

# **GobiMin Inc.**

*(Incorporated in Canada under the Canada Business Corporations Act)*

## **Condensed Interim Financial Statements (Unaudited)**

**September 30, 2012**

*(Expressed in United States Dollars except where otherwise noted)*

*Notice to readers:*

*The financial statements and the accompanying notes thereto contained in this report have been prepared by the management and have not been reviewed or audited by the Company's external auditor.*

**GobiMin Inc.**  
**Condensed Interim Statement of Financial Position (Unaudited)**  
**As at September 30, 2012**  
*(Expressed in United States Dollars)*

	September 30, 2012	December 31, 2011
	\$	\$
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 6)	50,255,823	62,305,634
Prepayments, deposits and other receivables (Note 7)	2,270,773	19,341,000
Amounts due from associates (Note 8)	1,136,424	5,511,765
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>53,663,020</b>	<b>87,158,399</b>
<b>Non-current</b>		
Property, plant and equipment (Note 11)	1,719,873	1,185,256
Investment properties (Note 12)	2,472,576	2,571,094
Exploration and evaluation assets (Note 13)	24,843,822	11,718,902
Interest in a jointly-controlled entity (Note 14)	812,340	857,696
Interests in associates (Note 15)	2,360,956	2,113,541
Other financial assets (Note 16)	25,753,335	14,106,188
Amounts due from related parties (Note 9)	580,150	920,461
<b>Total non-current assets</b>	<b>58,543,052</b>	<b>33,473,138</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>112,206,072</b>	<b>120,631,537</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Other payables, receipts in advance and accrued liabilities (Note 18)	24,121,342	28,250,606
Deferred gain on disposal of an associate (Note 17)	-	5,682,689
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>24,121,342</b>	<b>33,933,295</b>
<b>Non-Current</b>		
Other payables, receipts in advance and accrued liabilities (Note 18)	44,259	82,842
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>	<b>44,259</b>	<b>82,842</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>24,165,601</b>	<b>34,016,137</b>
<b>SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
Share capital (Note 20)	25,760,356	27,461,311
Reserves	61,010,650	57,342,166
<b>Equity attributable to shareholders of the Company</b>	<b>86,771,006</b>	<b>84,803,477</b>
Non-controlling interests (Note 21)	1,269,465	1,811,923
<b>Total shareholders' equity</b>	<b>88,040,471</b>	<b>86,615,400</b>
<b>Total liabilities and shareholders' equity</b>	<b>112,206,072</b>	<b>120,631,537</b>

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APPROVED BY THE BOARD ON NOVEMBER 26, 2012 AND SIGNED ON ITS BEHALF BY:

(Signed)  
**Felipe Tan**  
 Director

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**Hubert Marleau**  
 Director

**GobiMin Inc.**  
**Condensed Interim Statement of Comprehensive Income (Unaudited)**  
**For the quarter ended September 30, 2012**  
*(Expressed in United States Dollars)*

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Revenue	-	-	-	-
Cost of sales	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	-	-	-	-
Selling and distribution cost	-	-	-	-
<b>Gross profit</b>	-	-	-	-
Other revenue and gains (Note 22)	<b>194,738</b>	181,899	<b>1,143,380</b>	558,695
General and administrative expenses	<b>(1,805,693)</b>	(952,541)	<b>(3,874,871)</b>	(2,795,228)
Share-based compensation	<b>(92,951)</b>	(48,845)	<b>(301,610)</b>	(157,540)
Share of results of a jointly-controlled entity (Note 14)	<b>(1,038)</b>	546	<b>3,221</b>	2,706
Share of results of associates (Note 15)	<b>400,915</b>	439,746	<b>584,504</b>	396,588
<b>Operating loss</b>	<b>(1,304,029)</b>	(379,195)	<b>(2,445,286)</b>	(1,994,779)
Gain on disposal of an associate (Note 5)	<b>5,960,192</b>	8,212,258	<b>5,960,192</b>	8,212,258
Exchange gain/(loss)	<b>50,873</b>	(90,106)	<b>10,725</b>	(140,864)
Finance costs (Note 23)	<b>(2,197)</b>	(801)	<b>(8,159)</b>	(6,703)
<b>Profit before income tax</b>	<b>4,704,839</b>	7,742,156	<b>3,517,472</b>	6,069,912
Income tax	-	-	-	-
<b>Profit for the period</b>	<b>4,704,839</b>	7,742,156	<b>3,517,472</b>	6,069,912
<b>Other comprehensive income, net of tax</b>				
Foreign currency translation differences	<b>(85,536)</b>	(86,364)	<b>(85,536)</b>	(85,825)
<b>Total comprehensive income for the period</b>	<b>4,619,303</b>	7,655,792	<b>3,431,936</b>	5,984,087
<b>Profit for the period attributable to:</b>				
Shareholders of the Company	<b>5,074,408</b>	7,804,432	<b>4,059,930</b>	6,305,077
Non-controlling interests (Note 21)	<b>(369,569)</b>	(62,276)	<b>(542,458)</b>	(235,165)
	<b>4,704,839</b>	7,742,156	<b>3,517,472</b>	6,069,912
<b>Total comprehensive profit for the period attributable to:</b>				
Shareholders of the Company	<b>4,988,872</b>	7,718,059	<b>3,974,394</b>	6,219,252
Non-controlling interests (Note 21)	<b>(369,569)</b>	(62,267)	<b>(542,458)</b>	(235,165)
	<b>4,619,303</b>	7,655,792	<b>3,431,936</b>	5,984,087
<b>Net earnings per share (Note 20.7)</b>				
Basic	<b>0.084</b>	0.123	<b>0.066</b>	0.099
Diluted	<b>0.084</b>	0.123	<b>0.066</b>	0.099
<b>Weighted average number of shares outstanding</b> (Note 20.7)				
Basic	<b>60,634,579</b>	63,415,490	<b>61,553,876</b>	63,966,509
Diluted	<b>60,634,579</b>	63,415,490	<b>61,564,324</b>	63,966,509

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**GobiMin Inc.**  
**Condensed Interim Statement of Changes in Equity (Unaudited)**  
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	Attributed to shareholders of the Company						Non-controlling interests Note 21	Total equity
	Share capital Note 20.1	Contributed surplus	Share option reserve	General reserve Note 20.3	Translation reserve Note 20.4	Retained earnings		
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Balance as at January 1, 2011</b>	<b>28,874,192</b>	<b>2,596,106</b>	<b>1,148,611</b>	<b>7,666</b>	<b>1,561,563</b>	<b>48,952,863</b>	<b>2,074,543</b>	<b>85,215,544</b>
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	6,069,912	-	6,069,912
Foreign currency translation differences	-	-	-	-	(85,825)	-	-	(85,825)
Total comprehensive (loss)/income	-	-	-	-	(85,825)	6,069,912	-	5,984,087
Dividend paid (Note 24)	-	-	-	-	-	(641,006)	-	(641,006)
Shares repurchased	(2,624,706)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(2,624,706)
Options cancelled	-	-	(649,747)	-	-	649,194	-	(553)
Share-based compensation	-	-	157,540	-	-	-	-	157,540
Contribution by minority shareholder	-	-	-	-	-	235,165	(235,165)	-
<b>Balance as at September 30, 2011</b>	<b>26,249,486</b>	<b>2,596,106</b>	<b>656,404</b>	<b>7,666</b>	<b>1,475,738</b>	<b>55,266,128</b>	<b>1,839,378</b>	<b>88,090,906</b>
<b>Balance as at January 1, 2012</b>	<b>27,461,311</b>	<b>2,468,142</b>	<b>701,260</b>	<b>7,666</b>	<b>3,395,392</b>	<b>50,769,706</b>	<b>1,811,923</b>	<b>86,615,400</b>
Profit/(loss) for the period	-	-	-	-	-	4,059,930	(542,458)	3,517,472
Foreign currency translation differences	-	-	-	-	(85,536)	-	-	(85,536)
Total comprehensive (loss)/income	-	-	-	-	(85,536)	4,059,930	(542,458)	3,431,936
Dividend paid (Note 24)	-	-	-	-	-	(607,520)	-	(607,520)
Shares repurchased	(1,700,955)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,700,955)
Options cancelled	-	-	(9,786)	-	-	9,786	-	-
Share-based compensation	-	-	301,610	-	-	-	-	301,610
<b>Balance as at September 30, 2012</b>	<b>25,760,356</b>	<b>2,468,142</b>	<b>993,084</b>	<b>7,666</b>	<b>3,309,856</b>	<b>54,231,902</b>	<b>1,269,465</b>	<b>88,040,471</b>

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**GobiMin Inc.**  
**Condensed Interim Statement of Cash Flows (Unaudited)**  
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	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b><u>Operating activities</u></b>				
Earnings for the period	4,704,839	7,742,156	3,517,472	6,069,912
Adjustments for items not involving cash:				
- Depreciation	111,539	80,629	322,200	260,378
- Share-based compensation	92,951	48,845	301,610	157,540
- Share of results of a jointly-controlled entity	1,038	(546)	(3,221)	(2,706)
- Share of results of associates	(400,915)	(439,746)	(584,504)	(396,588)
- Interest income	(146,203)	(139,434)	(716,627)	(397,424)
- Interest expense	1,174	-	3,953	3,793
- Exchange difference	(50,873)	90,106	(10,725)	140,864
- Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	-	-	(275,033)	-
- Gain on disposal of an associate	(5,960,192)	(8,212,258)	(5,960,192)	(8,212,258)
	<b>(1,646,642)</b>	<b>(830,248)</b>	<b>(3,405,067)</b>	<b>(2,376,489)</b>
Change in non-cash working capital items:				
- Silver bullion	-	-	-	9,549,402
- Prepayments, deposits and other receivables	136,107	409,963	(695,557)	(257,065)
- Amounts due from associates	3,235,038	(3,832,076)	4,375,341	(5,444,299)
- Amounts due from related parties	-	(40,319)	-	(77,790)
- Other payables, receipts in advance and accrued liabilities	(2,329,231)	2,574,630	(3,512,672)	2,278,428
<b>Net cash (used in)/from operating activities</b>	<b>(604,728)</b>	<b>(1,718,050)</b>	<b>(3,237,955)</b>	<b>3,672,187</b>
<b><u>Financing activities</u></b>				
Interest paid	(1,174)	-	(3,953)	-
Shares repurchased	(694,976)	(195,928)	(1,700,955)	(2,624,707)
Repayment of obligations under finance lease	(11,188)	(6,178)	(37,361)	(18,238)
Dividend paid	-	-	(607,520)	(641,006)
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>	<b>(707,338)</b>	<b>(202,106)</b>	<b>(2,349,789)</b>	<b>(3,283,951)</b>
<b><u>Investing activities</u></b>				
Interest received	146,203	139,434	716,627	397,424
Dividend received	-	-	385,667	-
Additions of held-to-maturity financial assets	(205,770)	-	(205,770)	-
Additions of property, plant and equipment	(206,071)	(5,325,270)	(826,710)	(5,526,680)
Additions of exploration and evaluation assets	(5,999,680)	-	(6,020,856)	-
Final payment of mining licence fee	(873,487)	-	(873,487)	-
Proceeds from disposal of an associate	-	30,347,490	-	30,347,490
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	-	-	447,998	-
<b>Net cash (used in)/from investing activities</b>	<b>(7,138,805)</b>	<b>25,161,654</b>	<b>(6,376,531)</b>	<b>25,218,234</b>
<b>(Decrease)/Increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>(8,450,871)</b>	<b>23,241,498</b>	<b>(11,964,275)</b>	<b>25,606,470</b>
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	(85,536)	(86,364)	(85,536)	(85,825)
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period</b>	<b>58,792,230</b>	<b>39,808,289</b>	<b>62,305,634</b>	<b>37,442,778</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of period</b>	<b>50,255,823</b>	<b>62,963,423</b>	<b>50,255,823</b>	<b>62,963,423</b>

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**Notes to Condensed Interim Financial Statements**  
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**1. CORPORATE INFORMATION**

GobiMin Inc. (the “Company” or “GobiMin”) is a limited liability company incorporated in Canada under the Canada Business Corporations Act. It is listed on the TSX Venture Exchange, having the symbol GMN-V, as a Tier 2 mining issuer. Its registered office is situated at Suite 1250, 120 Adelaide Street West, Toronto, Ontario M5H 1T1, Canada.

The Company together with its subsidiaries (collectively the “Group”) is engaged in the development, exploration and exploitation of mineral properties mainly in the Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region (“Xinjiang”) of the People’s Republic of China (“China”).

**2. BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

These condensed interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standard 34, Interim Financial Reporting (“IAS 34”), with disclosure and accounting policies consistent with International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”) issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (“IASB”).

**3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The accounting policies applied in these condensed interim financial statements are consistent with the policies disclosed in Notes 2 and 3 of the consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2011, except for the change referred to in Note 4 below. Accounting principles for interim consolidated financial statements do not conform in all respects to the disclosures required for annual consolidated financial statements and, accordingly, these condensed interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Company’s consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2011. In the opinion of management, all adjustments considered necessary for the fair presentation of results for the periods presented have been reflected in these unaudited interim financial statements. These adjustments consist only of normal recurring adjustments. Operating results for these interim periods are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the full financial year ending December 31, 2012.

**4. FUTURE CHANGES IN SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

At the date of authorisation of these condensed interim financial statements, the following standards and interpretations, potentially relevant to the Group’s financial statements, were issued but not yet effective and have not been early adopted by the Group.

<b>Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting</b>	<b>Issue Date</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
<b>IFRS 9</b> - Financial Instruments: Amendments to provide guidance on the classification and reclassification of financial liabilities, their measurement and the presentation of gains and losses on financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit and loss.	October 2010 & Updated on November 2011	Annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2015
<b>IAS 12</b> - Income Taxes: Amendments regarding Deferred Tax: Recovery of Underlying Assets to provide a practical approach for measuring deferred tax liabilities and deferred tax assets when investment property is measured using the fair value model.	December 2010	Annual periods beginning on or after July 1, 2012

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<b>Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting</b>	<b>Issue Date</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
<b>IFRS 10</b> - Consolidated Financial Statements: This standard replaces the current IAS 27 Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements. The standard identifies the concept of control as the determining factor in whether an entity should be included within the consolidated financial statements of the parent company.	May 2011	Annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2013
<b>IFRS 12</b> - Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities: This standard requires disclosures relating to an entity's interests in subsidiaries.	May 2011	Annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2013
<b>IFRS 13</b> - Fair Value Measurements: This standard defines fair value, provides guidance on its determination and introduces consistent requirements for disclosures on fair value measurements.	May 2011	Annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2013
<b>Amendments to IAS 1</b> - Presentation of Items of Other Comprehensive Income: The amendment provides guidance on the presentation of items contained in other comprehensive income ("OCI") and their classification within OCI.	May 2011	Annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2013
<b>IAS 28</b> - Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures: This standard describes the application of the equity method to investments. The amendment includes the application of equity method in joint ventures in addition to associates.	May 2011	Annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2013
<b>IFRS 11</b> - Joint Arrangements: This standard addresses inconsistencies in the reporting of joint arrangements by requiring a single method to account for interests in jointly-controlled entities.	September 2011	Annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2013
<b>IFRIC 20</b> – Stripping Costs in the Production Phase of a Surface Mine establishes when the costs incurred to remove mine waste materials to gain access to mineral ore deposits during the production phase of a surface mine should lead to the recognition of an asset and how that asset should be measured.	November 2011	Annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2013

**5. GAIN ON DISPOSAL OF AN ASSOCIATE**

Pursuant to the share transfer agreement dated July 14, 2010 and the related supplemental agreements, the Group disposed of its 32% equity interest in the Yanxi Copper Property on July 22, 2010 while retaining an 8% indirect unlisted equity interest. The Group has received a total consideration of \$33,333,333 (HKD259,000,000), comprising the cash consideration of \$7,722,007 (HKD60,000,000) and the convertible bonds with principal amount of \$25,611,326 (HKD199,000,000) when the final payment was received upon receipt of the Yanxi Mining Licence in August 2012. After deducting the cost of investments, provision of mining licence fee and related tax and expenses of \$27,373,141, the disposal resulted in a gain of \$5,960,192 in this quarter.

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For the period ended September 30, 2011, the Group has entered into an agreement to dispose of all its 49% equity interest in Hami Coal Corporation, through which the Group owned a 24.49% indirect equity interest in the Balikun Coal Project in Xinjiang, China. Pursuant to the agreement, a total consideration of approximately \$30.35 million (RMB200,000,000) was received, including the repayment to the Group of the loans previously made for the Balikun Coal Project. The disposal was completed in September 2011.

<b>For the three months ended</b>	<b>September 30, 2012</b>	<b>September 30, 2011</b>
	\$	\$
Share of net assets of an associate	<b>861,128</b>	5,234,226
Amount payable to holders of 48% equity interest of the associate, mining licence fee, provision of tax and related expenses for the Yanxi Copper Property	<b>26,512,013</b>	-
Repayment of loans made for the Balikun Coal Project	-	16,901,006
<b>Gain on disposal of an associate</b>	<b>5,960,192</b>	8,212,258
<b>Consideration from disposal</b>	<b>33,333,333</b>	30,347,490

**6. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

Cash and cash equivalents held in different locations:

<b>Bank location</b>	<b>Denominated Currency</b>	<b>September 30, 2012</b>	<b>December 31, 2011</b>
		\$	\$
Canada	CAD	<b>104,059</b>	87,226
Hong Kong	HKD	<b>26,507,600</b>	27,709,519
China	RMB	<b>23,644,164</b>	34,508,889
<b>Total</b>		<b>50,255,823</b>	62,305,634

The RMB is not freely convertible into other currencies. However, under China's Foreign Exchange Control Regulations and Administration of Settlement, Sale and Payment of Foreign Exchange Regulations, the Company is permitted to exchange RMB for other currencies through banks authorised to conduct foreign exchange business.

The fair market values of cash and cash equivalents approximate their carrying values at the respective reporting date.

**7. PREPAYMENTS, DEPOSITS AND OTHER RECEIVABLES**

<b>As at</b>	<b>September 30, 2012</b>	<b>December 31, 2011</b>
	\$	\$
Prepayments	<b>124,165</b>	968,805
Deposits	<b>1,980,792</b>	6,755,849
Other receivables	<b>165,816</b>	11,616,346
	<b>2,270,773</b>	19,341,000

**8. AMOUNTS DUE FROM ASSOCIATES**

As at September 30, 2012, all the amounts due from associates are the advance to China Precision Material Limited ("China Precision"), in which the Group has an indirect equity interest of 48.02%. Such advance is unsecured, bears interest rate at 2% per annum and has no fixed repayment terms.



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As at December 31, 2011, the amounts due from associates are \$5,511,765, of which \$5,157,729 is the advance made to China Precision. Such advance is unsecured, bears interest rate at 2% per annum and has no fixed repayment terms. The remaining balance of \$354,036 represented the interest payable by China Precision and the current account with CPM Silver Limited which are unsecured, interest-free and with no fixed repayment terms. The Group has an indirect equity interest of 48.02% in CPM Silver Limited.

**9. AMOUNTS DUE FROM RELATED PARTIES**

- (a) A deposit of \$79,408 (December 31, 2011: \$419,719) has been paid to the non-controlling shareholder of an associate for the exploration services on its exploration projects.
- (b) A deposit of \$500,742 (December 31, 2011: \$500,742) has been paid to a non-controlling shareholder of a non-wholly owned subsidiary for exploration services.

The balances with related parties were unsecured, interest-free and without fixed repayment term.

**10. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

**10.1 Key management compensation**

The remuneration of key management and directors is as follows:

<b>For the nine months ended</b>	<b>September 30, 2012</b>	September 30, 2011
	\$	\$
Fees and other emoluments	<b>734,071</b>	409,758
Share-based compensation	<b>270,219</b>	110,376
	<b>1,004,290</b>	520,134

**10.2 Related party transactions**

In addition to the transactions detailed elsewhere in these financial statements, the Group entered into the following transactions with related companies:

<b>For the nine months ended</b>	<b>September 30, 2012</b>	September 30, 2011
	\$	\$
<b><u>Related party relationship</u></b>	<b><u>Type of transactions</u></b>	
Company controlled by a director	Rental income	<b>19,058</b>
An associate	Loan interest income	19,058
Associates and a jointly-controlled entity	Dividend income	<b>156,761</b>
		242,667
		<b>385,667</b>
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**10.3 Advances to other related parties**

Advances made by the Group to related parties were disclosed as amounts due from associates and related parties in Notes 8 and 9 respectively.

Other than the aforementioned, there were no other significant related party transactions requiring disclosure in the financial statements.

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**11. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT**

	Leasehold land & building	Leasehold improvements	Furniture, fixture & equipment	Computer hardware & equipment	Motor vehicles	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Cost:</b>						
<b>Balance at January 1, 2011</b>	423,786	121,135	306,993	637	847,074	1,699,625
Exchange differences	23,135	-	13,496	29	29,140	65,800
Additions	4,007	-	53,288	-	150,972	208,267
Disposals	-	-	(872)	-	(184,014)	(184,886)
<b>Balance at December 31, 2011</b>	<b>450,928</b>	<b>121,135</b>	<b>372,905</b>	<b>666</b>	<b>843,172</b>	<b>1,788,806</b>
Reclassification from exploration and evaluation assets	104,553	-	-	-	-	104,553
Additions	206,072	-	4,347	-	616,292	826,711
Disposals	-	-	-	-	(373,322)	(373,322)
<b>Balance at September 30, 2012</b>	<b>761,553</b>	<b>121,135</b>	<b>377,252</b>	<b>666</b>	<b>1,086,142</b>	<b>2,346,748</b>
<b>Depreciation and impairment losses:</b>						
<b>Balance at January 1, 2011</b>	10,319	104,311	43,484	127	388,748	546,989
Exchange differences	482	-	1,253	6	9,720	11,461
Depreciation for the year	24,383	16,824	47,533	133	138,896	227,769
Disposals	-	-	(215)	-	(182,454)	(182,669)
<b>Balance at December 31, 2011</b>	<b>35,184</b>	<b>121,135</b>	<b>92,055</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>354,910</b>	<b>603,550</b>
Depreciation for the period	26,514	-	39,366	89	157,714	223,683
Disposals	-	-	-	-	(200,358)	(200,358)
<b>Balance at September 30, 2012</b>	<b>61,698</b>	<b>121,135</b>	<b>131,421</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>312,266</b>	<b>626,875</b>
<b>Net book value:</b>						
<b>At January 1, 2011</b>	<b>413,467</b>	<b>16,824</b>	<b>263,509</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>458,326</b>	<b>1,152,636</b>
<b>At December 31, 2011</b>	<b>415,744</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>280,850</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>488,262</b>	<b>1,185,256</b>
<b>At September 30, 2012</b>	<b>699,855</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>245,831</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>773,876</b>	<b>1,719,873</b>

At September 30, 2012, the net carrying amount of property, plant and equipment of the Group includes motor vehicles of \$113,771 (December 31, 2011: \$164,674) held under finance leases. None of the leases includes contingent rentals. During the quarter ended September 30, 2012, no additions to motor vehicles of the Group were financed by new finance leases (December 31, 2011: \$140,026).

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**12. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES**

<b>Cost:</b>	\$
<b>Balance at January 1, 2011</b>	2,593,585
Exchange differences	144,305
Additions	27,756
<b>Balance at December 31, 2011 and September 30, 2012</b>	<b>2,765,646</b>

<b>Depreciation and impairment losses:</b>	
<b>Balance at January 1, 2011</b>	61,593
Exchange differences	2,872
Depreciation for the year	130,087
<b>Balance at December 31, 2011</b>	<b>194,552</b>
Depreciation for the period	98,518
<b>Balance at September 30, 2012</b>	<b>293,070</b>

<b>Net book value:</b>	
<b>At January 1, 2011</b>	<b>2,531,992</b>
<b>At December 31, 2011</b>	<b>2,571,094</b>
<b>At September 30, 2012</b>	<b>2,472,576</b>

Investment properties comprised commercial properties in China that are leased to third parties and related parties (Note 10.2). Investment properties are stated at cost less subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses, if any. Investment properties are depreciated on a straight-line basis over 20 years. The Group's investment properties are located in China and are under a remaining lease term of 39 years.

The estimated fair value of the Group's investment properties at September 30, 2012 was approximately \$4,269,019 (December 31, 2011: \$4,269,019). The estimated fair value has been arrived at based on management assessment by reference to recent market prices for similar properties in the same locations and conditions.

**13. EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION ASSETS**

	<b>Mining rights</b>	<b>Others</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Cost:</b>	\$	\$	\$
<b>Balance at January 1, 2011</b>	1,037,717	1,138,031	2,175,748
Exchange differences	48,409	53,078	101,487
Additions	-	9,441,667	9,441,667
<b>Balance at December 31, 2011</b>	<b>1,086,126</b>	<b>10,632,776</b>	<b>11,718,902</b>
Additions	7,034,237	6,195,236	13,229,473
Reclassification to property, plant and equipment	-	(104,553)	(104,553)
<b>Balance at September 30, 2012</b>	<b>8,120,363</b>	<b>16,723,459</b>	<b>24,843,822</b>

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	Mining rights	Others	Total
<b>Depreciation and impairment losses:</b>			
Balance at January 1, 2011, December 31, 2011 and September 30, 2012	-	-	-
<b>Net carrying amount:</b>			
At January 1, 2011	1,037,717	1,138,031	2,175,748
At December 31, 2011	1,086,126	10,632,776	11,718,902
At September 30, 2012	8,120,363	16,723,459	24,843,822

- (1) The mining rights represent the mining and exploration rights of Sawayaerdun Gold Project which is located 200 km northwest of the city of Kashi, western Xinjiang, China. The mining licence was granted for an initial period of 8 years and the exploration licence was granted for an initial period of 1.5 years. As at September 30, 2012, the remaining valid period of the mining licence is 6 years and exploration licence is 1 year.
- (2) Others represent the geological and geophysical costs, mine site and facilities construction, drilling and exploration expenses for the Sawayaerdun Gold Project.

**14. INTEREST IN A JOINTLY-CONTROLLED ENTITY**

As at	September 30, 2012	December 31, 2011
	\$	\$
Share of net assets	812,340	857,696

As at	September 30, 2012	December 31, 2011
	\$	\$
Current assets	1,606,773	1,707,862
Non-current assets	19,715	19,984
Current liabilities	(1,808)	(12,454)
Non-current liabilities	-	-
Net assets	1,624,680	1,715,392

For the nine months ended September 30	2012	2011
	\$	\$
Income	15,840	7,964
Expenses	(9,399)	(2,003)
Profit before income tax	6,441	5,961
Income tax	-	(549)
Profit for the period	6,441	5,412
<b>Group's share of results of a jointly-controlled entity for the period</b>	<b>3,221</b>	<b>2,706</b>
<b>Dividend received from a jointly-controlled entity for the period</b>	<b>(48,577)</b>	<b>-</b>

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Detail of the jointly-controlled entity as at September 30, 2012:

<b>Company name</b>	<b>Place of incorporation</b>	<b>Total issued and paid-up capital</b>	<b>Attributable interest held by the Company</b>	<b>Principal activities</b>
新疆興亞礦業有限公司 Xinjiang Xinya Minerals Ltd. <sup>1</sup>	Xinjiang, China	RMB10,000,000	50%	Exploration of lead and zinc

Note (1): unofficial English name translated from Chinese registered name of the company.

**15. INTERESTS IN ASSOCIATES**

<b>As at</b>	<b>September 30, 2012</b>	<b>December 31, 2011</b>
	\$	\$
Share of net assets	<b>2,360,956</b>	2,113,541

<b>As at</b>	<b>September 30, 2012</b>	<b>December 31, 2011</b>
	\$	\$
Total assets	<b>14,778,922</b>	23,199,655
Total liabilities	<b>(9,329,498)</b>	(18,180,303)
Net assets	<b>5,449,424</b>	5,019,352

<b>For the nine months ended</b>	<b>September 30, 2012</b>	<b>September 30, 2011</b>
	\$	\$
Revenue	<b>86,194,436</b>	151,048,030
Profit for the period	<b>1,220,133</b>	963,758

<b>Group's share of results of associates for the period</b>	<b>584,504</b>	396,588
<b>Dividend received from associates for the period</b>	<b>(337,089)</b>	-

Particulars of associates as at September 30, 2012:

<b>Company name</b>	<b>Place of incorporation</b>	<b>Total issued and paid-up capital</b>	<b>Attributable interest held by the Company</b>	<b>Principal activities</b>
China Precision Material Limited	Hong Kong, China	HKD10,000,000	48.02%	Trading of Silver
CPM Silver Limited	Hong Kong, China	HKD10,000	48.02%	Processing of Silver
United Bridge Limited	Hong Kong, China	HKD10,000	48.02%	Investment
新疆同安礦業有限公司 Xinjiang Tongan Minerals Ltd. <sup>1</sup>	Xinjiang, China	RMB5,000,000	40.00%	Exploration of gold and copper
新疆天宏礦業有限公司 Xinjiang Tianhong Minerals Ltd. <sup>1</sup>	Xinjiang, China	RMB10,000,000	40.00%	Exploration of nickel and copper

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<b>Company name</b>	<b>Place of incorporation</b>	<b>Total issued and paid-up capital</b>	<b>Attributable interest held by the Company</b>	<b>Principal activities</b>
新疆同德礦業有限公司 Xinjiang Tongde Minerals Ltd. <sup>1</sup>	Xinjiang, China	RMB10,000,000	40.00%	Exploration of nickel and copper

Note (1): unofficial English name translated from Chinese registered name of the company.

**16. OTHER FINANCIAL ASSETS**

<b>As at</b>	<b>Note</b>	<b>September 30, 2012</b>	<b>December 31, 2011</b>
		\$	\$
Convertible bonds	(16.1)	<b>24,523,052</b>	13,068,740
Held-to-maturity listed debentures	(16.2)	<b>1,035,190</b>	829,420
Available-for-sale financial asset	(16.3)	<b>195,093</b>	208,028
<b>Total</b>		<b>25,753,335</b>	14,106,188

**16.1 Convertible bonds**

Represents the convertible bonds with principal amount of \$25.6 million (HKD199,000,000) (December 31, 2011: \$14.2 million (HKD110,000,000)) issued by China Daye Non-Ferrous Metals Mining Limited (“China Daye”) as partial payment of the consideration for the disposal of the 32% equity interest in the Yanxi Copper Property. The convertible bonds is stated at \$24,523,052 (December 31, 2011: \$13,068,740) based on the fair value as determined by an independent professional valuator as at December 31, 2011 and the management estimates.

**16.2 Held-to-maturity listed debentures**

Represents the held-to-maturity listed debentures held by the Group at quarter end and year end.

**16.3 Available-for-sale financial asset**

The Group owns a 8% indirect equity interest in Xinjiang Tongxing Minerals Ltd. (“Tongxing”) which is engaged in exploration and development of the Yanxi Copper Property. Since the equity interest in Tongxing does not have a quoted market price in an active market and its fair value cannot be reliably measured, it is measured at cost less any identified impairment loss (see also Note 17).

For the nine months ended September 30, 2012, the Group recorded an impairment loss for the available-for-sale financial asset of \$12,935 (for the year ended December 31, 2011: \$15,146), which was included in general and administrative expenses.

**17. DEFERRED GAIN ON DISPOSAL OF AN ASSOCIATE**

Pursuant to the share transfer agreement dated July 14, 2010 and the supplemental agreements dated December 30, 2010, August 30, 2011, January 30, 2012 and May 31, 2012, the Group disposed of its 32% equity interest in the Yanxi Copper Property on July 22, 2010 while retaining an 8% indirect unlisted equity interest. The Group received all the consideration upon receipt of the Yanxi Mining Licence in August 2012.

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As at December 31, 2011, the deferred gain on disposal of the 32% equity interest in the Yanxi Copper Property of approximately \$5.7 million represents the cash received of \$7.7 million, convertible bonds received of \$14.2 million, convertible bonds receivable of \$11.5 million, netted off against the share of net assets as at June 21, 2010 of \$0.9 million and those payables and accrued liabilities of \$22.1 million as set out in Note 18.

For the quarter ended September 30, 2012, the deferred gain on disposal was recognized as gain on disposal of an associate.

**18. OTHER PAYABLES, RECEIPTS IN ADVANCE AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES**

As at September 30, 2012, the balance of other payables are mainly the payable for the mining licence fee, tax, stamp duty and related payments of \$22.1 million arising on the disposal of the Yanxi Copper Property.

<b>As at</b>	<b>September 30, 2012</b>	December 31, 2011
	\$	\$
Other Payables	<b>23,721,487</b>	27,315,449
Receipts in advance	<b>89,466</b>	119,857
Deposit received	<b>157,704</b>	107,995
Accrued liabilities	<b>106,568</b>	662,410
Obligation under finance leases – current	<b>46,117</b>	44,895
	<b>24,121,342</b>	28,250,606

The Group's other payables, receipts in advance and accrued liabilities included obligation under finance leases of \$90,376 (December 31, 2011: \$127,737). Future lease payments are due as follows:

<b>As at September 30, 2012</b>	<b>Minimum lease payments</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Present value</b>
	\$	\$	\$
Within one year	<b>49,449</b>	<b>3,332</b>	<b>46,117</b>
In the second to fifth years inclusive	<b>45,328</b>	<b>1,069</b>	<b>44,259</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>94,777</b>	<b>4,401</b>	<b>90,376</b>

<b>As at December 31, 2011</b>	<b>Minimum lease payments</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Present value</b>
	\$	\$	\$
Within one year	49,555	4,660	44,895
In the second to fifth years inclusive	86,535	3,693	82,842
<b>Total</b>	136,090	8,353	127,737

<b>As at</b>	<b>September 30, 2012</b>	December 31, 2011
	\$	\$
Current liabilities	<b>46,117</b>	44,895
Non-current liabilities	<b>44,259</b>	82,842
<b>Total present value of future lease payments</b>	<b>90,376</b>	127,737

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**19. COMMITMENTS**

**19.1 Capital commitments**

<b>As at</b>			<b>September 30, 2012</b>	<b>December 31, 2011</b>
	<b>Contract Date</b>	<b>Contracted Sum</b>		
		<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
- Exploration and mining licences of the Sawayaerdun Gold Project	September 10, 2009	7,226,126	-	873,488
- Exploration services relating to the Sawayaerdun Gold Project	April 7, 2010	730,553	<b>229,811</b>	229,811
- Mine design and related facilities of the Sawayaerdun Gold Project	October 31, 2011	1,270,528	<b>629,687</b>	1,016,422
- Office building of the Sawayaerdun Gold Project	April 18, 2012	4,402,509	<b>2,031,070</b>	-
- Drilling and exploration services relating to the Sawayaerdun Gold Project	June 25, 2012	10,231,289	<b>7,223,869</b>	-
<b>Total</b>		23,861,005	<b>10,114,437</b>	2,119,721

**19.2 Operating lease commitments**

**(a) The Group as lessor**

The Group has entered into commercial property leases on its investment properties, with leases negotiated for terms ranging from one to five years.

At the end of reporting period, the Group had total future minimum lease receivables under non-cancellable operating leases with its tenants falling due as follows:

<b>As at</b>	<b>September 30, 2012</b>	<b>December 31, 2011</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Within one year	<b>79,487</b>	67,177
In the second to fifth years inclusive	<b>328,892</b>	240,164
<b>Total future minimum lease receivables</b>	<b>408,379</b>	307,341

**(b) The Group as lessee**

The Group has entered into commercial property leases on certain office premises, with leases negotiated for terms of three to nine years.

At the end of reporting period, the Group had total future minimum lease payables under non-cancellable operating leases with its landlords falling due as follows:



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As at	September 30, 2012	December 31, 2011
	\$	\$
Within one year	<b>259,928</b>	239,132
In the second to fifth years inclusive	<b>131,262</b>	346,458
After five years	<b>11,435</b>	9,720
<b>Total future minimum lease payables</b>	<b>402,625</b>	595,310

**20. SHARE CAPITAL AND STOCK OPTIONS**

**20.1 Common Shares**

	Number	Amount
<b>Authorised:</b>		\$
Unlimited number of common shares		
<b>Issued and outstanding:</b>		
<b>Balance, January 1, 2011</b>	65,890,837	28,874,192
Shares repurchased and cancelled	(3,294,541)	(1,412,881)
<b>Balance, December 31, 2011</b>	62,596,296	27,461,311
Shares repurchased and cancelled	(2,610,500)	<b>(1,700,955)</b>
<b>Balance, September 30, 2012</b>	<b>59,985,796</b>	<b>25,760,356</b>

**20.2 Preferred Shares**

The Company did not issue or authorise any preferred shares.

**20.3 General Reserve**

General reserve represents PRC statutory reserves maintained at the Group's PRC operating subsidiaries. There was no movement in reserves for the nine months ended September 30, 2012.

**20.4 Translation Reserve**

Translation reserve represents net unrealised exchange gain on translation of foreign operations.

**20.5 Normal Course Issuer Bid**

On January 20, 2012, GobiMin renewed its normal course issuer bid to repurchase on the TSX Venture Exchange up to an additional 3,129,814 common shares, representing approximately 5% of the then common shares outstanding. Purchases are made in accordance with applicable regulations over a maximum period of 12 months ending January 31, 2013. During the nine months ended September 30, 2012, a total of 2,610,500 common shares were repurchased at an aggregate cost of \$1,700,955 (CAD1,729,898). All shares repurchased are returned to treasury for cancellation.

**20.6 Stock Options**

On May 26, 2005, the Company adopted a resolution cancelling all of its outstanding stock option plans and creating a new stock option plan to grant options to its employees, directors and officers to purchase common shares. A number of 6,700,000 (December 31, 2011: 6,700,000) common shares were reserved for issuance pursuant to the exercise of options to be granted under the plan.

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(a) **Status of the outstanding employee stock options and changes during the period:**

	Nine months ended September 30, 2012		Nine months ended September 30, 2011	
	Number of Options	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Number of Options	Weighted Average Exercise Price
		\$		\$
<b>Outstanding, beginning of period</b>	<b>3,159,000</b>	<b>0.87</b>	2,519,400	1.14
Forfeited	(223,800)	3.25	(929,400)	1.15
<b>Outstanding, end of period</b>	<b>2,935,200</b>	<b>0.68</b>	1,590,000	1.13

(b) **Summary of the employee stock options outstanding and exercisable as at September 30, 2012:**

Exercise Price	Exercise Price	Number of Options Outstanding	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Number of Options Exercisable	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life	Weighted Average Exercise Price
CAD	\$		(Years)	\$		(Years)	\$
1.10	1.06	94,000	0.92	1.06	94,000	0.92	1.06
0.79	0.76	1,000,000	0.75	0.76	1,000,000	0.75	0.76
0.79	0.76	285,400	2.75	0.76	172,200	2.75	0.76
0.60	0.60	1,300,000	2.25	0.60	390,000	2.25	0.60
0.60	0.60	100,000	0.25	0.60	100,000	0.25	0.60
0.60	0.60	155,800	4.25	0.60	31,800	4.25	0.60
		2,935,200	1.78	0.68	1,788,000	1.31	0.73

- (i) The weighted average remaining contractual life for the share options exercisable as at September 30, 2012 is 1.31 years.
- (ii) The weighted average remaining contractual life for the share options outstanding as at September 30, 2012 is 1.78 years.
- (iii) The range of exercise price for options outstanding as at September 30, 2012 was \$0.60 to \$1.06.

(c) **Share-Based Compensation:**

The Company determines fair value of the employee stock options using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. In determining the fair value of these employee stock options, the following assumptions were used:

	September 30, 2012	December 31, 2011
Risk free interest rate:	<b>0.12%-0.88%</b>	0.12%-0.88%
Expected life:	<b>1-5 years</b>	1-5 years
Expected volatility:	<b>53%</b>	53%

The expected life of the stock options is based on historical data and current expectations and is not necessarily indicative of exercise patterns that may occur. The expected volatility reflects the assumptions that the historical volatility over a period similar to the life of the options is indicative of future trends, which may not necessarily be the actual outcome either.

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**20.7 Basic and Diluted Earnings Per Share**

<b>For the three months ended</b>	<b>September 30, 2012</b>	<b>September 30, 2011</b>
<b>Net earnings attributable to shareholders</b>		
Basic and diluted	\$5,074,408	\$7,804,432
<b>Weighted average number of shares outstanding</b>		
Basic	60,634,579	63,415,490
Effect of dilutive stock options and warrants	-	-
Diluted	60,634,579	63,415,490
<b>Basic earnings per share</b>	<b>\$0.084</b>	<b>\$0.123</b>
<b>Diluted earnings per share</b>	<b>\$0.084</b>	<b>\$0.123</b>

<b>For the nine months ended</b>	<b>September 30, 2012</b>	<b>September 30, 2011</b>
<b>Net earnings attributable to shareholders</b>		
Basic and diluted	\$4,059,930	\$6,305,077
<b>Weighted average number of shares outstanding</b>		
Basic	61,553,876	63,966,509
Effect of dilutive stock options and warrants	10,448	-
Diluted	61,564,324	63,966,509
<b>Basic earnings per share</b>	<b>\$0.066</b>	<b>\$0.099</b>
<b>Diluted earnings per share</b>	<b>\$0.066</b>	<b>\$0.099</b>

**21. NON-CONTROLLING INTERESTS**

Non-controlling interests represent the 30% (2011: 30%) equity interest in Tongyuan not held by the Group.

**22. OTHER REVENUE AND GAINS**

<b>For the three months ended</b>	<b>September 30, 2012</b>	<b>September 30, 2011</b>
	\$	\$
Interest income	146,203	139,434
Rental income	48,535	42,465
<b>Total other revenue and gains</b>	<b>194,738</b>	<b>181,899</b>

<b>For the nine months ended</b>	<b>September 30, 2012</b>	<b>September 30, 2011</b>
	\$	\$
Interest income	716,627	397,424
Rental income	151,720	161,271
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	275,033	-
<b>Total other revenue and gains</b>	<b>1,143,380</b>	<b>558,695</b>

**23. FINANCE COSTS**

<b>For the three months ended</b>	<b>September 30, 2012</b>	<b>September 30, 2011</b>
	\$	\$
Finance charge under finance leases	1,023	801
Bank charges	1,174	-
<b>Total finance costs</b>	<b>2,197</b>	<b>801</b>

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<b>For the nine months ended</b>	<b>September 30, 2012</b>	September 30, 2011
	\$	\$
Finance charge under finance leases	<b>4,206</b>	3,324
Bank charges	<b>3,953</b>	3,379
<b>Total finance costs</b>	<b>8,159</b>	6,703

**24. DIVIDEND PAID**

In May 2012, GobiMin paid an annual dividend of CAD0.01 per share for a total amount of \$607,520 (2011: \$641,006) in accordance with the Company's dividend policy and 2011 annual performance.

**25. SEGMENTED INFORMATION**

The Group conducted its business as a single operating segment, being the development, exploration and exploitation of mineral properties. It has engaged in the development of the Sawayaerdun Gold Project and other exploration projects. All mineral property interests and capital assets were located in China.

**26. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

All financial instruments are classified into a defined category, namely, held-to-maturity investments, held-for-trading financial assets, loans and receivables, available-for-sale financial assets, and other financial liabilities.

**26.1 Fair value of financial instruments**

The fair value of financial instruments represents the amounts that would have been received from or paid to counterparties to settle these instruments. The carrying amount of all financial instruments classified as current approximates their fair value because of the short maturities and normal trade terms of these instruments. The fair value of other financial instruments disclosed in the financial statements are based on the Company's best estimates using present value, quoted market prices and other valuation techniques that are significantly affected by the assumptions used concerning the amounts and timing of estimated cash flows and discount rates which reflect varying degrees of risk.

**26.2 Risks arising from financial instruments and risk management**

The Group is exposed to various types of market risks, including changes in foreign exchange rates, and interest rates in the normal course of business. The Group's overall risk management program focuses on mitigating these risks on a cost-effective basis. The Group's policy is to use derivatives only for managing existing financial exposures but not for trading or speculative purpose.

**26.3 Exchange Rate Risk**

The Group generates revenues and incurs expenditures primarily in Canada, Hong Kong and China and is exposed to risk from changes in foreign currency rates. In addition, the Group holds financial assets and liabilities in foreign currencies that expose the Group to foreign exchange risks. A significant change in the currency exchange rates between the United States dollars relative to the Hong Kong dollars, RMB as well as Canadian dollars could have an effect on the Group's financial position and cash flows. The Group has not hedged its exposure to currency fluctuations.

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Many foreign currency exchange transactions involving RMB, including foreign exchange transactions under the Group's capital account, are subject to foreign exchange controls and require the approval of the PRC State Administration of Foreign Exchange. Developments relating to the PRC's economy and actions taken by the PRC government could cause future foreign exchange rates to vary significantly from current or historical rates. The Group cannot predict nor give any assurance of its future stability. Future fluctuations in exchange rates may adversely affect the value, translated or converted into United States dollars of the Group's net assets, net profits and any declared dividends. The Group cannot give any assurance that any future movements in the exchange rates of Renminbi against the United States dollars and other foreign currencies will not adversely affect its results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.

As at September 30, 2012 with other variables unchanged, a 1% strengthening (weakening) of the Chinese RMB against the Canadian dollar would have increased (decreased) net loss and other comprehensive loss both by \$0.05 million.

#### **26.4 Credit Risk**

The Group is exposed to credit risk with respect to cash equivalents, other receivables, amounts due from associates, amounts due from related parties and other financial assets. Save for the convertible bonds and held-to-maturity listed debentures which are stated at its fair value and amortised cost respectively, the carrying amount of these assets included on the consolidated statements of financial position represents the maximum credit exposure. There is a concentration of credit risk arising from the convertible bonds received on disposal of the Yanxi Copper Property stated at \$24,523,052 as at September 30, 2012. Management believes that the risk of credit loss on the convertible bonds is minimal as the issuer of the convertible bonds is a Hong Kong listed company. The cash equivalents are call deposits at banks or time deposit of terms less than 90 days. None of the cash equivalents were in asset backed commercial paper products. The Group has deposited the cash equivalents in banks that meet minimum requirements for quality and liquidity as stipulated by the Company's Board of Directors. Management believes the risk of loss to be remote.

#### **26.5 Liquidity Risk**

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Group may encounter difficulties in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities. As at September 30, 2012, the Group was holding cash and cash equivalents of \$50,255,823. The Group has determined that the cash and cash equivalents will be more than sufficient to fund its requirements for investments in working capital and capital assets. Out of the Group's other payables, receipts in advance and accrued liabilities, there are financial liabilities of \$24,121,342 (December 31, 2011: \$19,797,416) which are due within one year and \$44,259 (December 31, 2011: \$82,842) which are due more than one year but less than 2 years.

#### **26.6 Interest Risk**

As the Group has no significant variable interest-bearing assets and liabilities, the Group's income and operating cash flows are substantially independent of changes in market interest rate.

#### **26.7 Financial instrument**

The following table provides an analysis of financial instruments carried at fair value by level of fair value hierarchy:

Level 1 –Quoted (unadjusted) prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets.

Level 2 –Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, including:

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- ◆ Quoted prices for similar assets/liabilities in active markets;
- ◆ Quoted prices for identical or similar assets in non-active markets (few transactions, limited information, non-current prices, high variability over time);
- ◆ Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset/liability (e.g. interest rates, yield curves, volatilities, default rates, etc.); and
- ◆ Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by other observable market data.

Level 3 –Unobservable inputs that cannot be corroborated by observable market data.

	<b>Fair Value Measurements at Reporting Data Using</b>			
	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>	<b>Total</b>
	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>September 30, 2012</b>				
Convertible bonds	-	24,523,052	-	24,523,085
Held-to-maturity listed debentures	1,035,190	-	-	1,035,190
	<b>1,035,190</b>	<b>24,523,052</b>	-	<b>25,558,275</b>
<b>December 31, 2011</b>				
Convertible bonds	-	13,068,740	-	13,068,740
Held-to-maturity listed debentures	829,420	-	-	829,420
	829,420	13,068,740	-	13,898,160

There is no transfer between level 1 and level 2 of the fair value hierarchy during both periods.

**27. CAPITAL MANAGEMENT**

The Group's objectives of capital management are intended to safeguard the entity's ability to support the Group's normal operating requirement on an ongoing basis, continue the development, exploration and exploitation of its mineral properties, and support any expansionary plans. The capital of the Group amounted to \$88,040,471 consists of the items included in shareholders' equity. The Board of Directors does not establish a quantitative return on capital criteria for management but promotes year-over-year sustainable earnings growth targets. The Group manages the capital structure and makes adjustments to it in light of changes in economic conditions and the risk characteristics of the underlying assets.

The Group is not subject to externally imposed capital requirements.

**28. ECONOMIC DEPENDENCE**

The Group conducts its business as a single operating segment, being the development, exploration and exploitation of mineral properties. All mineral property interests and capital assets are located in China.

**29. EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING DATE**

For the period from October 1, 2012 to November 26, 2012, a total of 519,314 common shares were repurchased at an aggregate cost of \$294,472 (CAD299,483). All shares repurchased will be returned to treasury for cancellation.

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The following discussion and analysis of the condensed operating results and financial condition of GobiMin Inc. for the quarter ended September 30, 2012 should be read in conjunction with its condensed interim financial statements for the quarter ended September 30, 2012 and its audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2011 prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS").

This Management's Discussion and Analysis was prepared on November 26, 2012. Additional information relating to the Company is available on the SEDAR website at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) under GobiMin Inc.

*Certain statements included in this discussion constitute forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking statements can often, but not always, be identified by the use of words such as "can", "could", "believe", "propose", "anticipate", "intend", "consider", "estimate", "expect", or other variations of such expressions, or forward-looking statements may declare that certain measures, events or results "can", "could" or "will" be taken or occur or be attained. Such forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties as well as other factors that could cause actual results, performances or achievements of the Company to differ materially from the future results, performances or achievements implied or suggested in such forward-looking statements. Such risks, uncertainties and other factors include but are not limited to the risk factors discussed under the heading "Risk Factors" below. Accordingly, shareholders are cautioned not to put undue reliance on forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are made as of the date of this discussion and the Company disclaims any obligations to update any forward-looking statements in order to account for any events or circumstances that might occur after the date that such forward-looking statements were established.*

## **1. Corporate Overview**

GobiMin Inc. (the "Company" or "GobiMin"), together with its subsidiaries (collectively referred to herein as the "Group"), is engaged in the development, exploration and exploitation of mineral properties, mainly in the Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region ("Xinjiang") of the People's Republic of China ("China").

GobiMin holds an equity interest of 70% in a company incorporated in China to develop and operate the Sawayaerdun Gold Project located in Xinjiang (the "Gold Project"). At a lower grade threshold of 0.5 grams/tonne gold, its Zone I and Zone IV are estimated to contain Indicated resources of about 2,300,000 oz gold at 1.3 grams/tonne and Inferred resources of about 1,900,000 oz gold at 0.8 grams/tonne per the NI 43-101 technical report prepared by a Qualified Person as defined in NI 43-101 issued in April 2012.

GobiMin also holds an equity interest of 48.02% in China Precision Material Limited ("China Precision"), which is principally engaged in metal trading, predominately silver, and operates a small processing workshop.

In addition, GobiMin owns 40-50% equity interests in 4 companies incorporated in China to engage in base metals exploration, including nickel, copper, and gold, in Xinjiang, and an 8% equity interest in the Yanxi Copper Property.

## **2. Highlights**

### **2.1 Corporate Highlights**

- ✧ Completed exploration drillings of about 7,600 meters for the Gold Project during the quarter ended September 30, 2012;
- ✧ Obtained the mining licence for the Yanxi Copper Deposit in August 2012 and received the final and full payment of the consideration for the disposal of the Deposit;



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- ✧ Continuing the exploration of other mineral projects in Xinjiang, China;
- ✧ Actively searching for high quality mining and exploration projects.

## 2.2 Financial Highlights

	Three months ended September 30		Year ended
	2012	2011	December 31, 2011
	\$	\$	\$
Revenue	-	-	-
Other revenue and gains	<b>0.19 million</b>	0.18 million	0.9 million
Share of results of associates and a jointly-controlled entity	<b>0.40 million</b>	0.44 million	0.5 million
Gain on disposal of an associate	<b>6.0 million</b>	8.2 million	8.8 million
Profit for the period/year	<b>4.7 million</b>	7.7 million	2.5 million
LBITDA <sup>(1)</sup>	<b>(1.2million)</b>	(0.5 million)	(3.8 million)
Basic and diluted earnings per share	<b>0.084</b>	0.123	0.05
LBITDA per share <sup>(1)</sup>	<b>(0.020)</b>	(0.008)	(0.06)
Cash and cash equivalents	<b>50.3 million</b>	63.0 million	62.3 million
Cash and cash equivalents per share	<b>0.84</b>	1.01	1.00
Working capital	<b>29.6 million</b>	55.5 million	53.2 million
Total non-current financial liabilities	<b>44,000</b>	-	83,000
Total assets	<b>112.2 million</b>	123.5 million	120.6 million
Equity attributable to shareholders	<b>86.8 million</b>	86.3 million	84.8 million
Equity attributable to shareholders per share	<b>1.45</b>	1.38	1.36

Note:

(1) As non-IFRS measurements, LBITDA (losses before interest income and expense, income taxes, depreciation and amortisation), LBITDA per share and cash and cash equivalents per share do not comply with IFRS and, therefore, the amounts presented in the above table may not be comparable to similar data presented by other companies. The data is intended to provide additional information and should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for measures of performance prepared in accordance with IFRS.

## 2.3 Change of Auditors

At the request of GobiMin, BDO Limited ("the Former Auditor") resigned as auditor of the Company effective October 10, 2012. The Board of Directors of the Company has appointed BDO Canada LLP as the Company's auditor in the place and stead of the Former Auditor effective October 10, 2012 until the close of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company.

There were no reservations in the Former Auditor's reports in connection with the financial statements of the Company for the two most recently completed fiscal years; and any period subsequent to the most recently completed period for which an audit report was issued and preceding the effective date of expiry of the Former Auditor's term of office.

## 3. Business Summary and Development

### 3.1 Gold Project in Xinjiang

The Group owns a 70% equity interest in Xinjiang Tongyuan Minerals Ltd. ("Tongyuan") which is developing and operating the Gold Project.

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**(a) NI 43-101 Resource Estimate**

In April 2012, GobiMin retained Mr. Philip Jones, a Qualified Person as defined in NI 43-101, to review the 92 drilling results of the 2011 exploration program and update the NI 43-101 compliant resource estimate. The NI 43-101 compliant technical report can be viewed at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com). At a lower cutoff grade of 0.5 grams/tonne gold, Zone IV and Zone I are estimated to contain indicated resources of approximately 2.3 million ounces (72 tonnes) gold content with an average grade of 1.3 grams/tonne and inferred resources of approximately 1.9 million ounces (61.25 tonnes) gold content with an average grade of 0.8 grams/tonne. According to the comments of the Qualified Person, the assay results have confirmed that the mineralized structure is mapped over a strike length of over 6,500 m and at depth.

**(b) Commitments**

During the quarter ended September 30, 2012, Tongyuan has obtained the exploration and mining licences and the remaining commitment of \$873,488 has been paid. The total consideration of \$7,034,237 paid for the licences was classified as exploration and evaluation assets in this quarter.

Tongyuan has other commitments of \$10,114,437 (RMB63,686,528) for the further development of the Gold Project including the exploration service, construction of an office building and design of mine and related facilities.

**(c) Update**

For this quarter, drilling of around 21,000 meters has been completed. Up to the end of September 2012, exploration drilling totaled approximately 30,000 meters with a total 66 drill holes completed. Due to the weather condition in winter, it is scheduled that all the field works are suspended by the end of October 2012.

As part of the planned work program, in October 2012 GobiMin has been conducting sample testing and analysis. The resource estimate will be reviewed and updated in accordance with the NI 43-101 standards after laboratory results of the drill cores are available.

**3.2 Silver Operation**

The Group holds an equity interest of 48.02% in China Precision which engages in metal trading and processing, predominantly in silver. China Precision has established a small processing workshop in Hong Kong for silver processing and refining into bars and granules for sale to industrial customers.

**(a) Update**

The Group has made advances to China Precision from time to time to finance its silver inventory. As at September 30, 2012, amounts due from China Precision to the Group amounted to \$1.1 million while China Precision had a silver inventory of 8.8 tonnes with a market value of about \$9.6 million. The Group recorded interest income of \$156,761 on these advances for the nine months ended September 30, 2012.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2012, China Precision had a net profit of about \$1,203,000 with GobiMin's share amounting to \$577,000 (nine months ended September 30, 2011: \$824,000). For the three months ended 30 September 2012, China Precision had a net profit of \$843,000, with GobiMin's share amounting to \$405,000 (three months ended September 30, 2011: \$572,000).

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**3.3 Base Metal Exploration Projects in Xinjiang**

**(a) Four Exploration Companies**

Since 2007 to the end of September 2012, the Group has invested a total of \$3,652,767 (RMB23,000,000) as capital in five exploration companies in Xinjiang, including the Yanxi Copper Property and four exploration companies in Xinjiang, China for nickel, copper, and gold. The Yanxi Copper Property was disposed of in 2010 at a gain of \$6.0 million

The total cost of the investment in the four remaining exploration companies amounted to \$2,382,239 (RMB15,000,000). In May 2012, the Group received dividend income of \$259,540 (RMB1,634,221) from the four exploration companies, thus reducing the cost of investment to \$2,122,699. The equity investments as at September 30, 2012 are \$2,088,434 (RMB13,150,028), slightly less than the net cost of investment.

GobiMin continues the exploration programs of its four exploration companies and also actively searches for high quality mining and exploration projects.

**(b) Yanxi Copper Property**

**(i) Background**

On July 22, 2010, GobiMin has completed the disposal of 32% of its equity interest in Xinjiang Tongxing Minerals Limited ("Tongxing"), which is engaged in exploration and development of the Yanxi Copper Property in Xinjiang, China. After the disposal, GobiMin retains an 8% indirect unlisted equity interest in the Yanxi Copper Property.

Pursuant to the supplemental agreements entered into on December 30, 2010, August 30, 2011, January 30, 2012 and May 31, 2012, the consideration was reduced to \$33.4 million (HKD259,000,000), due to the construction of a railway across the Property that has a negative impact on the minable quantity. In addition to applying for the Yanxi Mining Licence, the Group is also responsible for applying for a mining licence (the "New Mining Licence") for an area which is adjacent to the Property (the "New Area"). The New Mining Licence should be obtained on or before September 30, 2014. The Group will be entitled to additional consideration based on the resource estimate of the New Area.

**(ii) Update**

In August 2012, the Yanxi Mining Licence was obtained and the final payment of the consideration for the Yanxi Copper Property was received. The total consideration of \$33.3 million comprised \$7.7 million cash and \$25.6 million in CB. After netting off provisions for the related tax and expenses, the disposal resulted in a gain of \$6.0 million.

The Company is currently conducting drilling work of the New Area and will make a further announcement once additional information is available.

**3.4 Normal Course Issuer Bid**

On January 20, 2012, GobiMin renewed its normal course issuer bid to repurchase up to an additional 3,129,814 common shares over a maximum period of 12 months ending January 31, 2013. For the nine months ended September 30, 2012, a total of 2,610,500 common shares were repurchased at an aggregate cost of \$1,700,955 (CAD1,729,898). For the period from October 1, 2012 to November 26, 2012, a total of 519,314 common

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shares were repurchased at an aggregate cost of \$294,472 (CAD299,483), thus completing the 2012 buy back program. All shares repurchased were returned to treasury for cancellation.

Management believes that the repurchase by the Company of its own shares can maximise shareholder value and is in the best interest of the Company and its shareholders. A copy of the related Notice of Intention to Make a Normal Course Issuer Bid for 2012 shall be provided to shareholders upon receipt of written request to the Company at its registered office.

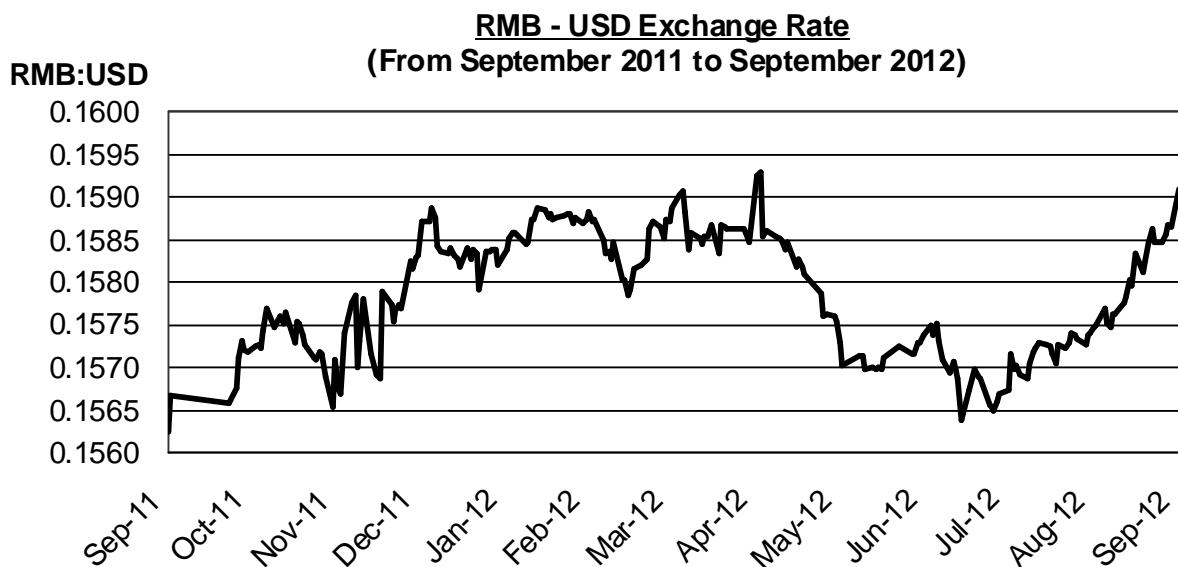
#### 3.5 Working Capital

As at September 30, 2012, the Group has a working capital of about \$29.6 million (December 31, 2011: \$53.2 million), after netting off its current liabilities of \$24.1 million (December 31, 2011: \$33.9 million). The working capital is sufficient to support the development of the existing projects and operations, including the Gold Project, in the foreseeable future.

### 4. Key Economic Trends

#### 4.1 China Economy

Since GobiMin's operations are mostly conducted in China, the condition of the Chinese economy is a key factor on the Group's business. The currency fluctuation will have an impact on the Group's cost structure as the Group reports in U.S. dollars. For the 12 months ended September 30, 2012, the Chinese currency Renminbi ("RMB") appreciated by 1.55% against the U.S. dollar comparing with the exchange rate on September 30, 2011.

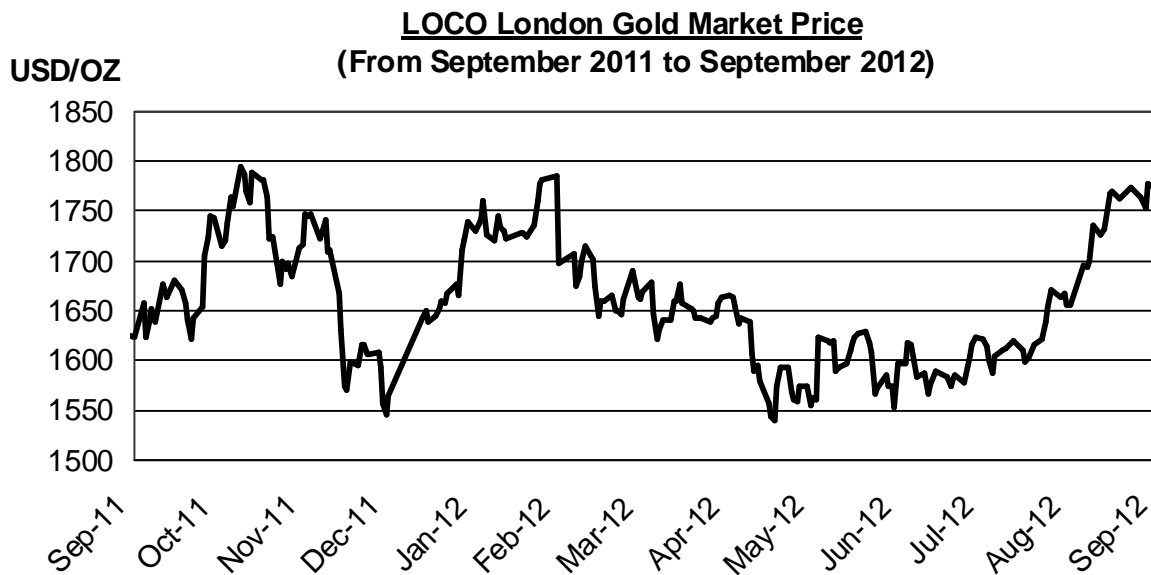


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#### **4.2 Gold Market**

Although the Gold Project is at the exploration stage, the gold market price has an influence on the project value. As at September 30, 2012, the gold price had increased by approximately 9.14% against the price on September 30, 2011.



#### **5. Significant Accounting Policies and Estimates**

The Group's significant accounting policies are described in Note 3 to the Company's consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2011. The preparation of condensed financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported results. Changes to these estimates could materially impact the condensed financial statements. The policies and estimates made by the Group that are considered to be most critical are described below.

##### **5.1 Revenue Recognition**

Interest income from financial assets is accrued on a time basis, by reference to the principal outstanding and at the effective interest rate applicable, which is the rate that discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial asset to that asset's net carrying amount.

Rental income is recognised on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

Dividend income is recognised when the right to receive payment is established.

##### **5.2 Exploration and Evaluation Assets**

Exploration and evaluation assets are recognised at cost on initial recognition. Subsequent to initial recognition, exploration and evaluation assets are stated at cost less any accumulated impairment losses. Exploration and evaluation assets include the cost of mining and exploration rights and the expenditures incurred in the search for mineral resources as well as the determination of the technical feasibility and commercial viability of extracting those resources. When the technical feasibility and commercial viability of extracting mineral resources become demonstrable, previously recognised exploration and evaluation assets are reclassified as mining structures and

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mineral properties under property, plant and equipment. These assets are assessed for impairment annually and before reclassification.

### **5.3 Investment Properties**

Investment properties are properties held either to earn rentals or for capital appreciation or for both, but not held for sale in the ordinary course of business, use in the production or supply of goods or services or for administrative purposes. Investment properties are stated at cost less subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses, if any. Depreciation is charged so as to write off the cost of investment properties net of expected residual value over the estimated useful lives using straight-line method. The useful lives, residual value and depreciation method are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period.

Investment properties are derecognised upon disposal or when the investment properties are permanently withdrawn from use and no future economic benefits are expected from the disposal. Any gain or loss arising on derecognition of the property (calculated as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset) is included in the consolidated profit or loss in the year in which the property is derecognised.

### **5.4 Depreciation of Property, Plant and Equipment**

Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes all expenditures that are directly attributable to the acquisition of the asset. Borrowing costs on qualifying assets are capitalised until the asset is capable of carrying out its intended use. Other property, plant and equipment are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of the asset with an estimated residual value of 0-5%. The annual depreciation rates are as follows:

Leasehold land & building:	4.75%
Leasehold improvements:	19% - 33.33%
Furniture, fixture and equipment:	19% - 33.33%
Computer hardware & equipment:	19% - 33.33%
Motor vehicles:	19% - 25%

### **5.5 Rehabilitation Provision**

The Group is subject to various government laws and regulations relating to environmental disturbances caused by exploration and evaluation activities. The Group records the present value of the estimated costs of legal and constructive obligations required to restore the exploration sites in the period in which the obligation is incurred. The nature of the rehabilitation activities includes restoration, reclamation and re-vegetation of the affected exploration sites.

The rehabilitation provision generally arises when the environmental disturbance is subject to government laws and regulations. When the liability is recognised, the present value of the estimated costs is capitalised by increasing the carrying amount of the related mining assets. Over time, the discounted liability is increased for the changes in present value based on current market discount rates and liability specific risks.

All the mine sites of the Group are in desert area in Northern China and management believes that the liability after the mine site retirement is immaterial. The amount of the liability will be subject to re-measurement at each reporting period. It is possible that the Group's estimates of its ultimate mine site rehabilitation liabilities could change as a result of changes in regulations, the extent of environmental remediation required, the means of

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reclamation or the cost estimates. Changes in estimates are accounted for prospectively from the period the estimate is revised.

The Group has not recorded a liability for its rehabilitation provision.

#### **5.6 Interests in Associates and a Jointly-Controlled Entity**

Investments in shares or equity of incorporated companies, in which the Group's ownership is greater than 20% but no more than 50% and wherever significant influence is present, are accounted for by the equity method. The Group accounts for its investment on an equity basis, which is carried at cost, adjusted for the Group's proportionate share of the undistributed earnings and losses and reserves.

#### **5.7 Financial Instruments**

Financial assets and financial liabilities, including derivatives, are recognised when the Group becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the financial instrument. All financial instruments are measured at fair value on initial recognition. Measurement in subsequent periods depends on whether the financial instrument has been classified as held-for-trading, available-for-sale, held-to-maturity, loans and receivables, or other financial assets and liabilities.

Financial assets held-for-trading are measured at fair value with changes in those fair values recognised in earnings. Loans and receivables, and other financial liabilities are measured at amortised cost and are amortised using the effective interest method. Available-for-sale financial assets, designated based on the criteria that management does not hold these for the purposes of trading, are presented as investments and measured at cost less any identified impairment loss as they are unlisted investments and the fair value of which cannot be reliably measured.

#### **5.8 Related Parties**

For the purposes of the consolidated financial statements, a party is considered to be related to the Group if:

- (a) the party has the ability, directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, to control the Group or exercise significant influence over the Group in making financial and operating policy decisions, or has joint control over the Group;
- (b) the Group and the party are subject to common control;
- (c) the party is an associate of the Group or a jointly-controlled entity in which the Group is a venturer;
- (d) the party is a member of key management personnel of the Group or the Group's parent, or a close family member of such an individual, or is an entity under the control, joint control or significant influence of such individuals;
- (e) the party is a close family member of a party referred to in (a) or is an entity under the control, joint control or significant influence of such individuals.

Close family members of an individual are those family members who may be expected to influence, or be influenced by, that individual in their dealings with the entity.

A transaction is considered to be a related party transaction when there is a transfer of resources or obligations between related parties.

#### **6. New Accounting Standards**

Standards issued but not yet effective up to the date of issuance of these condensed financial statements are listed

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below. The Group intends to adopt these standards when they become effective.

**6.1 IFRS 9 Financial Instruments: Classification and Measurement**

IFRS 9 was issued in October 2010. This standard is the first step in the process to replace IAS 39 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement. IFRS 9 introduces new requirements for classifying and measuring assets and liabilities, which may affect the Group's accounting for its financial assets. IFRS 9 is effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015, with earlier application permitted. The Group is currently evaluating the impact of adoption of this new standard on its financial statements.

**6.2 IAS 12 Income Taxes**

IAS 12 was issued in December 2010. This standard introduces amendments regarding Deferred Tax and provides a practical approach for measuring deferred tax liabilities and deferred tax assets when investment property is measured using the fair value model. The standard is applicable for annual periods beginning on or after July 1, 2012. The Group is currently evaluating the impact of adoption of this new standard on its financial statements.

**6.3 IFRS 10 Consolidated Financial Statements**

This standard replaces the current IAS 27 Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements. The standard identifies the concept of control as the determining factor in whether an entity should be included within the consolidated financial statements of the parent company. The Group will start the application of IFRS 10 in the financial statements effective from January 1, 2013. The Group does not expect any impact to the financial statements as a result of adopting this standard.

**6.4 IFRS 12 Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities**

This standard requires disclosures relating to an entity's interests in subsidiaries. The Group will start the application of IFRS 12 in the financial statements effective from January 1, 2013. The Group does not expect any impact on the financial statements as a result of adopting this standard.

**6.5 IFRS 13 Fair Value Measurements**

This standard defines fair value, provides guidance on its determination and introduces consistent requirements for disclosures on fair value measurements. The Group will start the application of IFRS 13 in the financial statements effective from January 1, 2013. The Group shall evaluate its impact on the financial statements.

**6.6 Amendments to IAS 1 Presentation of Items of Other Comprehensive Income**

The amendment provides guidance on the presentation of items contained in other comprehensive income ("OCI") and their classification within OCI. The Group will start the application of this amendment in the financial statements effective from January 1, 2013. The Group does not expect any impact to the financial statements as a result of adopting this standard.

**6.7 IAS 28 Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures**

This standard describes the application of the equity method to investments. The amendment includes the application of equity method in joint ventures in addition to associates. The Group will start the application of this amendment in the financial statements effective from January 1, 2013. The Group is in the process of making an assessment of the impact of IAS 28 but is not yet in a position to state whether this new standard and



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amendments would have significant impact on the financial statements.

**6.8 IFRS 11 Joint Arrangements**

This standard addresses inconsistencies in the reporting of joint arrangements by requiring a single method to account for interests in jointly-controlled entities. Management anticipates that this standard will be adopted in the Group's financial statements for the period beginning January 1, 2013. The Group is in the process of making an assessment of the impact of IFRS 11 but is not yet in a position to state whether this new standard and amendments would have significant impact on the financial statements.

**6.9 IFRIC 20 Stripping Costs in the Production Phase of a Surface Mine**

This standard provides guidance on the accounting for the costs of stripping activity in the production phase of surface mining when two benefits accrue to the entity from the stripping activity: useable ore that can be used to produce inventory and improved access to further quantities of material that will be mined in future periods. IFRIC 20 must be applied starting January 1, 2013. We are currently assessing the impact of adopting IFRIC 20 on our financial statements.

**7. Selected Quarterly Information**

<b>As at / For the three months ended</b>	<b>September 30, 2012</b>	<b>June 30, 2012</b>	<b>March 31, 2012</b>	<b>December 31, 2011</b>
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Revenue	-	-	-	-
Profit/(Loss)	<b>4,704,839</b>	(908,932)	(278,435)	(3,787,801)
Basic and diluted earnings/(losses) per share	<b>0.084</b>	(0.013)	(0.003)	(0.060)
Cash and cash equivalents	<b>50,255,823</b>	58,792,230	51,631,409	62,305,634
Total assets	<b>112,206,072</b>	116,829,716	119,061,793	120,631,537

<b>As at / For the three months ended</b>	<b>September 30, 2011</b>	<b>June 30, 2011</b>	<b>March 31, 2011</b>	<b>December 31, 2010</b>
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Revenue	-	-	-	-
Profit/(Loss)	7,742,156	(908,115)	(764,129)	(1,207,889)
Basic and diluted earnings/(losses) per share	0.123	(0.014)	(0.012)	(0.018)
Cash and cash equivalents	62,963,423	39,808,289	25,017,462	37,442,778
Total assets	123,474,296	113,677,185	117,196,502	119,127,939

The above 2012, 2011 and 2010 financial information was all prepared in accordance with IFRS.

For the three months ended September 30, 2012, the Group reported net profit of \$4,704,839 (Q3 2011: profits of \$7,742,156) which mainly comprised the gain from disposal of an associate of \$5,960,192 (Q3 2011: \$8,212,258), other revenue and gains of \$194,738 (Q3 2011: \$181,899) and the share of profits of associates of \$400,915 (Q3 2011: profits of \$439,746) netting off the general and administrative expenses of \$1,805,693 (Q3 2011: \$952,541) and share-based compensation expenses of \$92,951 (Q3 2011: \$48,845).

During this quarter, the Group recorded net cash outflow of \$8.5 million (Q3 2011: cash inflow of \$23.2 million). It was mainly the combined effect of payment for the Gold Project of \$6.8 million; shares repurchased at \$0.7 million and office expenses of \$1.6 million.

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The total assets decreased from \$120.6 million as at December 31, 2011 to \$112.2 million as at September 30, 2012. The decrease of \$8.4 million was mainly due to the payments of \$8.0 million to settle the amounts payable for the Gold Project; \$1.7 million for share repurchase; \$0.6 million for dividend and \$3.4 million for office expenses, netted against \$4.4 million repayment from China Precision and \$1.1 million interest and dividend received.

## **8. Results of Operations**

### **8.1 Revenue**

No revenue (3 months and 9 months Q3 2011: Nil) from operations has been recorded in this quarter and for the nine months ended September 30, 2012.

Other revenue and gains in this quarter were \$194,738 (3 months Q3 2011: \$181,899) including interest income of \$146,203 (3 months Q3 2011: \$139,434) and rental income from the office building in Xinjiang of \$48,535 (3 months Q3 2011: \$42,465).

For the nine months ended September 30, 2012, the other revenue and gains were \$1,143,380 (9 months Q3 2011: \$558,695) including interest income of \$716,627 (9 months Q3 2011: \$397,424), rental income from the office building in Xinjiang of \$151,720 (9 months Q3 2011: \$161,271) and the gain on disposal of motor vehicles of \$275,033 (9 months Q3 2011: Nil).

### **8.2 General and Administrative Expenses**

General and administrative expenses incurred in this quarter and for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 were \$1,805,693 (3 months Q3 2011: \$952,541) and \$3,874,781 (9 months Q3 2011: \$2,795,228) respectively. It mainly represents increased pre-operating expenses incurred for the Gold Project and other expenses including office rental, staff cost and legal and professional fees.

The amortised portion of the total share-based compensation in this quarter and for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 amounted to \$92,951 (3 months Q3 2011: \$48,845) and \$301,610 (9 months Q3 2011: \$157,540) respectively.

### **8.3 Earnings Per Share**

The basic and diluted earnings per share for this quarter were \$0.084 (3 months Q3 2011: \$0.123) and \$0.066 for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 (9 months Q3 2011: \$0.099).

### **8.4 LBITDA**

In this quarter, the losses before interest income and expense, income taxes, depreciation and amortisation ("LBITDA"), a non-IFRS performance measure, were \$1,197,066 as compared to \$480,062 in Q3 2011. The following table presents the calculation of LBITDA for the period indicated:

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For the three months ended	September 30, 2012	September 30, 2011
	\$	\$
Earnings for the period	4,704,839	7,742,156
Interest income	(146,203)	(139,434)
Depreciation in general and administration expenses	111,539	80,629
Share-based compensation	92,951	48,845
Gain on disposal of equity investment	(5,960,192)	(8,212,258)
LBITDA <sup>(1)</sup>	(1,197,066)	(480,062)
LBITDA per share <sup>(2)</sup>	(0.020)	(0.008)

Note:

(1) As non-IFRS measurements, **LBITDA** and **LBITDA per share** do not comply with IFRS and, therefore, the amounts presented in the above table may not be comparable to similar data presented by other companies. The data is intended to provide additional information and should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for measures of performance prepared in accordance with IFRS.

(2) Based on weighted average number of shares outstanding, a non-IFRS measure.

## 8.5 Annual Dividend

On April 17, 2012, the Company declared an annual dividend of \$0.01 (CAD0.01) per share in accordance with its dividend policy and the 2011 annual performance. The dividend was paid on May 24, 2012 to shareholders of record on May 10, 2012.

## 9. Liquidity and Capital Resources

The following table summarises the Group's consolidated cash flows and cash on hand:

As at	September 30, 2012	December 31, 2011
	\$	\$
Cash and cash equivalents	50,255,823	62,305,634
Working capital <sup>(1)</sup>	29,541,678	53,225,104

For the three months ended	September 30, 2012	September 30, 2011
	\$	\$
Net cash used in operating activities	(604,728)	(1,718,050)
Net cash used in financing activities	(707,338)	(202,106)
Net cash (used in)/from investing activities	(7,138,805)	25,161,654
(Decrease)/Increase in cash and cash equivalents	(8,450,871)	23,241,498

For the nine months ended	September 30, 2012	September 30, 2011
	\$	\$
Net cash (used in)/from operating activities	(3,237,955)	3,672,187
Net cash used in financing activities	(2,349,789)	(3,283,951)
Net cash (used in)/from investing activities	(6,376,531)	25,218,234
(Decrease)/Increase in cash and cash equivalents	(11,964,275)	25,606,470

Note:

(1) Working capital is a non-IFRS measurement, which is the difference between current assets and current liabilities.

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**9.1 Operating Activities**

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In this quarter, net cash used in operating activities was \$604,728 (3 months Q3 2011: net cash inflow of \$1,718,050), mainly representing the repayment from China Precision of \$3.2 million (3 months Q3 2011: \$3.8 million) netting off the payment for construction work for the Gold Project of \$2.2 million and office expenses of \$1.6 million in 2012.

*For the nine months ended September 30, 2012*

For the nine months ended September 30, 2012, the net cash outflow from operating activities was \$3,237,955 (9 months Q3 2011: net cash inflow of \$3,672,187) which mainly represents the payment for construction work for the Gold Project \$4.3 million, office expenses of \$3.4 million, offsetting the repayment from China Precision of \$4.4 million. The net cash inflow in the nine months ended September 30, 2011 was mainly representing the proceeds from the repurchase by China Precision of silver bullion for \$9.5 million, netted against \$5.4 million advance to China Precision, \$0.2 million payment for construction work for the Gold Project.

**9.2 Financing Activities**

*For the three months ended September 30, 2012*

The net cash flow used in financing activities was \$707,338 in this quarter (3 months Q3 2011: \$202,106). The net cash outflow in this quarter mainly represents the payment for shares repurchase of \$694,976 (3 months Q3 2011: \$195,928).

*For the nine months ended September 30, 2012*

The net cash flow used in financing activities was \$2,349,789 for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 (9 months Q3 2011: \$3,283,951). The decrease in net cash outflow of was mainly due to the reduced amount of shares repurchase of \$923,752 from \$2,624,707 in 2011 to \$1,700,955 in 2012.

**9.3 Investing Activities**

*For the three months ended September 30, 2012*

The net cash used in investing activities was \$7,138,805 in this quarter (3 months Q3 2011: net cash inflow of \$25,161,654). It mainly represents the payment for construction work for the Gold Project of \$6.0 million and the final payment of the mining licence fee of \$0.9 million. The net cash inflow in the three months ended September 30, 2011 was mainly representing the proceeds from disposal of an associate of \$30.3 million netting off the acquisition of property, plant and equipment of \$5.3 million.

*For the nine months ended September 30, 2012*

For the nine months ended September 30, 2012, the net cash used in investing activities was \$6,376,531 (9 months Q3 2011: net cash inflow of \$25,218,234). It mainly represents the payment for construction work for the Gold Project of \$6.6 million and the final payment of mining licence fee of \$0.9 million netting off interest and dividend received of \$1.1 million. The net cash inflow in the nine months ended September 30, 2011 was mainly representing the proceeds from disposal of an associate of \$30.3 million netting off the acquisition of property, plant and equipment of \$5.5 million.

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**10. Statements of Financial Position**

**10.1 Cash and Cash Equivalents**

The Group had approximately \$50.3 million in cash and cash equivalents as at September 30, 2012, compared to \$62.30 million as at December 31, 2011. The decrease of \$12.0 million was mainly the combined effect of \$1.7 million used in share repurchase; \$0.6 million in dividend payment; \$8.0 million payment for the Gold Project; net settlement of other payable of \$3.5 million and the cash outflow for the office expenses of \$3.4 million, netted against the interest and dividend received of \$1.1 million and repayment from China Precision of \$4.4 million.

**10.2 Prepayments, deposits and other receivables**

As at September 30, 2012, other than the prepayment of expenses, deposits for exploration or construction services and rental deposit, the balance were mainly contributed by the following:

- (a) A deposit of \$6,352,638 (RMB40,000,000) has been paid by Tongyuan for obtaining the exploration and mining licences of Gold Property as at December 31, 2011. Such deposit was transferred to exploration and evaluation assets when final payment of \$873,487 (RMB5,500,000) was paid in July 2012 upon the obtaining the exploration licence.
- (b) Pursuant to the share transfer agreement dated July 14, 2010 and the related supplemental agreements, the Group disposed of 32% of its equity interest in the Yanxi Copper Property on July 22, 2010, while retaining an 8% indirect unlisted equity interest in the Yanxi Copper Property. The Group has received the cash consideration of \$7,722,007 (HKD60,000,000) and the first lot of convertible bonds with principal amount of \$14,157,014 (HKD110,000,000) with final payment of \$11,454,311 (HKD89,000,000) receivable upon receipt of the Yanxi Mining Licence. On August 8, 2012, the Group has received the final payment.

As at September 30, 2012, there is a payable for the mining licence fee, tax, stamp duty and related payments of \$22.1 million (December 31, 2011: \$26.8 million) arising on the disposal of the Yanxi Copper Property.

- (c) A deposit of \$640,841 (RMB4,035,120) (December 31, 2011: \$Nil) has been paid by Tongyuan for the mine design and related facilities of the Gold Project.
- (d) A deposit of \$1,143,475 (RMB7,200,000) (December 31, 2011: \$Nil) has been paid by Tongyuan for construction work of the office building of Gold Project.

**10.3 Exploration and Evaluation assets**

All the exploration and evaluation assets are related to the Gold Project, such as mining rights, geological and geophysical costs, mine site and facilities construction, drilling and exploration expenses. For the nine months ended September 30, 2012, additions in exploration and evaluation assets of \$13,229,473 were incurred for the development of the Gold Project.

**10.4 Gain on Disposal of an Associate / Deferred Gain on Disposal of an Associate**

Pursuant to the share transfer agreement dated July 14, 2010 and the supplemental agreements dated December 30, 2010, August 30, 2011, January 30, 2012 and May 31, 2012, an 80% equity interest in the Yanxi Copper Property was disposed to China Daye on July 22, 2010 for a total consideration of \$33.3 million

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(HKD259,000,000). Among the equity interest disposed, 32% was held by GobiMin and the remaining 48% was held by two local partners.

As at December 31, 2011, the deferred gain on disposal of the 32% equity interest in the Yanxi Copper Property of approximately \$5.7 million represented the cash received of \$7.7 million, convertible bonds received of \$14.2 million (which was classified as other financial assets), convertible bonds receivable of \$11.5 million (which was classified under prepayment, deposits and other receivables), netting off the share of assets as at June 21, 2010 of \$0.9 million and other payables and accrued liabilities for mining licence fee, tax, stamp duty and related payments of \$26.8 million.

In August 2012, the Yanxi Mining Licence had been obtained and the final lot of convertible bonds of \$11,454,311 (HKD89,000,000) was received. Accordingly, the gain on disposal of an associate of \$5,960,192 was recognized for the quarter ended September 30, 2012.

### **10.5 Other Financial Assets**

Most of these financial assets represent the convertible bonds with a principal amount of \$25.6 million (HKD199,000,000) (December 31, 2011: \$14.2 million (HKD110,000,000)) issued by China Daye as partial consideration for the disposal of the equity interest in the Yanxi Copper Property. The convertible bonds is stated at \$24,523,052 (December 31, 2011: \$13,068,740) based on the fair value as determined by an independent professional valuator as at December 31, 2011 and the management estimates.

The remaining balance represents the \$1.0 million held-to-maturity listed debentures and the remaining 8% indirect unlisted equity interest in Tongxing held by the Group as at September 30, 2012.

### **10.6 Other Payables, Receipts in Advance and Accrued Liabilities**

As at September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011, the balance of other payables, receipts in advance and accrued liabilities are mainly composed of the payables for the mining licence fee, tax, stamp duty and related payments of \$22.1 million arising on the disposal of the Yanxi Copper Property.

### **10.7 Share Capital**

As at September 30, 2012, the Group had 59,985,796 (December 31, 2011: 62,596,296) common shares issued and outstanding.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2012, a total of 2,610,500 common shares were repurchased and cancelled and 223,800 stock options were cancelled.

## **11. Related Party Transactions**

During the nine months ended September 30, 2012, the Group had the following transactions with related parties:

- (a) Share-based compensation expenses of \$270,219 (Q3 2011: \$110,376) in respect of options previously granted to directors and key management personnel.
- (b) Fees and other emoluments to directors and key management personnel of \$734,071 (Q3 2011: \$409,758).
- (c) Rental income of \$19,058 (Q3 2011: \$19,058) from the office building in Xinjiang received from related parties.
- (d) Loan interest income of \$156,761 (Q3 2011: \$242,667) received from China Precision.
- (e) Dividend income received from associates and a jointly-controlled entity of \$385,667 (Q3 2011: Nil).

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As at September 30, 2012, advances made by the Group to related parties were disclosed as amounts due from associates and amounts due from related parties in the condensed interim financial statements as follows:

- (a) The amounts due from associates represented an advance to China Precision of \$1,136,424 (December 31, 2011: \$5,157,729) in which the Group has an indirect equity interest of 48.02%. Such advance is unsecured, bears interest at the rate of 2% per annum and is without fixed repayment terms. The remaining balance of \$354,036 as at December 31, 2011 represents the interest of \$354,012 payable by China Precision and the current account with CPM Silver Limited which are unsecured, interest-free and without fixed repayment terms.
- (b) Part of the amounts due from related parties included deposit of \$500,742 (2011: \$500,742) paid to a non-controlling shareholder of Tongyuan for exploration services to the Gold Project.
- (c) The remaining balance of the amounts due from related parties of \$79,408 (December 31, 2011: \$419,719) was the deposits paid to the non-controlling shareholder of an associate for the exploration services on its exploration projects.

The balances with related parties are unsecured, interest-free and with no fixed repayment term.

## **12. Capital Commitment**

As at September 30, 2012, there were capital commitments of approximately \$10,114,437 (December 31, 2011: \$2,119,721) that the Group had contracted, but not provided for.

- (a) The consideration for acquiring the exploration and mining licences of the Gold Project is \$7,226,126 (RMB45,500,000) and Tongyuan has paid deposits of \$6,352,638 (RMB40,000,000) as at September 30, 2012. The remaining balance of \$873,488 (RMB5,500,000) is regarded as a commitment of the Group as at December 31, 2011. Such balance was subsequently paid in August 2012 after Tongyuan has obtained the exploration and mining licences of the Gold Project.
- (b) Tongyuan has entered into agreements for exploration services, construction of an office building and mine design and related facilities relating to the Gold Project. The total contracted amount is \$16,634,879 (RMB104,743,122) and deposits and progress payments of \$6,520,442 (RMB41,056,596) have been paid as at September 30, 2012. The total remaining commitments are \$10,114,437 (RMB63,686,526).

## **13. Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

The Group does not have any off-balance sheet arrangements.

## **14. Proposed Transaction – Yanxi Copper Property**

After the disposal of a 32% equity interest in the Yanxi Copper Property in July 2010, GobiMin owns a remaining 8% indirect unlisted equity interest in the Property.

According to the supplemental agreements entered into in December 2010, August 2011, January 2012 and May 2012 in respect of the disposal, the Group is responsible for applying for the New Mining Licence for the New Area of the Property due to the construction of a railway across the Property. Based on the resource estimate of the New Area, the Group may be entitled to additional considerations. Accordingly, a further potential gain may be ascertained and realized after finalizing the related exploration work and obtaining the New Mining Licence.

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**15. Outstanding Share Data**

The following table provides information concerning the Company's share capital and convertible securities:

As at	December 31, 2011	September 30, 2012	November 26, 2012
Number of Common Shares Outstanding	62,596,296	<b>59,985,796</b>	<b>59,466,482</b>
Options	3,159,000	<b>2,935,200</b>	<b>2,832,000</b>
Total Number of Common Shares Fully Diluted	65,755,296	<b>62,920,996</b>	<b>62,298,482</b>

**16. Risk factors**

The mining business conducted by the Group is subject to a number of risks, including those outlined below. These risk factors could materially affect the Group's future operating results and could cause actual events to differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements relating to the Group. Readers should also be aware that there are particular risks of doing business in China, some of which are outlined below.

**16.1 Metal Prices**

The profitability of the Group may be significantly affected by changes in the market price of metals. Metal prices fluctuate on a daily basis and are affected by numerous factors beyond the control of the Group. Interest rates, inflation, exchange rates and world supply of mineral commodities can all cause fluctuations in the market prices for these metals. Such external economic factors are in turn influenced by changes in international economic growth patterns and political developments.

The Group may apply its free cash balances to metal trading operations. These transactions are by their very nature speculative and could result in GobiMin suffering financial losses.

**16.2 Currency Risks**

The Group's operating expenses and revenues from operations are in RMB, the main currency used by the Group. Currently, the RMB is linked to the US dollar by exchange rates managed through China's central bank. Accordingly, exchange rate fluctuations with the RMB may adversely affect the Group's financial position and operating results. The Group does not currently engage in foreign currency hedging activities.

Under current regulations, there is no restriction on foreign exchange conversion of the RMB on the current account, although any foreign exchange transaction on the capital account is subject to prior approval from the State Administration of Foreign Exchange ("SAFE") or review by the payment bank in accordance with regulations issued by SAFE. However, even on the current account the RMB is not a freely convertible currency. Foreign invested enterprises in China are currently allowed to repatriate profit to their foreign parents or pay outstanding current account obligations in foreign exchange but must present the proper documentation to a designated foreign exchange bank in order to do so. There is no guarantee that foreign exchange control policies will not be changed so as to require government approval to convert RMB into foreign currency on the current account or repatriate profits. These limitations could affect the ability of the Group to pay dividends, obtain foreign exchange through debt or equity financing, or to obtain foreign exchange for capital expenditures.



### **16.3 Exploration, Development and Operating Risks**

The exploration and development of mineral deposits involves significant risks over a significant period of time, which even with a combination of careful evaluation, experience and knowledge may not be eliminated. Few properties that are explored are ultimately developed into producing mines. Major expenditures may be required to establish mineral reserves through drilling, to develop metallurgical processes and to develop the mining and processing facilities and infrastructure at any site chosen for mining. No assurance can be given that minerals will be discovered in sufficient quantities to justify commercial operations or that funds required for development can be obtained on a timely basis. The economic viability of a mineral deposit depends on many factors, including size, grade, cost of operations, metal prices, cost of processing equipment, continuing access to smelter facilities on acceptable terms, government regulations, land tenure, and environmental protection. The exact effect of these factors cannot be measured but the combinations of these factors may impact the success of the Group's mineral exploration, development and acquisition activities. Even after the commencement of mining operations, such operations may be subject to risks and hazards such as environmental hazards, industrial accidents, cave-ins, rock bursts, unusual or unexpected geological formations, ground control problems and flooding. The occurrence of any of the foregoing could result in damage to or destruction of mineral properties and production facilities, personal injuries, environmental damage, delays or interruptions of production, increases in production costs, monetary losses, legal liability and adverse government action.

It is not always possible to obtain insurance against all such risks and the Group may decide not to insure against certain risks because of high premiums or other reasons. Should such liabilities arise, they could reduce or eliminate any further profitability and result in increasing costs and a decline in the value of the securities of the Group. The Group does not maintain insurance against political or environmental risks.

The Group's properties are generally located in Hami region, a sector which has in the past experienced seismic activity of six to seven on the Richter scale. Therefore, planning for mines and infrastructures must consider seismicity in the design.

The development of mining properties has inherent risks. The Group may not have sufficient technical or financial resources to complete the projects. Costs over-runs are common in mining projects and may pose a risk for the Group.

### **16.4 Uncertainty of Ore Reserves and Resource Estimates**

There are numerous uncertainties inherent in estimating mineral resources and mineral reserves. Such estimates are a subjective process, and the accuracy of any mineral resources and mineral reserves estimate is a function of the quantity and quality of available data and of the assumptions made and judgments used in engineering and geological interpretation. These amounts are estimates only and the actual level of recovery of minerals from such deposits may be different. Differences between management's assumptions, including economic assumptions such as mineral prices, market conditions and actual events could have a material adverse effect on the Company's mineral reserve and mineral resource estimates, financial position and results of operations.

For some of its properties, the Group may prepare its own mineral reserves and resources estimate only in accordance with the former China Ministry of Geological and Mineral Resources ("CMGMR") classification system. The CMGMR classification system is not compliant with the Canadian Securities Administrators National Instrument 43-101. These figures are only estimates and there cannot be any assurance given that the estimated mineral reserves and resources will be recovered or that they will be recovered at the rates estimated. Mineral reserve and resource estimates are determined based upon assumed commodity prices and operating costs. These factors may in the future render certain mineral reserves and resources unproductive and may ultimately result in a significant reduction in reserves and resources.

### **16.5 Capital Requirements**

The Group does have limited financial resources. Although the Group believes it will be able to fund the development of its mineral properties through existing working capital, and a combination of debt and equity, there can be no assurance the Group will be able to raise additional funding if needed. Failure to obtain such additional funding could result in the delay or indefinite postponement of the exploration and development of some of the Group's properties.

### **16.6 Risks Relating to Conducting Business in China**

The business operations of the Group are located in, and the revenues of the Group are derived from activities in, China. Accordingly, the business, financial condition and results of operations of the Group could be significantly and adversely affected by economic, legal, political and social changes in China. Generally, China demonstrates favourable policies towards foreign investments. However, there is no guarantee that current policy trends and the existing economic policy of China will not be changed. A change in policies in China could adversely affect the Group.

### **16.7 Permits and Licences**

The operations of exploration and mining require specific licences and permits e.g. exploration licence for exploration activities and exploitation licence for exploitation activities. Any changes in regulations imposed by the governments due to any reasons are beyond the control of the Group and may adversely affect its business and its ability or retain title to its property and obtain some of the necessary licences. The changes of regulations may include, but not limited to, varying degrees of those with respect to stricter restrictions on production, price controls, export controls, income taxes, expropriation of property, employment, land use, water use, environmental legislation and mine safety.

### **16.8 Environmental Regulation**

The mining operations of the Group are subject to environmental regulations promulgated by relevant governments. The relevant environmental regulations impose restrictions and prohibitions on spills, or handling of various substances produced during mining or processing operations. In addition, approval of environmental impact assessment for certain types of the mining operations are required. In breach of such regulations or failure of the governmental approval may result in the imposition of fines and penalties. The costs of compliance with environmental regulations, such as advanced equipment which is environmental friendly, has the potential to reduce the profitability of future operations.

### **16.9 Dependence on Key Managerial Employees**

The success of the Group is highly dependent upon the continued services of a small number of key managerial employees both in Canada and China, including Mr. Felipe Tan, the Chief Executive Officer of the Company and Mr. Zhang Ming, a Director of the Company and General Manager of the Chinese subsidiary. The Group does not currently maintain key-man life insurance policies on any member of management. Accordingly, the loss of any of these executives could have a material adverse effect on the Group.

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**16.10 Competition**

There is significant and increasing competition within the mining industry for the discovery and acquisition of properties considered having commercial potential. The Group competes with other mining companies, some of which have greater financial resources, and as a result, the Group may not be able to acquire mineral interests on terms it considers acceptable. As well, the Group competes for the recruitment and retention of qualified employees and other personnel. The current economic growth in China and the corresponding creation of a more liquid market for skilled employees may lead to future problems in retaining local Chinese management. As a result of this competition, the Group may not be able to acquire additional mineral interests and hire or retain qualified personnel for its projects.