounding the high-grade mineralization (ex. 1.2 g/t gold over 112 metres; hole BKD-51).

#### West Striker Zone

The Corporation has completed a total of 27 holes in the area west of the Striker Zone at 20 to 80 metres spacing, over a 375 by 250 metre area. The depth of drilling has ranged from 97 to 340 metres vertical depth, with an average of 223 metres. Of the 27 holes, 26 have intersected anomalous gold mineralization, with 13 returning high-grade intervals of greater than 10 g/t gold. In Q4 2017, the Corporation announced results for three holes (BKD-219 to 221), including the highest-grade intersection to date within this zone, with 116 g/t gold over 1-metre within 15 metres averaging 9.2 g/t gold in hole BKD-220, located 250 metres west of the Striker zone. These results further establish the potential that exists at West Striker to identify additional significant high-grade zones.

#### Striker-Midfield connection

In Q2 2017, the Corporation completed several holes at 40-metre centres along the northern end of Striker to test between the very high-grade Striker and Midfield Zones. Additional drilling in Q3/Q4 2017, including the extension of several previous holes, confirmed the continuity of mineralization between Striker and Midfield zones, including a 128 metre wide zone of mineralization in BKD-194 that averaged 1.1 g/t gold, including a 22 metre wide interval that averaged 3.3 g/t gold. This recent drilling has begun to define a new near-surface, high-grade zone between Striker and Midfield. Hole BKD-222, announced in Q4 2017,

intersected 23 metres of 6.7 g/t gold with individual 1 metre samples up to 139 g/t gold within 50 metres of surface. Two earlier holes, north and south of this intersection (BKD-153 and BKD-86), returned individual samples of 94.8 g/t gold and 31.4 g/t gold, respectively, within wider mineralized intervals, again within 50 metres of surface. Prior to the 2017 exploration season, limited drilling had taken place in a 200-metre wide zone separating Striker from Midfield.

#### Midfield Zone

Drilling within the Midfield Zone in 2017 extended the area of gold mineralization down dip to the south and strengthened the continuity of the high gold grades reported previously in the central Midfield area. Results included: 80 metres of 6.0 g/t gold at 42 metres depth, including 8 metres of 51 g/t gold (hole BKD-98); 56 metres of 6.1 g/t gold (BKD-99); 17 metres of 8.2 g/t gold within 131 metres of 1.8 g/t gold (BKD-150); and 25 metres of 5.8 g/t gold (BKD-230). The results support the observation that this area contains some of the most intense hydrothermal activity and the most pervasive gold mineralization at Bayan Khundii.

In Q4 2017, the Corporation intersected a new extension to the east of Midfield. While most of the drilling in Midfield has focused on pushing the northern limits of the gold mineralized zone, hole BKD-210, located 80 metres east of Midfield's eastern boundary, returned 43 metres of 1.8 g/t gold and included gold values up to 44.8 g/t, establishing a new eastern extension to the Midfield Zone that justifies further follow-up drilling.

#### North Midfield Zone

In 2017 the Corporation completed a series of 20 to 80 metre spaced holes north of the Midfield Zone. The majority of these holes intersected the gold-bearing host silicified and illite-altered Devonian volcanic units, extending mineralization for up to 280 metres north of Midfield Zone, doubling the length of the known mineralized trend under younger, post-mineralization cover. Results included: 108 metres of 2.8 g/t gold, including 20 metres of 7.2 g/t gold (BKD-110); 55 metres of 2.9 g/t gold, including 25 metres of 5.3 g/t gold (BKD-111); 60 metres of 1.5 g/t gold including 18 metres of 3.0 g/t gold (BKD-140); and 72 metres of 1.6 g/t gold, including 19 metres of 4.6 g/t gold (BKD-178); 40 metres of 3.3 g/t gold including 9 metres of 12.5 g/t gold (BKD-179); 39 metres of 2.1 g/t gold, including 9 metres of 8.2 g/t gold (BKD-182); and 93 metres of 1.5 g/t gold including 3 metres of 8.2 g/t gold (BKD-228).

Subsequent to the end of the fourth quarter, the Corporation announced results for two holes (BKD-231 and BKD-232) completed in the North Midfield Zone that tested the down-dip extension of previously intersected high-grade gold intervals in this area.

Hole BKD-231 intersected the highest gold grade at Bayan Khundii to date, with one metre of 2,200 g/t gold (including 948 g/t silver) within a 14 metre interval of 158 g/t gold at 140 metres vertical depth. The mineralization was hosted by multi-phase quartz-adularia-chalcedony-specularite veins and hematite breccia with abundant fine-grained visible gold. The 14 metre interval is enveloped by a 112 metre wide interval of gold mineralization starting at 118 metres depth, ranging from 0.1 to 2.8 g/t gold. This high-grade intersection confirms strong continuity down-dip from earlier holes, including BKD-110, 30 metres north, which intersected 1 metre of 115 g/t gold and 1 metre of 108 g/t gold, and BKD-111, 30 metres northwest, which intersected 1 metre of 44 g/t gold and 1 metre of 33 g/t gold. The discovery of this high-grade vein represents an important new structural target area that will require additional, closer-spaced drilling in 2018.

Hole BKD-232 was completed approximately 65 metres north of BKD-231 and 100 metres north of the Midfield Zone, within an area that previously had 80-metre hole spacing and relatively lower grade results. This hole returned 22 metres of 8.3 g/t gold, and included multiple zones grading over 10 g/t gold. The top of the mineralized interval was intersected at 90.5 metres depth (74 metres vertical depth).

2018 Drilling Update for North Midfield Zone

On May 8, 2018 the Corporation announced initial results from its Q2-2018 drill program, which commenced on April 11, 2018. The results were for the first six holes (BKD-235 to BKD-240), totaling 1,423 metres,

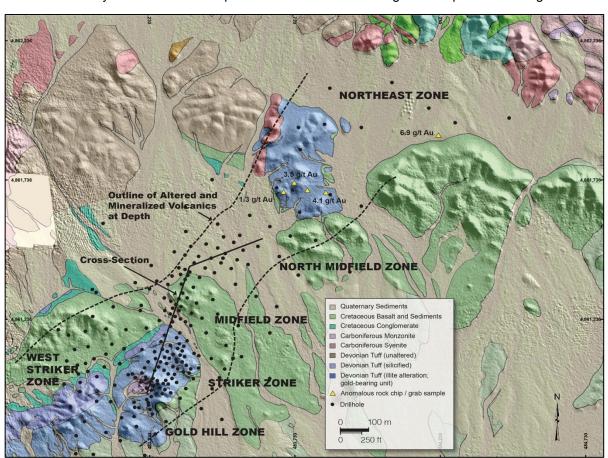
which were completed at the North Midfield Zone and were designed to test high-priority structural targets and to test continuity and potential extensions of the high-grade mineralization in this area. Hole BKD-236 was also drilled to test the interpreted controlling structure on the western boundary of the gold mineralization and a sub-set of gold-bearing, north-south trending veins, approximately perpendicular to the main trend of mineralization (azimuth of 108 degrees). Holes BKD-239 and BKD-240 were step-out holes, located near previously completed hole BKD-232 (Q1-2018) that returned 36.6 metres of 5.6 g/t gold.

The results from this initial drilling confirmed strong continuity within the North Midfield high-grade zone, with all six holes intersecting visible gold mineralization and assays ranging from 22 to 169 g/t gold. Very high grade assay results were encountered in the core of the North Midfield Zone, with hole BKD-238 returning 18 metres of 21.6 g/t gold, including 2 metres of 169 g/t gold.

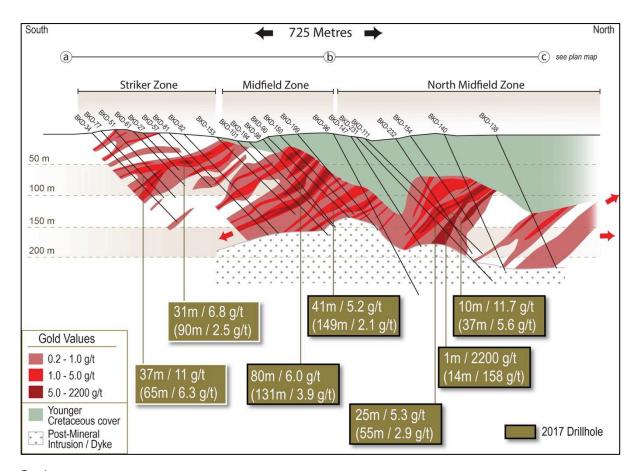
All holes intersected broad gold mineralized zones enveloping the high-grade cores, ranging from 16 metres to 102 metres of greater than 1 g/t gold. In addition, drilling provided evidence of gold-bearing feeder zones, with multi-stage quartz-chalcedony veins and breccias being intersected in holes BKD-236 and BKD-237.

#### Northeast Zone

The Corporation has completed eight holes in the Northeast Zone over a 600 metre by 400 metre area. Hole BKD-122, on the southern boundary of the Northeast Zone (500 metres northeast of Midfield), returned 14 metres of 0.75 g/t gold from surface, including 2 metres of 4.4 g/t gold, and 21 metres of 0.72 g/t gold at 65 metres depth. Two rock chip samples collected 600 metres northeast of hole BKD-122 returned gold assay values of 6.9 g/t and 0.4 g/t gold.



Bayan Khundii Plan Map and Cross-Section Showing 2017 Expansion Drilling



#### Geology

Bayan Khundii is located in the Edren Terrane of southwest Mongolia, within the Central Asian Orogenic Belt that extends from Uzbekistan in the west through Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, into northwestern China and southern Mongolia. The belt is host to numerous world-class deposits, including Rio Tinto's Oyu Tolgoi copper-gold mine in southeast Mongolia, and Centerra Gold's Kumtor gold mine in Kyrgyzstan.

Bayan Khundii is interpreted as a low sulfidation epithermal gold system hosted within a package of Devonian pyroclastic units. The Devonian host rocks are only observed at surface in two erosional windows through the overlying Cretaceous and Quaternary units. These exposed areas, which include the Striker and Gold Hill Zones to the south and an area referred to as the Northeast Zone, comprise approximately 20% of the total target area. The two exposures are approximately 600 metres apart. All of the primary tuffaceous lithologies at Bayan Khundii have been pervasively altered by multi-stage, locally intense, silica and illite alteration. Geological, structural, petrographic, clay spectral and fluid inclusion investigations have been completed and support the low sulphidation epithermal interpretation for the mineralization. The gold mineralization in the host tuffs is associated with quartz ± adularia veins, quartz breccias, within hematitespecularite veins and fractures including along margins (alteration selvages) of quartz veins and disseminated within the altered host rocks, often, but not always, associated with disseminated hematitespecularite mineralization. Visible gold has been identified in several drill holes as irregular-shaped grains and is generally observed to be fine grained. With the exception of very minor finely disseminated pyrite in a few drill holes, and pyrite-rich zones within a few drill holes including BKD-32 located northwest of the Striker Zone, Bayan Khundii is mostly devoid of sulphide minerals.

#### Independent Consultants

As part of the Corporation's 2017 exploration program, it commissioned several independent studies at Bayan Khundii, including hyperspectral analysis of core and surface samples, evaluation by an expert in epithermal gold systems, geophysical interpretation, structural analysis, development of a 3-D model, and through this combined evaluation, examined the ideal approach to drilling in regards to both exploration targeting and eventual resource categorization. Studies included:

- Dr. Jeffrey Hedenquist, an Ottawa-based, independent consultant and one of the world's leading experts on epithermal gold systems who visited Bayan Khundii in 2016, re-visited the project with the objective of reviewing results from Q3-Q4 2016 and Q2 2017 drilling to assist with on-going geological interpretation and drill targeting efforts;
- Dr. Armelle Kloppenburg, a Netherlands-based independent consultant with structural geological expertise, visited the Bayan Khundii, Altan Nar and Altan Arrow projects in Q3 2017 to complete a comprehensive structural interpretation of the Khundii District and assist in drill targeting of high grade zones. Dr. Kloppenburg's work has provided a greater understanding of controls on gold mineralization at the Corporation's projects, including Bayan Khundii, and improved targeting of ultra high-grade zones and district-scale targets;
- Ms. Khashagerel Bat-Erdene and Mr. Imants Kavalieris of Plus Minerals LLC, who specialize in alteration studies of epithermal and porphyry systems, completed evaluations of drill core from Q3-Q4 2016 and Q2 2017 programs to identify alteration zonation within the hydrothermal systems to assist with future drill targeting;
- Mr. Anthony Coote, of Applied Petrologic Services & Research in New Zealand, completed petrographic analysis on drill core samples from Bayan Khundii to help interpret the hydrothermal environment and controls on the distribution of gold mineralogy and overall deposit paragenesis;
- Terrane Geoscience Inc. completed a 3-D model of the multiple mineralized zones to assist with drill targeting. The model incorporated all geological, drilling, structural, spectral, geochemical and geophysical data;
- Mr. Chet Lide of Zonge International completed data processing and quality control analysis of all magnetic and induced polarization (IP) data; and
- RungePincockMinarco Limited is providing an independent review of all results to date with the objective of recommending optimal drill hole spacing in advance of future resource definition drilling.

#### Geophysics

Between Q4 2015 and Q3 2017, the Corporation completed extensive geophysical programs over the 1.8 by 2.0 kilometre Bayan Khundii target area, consisting of gradient IP (covering a 2 x 2 kilometre area at 100 metre line spacing), dipole-dipole (29.4 line kilometres at 100 metre line spacing using 50 metre dipole spacing), and ground magnetics (20 m spaced lines over 2.05 by 1.8 kilometre area). Previous mapping and geophysical surveys support the extension of the zones of intense alteration, and presumably mineralization, both to the south, and to the north, northeast and east from the Striker and Midfield zones under Cretaceous cover.

A strong positive resistivity anomaly (>1,000 ohm metres) in the gradient array data corresponds very closely to the exposed, intensely silicified and illite-altered volcanic rocks and is thought to mostly reflect intense silicification. The observed resistivity high response in the gradient array data extends for several hundred metres to the east, in an area mapped as unaltered basalt, indicating the alteration zone extends beneath the volcanic cover, as also suggested by magnetic data and confirmed by drilling. The dipoledipole data provide additional insight into the probable extensions of the highly resistive alteration beneath

both the younger Cretaceous units to the south and to the north. The combined gradient and dipole-dipole surveys suggest that the silicified zone is located at the apex of broad IP anomaly that extends to the north and east under younger cover, at relatively shallow depths (<100 metres) and to the south under Cretaceous sediments and volcanics. Drilling in Q2-Q3 2017 revealed that some of the IP resistivity high dipole-dipole responses also correspond to post-mineral syenite intrusions.

The magnetic data also provide insight into the geology of Bayan Khundii. The analytical signal of the total magnetic field provides the magnetic response for near-surface rock units and outlines the distribution of both altered lithologies at the Southwest and Northeast prospects with low magnetic response presumably reflecting magnetite destruction within zones of quartz/illite alteration and unaltered basalt to the north and east. Broad areas of low magnetic response to the north of Midfield-Striker and east of Northeast Zones are interpreted as either areas with intense magnetite destruction, presumably from widespread alteration, or post-mineral syenite intrusions below surface Cretaceous rocks. Recent drilling has confirmed the presence of both rock types with these magnetic low response areas. Areas with moderate magnetic response near Striker and Gold Hill zones, and in the Northeast Zone, are interpreted as reflecting magnetite-bearing post-mineral monzonite intrusions.

#### Metallurgy

A metallurgical testing program designed to provide an initial scoping level characterization of both gravity and cyanide leach recovery techniques was completed by Blue Coast Research Ltd. ("BCR") of Parksville, British Columbia for two composite samples from the initial drill program (15 holes drilled within 50 m of surface) at Bayan Khundii (high-grade, 24.9 g/t gold head-grade, and low-grade, 0.7 g/t gold head-grade, samples). The high-grade composite had a high response to gravity separation, with recoveries of 71% for gold, which is considered to be good gravity amenability. The gravity gold response curve indicates a large portion of the gravity-recoverable gold is present in the finer size fractions. The high-grade gravity concentrate represents 1.2% of the original sample mass and contains 1381 g/t gold and 200 g/t silver. The low-grade composite sample displayed a low to average gravity response for gold.

Standard bottle roll tests were completed on the gravity tails of each composite, with very high gold recoveries noted in both the high-grade and low-grade composites (95% and 86% Au recoveries respectively). A combined flowsheet employing both gravity concentration and cyanidation of the gravity tails yields very good overall gold recoveries for both the high-grade (99%) and low-grade (92%) composites.

These results suggest that gold from Bayan Khundii is free milling and amenable to conventional processing techniques.

The Corporation initiated a second phase of metallurgical work in Q2 2017, including variability testing of composites, grindability testing and heap leach amenability. Metallurgical results from two master composites indicate the gold from Bayan Khundii is free milling and amenable to conventional processing techniques. BK-16-03 (4.3 g/t gold): Gold recovery after 48-hours from composite BK-16-03 was 96% whereas the 96-hour gold recovery was 97% with a grind size of 80% passing 60 micron, with 40% solids and 1.0 g/L NaCN. Composite sample BK-16-04, which had a 4.47 g/t gold head grade, received full optimization test work, including variation on grind size, residence time, and sodium cyanide dosage (consumption) as well as assessing the impact on overall recoveries when initial gravity recovery was applied. Gold recoveries, using a target grind size of 80% passing 60 micron, ranged from 91% to 93.4% after 48-hours with overall gold recovery of 95% after 96-hours. A single cyanidation test was completed on sample BK-16-01 as a 96-hour leach test with a grind size of 80% passing 170 micron, 40% solids and 1.0 g/L NaCN. Gold recovery after 48-hours was 94% whereas the 96-hour gold recovery was 95%, indicating a 48-hour period will recover most of the available gold. It is notable that this test was done at a grind coarser grind size than master composite BK-16-03 but had comparable recovery of gold indicating additional tests are required to determine optimal grind size.

Grindability studies reported a Bond Rod Mill Work Index of 17.8 kWh/tonne and a Bond Ball Mill Work Index of 16.1 kWh/tonne. Phase II testing, focused on material in the 1.5 g/t to 3 g/t range, will continue through 2018.

#### De-Risking the Project and Preparing the Path to Development

A series of studies have been undertaken and many completed to support the permitting process and economic studies for both the Bayan Khundii and Altan Nar gold projects.

#### **Baseline Studies**

In May 2016, paleontological and archaeological surveys were conducted by the Mongolian Academy of Science and Mongolian National University respectively on both the Tsenkher Nomin (Altan Nar) and Khundii (Bayan Khundii, Altan Arrow) license areas. The surveys examined the area for potential paleontological and archaeological relics. In the official survey reports, no paleontological or archaeological findings were identified by the independent experts, citing the scarcity of surface water and lack of historical grazing in the area as detriments to historical human habitation.

Environmental and social baseline data collection for the Altan Nar and Bayan-Khundii project began in May 2016. EcoTrade LLC, a specialized Mongolian contractor permitted to undertake environmental impact assessments of mining projects, compiled field-based and secondary source information. Baseline data covers the key areas of land use conditions, air quality, flora and fauna, water, cultural heritage, and socioeconomic conditions. Based on the initial data collection, the Corporation contracted additional baseline survey work through EcoTrade starting in July 2017 to deepen its understanding around water, biodiversity and land use conditions. The Corporation will work with its contractor to update the baseline survey to fulfill Mongolian regulatory requirements for registering mineral resources at Altan Nar and Bayan Khundii. The current work underway will also result in a complete land condition audit report, required by the Government of Mongolia before mine development. Moving forward, the Corporation plans to initiate a gap analysis of baseline data with a view to working towards compliance with international performance standards for managing the potential environmental and social impacts of future mine development and operation at Altan Nar and Bayan Khundii.

#### Energy

Mongolia, including the Oyu Tolgoi copper-gold processing operation, is dependent on its neighboring countries for peak and base load electricity supply. The Corporation has initiated an assessment of the viability of procuring electricity from the Central Energy System through a dedicated, new grid connection. The grid viability assessment is designed to inform future mine planning and enable the Corporation to benefit from early integration of optimal energy supply solutions.

Through an initiative of the International Finance Corporation, the Corporation agreed to participate and cofinance the study of renewable energy supply options at Altan Nar and Bayan Khundii projects. The renewable energy study is expected to result in a preliminary, site-specific business case for renewable energy as well as the potential co-benefits of integrating renewables into a future mine in terms of supporting the country's pledges towards the Sustainable Development Goals.

#### HSEC (Community)

The Corporation's licenses continue to be in good standing for environmental management with the relevant Mongolian authorities.

There have been zero reported fatalities and lost-time injuries this quarter from the Corporation's personnel and contractors.

The Corporation continued to advance its local stakeholder engagement through both formal regulatory channels, such as local environmental inspection, as well as ongoing dialogue with a range of individuals.

In 2017, the Corporation has approved contributions for over ten different initiatives at the county and province levels focused on improving local livelihoods, basic education and public health. In accordance with Mongolian legislative requirements for minerals license holders, the Corporation finalized and executed a cooperation agreement with Bayankhongor province that establishes a framework for community participation and information sharing around the Corporation's exploration activities and voluntary contributions for community development.

#### **Hydrogeology**

Regarding future sources of water for mine and process usage, the location of both the Bayan Khundii and Altan Nar projects in the northwest corner of the Gobi Desert and the southwest extent of several large basins draining the Altai mountain system, provides potential for deep aquifers. A water resource capable of supporting a >50,000 tonne per day flotation processing operation was previously identified by the Corporation approximately 70 km to the northeast of Bayan Khundii for the Zuun Mod molybdenum-copper project. In 2017, the Corporation, through a Mongolian hydrogeological consulting company, carried out a water exploration program in two basins in the vicinity of the Bayan Khundii and Altan Nar projects. This work included the collection of geophysical data (VES and TEM) used to identify possible exploration targets as well as a series of widely spaced drill holes. The Corporation was successful in identifying a preliminary (or inferred) water resource approximately 15 km from Altan Nar and 32 km from Bayan Khundii. A potential groundwater source with a 57 liters/second supply potential was approved by Mongolia's Ministry of Environment and Tourism in late December 2017. This newly identified water resource is believed to be sufficient to meet the processing needs of both projects.

Work will be required in 2018-19 to better define the water resource and secure extraction permits and the impact of any surface water on the open pit mining developments. Recognizing the importance of water to the local communities of Mongolia's Gobi, the Corporation has become a signatory to the International Finance Corporation's Voluntary Code of Practice on Water Resource Management and regularly works to support local herder well rehabilitation and improvement in proximity to project sites. In addition, the Corporation carries out research and development of new water sources with local provinces.

#### Engineering/Geotechnical

Erdene has engaged with several consulting firms in preparation for an anticipated resource estimate and preliminary economic studies, mining license application, and geological modeling and targeting for the Bayan Khundii project.

#### Conclusion

The Corporation's 2017 drilling campaign has successfully established a gold mineralized body spread over a 1.4 kilometre long trend that is locally up to 400 metre wide and up to 250 metres deep. This area is characterized by a multitude of gold-bearing veins and shoots of very high gold grades (greater than 30 g/t gold), locally exposed at surface, with good continuity. These high-grade zones are enveloped in a halo of low to moderate gold grades with widths often in the 10's of metres. Management believes these characteristics result in a significant open pit target with comparatively very high grades relative to industry averages for open pit developments. The Corporation's near-term objective at Bayan Khundii is to establish the limits of several ultra-high-grade zones in Q2 2018, followed by the completion of a global independent resource estimate that will include a maiden resource estimate at Bayan Khundii, and a revised resource estimate for Altan Nar.

Data verification and exploration information for the Bayan Khundii section can be found in the following documents filed by the Corporation on Sedar:

- Technical report dated March 26, 2018, entitled "Bayan Khundii Gold Project (Khundii Exploration License), Bayankhongor Aimag, Southwest Mongolia, National Instrument 43-101 Technical Report". Note that there is no resource estimate included in the report, which was prepared by the Corporation in support of disclosure to be used within its Annual Information Form.
- Press Release dated February 16, 2016, "Erdene Reports 99% Gold Recovery from its New High-Grade Bayan Khundii Gold Discovery".
- Press Release dated March 28, 2017, "Erdene Provides Project Review and Year-End Financial Results; Announces 24,000 Metre Drill Program for Bayan Khundii and Altan Nar Gold Projects".
- Press Release dated June 29, 2017, "Erdene Steps Out 280m from Midfield with Multiple Mineralized Holes; 60m of 1.5 g/t Gold; Bayan Khundii Strike Now Exceeding 1.3km; Strengthens Down-Dip of Midfield with 24m of 6.5 g/t Gold"
- Press Release dated July 17, 2017, "Erdene Provides Exploration Update on Southwest Mongolia Gold Exploration; Continues to Expand Western Gold Zone at Bayan Khundii"
- Press Release dated August 14, 2017, "Erdene Intersects 40 Metres of 3.3 g/t Gold and 72 Metres of 1.6 g/t Gold in Step-Out Drilling North of Midfield Zone at Bayan Khundii Gold Project"
- Press Release dated September 12, 2017, "Erdene Continues to Define New Zone North of Midfield; Intersects 120 Metres of 1.14 g/t Gold Including 3 Metres of 33 g/t Gold at Bayan Khundii Gold Project"
- Press Release dated September 14, 2017, "Erdene Receives Positive Metallurgical Results for its Bayan Khundii Gold Project"
- Press Release dated October 31, 2017, "Erdene Expands Bayan Khundii Mineralization with 43m of 1.8 g/t Gold East of Midfield, including 1m of 45 g/t Gold, and 20m of 2.8 g/t Gold West of Striker, Including 1m of 51 g/t Gold"
- Press Release dated December 6, 2017, "Erdene Intersects 61 Metres of 4.2 g/t Gold at Striker Zone and 15 Metres of 9.2 g/t Gold in Step-Out Hole, 250 Metres West of Striker at Bayan Khundii Gold Project"
- Press Release dated January 10, 2018, "Erdene Drilling Intersects Multiple High-Grade Gold Zones Including Highest Grade Result to Date With 2,200 g/t Gold Over 1 Metre at Bayan Khundii Gold Project"
- Press release dated May 8, 2018, "Erdene Establishes Strong Continuity of High-Grade Zones, Including 18 Metres of 21.6 g/t Gold at Bayan Khundii Gold Project"

# Altan Nar Gold-Polymetallic Project (located on the Tsenkher Nomin license)

The Altan Nar ("Golden Sun") project is located on the Corporation's Tsenkher Nomin exploration license in southwest Mongolia, 16 kilometres northwest of Bayan Khundii. The exploration license is in its eighth year of a maximum 12-year term and can be converted to a mining license at any time prior to the end of the twelfth year by meeting the requirements prescribed under the Minerals Law of Mongolia. The 4,669 hectare Tsenkher Nomin license is 100% owned by Erdene.

### Summary

Exploration carried out by Erdene over the past six years has established Altan Nar as a significant new epithermal gold-silver-lead-zinc mineralized system. Exploration, specifically the 2013 through 2016 programs, which included geological mapping, geochemical and geophysical survey programs, and a multistage scout and resource delineation drilling program, has greatly expanded the areas of known mineralization, with 18 mineralized gold-silver-base metal target areas identified within a 5.6 by 1.5 kilometre mineralized corridor. Two of the early discoveries, the Discovery Zone ("DZ") and Union North ("UN"), are the most advanced targets, hosting wide zones of high-grade, near-surface mineralization, and were the focus of an initial NI 43-101 resource estimate released by Erdene in Q1 2015 and an updated resource estimate announced on May 10, 2018 (see below for details). The remaining 16 targets are either undrilled or scout-drilled and are considered by Erdene to have good potential for hosting additional highgrade mineralized zones.

The Corporation completed 5,744 metres of drilling at Altan Nar in 2017; 1,326 metres in Q2, 3,968 metres in Q3, and 450 metres in Q4. As outlined below, the drill programs were successful in testing and identifying new targets and completing step-out drilling in areas adjacent to the Discovery Zone and Union North deposits, where Erdene previously reported a NI 43-101 mineral resource estimate. Of particular focus was the establishment of continuity in a newly discovered high-grade core in the central Discovery Zone where drilling has recently returned up to 20 metres of 10.3 g/t gold (TND-110), announced in Q4.

# Discovery and Deposit Style

Altan Nar was discovered by the Corporation in Q3 2011 during a regional reconnaissance sampling and mapping program. The project is interpreted as an intermediate sulfidation, carbonate base-metal gold system, a style of deposit which has close magmatic relationships, often being base metal rich and locally associated with porphyry deposits. This style of gold mineralization represents one of the most prolific styles of gold mineralization in the southeast Asia region and includes the Kelian mine in Indonesia (now closed but formerly operated by Rio Tinto) and Porgera gold mine Papua New Guinea (operated by Barrick Gold Corporation), and elsewhere in the world, Fruta del Norte in Ecuador, (operated by Lundin Gold), Cripple Creek & Victor Gold Mine in Colorado (operated by AngloGold Ashanti), Rosia Montana in Romania (operated by Rosia Montana Gold Corporation) and in Mexico five of the world's top silver-producing mines including Penasquito (operated by Goldcorp Inc.). This type of deposit is often associated with breccia pipes (diatremes) and can extend vertically for greater than 1 kilometre. The Kelian open pit, for example, was developed to a depth of 500 metres.

### <u>Drilling Summary - Discovery Zone</u>

Drilling to date at the DZ has identified a minimum strike length of 500 metres. The majority of drilling to date has consisted of shallow drill holes (i.e. <150 metre true vertical depth), on 20 to 100 metre spacing along strike, that has demonstrated vertical and lateral continuity of gold, silver, lead and zinc mineralization. Mineralization is structurally controlled, north-northeast trending, and associated with epithermal breccia zones that are steeply dipping to sub-vertical.

Over the past 10 months the Corporation has identified a previously un-tested high-grade core in the central portion of the DZ that remains open at depth. The new discovery is located at the intersection of major structures and provides strong support for additional drilling at DZ, and throughout the larger 5.6 kilometre long Altan Nar trend. The discovery was made subsequent to the establishment of a NI 43-101 mineral resource for the DZ that was based on pre-2015, near-surface drilling (less than 150 metres depth), which included a low-grade central core. The table below displays results from the most recent drilling, completed in Q4 2016, Q2 2017 and Q3 2017.

Hole No.	Date	Intersection	Interval	Gold	Silver	Copper	Lead	Zinc	Gold
	Reported	Depth (m)	(m) <sup>(1)</sup>	(g/t)	(g/t)	(%)	(%)	(%)	Equiv.
									(g/t) (2)
TND-90	Oct-15-2015	92 m	5.8 m	5.4	53.1	0.03	0.51	0.97	7.0
TND-101 <sup>(3)</sup>	Dec-19-2016	96 m	15 m	52.3	125	0.69	2.49	2.87	56.9
TND-104	May-20-2017	133 m	8 m	6.21	91.6	0.04	1.15	1.29	8.84
TND-105	May-20-2017	100 m	14 m	7.92	43.7	0.23	0.67	1.16	9.52
TND-110	Oct-10-2017	97 m	20 m	10.3	37.5	0.13	0.79	0.93	11.8

<sup>(1)</sup> Reported intervals are not true width. At this time, there is insufficient data with respect to the shape of the mineralized zones to calculate true orientations in space.

Outside of the central DZ, exploration work has identified north-northeast trending, sub-vertical zones of mineralization over variable widths (up to 53 metre apparent width) averaging in excess of 1 g/t gold, including intervals up to 19 metres averaging 5.8 g/t gold (7.8 g/t gold equivalent ("AuEq")) in DZ North. During Q4 2014, drilling at DZ North returned 30 metres of 4.2 g/t gold (5.1 g/t AuEq) including 8 metres of 11.4 g/t gold (13.6 g/t AuEq) (TND-70). In October 2015 the Corporation announced results from infill drilling at DZ; hole TND-92, located in DZ South, returned 9 metres of 7.3 g/t gold (9.2 g/t AuEq) within a 38 metres interval of 2.0 g/t gold (2.8 g/t AuEq), from 43 to 81 metres depth; and hole TND-90, also located in DZ South, returned a 53 metre interval of 2.0 g/t AuEq (1.4 g/t gold, 20 g/t silver and 0.68 combined lead and zinc), from 78 to 131 metres depth. The DZ remains open along strike to the northeast and at depth.

# Q2 2017 – DZ Drilling Summary

On May 30, 2017, the Corporation reported results for six holes (total of 1,326 metres) drilled in the central part of the DZ, with the objective of establishing continuity of the high-grade gold-polymetallic zone identified in Q4-2016. The six holes were drilled at 45-degree angles to the southeast, perpendicular to the interpreted trend of the mineralized zone. The results include up to 14 metres of 9.5 g/t AuEq (7.9 g/t gold, 43.7 g/t silver, and 1.83% combined lead-zinc) at 100 metre depth in hole TND-105, and 37 metres of 3.1 g/t AuEq (2.2 g/t gold, 29.7 g/t silver, and 0.76% combined lead-zinc) at 126 metre depth in hole TND-104 (see table below). The results suggest an increase in intensity of the gold-polymetallic mineralization at depth within the central DZ with increased copper content. Mineralization remains open at depth.

# Q3 & Q4 2017 – DZ Drilling Summary

On October 12, 2017, the Corporation reported results for recent drilling in the central DZ and extensions of the DZ. Hole TND-110, further increased Erdene's understanding of the high-grade core to the Discovery Zone and supported the carbonate base metal deposit model given the elevated concentrations of base and precious metals, including copper. In addition to the post-resource high-grade gold intervals reported in the table below, hole TND-110 also intersected elevated base metal veins containing up to 6.2% lead, 3.8% zinc, and up to 0.85% copper. The high-grade precious and base metal intercepts identified at the Discovery Zone remain open at depth and demonstrate exceptional down-dip potential at this new high-grade zone, which will be further defined through detailed drilling.

Eight holes totalling 1,645 metres were completed within and along potential extensions and subsidiary structures at the DZ, and all holes were successful in expanding mineralization and identifying follow-up drill targets.

A new parallel structure was discovered 100 metres northwest of the DZ with two holes (TND-113 and - 114) intersecting high-grade gold and base metal mineralization, including individual 1-metre samples with

<sup>(2)</sup> Gold equivalent ("AuEq") has been used to express the combined value of gold, silver, lead and zinc as a percentage of gold, and is provided for illustrative purposes only. No allowances have been made for recovery losses that may occur should mining eventually result. Calculations use metal prices of US \$1200/oz gold, \$18/oz silver, and \$0.90/lb for lead and zinc.

<sup>(3)</sup> Hole TND-101 was an exploratory hole drilled a low, oblique angle to the mineralized Discovery Zone trend, and was oriented perpendicular to a cross-cutting structure observed in geophysical surveys. See Erdene's Dec 19, 2016 news release for additional technical information on TND-101 (click here).

up to 14.6 g/t gold, 2.4% zinc and 3.8% lead, within 20 metres of 1.1 g/t gold at 79 metres depth (TND-113), and up to 17 metres of 1.0 g/t gold at 91 metres depth (TND-114).

Exploration at the northern extension of the DZ had previously identified mineralization as plunging at depth to the north; however results from recent drilling now also show a bifurcation of the mineralized area to the Drill holes TND-111, -112, -116 and -117 all intersected zones of gold-polymetallic mineralization, adding approximately 150 metres of additional strike length to the DZ. Multiple high-grade veins were intersected with results from 1-metre samples returning up to 7.6 g/t gold, 37 g/t silver, 3.3% lead and 8.8% zinc in hole TND-111 and 0.6 g/t gold, 126 g/t silver, 0.3% copper, 3.6% lead, and 3.1% zinc in hole TND-117. These high-grade veins were intersected within broad phyllic alteration zones that returned up to 145 metres of 0.41 g/t AuEq (0.2 g/t gold, 3 g/t silver, 0.36% lead-zinc) in hole TND-111 and 80 metres of 0.53 g/t AuEq (0.4 g/t gold, 2 g/t silver, and 0.2% lead-zinc) in hole TND-116. All intersections within this area were within 132 metres vertical depth.

A single deep hole (TND-129) was drilled under the DZ to a depth of 450 metres (390 metres vertical depth). TND-129 intersected multiple mineralized zones including 1-metre intervals up to 2.7 g/t gold, 49 g/t silver, 6.5% lead and 2.2% zinc at 382 metres depth (331 metres vertical). One previous deep hole tested the Discovery Zone at depths similar to TND-129; hole TND-31 was extended from 190 to 450 metres in late 2016 and confirmed that high-grade precious and base metal mineralization extends below the depths previously tested. TND-31 returned 1-metre samples up to 18.3 g/t AuEq at 370 metres depth (320 metres vertical depth) and up to 6.9 g/t AuEq at 401 metres depth (347 metres vertical depth).

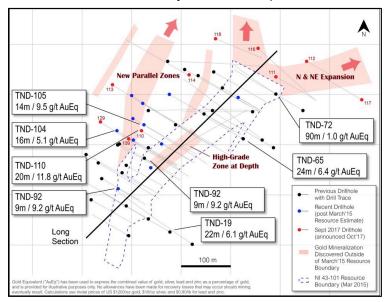
Altan Nar Project - Q2 & Q3 Drill Highlights

Drill	From	То	Interval	Gold	Silver	Lead	Zinc	Gold Eq.
Hole	(m)	(m)	(m) <sup>(1)</sup>	(g/t)	(g/t)	(%)	(%)	(g/t) (2)
TND-103	139	169	30	0.25	3.2	0.26	0.49	0.68
TND-104	126	163	37	2.22	29.7	0.31	0.45	3.05
incl	126	142	16	3.65	50.5	0.63	0.77	5.13
incl	137	140	3	10.1	155	1.32	2.12	14.2
TND-105	100	114	14	7.92	43.7	0.67	1.16	9.52
incl	107	113	6	14.88	65.3	0.68	0.94	16.7
incl	111	112	1	40.0	87	1.72	1.87	43.2
TND-106	132	151	19	1.01	11.9	0.21	0.42	1.51
TND-108	120	145	25	1.29	16.6	0.51	0.76	2.20
incl	135	138	3	5.81	55.0	1.63	1.69	8.34
TND-109	162	170	8	2.71	10.6	0.11	0.32	3.09
TND-110	62	63	1	0.16	16	6.18	3.80	5.54
and	97	117	20	10.3	37.5	0.79	0.93	11.8
incl	106	111	5	29.7	44.6	0.86	1.85	31.8
incl	106	107	1	101.0	84	2.01	3.26	105.0

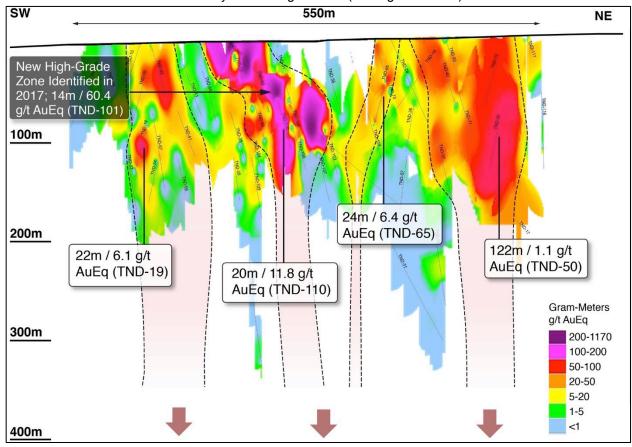
<sup>(1)</sup> Reported intervals are not true width. At this time, there is insufficient data with respect to the shape of the mineralized zones to calculate true orientations in space.

<sup>(2)</sup> Gold Eq. ("gold equivalent") has been used to express the combined value of gold, silver, lead and zinc as a percentage of gold, and is provided for illustrative purposes only. No allowances have been made for recovery losses that may occur should mining eventually result. Calculations use metal prices of US \$1200/oz gold, \$18/oz silver, and \$0.90/lb for lead and zinc.

# Discovery Zone Plan Map



# Discovery Zone Long-Section (looking Northwest)



# Drilling Summary - Union North

In addition to DZ, one of the early discoveries at Altan Nar was Union North ("UN"), 1.3 kilometres north of the DZ. At UN, a series of 8 trenches and 20 drill holes, at 50 to 200 metre spacing, have identified mineralization associated with a structural dilation zone on a large northeast-southwest trending structure, that hosts wide, parallel zones of intensely altered and mineralized breccias. Previous drilling (2012) included a single hole (TND-46) at UN that intersected 47 metres of 1.3 g/t gold, including 9 metres of 5.4

g/t AuEq (4.4 g/t gold, 11.6 g/t silver and 1.7% combined lead and zinc). Infill drilling in Q3 2015 returned multiple, near-surface, high-grade mineralized zones from the central resource area, including hole TND-82 (within 38 metres from surface), which returned 5 metres of 10.9 g/t AuEq (7.2 g/t Au, 29.8 g/t Ag, 2.64% Pb. 3.62% Zn) within a 12 metre interval of 5.3 g/t AuEg (3.6 g/t Au, 14.4 g/t Ag, 1.15% Pb, 1.76% Zn). Trenching in Q3 significantly expanded the deposit's mineralized zone; trench ANT-41, located approximately 200 metres east of the current UN resource boundary, returned 8 metres of 4.1 g/t AuEq (3.5 g/t Au, 5.0 g/t Ag, 0.70% Pb, 3.26% Zn) within a 28.5 metres interval of 2.5 g/t AuEq (1.9 g/t Au, 4.3 g/t Ag, 0.78% Pb, 0.35% Zn).

# Q4 2016 – UN Drilling Summary

The latest Q4-2016 drill program significantly expanded the size potential of the UN mineralized system. Step-out hole TND-97, located 155 metres east of the Corporation's Q1-2015 UN mineral resource boundary, returned 22 metres of 1.57 g/t AuEq (1.08 g/t Au, 5 g/t Ag and 0.81% combined lead-zinc) starting at 34 metres depth, under trench ANT-41 that had previously returned 28.5 metres of 2.5 g/t AuEq (1.88 g/t Au, 4.3 g/t Ag and 1.13% combined lead-zinc). The total strike length of UN is now 600 metres and remains open to the northeast, east, and south, and at depth, and will require additional drilling by the Corporation in advance of any revised resource estimate for UN.

### Q3 2017 – UN Drilling

Three holes were completed along a 400 metre eastern extension target in the most recent drill program (TND-119 to 121) and one hole completed 200 metres southeast of Union North that intersected high-grade base metal veins (TND-122) (see table below). The three, eastern step-out holes clearly demonstrate that Union North mineralization expands significantly to the east and remains open. This area will receive additional drilling in advance of a revised resource estimate for the deposit.

Drill Highlights from Union Nort	Drill I	Hiahliah	ts from	Union	North
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Drill	From	То	Interval	Gold	Silver	Lead	Zinc	Gold Eq.
Hole	(m)	(m)	(m) <sup>(1)</sup>	(g/t)	(g/t)	(%)	(%)	(g/t) (2)
TND-119	38.4	42	3.6	0.06	5.3	0.44	0.78	0.76
TND-120	36.9	42	5.1	1.08	29.4	1.05	2.25	3.22
incl	39	40	1	2.43	55	1.70	3.10	5.72
TND-121	89.5	104	14.5	0.93	6.8	0.47	0.42	1.49
TND-122	105	132	27	0.14	3.0	0.19	0.53	0.56
incl	128	129	1	1.36	23.0	2.60	6.98	6.63

<sup>(1) (2)</sup> See Footnotes under table above.

#### Drilling Summary – Regional Targets

The combination of detailed surface mapping, geochemical analysis of soil and rock samples, along with IP and magnetic geophysical surveys has resulted in the identification of 18 highly prospective targets within the 5.6 kilometre Altan Nar trend. With the exception of DZ and UN the 16 remaining targets are relatively un-tested. The Corporation has completed limited scout drilling (2011-2012, Q4 2016), trenching (2013, Q3 2014) and target drilling (Q2, Q4 2014, Q3 2015, and Q4 2016) to test a number of high priority targets. With additional drill testing, these target zones have the potential to significantly expand the areas of known gold-polymetallic mineralization at Altan Nar.

The Maggie prospect is located 800 metres north of the Discovery Zone and 600 metres southeast of Union North. Drilling targeted the extension of a magnetic low feature that was previously drill-tested approximately 100 metres to the southeast (TND-64). Maggie has only received three drill holes and one trench since discovery in 2013. Hole TND-123 is located at the northeast edge of a large phyllic alteration zone, associated with anomalous rock chip results that include up to 15.4 g/t gold. Results from TND-123 included 5 metres of 5.3 g/t AuEq (4.8 g/t gold, 10.4 g/t silver, and 0.8% lead-zinc) at 31 metres depth, including 1 metre of 23.8 g/t AuEq (22.3 g/t gold). Hole TND-133 was drilled beneath TND-123 to test possible down-dip extension of mineralization. Excluding 25 metres of barren dykes the zone in TND-133 returned an average grade of 0.7 g/t AuEq (0.4 g/t gold, 4.2 g/t silver, and 0.46% combined lead-zinc) with individual gold values up to 4.8 g/t over 1 metre. The initial drill hole at Maggie (TND-64) returned 22 metres of 1.1 g/t gold at 38 metres depth. The nearest drill hole to these three scout holes is located at Union North, 450 metres to the west. A follow-up program for Maggie is being designed.

### Q3 2017 - Junction Prospect Drilling

The Junction prospect is located 600 metres east of the Discovery Zone and is characterized by anomalous rock chip samples (up to 11.2 g/t gold) and soil geochemistry within a 350 by 450 metre area overlying a large gradient IP chargeability anomaly. Hole TND-127 is the first drill hole completed at Junction and intersected strongly silicified volcanic breccias cut by chalcopyrite mineralized, sheeted and stockwork quartz veins, returning 12 metres of 0.3% copper, 0.14 g/t gold and 7.5 g/t silver at 150 metres depth. Multiple targets in this prospect remain untested. The increased concentration of copper in this, and the adjacent Southgate target areas (up to 4.4% copper over a 1-metre interval in TND-48), suggests this region of Altan Nar may represent a higher temperature portion of the broader mineralized zone. This new zone will be a priority for the Corporation in future drill programs.

# Geology

The Altan Nar prospect hosts multi-phase epithermal gold-silver-lead-zinc mineralization with abundant carbonate gangue minerals within Late Paleozoic (Devonian-Carboniferous) andesitic volcanic and lapilli tuff host rocks. Mineralization is associated with comb quartz and chalcedony veins, quartz breccias, sulfide matrix breccia and quartz-poor breccia zones with associated white mica alteration zones (quartz-illite±pyrite), and locally potassic altered zones, all within widespread propylitic (epidote-chlorite-montmorillonite/illite) alteration of host trachy-andesite, andesite and andesite tuff units.

### 2018 Resource Estimate

On May 10, 2018, the Corporation announced the results from an update to a previous resource estimate for Altan Nar that was reported in March, 2015. The revised resource estimate was completed by RPMGlobal ("RPM"), based on information provided by Erdene and verified where possible by RPM. This information included the results from an additional 51 diamond drill holes totaling 7,782 metres completed between Q1 2015 and Q4 2017. This drilling focused on expanding existing resource boundaries in the Discovery Zone ("DZ") and Union North ("UN") deposits, as well as expanding and exploring for additional mineralization within the remaining 16 target areas throughout the 5.6 kilometre Altan Nar trend. This work resulted in the discovery of a high-grade central core in the DZ area and outlined additional resources in the peripheral targets. The DZ drilling in particular had a significant impact on the overall size and grade of the revised Mineral Resource. All statistical analysis and mineral resource estimations were carried out by RPM.

Table 1-15 below shows the Indicated and Inferred Mineral Resource estimate for Altan Nar as at May 7, 2018. The Mineral Resource was completed by RPM in accordance with the recommended guidelines of the CIM Definition Standards referenced in NI 43-101. RPM calculated the Altan Nar Mineral Resources for a number of AuEq cut-offs, however RPM recommended reporting the Mineral Resource at a 0.7 g/t

AuEg cut-off for open pit resources, and 1.4 g/t AuEg below the same pit shell. Table 1-15 shows the variation in tonnage and metals content with variable cut-off grades above the pit shell (0.4 g/t AuEg, 1.0 g/t AuEq and 1.4 g/t AuEq cut-off grades), while keeping the 1.4 g/t AuEq below the pit shell consistent. The Corporation will file a NI 43-101 Mineral Resource Estimate and Technical Report on SEDAR within 45 days of the announcement on May 10, 2018.

Table 1-15 Altan Nar Project – Mineral Resource Estimate Summary, May 7, 2018

Cut- Resource		<b>.</b>	Grade					Contained Metal					
off AuEq	Classi-	Quantity (Mt)	Au	Ag	Zn	Pb	AuEq	Au	Ag	Zn	Pb	AuEq	
g/t	fication	(ivit)	g/t	g/t	%	%	g/t	Koz	Koz	Kt	Kt	Koz	
0.4	Indicated	5.6	1.8	13.5	0.6	0.5	2.6	323	2,412	33.2	29.9	464	
0.4	Inferred	3.7	1.6	7.5	0.7	0.6	2.3	189	901	24.5	22.8	283	
0.7	Indicated	5.0	2.0	14.8	0.6	0.6	2.8	318	2,350	31.6	29.0	453	
0.7	Inferred	3.4	1.7	7.9	0.7	0.7	2.5	186	866	23.7	22.3	277	
1.0	Indicated	4.2	2.3	16.6	0.7	0.7	3.2	306	2,212	28.6	27.4	431	
1.0	Inferred	3.2	1.8	8.2	0.7	0.7	2.7	182	837	22.8	21.5	270	
1.4	Indicated	3.3	2.7	18.9	0.8	0.8	3.8	285	2,002	24.9	25.2	398	
1.4	Inferred	2.9	1.9	8.6	8.0	0.7	2.8	176	795	21.5	20.4	259	

#### Notes:

- 4. Mineral Resource grades are reported in accordance with the CIM Standards.
- Mineral Resources reported on a dry in-situ basis.
- 6. No dilution or ore loss factors have been applied to the reported Resource Estimate.
- 7. No allowances have been made for recovery losses that may occur should mining eventually result.
- 8. Gold Equivalent ("AuEq") calculations assume metal prices of US \$1,310 per ounce gold, US \$18 per ounce silver, and US \$2,400 per tonne lead and US \$3,100 per tonne zinc and processing recoveries as per below.

The results from the revised resource estimate identified a 208% increase in the Indicated gold equivalent ("AuEq") resource and an increase of 172% in the Inferred AuEq resource, compared to the Corporation's March 2015 Altan Nar maiden mineral resource estimate. In addition, the Indicated Resource estimate increased to 452,900 ounces ("oz") AuEq, averaging 2.8 g/t AuEq, and the Inferred Resource increased to 277,100 oz AuEq averaging 2.5 g/t AuEq, within a total resource of 5.0 million tonnes ("Mt") Indicated and 3.4 Mt Inferred Resource. The Indicated Resource included 317,700 oz gold (at 2.0 g/t gold), 31,600 tonnes ("t") zinc, 29,000 t lead, and 2.35 million oz silver, while the Inferred Resource contained 185,700 oz gold (at 1.7 g/t gold), 23,700 t zinc, 22,300 t lead, and 865,900 oz silver. The AuEq grade increased by 12% in the Indicated category, and 19% in the Inferred category, whereas the gold grade increased by 18% in the Indicated category, and 13% in the Inferred category.

For future details on the parameters used by RPM in determination of the reported cut-off grade the reader is referred to the press release issued by the Corporation on May 10, 2018.

<sup>1.</sup> The Mineral Resources have been constrained by topography and a cut-off of 0.7 g/t AuEq above a pit and 1.4 g/t AuEq below the same pit shell.

<sup>2.</sup> The Mineral Resource Estimate Summary has been compiled under the supervision of Mr. Jeremy Clark who is a full-time employee of RPM and a Member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists. Mr. Clark has sufficient experience that is relevant to the style of mineralization and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity that he has undertaken to qualify as a Qualified Person as defined in the CIM Standards of Disclosure.

<sup>3.</sup> All Mineral Resource figures reported in the table above represent estimates as at May 7, 2018. Mineral Resource estimates are not precise calculations, being dependent on the interpretation of limited information on the location, shape and continuity of the occurrence and on the available sampling results. The totals contained in the above table have been rounded to reflect the relative uncertainty of the estimate. Rounding may cause some computational discrepancies.

### Geophysical Surveys

The aerial extent of ground geophysical surveys at Altan Nar was expanded in 2014, with 20 line kilometres of induced polarization ("IP") dipole-dipole surveys completed along 100 metre spaced lines over an area covering the North Bow, South Bow, Riverside, Union North, Union South and Maggie prospect areas. To date, high chargeability anomalism has been an important guide for successful targeting of the gold mineralized zones. A previous IP gradient-array survey identified a series of high chargeability anomalies, up to 190 metres wide that are interpreted as representing broad zones of sulphide mineralization. Many of these IP anomalies have corresponding surface geochemical anomalies (in both rock and soil). The morphology of these IP anomalies, coupled with the geometry of the lineaments evident on satellite imagery, suggests mineralization may be associated with structural dilation zones. The Q2 2014 survey results show the presence of multiple, locally intense, chargeability high anomalies, extending from nearsurface to depth, often continuing below the IP survey detection limit of approximately 150 metres. Anomalies beneath the North Bow/South Bow and Union North, Union South target areas are particularly intense. The majority of these geophysical targets have yet to be drill tested.

A high-resolution ground magnetic orientation study using 10 metre spaced survey lines was completed over a 500 by 500 metre portion of the main Discovery Zone in Q4 2016. The results of this survey successfully outlined the main mineralized zones and associated white-mica alteration zones in the survey area. In Q2 2017 a high-resolution ground magnetic survey was completed over the entire Altan Nar project area, using 10 metre line spacing, with a total of 1,000 survey line kilometres.

In Q2 2017 a six-line induced polarization (IP) dipole-dipole survey was completed with 150-metre dipole spacing. The survey lines were oriented at 135 degrees and were centred over the DZ and were 2,850 metre in length. The objective of this survey was to identify any significant chargeability anomalies that could represent sulphide mineralization.

The results from the Q2 magnetic and IP surveys were used to guide drill targeting for the Q2-Q3 drill program outlined above and the Q4 2017 drill program that tested several of the 16 targets outside of DZ and UN.

### Metallurgical Testing

During Q3 2015 the Corporation completed metallurgical test-work on representative drill core composites from DZ North and Union North. The test-work program was completed by Blue Coast Research Ltd. ("BCR") of Parksville, British Columbia, and was designed to provide a preliminary metallurgical evaluation of Altan Nar and included cyanidation, flotation, gravity separation, and heavy liquid separation.

Metallurgical test-work at DZ North returned 88% gold recovery from direct cyanidation (ground to 80% passing 75 microns), indicating the gold is free milling and does not contain a significant refractory component. The test was conducted as a standard 48-hour bottle roll at 40% solids, with a cyanide concentration maintained at 1.0 g/L NaCN, while the pH was maintained between 10.5 and 11.0. Dissolved oxygen levels were maintained above 5 mg/L. Both cyanide (0.96 kg/t) and lime (1.51 kg/t) consumptions were moderate, indicating relatively low reagent consumable costs.

The flotation results indicated that high-grade gold-lead-silver concentrates (229 g/t gold, 62% lead, 1,029 g/t silver) could be produced with reasonable overall recoveries (75% gold, 74% lead, 64% silver) using conventional lead-zinc differential flotation.

A single cyanidation test and a single cleaner flotation test were both completed on UN drill core composites under similar conditions to those employed for the DZ North test-work. The results of the cyanidation test indicated a gold recovery of 68%. In the flotation test, the gold associated with the UN sample displayed a higher affinity for recovery to the sulphide concentrate (24% gold recovery), and less of an affinity for recovery to the lead concentrate (45% gold recovery) versus the DZ North material. No optimization work was performed on the UN composite.

BCR specializes in flowsheet development, from conceptual through prefeasibility to full feasibility level studies as well as in-plant consulting services supporting the start-up and optimization of production plants. Their metallurgists have significant experience with polymetallic base and precious metal concentrates globally.

# Conclusions and Recommendations

Drilling completed subsequent to the Q1 2015 maiden resource estimate has resulted in a significant increase in the updated resource estimate announced on May 10, 2018. In addition, this drilling has increased the Corporation's confidence in the potential to expand the current resource estimates at Altan Nar, including areas of known gold-polymetallic mineralization outside of the current resource boundaries.

The Q2 and Q3, 2017 exploration drill programs focused on establishing continuity of the new high-grade zone in the central DZ, situated at the intersection of major structures, and explored areas where zones of structural dilation, or offset, may have provided a favorable setting for the concentration of metal-rich solutions over wider intervals. The results from a high-resolution magnetic survey completed at Altan Nar in 2017 are being used to evaluate the potential for similar cross-cutting structures, as observed at DZ, at the 17 other target areas within the 5.6 kilometre long mineralized corridor. A structural study was completed for Altan Nar in Q3 2017 and results from this work will also be used for future drill targeting.

The continued drilling success at the new discovery in central DZ provides strong support for additional drilling. Upcoming work at Altan Nar is also expected to include various technical studies in support of a mining license application, including hydrogeological, archaeological, paleontological, and environmental base line studies.

Data verification and exploration information for the Altan Nar section can be found in the following documents filed by the Corporation on Sedar:

- Technical report dated March 2015, "Altan Nar Gold Project, Bayankhongor Aimag, Southwest Mongolia, National Instrument 43-101 Mineral Resource Technical Report" dated March 2015
- Press Release dated Sep 16, 2015, "Metallurgical Testing at Erdene's Altan Nar Project Returns Gold Recovery; Commissions Independent Strategic Options Analysis RungePincockMinarco"
- Press Release dated Sep 29, 2015, "Erdene Drills 12 m of 5.3 g/t Gold Equivalent at Union North, and 200 m Step-Out Trench Returns 28 m of 2.5 g/t Gold Equivalent"
- Press Release dated Oct 15, 2015, "Erdene Reports Multiple High-Grade Gold-Polymetallic Intersections at Altan Nar Discovery Zone, Including 9 m of 9.2 g/t Gold Equivalent"
- Press Release dated Nov 16, 2015, "Erdene Provides Project Review and Quarterly Financial Results
- Press Release dated Dec 19, 2016, "Erdene Intersects 110 Metres of 9.3 g/t Gold at Altan Nar
- Press Release dated October 12, 2017, "Erdene Intersects 20 Metres of 10.3 g/t Gold at Altan Nar Project and Expands Bayan Khundii and Altan Nar Drilling Program to 33,000 Metres"
- Press Release dated January 24, 2018, "Erdene Provides Regional Exploration Update; High-Grade Gold Intersected at Altan Arrow, 70 g/t over 2 metres, 3.4 Kilometres North of Bayan Khundii"
- Press release dated May 10, 2018, "Erdene Significantly Increases Resource Estimate at the Altan Nar GoldPolymetallic Project"

# Altan Arrow Gold Project (located on the Khundii license)

During 2017, the Corporation completed significant exploration work north of the Bayan Khundii project, and identified numerous zones of siliceous and vuggy residual guartz, intense argillic and advanced argillic alteration, and anomalous gold within a 3 by 6 kilometre area spanning the central part of the Khundii license. Particular focus was placed on the Altan Arrow gold-silver project and the Khundii North gold prospect, 3.4 kilometres and 3.2 kilometres north of the Corporation's Bayan Khundii project, respectively.

Previous exploration by the Corporation at Altan Arrow in 2013 confirmed the presence of high-grade gold within epithermal quartz veins and breccias, and the potential for broader mineralized zones; up to 57 g/t gold in hand samples and 1 metre of 31.4 g/t gold and 6 metres of 4.5 g/t gold in trenching. In H2 2017, the Corporation further defined Altan Arrow as a 0.5 by 1 kilometre target area adjacent to a major northeast-trending extensional fault containing multiple zones of high-grade epithermal quartz veining.

The Corporation's Q4 2017 exploration program at Altan Arrow included one hole testing a new, highly anomalous gold-in-soil anomaly extending over a 200 metre area to the south of the main northeasttrending structure. Follow-up surface sampling and geological mapping of the soil anomaly in Q3-2017 resulted in the discovery of surface quartz vein rubble that returned 27 g/t gold along an east-west trending structure. A single hole, AAD-11, tested this new prospect at depth and intersected multiple, anomalous gold zones spread over the 100 metre length of the hole (45 degree angle), including a shallow gold-bearing epithermal vein at 11 metres vertical depth that returned 1 metre of 39 g/t gold and 8 g/t silver. Anomalous gold (0.1 to 0.3 g/t) was intersected surrounding this high-grade vein over a 14 metre wide zone of quartzsericite altered Devonian andesite cut by guartz veins.

Prior to the Q4-2017 drill program, the only hole completed along this east-west structure was AAD-03, approximately 300 metres east of AAD-11. AAD-03 intersected 2 metres of 23.5 g/t gold at 50 metres vertical depth. Hole AAD-12 was a 150 metre deep hole drilled to test the continuity of that intersection at depth and returned 2 metres of 70.1 g/t gold and a second intersection of 2 metres of 1.3 g/t gold within 100 metres of surface.

# Khundii North Prospect

The Khundii North prospect is located 2.5 kilometres east of Altan Arrow and 3.2 kilometres north of Bayan Khundii. The northeast-trending faults running through Bayan Khundii and Altan Arrow are part of a larger network of regional northeast-trending extensional faults that are present throughout the larger Khundii District. The thoroughgoing structure at Bayan Khundii can be traced northeast to the untested Khundii North prospect where areas of guartz stockwork, chalcedonic guartz with hematite breccia clasts have been traced over 1 kilometre, returning 5 rock samples greater than 0.5 g/t gold and up to 22.7 g/t gold.

### Q3 2017 Regional Surveys

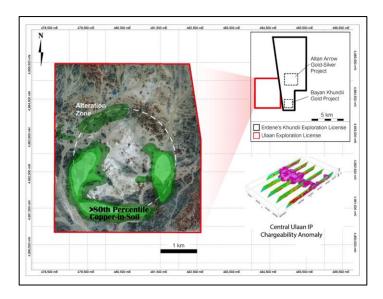
A program of detailed geological mapping, prospecting and rock chip sampling, covering the entire Khundii license, was completed in Q3 2017. In addition, an in-fill soil geochemical program was completed in Q3 2017 for the area of the Khundii license extending north from the Bayan Khundii project to the northern edge of the license (approximately 10 kilometres), with samples collected on 100 metre and 200 metre grid spacing. Geophysical surveys were also completed in Q3 over a 22 square kilometre area of the Khundii license, extending from the Bayan Khundii project to north of the Altan Arrow prospect. These included a 900 line kilometre magnetic survey with 25 metre line spacing and a 53 line kilometre induced polarization dipole-dipole survey, with 150 metre dipole spacing. Results from these regional surveys are being used to identify potential drill targets for 2018.

Data verification and exploration information for the Altan Arrow section can be found in the following documents filed by the Corporation on Sedar:

- Press Release dated Dec 19, 2016, "Erdene Intersects 110 Metres of 9.3 g/t Gold at Altan Nar Project".
- Press Release dated January 24, 2018, "Erdene Provides Regional Exploration Update; High-Grade Gold Intersected at Altan Arrow, 70 g/t over 2 metres, 3.4 Kilometres North of Bayan Khundii"

# **Ulaan Copper-Gold Porphyry Project – Recent Acquisition**

On August 30, 2017 the Corporation acquired a 51% interest in the Ulaan exploration license ("Ulaan Property"), situated immediately west of its high-grade Bayan Khundii gold project (see figure below), with the option to acquire up to 100%. The Ulaan Property covers an area of approximately 1,780 hectares, and hosts a very large, 3-kilometre diameter, intense alteration zone with characteristics thought to be related to a porphyry intrusion at depth. Although the Ulaan Property has no history of drilling or trenching, rock chip and stream sediment geochemical sampling has identified anomalous concentrations of gold, copper and molybdenum in the surrounding area, and recently completed geophysical surveys have produced a number of follow-up targets. Under the terms of the Agreement, Erdene has acquired 51% of the outstanding shares of Leader Exploration LLC, a private Mongolian company that currently owns the Ulaan Property, from Erdenechuluun.Z and Erdenekhuyag.Z for US\$750,000. Provided Erdene spends a minimum of US\$600,000 on work expenditures on the Ulaan Property over the next three years, it has the right to acquire the remaining 49% of the shares of Leader from Erdenechuluun.Z or, at Erdene's option, a portion of the Property, for the then fair market value of the Ulaan Property or the portion to be acquired. Erdene may extend the option beyond three years by spending a minimum of US\$100,000 per annum on work expenditures.



Map of Ulaan License Showing Intense, 3 km Alteration Zone Adjacent to Bayan Khundii License

Exploration programs completed over the entire Ulaan license in Q3 and early Q4, 2017 included detailed geological mapping, prospecting and rock chip sampling, a 1,739 sample soil survey with 100 metre grid spacing, and an 89 line kilometer induced polarization pole-dipole survey using 200 metre dipole spacing. Results from this work were used to guide the Q2, 2018 exploration work, including a detailed grid soil program over prospective areas, a follow-up IP pole-dipole survey, a license-wide gravity survey, and an initial trenching program over highly prospective areas. The results from this work will be used to guide a drill program anticipated in 2018.

Data verification and exploration information for the Ulaan Project section can be found in the following documents filed by the Corporation on Sedar:

- Press Release dated August 22, 2017, "Erdene to Acquire Majority Interest and Right to Purchase 100% of Exploration License Adjacent to its Bayan Khundii Gold Project Halifax, Nova Scotia
- Press Release dated August 30, 2017, "Erdene Expands Land Position in Bayan Khundii Gold District; Closes Ulaan Project Acquisition
- Press Release dated January 24, 2018, "Erdene Provides Regional Exploration Update; High-Grade Gold Intersected at Altan Arrow, 70 g/t over 2 metres, 3.4 Kilometres North of Bayan Khundii"

# Zuun Mod Molybdenum Project (located on the Khuvyn Khar license)

The Zuun Mod Molybdenum Project is a porphyry molybdenum-copper deposit located in southwest Mongolia, approximately 950 kilometres southwest of Ulaanbaatar and 215 kilometres from railhead on the Mongolia-China border at Ceke. The railhead is located 50 kilometres south of the Nariin Sukhait and Ovoot Tolgoi coal mines. The property consists of a mining license totaling 6,041 hectares. The mining license is registered in the name of Anian Resources LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Corporation, and has an initial term of 30 years. This project was acquired from Gallant Minerals Limited in 2005 and is subject to a net smelter returns royalty of 1.5%, subject to a buy-down provision.

In Q2 2011, the Corporation released a National Instrument 43-101 compliant resource estimate for Zuun Mod containing a Measured and Indicated Resource of 218 million tonnes ("Mt") at an average grade of 0.057% molybdenum, and 0.069% copper at a cut-off grade ("cog") of 0.04% molybdenum (40 Mt measured resource at 0.056% molybdenum and 0.064% copper and 178 Mt indicated resource at 0.057% molybdenum and 0.07% copper). This equates to 273.5 million pounds ("M lbs") of contained molybdenum metal and 330.7 M lbs of contained copper metal. In addition, there is a 168 Mt Inferred Resource at an average grade of 0.052% molybdenum and 0.065% copper, equating to a further 191.8 M lbs of contained molybdenum metal and 240.5 M lbs of contained copper metal. All of the reported Zuun Mod molybdenum and copper resources lie within the boundaries of the mining license.

Management believes that the Zuun Mod molybdenum-copper deposit has significant potential for development provided the molybdenum price improves. Recent market demand for molybdenum has been depressed, with the price of molybdenum oxide at approximately US\$7.25 per pound on December 31, 2017, down significantly from the US\$40 per pound values reached in 2004 and 2005. Improvement in the molybdenum market is an important factor in the advancement of the Zuun-Mod molybdenum-copper deposit. The Corporation will continue to complete evaluations towards optimizing project economics as new information is received regarding technology and/or additional exploration information. Discovery of additional significant copper mineralization at Khuvyn Khar could provide synergies for the advancement of the Zuun Mod molybdenum deposits.

Data verification and exploration information for the Zuun Mod section can be found in the following documents filed by the Corporation on Sedar:

"Technical Report Zuun Mod Porphyry Molybdenum-Copper Project, South-Western Mongolia, National Instrument 43-101 Independent Technical Report" dated June 2011

# Khuvyn Khar Copper-Silver Project (located on the Khuvyn Khar license)

The Khuvyn Khar copper-silver project is located on the Zuun Mod property, approximately 2.2 kilometres northwest of the Zuun Mod molybdenum-copper porphyry deposit (discussed above). Exploration work at Khuvyn Khar has included geological mapping, vein density mapping, geochemical sampling, geophysical surveys, and wide spaced drilling. Previous drilling completed by the Corporation to test a geophysical target, intersected 34 metres of 1.3% copper and 9.24 g/t silver from 308 to 342 metres (hole ZMD-121). Additional drilling on the Khuvyn Khar prospect has defined a very large copper mineralized zone trending

over 900 metres with multiple zones in three drill holes returning assays in excess of 0.2% copper over significant widths (12 to 42 metres).

The previous exploration programs have confirmed the potential for copper porphyry style mineralization within the Khuvyn Khar target area.

The Corporation will continue to complete necessary work on the Zuun Mod molybdenum-copper deposit and Khuvyn Khar copper-silver project, as required to keep the mining license in good standing, including annual license payments, ongoing environmental review requirements and community development work. No exploration is budgeted in 2018 for the Khuvyn Khar Copper-Silver Project.

Data verification and exploration information for the Khuvyn Khar section can be found in the following document filed by the Corporation on Sedar:

Press Release dated Nov 16, 2015, "Erdene Provides Project Review and Quarterly Financial Results"

# **Contractual Obligations**

The following table summarizes the Corporation's contractual obligations at March 31, 2018:

Contractual Obligations	Total	Less than one year	1-3 years years	4-5 years	More than 5 years
Office leases Accounts payable	\$ 89,159	\$ 62,936	\$26,223	\$ -	\$ -
and accrued liabilities	217,580	217,580	-	-	-
	\$ 306,739	\$280,516	\$26,223	\$ -	\$ -

Gallant Minerals Limited is entitled to a 1.5% net smelter return royalty on the Zuun Mod License, subject to a buy-down provision. There are no minimum exploration work commitments for the Zuun Mod mining license.

Sandstorm Gold Ltd. is entitled to a 2.0% net smelter return royalty on the Tsenkher Nomin and Khundii licenses. The royalty is subject to a buy-down provision.

In 2017, minimum exploration expenditures of USD\$1.50 per hectare are required on the Corporation's Tsenkher Nomin and Khundii licenses (USD\$7,004 and USD\$6,771 respectively).

The Corporation must spend a total of USD\$600,000 over three years in order to have the right to purchase any or all of the remaining 49% of Leader Exploration LLC (Ulaan license). The Corporation can extend the option period beyond three years by spending an additional USD\$100,000 per year on exploration work.

# **Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

As at March 31, 2018, the Corporation had no off-balance sheet arrangements such as guarantee contracts, contingent interests in assets transferred to an entity, derivative instruments obligations or any obligations that trigger financing, liquidity, market or credit risks to the Corporation.

# **Critical Accounting Estimates**

# Estimate of recoverability for non-financial assets

Events or changes in circumstances, may give rise to significant impairment charges or reversals of impairment in a particular year.

In accordance with the Corporation's accounting policy, each non-financial asset or cash generating unit is evaluated every reporting period to determine whether there are any indications of impairment. If any such indication exists, a formal estimate of recoverable amount is performed and an impairment loss recognized to the extent that the carrying amount exceeds the recoverable amount. The recoverable amount of an asset or cash generating unit is measured at the higher of fair value less costs to sell and value in use. Impairment testing is also performed annually for goodwill.

Fair value is determined as the amount that would be obtained from the sale of the asset in an arm's length transaction between knowledgeable and willing parties and is generally determined as the present value of the estimated future cash flows expected to arise from the continued use of the asset, including any expansion prospects, and its eventual disposal. Value in use is also generally determined as the present value of the estimated future cash flows, but only those expected to arise from the continued use of the asset in its present form and its eventual disposal. Present values are determined using a risk-adjusted pre-tax discount rate appropriate to the risks inherent in the asset.

Future cash flow estimates are based on expected production and sales volumes, mineral prices (considering current and historical prices, price trends and related factors), resources, operating costs, restoration and rehabilitation costs and future capital expenditures. This policy requires management to make these estimates and assumptions which are subject to risk and uncertainty; hence there is a possibility that changes in circumstances will alter these projections, which may impact the recoverable amount of the assets. In such circumstances, some or all of the carrying value of the assets may be impaired and the impairment would be charged against the income statement.

# **Share-based payments**

Equity-settled share-based payments issued to employees are measured at fair value (excluding the effect of non-market based vesting conditions) at the date of grant. Fair value is measured using the Black-Scholes pricing model and requires the exercise of judgment in relation to variables such as expected volatilities and expected lives based on information available at the time the fair value is measured. The Corporation recognized a total of \$115,346 in non-cash share-based compensation in the three months ended March 31, 2018 (2017 - \$32,565).

### **Taxation**

The Corporation's accounting policy for taxation requires management's judgment in assessing whether deferred tax assets and certain deferred tax liabilities are recognized on the balance sheet. Deferred tax assets, including those arising from tax loss carry-forwards, capital losses and temporary differences are recognized only where it is considered probable that they will be recovered, which is dependent on the generation of sufficient future taxable profits. Assumptions about the generation of future taxable profits depend on management's estimates of future cash flows. These depend on estimates of future production and sales volumes, mineral prices, reserves, operating costs, restoration and rehabilitation costs, capital expenditures, dividends and other capital management transactions.

Judgments are also required about the application of income tax legislation. These judgments and assumptions are subject to risk and uncertainty, hence there is a possibility that changes in circumstances will alter expectations, which may impact the amount of deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities recognized on the balance sheet and the amount of other tax losses and temporary differences not yet recognized. In such circumstances, some or all of the carrying amount of recognized deferred tax assets and liabilities may require adjustment, resulting in a corresponding credit or charge to the income statement.

No changes have been made the Corporation's critical accounting estimates in the past two years.

# Adoption of New Accounting Standards

The following new standards and amendments to standards and interpretations under IFRS were adopted for the period beginning January 1, 2018.

# Amendments to IFRS 9 - Financial Instruments

The IASB has issued IFRS 9, Financial Instruments, which replaces IAS 39, Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement. The objective of IFRS 9 is to establish principles for the financial reporting of financial assets and financial liabilities that will present relevant information to users of financial statements for their assessment of the amounts, timing and uncertainty of an entity's future cash flows.

#### IAS 12 - Income Taxes

The amendments clarify that the existence of a deductible temporary difference depends solely on a comparison of the carrying amount of an asset and its tax base at the end of the reporting period and is not affected by possible future changes in the carrying amount or expected manner of recovery of the asset.

# IFRS 2 - Share-based Payments

The IASB issued amendments to IFRS 2, Share-based Payments, to clarify the classification and measurement of share-based payment transactions. These amendments deal with variations in the final settlement arrangements including; accounting for cash settled share-based payments, classification of share-based payments settled net of tax obligations, and accounting for modifications of share-based payment transactions from cash-settled to equity.

# IFRIC 22: Foreign currency transactions and advance consideration

On December 8, 2016 the IASB issued IFRIC Interpretation 22. The Interpretation clarifies which date should be used for translation when a foreign currency transaction involves an advance payment or receipt.

# **Future Changes in Accounting Policies**

The following new standards, and amendments to standards and interpretations under IFRS and have not been applied in preparing the March 31, 2018 consolidated financial statements.

# IFRS 16 Leases: IFRS 16 will replace IAS 17 Leases

On January 13, 2016 the IASB issued IFRS 16 Leases. This standard introduces a single lessee accounting model and requires a lessee to recognize assets and liabilities for all leases with a term of more than 12 months, unless the underlying asset is of low value. A lessee is required to recognize a right-of-use asset representing its right to use the underlying asset and a lease liability representing its obligation to make lease payments.

The Corporation intends to adopt IFRS 16 in its financial statements for the annual period beginning on January 1, 2019. The extent of the impact of adoption of the standard has not yet been determined.

# IFRIC 23: Uncertainty over income tax treatments

On June 7, 2017 the IASB issued IFRIC Interpretation 23. The interpretation is to be applied to the determination of taxable profit (tax loss), tax bases, unused tax losses, unused tax credits and tax rates, when there is uncertainty over income tax treatments under IAS 12.

The Corporation intends to adopt the Interpretation in its financial statements for the annual period beginning January 1, 2019. The Corporation does not expect the Interpretation to have a material impact on the financial statements.

# **Financial Instruments and Other Risks**

#### **Financial Instruments**

The fair values of the Corporation's financial instruments are considered to approximate the carrying amounts. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The fair value hierarchy establishes levels to classify the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value.

Level 1: Inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2: Inputs are quoted prices in markets that are not active, quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability, or inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data or other means.

Level 3: Inputs are unobservable (supported by little or no market activity).

#### **Fair Value**

During the periods ended March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017, there were no transfers between level 1, level 2 and level 3 classified assets and liabilities. The following table provides the disclosures of the fair value of financial assets and liabilities and the level in the hierarchy.

	March 31, 2018			Decen	December 31, 2017			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3		
Financial assets:								
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,251,684	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,225,202	\$ -	\$ -		
Receivables	-	175,139	-	_	148,069	-		

#### **Risks**

In conducting its business, the principal risks and uncertainties faced by the Corporation relate primarily to exploration results and, to a lesser extent, metal and commodity prices. Exploration for minerals and development of mining operations involve many risks, many of which are outside the Corporation's control. In addition to the normal and usual risks of exploration and mining, the Corporation works in remote locations that lack the benefit of infrastructure and easy access.

#### **Credit Risk**

The carrying amount of financial assets represents the maximum credit exposure. The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date was:

	Carrying Amount			
	March 31, 2018	December 31, 2017		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,251,684	\$	3,225,202	
Receivables	175,139		148,069	
	\$ 2,426,823	\$	3,373,271	

The Corporation manages credit risk by holding the majority of its cash and cash equivalents with a Canadian Schedule I bank, where management believes the risk of loss to be low. At March 31, 2018, \$137,402 or 6% of the balance of cash and cash equivalents was held in banks outside Canada (December 31, 2017 - \$113,555 or 4%).

Receivables include an amount from Morien. The Corporation has an agreement to provide management services to Morien, invoiced monthly. Morien accounted for 13% of receivables at March 31, 2018 (December 31, 2017 – 18%). Management believes the credit risk on amounts receivable is low.

# **Liquidity Risk**

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Corporation will encounter difficulty in meeting the obligations associated with its financial liabilities that are settled by delivering cash or another financial asset. The Corporation's approach to managing liquidity is to ensure, to the extent possible, that it will always have sufficient liquidity to meet its liabilities when due, under both normal and stressed conditions. As of March 31, 2018, the Corporation had a cash and cash equivalents balance of \$2,251,684 (December 31, 2017 - \$3,225,202) to settle current liabilities of \$217,580 (December 31, 2017 - \$191,600).

The Corporation is in the exploration stage and is subject to the risks and challenges similar to other companies in a comparable stage of exploration. These risks include, but are not limited to, dependence on key individuals, successful exploration results and the ability to secure adequate financing to meet the minimum capital required to successfully advance the projects and continue as a going concern.

Current working capital of \$1.3 million is expected to fund the Corporation's budgeted expenditures to the end of second quarter of 2018. The ability of the Corporation to continue with its exploration programs beyond this point is contingent upon securing additional funds through asset sales, formation of alliances, option, and/or joint venture agreements, equity financing and/or expenditure reductions. The timing and availability of additional equity financing will be determined largely by market conditions and the results of the Corporation's ongoing exploration programs.

### **Foreign Currency Risk**

The Corporation operates in Mongolia, giving rise to foreign currency risk. To limit the Corporation's exposure to this risk, cash and cash equivalents balances are primarily held with high quality financial institutions in Canada. Based on the timing of the Corporation's exploration programs, foreign currencies may be purchased in advance of expenditures to lock in favorable rates in line with the Corporation's budgets, otherwise the Corporation does not use any form of hedging against fluctuations in foreign exchange.

The Corporation's exposure to US dollar currency risk was \$199,510 as at March 31, 2018 (December 31, 2017 - \$205,773. Sensitivity to a plus or minus 10% change in the US dollar exchange rate would affect net loss and comprehensive loss and deficit by approximately \$20,000 (December 31, 2017 - \$20,600).

The Corporation's exposure to Mongolian Tugrik currency risk was \$3,865 as at March 31, 2018 (December 31, 2017 - \$38,526). Sensitivity to a plus or minus 10% change in the Mongolian Tugrik would affect net loss and comprehensive loss and deficit by approximately \$400 (December 31, 2017 - \$3,900).

### **Price Risk**

The Corporation's financial instruments are not exposed to any direct price risk other than that associated with commodities and how fluctuations impact companies in the mineral exploration and mining industries as the Corporation has no significant revenues.

# Disclosure Controls and Internal Controls over Financial Reporting

Erdene has established and maintains disclosure controls and procedures over financial reporting, as defined under the rules adopted by the Canadian Securities Regulators in instrument 52-109. The Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") and Chief Financial Officer ("CFO") have evaluated the design and effectiveness of Erdene's disclosure controls and procedures as of March 31, 2018 and have concluded that such procedures are adequate and effective to provide reasonable assurance that material information relating to Erdene and its consolidated subsidiaries would be made known to them by others within those entities to allow for accurate and complete disclosures in annual filings.

The Management of Erdene, with the participation of the CEO and CFO (collectively "Management"), is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal controls over financial reporting. Erdene's internal controls over financial reporting are designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and preparation of financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS").

Management evaluated the design and effectiveness of Erdene's internal controls over financial reporting as of March 31, 2018. In making this assessment, management used the criteria set forth by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission in its report "Internal Control - Integrated Framework (2013). This evaluation included reviewing controls in key risk areas, assessing the design of these controls, testing these controls to determine their effectiveness, reviewing the results and then developing an overall conclusion.

Based on management's evaluation, the CEO and the CFO have concluded that as of March 31, 2018, Erdene's internal controls over financial reporting were effective in providing reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements in accordance with IFRS.

### Qualified Person

Michael A. MacDonald, P.Geo. (Nova Scotia) is a qualified person under NI 43-101 and supervises all of the Corporation's exploration programs. Samples are assayed at SGS Laboratory in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia or Tianjin China, Central Geological Laboratory in Ulaanbaatar, Blue Coast Research Ltd in Parksdale British Columbia, Canada, or ALS Chemex in Vancouver, Canada. In addition to internal checks by SGS Laboratory, Central Geological Laboratory and ALS Chemex, the Corporation incorporates a QA/QC sample protocol utilizing prepared standards, field and laboratory splits and blanks.

The disclosure in this MD&A of scientific or technical information about mineral projects on the Corporation's properties has been reviewed and approved by Michael A. MacDonald, P. Geo, who is not independent of the Corporation.

# Other Information

Additional information regarding the Corporation, including the Corporation's Annual Information Form, is available on SEDAR at www.sedar.com and on the Corporation's website at www.erdene.com.