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# China Gold International Resources Corp. Ltd.

Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations
Three months ended March 31, 2023
(Stated in U.S. dollars, except as otherwise noted)

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# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

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The following Management Discussion and Analysis of financial condition and results of operations ("MD&A") is prepared as of May 15, 2023. It should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto of China Gold International Resources Corp. Ltd. (referred to herein as "China Gold International", the "Company", "we" or "our" as the context may require) for the three months ended March 31, 2023 and the year ended March 31, 2022, respectively. Unless the context otherwise provides, references in this MD&A to China Gold International or the Company refer to China Gold International and each of its subsidiaries collectively on a consolidated basis.

The following discussion contains certain forward-looking statements relating to the Company's plans, objectives, expectations and intentions, which are based on the Company's current expectations and are subject to risks, uncertainties and changes in circumstances. Readers should carefully consider all of the information set out in this MD&A, including the risks and uncertainties outlined further in the Company's Annual Information Form ("Annual Information Form" or "AIF") dated March 30, 2023 on SEDAR at <a href="www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a>, <a href="www.sedar.com">www.chinagoldintl.com</a> and www.hkex.com.hk. For further information on risks and other factors that could affect the accuracy of forward-looking statements and the result of operations of the Company, please refer to the sections titled "Forward-Looking Statements" and "Risk Factors" and to discussions elsewhere within this MD&A. China Gold International's business, financial condition or results of operations could be materially and adversely affected by any of these risks.

### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain statements made herein, other than statements of historical fact relating to the Company, represent forward-looking information. In some cases, this forward-looking information can be identified by words or phrases such as "may", "will", "expect", "anticipate", "contemplates", "aim", "estimate", "intend", "plan", "believe", "potential", "continue", "is/are likely to", "should" or the negative of these terms, or other similar expressions intended to identify forward-looking information. This forward-looking information includes, among other things; China Gold International's production estimates, business strategies and capital expenditure plans; the development and expansion plans and schedules for the CSH Mine and the Jiama Mine; China Gold International's financial condition; the regulatory environment as well as the general industry outlook; general economic trends in China; and statements respecting anticipated business activities, planned expenditures, corporate strategies, participation in projects and financing, and other statements that are not historical facts.

By their nature, forward-looking information involves numerous assumptions, both general and specific, which may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of China Gold International and/or its subsidiaries to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking information. Some of the key assumptions include, among others, the absence of any material change in China Gold International's operations or in foreign exchange rates, the prevailing price of gold, copper and other non-ferrous metal products; the absence of lower-than-anticipated mineral recovery or other production problems; effective income and other tax rates and other assumptions underlying China Gold International's financial performance as stated in the Company's technical reports for its CSH Mine and Jiama Mine; China Gold International's ability to obtain regulatory confirmations and approvals on a timely basis; continuing positive labor relations; the absence of any material adverse effects as a result of political instability, terrorism, natural disasters, pandemics such as COVID-19, litigation or arbitration and adverse changes in government regulation; the availability and accessibility of financing to China Gold International; and the performance by counterparties of the terms and conditions of all contracts to which China Gold International and its subsidiaries are a party. The forward-looking information is also based on the assumption that none of the risk factors identified in this MD&A or in the AIF that could cause actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking information actually occurs.

Forward-looking information contained herein as of the date of this MD&A is based on the opinions, estimates and assumptions of management. There are a number of important risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause actual actions, events or results to differ materially from those described as forward-looking information. China Gold International disclaims any obligation to update any forward-looking information, whether as a result of new information, estimates, opinions or assumptions, future events or results, or otherwise except to the extent required by law. There can be no assurance that forward-looking information will prove to be accurate, as actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such statements. The forward-looking information in this MD&A is expressly qualified by this cautionary statement. The reader is cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward-looking information.

### THE COMPANY

#### Overview

China Gold International is a gold and base metal mining company registered in British Columbia Canada. The Company's main business involves the operation, acquisition, development and exploration of gold and base metal properties.

The Company's principal mining operations are the Chang Shan Hao Gold Mine ("CSH Mine" or "CSH"), located in Inner Mongolia, China and the Jiama Copper-Gold Polymetallic Mine ("Jiama Mine" or "Jiama"), located in Tibet, China. China Gold International holds a 96.5% interest in the CSH Mine, while its Chinese joint venture ("CJV") partner holds the remaining 3.5% interest. The Company owns a 100% interest in the Jiama Mine, which hosts a large scale copper-gold polymetallic deposit containing copper, gold, molybdenum, silver, lead and zinc metals.

China Gold International's common shares are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange ("TSX") and The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited ("HKSE") under the symbol CGG and the stock code 2099, respectively. Additional information about the Company, including the Company's Annual Information Form, is available on SEDAR at sedar.com as well as Hong Kong Exchange News at hkexnews.hk.

# Performance Highlights

### Three months ended March 31, 2023

- Revenue decreased by 17% to US\$252.8 million from US\$304.0 million for the same period in 2022.
- Mine operating earnings decreased by 3% to US\$102.7 million from US\$105.5 million for the same period in 2022.
- Net income of US\$78.7 million increased by 10% or US\$6.9 million from US\$71.8 million for the same period in 2022.
- Cash flow from operation decreased by 21% to US\$127.7 million from US\$160.8 million for the same period in 2022.
- Total gold production decreased by 10% to 52,827 ounces from 58,583 ounces for the same period in 2022.
- Total copper production decreased by 9% to 44.1 million pounds (approximately 20,025 tonnes) from 48.3 million pounds (approximately 21,923 tonnes) for the same period in 2022.

### **OUTLOOK**

On March 27, 2023, an overflow occurred at the Guolanggou Tailings Dam at Jiama Mine (the "overflow"). The Company quickly contained and repaired the breach to ensure no damage to the environment or neighbouring communities. Subsequent to the overflow, Jiama Mine has suspended its operations while the Company takes the opportunity to conduct a comprehensive safety assessment of and repair work on its tailings dam with the assistance and supervision of government safety authorities. The Company does not have an exact timeline for the re-start of production.

The overflow occurred at the top 19th subsequent dyke of the Guolangou Tailings Dam. However, other levels of subsequent dykes and the starter dyke were also damaged to varying degrees. The Company is conducting a comprehensive inspection and assessment of all 19 levels of subsequent dykes and the starter dyke of the tailings dam and is making permanent repairs and reinforcements of the dam. The repair and reinforcement construction is expected to be completed by the end of July 2023. Following the completion of the construction, the Company will conduct a safety assessment of the entire tailings pond and submit an assessment report to the regulatory authority by the end of August 2023. The government regulators will decide when to grant permission to resume production based on the assessment report.

Due to the uncertainty of the date of resumption of production at Jiama Mine, the Company is withdrawing its annual production guidance for 2023 as set out in the announcement of the Company dated January 20, 2023. Once the impact of tailings overflow on the operation can be more clearly evaluated, the Company will re-issue the production guidelines. However, the Company notes that production operations at the Company's CSH gold mine are normal and stable.

### RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

# Selected Quarterly Financial Data

				Quarter	ended			
	2023 2022 2021							
(US\$ in thousands except per share)	31-Mar	31-Dec	30-Sept	30-Jun	31-Mar	31-Dec	30-Sep	30-Jun
Revenue	252,778	253,904	255,030	291,994	304,021	312,016	248,326	304,944
Cost of sales	150,068	157,271	179,322	174,304	198,493	200,210	165,681	179,001
Mine operating earnings	102,710	96,633	75,708	117,690	105,528	111,806	82,645	125,943
General and administrative expenses	9,584	18,390	16,215	8,296	9,949	16,165	9,462	10,294
Exploration and evaluation expenses	35	102	81	256	40	358	260	59
Research and development expenses	4,642	6,659	7,357	5,470	5,885	10,347	6,619	5,051
Income from operations	88,449	71,482	52,055	103,668	89,654	84,936	66,304	110,539
Foreign exchange gain (loss)	3,310	6,007	(16,085)	(11,542)	1,673	2,071	(161)	4,944
Finance costs	6,706	7,103	7,504	7,943	8,188	8,296	8,670	9,604
Profit before income tax	87,152	70,603	30,607	90,098	83,956	81,198	57,885	108,486
Income tax expense	8,493	22,083	7,251	8,374	12,155	22,422	5,650	7,789
Net profit	78,659	48,520	23,356	81,724	71,801	58,776	52,235	100,697
Basic earnings per share (cents)	19.62	11.90	5.84	20.48	17.97	14.76	13.11	25.27
Diluted earnings per share (cents)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

### Selected Quarterly Production Data and Analysis

Three months ended March 31, **CSH Mine** 2022 2023 Gold sales (US\$ million) 66.41 69.73 Realized average price (US\$) of gold per ounce 1,892 1,871 37,276 Gold produced (ounces) 35,291 Gold sold (ounces) 35,100 37,266 Total production cost (US\$ per ounce) 1,339 1,537 Cash production cost(1) (US\$ per ounce) 712 961

Gold production at the CSH Mine decreased by 5% to 35,291 ounces for the three months ended March 31, 2023 compared to 37,276 ounces for the same period in 2022. The total production cost of gold for the three months ended March 31, 2023 decreased by 13% to US\$1,339 per ounce compared to US\$1,537 for the same period in 2022. The cash production cost of gold for the three months ended March 31, 2022 decreased by 26% to US\$712 per ounce from US\$961 for the same period in 2022. The decrease in both total production cost and cash production cost is mainly due to lower stripping ratio in 2023.

<sup>(1)</sup> Non-IFRS measure. See 'Non-IFRS measures' section of this MD&A

Jiama Mine Three months ended March 31,

	2023	2022
Copper sales (US\$ in millions) Realized average price <sup>1</sup> (US\$) of copper per pound after smelting fee	136.58	178.67
discount	3.32	3.72
Copper produced (tonnes)	20,025	21,923
Copper produced (pounds)	44,146,826	48,332,017
Copper sold (tonnes)	18,662	21,778
Copper sold (pounds)	41,143,092	48,012,990
Gold produced (ounces)	17,536	21,307
Gold sold (ounces)	17,308	21,104
Silver produced (ounces)	720,142	805,743
Silver sold (ounces)	688,585	810,367
Moly produced (tonnes)	186	212
Moly produced (pounds)	410,787	467,861
Moly sold (tonnes)	178	264
Moly sold (pounds)	392,938	583,076
Total production cost <sup>2</sup> (US\$) of copper per pound Total production cost <sup>2</sup> (US\$) of copper per pound after by-products	2.83	3.25
credits <sup>4</sup>	1.67	2.13
Cash production cost <sup>3</sup> (US\$) of copper per pound Cash production cost <sup>3</sup> (US\$) of copper per pound after by-products	2.12	2.58
credits <sup>4</sup>	0.96	1.46

I A discount factor of 13.5% to 24.4% is applied to the copper benchmark price to compensate the refinery costs incurred by the buyers. The discount factor is higher if the grade of copper in copper concentrate is below 18%. The industry standard of copper in copper concentrate is between 18-20%.

During the three months ended March 31, 2023, the Jiama Mine produced 20,025 tonnes (approximately 44.1 million pounds) of copper, a decrease of 9% compared with the three months ended March 31, 2022 (21,923 tonnes, or 48.3 million pounds).

Total production cost of copper per pound decreased by 13% and cash production cost of copper per pound decreased by 17% due to continuous cost control and the lower price of raw materials, such as electricity and cement, in the first three months of 2023 as compared to the same period in 2022. Total production cost of copper per pound after by-products and cash production cost of copper per pound after by-product decreased in the first three months of 2023 as compared to the same period in 2022 with stable by-product revenue per pound of copper.

Since the second half of 2021, the Jiama Mine increased the utilization rate of low-grade ore with operating costs being strictly controlled. A flexible mining plan was adopted, which is responsive and tailored to the market conditions.

### Review of Quarterly Data

### Three months ended March 31, 2023 compared to three months ended March 31, 2022

**Revenue** of US\$252.8 million for the first quarter of 2023, decreased by US\$51.2 million from US\$304.0 million for the same period in 2022.

Revenue from the CSH Mine was US\$66.4 million, a decrease of US\$3.3 million from US\$69.7 million for the same period in 2022. Realized average gold price slightly increased from US\$1,871/oz in Q1 2022 to US\$1,892/oz in Q1 2023. Gold sold by the CSH Mine was 35,100 ounces (gold produced: 35,291 ounces), compared to 37,266 ounces (gold produced: 37,276 ounces) for the same period in 2022.

<sup>2</sup> Production costs include expenditures incurred at the mine sites for the activities related to production including mining, processing, mine site G&A and royalties etc.

<sup>3</sup> Non-IFRS measure. See 'Non-IFRS measures' section of this MD&A

<sup>4</sup> By-products credit refers to the sales of gold, silver, lead, zinc and moly during the corresponding period.

Revenue from the Jiama Mine was US\$186.4 million, a decrease of US\$47.9 million, compared to US\$234.3 million for the same period in 2022. Realized average price of copper decreased by 11% from US\$3.72/pound in Q1 2022 to US\$3.32/pound in Q1 2023. Total copper sold was 18,662 tonnes (41.1 million pounds) for the three months ended March 31, 2023, a decrease of 14% from 21,778 tonnes (48.0 million pounds) for the same period in 2022.

Cost of sales of US\$150.1 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2023, a decrease of US\$48.4 million from US\$198.5 million for the same period in 2022. Cost of sales as a percentage of revenue for the Company decreased from 65% to 59% for the three months ended March 31, 2022 and 2023, respectively. Cost of sales was impacted by many operation factors such as grade of ore, recovery rates and stripping ratio. Refer to the sections below for details of production factors for each individual mine.

Mine operating earnings of US\$102.7 million for the three months ended March 31, 2023, a decrease of 3%, or US\$2.8 million, from US\$105.5 million for the same period in 2022. Mine operating earnings as a percentage of revenue increased from 35% to 41% for the three months ended March 31, 2022 and 2023, respectively.

**General and administrative expenses** slightly decreased by US\$0.3 million, from US\$9.9 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2022 to US\$9.6 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2023. The decrease was due to the Company's continuous implementation of an overall cost reduction program.

**Research and development expenses** of US\$4.6 million for the three months ended March 31, 2023, decreased from US\$5.9 million for the comparative 2022 period. The decrease in the first quarter of 2023 was mainly due to the completion of several research projects in 2022.

**Income from operations** of US\$88.4 million for the first quarter of 2023, decreased by US\$1.3 million, compared to US\$89.7 million for the same period in 2022.

**Finance costs** of US\$6.7 million for the three months ended March 31, 2023, decreased by US\$1.5 million compared to US\$8.2 million for the same period in 2022. The decrease was primarily due to the reduction in the total amount of borrowings outstanding.

**Foreign exchange gain** of US\$3.3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2023, increased from a gain of US\$1.7 million for the same period in 2022. The gain was attributed to changes in the RMB/USD exchange rates and the revaluation of monetary items held in Chinese RMB.

**Interest and other income** of US\$2.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2023, increased from US\$0.8 million for the same period in 2022, primarily due to the higher interest income earned in 2023.

**Income tax expense** of US\$8.5 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2023, decreased by US\$3.7 million from US\$12.2 million for the comparative period in 2022. During the current quarter, the Company had US\$2.6 million of deferred tax credit compared to US\$1.1 million of deferred tax credit for the same period in 2022.

**Net income of** US\$78.7 million for the three months ended March 31, 2023, increased by US\$6.9 million from US\$71.8 million for the three months ended March 31, 2022.

### **NON-IFRS MEASURES**

The cash cost of production, cash cost after by-product credits and cash cost per ounce and per pound are measures that are not in accordance with IFRS.

The Company has included these metrics to supplement its consolidated financial statements, which are presented in accordance with IFRS. Non-IFRS measures do not have any standardized meaning prescribed under IFRS, and therefore they may not be comparable to similar measures employed by other companies. The data is intended to provide additional information and should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for measures of performance, operating results or financial condition prepared in accordance with IFRS. The Company has included cash production cost per ounce and per pound data because it understands that certain investors use this information to determine the Company's ability to generate earnings and cash flow. The measures are not necessarily indicative of operating results, cash flow from operations, or financial condition as determined under IFRS.

The following tables provide a reconciliation of cost of sales to the cash costs of production in total dollars and in dollars per gold ounce for the CSH Mine or per copper pound for the Jiama Mine:

Cash production cost for gold is calculated as total cost of sales adjusted by depreciation and depletion and amortization of intangible assets. Cash production cost of gold per ounce is calculated as total cash production cost divided by total gold sold (ounces).

#### Three months ended March 31,

	2022		2021	
		US\$	Tigh	US\$
	US\$	Per ounce	US\$	Per ounce
Total Cost of sales <sup>1</sup>	46,991,600	1,339	57,264,210	1,537
Adjustment - Depreciation & depletion	(21,605,641)	(616)	(21,068,499)	(565)
Adjustment – Amortization of intangible assets	(371,240)	(11)	(416,607)	(11)
Total cash production cost	25,014,719	712	35,779,104	961
Total Gold sold ounces		35,100		37,266

Cash production cost of gold US\$ per ounce calculated as total cash production cost divided by total gold sold ounces

Cash Production cost for copper is calculated as production costs (total cost of sales adjusted by General and administrative expenses and Research and development expenses) adjusted by depreciation and depletion and amortization of intangible assets. Cash production cost of copper pound is calculated as total cash production cost divided by total copper sold (pounds).

#### Jiama Mine (Copper with by-products credits)

Inree	months	enaea	March	31,

	2023		2022	
	US\$	US\$ Per Pound	US\$	US\$ Per Pound
Total Cost of sales	103,076,012	2.51	141,228,450	2.94
General and administrative expenses	8,682,170	0.21	8,986,522	0.19
Research and development expenses	4,641,849	0.11	5,884,724	0.12
Total production cost	116,400,031	2.83	156,099,696	3.25
Adjustment – Depreciation & depletion	(20,128,368)	(0.49)	(22,138,244)	(0.46)
Adjustment - Amortization of intangible assets	(9,070,489)	(0.22)	(10,072,232)	(0.21)
Total cash production costs	87,201,174	2.12	123,889,200	2.58
By-products credits	(47,546,797)	(1.16)	(53,696,299)	(1.12)
Total cash production costs after by-products credits	39,654,377	0.96	70,192,921	1.46
Total Copper sold pounds		41,143,092		48,012,990
Cash production cost of copper US\$ per pound calculated as tot	al cash production cost	divided by total cop	per sold pounds	

### MINERAL PROPERTIES

### The CSH Mine

The CSH Mine is located in Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region of China (Inner Mongolia). The property hosts two low-grade, near surface gold deposits, along with other mineralized prospects. The main deposit is called the Northeast Zone (the "Northeast Zone"), while the second, smaller deposit is called the Southwest Zone (the "Southwest Zone").

The CSH Mine is owned and operated by Inner Mongolia Pacific Mining Co. Limited, a Chinese Joint Venture in which the Company holds a 96.5% interest and Ningxia Nuclear Industry Geological Exploration Institution holds the remaining 3.5%.

The CSH Mine is an open-pit mining operations with a designed mining and processing capacity of 60,000 tpd. In July 2019, CSH updated its mine plan based on a result of latest ultimate limit optimization, in which the production rate was reduced to 40,000 t/d with a life of mine ("LoM") of seven years as of 2019. The run-of-mine ore is heap leached with cyanide solution to extract gold and electro-winned to produce a gold dore which is sold to refiners. In June 2020, the operation of southwest pit ended.

### **Production Update**

CSH Mine Three months ended March 31,

	2023	2022
Ore mined and placed on pad (tonnes)	4,814,384	3,586,283
Average ore grade (g/t)	0.61	0.61
Recoverable gold (ounces)	56,379	42,265
Ending gold in process (ounces)	193,883	166,220
Waste rock mined (tonnes)	3,295,035	3,552,892

For the three months ended March 31, 2023, the total amount of ore placed on the leach pad was 4.8 million tonnes, with total contained gold of 56,379 ounces (1,754 kilograms). The overall accumulative project-to-date gold recovery rate has remained at approximately 54.95% at the end of March 31, 2023 from 55.42% at the end of December, 2022. Of which, gold recovery from the phase I and phase II heap leach pads were 59.77% and 51.81% at March 31, 2023, respectively.

### **Exploration**

An exploration report on zones along boundary and at depth was reviewed by the Evaluation Centre for Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves of the Ministry of Natural Resources (PRC) in November 2021 and registered in the Ministry of Natural Resources (PRC) in January 2022. The data was submitted to the Geology Archives Centre for Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region in May 2022, obtaining the Certificate of Submission, signifying an end of this stage of exploration and providing a basis for development studies of mineral resources at depth. An updated National Instrument 43-101 ('NI 43-101') Technical Report was disclosed on August 19, 2022. Compilation of the verification report on mineral resources and mineral reserves is underway based on the Chinese Code. A renewed Exploration License was approved by the local natural resources authority. The documents employed to determine the mining area at depth were submitted to the Natural Resources Bureau of Bayannaoer City, approved by the related Department and awaiting approval of the bureau prior to submission to the Natural Resources Bureau, Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region.

### **Mineral Resource Update**

CSH Mine Mineral Resources by category, at December 31, 2022 under NI 43-101 are listed below:

Location	Mineral	T (1000		N	Metal	
	Resource Category	Tonnage (x1000 t)	Au (g/t)	Au (t)	Au (Moz)	
Remaining	Measured	17,088	0.64	10.96	0.35	
within the open pit limit at a	Indicated	19,990	0.68	13.56	0.44	
cut-off grade of 0.28 g/t Au	M+I	37,078	0.67	24.52	0.79	
0.20 g/t / tu	Inferred	5,395	0.42	2.28	0.07	
Underground at	Measured	88,200	0.67	58.66	1.89	
a cut-off grade of 0.30 g/t Au	Indicated	89,850	0.58	52.07	1.67	
	M+I	178,050	0.62	110.73	3.56	
	Inferred	62,090	0.49	30.68	0.99	

Note:

Mineral Resources are reported in relation to a conceptual open-pit mining and underground block caving mining. Mineral Resources are not Mineral Reserves and do not have demonstrated economic viability. All figures are rounded to reflect the relative accuracy of the estimate. Raw assays have been capped. Mineral Resources include Mineral Reserves.

Mineral Resources are reported at a cut-off grade of 0.28 g/t Au for open-pit mining, based on the following parameters; the heap leaching & metallurgical recovery of 60% and gold bullion market price of USD 1,980 per ounce. Additional Mineral Resources are reported at a cut-off grade of 0.30 g/t Au for underground block caving mining, based on the following parameters: the heap leaching & metallurgical recovery of 60% and gold bullion market price of USD 1,980 per ounce. USD 1.0000=RMB 6.3457 dated in April 2022, and one troy ounce is equal to 31.1035 grams.

Resource Estimate by CGME Consulting Limited on August 19, 2022 and updated by Gerald Guo, P.Eng., a qualified person as defined by NI 43-101.

### **Mineral Reserves Update**

CSH Mine Mineral Reserves by category at December 31, 2022 under NI 43-101 are summarized below:

		Diluted -		Metal	
Type	T (x 1,000)	Au g/t	Au t	Au Moz	
Proven	17,088	0.62	10.52	0.34	
Probable	19,990	0.65	13.02	0.42	
Total Note:	37,078	0.63	23.54	0.76	

Mineral Reserves are reported based on the optimized ultimate open pit limit. All figures are rounded to reflect the relative accuracy of the estimate. Mineral Reserves are included in Mineral Resources.

Mineral Reserves are reported at a cut-off grade of 0.28 g/t Au for open-pit mining, based on the following parameters: the heap leaching & metallurgical recovery of 60% and gold bullion market price of USD 1,568 per ounce. USD 1.0000=RMB 6.3457 dated in April 2022, and one troy ounce is equal to 31.1035 grams

Reserve Estimate by CGME Consulting Limited on August 19, 2022 and updated by Gerald Guo, P.Eng., a qualified person as defined by NI 43-101

### The Jiama Mine

Jiama is a large copper-gold polymetallic deposit containing copper, gold, silver, molybdenum, lead and zin, located in the Gandise metallogenic belt in Tibet Autonomous Region of China.

The Jiama Mine has both underground mining and open-pit mining operations. Phase I of the Jiama Mine commenced operation in the latter half of 2010 and reached its design capacity of 6,000 tpd in early 2011. Phase II of the Jiama Mine commenced mining operations in 2018 with 44,000 tpd design capacity. The combined mining and processing capacity at the Jiama Mine is 50,000 tpd.

### **Production Update**

Jiama Mine	Three months ended M	Aarch 31,
	2023	2022
Ore processed (tonnes)	4,236,835	4,448,618
Average copper ore grade (%)	0.56	0.58
Copper recovery rate (%)	85	85
Average gold grade (g/t)	0.20	0.22
Gold recovery rate (%)	63	68
Average silver grade (g/t)	9.42	8.90
Silver recovery rate (%)	56	63
Average Moly grade (%)	0.029	0.023
Moly recovery rate (%)	15.03	20.99

During the three months ended March 31, 2023, the metals recovery rates remained consistent for copper, and decreased by 5% for gold and by 7% for silver. There was recovery of molybdenum and no production of lead and zinc during Q1 2023.

### **Exploration**

In 2023, Tibet Huatailong Mining Development Co., Ltd. plans to implement two geological exploration projects, namely detailed exploration of copper and lead project outside the current mining area of the Jiama Mine and prospecting of copper project in Bayi Farm, with a designed workload of 15,370 m of 20 holes for surface drilling, 37.31 km² for geological prospecting, 26 km² for soil sampling and 26 km² for rock sampling.

#### **Mineral Resources Estimate**

Jiama Mine resources by category at December 31, 2022 under NI 43-101:

# Jiama Project - Cu, Mo, Pb, Zn ,Au, and Ag Mineral Resources under NI 43-101 Reported at a 0.3% Cu Equivalent Cut off grade\*, as of December 31, 2022

Class	Quantity Mt	Cu %	Mo %	Pb %	Zn %	Au g/t	Ag g/t	Cu Metal (kt)	Mo Metal (kt)	Pb Metal (kt)	Zn Metal (kt)	Au Moz	Ag Moz
Ciass	ivit	Cu /0	1010 /0	10 /0	Z11 /0	Au g/t	Ag g/t	(Kt)	(Kt)	(Kt)	(Kt)	Au MOZ	Ag WIOZ
Measured	91.94	0.38	0.04	0.04	0.02	0.07	5.05	350.6	33.7	33.5	16.8	0.216	14.921
Indicated	1315.48	0.40	0.03	0.05	0.03	0.10	5.48	5216.8	451.9	613.1	380.0	4.197	232.005
M+I	1407.42	0.40	0.03	0.05	0.03	0.10	5.46	5567.4	485.6	646.6	396.8	4.412	246.926
Inferred	406.10	0.31	0.03	0.08	0.04	0.10	5.13	1247.0	123.0	311.0	175.0	1.317	66.926

Note:

Figures reported are rounded which may result in small tabulation errors.

The prices of Cu, Mo, Pb, Zn, Au and Ag are US\$2.9/lbs; US\$15.5/lbs; US\$2.9/lbs; US\$0.95/lbs; US\$1,300/oz and \$20/oz respectively.

The Copper Equivalent basis for the reporting of resources has been compiled on the following basis:

CuEq Grade: = (Ag Grade \* Ag Price + Au Grade \* Au Price + Cu Grade \* Cu Price + Pb Grade \* Pb Price +

Zn Grade \* Zn Price + Mo Grade \* Mo Price) / Copper Price

The Mineral Resources include the Mineral Reserves

Resource Estimate by Runge Pincock Minarco on 12<sup>th</sup> November of 2012 and updated by Gerald Guo, P.Eng, a Qualified Person as defined by NI 43-101.

### **Mineral Reserves Estimate**

Jiama Mine reserves by category at December 31, 2022 under NI 43-101:

### Jiama Project Statement of NI 43-101 Mineral Reserve Estimate as of December 31, 2022

	Quantity							Cu Metal	Mo Metal	Pb Metal	Zn Metal		
Class	Mt	Cu %	Mo %	Pb %	Zn %	Au g/t	Ag g/t	(kt)	(kt)	(kt)	(kt)	Au Moz	Ag Moz
Proven	17.70	0.60	0.05	0.02	0.02	0.19	7.60	105.9	8.9	4.0	2.7	0.108	4.324
Probable	341.46	0.60	0.03	0.13	0.07	0.16	10.29	2037.3	117.1	427.7	236.2	1.726	113.005
P+P	359.16	0.60	0.04	0.12	0.07	0.16	10.16	2143.2	126.0	431.7	238.9	1.834	117.329

#### Notes

- 1. All Mineral Reserves have been estimated in accordance with the JORC code and have been reconciled to CIM standards as prescribed by the NI 43-101.
- 2. Mineral Reserves were estimated using the following mining and economic factors:

### Open Pits:

- a) 5% dilution factor and 95% recovery were applied to the mining method;
- b) an overall slope angles of 43 degrees;
- c) The prices of Cu, Mo, Pb, Zn, Au and Ag are US\$2.9/lbs; US\$1.5/lbs; US\$2.9/lbs; US\$0.95/lbs; US\$1,300/oz and \$20/oz respectively
- d) an overall processing recovery of 88 90% for copper

### Underground:

- a) 10% dilution added to all Sub-Level Open Stoping;
- b) Stope recovery is 87% for Sub-Level Open Stoping;
- e) An overall processing recovery of 88 90% for copper.
- The cut-off grade for Mineral Reserves has been estimated at copper equivalent grades of 0.3% Cu (NSR) for the open pits and 0.45% Cu (NSR) for the underground mine.
- 4. The Mineral Reserves are inclusive of the Mineral Resources
- 5. Reserve Estimate by Mining One Consultants on 20th November 2013, and updated by Gerald Guo, P.Eng, a qualified person as defined by NI 43-101.

### LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

The Company operates in a capital intensive industry. The Company's liquidity requirements arise principally from the need for financing its mining and mineral processing operations, exploration activities and acquisition of exploration and mining rights. The Company's principal sources of funds have been proceeds from borrowings from commercial banks in China, corporate bonds financing, equity financings, and cash generated from operations. The Company's liquidity primarily depends on its ability to generate cash flow from its operations and to obtain external financing to meet its debt obligations as they become due, as well as the Company's future operating and capital expenditure requirements.

At March 31, 2023, the Company had an accumulated surplus of US\$501.8 million, working capital of US\$74.0 million and borrowings of US\$842.7 million. The Company's cash balance at March 31, 2022 was US\$553.0 million.

Management believes that its forecast operating cash flows are sufficient to cover the next twelve months of the Company's operations including its planned capital expenditures and current debt repayments. The Company's borrowings are comprised of US\$301.8 million of 2.8% coupon rate unsecured bonds maturing on June 23, 2023, and US\$101.8 million of short term debt facilities with interest rates ranging from 1.05% to 3.80% per annum arranged through various banks in China. In addition, on November 3, 2015, the Company entered into a Loan Facility agreement with a syndicate of banks, led by Bank of China. The lenders agreed to lend an aggregate principal amount of RMB 3.98 billion, approximately US\$613 million with the interest rate of 2.83% per annum. The People's Bank of China Lhasa Center Branch's interest rate serves as a local benchmark for the interest on the drawdowns. The bank's interest rate is then discounted by 7 basis points (or 0.07%) to calculate the interest on the drawdowns. The loan interest rate was adjusted from benchmark interest rate minus 7 basis points to 5 year loan prime rate ("LPR") less 2% (LPR-2%) in second quarter of 2020. The interest rate of 2.45% shall be applied for the current year. The proceeds from the Loan Facility are to be used for the development of the Jiama Mine. The loan is secured by the mining rights for the Jiama Mine. As of December 31, 2022 the Company has drawn down RMB3.79 billion, approximately US\$564.7 million under the Loan Facility. On April 29, 2020, the Company entered into a Loan Facility agreement with a syndicate of banks. The lenders agreed to lend an aggregate principal amount of RMB1.4 billion, approximately US\$197.8 million with the interest rate of 2.65% per annum currently, maturing on April 28, 2034. The Company obtained a loan in the aggregate principal amount of RMB400 million, approximately US\$61.7 million, with China Development Bank bearing interest at the People's Bank of China Loan Market Quote Rate (1 year) minus 2.65% on April 30, 2020. The current interest rate of the loan is 1.05% per annum. The Company is currently assessing various strategic alternatives for the repayment of its 2.8% unsecured bonds maturing on June 22, 2023. As part of this assessment, the Company is planning on repaying bond partially through its own capital and partially through bank financing. The Company believes that the availability of debt financing in China at favorable rates will continue for the foreseeable future. The Company continues to review and assess its assets for impairment as part of its financial reporting processes. To date, the assessment carried out by the Company support the carrying values of the Company's assets and no impairment has been required. However, the management of the Company continues to evaluate key assumptions on estimates and management judgements in order to determine the recoverable amount of the CSH Mine and the Jiama Mine.

#### Cash flows

The following table sets out selected cash flow data from the Company's consolidated cash flow statements for the three months ended March 31, 2023 and March 31, 2022.

	Three months ended March 31,		
	2023	2022	
	US\$'000	US\$'000	
Net cash from operating activities	127,712	160,766	
Net cash used in investing activities	(7,126)	(12,336)	
Net cash used in financing activities	(456)	(470)	
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	120,130	147,960	
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	4,458	(1,994)	
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	428,453	208,128	
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	553,041	354,094	

# Operating cash flow

For the three months ended March 31, 2023, net cash inflow from operating activities was US\$127.7 million which is primarily attributable to (i) profit before income tax of US\$87.2 million (ii) depreciation of property, plant and equipment of US\$44.5 million (iii) increase in contract liabilities of US\$13.5 million and (iv) amortization of mining rights of US\$9.5 million, partially offset by (i) decrease in inventory of US\$13.8 million (ii) income taxes paid of US\$7.1 million and (iii) decrease in accounts payables of US\$4.2 million.

### Investing cash flow

For the three months ended March 31, 2023, the net cash outflow from investing activities was US\$7.1 million which is primarily attributable to (i) payment for acquisition of property, plant and equipment of US\$9.9 million, partially offset by (i) interest received of US\$1.6 million and (ii) release of restricted bank deposits of US\$1.1 million.

### Financing cash flow

For the three months ended March 31, 2023, the net cash outflow mainly from financing activities was US\$456,000 which is primarily attributable to (i) dividend paid to a minority shareholder of US\$428,000 and (ii) repayments of lease liabilities of US\$28,000.

### **Expenditures Incurred**

For the three months ended March 31, 2023, the Company incurred mining costs of US\$23.8 million, mineral processing costs of US\$33.6 million and transportation costs of US\$1.7 million.

### **Gearing ratio**

Gearing ratio is defined as the ratio of consolidated total debt to consolidated total equity. As at March 31, 2023, the Company's total debt was US\$842.7 million and the total equity was US\$1,842.8 million. The Company's gearing ratio was therefore 0.46 as at March 31, 2023 compared to 0.44 as at December 31, 2022.

# SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENTS, ACQUISITIONS AND DISPOSAL OF SUBSIDIARIES. ASSOCIATES AND JOINT VENTURES, AND FUTURE PLAN FOR MATERIAL INVESTMENTS OF CAPITAL ASSETS

Other than as disclosed elsewhere in this MD&A or in the condensed consolidated financial statements for the three months ended March 31, 2023, there were no significant investments held by the Company, nor were there any material acquisitions or disposals of subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures during the three months ended March 31, 2023. Other than as disclosed in this MD&A, there was no plan authorized by the Board for other material investments or additions of capital assets at the date of this MD&A.

#### **CHARGE ON ASSETS**

Other than as disclosed elsewhere in this MD&A and consolidated financial statements, none of the Company's assets were pledged as at March 31, 2023.

### EXPOSURE TO FLUCTUATIONS IN EXCHANGE RATES AND RELATED HEDGES

The Company is exposed to the financial risk related to the fluctuation of foreign exchange rates for the monetary assets and liabilities denominated in the currencies other than the functional currencies to which they relate. The Company has not hedged its exposure to currency fluctuation. However, the Management monitors foreign exchange exposure and will consider hedging significant foreign currency exposure should the need arise. Refer to Note 33, Financial Instruments, in the annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2022.

### **COMMITMENTS**

Commitments include principal payments on the Company's bank loans and syndicated loan facility, corporate bonds, and capital commitments in respect of the future acquisition of property, plant and equipment and construction for both the CSH Mine and the Jiama Mine.

The Company's capital commitments relate primarily to the payments for purchase of equipment and machinery for both mines and payments to third-party contractors for the provision of mining and exploration engineering work and mine construction work for both mines. The Company has entered into contracts that prescribe such capital commitments; however, liabilities relating to them have not yet been incurred. Refer to Note 34, Commitments, in the annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2022.

On June 24, 2020, the Company, through its wholly owned subsidiary Skyland Mining (BVI) Limited, issued bonds denominated in U.S. dollar, with an aggregate principal amount of US\$300 million. The Bonds were issued at a price of 99.886%, bearing a coupon of 2.8% per annum with a maturity date of June 23, 2023. Interest is payable in semi-annual installments on December 23 and June 23 of each year. The bonds are listed on HKSE and Chongwa (Macao) Financial Asset Exchange ("MOX").

The following table outlines payments for commitments for the periods indicated:

	Total	Within One year	Within Two to five years	Over five years
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Principal repayment of bank loans	540,937	101,576	261,944	177,417
Repayment of bonds including interest	301,753	301,753	-	-
Total	842,690	403,329	261,944	177,417

In addition to the table set forth above, the Company has entered into service agreements with third-party contractors such as China Railway for the provision of mining and exploration engineering work and mine construction work for the CSH Mine. The fees for such work performed and to be performed each year varies depending on the amount of work performed. The Company has similar agreements with third party contractors for the Jiama Mine.

### RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

China National Gold Group Co., Ltd. (formerly known as China National Gold Group Corporation) ("CNG") owned 40.01 percent of the outstanding common shares of the Company as at December 31, 2022 and March 31, 2023.

The Company had major related party transactions with the following companies related by way of shareholders or shareholder in common:

The Company's subsidiary, Inner Mongolia Pacific is a party to a non-exclusive contract for the purchase and sale of doré with CNG (the "Dore Sales Contract") pursuant to which Inner Mongolia Pacific sells gold doré bars to CNG. The pricing is based on the monthly average price of gold ingot as quoted on the Shanghai Gold Exchange and the daily average price of silver as quoted on the Shanghai Huatong Platinum & Silver Exchange prevailing at the time of each relevant purchase order during the contract period. The Dore Sales Contract has been in effect since October 24, 2008 and was renewed for a new term that commenced on January 1, 2018 and expired on December 31, 2020, which renewal was approved by the Company's shareholders on June 28, 2017. On June 16, 2020, the third Supplemental Contract for Purchase and Sale of Dore was approved by the Company's Shareholders, commencing on January 1, 2021 and expiring on December 31, 2023.

Revenue from sales of gold doré bars to CNG was US\$66.4 million for the three months ended March 31, 2023 which decreased from US\$69.7 million for the three ended March 31, 2022.

The Company is also a party to a Product and Service Framework Agreement with CNG, pursuant to which CNG provides construction, procurement and equipment financing services to the Company and also purchases the copper concentrates produced at the Jiama Mine. The quantity of copper concentrates, pricing terms and payment terms may be established from time to time by the parties with reference to the pricing principles for connected transactions set out under the Product and Service Framework Agreement. On June 28, 2017, the Supplemental Product and Service Framework Agreement was approved and extended to expire on December 31, 2020. On June 16, 2020, the third Supplemental Product and Service Framework Agreement was approved by the Company's Shareholders, commencing on January 1, 2021 and expiring on December 31, 2023. For the three months ended March 31, 2023, revenue from sales of copper concentrate and other products to CNG was US\$173.6 million compared to US\$223.6 million for the same period in 2022.

For the three months ended March 31, 2023, construction services of US\$0.6 million were provided to the Company by subsidiaries of CNG (US\$0.5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2022).

In addition to the aforementioned major related party transactions, the Company also obtains additional services from related parties in its normal course of business, including a Loan Agreement and a Deposit Services Agreement entered into on March 25, 2019, December 31, 2019, December 22, 2020 and a Financial Service Agreement on May 5, 2021 among the Company and China Gold Finance. As part of the 2021 Financial Service Agreement, approved by the Company's Shareholders at Annual General Meeting, China Gold Finance agreed to provide the Company with a range of financial services including (a) Deposit Services, (b) Lending Services, (c) Settlement Services and (d) Other Financial Services effective until December 31, 2023.

Refer to Note 15 of the condensed consolidated financial statements for details of significant related party transactions during the three months ended March 31, 2023

Reference is made to the announcement of the Company dated May 6, 2021 (the "CCT Announcement") in relation to, among other things, the provision of deposit services to the Company and its PRC subsidiaries under the financial services agreement between the Company and China Gold Finance from the date of approval by the Independent Shareholders (i.e. June 29, 2021) to December 31, 2023. Unless otherwise defined, capitalised terms in this sub-section shall have the same meanings as defined in the CCT Announcement.

In the course of preparing the condensed consolidated financial statements for the three months ended March 31, 2023, it came to the Company's attention that the daily deposit balance under the Deposit Services exceeded the Deposit cap of RMB3,000 million from February 23, 2023 to April 26, 2023, with the highest daily deposit balance during such period being approximately RMB562 million over the Deposit Cap (the "Exceeding of the Cap"). The Exceeding of the Cap was due to an increase in operating cash flow

As soon as the Company became aware of the Exceeding of the Cap, the Company took steps to reduce deposits placed with China Gold Finance to a level within the Deposit Cap. Since April 27, 2023, the daily deposit balance has been kept within the Deposit Cap and the Company will ensure that the daily deposit balance remains within the Deposit Cap for the rest of the term of the 2021 Financial Services Agreement. The Company has discussed the Exceeding of the Cap with China Gold Finance and will continue to maintain regular communication with China Gold Finance going forward. The Company does not intend to revise the Deposit Cap for the year ending December 31, 2023.

### PROPOSED TRANSACTIONS

The Board of Directors has given the Company approval to conduct reviews of a number of projects that may qualify as acquisition targets through joint venture, merger and/or outright acquisitions. The Company did not have any material acquisition and disposal of subsidiaries and associated companies for the three months ended March 31, 2023. The Company continues to review possible acquisition targets.

### CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES

In the process of applying the Company's accounting policies, the Directors of the Company have identified accounting judgments and key sources of estimation uncertainty that have a significant effect on the amounts recognized in the audited annual consolidated financial statements.

Key assumptions concerning the future and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the end of each reporting period that have a risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next twelve months are described in Note 4 of the audited annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2022.

# **CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

A summary of new and revised IFRS standards and interpretations are outlined in Note 2 of the audited annual consolidated financial statements as at December 31, 2022.

### FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS

The Company holds a number of financial instruments, the most significant of which are equity securities, accounts receivables, accounts payables, cash and loans. The financial instruments are recorded at either fair values or amortized amount on the balance sheet. The Company did not have any financial derivatives or outstanding hedging contracts as at March 31, 2023.

# **OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS**

As at March 31, 2023, the Company had not entered into any off-balance sheet arrangements.

# DIVIDEND AND DIVIDEND POLICY

The Company is committed to providing sustainable returns to its shareholders. The Board of Directors determine dividends on an annual basis based on, among other things, the results of operations, cash flows and financial conditions, operating and capital requirements, the rules promulgated by the regulators affecting dividends in both Canada and China and at both the TSX and HKSE, and the amount of distributable profits and other relevant factors.

Subject to the British Columbia Business Corporations Act, the Directors may from time to time declare and authorize payment of such dividends as they may deem advisable, including the amount thereof and the time and method of payment provided that the record date for the purpose of determining shareholders entitled to receive payment of the dividend must not precede the date on which the dividend is to be paid by more than two months.

A dividend may be paid wholly or partly by the distribution of cash, specific assets or of fully paid shares or of bonds, debentures or other securities of the Company, or in any one or more of those ways. No dividend may be declared or paid in money or assets if there are reasonable grounds for believing that the Company is insolvent or the payment of the dividend would render the Company insolvent.

In connection with the financial results for the year ended December 31, 2021, the Company declared a special dividend of US\$0.25 per common share, which was paid on June 15, 2022 to shareholders of record as of April 20, 2022.

In connection with the Company's financial results for the year ended December 31, 2022, the Company declared a special dividend of US\$0.37 per common share payable on June 15, 2023 to shareholders of record as of April 20, 2023. This special dividend qualifies as an "eligible dividend" for Canadian income tax purposes while dividends paid to shareholders outside Canada (non-resident investors) will be subject to Canadian non-resident withholding taxes. If you are a non-resident taxpayer resident in a country or area that Canada has a tax treaty with, you may be eligible to receive the reduced rate of tax for the dividend you will be receiving. Please review the NR301 form to check if you are eligible and if so, submit the aforementioned form to ensure the benefit from the tax treaty is applied to you.

The Board of Directors will determine any future dividends and dividend policy on the basis of earnings, financial requirements and other relevant factors.

### **OUTSTANDING SHARES**

As of March 31, 2023 the Company had 396,413,753 common shares issued and outstanding.

# DISCLOSURE CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES AND INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

Management is responsible for the design of disclosure controls and procedures ("DC&P") and the design of internal control over financial reporting ("ICFR") to provide reasonable assurance that material information relating to the Company, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to the Company's certifying officers. The Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have each evaluated the Company's DC&P and ICFR as of March 31, 2023 and, in accordance with the requirements established under Canadian National Instrument 52-109 – Certification of Disclosure in Issuer's Annual and Interim Filings, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that these controls and procedures were effective as of March 31, 2023, and provide reasonable assurance that material information relating to the Company is made known to them by others within the Company and that the information required to be disclosed in reports that are filed or submitted under Canadian securities legislation are recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time period specified in those rules.

The Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have used the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) 2013 framework to evaluate the Company's ICFR as of March 31, 2023 and have concluded that these controls and procedures were effective as of March 31, 2023 and provide reasonable assurance that financial information is recorded, processed, summarized and reported in a timely manner. Management is required to apply its judgment in evaluating the cost-benefit relationship of possible controls and procedures. The result of the inherent limitations in all control systems means design of controls cannot provide absolute assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud will be detected. During the three months ended March 31, 2023, there were no changes in the Company's DC&P or ICFR that materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

#### RISK FACTORS

There are certain risks involved in the Company's operations, some of which are beyond the Company's control. Aside from risks relating to business and industry, the Company's principal operations are located within the People's Republic of China and are governed by a legal and regulatory environment that in some respects differs from that which prevails in other countries. Readers of this MD&A should give careful consideration to the information included in this document and the Company's audited annual consolidated financial statements and related notes. Significant risk factors for the Company are metal prices, government regulations, foreign operations, environmental compliance, the ability to obtain additional financing, risk relating to recent acquisitions, dependence on management, title to the Company's mineral properties, natural disasters, pandemics such as COVID-19 and litigation. China Gold International's business, financial condition or results of operations could be materially and adversely affected by any of these risks. For details of risk factors, please refer to the Company's annual audited consolidated financial statements, and Annual Information Form filed from time to time on SEDAR at <a href="https://www.sedar.com">www.hkex.com.hk</a>.

# **QUALIFIED PERSON**

Disclosure of scientific or technical information in this MD&A was reviewed and approved by Mr. Tony Guo, P.Geo., the Company's Qualified Person ("QP") as defined by National Instrument 43-101.

May 15, 2023

(incorporated in British Columbia, Canada with limited liability)

Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements For the three months ended March 31, 2023

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2023

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# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2023

		Three mon Marcl	
	<u>NOTES</u>	2023 US\$'000 (unaudited)	2022 US\$'000 (unaudited)
Revenues Cost of sales	3	252,778 (150,068)	304,021 (198,493)
Mine operating earnings		102,710	105,528
Expenses General and administrative expenses Exploration and evaluation expenditure Research and development expenses	4	(9,584) (35) (4,642) (14,261)	(9,949) (40) (5,885) (15,874)
Income from operations		88,449	89,654
Other income (expenses) Foreign exchange gain, net Interest and other income Finance costs	5	3,310 2,099 (6,706) (1,297)	1,673 817 (8,188) (5,698)
Profit before income tax Income tax expenses	6	87,152 (8,493)	83,956 (12,155)
Profit for the period		78,659	71,801
Other comprehensive (expense) income for the period Item that will not be reclassified to profit or loss:  Fair value (loss) gain on equity instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income Item that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:	1	(2,891)	7,466
Exchange difference arising on translation		10,716	2,342
Other comprehensive income for the period		7,825	9,808
Total comprehensive income for the period		86,484	81,609

		Three me	onths ended
		Mar	rch 31,
	<b>NOTE</b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
		US\$'000	US\$'000
		(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Profit for the period attributable to			
Non-controlling interests		880	573
Owners of the Company		77,779	71,228
		78,659	71,801
Total comprehensive income			
for the period attributable to			
Non-controlling interests		878	571
Owners of the Company		85,606	81,038
		86,484	81,609
Earnings per share - Basic (US cents)	8	19.62	17.97
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Weighted average number of common shares	0	207 412 752	207 412 752
- Basic	8	396,413,753	396,413,753

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AT MARCH 31, 2023

	<u>NOTES</u>	March 31, 2023 US\$'000 (unaudited)	December 31, <u>2022</u> US\$'000 (audited)
Current assets Cash and cash equivalents		553,041	428,453
Restricted bank balance		492	1,572
Trade and other receivables	9	10,987	8,718
Prepaid expenses and deposits		896	810
Inventories	10	307,541	293,089
		872,957	732,642
Non-current assets			
Prepaid expenses and deposits		1,505	735
Right-of-use assets		41,636	42,487
Equity instruments at fair value through	16	24.469	27 240
other comprehensive income	16 11	34,468	37,348 1 570 245
Property, plant and equipment Mining rights	11	1,555,508 775,726	1,579,245 784,470
Other non-current assets	11	18,227	17,984
		2,427,070	2,462,269
Total assets		3,300,027	3,194,911
Current liabilities		<del></del>	
Accounts and other payables and			
accrued expenses	12	210,196	218,058
Contract liabilities	_	19,877	6,255
Dividends payables	7	146,673	-
Borrowings	13	403,329	399,567
Tax liabilities		18,353	14,239
Lease liabilities		529	516
		798,957	638,635
Net current assets		74,000	94,007
Total assets less current liabilities		2,501,070	2,556,276
Non-current liabilities			
Borrowings	13	439,361	433,501
Lease liabilities		1,508	1,501
Deferred tax liabilities		122,716	125,373
Deferred income		304	186
Environmental rehabilitation		94,368	92,285
		658,257	652,846
Total liabilities		1,457,214	1,291,481

		March 31,	December 31,
	<b>NOTE</b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
		US\$'000	US\$'000
		(unaudited)	(audited)
Owners' equity			
Share capital	14	1,229,061	1,229,061
Reserves		92,591	83,692
Retained profits		501,260	571,226
		1,822,912	1,883,979
Non-controlling interests		19,901	19,451
Total owners' equity		1,842,813	1,903,430
Total liabilities and owners' equity		3,300,027	3,194,911

The condensed consolidated financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on May 15, 2023 and are signed on its behalf by:

(Signed by) Junhu Tong	(Signed by) Yingbin Ian He
Junhu Tong	Yingbin Ian He
Director	Director

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2023

		Attributable to owners of the Company								
	Number of shares	Share <u>capital</u> US\$'000	Equity reserve US\$'000	Investment revaluation reserve US\$'000	Exchange reserve US\$'000	Statutory reserve US\$'000	Retained profits US\$'000	Subtotal US\$'000	Non - controlling interests US\$'000	Total owners' <u>equity</u> US\$'000
At January 1, 2022	396,413,753	1,229,061	_11,179	8,031	16,943	68,538	482,170	1,815,922	17,470	1,833,392
Profit for the period Fair value gain on equity instruments at fair value through other	-	-	-	-	-	-	71,228	71,228	573	71,801
comprehensive income Exchange difference arising	-	-	-	7,466	-	-	-	7,466	-	7,466
on translation					2,344			2,344	(2)	2,342
Total comprehensive income for the period Transfer to statutory reserve	-	-	-	7,466	2,344	-	71,228	81,038	571	81,609
- safety production fund Dividends distribution (note 7) Dividends paid to a non-controlling	-	-	-	-	-	1,216	(1,216) (99,103)	(99,103)	-	(99,103)
shareholder									(440)	(440)
At March 31, 2022 (unaudited)	396,413,753	1,229,061	11,179	15,497	19,287	69,754	453,079	1,797,857	17,601	1,815,458
At January 1, 2023	396,413,753	1,229,061	11,179	16,499	(47,108)	103,122	571,226	1,883,979	19,451	1,903,430
Profit for the period Fair value loss on equity instruments at fair value through other	-	-	-	-	-	-	77,779	77,779	880	78,659
comprehensive income Exchange difference arising	-	-	-	(2,891)	-	-	-	(2,891)	-	(2,891)
on translation					10,718			10,718	(2)	10,716
Total comprehensive (expense) income for the period Transfer to statutory reserve	-	-	-	(2,891)	10,718	-	77,779	85,606	878	86,484
- safety production fund Dividends distribution (note 7) Dividends paid to a non-controlling	-	-	-	-	-	1,072	(1,072) (146,673)	(146,673)	-	(146,673)
shareholder									(428)	(428)
At March 31, 2023 (unaudited)	396,413,753	1,229,061	<u>11,179</u>	13,608	(36,390)	104,194	501,260	1,822,912	<u>19,901</u>	1,842,813

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2023

	Three months ended		
	March 31,		
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	
	US\$'000	US\$'000	
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	
Net cash from operating activities	127,712	160,766	
Investing activities			
Interest income received	1,620	980	
Payment for acquisition of property, plant and equipment	(9,851)	(12,007)	
Payment for land use right	-	(3,188)	
Placement of restricted bank deposits	-	(1,296)	
Release of restricted bank deposits	1,105	3,175	
Net cash used in investing activities	(7,126)	(12,336)	
Financing activities			
Dividend paid to a non-controlling shareholder of a subsidiary	(428)	(440)	
Repayments of lease liabilities	(28)	(30)	
Cash used in financing activities	(456)	(470)	
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	120,130	147,960	
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period Effect of foreign exchange rate changes on	428,453	208,128	
cash and cash equivalents	4,458	(1,994)	
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	553,041	354,094	
Cash and cash equivalents are comprised of		<del></del>	
Cash and bank deposits	553,041	354,094	
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# NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2023

# 1. GENERAL AND BASIS OF PREPARATION AND SIGNIFICANT EVENT DURING THE CURRENT PERIOD

China Gold International Resources Corp. Ltd., (the "Company") is a publicly listed company incorporated in British Columbia, Canada on May 31, 2000 with limited liability under the legislation of the Province of British Columbia and its shares are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange and The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange"). The Company together with its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the "Group") is principally engaged in the acquisition, exploration, development and mining of mineral resources in the People's Republic of China (the "PRC"). The Group considers that China National Gold Group Co., Ltd. ("CNG"), a state owned company registered in Beijing, the PRC which is controlled by State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission of the State Council of the PRC, is able to exercise significant influence over the Company.

The head office, principal address and registered and records office of the Company are located at Suite 660, One Bentall Centre, 505 Burrard Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, V7X 1M4.

The condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standard 34 *Interim Financial Reporting* issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB"), which should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2022.

The condensed consolidated financial statements are presented in United States Dollars ("US\$"), which is the functional currency of the Company.

On March 27, 2023, a tailings overflow occurred due to minor tailing dam damages from the Guolanggou tailings pond at the Company's Jiama Copper-Gold Polymetallic Mine ('Jiama Mine') (the "overflow"). In response to the overflow, the Company quickly contained and repaired the breach to ensure no damage to the environment or neighbouring communities. Subsequent to the overflow, Jiama Mine has suspended its operations and the Company takes the opportunity to conduct a comprehensive safety assessment of and repair work on its tailings dam with the assistance and supervision of government safety authorities.

Up to the date these condensed consolidated financial statements are authorised for issue, the Company does not have an exact timeline for the re-start of production. However, the Company is conducting a comprehensive inspection and assessment of all 19 levels of subsequent dykes and the starter dyke of the tailings dam and is making permanent repairs and reinforcements of the dam. The repair and reinforcement construction is expected to be completed by the end of July 2023. Following the completion of the construction, the Company will conduct a safety assessment of the entire tailings pond and submit an assessment report to the regulatory authority by the end of August 2023. The government regulators will decide when to grant permission to resume production based on the assessment report.

# 1. GENERAL AND BASIS OF PREPARATION AND SIGNIFICANT EVENT DURING THE CURRENT PERIOD—continued

At March 31, 2023, the Group's current assets exceeded its current liabilities by approximately US\$74 million. In view of overflow and aforementioned circumstances, the suspension of the Jiama Mine's operation would have a negative impact on the financial performance of the Group and generate less operating cash flow than normal operation, the directors of the Company have given careful consideration to the future liquidity and performance of the Group and its available sources of finance in assessing whether the Group will have sufficient financial resources to continue as a going concern. Taking into account the Group's cash flow projection with impact of the Jiama Mine's suspension and the expected resumption of operations, including the Group's ability to obtain the new financing and the Group's future capital expenditure in respect of its non-cancellable capital commitments and the renewal of mining rights of the Jiama Mine, the directors of the Company consider that it has sufficient working capital to meet in full its financial obligations as they fall due for at least next twelve months from the end of the reporting period and accordingly, the condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

# 2. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis except for certain financial instruments, which are measured at fair values.

Except as described below, the accounting policies and methods of computation used in the condensed consolidated financial statements for the three months ended March 31, 2023 are the same as those presented in the Group's annual financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2022.

In the current interim period, the Group has applied the following new and amendments to International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRSs") issued by IASB, for the first time, which are mandatorily effective for the annual period beginning on January 1, 2023 for the preparation of the Group's condensed consolidated financial statements:

IFRS 17 (including the June 2020 and December 2021 Amendments

to IFRS 17)

Amendments to IAS 1 and IFRS Practice Statement 2

Amendments to IAS 8

Amendments to IAS 12

**Insurance Contracts** 

Disclosure of Accounting Policies

Definition of Accounting Estimates

Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities

arising from a Single Transaction

The application of the new and amendments to IFRSs in the current interim period has had no material impact on the Group's financial positions and performance for the current and prior periods and/or on the disclosures in these condensed consolidated financial statements.

# 3. REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION

### Revenue

# (i) Disaggregation of revenue from contracts with customers

The following is an analysis of the Group's revenue from its major products and services:

Three months ended		
Ma	rch 31,	
<u>2023</u> <u>202</u>		
US\$'000		
(unaudited)	(unaudited)	
66,415	69,735	
136,585	178,669	
49,778	_55,617	
252,778	304,021	
	Mar 2023 US\$'000 (unaudited) 66,415 136,585 49,778	

# (ii) Performance obligations for contracts with customers

The Group sells gold doré bars, copper and other by-products directly to customers. Revenue is recognised at a point in time when control of the gold doré bars, copper and other by-products is passed to customers, i.e. when the products are delivered and titles have passed to customers. A contract liability represents the Group's obligation to transfer goods or services to a customer for which the Group has received consideration (or an amount of consideration is due) from the customer.

# 3. REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION - continued

# **Segment information**

IFRS 8 requires operating segments to be identified on the basis of internal reports that are regularly reviewed by the chief operating decision-maker ("CODM") to allocate resources to the segments and to assess their performance.

The CODM, who is responsible for allocating resources and assessing performance of the operating segments, has been defined as the executive directors of the Company. The CODM has identified two operating and reportable segments as follows:

- (i) The mine-produced gold segment the production of gold doré bars through the Group's integrated processes, i.e., mining, metallurgical processing, production and selling of gold doré bars to external clients.
- (ii) The mine-produced copper concentrate segment the production of copper concentrate including other by-products through the Group's integrated processes, i.e., mining, metallurgical processing, production and selling of copper concentrate including other by-products to external clients.

Information regarding the above segments is reported below:

# (a) Segment revenue and results

The following is an analysis of the Group's revenue and results by operating and reportable segment.

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# For the three months ended March 31, 2023

US\$'000		Mine - produced <u>gold</u> US\$'000	produced copper concentrate	Segment total US\$'000	<u>Unallocated</u>	Consolidated
segment revenue         66,415 (46,992)         186,363 (150,068)         252,778 (150,068)         -         252,778 (150,068)           Mining operating earnings         19,423         83,287 (102,710)         -         102,710           Income (loss) from operations         19,388 (69,963)         89,351 (902)         88,449           Foreign exchange gain (loss), net Interest and other income         954 (2,495)         3,449 (139)         3,310           Interest and other income Finance costs         (339) (3,956) (4,295)         (4,295) (2,411) (6,706)						
Cost of sales         (46,992)         (103,076)         (150,068)         -         (150,068)           Mining operating earnings         19,423         83,287         102,710         -         102,710           Income (loss) from operations         19,388         69,963         89,351         (902)         88,449           Foreign exchange gain (loss), net         954         2,495         3,449         (139)         3,310           Interest and other income         503         1,589         2,092         7         2,099           Finance costs         (339)         (3,956)         (4,295)         (2,411)         (6,706)	Revenue - external and					
Mining operating earnings         19,423         83,287         102,710         -         102,710           Income (loss) from operations         19,388         69,963         89,351         (902)         88,449           Foreign exchange gain (loss), net         954         2,495         3,449         (139)         3,310           Interest and other income         503         1,589         2,092         7         2,099           Finance costs         (339)         (3,956)         (4,295)         (2,411)         (6,706)	segment revenue	66,415	186,363	252,778	-	252,778
Income (loss) from operations       19,388       69,963       89,351       (902)       88,449         Foreign exchange gain (loss), net       954       2,495       3,449       (139)       3,310         Interest and other income       503       1,589       2,092       7       2,099         Finance costs       (339)       (3,956)       (4,295)       (2,411)       (6,706)	Cost of sales	(46,992)	(103,076)	(150,068)		(150,068)
Foreign exchange gain (loss), net         954         2,495         3,449         (139)         3,310           Interest and other income         503         1,589         2,092         7         2,099           Finance costs         (339)         (3,956)         (4,295)         (2,411)         (6,706)	Mining operating earnings	19,423	83,287	102,710		102,710
Interest and other income         503         1,589         2,092         7         2,099           Finance costs         (339)         (3,956)         (4,295)         (2,411)         (6,706)	Income (loss) from operations	19,388	69,963	89,351	(902)	88,449
Finance costs (339) (3,956) (4,295) (2,411) (6,706)	Foreign exchange gain (loss), net	954	2,495	3,449	(139)	3,310
	Interest and other income	503	1,589	2,092	7	2,099
Profit (loss) before income tax 20,506 70,091 90,597 (3,445) 87,152	Finance costs	(339)	(3,956)	(4,295)	(2,411)	(6,706)
	Profit (loss) before income tax	20,506	70,091	90,597	(3,445)	87,152

# 3. REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION – continued

# **Segment information** – continued

# (a) Segment revenue and results – continued

# For the three months ended March 31, 2022

		Mine –			
	Mine -	produced			
	produced	copper	Segment		
	<u>gold</u>	concentrate	<u>total</u>	<b>Unallocated</b>	Consolidated
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Revenue – external and					
segment revenue	69,735	234,286	304,021	-	304,021
Cost of sales	(57,264)	(141,229)	(198,493)		(198,493)
Mining operating earnings	12,471	93,057	105,528		105,528
Income (loss) from operations	12,431	78,186	90,617	(963)	89,654
Foreign exchange gain (loss), net	758	936	1,694	(21)	1,673
Interest and other income	280	567	847	(30)	817
Finance costs	(445)	(5,331)	(5,776)	(2,412)	(8,188)
Profit (loss) before income tax	13,024	74,358	87,382	(3,426)	83,956

The accounting policies of the operating segments are the same as the Group's accounting policies. Segment results represent profit (loss) before income tax without allocation of certain general and administrative expenses, foreign exchange gain (loss), interest and other income and finance costs, attributable to the respective segment. This is the measure reported to the CODM for the purposes of resource allocation and performance assessment.

There are no inter-segment sales for the three months ended March 31, 2023 and 2022.

# (b) Segment assets and liabilities

The following is an analysis of the Group's assets and liabilities by segment representing assets/liabilities directly attributable to the respective segment:

	Mine - produced gold US\$'000	Mine – produced copper concentrate US\$'000	Segment total US\$'000	Unallocated US\$'000	Consolidated US\$'000
As of March 31, 2023 (unaudited)	·		·		
Total assets	667,080	2,589,972	3,257,052	42,975	3,300,027
Total liabilities	64,259	943,125	1,007,384	449,830	1,457,214
As of December 31, 2022 (unaudited	1)				
Total assets	649,547	2,498,742	3,148,289	46,622	3,194,911
Total liabilities	66,669	924,126	990,795	300,686	1,291,481

# 3. REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION – continued

# **Segment information** – continued

# (b) Segment assets and liabilities – continued

For the purposes of monitoring segment performance and allocating resources between segments:

- all assets are allocated to operating segments other than certain cash and cash equivalents, other receivables, prepaid expenses and deposits, right-of-use assets, property, plant and equipment and equity instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income; and
- all liabilities are allocated to operating segments other than dividend payable, other payables and accrued expenses, lease liabilities, deferred income and certain borrowings.

# 4. GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

	Three months ended	
	March 31,	
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	US\$'000	US\$'000
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Administration and office	1,367	1,936
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	1,929	1,675
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	25	27
Professional fees	350	735
Salaries and benefits	3,459	3,310
Others	2,454	2,266
Total general and administrative expenses	9,584	9,949

# 5. FINANCE COSTS

	Three months ended	
	March 31,	
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	US\$'000	US\$'000
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Interests on borrowings	5,742	6,798
Interests on lease liabilities	24	32
Accretion on environmental rehabilitation	972	1,416
	6,738	8,246
Less: Amounts capitalised to property, plant and equipment	(32)	(58)
Total finance costs	6,706	8,188

# 6. INCOME TAX EXPENSES

	Three months ended	
	Marc	ch 31,
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	US\$'000	US\$'000
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Current tax:	` ,	,
PRC Enterprise Income Tax ("EIT")	10,407	13,263
PRC withholding income tax on		
profit earned from PRC subsidiaries	693	
	11,100	13,263
Deferred tax:		
PRC EIT	(1,914)	(1,108)
PRC withholding income tax on	, ,	( , , ,
profit earned from PRC subsidiaries	(693)	-
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	(2,607)	(1,108)
Total income tax expenses	8,493	12,155
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# 7. DIVIDEND

During the three months ended March 31, 2023, a special dividend in respect of the year ended December 31, 2022 of US\$0.37 (for the three months ended March 31, 2022: US\$0.25) per share amounting to US\$146,673,000 (2022: US\$99,103,000) was declared to the shareholders of the Company.

# 8. EARNINGS PER SHARE

Profit used in determining earnings per share are presented below:

	Three months ended March 31,	
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Profit for the period attributable to owners of the Company for the purposes of basic earnings	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
per share (US\$'000)		71,228
Weighted average number of common shares, basic	396,413,753	396,413,753
Basic earnings per share (US cents)	19.62	17.97

The Group has no outstanding potential dilutive instruments issued as at March 31, 2023 and 2022 and during the periods ended March 31, 2023 and 2022. Therefore, no diluted earnings per share is presented.

# 9. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	March 31,	December 31,
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	US\$'000	US\$'000
	(unaudited)	(audited)
Trade receivables	2,287	1,112
Less: allowance for credit losses	(108)	(106)
	2,179	1,006
Amounts due from related companies (note 15(a)) (1)	1,387	965
Other receivables (2)	7,421	6,747
Total trade and other receivables	10,987	8,718

The amounts are unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand.

The Group allows an average credit period of 30 days and 180 days to its trade customers.

Below is an aged analysis of trade receivables (net of allowance for credit losses) presented based on invoice dates, which approximated the respective revenue recognition dates, at the end of the reporting period.

	March 31,	December 31,
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	US\$'000	US\$'000
	(unaudited)	(audited)
Less than 30 days	679	24
31 to 90 days	757	347
91 to 180 days	720	595
Over 180 days	23	40
Total trade receivables	2,179	1,006

Included in the balance as at March 31, 2023 are tax and other surcharges of approximately US\$4,977,000, (December 31, 2022: US\$4,911,000), net of allowance for credit losses to be recovered from Zhongxinfang Tibet Construction Investment Co. Ltd. ("Zhongxinfang"). Details of the impairment assessment of the receivable amount from Zhongxinfang are set out in note 17.

# 10. INVENTORIES

	March 31, <u>2023</u> US\$'000 (unaudited)	December 31, <u>2022</u> US\$'000 (audited)
Gold in process	231,098	221,807
Gold doré bars	20,861	22,110
Consumables	16,190	17,409
Copper concentrates	11,797	5,613
Spare parts	27,595	_26,150
Total inventories	307,541	293,089

Inventories totalling US\$150 million for the three months ended March 31, 2023 (three months ended March 31, 2022: US\$198 million) was recognised in cost of sales.

# 11. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT/MINING RIGHTS

During the three months ended March 31, 2023, the Group incurred US\$1.5 million on construction in progress (for the three months ended March 31, 2022: US\$0.6 million) and US\$1.5 million on mineral assets (for the three months ended March 31, 2022: US\$5.7 million), respectively.

Depreciation of property, plant and equipment was US\$44.5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2023 (for the three months ended March 31, 2022: US\$43.0 million). The depreciation amount was partly recognized in cost of sales and general and administrative expenses and partly capitalized in inventory.

No addition of mining rights was incurred during the three months ended March 31, 2023 and 2022. Amortisation of mining rights was US\$9.5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2023 (for the three months ended March 31, 2022: US\$10.5 million). The amortisation amounts were recognised in cost of sales.

# 12. ACCOUNTS AND OTHER PAYABLES AND ACCRUED EXPENSES

Accounts and other payables and accrued expenses comprise the following:

		March 31, <u>2023</u> US\$'000 (unaudited)	December 31, 2022 US\$'000 (audited)
	Accounts payable Bills payable Construction cost payables Mining cost accrual	38,683 30,542 111,513 8,374	38,808 31,523 118,123 1,512
	Payroll and benefit payables Other accruals Other tax payable	418 1,421 8,315	324 1,323 15,329
	Other payables Payable for acquisition of a mining right	6,016 4,914	6,268 4,848
	Total accounts and other payables and accrued expenses	210,196	218,058
13.	BORROWINGS		
	Bank loans Bonds	March 31, 2023 US\$'000 (unaudited) 540,937 301,753 842,690	December 31, 2022 US\$'000 (audited) 533,722 299,346 833,068
	The borrowings are repayable as follows:	March 31, 2023	December 31, <u>2022</u>
		US\$'000 (unaudited)	US\$'000 (audited)
	Carrying amount repayable within one year Carrying amount repayable within one to two years Carrying amount repayable within two to five years Carrying amount repayable over five years	403,329 58,210 203,734 177,417	399,567 57,433 201,017 175,051
	Less: Amounts due within one year (shown under current liabilities)	842,690 (403,329)	833,068 (399,567)
	Amounts shown under non-current liabilities	439,361	433,501

### 13. BORROWINGS - continued

The carrying values of the pledged assets to secure borrowings by the Group are as follows:

	March 31,	December 31,
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	US\$'000	US\$'000
	(unaudited)	(audited)
Mining rights	772,677	780,978

Borrowings carry interest at effective interest rates ranging from 1.05% to 3.80% (December 31, 2022: 1.05% to 3.80%) per annum.

# 14. SHARE CAPITAL

Common shares

(i) Authorized - Unlimited common shares without par value

(ii) Issued and outstanding

and outstanding	Number of shares	Amount US\$'000
Issued and fully paid:		
At January 1, 2022 (audited),		
December 31, 2022(audited) and		
March 31, 2023(unaudited)	396,413,753	1,229,061

# 15. SIGNIFICANT RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Related parties are those parties that have the ability to control the other party or exercise significant influence in making financial and operation decisions. Parties are also considered to be related if they are subject to common control. CNG, a state owned company registered in Beijing, PRC, which is controlled by State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission of the State Council of the PRC, is able to exercise significant influence over the Company.

The management believes that information relating to related party transactions have been adequately disclosed in accordance with the requirements of IAS 24 "Related party disclosures".

In addition to the related party transactions and balances shown elsewhere in these condensed consolidated financial statements, the following is a summary of significant related party transactions entered into in the ordinary course of business between the Group and its related parties for the three months ended March 31, 2023 and 2022, and related party balances as at March 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022.

# 15. SIGNIFICANT RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS - continued

Name and relationship with related parties during the period/year are as follows:

CNG owned the following percentages of outstanding common shares of the Company:

	March 31,	December 31,
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	%	%
	(unaudited)	(audited)
CNG	40.01	40.01

# (a) Transactions/balances with CNG and its subsidiaries

The Group had the following significant transactions with CNG and CNG's subsidiaries:

	Three months ended	
	March 31,	
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	US\$'000	US\$'000
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Gold doré bars sales by the Group	66,415	69,735
Copper and other by-product sales by the Group	173,633	223,628
Provision of transportation services by the Group	685	<u>441</u>
Construction, stripping and mining services		
provided to the Group	<u>595</u>	544
Commitment fee	167	215
Interest income	1,486	915
Interest expense on lease liabilities	21	28

The Group has the following significant balances with CNG and its subsidiaries at the end of each reporting period:

	March 31,	December 31,
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	US\$'000	US\$'000
	(unaudited)	(audited)
<u>Assets</u>		
Amounts due from related companies (Note 9)	1,387	965
Cash and cash equivalents held in a CNG's subsidiary	516,261	386,715
Total amounts due from CNG and its subsidiaries	517,648	387,680

# 15. SIGNIFICANT RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS - continued

# (a) Transactions/balances with CNG and its subsidiaries - continued

Other than the cash and cash equivalents held in a CNG subsidiary, the remaining amounts due from CNG and its subsidiaries as at March 31 2023 and December 31, 2022, which are included in trade and other receivables are unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand.

	March 31,	December 31,
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	US\$'000	US\$'000
	(unaudited)	(audited)
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Construction costs payable to CNG's subsidiaries	117	198
Accounts payable to CNG subsidiaries	3,233	3,168
Amounts due to CNG	763	727
Contract liabilities with a CNG's subsidiary	19,065	6,172
Leased liabilities to CNG's subsidiaries	1,813	1,769
Total amounts due to CNG and its subsidiaries	24,991	12,034

With the exception of lease liabilities and contract liabilities to CNG's subsidiaries, the amounts due to CNG and its subsidiaries which are included in other payables and construction costs payable, are non-interest bearing, unsecured and have no fixed terms of repayments

# (b) Compensation of key management personnel

The Group has the following compensation to key management personnel during the period:

	Three months ended	
	March 31,	
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	US\$'000	US\$'000
	(unaudited)	(audited)
Salaries and other benefits	108	89
Post-employment benefits	7	5
	<u>115</u>	94

### 16. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

As at March 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022, the Group's investments in equity securities include equity securities listed on the Stock Exchange and unlisted companies incorporated in the PRC.

Investment in equity securities listed on the Stock Exchange of US\$33,618,000 (December 31, 2022: US\$36,509,000) is measured based on the unadjusted quoted price available on the Stock Exchange (Level 1 fair value measurement). The Group's investment in listed equity securities represent investment in a company engaged in mining, processing and trading of nonferrous metals registered in Hong Kong, PRC.

In addition, investment in an unlisted company incorporated in the PRC of US\$850,000 (December 31, 2022: US\$839,000) are measured at fair value based on Level 3 inputs.

The Group considers that the carrying amounts of financial assets and financial liabilities recorded at amortised cost in the condensed consolidated financial statements approximate their fair values.

# 17. CONTINGENCIES

During the year ended December 31, 2020, there was a construction contract dispute between independent third parties including the constructor, Huaxin Construction Group Co., Ltd. (formerly named as "Nantong Huaxin Construction Group Co., Ltd.") ("Huaxin"), Zhongxinfang, and the Group's subsidiary, Tibet Huatailong Mining Development Co. Ltd. ("Huatailong"). The land use right of a composite project under the construction contract was transferred from Huatailong to Zhongxinfang in 2019 pursuant to the cooperation agreement (the "Cooperation Agreement") where the Group agreed to transfer the land use right for the development and Zhongxinfang agreed to compensate the Group by transferring a block of the buildings and twenty car parks (the "New Premises") to the Group within two years from the date of the Cooperation Agreement (the "Land Exchange").

Huaxin proceeded a lawsuit against the parties to the construction contract, Zhongxinfang and Huatailong, for the recovery of the construction costs of RMB149 million (equivalent to US\$21,319,000) and applied for pre-litigation preservation of assets from Huatailong. The Intermediate People's Court of Lhasa City, Tibet ("Tibet Intermediate Court"), adjudicated that the bank deposit of RMB140 million (equivalent to US\$19,775,000) of Huatailong to be frozen for one year from April 10, 2020 (the "First Adjudication"). Based on the adjudication of Tibet Intermediate Court after the First Adjudication on December 1, 2020 and related notice of execution effective from December 3, 2020, the related frozen bank deposit of US\$19,775,000 of Huatailong was released.

Based on the first instance adjudication dated July 23, 2020 (the "First Instance Adjudication"), the litigation ruling adjudicated that Zhongxinfang and Huatailong shall have the joint obligation for the construction costs of RMB140 million (equivalent to US\$20,070,000) to Huaxin. Pursuant to the Cooperation Agreement, Huatailong is not responsible for in the construction and the related construction work costs are the sole responsibilities of Zhongxinfang. Huatailong proceeded an appeal against the First Instance Adjudication on August 17, 2020. Subsequently, it was confirmed that Huatailong has no obligation for the aforesaid construction costs as the High People's Court of Lhasa City, Tibet ("Tibet High Court") entered the final instance adjudication dated November 20, 2020 (the "2020 Final Instance Adjudication") and rescinded the First Instance Adjudication.

# 17. CONTINGENCIES - continued

As at March 31, 2023 and up to the date these condensed consolidated financial statements are authorised for issue, the composite project is still suspended due to litigations against Zhongxinfang and the New Premises are not delivered to Huatailong on May 31, 2021, the original contractual delivery date. On June 21, 2021, Huatailong applied for pre-litigation preservation of the New Premises from Zhongxinfang, the Tibet Intermediate Court adjudicated that the value of New Premises limited to RMB137 million (equivalent to US\$21 million), and the New Premises comprising a block of buildings and twenty car parks from Zhongxinfang were frozen for three and two years respectively (the "New Premises Pre-litigation Preservation"). On July 21, 2021, pursuant to the New Premises Pre-litigation Preservation, Huatailong proceeded a lawsuit against Zhongxinfang for the delivery of New Premises and the payment of penalty amounting to RMB5 million (equivalent to US\$773,000), and on April 20, 2022, Huatailong submitted alternation of claims application to the court and requested the delivery of New Premises and changing the penalty, charge to be RMB9 million (equivalent to US\$1,397,000). On November 5, 2022, Tibet Intermediate Court adjudicated that Zhongxinfang should pay penalty of RMB9 million (equivalent to US\$1,397,000) to Huatailong (the "November 2022 Adjudication") within 15 days from the effective date of the November 2022 Adjudication due to the overdue in delivery of the New Premises. In March, 2023, Huatailing applied for an enforcement of the November 2022 Adjudication in March 2023 (the "2023 Enforcement"). Based on legal advice, the 2023 Enforcement currently under proceeding and the result is not ascertain as at the date these condensed consolidated financial statements are authorised for issue.

During the year ended December 31, 2022, Huaxin filed a petition with the Supreme People's Court of the PRC for a retrial and request re-adjudicating 2020 Final Instance Adjudication, the Supreme People's Court of the PRC has formed a collegial panel pursuant to law to review this case and order Tibet High Court to retry the case. On January 1, 2023, Tibet High Court has held the retrial and based on the legal advice, the lawsuit is currently under proceeding and the result of retrial is not ascertain as at March 31, 2023 and the date these condensed consolidated financial statements are authorised for issue. In the opinion of the directors of the Company, after consultation of the external legal counsel, there is no reasonable ground to support the arguments of the plaintiff, and accordingly, no provision is made in these condensed consolidated financial statements.

During the year ended December 31, 2020, Huatailong has paid the tax and other surcharges of RMB46 million (equivalent to US\$6,997,000) related to the Land Exchange (the "Tax and Other Surcharge") and expects to recover such payments from Zhongxinfang in accordance with the Cooperation Agreement. On July 8, 2020, Huatailong applied for pre-litigation preservation of assets from Zhongxinfang, the Tibet Intermediate Court adjudicated that the value of certain properties limited to RMB46 million (equivalent to US\$6,609,000) from Zhongxinfang was frozen for one year (the "Pre-litigation Preservation"). Based on the adjudication issued in November 20, 2020 in relation to the lawsuit against Zhongxinfang for the recoverability of the Tax and Other Surcharge, the litigation ruling adjudicated that Zhongxinfang shall repay the Tax and Other Surcharge to Huatailong (the "November 2020 Adjudication"). As Zhongxinfang has not settled such amount within the due date, Huatailong applied for an enforcement of the November 2020 Adjudication in January 2021 (the "2021 Enforcement"). On June 24, 2021, the Tibet Intermediate Court adjudicated the 2021 Enforcement be suspended as all of the assets owned by Zhongxinfang have been sealed up or frozen and there are no executable properties from Zhongxinfang. Based on legal advice, the 2021 Enforcement is currently suspended and the Group's first priority of claim over one of the assets under Pre-litigation Preservation has been extended for three years till May 24, 2024. The result of aforementioned 2021 Enforcement is not ascertain as at March 31, 2023 and the date these condensed consolidated financial statements are authorised for issue. Based on the best available information to the Group and the credit assessment as of March 31, 2023, no additional expected credit loss (31, 2022: nil) for other receivables is recognised during the three months ended March 31, 2023, and the accumulated allowance for credit losses is US\$1,667,000 as of March 31, 2023, (December 31, 2022: US\$1.644.000).