

# MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

FOR THE QUARTER ENDED:

**DECEMBER 31, 2008** 

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This discussion and analysis of financial position and results of operations of North American Tungsten Corporation Ltd. The "Management Discussion and Analysis" (MD&A) is prepared as of February 24, 2009, and should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements for the period ended December 31, 2008 and the audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended September 30, 2008. This MD&A reviews the business of North American Tungsten Corporation Ltd. and compares the Company's financial results for the quarter ended December 31, 2008 (Q1 2008) 2009 with those of the quarter ended December 31, 2007 (Q1 2007). In this discussion, unless the context otherwise dictates, a reference to North American Tungsten, NATC, or the Company refers to North American Tungsten Corporation Ltd. and its subsidiaries. Additional information relating to the Company including its Annual Information Filing is available on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

The information contained in this report updates management's discussion and analysis for the year ended September 30, 2008 and for material changes that have taken place. The September 30, 2008 report should be consulted to gain a complete understanding of management's discussion and analysis of the Company.

## **Caution on Forward-Looking Information**

Management's discussion and analysis contain forward-looking statements, including statements regarding the business and anticipated financial performance of the Company. These statements are not guarantees of the Company's future performance and are subject to risks, uncertainties and other important factors that could cause the corporation's actual performance to be materially different from those projected. Given the uncertainties associated with forward-looking information, the reader should not place undue reliance on the forward-looking information.

A glossary of terms is affixed

#### **BUSINESS OVERVIEW**

Positive advances were made by the Company in the fiscal quarter ended December 31, 2008.

- Production at the Cantung mine increased by 6% over the first quarter of the previous year.
- Tungsten sales revenues rose by 49.7% over the first quarter of the previous year.
- Development work to exploit a new zone at the Cantung mine commenced.
- The Company released an update of ore reserves which confirmed that net depletion of the tungsten reserves has been relatively small.
- The feasibility study for the Mactung project was completed and released.
- Mactung is forecast to produce 752,000 MTU's of Tungsten Trioxide per year over its first five years.
- Mactung's pre-tax internal rate of return is projected at 23.5%; capital payback is expected within 2.9 years based on an APT price of \$US 300 per mtu.
- Through the reorganization of Tungsten Diversified Industries LLC (43.2% owned) the Company
  will integrate forward into new tungsten products and uses that move the Company's markets up
  the value-added chain.
- World tungsten prices have stabilized, largely avoiding the dramatic decreases of other commodities.
- Scheelite production increased 22% from 65,297 MTUS in Q1 2008 to 79,978 MTUS in Q1 2009.
- The net earnings were \$4.92 million in Q1 2009 compared to a net loss of \$4.0 million in Q1 2008.
- Quarter end working capital was \$2.0 million compared to \$0.70 million at September 30, 2008.

The average MB European free market quotation for APT is currently US\$ 220/mtu as compared to the fiscal 2008 average of US\$ 248/mtu.

Improvements made at the long-lived Cantung mine, which is currently the Company's sole producing mine, were reflected in a 6% increase in the tonnage mined and milled in Q1 2009 as compared to the Q1 2008 previous year quarter. Production of concentrates also increased by 22% to 79,978 mtus compared to production of 65,297 mtus in Q1 2008. Development work on the access to the 3600 level was initiated.

## **DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS**

North American Tungsten Corporation Ltd. is engaged in tungsten mining and related activities which includes the acquisition, exploration, development and processing of ores and concentrates. The Company owns the operating Cantung mine in the Northwest Territories; the Mactung mineral property on the border of the Yukon Territory and the Northwest Territories; other tungsten exploration prospects; and, through a subsidiary, a development-stage processing facility in Minnesota, USA. The Company is the most significant producer of tungsten concentrates in North America.

The Company's focus is increasingly on the development of the Mactung property. In 2008, there was considerable activity on the ground: a summer site program was conducted that included an in-fill drilling program, geotechnical drilling for site facilities and additional environmental studies. Plans are currently being developed for the 2009 Mactung field program. The Company initiated the process of environmental review by the Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Board ("YESAB") and released Wardrop Engineering Inc.'s positive feasibility study of the project.

In December 2008, the Company finalized an agreement with Tundra Particle Technologies, LLC and Queenwood Capital Partners LLC. Tundra Diversified Industries LLC (TDI) has been formed. The Company also entered into a supply agreement with TDI to supply concentrates and or APT and Tungsten Blue Oxide from its Cantung mine and Mactung mine should Mactung be brought into commercial production. Pricing for these products is market based. Queenwood has invested US\$2.5 million to purchase its interest in TDI. TDI will produce and market tungsten composites which will allow for immediate access to the developing lead replacement market.

As a result of the reorganization of Tundra Diversified Industries, LLC ("TDI") (formerly Tungsten Joint Venture LLC "TJV") the Company's interest was reduced from 100% to 43.2%. The remaining 56.8% is held by Tundra Particle Technologies, LLC ("TPT") as to 43.2% and Queenwood Capital Partners, LLC ("Queenwood") as to 13.6%. The Company's interest in Tundra Diversified Industries is now accounted for as equity accounted investment.

As TDI issued its own equity to outside interests, a dilution gain of \$3.08 million arose as a result of the difference between the Company's share of the proceeds and the carrying value of the underlying equity.

## **Overall Performance**

#### Mactung Project

In the second quarter of fiscal 2009 the Company completed the feasibility study for a 2,000 tonne per day mining operation at Mactung. The study was published in February 2009. The Company's focus is increasingly on the development of the Mactung property. An application for project approval was initiated

through YESAB; the process is expected to require approximately 12 to 15 months to complete. Funding is being actively sought to continue with basic and detailed engineering of the project.

The results of the Mactung bankable Feasibility Study were released after the Q1 2009 quarter end. As previously determined by Scott Wilson–RPA to NI 43-101 standards, total indicated resources for the mineral deposit are 33.0 million tonnes grading 0.88% WO3 with an additional 11.8 million tonnes grading 0.78% WO3 in the inferred resource category. Underground indicated mineral reserves as calculated by Wardrop Engineering Inc. total 8.2 million tonnes grading 1.09% WO3. The project envisions an underground mine operating for a period of 11.2 years with the opportunity to add to the mine life an additional 17 years with further study of an open pit option to exploit near surface lower grade resources. Although this additional mine life would enhance project economics, the open-pit option was not applied to the economic considerations and are not included in the present Feasibility Study. Mactung is considered feasible even without exploiting these near surface lower grade resources.

The Mactung Project is projected to produce run of mine ore at a rate of 2,000 tonnes per day from an underground operation using long hole and cut and fill mining methods. An underground primary crusher and conveyor will supply ore to a surface facility where the ore will be processed into both a premium gravity concentrate (67% WO3) and a flotation concentrate (55% WO3). Recovery of WO3 will average 81.7% and the mine will produce on average 752,000 MTU's of WO3 in concentrates during the first five years of operation.

The key parameters and assumptions used in the basis of the economic evaluation of the Mactung Project are as follows:

MACTUNG PROJECT KEY PARAMETERS & ASSUMPTIONS December 31, 2008							
Underground Mineral Reserve (tonnes)		8,200,000					
Annual Throughput (tonnes)		730,000					
Recovery % 1st 5 years		81.70%					
Annual Production 1st 5 years (mtus)		752,000					
Operating Cash Cost 1st 5 years (per mtu)	\$	104.00					
Capex Including Contingency (millions)	\$	402.10					
APT Pricing \$US (per mtu)	\$	300					
Exchange Rate \$US/\$Cdn		0.88					
The pretax net present value of the project based on are as follows:	a 11.2 year mine	e life and the	e base	e case paramete			
Discount Rate		8%		6%			
Pre-tax Net Present Value (millions)	\$	276.80	\$	346.40			
Pre-tax Internal Rate of Return		23.5%					
		2.9					

The capital expenditure estimate is comprised of a project capital cost of CDN\$356.5 million plus a contingency of CDN\$45.6 million. The capital cost also includes CDN\$ 39.6 million for underground mine equipment and development. The Company in conjunction with its consultants has been preparing the permitting of the Project through YESAB. With the bankable Feasibility Study now in hand the application to YESAB has commenced with the process projected to take 12 to 15 months. Basic and detailed engineering will continue concurrently with the project permitting process leading to a projected start of construction date of the second quarter of 2010. A 27 month construction period is forecast to allow a commissioning of the plant during the fourth quarter of 2012. Capital payback is expected within 2.9 years of Mactung's start of operations.

The Company is currently exploring financing and development options for the Mactung project.

# **Cantung Mine Operations**

The Cantung mine, located on the western border of the Northwest Territories, is the Company's sole operating mine. For the quarter ending December 31, 2008, the mine produced 79,978 metric tonne units (mtus) of tungsten concentrate compared with 65,297 mtus for the quarter ended December 31, 2007. The increased tungsten production during 2009 was a result of the increased grades mined in the Main Zone and West Extension.

Sales revenues for the Q1 2009 were \$17.6 million from 64,510 mtus of Concentrate and 5,376 mtus of APT compared to revenues of \$11.8 million from sales of 61,464 mtus of concentrates in Q1 2008. Nominal amounts of copper concentrates were sold during the quarter as the copper circuit at the Cantung Mine was re-activated.

During the quarter, efforts continued on reducing ore dilution in the main pillar recovery zone and establishing additional ore resources in the West Extension at depth. The underground diamond drilling program continued on potential new resources both above and below the 3,700 foot working level of the mine. In total 16,781 feet of exploration drilling was completed, including 1,926 feet of definition drilling. The development of a new decline down to the 3600 level has advanced with approximately 10% of the ramp completed.

A focus on grade control from the mine's underground operation resulted in continuing adjustments to the drilling, blasting and extraction procedures for pillars in the Main Zone, where long-hole mining is taking place. For the quarter, long-hole stoping accounted for 70.6% of the ore mined. Mining by cut and fill and development methods accounted for the remaining 29.4% that was mined.

At quarter's end, the surface low grade stockpile contained 4,533 tons while the surface high grade stockpile had 1,025 tons.

To improve flotation concentrate grades in the mill, ongoing modifications and improvements to the two stages of scheelite column flotation cleaner cells took place. Recovery improvements are projected with the installation of a scheelite scavenger column cell, which was started towards the end of the quarter with commissioning of the cell in progress early in the second quarter.

In the first quarter of 2009 the mill processed 100,607 tons grading 1.17% WO<sub>3</sub> compared with 94,916 tons grading 1.03% WO<sub>3</sub> in Q1 of 2008. For Q1 2009, production of concentrate (total 79,978 mtus) consisted of 62,905 mtus of gravity concentrate grading 65.2% WO3 and 17,073 mtus of flotation concentrate grading 46.6% WO<sub>3</sub>. Recovery for the quarter averaged 74.6% compared to 73.6% in Q1 2008. Mill availability was 97.3% and average mill throughput was 46.8 tons per operating hour.

# Other Mineral Properties

#### Jennings Property

On January 7, 2008 the Company announced that Agnico-Eagle Mines Limited exercised its option to increase its interest in the Jennings tungsten/molybdenum property from 50% to 70% via C\$4 million in exploration expenditure by December 31, 2010. The Jennings property agreement was established on April 25, 2006 whereby Agnico-Eagle Mines Limited agreed to spend C\$400,000 on exploration to acquire an initial 50% of the property. The property is located near the BC-Yukon border about 85 kilometers west of Watson Lake, Yukon, Canada. North American Tungsten may elect to form a participating Joint Venture or convert its 30% working interest to a 2.5% NSR after Agnico-Eagle Mines Limited fulfills its C\$4 million expenditure requirement. Agnico Eagle previously released drill results from their drill program which indicated tungsten (WO3) grades of up to 0.120% and molybdenum (MoS2) grades of up to 0.167%. A diamond drilling program was completed during the 2008 summer drilling season in which eight NQ core holes were drilled totaling 4,026 meters. Total expenditures on the project in 2008 were approximately \$1.2 million.

## Other Properties

No work was undertaken on the Rifle Range Creek and the Bailey claims during the quarter. The exploration programs on these properties continue as a low priority in the short term as the Company focuses on developing the Mactung property.

# Markets and Foreign Exchange

During Q1 2009 the average exchange value of the Canadian dollar weakened significantly against the US dollar as quoted tungsten commodity prices saw a 14% price decrease during the guarter.

The average monthly price of ammonium paratungstate (APT) per mtu decreased \$34.50/mtu or 14% to US \$220/mtu at December 31, 2008 from US \$254.50/mtu at September 30, 2008. The average APT price for Q1 2009 was US \$246 compared to \$241/mtu for Q1 2008. Sales of concentrate for Q1 2009 averaged US dollars \$208 compared to \$194/mtu for Q1 2008. Sales as a percentage of the average APT price for Q1 2009 were 85% compared to 81% for Q1 2008.

The average exchange value of the Canadian dollar, as realized for sales for Q1 2009, was US\$0.83. This compared to US\$1.01 for the Q1 2008. The free market mid APT quotation at December 31, 2008 was US \$220 per mtu.

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APT European Metal Bulletin Prices										
Average Quarterly Prices										
APT Free Market Average \$US	\$	94	\$	263	\$	252	\$	241	\$	246

## **Financial Review**

The net earnings for Q1 2009 were \$4.9 million including a \$3.1 million dilution gain on the TDI transaction compared to a loss of \$4.0 million for Q1 2008. Minesite cost of sales was \$13.0 million compared to \$13.4 million in Q1 2008. The gross operating margin increased significantly from a loss of \$2.0 million in Q1 2008 to earnings of \$3.8 million as a result of higher production volumes of 22.5%; in addition average mill grades increased from 1.03% in Q1 2008 to 1.17% in Q1 2009 and a 22% foreign exchange benefit resulting from the weakening \$Cdn against its \$US counterpart was realized.

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	,	Q1 2009	Q1 2008
Gross Margin (\$ 000'S)  Tungsten Sales	\$	17,643	\$ 11,786
Minesite cost of sales Freight, handling &		13,028	13,432
conversion costs		696	278
Royalties		169	103
Gross Margin	\$	3,750	\$ (2,027)

Positive factors affecting production and earnings included improvements in grade control, mill process technology and product diversification. Mill tonnage increased 6.0% from 94,916 tons in Q1 2008 to 100,607 tons in Q1 2009. Mill recoveries also increased from 73.56% in Q1 2008 to 74.62% in Q1 2009.

Demand for the Company's tungsten concentrates has remained strong. While there has been an adverse effect on US dollar sales prices, revenues realized in Canadian dollars were close to CAN\$253/mtu in Q1 2009 compared to CAN\$192 in Q1 2008 as a result of positive effects from the mix of sales, reflecting continuing optimization efforts and upgrading of the quality of the flotation product as well as a weakening Canadian dollar.

Cash flows from operations before changes to non-cash working capital was \$3.5 million for Q1 2009 compared to cash outflows of \$2.8 million in Q1 2008.

	2008	2007	2006
Earnings and Cash Flow	(\$000s)	(\$000s)	(\$000s)
Total Revenues	\$ 56,403	\$ 59,420	\$ 51,344
Cash flow from operations	(5,078)	3,094	(1,429)
Net Loss Loss per share	(11,693) (0.09)	(1,203) (0.01)	(2,655) (0.03)
Balance Sheet			
Total assets	\$ 53,447	\$ 48,948	\$ 31,853

#### Revenues

Total sales revenues were \$17.6 million for Q1 2009 from sales of 69,165 mtus, compared to \$11.8 million on sales of 61,464 mtus in Q1 2008. A test shipment of copper concentrates generated a nominal amount of sales

revenues. The increase in sales values results from increased sales volumes combined with the depreciation of the Canadian dollar against its US dollar counterpart. The average realized Canadian dollar exchange rate against the US dollar decreased from \$1.01 in Q1 2008 to \$0.83 in Q1 2009. The net sales realization on concentrates sold in Q1 2009 increased significantly to CAN\$253 per mtu compared to CAN\$192 per mtu in Q1 2008.

	 24 2000	Q1 2008
	Q1 2009	Q1 2008
Sales Units	64.070	64 464
Concentrate Sales mtus	64,273	61,464
APT Sales mtus (delivered to customer)	4,892	-
TBO Sales mtus (delivered to customer)	 	 
Total mtus sold	69,165	61,464
Conversion Losses APT mtus	404	
	484	-
TBO mtus	 -	-
Total Conversion Losses	484	-
Total Shipments	69,649	61,464
Revenues \$ Cdn	(\$000s)	(\$000s)
Concentrate Sales \$ Cdn	16,149	11,786
APT Sales \$ Cdn	1,474	-
TBO Sales \$ Cdn	-	 -
Total Sales Revenues \$Cdn	17,623	 11,786
Revenues \$ US	(\$000s)	(\$000s)
Concentrate Sales \$ US	13,387	11,952
APT Sales \$ US	1,216	-
TBO Sales \$ US	-	 -
Total Sales Revenues \$US	14,602	11,952
\$US foreign exchange rate	0.8286	1.0141
Flot concentrate converted to APT (net) sales price \$US *	\$ 226.13	\$ -
Flot concentrate converted to TBO (net) sales price \$US *	\$ -	\$ -
Concentrates sales price \$US	\$ 208.28	\$ 194.46
Concentrates sales price \$CDN	\$ 251.26	\$ 191.75
Combined sales price \$US	\$ 209.66	\$ 194.46
Average European \$US APT Prices	\$ 245.80	\$ 240.20
Combined sales price as a % of average APT pricing	85.30%	80.96%
* Net of conversion losses excluding conversion costs		

Interest income earned in Q1 2009 was \$0.04 million compared to \$0.93 during Q1 2008 reflecting variations in cash balances, interest rates and interest earned on increased funds in escrow.

## **Cost of Production**

Mine operating costs were as follows:

	Q1 2009	Q1 2008
Operating Costs (\$ 000'S)	\$	\$
Mining	6,777	5,888
Milling	2,396	1,957
Plant & Site Services	3,601	3,687
Site Administration	2,549	2,230
Total Operating Costs	15,323	 13,762
Mtus produced	79,978	65,297
Cost per mtu	\$ 191.59	\$ 210.76
Tons Milled	100,607	94,916
Feed Grade %	1.17	1.03
Recovery %	75.22	73.56

Operating costs increased 11.3 percent from \$13.8 million in Q1 2008 to \$15.3 million in Q1 2009. Prices for most materials and supplies increased during the year. As a result of adverse winter conditions and higher fuel prices, fuel costs increased 15% to \$3.5 million for Q1 2009 up from \$3.0 million in Q1 2008. The impact of declining oil prices was only partially realized near the end of the quarter. Labour costs increased 7.1% to \$5.5 million in Q1 2009 up from \$5.2 million in Q1 2008. Contracted services increased by approximately \$0.7 million to \$2.4 million in Q1 2009 compared to \$1.7 million in Q1 2008 primarily as of a result of an enhanced underground diamond drill exploration program. These higher production costs reflect inflationary pressures affecting mining operations in the north of Canada. Although operating costs increased by \$1.6 million the increase in production from 65,297 mtus in Q1 2008 to 79,978 mtus in Q1 2009 decreased unit costs from \$210.76 for Q1 2008 to \$191.59 for Q1 2009.

## Other Expenses

Amortization and depreciation in Q1 2009 increased to \$1.2 million from \$1.1 million in Q1 2008. The increase reflects the increase in tons milled in Q1 2009 compared to Q1 2008. Amortization is based on established ore reserves and does not take account of additional tonnages that may be added to reserves in future.

		Q1 2009	Q1 2008
GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE (000's)			
Fees, wages and benefits	\$	476	\$ 444
Office expenses		113	75
Accounting and audit		55	48
Legal fees		47	22
Investor relations, travel and business devel	opment	73	94
Consulting	•	19	12
Filing fees and transfer agent fees		3	 2
	\$	786	\$ 697

The increase in general and administration expenses was due to additional labor costs, legal fees and consulting costs relating to staff recruitment. Accounting and audit expenses remained stable for the period.

Stock based compensation was \$0.04 million in Q1 2009 as compared with \$0.05 million in Q1 2008.

As a result of the depreciation of the Canadian dollar against US currency, foreign exchange gains on US working capital were \$0.26 million in Q1 2009 compared to losses of \$0.12 million in Q1 2008 principally due to gains on accounts receivable in respect of concentrate sales which are all denominated in US currency offset by losses on the revaluation of the US denominated convertible debenture.

#### **Dilution Gain**

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## Financial Position and Liquidity

## **Operating Cash Flow**

The cash flow from operations before changes in non-cash working capital was \$3.5 million in Q1 2009 as compared to a cash drain of \$2.8 million in Q1 2008 reflecting the increase in operating gross margin due to higher production and sales volumes with the lower exchange value of the Canadian dollar. Investment in non-cash working capital items (exclusive of loans and bank borrowings) drained \$2.3 million in Q1 2009 compared to a drain of \$2.0 million during Q1 2008. Increases in inventories accounted for most of the drain in working capital

items. Cash flows from operations after changes in non cash working capital were \$1.4 million in Q1 2009 compared to cash out flows of \$4.7 million in Q1 2008.

## **Investing Activities**

Cantung mine capital expenditures in Q1 2009 were \$1.2 million compared to \$1.1 million in Q1 2008. Capital additions in Q1 2009 at the mine included \$0.34 million in costs of the 3600 level decline, the tailings ponds \$0.33 million, mine production & electrical equipment \$0.30 million, mill process equipment \$0.14 million and surface vehicles, power generation and other \$0.08 million.

Mactung exploration and project related costs in Q1 2009 were \$0.98 million compared to \$0.33 million in Q1 2008. Exploration and other property related expenditures were nil compared to \$0.002 million in Q1 2008.

Under the terms of the water license and reclamation security agreement the Company posted \$0.28 million in cash security in Q1 2009 in addition to the previously funded \$0.22 million.

# **Financing Activities**

During the quarter the Company reduced bank borrowings from \$3.0 million to \$1.1 million. The Company increased its obligations under capital lease arrangements with new capital leases in the amount of \$0.18 million to finance surface vehicles, office equipment and mine production equipment. Approximately \$0.08 million in existing lease obligations were discharged in the quarter.

# Cash Resources and Liquidity

At December 31, 2008, the Company had net current assets of \$2.0 million compared to \$0.7 million at September 30, 2008. Working capital included cash and cash equivalents of \$6.2 million down from \$9.5 million at September 30, 2008. In addition to the repayment of bank borrowings in the amount of \$1.9 million, significant investment programs for Mactung and Cantung including reclamation security requirements used \$2.7 million of funds in Q1 2009. Bank borrowings were \$1.1 million against credit lines of \$2.5 million. Based on recent improvements in the Company's operations and its current plans, it is expected that working capital and cash flow from operations will be adequate for the Company's near term needs, subject to production and other risks. The Company will require additional funding to develop Mactung into an operating mine.

The security deposit required under the Company's prior water license was \$7.9 million, which is posted and remains in support of the license. The renewed license (issued on January 29, 2009) requires the Company to post an additional security deposit of \$5.2 million over time as follows:

Within thirty days of the effective date of the license an amount of \$1.3 million of security shall be posted;

On July 1, 2009 an amount of \$1.3 million of security shall be posted;

On February 1, 2010 an amount of \$1.3 million shall be posted; and

On July 1, 2010 an amount of \$1.3 million of security shall be posted.

Negotiations are currently in process as to the terms, form of security and cash content, if any, of the security deposit. The Company's cash flow may be compromised should a significant portion of the security be required in the form of cash.

At December 31, 2008 the Company was in compliance with the financial covenants under the Company's credit agreements.

The Company currently does not use hedges.

## **Quarterly Earnings and Cash Flow**

	2007				2009			
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Quarterly Earnings								
and Cash Flow	(\$000s)							
Total Revenues	13,958	17,741	13,972	11,879	12,495	15,442	16,587	17,682
Net earnings (loss)	11	2,627	(3,030)	(3,953)	(5,458)	(1,341)	(942)	4,918
Loss per share	-	0.02	(0.03)	(0.03)	(0.04)	(0.01)	(0.01)	0.04
Cash flow from								
continuing operations	733	3,414	4,211	(2,778)	(4,266)	5	978	3,540

# Outlook

Current problems in credit markets and a general deterioration of global economic conditions have led to a weakening of commodity prices in recent months. Volatility in metals markets is high; in these conditions it is difficult to forecast tungsten commodity prices and customer demand for our products. Credit markets have limited the availability of funds and increased the cost of obtaining capital. Management is monitoring the effects of these current conditions on our business.

For the long term, the Company expects that the development of the Mactung project will enhance the Company's position as a leading supplier of tungsten concentrates. Production from the Cantung mine may permit the Company to maintain its market share until Mactung production commences; however this will depend on the ability of the Cantung mine to increase its ore reserves through its current underground and surface exploration efforts. The Company has embarked on a very aggressive underground diamond drilling program at the Cantung mine utilizing contracted diamond drills to identify additional resources. The Company has recently acquired additional key pieces of mining equipment to facilitate development access to resources identified by the diamond drilling program. The Company is in the process of establishing a copper recovery circuit at the Cantung mine.

The Company published an updated 43-101 compliant mineral resource and reserve update for the Cantung Mine on January 29, 2009 extending the current mine life to approximately Q3 2010.

Production for Q1 2009 was 79,978 MTUS from 100,607 tons of ore grading 1.17% WO3 which exceeded the highest production quarter of fiscal 2008 of 75,633 MTUS produced in Q4 2008.

The Company continues to develop additional value added initiatives through the use of tolling arrangements to APT and Tungsten Blue Oxide working with key industry manufacturers with the view of enhancing cash flows.

The Company has recently benefitted from a weakening in the Canadian dollar combined with rapidly decreasing fuel prices as well as relatively resilient tungsten commodity prices.

Through its interest in Tungsten Diversified Industries, LLC the Company will participate in development, manufacture and sales of tungsten related composite materials.

## Other Information

# **Outstanding Share Data**

As at February 24, 2009 there were 126,826,725 common shares outstanding. In addition, there were 8,265,034 stock options outstanding with exercise prices ranging between \$0.12 and \$1.76 per share. During Q1 2009 366,666 stock options were cancelled and subsequent to Q1 2009 50,000 stock options were cancelled. Share purchase warrants outstanding were 250,200 with an exercise price of \$1.20 and were issued on August 7, 2008, the expiry date of these warrants is August 7, 2009.

# **Critical Accounting Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) requires management to make assumptions and estimates that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and notes thereto. Financial results as determined by actual events could be different from those estimates. Significant areas requiring such estimates are depreciation, impairment analysis, stock based compensation, asset retirement obligations, inventory, and the composition of future income taxes. Although management believes the estimates used in preparing its financial statements are reasonable, actual results may be different from these estimates.

The significant accounting policies of North American Tungsten are described in Note 2 of the audited financial statements. The policies which NATC believes are the most critical to assist with understanding and evaluating its reported financial results include the following:

## Revenue recognition

Sales are recognized and revenues are recorded when the title transfers and the rights and obligations of ownership pass to the customer. The Company's metal concentrates are sold under pricing arrangements where final prices are determined by quoted market prices in a period prior to the date of sale.

# Valuation of long-lived assets

North American Tungsten reviews the carrying values of its buildings and equipment on a regular basis by reference to estimates of future operating results and undiscounted net cash flows. If the carrying value of these assets exceeds estimated net recoverable amounts, a provision for impairment will be made unless the decline is temporary.

The Company capitalizes the exploration costs of mining properties to the extent that such costs are considered to be recoverable. Upon commencement of production, these costs are amortized over the life of the mine based on proven and probable reserves. Inherent in these assumptions are significant risks and uncertainties. In management's view, based on assumptions which management believes to be reasonable, a reduction in the carrying value of property, plant and equipment is not required at September 30, 2008. Changes in market conditions, reserve estimates and other assumptions used in these estimates may result in future write downs.

#### **Inventories**

Concentrate inventory is comprised of tungsten concentrate, and is valued at the lower of average cost and net realizable value. Concentrate inventory includes all direct costs incurred in production, including direct labour and materials, freight, and directly attributable overhead costs.

Ore stockpile inventory consists of stockpiled ore on the surface, and is valued at the lower of average cost and net realizable value. Ore stockpile inventory includes all directly attributable costs up to that point of production.

Supplies inventory is valued at average cost.

## **Asset Retirement Obligation**

The amount recorded for asset retirement costs is based on estimates included in closure and remediation plans. These estimates are based on engineering studies that take account of environmental laws. These estimates include assumptions on the rate at which costs may inflate in future periods. Actual costs and the timing of expenditures could differ from these.

#### **New Accounting Pronouncements:**

Effective October 1, 2008 the Company adopted the following accounting standards issued by the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants ("CICA)". These new standards have been adopted on a prospective basis with no restatement to prior period financial statements.

Section 3064 - Goodwill and Intangible Assets

In February 2008, the CICA issued Section 3064, "Goodwill and Intangible Assets", which replaces Section 3062, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets" and Section 3450 "Research and Development". This new standard provides guidance on the recognition, measurement, presentation and disclosure of goodwill and intangible assets. The Company adopted this standard effective October 1, 2008 and there was no impact to the financial statements as a result of this new standard.

Section 3031 - Inventories

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

#### **Future Accounting Policies Changes**

The following standards have been issued but are not yet effective for the Company

International Financial Reporting Standards

In 2006, the Canadian Accounting Standards Board ("AcSB") published a new strategic plan that will significantly affect financial reporting requirements for Canadian companies. The AcSB strategic plan outlines the convergence of Canadian GAAP with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) over an expected five-year transitional period. In February 2008, the AcSB announced that 2011 is the transition date for publicly listed companies to use IFRS, which will replace Canadian GAAP. The effective date is for interim and annual financial statements relating to fiscal years beginning on or after January 1, 2011. The transition date of January 1, 2011 will require the restatement for comparative purposes of amounts reported by the Company for the year ended

September 30, 2011. While we have begun assessing the adoption of IFRS for 2011, the financial reporting impact of the transition to IFRS cannot be reasonably estimated at this time.

## Contractual and Other obligations

(in thousands of dollars)	Payments due in years ended September 30,								
Contractual Obligations	<u>-</u>	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	TOTAL		
Mactung leases	\$	5 \$	8 \$	8 \$	8 \$	8 \$	37		
Cantung leases		15	43	43	43	43	187		
Equipment loans & leases		355	468	434	151	12	1,420		
Office Lease-Whitehorse**		13	14	10	-	-	37		
Office Lease-Vancouver**		139	189	197	204	-	729		
	\$	527 \$	722 \$	692 \$	406 \$	63 \$	2,410		

<sup>\* -</sup> For obligations on the Water License - See Below

#### Water License

The water license for operations at the Cantung mine issued by the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board originally covered a period of five years expiring November 29, 2008. On September 8, 2008 the Company received a (60) day extension to the water license extending the expiry date to January 28, 2009.

On January 29, 2009 the Company received notification from the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board of the renewal of the Company's type "A" Water License ("license"). The license has been approved for a period of five (5) years commencing January 30, 2009 and expiring January 29, 2014.

The security deposit required under the Company's prior license was \$7.9 million, which is posted and remains in support of the license. The renewed license (issued on January 29, 2009) requires the Company to post an additional security deposit of \$5.2 million over time as follows:

Within thirty days of the effective date of the license an amount of \$1.3 million of security shall be posted;

On July 1, 2009 an amount of \$1.3 million of security shall be posted;

On February 1, 2010 an amount of \$1.3 million shall be posted; and

On July 1, 2010 an amount of \$1.3 million of security shall be posted.

Negotiations are currently in process as to the terms, form of security and cash content, if any, of the security deposit. Negotiations are with Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC), which has jurisdiction and to whose benefit the deposits are to be posted.

As a result of previous significant additions to facilities for containing tailings from the ore processing operation at the Cantung mine, the reclamation liabilities have been increased by the estimated fair value of the eventual cost of reclaiming these additions to facilities. The Company's estimate of future reclamation costs was updated in 2007 and is reviewed at least annually. This estimate assumes a credit adjusted risk-free discount rate of 4.19% in 2007 and an inflation factor of 2.24%. The liability estimate for retirement and remediation on an undiscounted basis is approximately \$3.6 million.

<sup>\*\* -</sup> The payments include a proportionate share of the estimated operating cost component.

	(\$000s)
Opening asset retirement obligation - September 30, 2008	\$ 3,577
Total accretion during the period	45
Closing asset retirement obligation – December 31, 2008	\$ 3,622

# **Related Party Transactions**

Mr. Ronald Erickson, a director of the Company controls Queenwood Capital Partners LLC ("Queenwood). Queenwood directly owns 13.6% of the TDI membership units and, through its interest in TPT, owns a further 8.1% of the TDI membership units. Queenwood is also a holder of US\$2 million (Cdn.\$2.4 million) Convertible Debenture issued by the Company, the Convertible Debenture was issued to Queenwood prior to Mr. Ronald Erickson becoming a director of the Company.

#### **Risks and Uncertainties**

The Company operates in the mining industry which is subject to numerous significant risks.

#### Risks associated with the Cantung mine:

After many years of operation, the Cantung mine has a very limited mine life, unless new ore reserves can be established. There are considerable uncertainties in planning the operation of the mine in the years remaining and therefore the results that can be expected.

Production was on target in Q1 2009. There is no assurance that the mine will be able to meet operating and cost targets in the future.

Global commodity prices including tungsten are subject to significant downward pressures in the current uncertain economic climate. APT prices have fallen from a 2008 monthly high of US \$256 per MTU to US \$220 per MTU a reduction of 14.1%.

The revenues and operations of the Cantung mine are subject to effects of tungsten price volatility, change in exchange rates, production risks and other risks inherent in the mining and metals business as described in the Company's Annual Information Form.

#### Risks associated with the Mactung project.

The Mactung project is at an early stage and there can be no assurance that development or construction activities will commence in accordance with current expectations or at all.

Risks include: uncertainty as to the grade and quantity of mineable ore reserves, and as to the capital outlays and returns on invested funds that may be expected; risks that regulatory approvals may not be granted or may be delayed; risks that adequate financing may not be available on reasonable terms; risks that a down cycle will affect metal prices including tungsten; and other risks inherent to the mining and metals business as described in the Company's Annual Information Form.

#### Risks associated with the Pilot Plant.

Development of any new process, such as the pilot plant technology is subject to technical and economic risks. While APT of grade suitable for tungsten carbide and electronic applications has been produced in small quantities, there is no assurance that commercial production will be viable. There are also risks that adequate financing may not be available on reasonable terms; risks that a down cycle will affect metal prices; risks regarding permitting and environmental approvals; and other risks inherent to the mining and metals business as described in the Company's Annual Information Form.

## Tungsten Price Volatility

The profitability of the Company's operation is significantly affected by changes in the tungsten price. The tungsten price can fluctuate widely and is affected by numerous factors beyond the Company's control including industrial demand, inflation and expectations with respect to the rate of inflation, international economic and political trends, currency exchange fluctuations, fluctuations in pricing and demand, the proximity and capacity of natural resource markets and processing equipment;, governmental regulations, land tenure, land use, regulation concerning the importing and exporting of minerals, environmental protection regulations, increased competitive production from new mine developments, and adopt efficient mining and production methods. Tungsten prices may also be affected by potential re-engineering and substitution for tungsten as a key component in manufacturing and increase in any recycling initiative.

If tungsten prices were to decline significantly or for an extended period of time, the Company might be unable to continue its operations, develop its properties, or fulfill its obligations under its permits and licenses. As a result, the Company might lose its interest in, or be forced to sell some of its properties. A five percent change in tungsten commodity prices would have an impact on revenues of approximately Cdn \$4.1 million per annum.

## Currency Fluctuations

The Company maintains its accounts in Canadian currency and most of its costs are denominated in that currency. The Company's tungsten concentrate is sold in United States dollars and the Company is subject to fluctuations in the rates of currency exchange between United States dollars and the Canadian dollars. . Due to currency fluctuations, construction, development and other costs may also be higher than the Company anticipates. The Company does not hedge against currency exchange risks, although it may do so from time to time in the future. A five percent change in Canadian dollar in relation to the US dollar prices would have an impact on revenues of approximately Cdn \$3.8 million per annum.

The Company has assets in the United States and may, in future, acquire properties in other countries. Foreign operations will be subject to foreign currency fluctuations and such fluctuations may materially affect the Company's financial position and results.

In addition Management has identified various other risk factors which are set out in detail in the Annual Information Form for the year ended September 30, 2008 which is available on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

Should one or more of these risks and uncertainties materialize, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results may vary materially from those described in forward-looking statements

# **GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

APT ammonium paratungstate is an intermediate product which is one of the principal chemical

forms in which tungsten is traded

concentrates the valuable fraction of an ore that is left after waste material is removed in processing MTU metric tonne unit of 1 percent of a metric tonne (22.046 pounds) of contained WO3

scheelite A brown tetragonal mineral, CaWO<sub>4</sub>. It is found in pneumatolytic veins associated with

quartz, and fluoresces to show a blue color. Scheelite is a mineral of tungsten

STU short ton unit of 20lbs. WO3 contained in concentrate

TBO tungsten blue oxide is a finely divided blue-violet crystalline powder used primarily for the

production of tungsten metal powder and tungsten carbide

Ton equal to 2,000 pounds

Tonne a metric unit equal to 2,204.6 pounds

Tungsten concentrates generally containing between 40 and 75 percent WO  $_{\rm 3}$ 

concentrates

W the elemental symbol for tungsten

West Extension a continuation (down dip and to the west) of the main E-Zone ore body

WO<sub>3</sub> tungsten tri-oxide (containing 79.33% W) a compound of tungsten and oxygen.