

## CANADIAN OVERSEAS PETROLEUM LIMITED

### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS MARCH 31, 2015

The following is Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") of the operating and financial results of Canadian Overseas Petroleum Limited, and its wholly owned subsidiaries COPL Technical Services Limited, Canadian Overseas Petroleum (UK) Limited ("COPL UK"), Canadian Overseas Petroleum (Bermuda Holdings) Limited ("COPL Bermuda Holdings"), Canadian Overseas Petroleum (Bermuda) Limited ("COPL Bermuda"), COPL New Zealand Limited ("COPL New Zealand"), Canadian Overseas Petroleum (Nigeria) Limited ("COPL Nigeria") and Canadian Overseas Petroleum (Namibia) Limited ("COPL Namibia"), (collectively "COPL" or the "Company") as at and for the three months ended March 31, 2015. The information is provided as of May 11, 2015. The results for the three month period ended March 31, 2015 have been compared to the same periods of 2014. This MD&A should be read in conjunction with the Company's audited consolidated financial statements as at and for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, together with the accompanying notes and the Annual Information Form of the Company dated March 26, 2015 (the "AIF"). These documents and additional information about COPL are available on the Company's website at [www.canoverseas.com](http://www.canoverseas.com) and on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

All amounts are presented in United States dollars ("USD") unless otherwise noted. Please see "Significant Accounting Policy Changes" section that outlines the change in both functional and presentation currency to United States dollars from Canadian dollars ("CAD").

#### BUSINESS OF THE COMPANY – MANAGEMENT

Canadian Overseas Petroleum Limited is a publicly traded oil and gas company listed on the TSX Venture Exchange (TSX-V) under the symbol "XOP" and the London Stock Exchange (LSE) under the symbol "COPL".

COPL is an international oil and gas exploration and development company focused on sub-Saharan offshore Africa. The Company holds a 17% working interest in Block LB-13, offshore Liberia, with ExxonMobil Exploration and Production Liberia Limited ("ExxonMobil"), the operator, holding an 83% working interest. The Company also formed a joint venture company with Shoreline Energy International Limited ("Shoreline"), in line with the Company's strategy to diversify and balance its asset portfolio to generate stable cash flow from secure assets. This joint venture company is focused on acquiring upstream oil and gas exploration, development and producing assets in sub-Saharan Africa, and has taken positions in Tanzania and Namibia while it continues to evaluate a variety of assets in Nigeria, Ghana, Equatorial Guinea and Mozambique.

Senior management and strategic corporate functions are performed by COPL's head office in Calgary, and geological, geophysical, engineering, accounting and administrative functions are performed by COPL Technical Services Limited. Drilling oversight and some geological functions are provided by COPL UK. COPL Bermuda Holdings and COPL Bermuda were incorporated for operations offshore Liberia. On November 8, 2012, COPL New Zealand was incorporated to participate in an exploration licence in New Zealand. COPL Nigeria was incorporated October 16, 2013 for the future participation in Nigerian opportunities. COPL Namibia was incorporated on October 24, 2014 for future participation in Namibian opportunities. Shoreline Canoverseas Petroleum Development Corporation Limited ("ShoreCan") was incorporated on October 24, 2014 with Shoreline.

On February 12, 2015, COPL Nigeria was dissolved and removed from the Register of Companies in Bermuda, as the company ceased to carry on business, had discharged in full the liabilities to all its known creditors, and distributed its surplus assets in accordance with the *Companies Act* 1981 (Bermuda).

On February 23, 2015, the Company resolved to remove COPL New Zealand from the New Zealand Register of Companies as the company ceased to carry on business, had discharged in full the liabilities to all its known creditors, and distributed its surplus assets in accordance with its constitution and section 318(1)(d)(i) of the *Companies Act* 1993.

**FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION AND STATEMENTS**

This MD&A contains forward-looking statements relating to future events or future performance. In some cases, forward-looking information and forward-looking statements can be identified by terminology such as “may”, “will”, “should”, “expects”, “projects”, “plans”, “anticipates”, “potential”, “intend”, “believe” and similar expressions. These statements represent management’s expectations or beliefs concerning, among other things, future operating results and various components thereof or the economic performance of COPL. The projections, estimates and beliefs contained in such forward-looking statements necessarily involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties, including the business risks discussed in this MD&A as at and for the twelve months ended December 31, 2014, which may cause actual performance and financial results in future periods to differ materially from any projections of future performance or results expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Operating conditions and weather can have a significant effect on the timing of events. Accordingly, readers are cautioned that events or circumstances could cause results to differ materially from those predicted.

Forward-looking statements included or incorporated by reference in this document include statements with respect to:

- the Company’s current strategy to establish and grow an oil and gas business (the “Overview and Overall Performance”, “Outlook”, and “Liquidity and Capital Resources” sections);
- the Company’s ability to raise capital and obtain the financing necessary to develop profitable oil operations (the “Overview and Overall Performance”, “Outlook” and “Liquidity and Capital Resources” sections);
- the Company’s assumptions in respect of the calculation of stock-based compensation and valuation of Warrants (as defined herein) (the “Stock-Based Compensation Expense” section);
- the Company’s ability to manage its financial and operational risks (the “Overview and Overall Performance”, “Financial Instruments”, “Commitments and Contractual Obligations” and “Liquidity and Capital Resources” sections); and
- the Company’s expectations regarding changes in accounting policies and the impact on the Company and its financial statements (“Significant Accounting Policy Changes”).

The Company’s MD&A and AIF for the year ended December 31, 2014 describe major risks, material assumptions and other factors related to forward-looking information and forward-looking statements that could influence actual results and are incorporated herein by reference. These risks, assumptions and other factors have been provided for readers to gain a more complete perspective on COPL’s future operations. However, readers should be cautioned that the list of factors is not exhaustive and that this information may not be appropriate for other purposes. Forward-looking information and forward-looking statements included or incorporated by reference in this MD&A are valid only as at the date of this MD&A, and the Company does not intend to update or revise these forward-looking statements and forward-looking information except as required by applicable securities laws. The forward-looking information and forward-looking statements contained in this MD&A are expressly qualified by this cautionary statement.

**OVERVIEW AND OVERALL PERFORMANCE \***

In the first quarter of 2015, the Company continued to identify, evaluate and pursue exploration and development opportunities in Tanzania, Namibia, Nigeria, Ghana, Equatorial Guinea and Mozambique. The Company also continued working with ExxonMobil on technical analysis and review related to the offshore interest in Liberia. The Company is focused on offshore opportunities that its seasoned technical team has strength in evaluating and developing.

***Liberia***

On April 5, 2013, following the Liberian Legislature’s ratification of the Production Sharing Contract governing Block LB-13 offshore Liberia, the closing and completion of previously announced transactions between the Company’s subsidiary COPL Bermuda and ExxonMobil occurred. The Company holds a 17% working interest in Block LB-13, with the remaining 83% being held by ExxonMobil, who is the operator under this license. As previously announced, the Company’s share of all joint interest costs and the gross drilling costs up to \$120 million is carried by ExxonMobil.

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**OVERVIEW AND OVERALL PERFORMANCE\* (CONTINUED)**

The Company and ExxonMobil remain committed to completing the work program and obligations for the Block LB-13 project when the situation in Liberia improves. Drilling on Block LB-13 has been delayed due to the Ebola virus outbreak in the region, resulting in a reduced presence of expatriates in the country. The Company is aware of the regional threat of the Ebola virus on its operations. The affected countries include Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone and Nigeria. On July 23, 2014, the Company announced that the drilling program in Liberia had been suspended due to the Ebola outbreak in the region. On May 9, 2015 the World Health Organization declared Liberia Ebola free. At this time, it is not known when the drilling program will be able to resume. As the Company is not the operator of Block LB-13, it will likely have limited control over the timing of a resumption of the drilling program. The operator has told the Company that the Ebola free declaration is the first step in the return of its expatriate employees into Liberia, and the recommencement of the well planning process and securing of all permits from the agencies of the Government of Liberia to allow drilling to commence. The Company will provide further information as future events may require.

***Expansion of sub-Saharan Portfolio***

As part of the Company's stated strategy to expand its interests and to generate stable cash flow from secure assets, the Company continues to assess opportunities in sub-Saharan Africa.

The Company and Shoreline, an unrelated company, incorporated ShoreCan in October 2014 in Bermuda to focus on acquisitions of upstream oil and gas exploration, development and producing assets in sub-Saharan Africa. Both partners hold a 50% interest in the jointly controlled entity.

On February 20, 2015, ShoreCan entered into a commercial acquisition, ratified by the Ministry of Energy in Namibia, of an 80% interest in three blocks offshore Namibia. The blocks are defined as 1708, 1709 and 1808 in the Namibe Basin. Situated north of the Walvis ridge on the Namibian/Angolan border, they are deepwater blocks on which ShoreCan will commence geological and geophysical evaluations on.

On March 4, 2015, ShoreCan entered into a farm-in option agreement to acquire a 60% participating interest in the Petroleum Exploration License and Petroleum Agreement with respect to the Kimbiji and Latham offshore Blocks in Tanzania. Identified as the Latham License Area and the Kimbiji License Area, they extend from the shore to offshore depths of approximately 500 to 1000 meters. On exercise of the option and receipt of approval from the Tanzanian authorities, ShoreCan will assume operatorship of these offshore blocks. Currently ShoreCan is evaluating the historic 2D seismic and regional information.

As well, ShoreCan continues to hold its bid open as the operator of a consortium for a block in the offshore waters in the Republic of Ghana. As more developments occur, the Company intends to update the market on its activities.

***New Zealand***

On February 23, 2015, the Company resolved to remove COPL New Zealand from the New Zealand Register of Companies as the company ceased to carry on business, had discharged in full the liabilities to all its known creditors, and distributed its surplus assets in accordance with its constitution and section 318(1)(d)(i) of the *Companies Act 1993* (New Zealand). Management does not expect that there will be any effect of this dissolution on current operations because of its expansion of the Company's sub-Saharan portfolio.

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## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

During the first quarter of 2015, the Company incurred pre-licence costs of approximately \$50,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2015, compared to \$0.3 million for the same period ended March 31, 2014.

General and administrative costs were \$1.5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015 (net of \$54,000 of costs allocated to exploration projects) compared to \$1.2 million for the same period in 2014 (net of \$0.2 million of costs allocated to exploration projects). The Company recognized interest income of approximately \$8,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2015, compared to \$5,000 in the same period in 2014. A foreign exchange loss of \$0.4 million was recognized for the three months ended March 31, 2015, compared to a foreign exchange gain of \$0.6 million in the same period in 2014. There was a loss on the Company's investment in ShoreCan of \$0.2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015, compared to \$nil in the same period in 2014. As a result, the Company's loss amounted to \$2.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015, compared to a loss of \$1.5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014.

As at March 31, 2015, the Company's cash and cash equivalents amounted to \$2.5 million. Cash used in investing activities amounted \$0.4 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015 compared to \$0.1 million for the same period in 2014. Cash used in operating activities amounted to \$1.5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015 compared to \$0.7 million for the same period in 2014. Cash used in financing activities amounts to \$nil for the three months ended March 31, 2015 compared to \$0.4 million for the same period in 2014.

## OUTLOOK \*

The Company's strategy is to grow its oil and gas business by farming into, and/or acquiring interests in, exploration, unappraised and/or undeveloped assets.

The Company's short-term operations will focus on:

- working with ExxonMobil to progress the planning of future drill locations in Liberia; and
- working to successfully conclude the variety of new opportunities available in sub-Saharan Africa including Tanzania, Namibia, Nigeria, Ghana, Equatorial Guinea and Mozambique.

Currently the Company does not have material cash inflows and/or adequate financing to develop profitable operations. The Company is pursuing exploration projects that, if successful, will require substantial additional financing before they are able to generate positive cash flows. Accordingly, the Company's continued successful operation is dependent on its ability to obtain additional financing. There is no assurance that the Company will be able to obtain adequate financing in the future or that such financing will be obtained on terms advantageous to the Company. All of these factors, represent events, risks or uncertainties that management believes will materially affect the Company's future performance.

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**SELECTED QUARTERLY INFORMATION****DISCUSSION OF OPERATIONS**

The Company has not had significant revenue from operations in any of its last three financial periods. The following table summarizes the Company's financial results for the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014:

| (\$ 000's) except per share           | Three months<br>ended March 31,<br>2015 | Three months<br>ended March 31,<br>2014 |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| Pre-license costs                     | \$ 50                                   | \$ 255                                  |
| Administrative expenses               | 1,501                                   | 1,224                                   |
| Stock-based compensation              | -                                       | -                                       |
| Interest income                       | (8)                                     | (5)                                     |
| Derivative gain                       | (8)                                     | -                                       |
| Foreign exchange loss (gain)          | 379                                     | (578)                                   |
| Loss on investment in joint venture   | 205                                     | -                                       |
| Net loss                              | 2,132                                   | 912                                     |
| Per share loss                        | \$ 0.01                                 | \$ 0.00                                 |
| Outstanding common shares at March 31 | 402,050,497                             | 333,717,720                             |
| Weighted average - basic              | 402,050,497                             | 333,717,720                             |
| Cash used in operating activities     | \$ 1,504                                | \$ 745                                  |

***Pre-Licence Costs***

For the three months ended March 31, 2015, pre-license costs of \$50,000 related to sub-Saharan Africa (discussed in the "Expansion of sub-Saharan Portfolio" section). Pre-licence costs of \$0.3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014, related to the Liberia project (discussed in the "Liberia" section).

***Administrative Expenses***

A breakdown of administrative expenses are as follows:

| (\$ 000's)                                 | Three months ended<br>March 31, 2015 | Three months ended<br>March 31, 2014 |
|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Administrative:                            |                                      |                                      |
| Payroll and related costs                  | \$ 605                               | \$ 610                               |
| External directors' fees and related costs | 137                                  | 113                                  |
| Consulting services                        | 188                                  | 185                                  |
| Professional services                      | 121                                  | 50                                   |
| Travel expenses                            | 178                                  | 137                                  |
| Office expenses                            | 215                                  | 209                                  |
| Stock exchange and transfer agent fees     | 42                                   | 15                                   |
| Other general and administrative           | 69                                   | 59                                   |
| Costs allocated to exploration projects    | (54)                                 | (154)                                |
| Total administrative                       | \$ 1,501                             | \$ 1,224                             |

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**DISCUSSION OF OPERATIONS (CONTINUED)**

Administrative expenses amounted to \$1.5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015, compared to \$1.2 million for the same period in 2014, and are presented net of costs allocated to exploration projects, which amounted to \$54,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2015 and \$0.2 million in the same period in 2014. The increase in administration costs is mostly due to higher professional service fees during 2015 related to increased filing and regulatory costs, as well as additional travel expenses associated with international travel for opportunities discussed in the “Expansion of sub-Saharan Portfolio” section. The reduction in administrative costs allocated to exploration projects for the three months ended March 31, 2015 compared to the three months ended March 31, 2014 was a result of less time allocated to the Liberia project (discussed in the “Liberia” section) and New Zealand projects due to the dissolution of COPL New Zealand on February 23, 2015.

***Stock-Based Compensation Expense\****

The Company has a stock option plan where the number of Class “A” common shares of the Company (the “Common Shares”) reserved under the plan shall not exceed 10% of issued and outstanding Common Shares and the number reserved for any one individual may not exceed 5% of the issued and outstanding shares. The board of directors approved a Performance Share Unit Plan on April 15, 2014 (“the PSU Plan”), whereby a maximum of 5,000,000 common shares of the Company may be issuable to officers, employees and consultants of the Company and its subsidiaries under the same terms as the stock option plan.

Exercise prices for stock options granted are determined by the closing market price on the day before the date of grant. The fair value of each option granted is estimated on the date of grant using a Black-Scholes option pricing model (the assumptions used for the model are discussed in the notes accompanying the Company’s audited consolidated financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013).

There were no stock options or common shares under the PSU Plan issued during the three months ended March 31, 2015 and no stock options were exercised during the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014.

Stock-based compensation expense of \$nil was recognized for the three months ended March 31, 2015 (2014 - \$nil).

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***Interest Income***

Interest income earned was \$8,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2015, compared to \$5,000 for the same period ended March 31, 2014. The interest income relates to interest earned on cash held at banks.

***Derivative Gain\****

The Company issued 888,889 share purchase warrants (“Warrants”) which entitles the holder to purchase one Common Share of Canadian Overseas Petroleum Limited until April 4, 2016, at an exercise price of Great British Pounds (“GBP”) 0.135 (\$0.224). A derivative liability was recognized in relation to the Warrants issued. The Warrants’ exercise price is in GBP, the stock is traded in CAD and the Company’s functional currency is USD. As there is variability in these exchange rates the Warrants are classified as a derivative financial instrument. As at March 31, 2015, the derivative liability was revalued and a derivative gain of \$8,000 was recognized compared to \$nil for the same period in 2014. The estimated derivative liability as at March 31, 2015, is valued at \$49,000, using a Black-Scholes option pricing model.

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***Foreign Exchange Gain***

A foreign exchange loss of \$0.4 million was recognized for the three months ended March 31, 2015, and related mainly to the translation of cash and cash equivalents denominated in currencies other than USD compared to a \$0.6 million gain in the same period in 2014 related mainly to the translation of capitalized exploration and evaluation costs.

**DISCUSSION OF OPERATIONS (CONTINUED)*****Loss on investment in joint venture***

The Company currently holds a 50% interest in a jointly controlled entity, ShoreCan, to focus on acquisitions of upstream oil and gas exploration, development and producing assets in sub-Saharan Africa. This represents the 50% share of the jointly controlled entity's net loss.

**COMPARATIVE FINANCIAL POSITION ITEMS**

The following table summarizes the Company's financial position as at March 31, 2015, December 31, 2014 and January 1, 2014:

| (\$ 000's) except per share       | March 31,<br>2015 | December 31,<br>2014 | January 1,<br>2014 |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Cash and cash equivalents         | \$ 2,451          | \$ 4,705             | \$ 2,241           |
| Exploration and evaluation assets | 16,358            | 16,305               | 16,456             |
| Total assets                      | 19,638            | 21,705               | 19,292             |
| Share capital                     | (117,247)         | (117,247)            | (109,101)          |
| Shareholders' equity              | \$ (18,211)       | \$ (20,268)          | \$ (17,545)        |

Economic and industry factors and their respective impact on the Company for the quarter ended March 31, 2015, are substantially unchanged since the year ended December 31, 2014.

***Cash and Cash Equivalents***

The decrease in cash and cash equivalents of \$2.2 million during the first three months of 2015 relates mainly to administrative and pre-license costs, as well as amounts paid for the investment in the ShoreCan joint venture.

***Exploration and Evaluation Assets***

Exploration and evaluation assets ("E&E Assets") of \$16.4 million relate to the Liberia project as at March 31, 2015, compared to \$16.3 million as at December 31, 2014. The increase in E&E Assets for the first three months of 2015 relate to capitalized geological evaluation work in respect of its project in Liberia.

| (\$ 000's)   | March 31,<br>2015 | December 31,<br>2014 | January 1,<br>2014 |
|--|-------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Capitalized exploration and evaluation costs       | \$ 16,358         | \$ 16,942            | \$ 16,456          |
| Net effect of foreign exchange                     | -                 | (43)                 | -                  |
| Exploration and evaluation written off             | -                 | (594)                | -                  |
| Total capitalized exploration and evaluation costs | \$ 16,358         | \$ 16,305            | \$ 16,456          |

***Total Assets***

Total assets decreased by \$1.9 million from \$21.7 million at December 31, 2014 to \$19.6 million as at March 31, 2015. This decrease is a result of the \$2.2 million decrease in cash and cash equivalents partially offset by the increase in the value of the capitalized E&E Assets and investments in the ShoreCan joint venture.

***Share Capital and Shareholders' Equity***

The decrease in shareholders' equity of \$2.1 million from December 31, 2014 relates to the net loss for the three months ended March 31, 2015.

As at May 11, 2015, the Company had 402,050,497 Common Shares outstanding.

**SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY RESULTS**

Eight Most Recent Quarters:

| (\$ 000's)                       | March 31, 2015 | December 31, 2014 | September 30, 2014 | June 30, 2014 |
|----------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Revenue                          | 8              | 16                | 6                  | 1             |
| Loss                             | (2,132)        | (1,848)           | (2,017)            | (1,777)       |
| Loss per share - basic & diluted | (0.01)         | (0.00)            | (0.01)             | (0.01)        |

| (\$ 000's)                       | March 31, 2014 | December 31, 2013 | September 30, 2013 | June 30, 2013 |
|----------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Revenue                          | 5              | 13                | 5                  | 1             |
| Loss                             | (912)          | (3,620)           | (1,542)            | (1,611)       |
| Loss per share - basic & diluted | (0.00)         | (0.01)            | (0.00)             | (0.01)        |

The 2015 quarter loss represents the Company's administrative, pre-license costs and depreciation offset by a gain on the revaluation of the derivative and a foreign exchange gain. The first quarter of 2015 includes a net loss on investment in ShoreCan of \$0.2 million. The change in losses from period to period is mostly due to fluctuating foreign exchange gains and losses, as described below.

The 2014 quarterly losses mainly represent the Company's administrative, pre-license costs and fluctuating foreign exchange gains or losses. The reduction in the loss for the first quarter of 2014 compared to the second quarter of 2014 was a result of a \$0.6 million foreign exchange gain in the first quarter compared to a loss of \$0.5 million in the second quarter. During the third quarter of 2014, the Company derecognized previously capitalized evaluation and exploration assets of \$0.7 million related to its New Zealand license, which was offset by a foreign exchange gain of \$0.7 million. Administrative expenses in the third quarter of 2014 were higher due to increased consulting fees related to financing and international travel for new projects. During the fourth quarter of 2014, the net loss was down due to the absence of the derecognition of the exploration and evaluation expense, offset by an increase in administrative expenses due to increased professional fees and international travel for new projects.

The 2013 quarterly losses mainly represent the Company's administrative, pre-license costs and fluctuating foreign exchange gains or losses. The third quarter saw a reduction in the administration costs due to reduced consulting and professional services as well as a change in the composition of the board of directors. This was offset by foreign exchange fluctuations resulting in a foreign exchange loss for the third quarter. In addition, during the fourth quarter of 2013, \$1.5 million of stock-based compensation expense was recognized in relation to stock options granted to the Company's directors, officers, employees and consultants.

**FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS\***

The Company's financial instruments consist of cash, short-term deposits, credit card and other deposits, loans, accounts receivable, as well as accounts payable, accrued liabilities and derivative liability. It is management's opinion that the Company is not currently exposed to significant interest and/or credit risks arising from these financial instruments and that the fair value of these financial instruments approximates their carrying value.

To mitigate a portion of its exposure and to the extent it is feasible, the Company keeps its funds in currencies applicable to its known short-term commitments. No assurance can be given that such management of risk exposure will offset and/or eliminate the foreign exchange fluctuations.

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**SHARE CAPITAL**

The Company is authorized to issue an unlimited number of common and preferred shares.

As at March 31, 2015, there were 402,050,497 Common Shares issued and outstanding.

As at March 31, 2015, the Company also had the following outstanding securities other than Common Shares:

- 28,065,000 stock options issued and outstanding to purchase Common Shares with an average exercise price of \$0.49 per Common Share and a remaining contractual life of one to four years; and
- 51,443,889 share purchase warrants issued and outstanding to purchase Common Shares with an average exercise price of \$0.36 per share and a remaining contractual life of two to three years.

**COMMITMENTS AND CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS\***

As at March 31, 2015, the Company has the following commitments:

| <b>In \$ 000's</b> | <b>Total</b> | <b>Less than<br/>One Year</b> | <b>One to Three<br/>Years</b> | <b>Four to<br/>Five Years</b> | <b>After Five<br/>Years</b> |
|--------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Office lease       | 2,727        | 584                           | 1,169                         | 974                           | -                           |

The Company is committed under an operating lease agreement for the rental of office space in Calgary, Canada. The approximate lease payments total \$2.7 million and are payable over the next five years.

As at March 31, 2015, the jointly controlled entity ShoreCan, in which the Company holds a 50% interest in, has commitments of \$0.3 million for annual license fees due in the fourth quarter of 2016 and \$7.0 million which relate to a minimum work programme to be carried out by the second quarter of 2017, under its exploration license in Namibia. In the event that the acquisition of seismic data does not occur in accordance with the work programme, there is no financial penalty to ShoreCan and the license is subject to forfeiture after that date. ShoreCan is currently exploring alternatives for raising sufficient capital to complete the minimum work programme, and plans to proceed under the terms of the exploration license. ShoreCan has capitalized costs in Namibia of \$0.3 million as at March 31, 2015 (December 31, 2014 - \$nil).

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**LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES\***

As of March 31, 2015, the Company had a working capital of approximately \$1.5 million, shareholders' equity of \$18.2 million and cash of \$2.5 million.

For the three months ended March 31, 2015, the Company's cash used in operating activities amounted to \$1.5 million compared to \$0.7 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014, and related mainly to administrative costs as well as pre-license costs related to the Liberia project.

During 2014, the Company issued 17,777,777 Common Shares at a price of GBP 0.135 (\$0.224) for gross proceeds of GBP 2.4 million (\$4.0 million). The agents were paid cash commission and fees of GBP 0.3 million (\$0.4 million) representing 5.0% of the gross proceeds of the public offering. Other expenses related to the public offering amounted to approximately \$1.1 million. The Company also issued 888,889 Common Share purchase warrants to its agent as compensation warrants, which entitles the holder to purchase one Common Share of COPL for the period until April 4, 2016, at an exercise price of GBP 0.135 (\$0.224). The fair value of the Warrants issued was recognized as share issue costs and estimated at \$0.1 million using a Black-Scholes option pricing model (the assumptions used for the model are discussed in the notes accompanying the Company's audited consolidated financial statements for years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013).

During 2014, the Company also closed a short form prospectus in connection with a marketed offering of units of the Company ("2014 Offering"). Each Unit consisted of one Common Share and one share purchase warrant (the "Offering Warrant"). Each Offering Warrant entitles the holder thereof to purchase one Common Share at an exercise price of CAD \$0.40 (\$0.37) per Common Share on or before the date that is 36 months following the closing date. The Company issued 50,555,000 Units at a price of CAD \$0.20 (\$0.18) per Unit, for aggregate proceeds of approximately \$9.2 million pursuant to the 2014 Offering. The agents were paid a cash commission of \$0.2 million as well as \$0.5 million representing 5.0% of the gross proceeds. Other expenses related to the offering of Units amounted to approximately \$0.3 million. The fair value of the Offering Warrants issued was netted against proceeds from share capital and estimated at \$2.6 million using a Black-Scholes option pricing model (the assumptions used for the model are discussed in the notes accompanying the Company's audited consolidated financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013). The Company has used the funds received from the 2014 Offering to fund its acquisition and processing of seismic data in connection with evaluating Nigeria and West Africa Transform Margin opportunities and for general and administrative expenses and corporate development, as originally disclosed.

Currently, the Company does not have material cash inflows and/or adequate financing to develop profitable operations. The Company is pursuing exploration projects that, if successful, will require substantial additional financing before they are able to generate positive cash flows. Accordingly, the Company's planned growth and future development activities are dependent on its ability to obtain additional financing. There is no assurance that the Company will be able to obtain adequate financing in the future or that such financing will be obtained on terms advantageous to the Company.

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## ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

### SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICY CHANGES\*

#### *Change in Functional and Presentation Currency*

Effective January 1, 2015, the functional currency was changed from CAD to USD for the Company. The measurement change is due to the focus of the Company in sub-Saharan Africa, for which costs are denominated in USD. As a result of the Company's focus in areas with USD functional currencies, the Company has also re-denominated the intercompany debt agreements to USD.

Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the exchange rate prevailing on the transaction date. At each period end, monetary assets and liabilities denominated in a foreign currency are translated at the exchange rate prevailing at the period end date. All differences are recognized in net earnings. Non-monetary assets, liabilities and transactions denominated in a foreign currency and measured at historical cost are translated at the exchange rate in effect at the transaction date. Non-monetary items measured at fair value are translated using the exchange rates at the date when the fair value was determined.

For the purpose of consolidation, assets and liabilities of foreign subsidiaries are translated from their functional currency to USD using the exchange rate prevailing at the period end date. The statements of comprehensive loss and cash flows are translated using the average exchange rates for the period. Foreign exchange differences resulting from such transactions are recorded in Shareholders' Equity as accumulated other comprehensive income.

The change in presentation currency is to better reflect the Company's business activities and to improve investors' ability to compare the Company's financial results. This change has been applied retrospectively as if the new presentation currency had always been the Company's presentation currency. The statements of comprehensive income (loss) were translated at the average exchange rates for the reporting period or at the exchange rate prevailing at the date of the transaction. Exchange differences arising on translation were taken into cumulative translation adjustment in shareholder's equity. As a result, the effect on the Company's financial disclosure is that previously released disclosure of the Company may not be comparable to disclosure released by the Company after the date of adoption of this change in presentation currency. For comparative balances, assets and liabilities are translated at the rate prevailing at the reporting date. Management does not expect that this change in presentation currency will have an effect on the business of the company.

## SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICY CHANGES (CONTINUED)

*Change in Functional and Presentation Currency (continued)*

For comparative purposes, the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2014 and January 1, 2014 includes adjustments to reflect the change in accounting policy resulting from the change in presentation currency to USD. The amounts previously reported in CAD as shown below have been translated into USD at the December 31, 2014 and January 1, 2014 exchange rate. The effect of the translation is as follows:

| <b>As at January 1, 2014</b> (\$ 000's) | <b>As previously reported CAD</b> | <b>As translated into USD</b> |
|---|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Current assets                          | \$ 2,762                          | \$ 2,599                      |
| Non-current assets                      | 17,753                            | 16,693                        |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                     | <b>\$ 20,515</b>                  | <b>\$ 19,292</b>              |
| Current liabilities                     | 1,859                             | 1,747                         |
| Non-current liabilities                 | -                                 | -                             |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>                | <b>\$ 1,859</b>                   | <b>\$ 1,747</b>               |
| <b>As at December 31, 2014</b>          |                                   |                               |
| Current assets                          | \$ 6,035                          | \$ 5,203                      |
| Non-current assets                      | 19,137                            | 16,502                        |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                     | <b>\$ 25,172</b>                  | <b>\$ 21,705</b>              |
| Current liabilities                     | 1,601                             | 1,380                         |
| Non-current liabilities                 | 66                                | 57                            |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>                | <b>\$ 1,667</b>                   | <b>\$ 1,437</b>               |

For comparative purposes, the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Loss for the period ended March 31, 2014 includes adjustments to reflect the change in accounting policy resulting from the change in presentation currency to USD. The amounts previously reported in CAD as shown below have been translated into USD at the 2014 average exchange rate or the rate in effect at the date of the transaction. The effect of the translation is as follows:

| <b>For the three months ended March 31, 2014</b> (\$ 000's)      | <b>As previously reported CAD</b> | <b>As translated into USD</b> |
|--|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Pre-license costs  | \$ (282)                          | \$ (255)                      |
| Administrative   | (1,337)                           | (1,224)                       |
| Depreciation   | (17)                              | (16)                          |
| Interest income  | 6                                 | 5                             |
| Foreign exchange gain  | 638                               | 578                           |
| Net loss   | (992)                             | (912)                         |
| Gain (loss) due to presentation currency                         | 33                                | (618)                         |
| <b>Comprehensive Loss for the period</b>                         | <b>\$ (959)</b>                   | <b>\$ (1,530)</b>             |
| <b>Loss and Comprehensive Loss per share (basic and diluted)</b> | <b>\$(0.00)</b>                   | <b>\$(0.00)</b>               |

\* This section contains forward-looking information. Please see the "Forward-looking Information and Statements" section (at the beginning of this document) for a discussion of risks and uncertainties relating to such information.

### **CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES**

The preparation of the financial statements requires the Company to make estimates, assumptions and judgements in applying the Company's accounting policies and practices, which may have a significant impact on the financial results reported by the Company. Actual results could differ from estimated amounts, and those differences may be material. A comprehensive discussion of the Company's significant critical accounting estimates is contained in the audited consolidated financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013.

### **DISCLOSURE CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

The Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have designed disclosure controls and procedures ("DC&P"), or caused it to be designed under their supervision, to provide reasonable assurance that material information relating to the Company is made known to them by others, particularly during the period in which the annual filings are being prepared, and information required to be disclosed by the Company in its annual filings, interim filings or other reports filed or submitted by it under securities legislation is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in securities legislation. Management of COPL, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, evaluate the effectiveness of the Company's DC&P annually.

### **INTERNAL CONTROLS OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING**

The Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer are responsible for establishing and maintaining internal control over financial reporting ("ICFR"). They have designed ICFR, or caused it to be designed under their supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with IFRS.

No material changes in the Company's ICFR were identified during the three month period ended March 31, 2015, that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect the Company's ICFR. It should be noted that a control system, including the Company's disclosure and internal controls procedures, no matter how well conceived, can provide only reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control system will be met and it should not be expected the disclosure and internal control procedures will prevent all errors or fraud. In reaching a reasonable level of assurance, management necessarily is required to apply its judgment in evaluating the cost/benefit relationship of possible controls and procedures.

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