

# Management's Discussion and Analysis

*This Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") provides a commentary to enable a reader to assess material changes in the financial condition and results of operations of Gabriel Resources Ltd. ("Gabriel" or the "Company") as at and for the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2017 and 2016.*

*The MD&A should be read in conjunction with the unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements and notes thereto of the Company as at and for the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2017 and 2016 ("Financial Statements"). The Financial Statements have been prepared in condensed format in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as applicable to the preparation of interim financial statements, including International Accounting Standard IAS 34 ('Interim Financial Reporting'). The Financial Statements should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto of the Company as at and for the year ended December 31, 2016, which have been prepared in accordance with IFRS. All amounts included in the MD&A are in Canadian dollars ("\$"), unless otherwise specified. This report is dated as of July 28, 2017, and the Company's public filings, including its most recent Annual Information Form ("AIF"), can be reviewed on the SEDAR website ([www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com)).*

## Overview

Gabriel is a Toronto Stock Exchange listed Canadian resource company which, for over eighteen years, has been principally focused on the exploration and development of the Roşia Montană gold and silver project in Romania (the "Project"). The exploitation concession license for the Project ("License") is held by Roşia Montană Gold Corporation S.A. ("RMGC"), a Romanian company in which Gabriel owns an 80.69% equity interest, with the 19.31% balance held by Minvest Roşia Montană S.A. ("Minvest RM"), a Romanian state-owned mining company.

Upon obtaining the License in 1999, RMGC along with Gabriel and its subsidiary companies (together the "Group") focused substantially all of their management and financial resources on identifying and defining the size of the four ore bodies, engineering to design the size and scope of the Project, surface rights acquisitions, rescue archaeology and environmental assessment and permitting. Despite the Company's fulfilment of its legal obligations and its development of the Project as a high-quality, sustainable and environmentally-responsible mining project, using best available techniques, Romania has blocked and prevented implementation of the Project without due process and without compensation, effectively depriving the Group entirely of the value of its investments.

On July 21, 2015, the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Gabriel Resources (Jersey) Ltd. (together “Claimants”), filed a request for arbitration (“Arbitration Request”) before the World Bank’s International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (“ICSID”) against the Romanian State (the “Respondent”) pursuant to the bilateral investment protection treaties which the Romanian Government has entered into with each of the Government of Canada and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for the Promotion and Reciprocal Protection of Investments (together the “Treaties”) (“ICSID Arbitration”). The presiding tribunal for the ICSID Arbitration (“Tribunal”) was constituted on June 21, 2016. In accordance with the procedural timetable determined by the Tribunal, on June 30, 2017, the Claimants submitted their memorial on the merits of the claim (the “Memorial”). In addition to factual and legal arguments supporting the claims against the Respondent, the Memorial also includes details of the US\$4.4 billion of claimed damages sustained due to Romania’s treaty breaches.

In light of the continued absence of any positive engagement by the Romanian State since the Arbitration Request, the ICSID Arbitration has become the Company’s core focus. Accordingly, the information set out below and elsewhere in this MD&A relating to the Project, the License, the Group’s exploration and development activities in Romania and the Project approval and permitting process is for background purposes only and should not be interpreted as being indicative of the Company’s expectations as at the date of this document regarding the future development of the Project.

## **ICSID Arbitration**

In reliance on numerous representations made and actions taken by the Romanian authorities and in the reasonable expectation that the Project would be evaluated in accordance with the law and reasonable technical standards and, ultimately, on its merits, the Claimants have invested over US\$700 million to maintain and develop the Project in accordance with all applicable laws, regulations, licenses, and permits. However, having encouraged the Claimants’ investment in the Project, and also in defining mineral deposits at the Rodu-Frasin (epithermal gold and silver) and reviewing the Tarnița (porphyry copper-gold) sites within the Bucium area located in the vicinity of Roșia Montană (“Bucium Projects”), the Romanian State has frustrated and prevented the implementation of those developments in an unlawful, discriminatory and non-transparent manner, and ultimately abdicated the responsibility to make decisions on the permitting of the Project in contravention of the applicable legal framework.

As a consequence of Romania’s acts and inactions, the Project has been stymied, depriving the Claimants of the use, benefit and entire value of their property rights associated with the Project and the Bucium Projects, which have effectively been taken without compensation in contravention of the applicable legal and administrative processes and requirements.

### ***Status of the ICSID Arbitration***

The ICSID Arbitration seeks compensation for all of the loss and damage resulting from the Romanian State’s wrongful conduct and its breaches of the Treaties’ protections against expropriation, unfair and inequitable treatment and discrimination in respect of the Project and related licenses.

As previously disclosed in filings, on January 10, 2017, the Tribunal issued Procedural Order No.4, setting out the expected calendar for the ICSID Arbitration process with specific dates for the filing of submissions by the parties and other necessary procedural matters (“Procedural Calendar”). In accordance with the Procedural Calendar, on June 30, 2017 the Claimants submitted their Memorial. The Memorial filing is scheduled to be followed by the following key submissions:

- The Respondent to file its response to the Memorial (“Counter-Memorial”) by February 15, 2018.
- The Claimants and the Respondent to file their requests for the production of documents by March 15, 2018. The Tribunal is to issue a decision on the requests for the production of documents on May 10, 2018.
- The Claimants to file their reply to the Counter-Memorial (“Reply”) by September 5, 2018.
- The Tribunal to issue a decision on whether to admit submissions from any ‘non-disputing parties’ on October 17, 2018. If the Tribunal admits submissions from such parties, the Claimants and Respondent are to file their comments on the ‘non-disputing party’ submissions by November 14, 2018.
- The Respondent to file its response to the Reply (“Rejoinder”) by February 19, 2019.

A hearing on the merits of the claim before the Tribunal is scheduled to occur at ICSID’s headquarters at the World Bank in Washington D.C. from September 9 to 20, 2019.

Certain procedural orders and decisions of the Tribunal, together with certain of the principal submissions filed by the parties during the ICSID Arbitration, will be published on the ICSID website at the following location:

<https://icsid.worldbank.org/en/Pages/cases/casedetail.aspx?CaseNo=ARB/15/31>

The Memorial is subject to the confidentiality provisions of Procedural Order No.3 which can be found on the ICSID website. Gabriel anticipates that the Memorial will be published on the ICSID website in due course in accordance with those provisions and the determination of the Tribunal as appropriate.

## **RMGC Audits and Investigations**

Since the filing of the ICSID Arbitration, RMGC has been subjected to several audits and investigations by the Romanian National Agency for Fiscal Administration (“ANAF”), a Romanian Government agency operating under the Ministry of Public Finance, a Romanian Government department which is also charged with organizing and overseeing Romania’s defense of the ICSID Arbitration. Gabriel and RMGC management considers that such audits and investigations are abusive in nature and have been initiated by the Romanian authorities in retaliation to the Claimants’ filing of the ICSID Arbitration.

As previously disclosed by the Company, ANAF raised a value added tax (“VAT”) assessment against RMGC in July 2016 demanding the repayment of VAT deductions claimed by RMGC in the period July 2011 to January 2016 in the amount of RON 27m (approximately \$8.6m) (the “2016 Assessment”). In mid-September 2016, ANAF issued a further demand against RMGC in respect of interest and penalties payable on the Assessment in the amount of RON 15.9 million (approximately \$5.1m). RMGC challenged the 2016 Assessment on the basis that it was contrary to well-established Romanian fiscal laws as well as European directives, and was issued despite it being contradictory to the results of eighteen prior VAT audits conducted by various divisions of ANAF in relation to RMGC’s activities.

Immediately prior to a Tribunal hearing of September 23, 2016, through a filing made on behalf of Romania to the Tribunal, the Claimants were made aware that the General Directorate for the Settlement of Challenges, a division of ANAF, had decided to ‘partially quash’ the 2016 Assessment and to re-run the VAT inspection for the same period using a new inspection team. On October 12, 2016 ANAF commenced a new VAT inspection.

On July 5, 2017, RMGC received a formal VAT assessment from ANAF demanding the repayment of VAT deductions claimed by RMGC in the period July 2011 to January 2016, once again in the amount of RON 27m (approximately \$8.6m) (the “VAT Assessment”). This amount does not include any penalties or fines which the Company understands are also likely to be levied. The VAT Assessment is due for payment on August 5, 2017 although RMGC has until August 21, 2017 to make an administrative appeal to ANAF, which it intends to pursue. As with the previous 2016 Assessment, the Company believes the ANAF findings are fundamentally flawed and an abusive retaliation to the ICSID Arbitration. The Company also believes that the procedure followed by ANAF to arrive at the VAT Assessment was improper and unlawful and that the VAT Assessment conflicts with Romanian fiscal laws as well as the mandatory applicable principles of EU law. The Company intends to use all legal avenues to challenge the VAT Assessment and to fully protect its rights and assets.

In parallel with the VAT Assessment, and for almost two years to date, a separate directorate of ANAF has continued to pursue an ad hoc investigation of a broad range of operational activities and transactions of RMGC and a number of its suppliers, consultants and advisors over an extensive period spanning 1997 to 2016 (the “ANAF Investigation”). ANAF has continually demanded, to short and often unachievable deadlines, that RMGC provide voluminous amounts of information and explanations in respect of, amongst other matters, transactions with many of its suppliers. Although RMGC is co-operating in good faith with ANAF, Gabriel still awaits formal indication of the grounds for the ANAF Investigation. Gabriel believes that there is no justification for the ANAF Investigation, that the breadth and depth of ANAF’s demands are intentionally abusive, and that it has been initiated in an attempt to intimidate and harm RMGC and the Claimants in view of the dispute with the Romanian State and the Claimants’ filing of the ICSID Arbitration. Accordingly, Gabriel considers that such actions further evidence the discriminatory acts and bad faith conduct of the Romanian authorities with regard to the Claimants’ investments in Romania. As at the date of this MD&A, neither the Company nor RMGC has received any feedback on the status of the ANAF Investigation.

### **Long Lead-Time Equipment**

Long lead-time equipment comprised of crushing and milling equipment was originally procured by the Group between 2007 and 2009 for the operational phase of the Project. The prospect of the long lead-time equipment being used in the future for the purpose it was purchased is now considered remote.

In December 2015, the Company formally engaged two specialist agents to broker the sale of the long lead-time equipment, some of which has since been sold. At December 31, 2016, the value of the remaining long-lead time equipment was assessed for indicators of impairment, and a charge of \$3.9 million was recognized in the income statement for the year. No further impairment has been recognized in the period to June 30, 2017.

## **Project Development Status**

In the context of the above disclosures concerning the development of the Project and the ICSID Arbitration now being the core focus of the Group, readers are advised to refer to the Company's AIF for the year ended December 31, 2016 published on March 29, 2017, a copy of which is filed on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com), for information relating to the status of the Project, the License, the Group's exploration and development activities in Romania, the Project approval and permitting process, and reported gold and silver resources and reserves. Except as disclosed in the Company's public filings thereafter, there has been no material change in the information therein from the date of publication of the AIF to the date of this MD&A.

## **UNESCO World Heritage List**

At the annual meeting of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in Paris in October 2016, it was confirmed that the "Roşia Montană Mining Cultural Landscape", an area which includes the Project footprint, had been added to Romania's 'Tentative List', a procedural step in having the site included on the (UNESCO) World Heritage List.

On January 5, 2017, the departing Minister of Culture, Corina Suteu, issued an announcement confirming that she had submitted the nomination file for the "Roşia Montană Mining Cultural Landscape" to the UNESCO World Heritage Centre on January 4, 2017.

At a meeting of UNESCO in July 2017, the agenda notes that the list of nominations to the UNESCO World Heritage List includes the Roşia Montană Mining Landscape and that the nomination is complete. Further, it is understood that UNESCO plans to assess the merits of this nomination by mid-2018.

Neither the Company nor RMGC were notified of, or consulted on, any of the above actions either before they were initiated or in the period since.

## **Legal Challenges in Romania**

As previously disclosed, Gabriel determined in 2015 that RMGC should withdraw from a number of legal actions related to the Project, the majority of which concerned claims of third party NGOs challenging administrative deeds issued by public authorities, given, amongst other matters, the commencement of the ICSID Arbitration Request and the ongoing requirement for the Gabriel Group to reduce its cost base. RMGC has now withdrawn from all such legal proceedings. For further details concerning such legal actions related to the Project, see the section entitled "Legal Challenges relating to the Project" in the AIF.

In the meantime, RMGC has continued to defend a limited number of claims initiated by certain former employees seeking additional severance payments and certain individuals seeking damages allegedly arising from the impact of the resettlement of some of the community on such claimants' businesses. The majority of these claims have been rejected by the courts.

## Outlook

Notwithstanding the ongoing ICSID Arbitration, the Company remains open to engagement with the Romanian authorities in order to achieve an amicable resolution of the dispute or a settlement enabling the Group to develop the Project. In the meantime, the Company's current plans for the ensuing year are as follows:

- the advancement of the ICSID Arbitration;
- the continued assessment of the Company's activities and resources necessary to preserve its core assets and rights;
- carefully managing its cash resources (including the potential disposition of the remaining long lead-time equipment acquired for the Project); and
- the protection of its rights and interests in Romania (including appropriate support to RMGC in respect of any further abusive, illegal, and retaliatory behavior of the Romanian authorities and, so far as reasonably practical and desirable, ensuring that existing licenses and permits remain in good standing).

## Liquidity and Capital Resources

Cash and cash equivalents at June 30, 2017 were \$46.3 million.

The Company's average monthly cash usage during Q2 2017 was \$3.0 million, including costs in respect of the ICSID Arbitration (Q1 2017 monthly average: \$1.7 million, Q4 2016 monthly average: \$2.1 million). At the end of Q2 2017, accruals for costs in respect of the ICSID Arbitration amounted to \$7.1 million (Q1 2017: \$4.6 million, Q4 2016: \$1.9 million). For the remainder of 2017 the Company expects the cost for the ICSID Arbitration to reduce.

In order to strengthen and improve the financial position of the Group, the Company closed two non-brokered private placements in 2016 raising aggregate gross proceeds of \$60.6 million (the "2016 Private Placements"). Additionally, in May 2014 Gabriel closed a non-brokered private placement raising aggregate gross proceeds of \$35 million (the "2014 Private Placement" and together with the 2016 Private Placements, the "Private Placements").

## Results of Operations

The results of operations are summarized in the following tables. The amounts are derived from the Financial Statements prepared under IFRS.

<i>in thousands of Canadian dollars, except per share amounts</i>	<b>2017 Q2</b>	<b>2017 Q1</b>	<b>2016 Q4</b>	<b>2016 Q3</b>
<b>Income Statement</b>				
Loss - attributable to owners of parent	\$ 13,657	\$ 9,345	\$ 13,200	\$ 42,002
Loss per share - basic and diluted	0.04	0.02	0.03	0.11
<b>Statement of Financial Position</b>				
Working capital	37,347	48,846	56,058	60,642
Total assets	62,159	70,599	75,458	90,495
<b>Statement of Cash Flows</b>				
Cash flows from financing activities	-	4	(17)	39,337

<i>in thousands of Canadian dollars, except per share amounts</i>	<b>2016 Q2</b>	<b>2016 Q1</b>	<b>2015 Q4</b>	<b>2015 Q3</b>
<b>Income Statement</b>				
Loss - attributable to owners of parent	\$ 8,943	\$ 7,370	\$ 615,175	\$ 4,630
Loss per share - basic and diluted	0.02	0.02	1.60	0.01
<b>Statement of Financial Position</b>				
Working capital	25,554	9,327	15,408	20,994
Total assets	53,736	39,298	44,415	693,225
<b>Statement of Cash Flows</b>				
Investments in development and exploration including working capital changes	-	-	2,249	3,322
Cash flows from financing activities	19,880	-	(1,412)	-

## Review of Financial Results

	3 months ended June 30		6 months ended June 30	
<i>in thousands of Canadian dollars, except per share amounts</i>	2017	2016	2017	2016
Operating loss for the period	\$ 11,399	\$ 3,867	\$ 18,692	\$ 10,220
Loss for the period				
- attributable to owners of parent <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 13,657	\$ 8,943	23,002	16,313
Loss per share - basic and diluted	0.04	0.02	0.06	0.04

<sup>(1)</sup> The transfer by the Company of equity in RMGC to Minvest RM during Q1, 2014 resulted in the presentation of a non-controlling interest, as set out in the Financial Statements. Following the 2015 Impairment, the non-controlling interest was partially reversed in accordance with IFRS 3 – Business Combinations, leaving only the attributable residual currency translation adjustment.

Operating loss for the six-month period ended June 30, 2017 increased from the corresponding period in 2016 primarily due to incremental legal and other advisory costs pursuant to the ICSID Arbitration.

The loss for the six-month period ended June 30, 2016 was impacted by a charge for debt extinguishment of \$4.4 million, a non-cash expense arising following the restructuring of the 2014 Private Placement. There is no corresponding charge in the six-month period to June 2017. Accrued finance charges of \$3.4 million on the Private Placements are reflected in the loss for the quarter ended June 30, 2017 (Q2 2016: \$1.3 million).

## Expenses

### Corporate, General and Administrative

	3 months ended June 30		6 months ended June 30	
<i>in thousands of Canadian dollars</i>	2017	2016	2017	2016
Finance	\$ 281	\$ 188	\$ 453	\$ 337
External communications	50	63	104	132
Information technology	124	70	185	157
ICSID Arbitration related	7,012	237	11,400	2,350
Legal	311	31	503	351
Payroll	2,339	1,815	3,894	3,878
Long lead-time equipment storage costs	228	222	439	466
Other	402	191	850	906
Corporate, general and administrative expense	\$ 10,747	\$ 2,817	\$ 17,828	\$ 8,577

Since January 1, 2016, all operating expenditures incurred by the Group, including those at RMGC, are included in corporate, general and administrative.

ICSID Arbitration related costs are for legal and other services provided to the Company in respect of the ICSID Arbitration which, for the six-month period ended June 30, 2017, amounted to approximately \$11.4 million. The increase compared to the corresponding 2016 period is due to increased activity in preparation for the June 30, 2017 filing of the Memorial.

Legal expenses include ongoing corporate legal advice within the Group.



## Share Based Compensation

<i>in thousands of Canadian dollars</i>	3 months ended June 30		6 months ended June 30	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
DSUs and RSUs - expense / (gain) on revaluation	207	\$ 712	(\$ 63)	\$ 889
Stock option compensation - expense	404	259	845	548
Stock based compensation	\$ 611	\$ 971	\$ 782	\$ 1,437

Initially valued at the five-day weighted average market price of the Company's shares at the date of grant, deferred share units ("DSUs") and restricted share units ("RSUs") are revalued each period end based on the period end closing share price. The initial valuation of the DSUs and RSUs, and the effect on the valuation of DSUs and RSUs of the period-on-period change in share price, is expensed. At June 30, 2017, the Company's share price was \$0.31 (December 31, 2016: \$0.53), resulting in a credit to the income statement recognized at the period end revaluation.

The estimated fair value of share options is calculated using the Black Scholes method as at the date of grant and amortized over the period over which the options vest. For performance options, the fair value is expensed over the estimated vesting period from the time of grant. Once the performance conditions have been attained, which may result in the full vesting of the options, the remaining fair value (if any) is either expensed immediately or over the remaining vesting period, as appropriate. The expected performance dates are periodically reviewed and the expensing adjusted accordingly.

	3 months ended June 30		6 months ended June 30	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
<b>Stock option compensation</b>				
Number of stock options granted	94,244	-	171,524	-
Average value ascribed to each regular vesting option granted	\$ 0.41	\$ -	\$ 0.45	\$ -
<b>DSU compensation</b>				
Number of DSUs issued	88,566	-	161,191	560,000
Average value ascribed to each DSU issued	\$ 0.41	\$ -	\$ 0.45	\$ 0.39
<b>RSU compensation</b>				
Number of RSUs issued	1,911,390	-	1,911,390	-
Average value ascribed to each RSU issued	\$ 0.38	\$ -	\$ 0.38	\$ -
Number of RSUs redeemed	-	-	-	144,935
Average value ascribed to each RSU redeemed	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.14

With effect from July 1, 2016, non-executive directors are required to receive at least fifty per cent of their director fees payable in DSUs or share options. Certain non-executive directors have elected to receive all of their director fees payable in share options. A total of 94,244 stock options were granted to certain non-executive directors in lieu of fees for services provided during the three-month period ended June 30, 2017 (2016: none), all of which vest over a three-year period.

An aggregate of 88,566 DSUs were issued to certain non-executive directors in lieu of fees for services provided during the three-month period ended June 30, 2017 (2016: nil). DSUs vest on the date of issue.

In the three-month period ended June 30, 2017, 1,911,390 RSUs were issued to certain officers of the Company as part of a re-negotiation of employment contracts (2016: none). These RSUs have various vesting conditions, including some time-based milestones related to the ICSID Arbitration. None of these RSUs had vested at June 30, 2017.

### *Finance Income*

<i>in thousands of Canadian dollars</i>	<b>3 months ended</b>		<b>6 months ended</b>	
	<b>June 30</b>		<b>June 30</b>	
	<b>2017</b>	2016	<b>2017</b>	2016
Interest income	\$ 66	\$ 23	\$ 128	\$ 36

Interest income reflects the average holdings of cash and cash equivalents during the respective periods shown above.

As at June 30, 2017, approximately 88% of the Company's cash and cash equivalents were invested in either Canadian government or US government guaranteed instruments, with the majority of the balance held as cash deposits with major Canadian banks.

### *Finance Costs*

<i>in thousands of Canadian dollars</i>	<b>3 months ended</b>		<b>6 months ended</b>	
	<b>June 30</b>		<b>June 30</b>	
	<b>2017</b>	2016	<b>2017</b>	2016
Financing costs - convertible note accretion	\$ 1,741	\$ 336	\$ 3,431	\$ 1,291

Finance costs for the six-month period ended June 30, 2017, relate to the accretion of the debt component of the Private Placements, which are measured at amortized cost using the effective interest rate method.

### *Foreign Exchange*

The Company has experienced an increase in foreign currency gains and losses as a result of increased exposure to non-functional currencies. A significant portion of the funds raised in the July 2016 Private Placement were received in US dollars and the Company has retained these US dollars to fund its expected US dollar denominated working capital expenses.

### *Taxes*

All tax assessments received prior to June 30, 2017 have been paid or provided for in the Financial Statements. Notwithstanding, as noted, on July 5, 2017 RMGC received a VAT Assessment from ANAF for approximately RON 27 million (approximately \$8.6 million) following an investigation into previously claimed VAT. The Company is investigating all options to challenge this assessment which it considers to be entirely without merit. The VAT Assessment is disclosed as a subsequent event in the Financial Statements for the three-month period ended June 30, 2017.

## Investing Activities

The majority of Group expenditures over the years through December 31, 2015 were for identifying and defining the size of the four ore bodies, for engineering to design the size and scope of the Project, environmental assessment and permitting, social support to local communities, communications and public relations activities to support the permitting process, archeological and rehabilitation work to buildings, as well as surface rights and property acquisition and resettlement housing and infrastructure. Since January 1, 2016 no significant expenditures have been incurred in these areas and any such expenditures are expensed in the income statement.

### *Mineral Properties*

Historically, following the establishment of the technical feasibility and commercial viability of the Project, all costs incurred in Project exploration and development were capitalized to mineral properties. In 2016, Management assessed the capitalization of Project-related expenditures and determined that the criteria were not met and, consequently, no costs have been capitalized to mineral properties since December 31, 2015.

### *Purchase of Capital Assets*

<i>in thousands of Canadian dollars</i>	<b>3 months ended</b>		<b>6 months ended</b>	
	<b>June 30</b>		<b>June 30</b>	
	<b>2017</b>	2016	<b>2017</b>	2016
Total investment in capital assets	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 44	\$ 27
Depreciation and disposal - expensed	\$ 41	\$ 79	\$ 82	\$ 168

The purchase of capital assets remains low, in line with the Company's cost containment strategy.

## Financing Activities

The Private Placements issued by the Company since 2014 have raised gross aggregate proceeds of \$95.6 million. The Company is using the proceeds of the Private Placements to finance the costs of the continuing ICSID Arbitration and for general working capital purposes. Further information on the Private Placements is provided in the Financial Statements and the AIF.

## Cash Flow Statement

### *Liquidity and Capital Resources*

The main sources of liquidity are the Company's cash and cash equivalents, share option exercises and the equity and debt markets. At June 30, 2017, aggregate cash and cash equivalents were \$46.3 million (December 31, 2016: \$60.3 million).

### *Working Capital*

At June 30, 2017, the Company had working capital, calculated as total current assets less total current liabilities, of \$37.3 million (December 31, 2016: \$56.1 million).

As at June 30, 2017, the Company had current liabilities of \$10.3 million (December 31, 2016: \$5.3 million). The increase in 2017 is due to an increase in accruals for ICSID Arbitration-related legal costs.

### **Related Party Transactions**

In December 2013, the Group was required to recapitalize RMGC in order to comply with Romanian company law requirements. The subscription to RMGC share capital by the Company was effected through a conversion of existing intercompany debt. In January 2014, the Group agreed to transfer to the non-controlling shareholder, Minvest RM, for nil consideration, a proportion of the shares subscribed to in December 2013, with a face value of \$20.4 million, in order to preserve the respective shareholdings in RMGC. The transfer of shares to Minvest RM was reflected in the Financial Statements as a non-controlling interest and an increase in the accumulated deficit.

The Company advanced loans in the period 2004 to 2009 totaling US\$39.5 million to the predecessor of Minvest RM (subsequently transferred to Minvest RM) to facilitate various statutory share capital increases in RMGC. The balance outstanding of the Minvest RM loans as at June 30, 2017 was US\$39.5 million (December 31, 2016: US\$39.5 million).

The Minvest RM loans are non-interest bearing and, according to their terms, are to be repaid as and when RMGC distributes dividends to its shareholders. The loans are accounted for as part of the Group's net investment in RMGC and have, accordingly, been set off against non-controlling interest in the Financial Statements. The loans will be reflected individually in the Financial Statements in accordance with IFRS at such time as repayment of the loans is possible.

### **Resettlement Liabilities**

RMGC had a program for purchasing homes in the Project area, which was suspended in February 2008 due to the suspension of the EIA review process in September 2007.

At June 30, 2017 the Company had accrued resettlement liabilities totaling \$0.6 million (December 31, 2016: \$0.7 million).

RMGC has closed-out various exchange contracts it had entered into with certain homeowners in Roșia Montană who had elected for resettlement in Roșia Montană if the Project proceeded. RMGC has, in accordance with the terms of such contracts and in order to bring the contracts to an amicable and fair close, provided to the homeowners a range of options, including the restitution of their properties in Roșia Montană. RMGC has successfully agreed terms with the majority of the relevant homeowners.

### **Contractual Obligations**

A summary of the Company's contractual capital and operating lease commitments as of June 30, 2017 is included within the Financial Statements.

The Company and its subsidiaries have a number of arms-length agreements with third parties who provide a wide range of goods and services. Typically, the service agreements are for a term of not more than one year and permit either party to terminate upon notice periods ranging from 15 to 90 days. At termination, the Company has to pay for services rendered, and costs incurred, to the date of termination.

## Critical Accounting Estimates

The preparation of Financial Statements in conformity with IFRS requires Management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the Financial Statements and the reported amount of expenses and other income during the reporting period.

Significant estimates and assumptions include those related to going concern, the recoverability or impairment of mineral properties, benefits of future income tax assets, estimated useful lives of capital assets, valuation of share based compensation and other benefits assumptions and determinations as to whether costs are expensed or capitalized, and the valuation and measurement of the components of the Private Placements. While Management believes that these estimates and assumptions are reasonable, actual results could vary significantly. The material accounting policies followed in the Financial Statements are the same as those applied in the Company's audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2016.

### *Going Concern*

The potential value of the Group's mineral properties, and in particular the Project, is dependent upon the existence and economic recovery of such proven ore body reserves in the future together with the ability of the Group to obtain all necessary permits and raise long-term financing to complete the development of the properties. Notwithstanding the ongoing ICSID Arbitration, the Company remains open to engagement with the Romanian authorities in order to achieve an amicable resolution of the dispute or a settlement enabling the Group to develop the Project.

The approved 2017 budget includes those expenditures and commitments necessary to maintain the Company's primary assets and the estimated costs associated with the Company advancing the ICSID Arbitration. On the basis of the Company's balance of cash and cash equivalents as at June 30, 2017, and the current calendar for the ICSID Arbitration as set out in the Procedural Calendar, the Company believes that it has sufficient funding to satisfy the costs of the associated long-term ICSID Arbitration activities. Management continues to review the Company's activities in order to identify areas to further reduce expenditures.

Considering the matters noted above, and in the context of the Group's financial resources, Management's assessment is that the Company remains a going concern. The Company accordingly has been accounted for as a going concern in the Financial Statements for the quarter ended June 30, 2017.

### *Future income tax assets*

Income taxes are calculated using the asset and liability method of tax accounting. Under this method, current income taxes are recognized for the estimated income taxes payable for the current period. Future income tax assets and liabilities are determined based on differences between the financial reporting and tax bases of assets and liabilities, and are measured using the substantively enacted tax rates and laws that are expected to be in effect when the differences reverse. Income tax assets are recognized to the extent that the recoverability of future income tax assets is considered probable.

The Company has subsidiaries in countries that have differing tax laws and rates, primarily Romania and the United Kingdom. The provision for income taxes is based on a number of estimates and assumptions made by Management, including its understanding of domestic and international tax rules. Advice is also sought from local professional tax advisors in the respective countries where the Group does business.

Tax authorities in Romania have regularly initiated various tax audits to assess the appropriateness of RMGC's tax filing positions. Regulators may interpret tax regulations differently from the Company and its subsidiaries, which may cause changes to the estimates made. As noted, on July 5, 2017 RMGC received the VAT Assessment from ANAF amounting to approximately RON 27 million (approximately \$8.6 million). This VAT Assessment is in respect of VAT that RMGC has previously claimed on certain activities, despite the fact that at least 18 prior VAT audits by the Romanian tax authorities accepted that VAT could be reclaimed on these types of activity.

#### *Useful lives of capital assets*

The Company's policy is to amortize capital assets over their useful lives once the assets are brought into production. Management assesses useful lives to ensure that the useful lives of assets reflect the intended use of those assets.

#### *Valuation of share-based compensation*

The Company utilizes share options, DSUs and RSUs as a means of compensation. Share options are valued using a Black Scholes valuation model, and are amortized over the expected vesting periods. Management reviews the assumptions used in the Black Scholes valuation on an annual basis to ensure appropriateness. DSUs and RSUs are initially valued at the five-day weighted average market price of the Company's common shares preceding the date of grant, and are subsequently recalculated to fair value based on the quoted market value of the Company's common shares at the end of each reporting period.

#### *Valuation of the Private Placements*

The units issued by the Company in the 2014 Private Placement (as restructured in May 2016), and the May 2016 Private Placement, consisted of convertible subordinated unsecured notes, warrants and arbitration value rights. For these two private placements, the Company utilized a Black Scholes valuation model to value the warrant component of the units and a discounted cash flow model to value the debt component of notes. The equity component of the notes was recognized initially at the difference between the fair value of each private placement as a whole and the fair value of the debt and warrant components. Any directly attributable transaction costs were allocated to the liability and equity components in proportion to their initial carrying amounts. A nil value was initially ascribed to the arbitration value rights and, given the current early stage of the arbitration process, a nil valuation remains applicable as at June 30, 2017. The 2014 Private Placement and the May 2016 Private Placement contain two embedded derivatives, both of which were initially valued at nil with no subsequent adjustment in value.

With respect to the July 2016 Private Placement, due to the increase in the share price during the period of the transaction documentation and closing, both the warrants and the convertible subordinated unsecured notes were in-the-money at the time of issue. Consequently, the debt and equity components of such notes, a compound financial instrument, as well as the warrants, were recorded at fair value. The valuation of the equity components resulted in a non-cash charge of \$34.4 million being recognized in the income statement in Q3 2016. Any directly attributable transaction costs were allocated to the liability and equity components in proportion to their initial carrying amounts.

## **Financial instruments and other instruments**

The recorded amounts for cash, cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable, accrued liabilities and other liabilities approximate fair values based on the nature of those instruments.

The Company's objective is to safeguard its accumulated capital in order to be able to fund ongoing expenditures. The Company manages its capital structure and makes adjustments to it based on the level of funds on hand and anticipated future expenditures. The estimated long-term costs, including advisors' fees and general corporate working capital, of pursuing the ICSID Arbitration will be significant. In the event that the dispute is resolved and the Romanian Government issues the environmental permit for the Project, the Company will initiate a review of its financing requirements over the short and medium term. While the Company expects that in that event it will be able to obtain equity, long-term debt and/or project-based financing sufficient to build and operate the Project, there are no assurances that such initiatives would be successful.

To safeguard capital the Company invests its surplus capital in liquid instruments with highly-rated financial institutions.

The Group's risk exposures and the impact on the Group's financial instruments are summarized below:

### *Credit risk*

The Group's credit risk is primarily attributable to cash and cash equivalents. Historically, the Group has adopted an investment strategy to minimize its credit risk by investing in Canadian sovereign debt with the balance of cash being invested on short-term overnight deposit with major Canadian banks. However, the Company has invested a significant portion of the funds raised in the July 2016 Private Placement in US sovereign debt to fund its expected US dollar-denominated working capital expenses.

The Group is exposed to the credit risk of domestic Romanian banks that hold and disburse cash on behalf of its Romanian subsidiaries. The Group manages its Romanian bank credit risk by centralizing custody, control and management of its surplus cash resources at the corporate office and only transferring money to its Romanian subsidiary based on near-term cash requirements, thereby mitigating exposure to domestic Romanian banks.

The Group holds small cash balances in the United Kingdom to fund corporate office activities.

The Group's credit risk is also attributable to value-added taxes receivable. Value-added taxes receivable are primarily receivables from the Romanian Government which, prior to the ANAF VAT audits, were within expected collection terms. The collection times have subsequently become extended and the overdue amounts in question as at June 30, 2017 total approximately \$0.5 million.

### *Liquidity risk*

The Company has the ability to repay the convertible unsecured Notes at maturity through issuing common shares from treasury (as more fully described in the Financial Statements); these represent a significant portion of the long-term Group liabilities. As of the date of this MD&A, taking account of the Group's existing treasury balances, the Group expects to have sufficient funds to settle all existing and other long-term contractual liabilities.

## *Market risk*

### *(a) Interest rate risk*

The Group has significant cash balances and fixed coupon debt. The Group maintains a short-term investment horizon, typically less than 3 months, for its cash and cash equivalents, and therefore minimizes the risk of interest rate volatility at investment maturity. Where yields on investments less than 90 days are not significantly lower than investments greater than 90 days but less than one year, the Group has elected to utilize the shorter term investments.

With a short-term investment horizon and the intent to hold all investments until maturity, the Group is only marginally exposed to capital erosion should interest rates rise and cause fixed yield investments to devalue.

The Group's primary objective with respect to cash and cash equivalents is to mitigate credit risk. The Group has elected to forego yield in favor of capital preservation.

### *(b) Foreign currency risk*

The Group's presentation currency is the Canadian dollar and its activities expose it to fluctuations in foreign exchange rates. The Group has monetary assets and liabilities which are denominated in Romanian Leu, US dollars, UK pounds and Euros and is, therefore, subject to exchange variations against both the functional and presentation currency.

The Group maintains cash and cash equivalents in various currencies and is therefore susceptible to market volatility as foreign cash balances are revalued to the functional currency of the entity and thereafter to the presentation currency of the Group. Therefore, the Group may report foreign exchange gains or losses during periods of significant economic and market volatility. At June 30, 2017 the Group held 55% and 43% of its cash and cash equivalents in Canadian and US dollars, respectively.

The Company has not entered into any derivative hedging activities.

## *Sensitivity*

Based on Management's knowledge and experience of the financial markets, in respect of the Company's balance of cash and cash equivalents as at June 30, 2017, the Company believes the following market movements are "reasonably possible" over a twelve-month period and would have the stated effects on net income:

- A plus or minus 1% change in earned interest rates; would affect net income by \$0.5 million.
- A plus or minus 1% change in foreign exchange rates; would affect net income by \$0.2 million.



## Risks

The ICSID Arbitration, which is the core focus of the Company, entails certain risks, uncertainties and other factors which include, without limitation, the abusive behavior of Romanian authorities leading to tax and other investigations and assessments, the attitudes and actions of the Romanian Government related to the Company's investment in Romania, including the ability of the Company to realize value from its investments in Romania pursuant to the Treaties and the ICSID Arbitration; the advancement of the ICSID Arbitration proceedings in a customary manner; the outcome of the ICSID Arbitration, including the timing and value of any arbitral award or settlement; the Company's expectation with regards to the costs, fees and other expenses and commitments payable in connection with the ICSID Arbitration; and any inability or delay in recovering from Romania the amount of any award or settlement.

In addition, and if the Company is able to reach an amicable resolution with Romania regarding the dispute that allows for the development of the Project, the business of the Group may be subject to certain existing and future risks including, but not limited to, sovereign risk, including political and economic instability, changes in the existing fiscal regime, changes in existing Romanian Government regulations, for example, an increase in royalty rates or state ownership applicable to the Project, a ban on the use of cyanide in mining, designation of the Project area as an archeological site of national importance, Romanian Government regulations relating to mining, which may delay or preclude the receipt of required permits or impede the Group's ability to acquire the necessary surface rights, as well as litigation risk against permits and the Project, currency fluctuations and local inflation. Political, public, and NGO opposition to the Project, and the multitude of legal challenges to permits issued in the past in respect of the Project demonstrate certain significant risks that the Project could face.

The following list identifies areas of existing and future material risks to the business of the Group. The risks noted below are not listed in any particular order and are not exhaustive. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to the Company, or those that it currently deems to be immaterial, may become material and adversely affect the Group's business. The realization of any of these risks may materially and adversely affect the Group's business, financial condition, results of operations and/or the market price of the Company's securities.

These risk factors are discussed in more detail in the AIF.

- ICSID Arbitration
- Ability to Secure Additional Funding
- Convertible Notes and Warrants
- Political and Economic Uncertainty in Romania
- Permitting Process
- Acquisition of Surface Rights
- UNESCO World Heritage List
- Mineral Tenure Rights
- Legal Proceedings
- Proposed Adverse Romanian Legislative Initiatives
- Mininvest Mine Closure Plan
- Dependence on Management and Key Personnel
- Compliance with Anti-Corruption Laws
- Insurance and Uninsurable Risks
- Global Financial Condition
- Currency Fluctuations
- Market Price Volatility

- Dilution
- Enforcement of Civil Liabilities
- No History of Earnings or Dividends
- Accounting Policies and Internal Controls
- Conflict of Interest

## CEO/CFO Certification

The Company’s Chief Executive Officer (“CEO”) and Chief Financial Officer (“CFO”) are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (“DC&P”) and internal control over financial reporting (“ICFR”), as those terms are defined in National Instrument 52-109 *Certification of Disclosure in Issuers’ Annual and Interim Filings*.

The CEO and CFO certify that, as at June 30, 2017, the Company’s DC&P have been designed to provide reasonable assurance that material information relating to the Company is made known to them by others, particularly during the period in which the annual filings are being prepared; and information required to be disclosed by the Company in its annual filings, interim filings or other reports filed or submitted by it under securities legislation is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in securities legislation.

Due to the inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting and disclosure may not prevent or detect all fraud or misstatements. Further, the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting and disclosure is subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate due to changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with policies or procedures may change.

The CEO and CFO will continue to monitor the effectiveness of the Company’s internal control over financial reporting and disclosure controls and may make modifications from time to time as considered necessary or desirable.

The control framework the Company’s CEO and CFO used to design the Company’s ICFR is the *Internal Control – Integrated Framework (Updated Framework)* published by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (“COSO”) in 2013.

There is no limitation on scope of design as described in paragraph 5.3 of NI 52-109. There has been no change in the Company’s ICFR that occurred during the three-month period ended June 30, 2017 which has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company’s ICFR.

## Outstanding Share Data

The Company’s fully diluted share capital as at July 27, 2017 was:

	<b>Outstanding</b>
Common shares	384,452,780
Common stock options	26,254,101
Deferred share units - common shares	2,446,304
Restricted share units - common shares	1,911,390
Warrants	111,536,250
Convertible notes	307,912,500
<b>Fully diluted share capital</b>	<b>834,513,325</b>

## Forward-Looking Statements

This MD&A contains “forward-looking information” (also referred to as “forward-looking statements”) within the meaning of applicable Canadian securities legislation. Forward-looking statements are provided for the purpose of providing information about Management’s current expectations and plans and allowing investors and others to get a better understanding of the Company’s operating environment. All statements, other than statements of historical fact, are forward-looking statements.

In this MD&A, forward-looking statements are necessarily based upon a number of estimates and assumptions that, while considered reasonable by the Company at this time, are inherently subject to significant business, economic and competitive uncertainties and contingencies that may cause the Company’s actual financial results, performance, or achievements to be materially different from those expressed or implied herein. Some of the uncertainties associated with material factors or assumptions used to develop forward-looking statements include, without limitation: the progress of the ICSID Arbitration, actions by the Romanian Government or affiliates thereof, the impact of current or future litigation against the Group, conditions or events impacting the Company’s ability to fund its operations or service its debt, the ability to progress exploration, development and operation of mining properties and the overall impact of misjudgments made in good faith in the course of preparing forward-looking information.

Forward-looking statements involve risks, uncertainties, assumptions, and other factors including those set out above and below, that may never materialize, prove incorrect or materialize other than as currently contemplated, which could cause the Company’s results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements.

Any statements that express or involve discussions with respect to predictions, expectations, beliefs, plans, projections, objectives, assumptions or future events or performance (often, but not always, identified by words or phrases such as “expects”, “is expected”, “anticipates”, “believes”, “plans”, “projects”, “estimates”, “assumes”, “intends”, “strategy”, “goals”, “objectives”, “potential”, “possible” or variations thereof or stating that certain actions, events, conditions or results “may”, “could”, “would”, “should”, “might” or “will” be taken, occur or be achieved, or the negative of any of these terms and similar expressions) are not statements of fact and may be forward-looking statements.

Numerous factors could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements, including without limitation:

- the duration, required disclosure, costs, process and outcome of the ICSID Arbitration against Romania;
- changes in the Group’s liquidity and capital resources;
- access to funding to support the Group’s continued ICSID Arbitration and/or operating activities in the future;
- equity dilution resulting from the conversion of the Convertible Notes, or exercise of warrants, in part or in whole to Common Shares;
- the ability of the Company to maintain a continued listing on the TSX or any regulated public market for trading securities;
- the impact on business strategy and its implementation in Romania of: unforeseen historic acts of corruption, uncertain legal enforcement both for and against the Group and political and social instability;
- regulatory, political and economic risks associated with operating in a foreign jurisdiction including changes in laws, governments and legal and fiscal regimes;
- volatility of currency exchange rates, metal prices and metal production;

- the availability and continued participation in operational or other matters pertaining to the Group of certain key employees and consultants; and
- risks normally incident to the exploration, development and operation of mining properties.

This list is not exhaustive of the factors that may affect any of the Company's forward-looking statements.

Investors are cautioned not to put undue reliance on forward-looking statements, and investors should not infer that there has been no change in the Company's affairs since the date of this report that would warrant any modification of any forward-looking statement made in this document, other documents periodically filed with or furnished to the relevant securities regulators or documents presented on the Company's website. All subsequent written and oral forward-looking statements attributable to the Company or persons acting on its behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by this notice. The Company disclaims any intent or obligation to update publicly or otherwise revise any forward-looking statements or the foregoing list of assumptions or factors, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, subject to the Company's disclosure obligations under applicable Canadian securities regulations. Investors are urged to read the Company's filings with Canadian securities regulatory agencies, including the AIF.

**Gabriel Resources Ltd.**

Condensed Interim Consolidated Financial Statements  
(Unaudited)  
For the period ended June 30, 2017

# Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

As at June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016

(Unaudited and expressed in thousands of Canadian dollars)

	Notes	June 30 2017	December 31 2016
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	7	46,273	60,267
Trade and other receivables		834	596
Prepaid expenses and supplies		562	523
<b>Total current assets (excluding assets classified as held for sale)</b>		<b>47,669</b>	61,386
<b>Assets classified as held for sale</b>	6	<b>13,843</b>	13,417
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>61,512</b>	74,803
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Restricted cash		513	506
Property, plant and equipment		134	149
<b>Total non-current assets</b>		<b>647</b>	655
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>62,159</b>	75,458
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Trade and other payables	8	8,605	3,375
Resettlement liabilities	9	567	742
Other current liabilities	10	1,150	1,211
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<b>10,322</b>	5,328
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>			
Convertible, subordinated, unsecured notes	17	59,584	56,154
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>		<b>59,584</b>	56,154
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>69,906</b>	61,482
<b>Deficit</b>			
Share capital		868,288	868,279
Other reserves	17	132,403	131,562
Currency translation adjustment		1,841	1,329
Accumulated deficit		(1,014,087)	(991,085)
<b>Deficit attributable to owners of the parent</b>		<b>(11,555)</b>	10,085
Non-controlling interest	11	3,808	3,891
<b>TOTAL (DEFICIT) / EQUITY</b>		<b>(7,747)</b>	13,976
<b>TOTAL (DEFICIT) / EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>		<b>62,159</b>	75,458

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

## Condensed Consolidated Income Statement

For the three and six-month periods ended June 30

(Unaudited and expressed in thousands of Canadian dollars, except per share data)

	Notes	3 months ended June 30		6 months ended June 30	
		2017	2016	2017	2016
<b>Expenses</b>					
Corporate, general and administrative	5	10,747	2,817	17,828	8,577
Severance costs		-	-	-	38
Share-based compensation		611	971	782	1,437
Depreciation		41	79	82	168
<b>Operating loss</b>		<b>11,399</b>	<b>3,867</b>	<b>18,692</b>	<b>10,220</b>
<b>Other (income) / expense</b>					
Interest received		(66)	(23)	(128)	(36)
Debt extinguishment charge		-	4,710	-	4,710
Finance costs: convertible notes accretion	17	1,741	336	3,431	1,291
Foreign exchange loss		583	53	1,007	128
<b>Loss for the period attributable to owners of the parent</b>		<b>13,657</b>	<b>8,943</b>	<b>23,002</b>	<b>16,313</b>
<b>Basic and diluted loss per share</b>	14	<b>\$0.04</b>	\$0.02	<b>\$0.06</b>	\$0.04

## Condensed Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income

For the three and six-month periods ended June 30

(Unaudited and expressed in thousands of Canadian dollars)

		3 months ended June 30		6 months ended June 30	
		2,017	2,016	2,017	2,016
<b>Loss for the period</b>		<b>13,657</b>	<b>8,943</b>	<b>23,002</b>	<b>16,313</b>
<i>Other comprehensive loss / (income)</i>					
<i>- may recycle to the Income Statement in future periods</i>					
Currency translation adjustment		(427)	730	(429)	1,134
<b>Comprehensive loss for the period</b>		<b>13,230</b>	<b>9,673</b>	<b>22,573</b>	<b>17,447</b>
<b>Comprehensive loss for the period attributable to:</b>					
- Owners of the parent		13,312	9,532	22,656	17,228
- Non-controlling interest		(82)	141	(83)	219
<b>Comprehensive loss for the period</b>		<b>13,230</b>	<b>9,673</b>	<b>22,573</b>	<b>17,447</b>

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

# Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Shareholders' (Deficit) / Equity

For the six-month period ended June 30

(Unaudited and expressed in thousands of Canadian dollars)

	Notes	6 months ended June 30 2017	868,086 2016
<b>Common shares</b>			
At January 1		868,279	868,086
Shares issued on the exercise of share options		5	-
Transfer from contributed surplus: exercise of share options		4	-
At June 30		868,288	868,086
<b>Other reserves</b>			
At January 1		131,562	53,843
Share-based compensation		845	548
Exercise of share options		(4)	-
Equity component of convertible notes, net of issue costs		-	12,444
Warrants, net of issue costs		-	12,938
At June 30		132,403	79,773
<b>Currency translation adjustment</b>			
At January 1		1,329	2,254
Currency translation adjustment		512	(915)
At June 30		1,841	1,339
<b>Accumulated deficit</b>			
At January 1		(991,085)	(919,570)
Loss for the period		(23,002)	(16,313)
At June 30		(1,014,087)	(935,883)
<b>Non-controlling interest</b>			
At January 1		3,891	4,112
Currency translation adjustment		(83)	(219)
At June 30		3,808	3,893
<b>Total shareholders' (deficit) / equity at June 30</b>		<b>(7,747)</b>	<b>17,208</b>

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



# Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

For the six-month period ended June 30

(Unaudited and expressed in thousands of Canadian dollars)

	6 months ended	
	June 30	
	2017	2016
<b>Cash flows used in operating activities</b>		
Loss for the period	(23,002)	(16,313)
Adjusted for the following non-cash items:		
Depreciation	82	168
Share-based compensation	781	1,437
(Loss) / Gain on disposal of assets	(23)	149
Debt extinguishment charge	-	4,710
Finance costs - convertible note accretion	3,431	1,291
Unrealized foreign exchange (loss) / gain	(901)	10
	(19,632)	(8,548)
DSU/RSU cash settlement	-	(16)
Changes in operating working capital:		
Unrealized foreign exchange gain / (loss)	33	(21)
Increase / (decrease) in accounts payable	5,051	(137)
Increase in accounts receivable	(277)	(1,695)
	(14,825)	(10,417)
<b>Cash flows used in investing activities</b>		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(41)	(27)
	(41)	(27)
<b>Cash flows provided by financing activities</b>		
Proceeds from issuance of private placement - net of issue costs	17	-
Proceeds from the exercise of share options	4	-
	4	19,880
<b>(Decrease) / increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>(14,862)</b>	<b>9,436</b>
<b>Effect of foreign exchange on cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>868</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents - beginning of period</b>	<b>60,267</b>	<b>18,567</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents - end of period</b>	<b>46,273</b>	<b>28,014</b>

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

# Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

For the period ended June 30, 2017

*(Unaudited, tabular amounts in thousands of Canadian dollars, unless otherwise stated)*

## 1. Nature of operations

Gabriel Resources Ltd. (“Gabriel” or the “Company”) is a Toronto Stock Exchange listed Canadian resource company whose activities have been focused on permitting and developing the Roşia Montană gold and silver project (the “Project”) in Romania. The exploitation license for the Project (“License”) is held by Roşia Montană Gold Corporation S.A. (“RMGC”), a Romanian company in which Gabriel owns an 80.69% equity interest, with the 19.31% balance held by Minvest Roşia Montană S.A. (“Minvest RM”), a Romanian state-owned mining company.

Upon obtaining the License in 1999, RMGC along with Gabriel and its subsidiary companies (together the “Group”) focused substantially all of their management and financial resources on identifying and defining the size of the four known ore bodies, engineering to design the size and scope of the Project, surface rights acquisitions, rescue archaeology and environmental assessment and permitting.

On July 21, 2015, pursuant to the provisions of international bilateral investment protection treaties which the Romanian State entered into with each of Canada and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for the Promotion and Reciprocal Protection of Investments (together the “Treaties”), Gabriel and its subsidiary company, Gabriel Resources (Jersey) Limited (“Claimants”), filed a request for arbitration (“Arbitration Request”) before the World Bank’s International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (“ICSID”) against the Romanian State (“ICSID Arbitration”). The Arbitration Request was registered by ICSID on July 30, 2015 and the presiding tribunal for the ICSID Arbitration (“Tribunal”) was constituted on June 21, 2016. The ICSID Arbitration seeks compensation for all of the loss and damage resulting from the State’s wrongful conduct and its breaches of the Treaties’ protections against expropriation, unfair and inequitable treatment and discrimination in respect of the Project and the related licenses.

Whilst the Company’s primary objective has always been the development of the Project to operational status, as of the date of these unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements (“Condensed Financial Statements”), the core focus of the Company is the progression of the ICSID Arbitration. The first Tribunal hearing took place on August 12, 2016. On January 10, 2017, the Tribunal issued its procedural calendar for the ICSID Arbitration process and required documents. On June 30, 2017 the Claimants delivered a memorial to ICSID on the merits of the ICSID Arbitration claim (“Memorial”).

The approved 2017 budget includes those expenditures and commitments necessary to maintain the Company’s primary assets, its License and associated rights and permits, and the material estimated costs associated with the Company advancing the ICSID Arbitration. On the basis of the Company’s balance of cash and cash equivalents as at June 30, 2017, and the current schedule for the ICSID Arbitration as set out in the Tribunal’s procedural calendar, the Company believes that it has sufficient funding to satisfy the costs of the associated long-term ICSID Arbitration activities. Management continues to review the Company’s activities in order to identify areas to rationalize expenditures.

These Condensed Financial Statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, which assumes that the Company will be able to meet its obligations and continue its operations for the foreseeable future.

The Company’s registered address is Suite 200 – 204 Lambert Street, Whitehorse, Yukon, Canada Y1A 1Z4. The Company receives significant management services from its wholly-owned subsidiary, RM Gold (Services) Ltd. (“RMGS”). The principal place of business for RMGS is 1 Central Court, 25 Southampton Buildings, London WC2A 1AL, United Kingdom. The Company is the ultimate parent of the Group and does not have any controlling shareholders.

# Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

For the period ended June 30, 2017

*(Unaudited, tabular amounts in thousands of Canadian dollars, unless otherwise stated)*

## 2. Basis of preparation

These Condensed Financial Statements for the three and six-month periods ended June 30, 2017, have been prepared in accordance with IFRS as applicable to the preparation of interim financial statements, including International Accounting Standard 34 Interim Financial Reporting. The Condensed Financial Statements should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2016, which have been prepared in accordance with IFRS.

The Condensed Financial Statements have been prepared according to the historical cost convention.

The Board approved these Condensed Financial Statements on July 28, 2017.

## 3. Critical accounting estimates, risks and uncertainties

The Company performed an analysis of risk factors which, if any should materialize, could materially and adversely affect the results of operations and financial position of the Company.

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires Management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent liabilities, if any, at the date of the financial statements and the reported amount of expenses and other income for the period. These estimates and assumptions are based on Management's knowledge of the relevant facts and awareness of circumstances, having regard to prior experience. The significant estimates and assumptions are not materially different from those disclosed in the Company's audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2016.

## 4. Accounting policies

The material accounting policies followed in these Condensed Financial Statements are the same as those applied in the Company's audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2016.

No new IFRS accounting standards have been adopted by the Company during the six-month period ended June 30, 2017.

A number of new standards and amendments to standards and interpretations are effective for annual periods beginning after January 1, 2017, and have not been applied in preparing these Condensed Financial Statements. Management is assessing the possible impact of these standards and has not yet reached a conclusion as to the impact on the Group. The standards being reviewed that are relevant to the Group are:

- IFRS 9 - Financial Instruments. Replacement standard for IAS 39 Financial instruments: Recognition and Measurement. IFRS 9 retains (and simplifies) the mixed measurement model and establishes two primary measurement categories for financial assets: amortized cost and fair value. The basis of classification depends on an entity's business model and the contractual cash flow of the financial asset. Classification is made at the time the financial asset is initially recognized, namely when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. This standard is mandatory, effective from January 1, 2018.
- IFRS 16 – Leases. In January 2016, the IASB issued IFRS 16 *Leases*, which requires lessees to recognize assets and liabilities for most leases. Application of the standard is mandatory for annual reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2019.

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## 5. Corporate General and Administrative expenses

<i>in thousands of Canadian dollars</i>	3 months ended		6 months ended	
	2017	June 30 2016	2017	June 30 2016
Finance	281	188	453	337
External communications	50	63	104	132
Information technology	124	70	185	157
ICSID Arbitration related	7,012	237	11,400	2,350
Legal	311	31	503	351
Payroll	2,339	1,815	3,894	3,878
Long lead-time equipment storage costs	228	222	439	466
Other	402	191	850	906
<b>Corporate, general and administrative expense</b>	<b>10,747</b>	<b>2,817</b>	<b>17,828</b>	<b>8,577</b>

ICSID Arbitration related costs are in respect of legal and other services provided to the Company in respect of the ICSID Arbitration.

Legal expenditures shown above are in respect of general corporate legal advice in respect of the Gabriel Group.

## 6. Assets held for sale

<b>Balance - December 31, 2015</b>	19,646
Disposal	(1,375)
Impairment charge	(3,856)
Currency translation adjustment	(998)
<b>Balance - December 31, 2016</b>	13,417
Currency translation adjustment	426
<b>Balance - June 30, 2017</b>	<b>13,843</b>

The prospect of the long lead-time equipment being used in the future for the purpose for which it was purchased is considered remote. In December 2015, the Company engaged two specialist agents to broker the sale of the long lead-time equipment, and the equipment was transferred to assets held for sale on December 31, 2015. In August 2016, a gyratory crusher was sold for gross proceeds of \$2.6 million. The agents' engagement is ongoing, with a view to a sale of the remaining equipment in the short-term.

At December 31, 2016, the value of the long-lead time equipment was assessed for indicators of impairment, and a charge of \$3.9 million was recognised in the income statement for the year.

The remaining long lead-time equipment comprises milling equipment, which is not yet assembled. These items are currently stored in various warehouse locations which, with non-material exceptions, are outside of Romania, the main location being the port of Antwerp, Belgium.

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## 7. Cash and cash equivalents

As at	June 30 2017	December 31 2016
Cash at bank and on hand	5,878	6,143
Short-term bank deposits	40,395	54,124
	<b>46,273</b>	60,267

Cash at bank and on hand earns interest at floating rates based on daily bank deposit rates. Cash is readily accessible and is deposited at reputable financial institutions with high credit standings.

The Group manages its domestic Romanian bank credit risk by centralizing custody, control and management of its surplus cash resources from its corporate office and only transferring money to its Romanian subsidiary based on near term cash requirements, thereby mitigating exposure to domestic Romanian banks. At June 30, 2017, the Group held \$0.5 million equivalent in Romanian banks (December 2016: \$0.1 million).

Short-term bank deposits represent investments in government treasury bills with maturities, from the date of acquisition, of less than 90 days.

## 8. Trade and other payables

As at	June 30 2017	December 31 2016
ICSID Arbitration related accruals and payables	7,117	2,019
Other accruals and payables	610	420
Salaries and related taxes payable	658	713
Other payables	220	223
	<b>8,605</b>	3,375

Trade and other payables are accounted for at amortized cost and are categorized as other financial liabilities. The increase in ICSID Arbitration related accruals at June 30, 2017 is due to the increase in arbitration related activities in the period leading up to the June 30, 2017 filing of the Memorial.

## 9. Resettlement liabilities

RMGC previously had a program for purchasing homes in the Project area. Under the resettlement program residents were offered two choices; either to take the sale proceeds and move to a new location of their choosing, or exchange their properties for a new property to be built by RMGC at a new resettlement site. For those residents who chose the new resettlement site option, the Company recorded a resettlement liability for the anticipated construction costs of the resettlement houses. The total balance at June 30, 2017 was \$0.6 million (December 31, 2017: \$0.7 million).

## 10. Other current liabilities

The Company has a Deferred Share Unit (“DSU”) Plan under which qualifying participants can elect to receive certain compensation in the form of DSUs. With effect from July 1, 2016, certain Company directors have received fifty per cent of their director fees payable in DSUs. Certain officers of the Company were issued with Restricted Share Units (“RSUs”) during the second quarter of 2017 as part of re-negotiated employment contracts. DSUs and RSUs are initially valued at the five-day weighted average market price of the Company’s common shares at the date of issue, with the value adjusted based on fair value on the closing common share price at the end of each subsequent reporting period.

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## 10. Other current liabilities (continued)

During the three month period ended June 30, 2017 an aggregate of 88,566 DSUs were issued to certain non-executive directors in lieu of fees for services, and an aggregate of 1,911,390 RSUs were issued to certain officers of the Company as part of a re-negotiation of employment contracts. Notwithstanding, due to a decrease in the Company's share price an aggregate reduction in the DSU/RSU liability of \$0.1 million has been recorded based on the reporting period end fair value calculation

## 11. Non-controlling interest

The Company historically advanced loans totaling US\$39.5 million to Minvest RM, the non-controlling shareholder of RMGC, to facilitate mandatory statutory share capital increases in RMGC in accordance with Romanian company law rules on capitalization. These loans, which remain outstanding at June 30, 2017, are non-interest bearing and according to their terms are to be repaid as and when RMGC distributes dividends to its shareholders. The loans are accounted for as part of the Group's net investment in RMGC and, accordingly, have been set-off against non-controlling interests in the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position. The loans and non-controlling interest components will be reflected individually at such time as repayment of the loans is possible.

In December 2013, the Group was required to recapitalize RMGC in order to comply with Romanian minimum capitalization company law requirements. The subscription to RMGC share capital by the Company was effected through a conversion of existing intercompany debt. On January 17, 2014 the Group agreed to transfer to Minvest RM, for nil consideration, a proportion of the shares subscribed to in December 2013, with a face value of \$20.4 million, in order to preserve the respective shareholdings in RMGC. This transfer gave rise to the disclosed non-controlling interest and subsequent accounting.

## 12. Related party transactions

The Group had related party transactions with associated persons or corporations which were undertaken in the normal course of operations.

Historical related party transactions with Minvest RM are disclosed in Note 11. There have been no transactions with Minvest RM in 2017 (2016: no transactions).

## 13. Common share options

Director, officer, employee and consultant common share options were granted, exercised and cancelled as follows:

	Number of options ( <b>'000</b> )	Weighted average exercise price ( <b>dollars</b> )
<b>Balance - December 31, 2015</b>	25,728	1.66
Options granted	4,961	0.46
Options forfeited	(360)	2.14
Options expired	(3,548)	6.62
Options exercised	(36)	0.46
<b>Balance - December 31, 2016</b>	26,745	0.77
Options granted	<b>172</b>	<b>0.45</b>
Options expired	<b>(650)</b>	<b>1.92</b>
Options exercised	<b>(13)</b>	<b>0.40</b>
<b>Balance - June 30, 2017</b>	<b>26,254</b>	<b>0.79</b>

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## 14. Loss per share

		3 months ended June 30		6 months ended June 30
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Loss for the period attributable to owners of the parent	<b>13,657</b>	8,943	<b>23,002</b>	16,313
Weighted-average number of common shares (000's)	<b>384,453</b>	384,150	<b>384,450</b>	384,150
Basic and diluted loss per share	<b>\$0.04</b>	\$0.02	<b>\$0.06</b>	\$0.04

## 15. Commitments and contingencies

The following is a summary of Canadian dollar equivalent of the contractual commitments of the Group including payments due for each of the next five years and thereafter:

	Total	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Thereafter
<i>Operating lease commitments</i>							
Long lead time equipment	9	9	-	-	-	-	-
Rosia Montana exploitation license	665	266	266	133	-	-	-
Surface concession rights	1,127	17	33	33	33	33	978
Property lease agreements	38	38	-	-	-	-	-
Total commitments	1,839	330	299	166	33	33	978

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## 16. Segmental information

Operating segments are reported in a manner consistent with internal reporting provided to the chief operating decision-maker. The chief operating decision-maker is responsible for allocating resources and assessing performance of the operating segments and has been identified as the Company's Chief Executive Officer.

The Group has two segments: the first being the Romanian operating company, the principal activity of which was formerly the exploration, evaluation and development of precious metal mining projects in the country ("Romania"). The rest of the entities within the Group form part of a secondary segment ("Corporate").

The segmental report is as follows:

	Romania		Corporate		Total	
	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016
<b>For the three-month period ended June 30,</b>						
<b>Reportable items in the Condensed Consolidated Income Statement and Comprehensive Income</b>						
Interest received	-	-	(66)	(23)	(66)	(23)
Finance costs - convertible note accretion	-	-	1,741	336	1,741	336
Depreciation	31	71	10	152	41	223
Reportable segment loss	1,580	1,418	12,077	7,525	13,657	8,943
<b>For the six-month period ended June 30,</b>	<b>2,017</b>	2016	<b>2,017</b>	2,016	<b>2,017</b>	2016
<b>Reportable items in the Condensed Consolidated Income Statement and Comprehensive Income</b>						
Interest received	-	-	(128)	(36)	(128)	(36)
Finance costs - convertible note accretion	-	-	3,431	1,291	3,431	1,291
Depreciation	61	144	21	168	82	312
Reportable segment loss	3,558	3,560	19,444	12,753	23,002	16,313
<b>As at June 30,</b>	<b>2,017</b>	2,016	<b>2,017</b>	2,016	<b>2,017</b>	2,016
<b>Reportable segment in Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position</b>						
Reportable segment current assets and assets classified as held for sale	15,478	20,107	46,034	28,952	61,512	49,059
Reportable segment non - current assets	599	4,633	48	44	647	4,677
Reportable segment liabilities	(1,412)	(3,073)	(68,494)	(33,455)	(69,906)	(36,528)

The Group's assets classified as held for sale are predominantly located in various port facilities within the European Union.



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## 17. Private placements

On July 14, 2016 the Company completed a private placement with one existing shareholder and a new investor (the “July 2016 Private Placement”). On May 11, 2016 the Company completed a private placement with a number of existing shareholders (the “May 2016 Private Placement” and together with the July 2016 Private Placement, the “2016 Private Placements”). A total of 60,625 units were issued pursuant to the 2016 Private Placements at a price of \$1,000 per unit to raise aggregate gross proceeds of \$60.625 million. Each of the issued units consist of a number of components as per prior disclosure in the annual audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2016.

### July 2016 Private Placement – Initial recognition

	Gross allocation	Financing fees	Net allocation
Liability component of convertible debentures	22,740	394	22,346
Equity component of convertible debentures	32,694	567	32,127
Warrants	19,557	339	19,218
Charge on issue of in-the-money equity instruments	(34,366)	-	(34,366)
Arbitration value rights	-	-	-
Proceeds of private placement	40,625	1,300	39,325

### May 2016 Private Placement – Initial recognition

	Gross allocation	Financing fees	Net allocation
Liability component of convertible debentures	11,118	67	11,051
Equity component of convertible debentures	4,149	25	4,124
Warrants	4,733	28	4,705
Arbitration value rights	-	-	-
Proceeds of private placement	20,000	120	19,880

### 2014 Private Placement – Recognition subsequent to the May 2016 debt extinguishment

	Gross allocation	Financing fees	Net allocation
Liability component of convertible debentures	18,347	-	18,347
Equity component of convertible debentures	8,370	50	8,320
Warrants	8,283	50	8,233
Arbitration value rights	-	-	-
Proceeds of private placement	35,000	100	34,900

Subsequent to initial measurement, the debt component is measured at amortized cost using the effective interest rate method. The valuation of the equity component is not adjusted subsequent to the initial recognition except on conversion or expiry.

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## 17 Private placements (continued)

There are two derivatives that are embedded within the convertible notes to the Private Placements: a 'make-whole premium' to protect holders of the convertible notes in a change of control event prior to maturity; and a 'common share repayment right' providing the Company with the right to repay the principal in Common Shares at a discounted amount of 95% of par at maturity. These two embedded derivatives were determined to have insignificant initial values and were accordingly not accounted for, but will be reassessed at each reporting date.

The aggregate composition of the Private Placements is set out in the following table

	Gross allocation	Financing fees	Net allocation
Liability component of convertible debentures	52,205	461	51,744
Equity component of convertible debentures	45,213	642	44,571
Warrants	32,573	417	32,156
Charge on issue of in-the-money equity instruments	(34,366)	-	(34,366)
Proceeds of private placement	95,625	1,520	94,105

## 18 Contingent liabilities

RMGC has been subject to an inspection by the Romanian tax authorities of the value added tax ("VAT") deductions it claimed in the period 2011 to 2016. On July 5, 2017 RMGC received a tax assessment of RON 27 million ("VAT Assessment"), being approximately \$8.6 million, as further described in Note 19. As at the date of these Condensed Financial Statements, the Group is challenging the VAT Assessment through various formal processes and considers that the outflow of economic resources in respect of the VAT Assessment is not probable, and consequently no liability has been recognized at June 30, 2017.

## 19 Post Balance Sheet Events

On July 5, 2017 RMGC received a tax assessment from the Romanian tax authorities in respect of VAT deductions claimed by RMGC in the period from July 2011 to January 2016. The amount of the tax assessed was RON 27 million, approximately \$8.6 million at July 5, 2017. This amount does not include any penalties or fines which the Company understands will be levied, but cannot currently be estimated.

The VAT Assessment is due for payment on August 5, 2017 although RMGC has until August 21, 2017 to make an administrative appeal to the Romanian Fiscal Authorities ("ANAF"), which it fully intends to pursue.

The VAT Assessment follows the re-run of a prior VAT audit concluded by ANAF in July 2016 which assessed a liability for approximately the same amount, rising with interest and penalties to RON 42.9m (then approximately \$13.7m) but which was successfully challenged by RMGC and partially quashed by ANAF in September 2016.