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#### Introduction

This Management Discussion and Analysis (“**MD&A**”) of Mantra Exploration Inc. (the “**Company**”) has been prepared by management as of February 21, 2024 and should be read in conjunction with the unaudited condensed interim financial statements and related notes thereto of the Company for the three months ended on December 31, 2023, which were prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”), including IAS 34 - Interim Financial Reporting, as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (“IASB”). All dollar figures are expressed in Canadian dollars unless otherwise stated. These documents and additional information on the Corporation are available on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

#### Forward-looking Statements

This MD&A contains “forward-looking information” within the meaning of applicable Canadian securities legislation and “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (collectively, “**forward-looking information**”). In certain cases, forward-looking information can be identified by the use of words such as “plans”, “expects”, “is expected”, “budget”, “scheduled”, “estimates”, “forecasts”, “intends”, “anticipates”, or “believes”, or variations or the negative of such words and phrases, or statements that certain actions, events or results “may”, “could”, “would”, “might” or “will be taken”, “occur” or “be achieved” or the negative of these terms or comparable terminology. By their very nature, forward-looking information involves known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of the Company to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking information. The Company disclaims any obligation to update or revise any forward-looking information, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

Historical results of operations and trends that may be inferred from the following discussions and analysis may not necessarily indicate future results from operations.

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#### **1. Executive Summary**

Mantra Exploration Inc. (“the **Company**”) is a growth company focused on the exploration and development of metals, including precious metals such as gold and silver, base metals such as zinc, iron and copper, and alkali metals such as cobalt and lithium. The Company has a project in Ontario, Canada and is reviewing additional advanced projects for acquisition.

#### **Jean Iron Ore Project**

The Jean Iron Ore Property (“**Jean Property**”) is an iron ore exploration property located in the Thunder Bay Mining District of Northwestern Ontario, Canada. The property contains 78 mineral claims covering 1,560 hectares’ land (after re-staking of expired mineral claims in January 2019) located approximately 65 kilometres to the southwest of Thunder Bay, approximately 2 kilometres north of the Whitefish Lake on Highway 588.

Prior to the transfer of the property by AsiaBaseMetals Inc. to Mantra Exploration Inc. the Jean Property, as of October 1, 2016, the Jean Property consisted of 18 mineral claims in 115 units covering 1,840 hectares’ land. On November 16, 2016, AsiaBaseMetals Inc. forfeited 4 mineral claims consisting of 17 units covering 272 hectares’ land. On March 14, 2017, AsiaBaseMetals Inc. staked one additional claim consisting of 1 unit covering 16 hectares’ land. As at March 31, 2018, the Jean Property consists of 15 mineral claims covering 1,584 hectares land consisting of 99 units. As at September 30, 2020, the Jean Property consists of 78 mineral claims covering 1,560 hectares of land which were transferred to Mantra Exploration Inc. as detailed in the Plan of Arrangement on September 2, 2020. The Company forfeited 15 mineral claims on December 15, 2021, staked an additional 31 mineral claims on December 24, 2021, and applied for and received an extension for forfeiture (forfeiture due on January 18, 2022 was extended to November 18, 2022) on 53 mineral claims.

The Company has applied for an extension for 10 mineral claims due to be forfeited on March 22, 2022. The Company applied for an extension on April 11, 2022 and received an extension to January 22, 2023 on 10 mineral claims. On May 6, 2022, the Company staked an additional mineral claim. Pursuant to the receipt of the extension of the 53 mineral claims (as noted above) the Jean Property consists of 93 mineral claims, as of December 31, 2023.

On July 27, 2022, an aeromagnetic survey was conducted on the project. The Company completed its NI 43-101 as published on Sedar.com.

#### **Non-Exclusive Right Agreement:**

Futura Capital Limited (“**Futura**”), a company controlled by the CEO of the Company, and XLR Enterprises (Cyprus) Limited (“**XLR**”) entered into a letter agreement dated April 18, 2023 which set forth the material terms and the mutual understanding and agreement of Futura and XLR with regard to the acquisition and financing of Ethiopotash BV, a corporation that will be listed on a Canadian stock exchange by way of an initial public offering or reverse takeover of a publicly traded company. The vehicle that will be used to facilitate the listing of Ethiopotash BV shall be selected by Futura following review and consideration of potential public company vehicles and listing requirements and be mutually acceptable to Futura and the principal of XLR.

On June 30, 2023, the Company entered into an agreement with Futura, pursuant to which Futura provided the Company with the non-exclusive right to receive and review information regarding Ethiopotash BV. In consideration for this provision, the Company incurred a property investigation cost of \$7,500.

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#### 2. First Quarter 2024 Highlights

For the three months ended December 31, 2023 ("Q12024"), the Company incurred a comprehensive loss of \$48,064 and had an accumulated deficit of \$449,713. The Company's ability to continue its operations and to realize assets at their carrying values is dependent upon obtaining additional financing and generating revenues sufficient to cover its operating costs.

The Company's cash position at December 31, 2023 was \$74,479.

#### 3. Selected Annual Information

The Company's fiscal year end is September 30. Selected annual information presented as follows:

	September 30, 2023	September 30, 2022	September 30, 2021
Total revenues	\$Nil	\$Nil	\$Nil
Loss for the year	\$(139,740)	\$(165,406)	\$(87,298)
Loss per share	\$(0.00)	\$(0.00)	\$(0.00)
Total assets	\$75,678	\$146,311	\$222,429
Total long term liabilities	\$Nil	\$Nil	\$Nil

#### 4. Results of Operations

The following is a summary of the total project costs to date for the Jean ore project:

	October 1, 2023	Additions	Impairment	Exploration credit program	December 31, 2023
Jean Iron Ore	\$ 1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1

  

	October 1, 2022	Additions	Impairment	Exploration credit program	September 30, 2023
Jean Iron Ore	\$ 11,228	\$ -	\$ (1,299)	\$ (9,928)	\$ 1

During the three months ended December 31, 2023:

- Exploration expenditures of \$23,052 incurred during Q12024 compared to costs of \$nil during the three months ended December 31, 2022 ("Q12023"). Exploration expenditures were significantly during the period as it relates to geological work, sampling and core cutting on the Jean Property.
- Professional fees of \$5,746 incurred during Q12024 compared to costs of \$6,467 during the comparative period. These fees are fairly consistent period over period and relate to legal, audit, tax filing and accounting fees.
- Office, administration and miscellaneous costs during Q12024 were \$7,055 as compared to \$130 during the comparative period. These costs include bank services charges, news releases and office supplies.
- Management fees of \$10,500 incurred in Q12024 were equal to fees of \$10,500 incurred during Q12023.

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**5. Summary of Quarterly Results**

The following is a summary of certain financial information concerning the Company for the last eight reported quarters:

Quarter Ended	Total Revenues	Comprehensive Profit (Loss) for the Period	Basic and Diluted Earnings (Loss) Per Share
March 31, 2022	\$Nil	\$ (36,411)	\$(0.00)
June 30, 2022	\$Nil	\$ (24,514)	\$(0.00)
September 30, 2022	\$Nil	\$( 80,294)	\$(0.00)
December 31, 2022	\$Nil	\$ (34,681)	\$(0.00)
March 31, 2023	\$Nil	\$ 10,482	\$0.00
June 30, 2023	\$Nil	\$ (63,875)	\$(0.00)
September 30, 2023	\$Nil	\$ (51,666)	\$(0.00)
December 31, 2023	\$Nil	\$ (48,064)	\$(0.00)

**6. Liquidity and Capital Resources**

As at December 31, 2023, the Company reported working capital deficit of \$12,943.

The Company held \$74,479 of cash or cash equivalents as of December 31, 2023.

Current assets excluding cash at December 31, 2023 consist of amounts receivable of \$3,820.

Current liabilities as at December 31, 2023 consist of accounts payable and accrued liabilities of \$91,242.

**7. Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements and Commitments**

At the date of this MD&A, the Company had no off-balance sheet obligations. Commitments to incur exploration and evaluation costs are detailed in Note 11 of the Financial Statements for the period ended December 31, 2023.

The Company is committed to carry out \$76,250 in eligible exploration and evaluation work, related to the flow-through financing completed in 2022. As at September 30, 2023, the Company has fully incurred its eligible expenditures of \$76,250 in respect of this financing.

There is no guarantee that the funds spent by the Company in the future will qualify as Canadian exploration expenses, even if the Company has committed to take all the necessary measures for this purpose. Refusals of certain expenses by tax authorities could have negative tax consequences for investors. In such event, the Company will indemnify each flow-through share subscriber for the additional taxes payable by such subscriber as a result of the Company's failure to renounce the qualifying expenditures as agreed.

**8. Changes in Accounting Policies**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires the Company to establish accounting policies and to make estimates that affect both the amount and timing of the recording of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses.

A detailed summary of the Company's significant accounting policies and adoption of new or amended accounting standards are included in Note 3 of the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended September 30, 2023.

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#### 9. Related Parties

During the three months ended December 31, 2023, the Company incurred \$10,500 (2022 - \$10,500) for management to a company controlled by the Chief Executive Officer ("CEO").

As at December 31, 2023, the following balances were due to officers and directors and/or related companies:

- i) Included in accounts payable is \$16,001 (September 30, 2023 – \$7,132) due to the CEO of the Company. These amounts are unsecured, non-interest bearing and have no fixed terms of repayment.
- ii) Included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities is \$11,025 (September 30, 2023 – \$nil) due to a company controlled by the CEO of the Company. The remaining amounts are unsecured, non-interest bearing and have no fixed terms of repayment.

On September 20, 2021, the Company entered into an agreement with a company controlled by a director to provide CEO services at a rate of \$3,500 per month (\$42,000 per year) for an indefinite term.

Key management personnel include the Chief Executive Officer ("CEO"), Chief Financial Officer ("CFO"), and directors of the Company. The remuneration of directors and officers of the Company is as follows:

Key Management personnel compensation:

	Three months ended December 31,			
	2023		2022	
Management fees	\$	10,500	\$	10,500
<b>Total remuneration</b>	\$	10,500	\$	10,500

#### 10. Financial Instruments and Other Instruments

##### *Financial Instruments and Fair Value Measurements*

IFRS 13 – *Fair Value Measurement*, establishes a fair value hierarchy that reflects the significance of the inputs used in making the measurements. The fair value hierarchy has the following levels:

Level 1 - quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;

Level 2 - inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices); and

Level 3 - inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs)

Assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis were presented on the Company's statement of financial position as at December 31, 2023 as follows:

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**10. Financial Instruments and Other Instruments (continued)**

	Fair Value Measurements Using				Total
	Quoted Prices in Active Markets For Identical Instruments (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)		
<b>Financial assets</b>					
Cash	\$ 74,479	\$ –	\$ –	\$	74,479

**Fair value**

The fair value of the Company's financial instruments approximates their carrying value as at December 31, 2023 because of the demand nature or short-term maturity of these instruments.

**Financial risk management objectives and policies**

The Company's financial instruments include cash and accounts payable. The risks associated with these financial instruments and the policies on how to mitigate these risks are set out below. Management manages and monitors these exposures to ensure appropriate measures are implemented on a timely and effective manner.

**Financial Risk**

**(i) Credit Risk**

Credit risk arises from non-performance by counterparties of contractual financial obligations. The Company's maximum credit risk is primarily attributable to its cash. The Company limits its exposure to credit loss for cash by placing such instruments with financial institutions.

**(ii) Liquidity Risk**

The Company's approach to managing liquidity risk is to ensure that it will have sufficient financial resources to meet liabilities when due. As at December 31, 2023, the Company had working capital deficit of \$12,943. All of the Company's financial liabilities have contractual maturities of less than 30 days and are subject to normal trade terms.

**Financial Risk**

**(iii) Interest Rate Risk**

In management's opinion, the Company's interest rate risk is minimal as the Company does not have any bank indebtedness or loans payable that bear interest at fixed or variable rates.

**(iv) Commodity Price Risk**

The Company is exposed to price risk with respect to commodity prices. The Company's ability to raise capital to fund exploration and development activities may be subject to risks associated with fluctuations in the market price of commodities.

**11. Business Operations**

The Company was incorporated on July 6, 2020 under the laws of British Columbia. The Company's principal business activities include the acquisition, exploration and development of resource property. The address of the Company's corporate office is 6153 Glendalough Pl.,

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Vancouver, British Columbia, V6N 1S5, Canada.

At December 31, 2023, the Company had not yet determined whether its property contains ore reserves that are economically recoverable. The recoverability of amounts shown for exploration and evaluation assets is dependent upon the discovery of economically recoverable reserves, the ability of the Company to obtain necessary financing to complete the development, and upon future profitable production or proceeds from the disposition of the resource property.

**12. Outstanding Share Data**

Summary of Outstanding Share Data at February 21, 2024:

- i) Authorized:  
Unlimited common shares without par value
  
- Issued and outstanding:  
48,124,651 common shares
  
- Warrants outstanding:  
3,575,000 warrants

**13. Disclosure Controls**

Management has designed disclosure controls and procedures, or has caused them to be designed under its supervision to provide reasonable assurance that material information relating to the Company is made known to management, particularly during the period in which the annual filings are being prepared. Management has also designed such internal control over financial reporting to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and preparation of the financial statements for the year ended September 30, 2023 in accordance with IFRS.

The Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of the Company have evaluated the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures in place as at December 31, 2023.

Based on this evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of the Company concluded that the design and operations of these controls and procedures were effective.

Additional information pertaining to the Company, including the management information circulars, material change reports, press releases and other information are available on the SEDAR website at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com). The shareholders will be kept informed of any material changes.