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x ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15 (d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

#### FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JULY 31, 2008

"TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15 (d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

#### Commission File No. 0-13078

#### **CAPITAL GOLD CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**State of Delaware** 

13-31805030

(State or other jurisdiction of Incorporation or organization)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

76 Beaver Street, 14th Floor, New York, New York

10005

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 344-2785

Securities registered under Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act: none

Securities registered under Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act: Common Stock, par value \$.0001 per share

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act.

Yes No x

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act during the preceding 12 months (or such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days, YES x NO.

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulations S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of the registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company. See definition of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

"Large accelerated filer "Accelerated filer

"Non-accelerated filer x Smaller Reporting Company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes "No x

The aggregate market value of the voting and non-voting common equity on January 31, 2008 held by non-affiliates computed by reference to the closing price of the issuer's Common Stock on that date, was \$93,983,205 based upon the closing price (\$0.70) multiplied by the 134,262,150 shares of the issuer's Common Stock held by non-affiliates.

The number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common equity as of October 24, 2008: 192,974,824.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE: None.

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#### **GLOSSARY OF TECHNICAL TERMS**

Reserve: That part of a mineral deposit which could be economically and legally extracted or

produced at the time of the reserve determination. Reserves must be supported by a feasibility study done to bankable standards that demonstrates the economic extraction ("Bankable standards" implies that the confidence attached to the costs and achievements

developed in the study is sufficient for the project to be eligible for external debt financing.) A reserve includes adjustments to the in-situ tonnes and grade to include diluting materials and allowances for losses that might occur when the material is mined.

Proven Reserve: Reserves for which (a) quantity is computed from dimensions revealed in outcrops,

trenches, workings or drill holes; grade and/or quality are computed from the results of detailed sampling and (b) the sites for inspection, sampling and measurement are spaced so closely and the geologic character is so well defined that size, shape depth and mineral

content of reserves are well-established.

Probable Reserve: Reserves for which quantity and grade and/or quality are computed from information

similar to that used for proven (measured) reserves, but the sites for inspection, sampling, and measurement are farther apart or are otherwise less adequately spaced. The degree of assurance, although lower than that for proven reserves, is high enough to assume

continuity between points of observation.

Mineralized Material The term "mineralized material" refers to material that is not included in the reserve as it

does not meet all of the criteria for adequate demonstration for economic or legal

extraction.

Non-reserves The term "non-reserves" refers to mineralized material that is not included in the reserve as

it does not meet all of the criteria for adequate demonstration for economic or legal

extraction.

Exploration Stage An "exploration stage" prospect is one which is not in either the development or production

stage.

Development Stage A "development stage" project is one which is undergoing preparation of an established

commercially mineable deposit for its extraction but which is not yet in production. This

stage occurs after completion of a feasibility study.

Production Stage A "production stage" project is actively engaged in the process of extraction and

beneficiation of mineral reserves to produce a marketable metal or mineral product.

#### ADDITIONAL DEFINITIONS

Caliche: Sediment cemented by calcium carbonate near surface.

Diorite: Igneous Rock (Rock formed from magma or molten rock).

Dore: Bars of low purity precious metal (Gold & Silver) which represents final product of a

gold mine typically weighing 25 kg per bar.

Dikes: Tabular, vertical bodies of igneous rock.

Fissility: Shattered, broken nature of rock.

Fracture Foliations: Fracture pattern in rock, parallel orientation, resulting from pressure.

Heap Leaching: Broken and crushed ore on a pile subjected to dissolution of metals by leach solution.

Hydrometallurgical

Plant: A metallurgical mineral processing plant that uses water to leach or separate and

concentrate elements or minerals.

Intercalated: Mixed in.

Litho static Pressure: Pressure brought on by weight of overlaying rocks.

Major

Intrusive Center: An area where large bodies of intrusive igneous rock exist and through which large

amounts of mineralizing fluids rose.

Mesothermal: A class of hydrothermal ore deposit formed at medium temperatures and a depth over one

mile in the earth's crust.

Microporphyritic

Latite: Extremely fine grained siliceous igneous rock with a distribution of larger crystals within.

Mudstone: Sedimentary bed composed primarily of fine grained material such as clay and silt.

PPM: Part per million.

Pyritized: Partly replaced by the mineral pyrite.

Reverse Circulation Drilling (or R.C.

Drilling): Type of drilling using air to recover cuttings for sampling through the middle of the

drilling rods rather than the outside of the drill rods, resulting in less contamination of the

sampled interval.

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Sericitized: Rocks altered by heat, pressure and solutions resulting in formation of the mineral

sericite, a very fine grained mica.

Siltstone: A sedimentary rock composed of clay and silt sized particles.

Silicified: Partly replaced by silica.

Stockwork Breccia: Earth's crust broken by two or more sets of parallel faults converging from different

directions.

Stockwork: Ore, when not in strata or in veins but in large masses, so as to be worked in chambers or

in large blocks.

Surface Mine: Surface mining by way of an open pit without shafts or underground working.

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#### **PART I**

#### Item 1. Business

#### **Sonora, Mexico Concessions**

#### El Chanate

Through wholly-owned subsidiaries, Capital Gold Corporation owns 100% of 16 mining concessions located in the Municipality of Altar, State of Sonora, Republic of Mexico totaling approximately 3,544 hectares (8,756 acres or 13.7 square miles). We commenced mining operations on two of these concessions in late March 2007 and achieved gold production and revenue from operations in early August 2007. We sometimes refer to the operations on these two concessions as the El Chanate Project. Our results of operations differ from preceding periods because we now are realizing revenue from operations.

On August 30, 2007, Independent Mining Consultants, Inc. ("IMC") of Tucson, AZ delivered to us an updated resource block model and an updated mine plan and mine production schedule (the "2007 Report"). The original feasibility study (the "2003 Study") on the El Chanate Project was prepared by M3 Engineering of Tucson in August 2003. M3 updated the 2003 Study in October 2005 (the "2005 Study"). An August 2006 technical report from SRK Consulting, Denver, Colorado (the "2006 Update") further updated the feasibility study.

According to the 2007 Report, our proven and probable reserve tonnage increased by approximately 98 percent from 19.9 million to 39.5 million metric tonnes with a gold grade of 0.66 grams per tonne (43.5 million US short tons at 0.019 ounces per ton). The open pit stripping ratio is 0.6:1 (0.6 tonnes of waste to one tonne of ore). The updated pit design for the revised plan in the 2007 Report is based on a plant recovery of gold that varies by rock types, but is expected to average 66.8%. A gold price of US\$550 (three year average as of July 31, 2007 as determined by IMC) per ounce was used to re-estimate the reserves compared with a gold price of \$450 per ounce used in the previous estimate.

In September 2008, we initiated a 10 hole deep core drilling campaign at our El Chanate mine consisting of 2,500 meters which will target the southern extremity of the main pit. Once this data has been compiled and analyzed, it will be combined with results from a previous drilling campaign initiated in December 2007 which consisted of a 26 reverse circulation holes amounting to 4,912 meters. These drill holes were mainly positioned to test the outer limits of the currently known ore zones within the main pit. All data will be combined with the intention of increasing proven and probable reserves.

Gold production at El Chanate is currently at a level of approximately 5,000 ounces per month inclusive of gold equivalents.

For more information on the El Chanate Project, please see "Item 2. Property; El Chanate Properties – Sonora, Mexico."

#### Competition

The acquisition of gold properties and their exploration and development are subject to intense competition. Companies with greater financial resources, larger staffs and more equipment for exploration and development may be in a better position than us to compete for such mineral properties. Our limited financial resources in relation to companies with greater resources may hinder our ability to compete for and acquire additional mineral properties.

#### **Human Resources**

As of October 24, 2008, we had 143 full time and 16 temporary employees working at our El Chanate mine in Sonora, Mexico as well as eight full time employees in the US. We also utilize a mining contractor at the El Chanate mine which had 42 personnel onsite.

#### **Cautionary Statement on Forward-Looking Statements**

Certain statements in this report constitute "forwarding-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934. Certain, but not necessarily all, of such forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as "believes," "expects," "may," "will," "should," or "anticipates" or the negative thereof or other variations thereon or comparable terminology, or by discussions of strategy that involve risks and uncertainties. All statements other than statements of historical fact, included in this report regarding our financial position, business and plans or objectives for future operations are forward-looking statements. Without limiting the broader description of forward-looking statements above, we specifically note that statements regarding exploration and mine development, construction and expansion plans, costs, grade, production and recovery rates, permitting, financing needs, the availability of financing on acceptable terms or other sources of funding, if needed, and the timing of additional tests, feasibility studies and environmental permitting are all forward-looking in nature.

Such forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors, including but not limited to, the risk factors discussed below in *Item 1A*. "*Risk Factors*" which may cause our actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements and other factors referenced in this report. We do not undertake and specifically decline any obligation to publicly release the results of any revisions which may be made to any forward-looking statement to reflect events or circumstances after the date of such statements or to reflect the occurrence of anticipated or unanticipated events.

#### **Item 1A. Risk Factors**

The risks described below should not be considered to be comprehensive and all-inclusive. Additional risks that we do not yet know of or that we currently think are immaterial may also impair our business operations. If any events occur that give rise to the following risks, our business, financial condition, cash flow or results of operations could be materially and adversely affected, and as a result, the trading price of our Common Stock could be materially and adversely impacted. These risk factors should be read in conjunction with other information set forth in this report, including our Consolidated Financial Statements and the related Notes.

## Risks related to our business and operations

If we are unable to sustain sufficient operating revenues, we will not be able to generate profits and our business may fail.

Until this past fiscal year, we had no producing properties and, historically, have operated at a loss. We only commenced gold producing activities and started to generate revenues in August 2007. Our ultimate success will depend on our ability to continue to generate profits from our properties. While we have commenced revenue producing mining operations, we cannot assure that revenues will continue to cover cash flow requirements.

While we believe that we will continue to generate positive cash flow and profits from operations, if we encounter unexpected problems, we may need to raise additional capital. If additional capital is required and we are unable to obtain it from outside sources, we may be forced to reduce or curtail our operations or our anticipated exploration activities.

Prior to the first fiscal quarter of 2008, we were not able to generate cash flow from operations. While we now are generating positive cash flow and profits, if we encounter unexpected problems and we are unable to continue to generate positive cash flow and profits, we may need to raise additional capital. We also may need to raise additional capital for property acquisition and new exploration. To the extent that we need to obtain additional capital, management intends to raise such funds through the sale of our securities and/or joint venturing with one or more strategic partners. We cannot assure that adequate additional funding, if needed, will be available. This is especially true given the current significant instability in the financial markets. If we need additional capital and we are unable to obtain it from outside sources, we may be forced to reduce or curtail our operations or our anticipated exploration activities.

## Our Credit Facility with Standard Bank plc imposes restrictive covenants on us.

Our Credit Facility with Standard Bank requires us, among other obligations, to meet certain financial covenants including (i) a ratio of current assets to current liabilities at all times greater than or equal to 1.20:1.00, (ii) a quarterly minimum tangible net worth at all times of at least U.S.\$15,000,000, and (iii) a quarterly average minimum liquidity of U.S.\$500,000. In addition, the Credit Facility restricts, among other things, our ability to incur additional debt, create liens on our property, dispose of any assets, merge with other companies, enter into hedge agreements, organize or invest in subsidiaries or make any investments above a certain dollar limit. A failure to comply with the restrictions contained in the Credit Facility could lead to an event of default thereunder which could result in an acceleration of such indebtedness.

Our mining contractor is using reconditioned equipment which could adversely affect our cost assumptions and our ability to economically and successfully mine the project.

Sinergia, our mining contractor, is using equipment that is not new. Such equipment is subject to the risk of more frequent breakdowns and need for repair than new equipment. If the equipment that we or Sinergia uses breaks down and needs to be repaired or replaced, we will incur additional costs and operations may be delayed resulting in lower amounts of gold recovered. In such event, our capital and operating cost assumptions may be inaccurate and our ability to economically and successfully mine the project may be hampered, resulting in decreased revenues and, possibly, a loss from operations.

The gold deposit we have identified at El Chanate is relatively low-grade. If our estimates and assumptions are inaccurate, our results of operation and financial condition could be materially adversely affected.

The gold deposit we have identified at our El Chanate Project is relatively low-grade. If the estimates of ore grade or recovery rates turn out to be lower than the actual ore grade and recovery rates, if costs are higher than expected, or if we experience problems related to the mining, processing, or recovery of gold from ore at the El Chanate Project, our results of operation and financial condition could be materially adversely affected. Moreover, it is possible that actual costs and economic returns may differ materially from our best estimates. It is not unusual in the mining industry for new mining operations to experience unexpected problems during the initial production phase and to require more capital than anticipated. There can be no assurance that our operations at El Chanate will continue to be profitable.

We have only one project. As a result, our chances of conducting viable mining operations are dependent upon the success of that project.

Our only current properties are the El Chanate concessions. Accordingly, we are dependent upon the success of the El Chanate concessions.

Gold prices can fluctuate on a material and frequent basis due to numerous factors beyond our control. Our ability to generate profits from operations could be materially and adversely affected by such fluctuating prices.

The profitability of any gold mining operations in which we have an interest will be significantly affected by changes in the market price of gold. Gold prices fluctuate on a daily basis. During the fiscal year ended July 31, 2008, the spot price for gold on the London Exchange has fluctuated between \$657.50 and \$1,011.30 per ounce. Gold prices are affected by numerous factors beyond our control, including:

the level of interest rates,
the rate of inflation,
central bank sales,
world supply of gold and
stability of exchange rates.

Each of these factors can cause significant fluctuations in gold prices. Such external factors are in turn influenced by changes in international investment patterns and monetary systems and political developments. The current significant instability in the financial markets heightens these fluctuations. The price of gold has historically fluctuated widely and, depending on the price of gold, revenues from mining operations may not be sufficient to offset the costs of such operations.

We may not be successful in hedging against gold price and interest rate fluctuations and may incur mark-to-market losses and lose money through our hedging programs.

We have entered into metals trading transactions to hedge against fluctuations in gold prices, using call option purchases and forward sales, and have entered into various interest rate swap agreements. The terms of our Credit Facility with Standard Bank require that we utilize various price hedging techniques to hedge a portion of the gold we plan to produce at the El Chanate Project and hedge at least 50% of our outstanding loan balance. There can be no assurance that we will be able to successfully hedge against gold price and interest rate fluctuations.

Further, there can be no assurance that the use of hedging techniques will always be to our benefit. Hedging instruments that protect against metals market price volatility may prevent us from realizing the full benefit from subsequent increases in market prices with respect to covered production, which would cause us to record a mark-to-market loss, decreasing our profits. Hedging contracts also are subject to the risk that the other party may be unable or unwilling to perform its obligations under these contracts. Any significant nonperformance could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

To date, rather than modifying the original Gold Price Protection agreement with Standard Bank to satisfy these forward sale obligations, we have opted for a net cash settlement between the call option purchase price of \$535 and the forward sale price of \$500, or \$35.00 per oz. As of September 30, 2008, we have paid Standard Bank an aggregate of approximately \$1,936,000 on the settlement of 55,325 ounces. The remaining ounces to settle with regard to this agreement amounted to 66,602 as of September 30, 2008. We believe we will be able to deliver the quantity of gold required by our forward sales on a going forward basis; however, we may continue to opt to net cash settle these forward sale obligations if it remains the most cost effective option for us. If we are unable for any reason to produce the quantity of gold required by our forward sales and generate sufficient cash flow to settle these forward sales in gold or cash, it could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and cash flows.

Our material property interests are in Mexico. Risks of doing business in a foreign country could adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition.

We face risks normally associated with any conduct of business in a foreign country with respect to our El Chanate Project in Sonora, Mexico, including various levels of political and economic risk. The occurrence of one or more of these events could have a material adverse impact on our efforts or operations which, in turn, could have a material adverse impact on our cash flows, earnings, results of operations and financial condition. These risks include the following:

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labor disputes,
invalidity of governmental orders,
uncertain or unpredictable political, legal and economic environments,
war and civil disturbances,
changes in laws or policies,
taxation,
delays in obtaining or the inability to obtain necessary governmental permits,
governmental seizure of land or mining claims,
limitations on ownership,
limitations on the repatriation of earnings,
increased financial costs,
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import and export regulations, including restrictions on the export of gold, and foreign exchange controls.

These risks may limit or disrupt the project, restrict the movement of funds or impair contract rights or result in the taking of property by nationalization or expropriation without fair compensation.

We sell gold in U.S. dollars; however, we incur a significant amount of our expenses in Mexican pesos. If applicable currency exchange rates fluctuate, our revenues and results of operations may be materially and adversely affected.

We sell gold in U.S. dollars. We incur a significant amount of our expenses in Mexican pesos. As a result, our financial performance would be affected by fluctuations in the value of the Mexican peso to the U.S. dollar.

Changes in regulatory policy could adversely affect our exploration and future production activities.

Any changes in government policy may result in changes to laws affecting:

ownership of assets,
land tenure,
mining policies,
monetary policies,
taxation,
rates of exchange,
environmental regulations,
labor relations,
repatriation of income and/or
return of capital.

Any such changes may affect our ability to undertake exploration and development activities in respect of future properties in the manner currently contemplated, as well as our ability to continue to explore, develop and operate those properties in which we have an interest or in respect of which we have obtained exploration and development rights to date. The possibility, particularly in Mexico, that future governments may adopt substantially different policies, which might extend to expropriation of assets, cannot be ruled out.

Compliance with environmental regulations could adversely affect our exploration and future production activities.

With respect to environmental regulation, future environmental legislation could require:

stricter standards and enforcement,
increased fines and penalties for non-compliance,
more stringent environmental assessments of proposed projects and
a heightened degree of responsibility for companies and their officers, directors and employees.

There can be no assurance that future changes to environmental legislation and related regulations, if any, will not adversely affect our operations. We could be held liable for environmental hazards that exist on the properties in which we hold interests, whether caused by previous or existing owners or operators of the properties. Any such liability could adversely affect our business and financial condition.

We have insurance against losses or liabilities that could arise from our operations. If we incur material losses or liabilities in excess of our insurance coverage, our financial position could be materially and adversely affected. Mining operations involve a number of risks and hazards, including:

environmental hazards,
industrial accidents,
metallurgical and other processing,
acts of God, and/or
mechanical equipment and facility performance problems.

#### Such risks could result in:

damage to, or destruction of, mineral properties or production facilities,

personal injury or death,
environmental damage,
delays in mining,
monetary losses and /or
possible legal liability.

Industrial accidents could have a material adverse effect on our future business and operations. We currently maintain general liability, business interruption, auto and property insurance coverage. We cannot be certain that the insurance we have in place will cover all of the risks associated with mining or that we will be able to maintain insurance to cover these risks at economically feasible premiums. We also might become subject to liability for pollution or other hazards which we cannot insure against or which we may elect not to insure against because of premium costs or other reasons. Losses from such events may have a material adverse effect on our financial position.

Calculation of reserves and metal recovery dedicated to future production is not exact, might not be accurate and might not accurately reflect the economic viability of our properties.

Reserve estimates may not be accurate. There is a degree of uncertainty attributable to the calculation of reserves, resources and corresponding grades being dedicated to future production. Until reserves or resources are actually mined and processed, the quantity of reserves or resources and grades must be considered as estimates only. In addition, the quantity of reserves or resources may vary depending on metal prices. Any material change in the quantity of reserves, resource grade or stripping ratio may affect the economic viability of our properties. In addition, there can be no assurance that mineral recoveries in small scale laboratory tests will be duplicated in large tests under on-site conditions or during production.

We are dependent on the efforts of certain key personnel and contractors to develop our El Chanate Project. If we lose the services of these personnel and contractors and we are unable to replace them, our planned operations at our El Chanate Project may be disrupted and/or materially adversely affected.

We are dependent on a relatively small number of key personnel, including but not limited to John Brownlie, Chief Operating Officer who, among other duties, oversees the El Chanate Project, the loss of any one of whom could have an adverse effect on us. We are also dependent upon Sinergia to provide mining services. Sinergia commenced mining operations on March 25, 2007, and transitioned from the pre-production to production phase of the mining contract in July 2007. Sinergia's mining fleet is not new. If we lose the services of our key personnel, or if Sinergia is unable to effectively maintain its fleet, our planned operations at our El Chanate Project may be disrupted and/or materially adversely affected.

There are uncertainties as to title matters in the mining industry. We believe that we have good title to our properties; however, any defects in such title that cause us to lose our rights in mineral properties could jeopardize our planned business operations.

We have investigated our rights to explore, exploit and develop our concessions in manners consistent with industry practice and, to the best of our knowledge, those rights are in good standing. However, we cannot assure that the title to or our rights of ownership in the El Chanate concessions will not be challenged by third parties or governmental agencies. In addition, there can be no assurance that the concessions in which we have an interest are not subject to prior unregistered agreements, transfers or claims and title may be affected by undetected defects. Any such defects could have a material adverse effect on us.

Our ability to maintain long-term profitability eventually will depend on our ability to find, explore and develop additional properties. Our ability to acquire such additional properties could be hindered by competition. If we are unable to acquire, develop and economically mine additional properties, we most likely will not be able to be profitable on a long-term basis.

Gold properties are wasting assets. They eventually become depleted or uneconomical to continue mining. The acquisition of gold properties and their exploration and development are subject to intense competition. Companies with greater financial resources, larger staffs, more experience and more equipment for exploration and development may be in a better position than us to compete for such mineral properties. If we are unable to find, develop and economically mine new properties, we most likely will not be able to be profitable on a long-term basis.

Our ability on a going forward basis to discover additional viable and economic mineral reserves is subject to numerous factors, most of which are beyond our control and are not predictable. If we are unable to discover such reserves, we most likely will not be able to be profitable on a long-term basis.

Exploration for gold is speculative in nature, involves many risks and is frequently unsuccessful. Few properties that are explored are ultimately developed into commercially producing mines. As noted above, our long-term profitability will be, in part, directly related to the cost and success of exploration programs. Any gold exploration program entails risks relating to

the location of economic ore bodies, development of appropriate metallurgical processes, receipt of necessary governmental approvals and

construction of mining and processing facilities at any site chosen for mining.

The commercial viability of a mineral deposit is dependent on a number of factors including:

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the price of gold,
               the particular attributes of the deposit, such as its
       o
                                               size.
                                           grade and
                                proximity to infrastructure,
o
                                       financing costs,
                                            taxation,
                                            royalties,
                                          land tenure,
                                            land use,
                                           water use.
                                           power use,
                           importing and exporting gold and
                                environmental protection.
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The effect of these factors cannot be accurately predicted.

#### Risks related to ownership of our stock

The market price of our stock may be adversely affected by market volatility due to the current significant instability in the financial markets.

As a result of the current substantial instability in the financial markets, our stock price has recently fluctuated significantly. We cannot predict if or when current adverse economic conditions will be resolved and what the affect this instability will continue to have on the price of our stock.

#### We do not intend to pay cash dividends in the near future.

Our Board of Directors determine whether to pay cash dividends on our issued and outstanding shares. The declaration of dividends would depend upon our future earnings, our capital requirements, our financial condition and other relevant factors. Our board does not intend to declare any dividends on our shares for the foreseeable future. We anticipate that we will retain any earnings to finance the growth of our business and for general corporate purposes.

Provisions of our Certificate of Incorporation, By-laws and Delaware law could defer a change of our management which could discourage or delay offers to acquire us.

Provisions of our Certificate of Incorporation, By-laws and Delaware law may make it more difficult for someone to acquire control of us or for our stockholders to remove existing management, and might discourage a third party from offering to acquire us, even if a change in control or in management would be beneficial to our stockholders. For example, our Certificate of Incorporation allows us to issue different series of shares of common stock without any vote or further action by our stockholders and our Board of Directors has the authority to fix and determine the relative rights and preferences of such series of common stock. As a result, our Board of Directors could authorize the issuance of a series of common stock that would grant to holders the preferred right to our assets upon liquidation, the right to receive dividend payments before dividends are distributed to the holders of other common stock and the right to the redemption of the shares, together with a premium, prior to the redemption of other series of our common stock.

## **Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments**

None.

## Item 2. Property

## El Chanate Properties - Sonora, Mexico

Through our wholly-owned subsidiaries, Oro de Altar S. de R. L. de C.V. ("Oro") and Minera Santa Rita S. de R.L. de C.V. ("MSR"), we own 100% of the following 16 mining concessions, all of which are located in the Municipality of Altar, State of Sonora United States of Mexico.

The 16 mining concessions are as follows:

|    | <b>Concession Name</b> | Title No. | Hectares   |
|----|------------------------|-----------|------------|
| 1  | San Jose               | 200718    | 96.0000    |
|    | Las Dos                |           |            |
| 2  | Virgen                 | 214874    | 132.2350   |
| 3  | Rono I                 | 206408    | 82.1902    |
| 4  | Rono 3                 | 214224    | 197.2180   |
| 5  | La Cuchilla            | 211987    | 143.3481   |
| 6  | Elsa                   | 212004    | 2,035.3997 |
| 7  | Elisa                  | 214223    | 78.4717    |
| 8  | Ena                    | 217495    | 190.0000   |
| 9  | Eva                    | 212395    | 416.8963   |
| 10 | Mirsa                  | 212082    | 20.5518    |
| 11 | Olga                   | 212081    | 60.5890    |
| 12 | Edna                   | 212355    | 24.0431    |
| 13 | La Tira                | 219624    | 1.7975     |
| 14 | La Tira 1              | 219623    | 18.6087    |
| 15 | Los Tres               | 223634    | 8.000      |
| 16 | El Charro              | 206404    | 40.0000    |
|    | Total                  |           | 3,543.3491 |

At the El Chanate Project we are mining on two concessions, San Jose and Las Dos Virgens. We are utilizing four other concessions for processing mined ores. In the future, we plan to explore some or all of these concessions to determine whether or not further activity is warranted.

Until August 2006, we were following an August 2003 feasibility study (the "2003 Study") prepared by M3 Engineering of Tucson, Arizona ("M3") as updated by M3 in October 2005 (The "2005 Study"). The 2005 Study used a base gold price of \$375 per ounce. In view of a significant rise in the gold price, in June 2006, we commissioned SRK Consulting, Denver, Colorado, to prepare an updated Canadian Securities Administration National Instrument 43-101 compliant technical report on our El Chanate Project. SRK completed this technical report in August 2006 (the "2006 Update").

In May 2007, we completed an expanded 72-hole reverse circulation drilling campaign to identify additional proven and probable gold reserves at the El Chanate Project. The 72 holes totaled approximately 8,300 meters, and were positioned to fill in gaps in the ore body and test the outer limits of the currently known ore zones. We turned the assay data over to Independent Mining Consultants, Inc. ("IMC") of Tucson, AZ to update our ore reserve and our mine plan. On August 30, 2007, IMC delivered to us an updated resource block model and an updated mine plan and mine production schedule (the "2007 Report").

According to the 2007 Report, our proven and probable reserve tonnage increased by approximately 98 percent from 19.9 million to 39.5 million metric tonnes with a gold grade of 0.66 grams per tonne (43.5 million US short tons at 0.019 ounces per ton). The open pit stripping ratio is 0.6:1 (0.6 tonnes of waste to one tonne of ore). The updated pit design for the revised plan in the 2007 Report is based on a plant recovery of gold that varies by rock types, but is expected to average 66.8%. A gold price of US\$550 (three year average as of July 31, 2007 as determined by IMC) per ounce was used to re-estimate the reserves compared with a gold price of \$450 per ounce used in the previous estimate.

In September 2008, we initiated a 10 hole deep core drilling campaign at our El Chanate mine consisting of 2,500 meters which will target the southern extremity of the main pit. Once this data has been compiled and analyzed, it will be combined with results from a previous drilling campaign initiated in December 2007 which consisted of a 26 reverse circulation holes amounting to 4,912 meters. These drill holes were mainly positioned to test the outer limits of the currently known ore zones within the main pit. All data will be combined with the intention of increasing proven and probable reserves.

During fiscal 2008, we identified certain restrictions related to our ADR plant capacity which limited the amount of solution that can be processed. We have addressed these issues by doubling the installed pumping capacity to increase solution flow to the leach pad and added additional carbon capacity to the system. We also purchased and installed an additional set of carbon columns and a strip vessel to process an additional two tonnes of carbon per strip. The installation and commissioning of these ADR plant upgrades was completed at the end of October 2008.

Gold production at El Chanate is currently at a level of approximately 5,000 ounces per month inclusive of gold equivalents. We have implemented steps necessary to effectively increase production rates to approximately 70,000 ounces per year in 2009. As of August 31, 2008, we have expended approximately \$3,500,000 on the leach pad expansion and ADR plant improvement. Management has been and anticipates that it will continue to fund these expansion costs with its cash on hand as well as through revenues from gold sales.

The following Summary is extracted from the 2007 Report. Please note that the reserves as stated are an estimate of what can be economically and legally recovered from the mine and, as such, incorporate losses for dilution and mining recovery. The 832,280 ounces of contained gold represents ounces of gold contained in ore in the ground, and therefore does not reflect losses in the recovery process. Total gold produced is estimated to be 555,960 ounces, or approximately 66.8% of the contained gold. The gold recovery rate is expected to average approximately 66.8% for the entire ore body. Individual portions of the ore body may experience varying recovery rates ranging from about 73% to 48%. Oxidized and sandstone ore types may have recoveries of about 73%; fault zone ore type recoveries may be about 64%; siltstone ore types recoveries may be about 48% and latite intrusive ore type recoveries may be about 50%.

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# El Chanate Project

## **Production Summary**

| THE UTE                    | 0.5.   |
|----------------------------|--|
|                            |  |
|                            |  |
| 26.7 Million Tonnes @ 0.68 | 29.4 Million Tons @  |
| g/t*                       | 0.0198 opt*  |
| 12.8 Million Tonnes @      | 14.1 Million Tons @  |
| <u>0.61</u> g/t*           | 0.0179 opt*  |
| 39.5 Million Tonnes @ 0.66 | 43.5 Million Tons @  |
| g/t*                       | 0.0192 opt*  |
| 24.1 Million Tonnes        | 26.6 Million Tons  |
| 63.6 Million Tonnes        | 70.1 Million tons  |
|                            |  |
| 25.89 Million grams        | 832,280 Oz   |
|                            |  |
| 2.6 Million Tonnos (Voor   | 2.87 Million Tons/Year   |
|                            |  |
| 7,500 Mt/d                 | 8,267 t/d  |
| 0.65 D                     | 0.07.70  |
| • •                        | 365 Days per year  |
| 66.8 %                     | 66.8 %   |
| 1.35 Million grams         | 43,414 Oz  |
| 17.29 Million grams        | 555,960 Oz   |
|                            | 12.8 Million Tonnes @ 0.61g/t* 39.5 Million Tonnes @ 0.66 g/t* 24.1 Million Tonnes 63.6 Million Tonnes 25.89 Million grams  2.6 Million Tonnes /Year 7,500 Mt/d  365 Days per year 66.8 % 1.35 Million grams |

Metric

In the mineral resource block model developed, with blocks 6m (meters) x 6m x 6m high, Measured and Indicated resources (corresponding to Proven and Probable reserves respectively when within the pit design) were classified in accordance with the following scheme:

- ·Blocks with 2 or more drill holes within a search radius of 80m x 70m x 40m and with a relative kriging (a geostatistical calculation technique) standard deviation less than or equal to 0.45 were classified as Measured (corresponding to Proven);
- ·Blocks with 1 hole within the search radius of 80m x 70m x 40m and with a relative kriging standard deviation of 0.60 or less, blocks with 2 holes and a kriging standard deviation of 0.70 or less, blocks with 3 holes and a kriging standard deviation of 0.80 or less, blocks with 4 holes and a relative kriging standard deviation of 0.90 or less and all blocks with 5 or more holes within the search radius were classified as Indicated (corresponding to Probable), unless they met the above criterion for Proven;

<sup>\* &</sup>quot;g/t" means grams per metric tonne, "opt" means ounces per ton, "Mt/d" means metric tonnes per day and "t/d" means tons per day. The reserve estimates are based on a recovered gold cutoff grade of 0.17 to 0.21 grams per metric tonne, depending on the operating year, and as described below.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Based on mining rate of 7,500 metric tonnes per day of ore. We are currently in excess of 10,000 metric tonnes per day.

- ·Blocks with a grade estimate that did not meet the above criteria were classified as Inferred (and which was classed as waste material in the mining reserves estimate);
- ·Blocks outside the above search radii or outside suitable geological zones were not assigned a gold grade or a resource classification.

The proven and probable reserve estimates are based on a recovered gold cutoff grade of 0.17 to 0.21 grams/tonne, depending on the operating year. The variation is due to balancing the mine and plant production capacities on a year by year basis for the plan. (A recovered gold cutoff grade was used for reserves calculation as the head gold grade cutoff varies with the different ore types due to their variable gold recoveries.) The internal (in-pit) and break even cutoff grade calculations are as follows:

| <b>Cutoff Grade Calculation</b>  | <b>Internal Cutoff Grade</b> | <b>Break Even Cutoff Grade</b> |  |  |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|
| <b>Basic Parameters</b>          |                              |                                |  |  |
| Gold Price                       | US\$550/oz                   | US\$550/oz                     |  |  |
| Shipping and Refining            | US\$ 4.14/oz                 | US\$ 4.14/oz                   |  |  |
| Gold Recovery                    | 66.8%                        | 66.8%                          |  |  |
| Royalty                          | 4% of NSR                    | 4% of NSR                      |  |  |
|                                  |                              |                                |  |  |
| <b>Operating Costs per Tonne</b> | of\$ per Tonne of Ore        | \$ per Tonne of Ore            |  |  |
| Ore                              | 0.070                        | 1.360                          |  |  |
| Mining *                         | 1.980                        | 1.980                          |  |  |
| Processing/Leach Pad             | 0.800                        | 0.800                          |  |  |
| G&A                              | 2.850                        | 4.140                          |  |  |
| Total                            |                              |                                |  |  |
|                                  | Grams per Tonne              | Grams per Tonne                |  |  |
| Internal Cutoff Grade            | 0.25                         | 0.37                           |  |  |
| Head Grade Cutoff (66.8%         | 0.17                         | 0.25                           |  |  |
| recov.)                          |                              |                                |  |  |
| Recovered Gold Grade Cutoff      |                              |                                |  |  |

<sup>\*</sup> The calculation of an internal cutoff grade does not include the basic mining costs (which are considered to be sunk costs for material within the designed pit). The \$0.07 per tonne cost included is the incremental (added) cost of hauling ore over hauling waste, and which is included in the calculation.

#### Surface Property Ownership

Anglo Gold purchased surface property ownership, consisting of 466 Hectares in Altar, Sonora, on January 27, 1998. The ownership was conveyed to our subsidiary, Oro de Altar S.A. de C.V., in 2002. MSR, one of our wholly-owned Mexican affiliates, has a lease on the property for the purpose of mining the Chanate gold deposit. The purchase transaction was recorded as public deed 19,591 granted by Mr. Jose Maria Morera Gonzalez, Notary Public 102 of the Federal District, registered at the Public Registry of Property of Caborca, Sonora, under number 36026, book one, volume 169 of the real estate registry section on May 7, 1998.

#### General Information and Location

The El Chanate Project is located in the State of Sonora, Mexico, 37 kilometers northeast of the town of Caborca. It is accessible by paved and all weather dirt roads typically traveled by pickup trucks and similar vehicles. Driving time from Caborca is approximately 40 minutes. Access from Caborca to the village of 16 de September is over well maintained National highways. Beyond the 16 de September village, routes to the property are currently over well traveled gravel and sandy desert roads suitable for all types of vehicles. We acquired rights for service road access from the village of 16 de September, and constructed this road.

The project is situated on the Sonora desert in a hot and windy climate, generally devoid of vegetation with the exception of cactus. The terrain is generally flat with immense, shallow basins, scattered rock outcropping and low rocky hills and ridges. The desert floor is covered by shallow, fine sediment, gravel and caliche. The main body of the known surface gold covers an irregularly shaped area of approximately 3,170 feet long by 1,590 feet wide. Several satellite mineral anomalies exist on surfaces which have not been thoroughly explored. Assays on chip samples taken from trenches at these locations by us indicate the presence of gold mineralization.

In 2005, we acquired 15 year rights of way for the current access road, and we acquired the right to purchase 81 hectares of land near the main highway. We have use of the land; however, our actual purchase of the land is conditioned upon the Ejido (local cooperative) privatizing the land, before the acquisition is finalized. We subsequently purchased an extension of our rights-of-way from 15 to 30 years. In addition to this road, we acquired a water concession, and our water well is located within a large regional aquifer. The 2005 feasibility study indicated our average life of mine water requirements, for ore processing only, will be about 94.6 million gallons per year (11.4 liters per second). The amount of water we were permitted to pump for our operations was approximately 71.3 million gallons per year (8.6 liters per second). In September 2007, and in conjunction with the results of the 2007 Report, we acquired additional water rights which permits us to consume up to 109.1 million gallons per year. Based on the anticipated water consumption for the life of mine, we believe that we have an allocation to meet our requirements.

In December 2005, MSR entered into a Mining Contract with a Mexican mining contractor, Sinergia Obras Civiles y Mineras, S.A. de C.V. ("Contractor"). The Mining Contract, as amended, became effective November 1, 2006 and work commenced on or about March 25, 2007 (the "Commencement Date"). Pursuant to an amendment to the Mining Contract, the mining rates set forth in that contract are subject to adjustment for the rate of inflation between September 23, 2005 and the Commencement Date. We are currently in negotiations with the Contractor on an adjustment to these rates for the aforementioned period. Pursuant to the Mining Contract, the Contractor, using its own equipment, is supposed to perform all of the mining work (other than crushing) at the El Chanate Project for the life of the mine. MSR delivered to the Contractor a mobilization payment of \$70,000 and the advance payment of \$520,000. The advance payments are recoverable by MSR out of 100% of subsequent payments due to the Contractor under the Mining Contract. Pursuant to the Mining Contract, upon termination, the Contractor would be obligated to repay any portion of the advance payment that had not yet been recouped. The Contractor's mining rates are subject to escalation on an annual basis. This escalation is tied to the percentage escalation in the Contractor's costs for various parts for its equipment, interest rates and labor. One of the principals of the Contractor ("FG's Successor") is one of the former principals of Grupo Minero FG S.A. de C.V. ("FG"). FG was our former joint venture partner. In March 2007, we made a further advance to the Contractor of \$319,000 in consideration of FG's successors transfer to us of his remaining interest in MSR. As of July 31, 2008, the entire advance has been recovered.

The general El Chanate mine area has been mined for gold since the early 19th century. A number of old underground workings exist characterized by narrow shafts, to a depth of several tens of feet and connecting drifts and cross cuts. No information exists regarding the amount of gold taken out; however, indications are that mining was conducted on a small scale.

## Geology

The project area is underlain by sedimentary rocks of the Late Jurassic – Early Cretaceous Bisbee Group, and the Late Cretaceous Chanate Group, which locally are overlain by andesites of the Cretaceous El Charro volcanic complex. The sedimentary strata are locally intruded by andesitic sills and dikes, a microporphyritic latite and by a diorite stock. The sedimentary strata are comprised of mudstone, siltstone, sandstone, conglomerate, shale and limestone. Within the drilled resource area, a predecessor exploration company differentiated two units on the basis of their position relative to the Chanate fault. The upper member is an undifferentiated sequence of sandstone, conglomerate and lesser mudstone that lies above the Chanate fault and it is assigned to the Escalante Formation of the Middle Cretaceous Chanate Group. The lower member is comprised of mudstone with mixed in sandstone lenses and thin limestone interbreds; it lies below the Chanate fault and is assigned to the Arroyo Sasabe Formation of the Lower Cretaceous Bisbee Group. The Arroyo Sasabe formation overlies the Morita Formation of the Bisbee Group. Both the Escalante and Arroyo Sasabe formations are significantly mineralized proximal to the Chanate fault, while the Morita Formation is barren.

The main structural feature of the project area is the Chanate fault, a 7 km long (minimum) northwest-striking, variably southwest-dipping structure that has been interpreted to be a thrust fault. The Chanate fault is overturned (north-dipping) at surface, and is marked by brittle deformation and shearing which has created a pronounced fracture foliation and fissility in the host rocks. In drill holes the fault is often marked the presence of an andesite dike. Reports prepared by a predecessor exploration company describe the fault as consisting of a series of thrust ramps and flats; however, geologic cross sections which we have reviewed but did not prepare may negate this interpretation.

#### Alteration/Mineralization

A predecessor exploration company has defined a 600 meter long, 300 meter wide, 120 meter thick zone of alteration that is centered about the Chanate fault. The strata within this zone have been silicified and pyritized to varying degrees. In surface outcrop the mineralized zone is distinguished by its bleached appearance relative to unmineralized rock. The mineralized zone contains only single digit ppm (parts per million) levels of gold. Dense swarms of veinlets form thick, mineralized lenses, within a larger area of sub-economic but anomalous gold concentrations. Drill hole data indicates that the mineralized lenses are sub-horizontal to gently southwest-dipping and are grossly parallel to the Chanate fault. The fault zone itself is also weakly mineralized, although strata in the near hanging wall and footwall are appreciably mineralized.

# Our Acquisition and Ownership of the El Chanate Project

In June 2001, we purchased 100% of the issued and outstanding stock of Minera Chanate, S.A. de C.V. from AngloGold North America Inc. and AngloGold (Jerritt Canyon) Corp. Minera Chanate's assets at the time of the closing of the purchase consisted of 106 exploitation and exploration concessions in the States of Sonora, Chihuahua and Guerrero, Mexico. By June 2002, after property reviews and to minimize tax payments, the 106 had been reduced to 12 concessions. To cover certain non-critical gaps between concessions, four new concessions were acquired, and the number of concessions is now 16. These concessions are contiguous, totaling approximately 3,543 hectares (8,756 acres or 13.7 square miles). Although there are 16 concessions, we are only mining two of these concessions at the present time. We also own outright 466 hectares (1,151 acres or 1.8 square miles) of surface rights at El Chanate and no third party ownership or leases exist on this fee land or the El Chanate concessions. In the future, assuming adequate funding is available, we plan on conducting exploration activities on some of the other concessions.

Pursuant to the terms of the agreement with Anglo Gold, in December 2001, we made a \$50,000 payment to AngloGold. AngloGold will be entitled to receive the remainder of the purchase price by way of an ongoing percentage of net smelter returns of between 2% and 4% plus a 10% net profits interest (until the total net profits interest payment received by AngloGold equals \$1,000,000). AngloGold's right to a payment of a percentage of net smelter returns and the net profits interest will terminate at such point as they aggregate \$18,018,355. In accordance with the agreement, the foregoing payments are not to be construed as royalty payments. Should the Mexican government or other jurisdiction determine that such payments are royalties, we could be subjected to and would be responsible for any withholding taxes assessed on such payments. During the first part of 2008, Royal Gold, Inc. acquired from Anglo Gold the right to receive both the net smelter returns of between 2% and 4% plus and the 10% net profits interest which terminates at such point as they aggregate \$18,018,355. As of July 31, 2008, we have incurred approximately \$1,272,000 and \$728,000 in expense with regard to both the net smelter return and net profits interest, respectively.

Under the terms of the agreement, we had granted AngloGold the right to designate one of its wholly-owned Mexican subsidiaries to receive a one-time option to purchase 51% of Minera Chanate (or such entity that owns the El Chanate concessions at the time of option exercise). That option was exercisable over a 180 day period commencing at such time as we notified AngloGold that we had made a good faith determination that we had gold-bearing ore deposits on any one of the identified groups of El Chanate concessions, when aggregated with any ore that we have mined, produced and sold from such concessions, of in excess of 2,000,000 troy ounces of contained gold. The exercise price would equal twice our project costs on the properties during the period commencing on December 15, 2000 and ending on the date of such notice. In January 2008, we made a good faith determination and notified AngloGold that the drill indicated resources at the El Chanate gold mine exceeded two million ounces of contained gold. The term "drill indicated resources" is defined in the agreement. A drill indicated resource number does not rise to the level of, and should not be considered proven and probable reserves as those terms are defined under guidelines of the Securities Exchange Commission ("SEC"). On July 1, 2008, AngloGold notified us that it would not be exercising its back-in right.

#### Saric Properties - Sonora, Mexico

We recently leased 12 mining concessions totaling 1,790 hectares located northwest of Saric, Sonora. In addition, we filed and now own a claim for approximately 2,200 additional hectares adjacent to this property. These concessions and this claim are about a sixty mile drive northeast of the El Chanate project. Mineralization is evident throughout and is hosted by shear zones and quartz veins in granite intrusive. A short drill program, along with geochemical work, is currently underway.

We continue to actively investigate other exploration projects in northern Mexico.

## **Item 3. Legal Proceedings**

We are not presently a party to any material litigation.

## Item 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders

No matter was submitted to a vote of our stockholders during the fiscal quarter ended July 31, 2008.

#### **PART II**

# Item 5. Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities.

(a) Marketing Information -- The principal U.S. market in which our common shares (all of which are of one class, \$.0001 par value Common Stock) are traded or will trade is in the over-the-counter market (Bulletin Board Symbol: "CGLD"). Our stock is not traded or quoted on any Automated Quotation System.

The following table sets forth the range of high and low closing bid quotes of our Common Stock per quarter for the past two fiscal years as reported by the OTC Bulletin Board (which reflect inter-dealer prices without retail mark-up, mark-down or commission and may not necessary represent actual transactions).

#### MARKET PRICE OF COMMON STOCK

| Quarter Ending   | High and Lo | ow   |
|------------------|-------------|------|
| July 31, 2008    | 0.70        | 0.60 |
| April 30, 2008   | 0.78        | 0.62 |
| January 31, 2008 | 0.81        | 0.60 |
| October 31, 2007 | 0.63        | 0.38 |
|                  |             |      |
| July 31, 2007    | 0.47        | 0.38 |
| April 30, 2007   | 0.47        | 0.37 |
| January 31, 2007 | 0.41        | 0.31 |
| October 31, 2006 | 0.33        | 0.28 |

Our Common Stock trades on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol "CGC." The high and low closing prices for our Common stock for the periods indicated below are as follows:

| Period Ending                  | High and Low |            |  |  |  |  |
|--------------------------------|--------------|------------|--|--|--|--|
|                                | US\$/CDN\$   | US\$/CDN\$ |  |  |  |  |
| Quarter ended July 31, 2008    | 0.70/0.71    | 0.61/0.60  |  |  |  |  |
| Quarter ended April 30, 2008   | 0.83/0.83    | 0.62/0.62  |  |  |  |  |
| Quarter ended January 31, 2008 | 077/0.76     | 0.58/0.57  |  |  |  |  |
| Quarter ended October 31, 2007 | 0.60/0.61    | 0.39/0.40  |  |  |  |  |
|                                |              |            |  |  |  |  |
| Quarter ended July 31, 2007    | 0.50/0.54    | 0.35/0.37  |  |  |  |  |
| Quarter ended April 30, 2007   | 0.52/0.60    | 0.36/0.42  |  |  |  |  |
| Quarter ended January 31, 2007 | 0.42/0.49    | 0.27/0.31  |  |  |  |  |
| Quarter ended October 31, 2006 | 0.36/0.40    | 0.28/0.32  |  |  |  |  |

- (b) Holders -- The approximate number of record holders of our Common Stock, as of October 24, 2008 amounts to 2,236 inclusive of those brokerage firms and/or clearing houses holding our common shares for their clientele (with each such brokerage house and/or clearing house being considered as one holder). The aggregate number of shares of Common Stock outstanding is 192,974,824 as of October 24, 2008.
- (c) Dividends We have not paid or declared any cash dividends upon our Common Stock since inception and, by reason of our present financial status and our contemplated financial requirements, do not contemplate or anticipate paying any cash dividends upon our Common Stock in the foreseeable future.

On July 17, 2008, at the recommendation of the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors, our executive officers and directors were granted 515,000 shares under our 2006 Equity Incentive Plan. The restricted shares granted vested immediately. The fair value of the stock was \$0.70 on the date of grant resulting in our recording approximately \$361,000 in equity based compensation expense within general and administrative expense.

All of the foregoing issuances were exempt from registration pursuant to the provisions of Section 4(2) of the Securities Act of 1933.

We did not repurchase any of our securities during the fiscal year ended July 31, 2008.

The following table gives information about our Common Stock that may be issued upon the exercise of options, warrants and rights under all of our equity compensation plans as of July 31, 2008.

Number of securities
Remaining available for
Number of Securities to Weighted-average future issuance under
be issued upon exercise Exercise price of equity compensation plans
of outstanding option Qutstanding options, (excluding securities
warrants and rights\* warrants and rightsreflected in column (a))

Plan Category

|  | (a)       | (b)    | (c)       |
|--|-----------|--------|-----------|
| Equity compensation plans approved by security     |           |        |           |
| holders:   | 4,665,000 | \$ 0.5 | 3,225,000 |
|  |           |        |           |
| Equity compensation plans not approved by security |           |        |           |
| holders:   | 900,000   | \$ 0.5 | 58 N/A    |
|  |           |        |           |
| Total  | 5,565,000 | \$ 0.5 | 3,225,000 |

\*Does not include the issuance of 2,110,000 shares of restricted stock during the fiscal year ended July 31, 2008

# **Performance Graph**

#### **Total Return To Shareholders**

(Includes reinvestment of dividends)

# QUARTERLY RETURN PERCENTAGE

| Quarter Ending           |          |         |         |         |  |  |
|--------------------------|----------|---------|---------|---------|--|--|
| Company / Index          | 10/31/07 | 1/31/08 | 4/30/08 | 7/31/08 |  |  |
| Capital Gold Corporation | 36.07    | 10.48   | -6.61   | -0.77   |  |  |
| S&P SmallCap 600 Index   | 5.12     | -12.65  | 1.20    | -1.48   |  |  |
| Peer Group               | 9.32     | -20.42  | -4.41   | 17.42   |  |  |

|                          |        | IN       | IDEXED RETU   | JRNS    |         |
|--------------------------|--------|----------|---------------|---------|---------|
|                          | Base   | Qı       | uarter Ending |         |         |
|                          | Period |          |               |         |         |
| Company / Index          | 8/1/07 | 10/31/07 | 1/31/08       | 4/30/08 | 7/31/08 |
| Capital Gold Corporation | 100    | 136.07   | 150.32        | 140.39  | 139.31  |
| S&P SmallCap 600 Index   | 100    | 105.12   | 91.82         | 92.92   | 91.55   |
| Peer Group               | 100    | 109.32   | 87.00         | 83.16   | 97.64   |

# **Peer Group Companies:**

ALAMOS GOLD INC GAMMON GOLD INC WESTERN GOLDFIELDS INC

## ITEM 6. Selected Financial Data.

The selected consolidated financial data set forth below should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements, and the related notes thereto, and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," included in this Annual Report. The statement of operations and balance sheet data presented below for, and as of the end of, each of the years in the five year period ended July 31, 2008 are derived from our audited consolidated financial statements. Historical results are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected in the future. The Selected Financial Data is in thousands except for share and per share data.

|                                 | Fiscal Year Ended July, 31 |    |         |    |         |    |         |    |         |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|----|---------|----|---------|----|---------|----|---------|
|                                 | 2008                       |    | 2007    |    | 2006    |    | 2005    |    | 2004    |
| Statement of Operations data:   |                            |    |         |    |         |    |         |    |         |
| <u>Revenues</u>                 | \$<br>33,104               | \$ | -       | \$ | -       | \$ | -       | \$ | -       |
| Net Income (loss)               | \$<br>6,364                | \$ | (7,472) | \$ | (4,805) | \$ | (2,006) | \$ | (2,939) |
| Income (loss) per share – Basic | \$<br>0.04                 | \$ | (0.05)  | \$ | (0.04)  | \$ | (0.03)  | \$ | (0.06)  |
|                                 |                            |    |         |    |         |    |         |    |         |
| Balance Sheet data:             |                            |    |         |    |         |    |         |    |         |
| Total Assets                    | \$<br>48,879               | \$ | 27,551  | \$ | 9,546   | \$ | 5,552   | \$ | 486     |
| Long-term Debt                  | \$<br>8,375                | \$ | 12,500  | \$ | _       | \$ | -       | \$ | -       |
| Reclamation and Remediation     |                            |    |         |    |         |    |         |    |         |
| <u>Liability</u>                | \$<br>1,666                | \$ | 1,249   | \$ | -       | \$ | -       | \$ | -       |
|                                 |                            |    |         |    |         |    |         |    |         |
| 21                              |                            |    |         |    |         |    |         |    |         |
|                                 |                            |    |         |    |         |    |         |    |         |

## Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

The following discussion relates to the three fiscal years ended July 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006. As disclosed in greater detail elsewhere in this report, we commenced mining operations and began to receive operating revenues in August 2007, shortly after the end of the fiscal year ended July 31, 2007. (000's, except where otherwise specifically noted).

#### Overview

You should read the following discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations in conjunction with our financial statements and related notes included elsewhere in this report.

## Our financial position was as follows:

|                            | For the end July 200 |        | For the year ended July 31, 2007 |   |
|----------------------------|----------------------|--------|----------------------------------|---|
| Total debt                 | \$                   | 12,500 | \$ 12,500                        | 0 |
| Total stockholders' equity | \$                   | 28,197 | \$ 11,986                        | 6 |
| Cash and cash equivalents  | \$                   | 10,992 | \$ 2,22                          | 5 |
| Working capital            | \$                   | 15,825 | \$ 6,34                          | 3 |

During our fiscal year ended July 31, 2008 our debt and liquidity positions were affected by the following:

Net cash provided from continuing operations of \$6,318;

Capital expenditures of \$5,507;

Proceeds from the issuance of common stock upon the exercising of warrants of \$7,474;

#### **Looking Forward**

Certain key factors will affect our future financial and operating results. These include, but are not limited to, the following (000's except for ounces and cash cost data):

Fluctuations in gold prices

We expect minimum fiscal 2009 gold sales of approximately 55,000 ounces;

- ·Cash costs per ounce sold, excluding royalties, for fiscal 2009 are expected to be approximately \$250 to \$275 per ounce as the impact of industry-wide cost pressures are expected to be slightly higher;
- ·We anticipate capital expenditures of approximately \$5,500 to \$6,500 in fiscal 2009 with nearly all being allocated to our El Chanate mine in Sonora, Mexico;

·Our fiscal year 2009 expectations, particularly with respect to sales volumes and cash costs per ounce sold, may differ significantly from actual quarter and full fiscal year results due to variations in: ore grades and hardness, metal recoveries, waste removed, commodity input prices, foreign currencies and gold sale prices.

#### Result of Operations

#### Fiscal year ended July 31, 2008 compared to fiscal year ended July 31, 2007

Net income for the year ended July 31, 2008 was approximately \$6,364 compared to a net loss of approximately \$7,472 for the year ended July 31, 2007. The principal reason for this transition was our realizing revenue from operations during the year ended July 31, 2008. Our first gold sale occurred in August 2007. Net income per common share was \$0.04 for the year ended July 31, 2008, on a basic basis and \$0.03 on a diluted basis. The net loss per share for the same period in 2007 was \$0.05 on a basic basis. Basic and diluted net loss per share is computed using the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding during the period. Equivalent common shares, consisting of stock options and warrants were excluded from the calculation of diluted net loss per share for the fiscal year ended July 31, 2007 since their effect was anti-dilutive.

#### Revenues & Costs Applicable to Sales

Gold revenue for the year ended July 31, 2008 totaled approximately \$33,104. We sold 39,102 ounces at an average realizable price per ounce of approximately \$847. Costs applicable to sales were approximately \$10,690 for the current period. There were no metal sales for the same period in the prior year as we had not yet realized revenue from our operations. Our cash cost and total cost per ounce sold, excluding Royal Gold's 10% net profit interest, formally owned by AngloGold, was \$257 and \$316, respectively, for the year ended July 31, 2008. If we factor in this net profit interest cost for the same period, our cash cost and total cost per ounce sold would be \$276 and \$335, respectively. These costs were slightly higher than previous quarter results primarily due to the accrual of this net profit interest which is capped at \$1,000. As of July 31, 2008, we had approximately \$753 accrued towards this net profits interest. We anticipate accruing the remaining portion of the net profit interest within this calendar year.

Revenues from by-product sales (silver) are credited to *Costs applicable to sales* as a by-product credit. Silver sales totaled 40,461 ounces at an average price of \$17.48 amounting to approximately \$707 for the year ended July 31, 2008.

#### Depreciation and Amortization

Depreciation and amortization expense during the year ended July 31, 2008 and 2007 was approximately \$3,438 and \$891, respectively. The increase of approximately \$2,547 was primarily due to a full year of depreciation and amortization charges related to the El Chanate capital costs being incurred in the current period. The charges during the same period in the prior year were significantly lower as most of these assets were placed in service in April 2007. Depreciation and amortization also represents deferred financing costs resulting from the Credit Facility we entered into with Standard Bank. This accounted for approximately \$1,088 and \$876 of the amortization expense during the years ended July 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

## General and Administration Expense

General and administrative expenses during the year ended July 31, 2008 were approximately \$5,405, an increase of approximately \$2,645 or 96% from the year ended July 31, 2007. The increase in general and administrative expenses resulted primarily from: 1) higher salaries and wages for officers and employees including the hiring of a controller and the awarding of cash bonuses of approximately \$1,708, 2) the granting of stock options and restricted stock to our officers and employees under our 2006 Equity Incentive Plan amounting to approximately \$467, 3) higher investor relations fees and travel fees of approximately \$221, 4) higher accounting and consulting fees of approximately \$419 versus the same period a year earlier, primarily due to the awarding of a cash bonus to one of our officers as well as higher consulting fees related to compliance with internal control over financial reporting, and 5) an increase in insurance costs of approximately \$116 versus the same period a year earlier as we were not yet in full production in the prior period. The above mentioned increases in compensation, cash bonus awards as well as the stock option and restricted stock awards were granted based upon recommendations from an independent report on executive compensation. This independent report, requested by our Compensation Committee, was obtained in order to assist us in attracting and retaining individuals of experience and ability, to provide incentive to our employees and directors, to encourage employee and director proprietary interests in our company, and to encourage employees to remain in our employ.

# **Exploration Expense**

Exploration expense during the years ended July31, 2008 and 2007 was approximately \$938 and \$1,816, respectively, or a decrease of \$878 or 48%. The primary reason for the decrease in exploration expense was the result of higher engineering and planning costs related to our El Chanate Project being expensed in the prior period as well as the costs incurred from our 72-hole reverse circulation drilling campaign to identify additional proven and probable gold reserves at the El Chanate Project which was completed in May 2007. The current period includes: 1) costs from our completed 26 hole reverse circulation drilling program in December 2007 amounting to 4,912 meters at El Chanate. The drill holes were mainly positioned to test the outer limits of the currently known ore zones, and 2) cost associated with our recently leased 12 mining concessions totaling 1,790 hectares located northwest of Saric, Sonora. We initiated a short drill program as well as some geochemical work related to these claims during the current period. Also, a claim has been filed for approximately 2,200 additional hectares adjacent to this property. These concessions and this claim are about a sixty mile drive northeast of the El Chanate project. Mineralization is evident throughout and is hosted by shear zones and veins in granite intrusive.

## **Equity Based Compensation**

Equity based compensation during the year ended July 31, 2008 was approximately \$181 as compared to \$133 in costs for the same period a year earlier. These costs primarily represent the equity compensation expense from the issuance of stock options for professional services provided to non-employees during the current and prior period.

#### Other Income and Expense

Our loss on the change in fair value of derivative instruments during the year ended July 31, 2008 and 2007, was approximately \$1,356 and \$1,226, respectively, and was reflected as an other expense. This was primarily due to the change in fair value of our two identically structured derivative contracts with Standard Bank which correlates to fluctuations in the gold price. These contracts were not designated as hedging derivatives; and therefore, special hedge accounting does not apply.

Interest expense was approximately \$1,207 for the year ended July 31, 2008 compared to approximately \$792 for the same period a year earlier. This increase was mainly due to higher interest charges incurred during the current period related to our fully outstanding credit facility with Standard Bank. As of July 31, 2008 and 2007, there was \$12,500

outstanding, respectively, on this credit facility.

# **Income Tax Expense**

Income tax expense was \$3,507 during the fiscal year ended July 31, 2008, compared to \$0 in 2007 with an effective tax rate of 35% and 0%, respectively. The factors that most significantly impact our effective tax rate are valuation allowances related to deferred tax assets offset partially by lower statutory tax rates in Mexico. Current income tax expense and deferred income tax expense amounted to \$2,111 and \$1,396 as of July 31, 2008, respectively.

Mining operations are primarily conducted in Mexico that has tax laws, tax incentives and tax rates that are significantly different than those of the United States. On October 1, 2007, the Mexican Government enacted legislation which introduced certain tax reforms as well as a new minimum flat tax system. This new flat tax system integrates with the regular income tax system and is based on cash-basis net income that includes only certain receipts and expenditures. The flat tax is set at 17.5% of cash-basis net income as determined, with transitional rates of 16.5% and 17.0% in 2008 and 2009, respectively. If the flat tax is positive, it is reduced by the regular income tax and any excess is paid as a supplement to the regular income tax. If the flat tax is negative, it may serve to reduce the regular income tax payable in that year or can be carried forward for a period of up to ten years to reduce any future flat tax. Companies are required to prepay income taxes on a monthly basis based on the greater of the flat tax or regular income tax as calculated for each monthly period. Annualized income projections indicate that we will not be liable for any excess flat tax for calendar year 2008 and, accordingly, have recorded a Mexican income tax provision as of July 31, 2008.

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are determined based on differences between the financial statement reporting and tax bases of assets and liabilities and are measured using the enacted tax rates and laws in effect when the differences are expected to reverse. The measurement of deferred income tax assets is reduced, if necessary, by a valuation allowance for any tax benefits, which, on a more than likely than not basis, are not expected to be realized. The effect on deferred income tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in the period that such tax rate changes are enacted.

During the fiscal year ended 2008, we completed a reconciliation of our U.S. book and tax basis assets and liabilities as well as a detailed analysis of our income taxes payable.

Based on the uncertainty and inherent unpredictability of the factors influencing our effective tax rate and the sensitivity of such factors to gold and other metals prices as discussed above, the effective tax rate is expected to be volatile in future periods.

For more information concerning income taxes, please see Note 22 within the consolidated financial statements contained herein.

# Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates

During the year ended July 31, 2008 and 2007, we recorded equity adjustments from foreign currency translations of approximately \$622 and \$205, respectively. These translation adjustments are related to changes in the rates of exchange between the Mexican Peso and the US dollar and are included as a component of other comprehensive income.

# <u>Summary of Annual Results</u> (000's except per share Data and ounces sold)

|  | ]  | For the year<br>ended<br>July 31,<br>2008 | For the year ended July 31, 2007 |
|--|----|---|----------------------------------|
| <u>Revenues</u>                          |    | 33,104                                    | -                                |
| Net Income (loss)                        |    | 6,364                                     | (7,472)                          |
| Basic net income (loss) per share        |    | 0.04                                      | (0.05)                           |
| Diluted net income (loss) per share      |    | 0.03                                      | -                                |
| Gold ounces sold                         |    | 39,102                                    | -                                |
| Average price received                   | \$ | 847                                       | -                                |
| Cash cost per ounce sold <sup>(1)</sup>  | \$ | 276                                       | -                                |
| Total cost per ounce sold <sup>(1)</sup> | \$ | 335                                       | -                                |

<sup>(1)</sup> Excluding the net profit interest, cash and total cost per ounce sold were \$257 and \$316, respectively.

#### Fiscal year ended July 31, 2007 compared to fiscal year ended July 31, 2006

#### Net Loss

Our net loss for the fiscal year ended July 31, 2007 was approximately \$7,472, an increase of approximately \$2,667 or 56% from the fiscal year ended July 31, 2006. As discussed below, the primary reasons for the increase in loss during the fiscal year ended July 31, 2007 were: 1) an increase in selling, general and administrative expenses of approximately \$625; 2) an increase in depreciation and amortization expense of approximately \$852; 3) an increase in exploration expenditures of approximately \$808; 4) an increase in losses of approximately \$644 due to the change in fair value of our derivative instruments; and 5) an increase in interest expense of approximately \$792. These increases in loss were slightly offset by a decrease in mine expenses of approximately \$933 due to higher planning and engineering costs being expensed in the prior fiscal year. Net loss per share was \$.05 and \$.04 for the fiscal year ended July 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

#### Revenues

We generated no revenues from mining operations during the fiscal year ended July 31, 2007 and 2006. There were de minimis non-operating revenues during the fiscal year ended July 31, 2007 and 2006 of approximately \$146 and \$184, respectively. These non-operating revenues primarily represent interest income.

# Mine Expenses

Mine expenses during the fiscal year ended July 31, 2007 were \$1,008, a decrease of \$933 or 48% from the fiscal year ended July 31, 2006. Mine expenses were lower in 2007 versus the same period a year earlier primarily due to higher engineering and planning costs related to our El Chanate Project being expensed in the prior period.

#### Selling, General and Administration Expense

Selling, general and administrative expenses during the fiscal year ended July 31, 2007 were \$2,760, an increase of approximately \$625 or 29% from the fiscal year ended July 31, 2006. The increase in selling, general and administrative expenses resulted primarily from higher salaries and wages, higher professional and consulting fees as well as an increase in insurance costs versus the same period a year earlier.

#### **Equity Based Compensation**

Equity based compensation during the fiscal year ended July 31, 2007 was \$133 as compared to \$89 in costs for the same period a year earlier. This increase primarily resulted from the issuance of stock options to our independent directors, SEC counsel, and outside Canadian Counsel as well as an issuance of shares of common stock to an independent contractor for services provided related to our El Chanate project.

# **Exploration Expense**

Exploration expense during the fiscal year ended July 31, 2007 and 2006 was approximately \$808 and \$0, respectively. The primary reason for the increase can be attributed to our 72-hole drilling campaign to determine additional proven and probable gold reserves at the El Chanate Project.

#### Depreciation and Amortization

Depreciation and amortization expense during the fiscal year ended July 31, 2007 and 2006 was approximately \$891 and \$39, respectively. The primary reason for the increase was due to amortization charges on deferred financing costs resulting from the Credit Facility entered into in August 2006 with Standard Bank Plc. This accounted for approximately \$876 of the amortization expense during the fiscal year ended July 31, 2007.

#### Other Income and Expense

Our loss on the change in fair value of derivative instruments during the fiscal year ended July 31, 2007 and 2006, was approximately \$1,226 and \$582, respectively. This was primarily due to us entering into two identically structured derivative contracts with Standard Bank in March 2006. Each derivative consisted of a series of forward sales of gold and a purchase gold cap. We agreed to sell a total volume of 121,927 ounces of gold forward to Standard Bank at a price of \$500 per ounce on a quarterly basis during the period from March 2007 to September 2010. We also agreed to a purchase gold cap on a quarterly basis during this same period and at identical volumes covering a total volume of 121,927 ounces of gold at a price of \$535 per ounce. While the period of the derivative contracts has commenced, we do not anticipate any material adverse effect from the fact that we have not commenced to sell gold because the price of gold is substantially above \$535 per ounce. Under FASB Statement No. 133, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities" ("FAS 133"), these contracts must be carried on the balance sheet at their fair value, with changes to the fair value of these contracts reflected as *Other Income or Expense*. These contracts were not designated as hedging derivatives; and therefore, special hedge accounting does not apply.

The first derivative was entered into on March 1, 2006 for a premium of \$550; and the second was entered into on March 30, 2006 for a premium of \$250. The gold price rose sharply in the second quarter 2006, and was the primary reason for the decrease in premium on the derivative contracts. The change in fair value during the fiscal year ended July 31, 2007 reduced the carrying value on these derivative contracts by approximately \$1,226, and was reflected as an other expense during the 2007 period.

Interest expense was approximately \$792 for the fiscal year ended July 31, 2007 compared to \$0 for the same period in 2006. This increase was mainly due to interest expense associated with our outstanding balances on our draw downs associated with the Credit Facility entered into in August 2006 with Standard Bank Plc related to project costs for our El Chanate Project.

#### **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

#### Operating activities

Cash provided by operating activities during the year ended July 31, 2008 was approximately \$6,318, which primarily represents cash flows resulting from our realization of revenue from operations during the year ended July 31, 2008. Cash used in operating activities for the same period a year ago was \$3,663 as we had not yet been realizing revenue from operations.

### **Investing Activities**

Cash used in investing activities during the year ended July31, 2008, amounted to approximately \$5,479, primarily from the leach pad expansion and the acquisition of equipment, including additional conveyors and ADR plant equipment, as well as additional water rights related to our El Chanate Project. Cash used in investing activities for the same period a year ago was approximately \$18,425 which directly related to the development of the El Chanate mine.

#### Financing Activities

Cash provided by financing activities during the year ended July 31, 2008 amounted to approximately \$7,306, primarily from the exercising of 22,994,178 warrants for gross proceeds of approximately \$7,474. Cash provided by financing activities for the same period a year ago was approximately \$21,367 which mostly comprised of the full draw down of our credit facility of \$12,500 and proceeds received of approximately \$3,486 from the issuance of common stock in private placements and \$5,643 from the issuance of common stock upon the exercising of 22,203,909 warrants.

#### Term loan and Revolving Credit Facility

On July 17, 2008, we closed in escrow pending execution of Mexican collateral documents and certain other ministerial matters, an Amended And Restated Credit Agreement (the "Credit Agreement") involving our wholly-owned Mexican subsidiaries MSR and Oro, as borrowers ("Borrowers"), us, as guarantor, and Standard Bank PLC ("Standard Bank"), as the lender. The Mexican collateral documents were executed on September 18, 2008, effectively closing the loan. The Credit Agreement amends and restates the prior credit agreement between the parties dated August 15, 2006 (the "Original Agreement"). Under the Original Agreement, MSR and Oro could borrow, and did borrow, money in an aggregate principal amount of up to \$12,500 (the "Term Loan") for the purpose of constructing, developing and operating the El Chanate gold mining project in Sonora State, Mexico. We guaranteed the repayment of the Term Loan and the performance of the obligations under the Original Agreement.

The Credit Agreement establishes a new senior secured revolving credit facility that permits Borrowers to borrow up to \$5,000 during the one year period after the closing of the Credit Agreement. The Borrowers may request a borrowing of the Revolving Commitment from time to time, provided that the Borrowers are not entitled to request a borrowing more than once in any calendar month (each borrowing a "Revolving Loan"). Repayment of the Revolving Loans will be secured and guaranteed in the same manner as the Term Loan. Term Loan principal shall be repaid quarterly commencing on September 30, 2008 and consisting of four payments in the amount of \$1,125, followed by eight payments in the amount of \$900 and two final payments in the amount of \$400. There is no prepayment fee. Principal under the Term Loan and the Revolving Loans shall bear interest at a rate per annum equal to the LIBO Rate, as defined in the Credit Agreement, for the applicable Interest Period plus the Applicable Margin. An Interest Period can be one, two, three or six months, at the option of the Borrowers. The Applicable Margin for the Term Loan and the Revolving Loans is 2.5% per annum and 2.0% per annum, respectively. The Borrowers are required to pay a commitment fee in respect of the Revolving Commitment at the rate of 1.5% per annum on the average daily unused portion of the Revolving Commitment. Pursuant to the terms of the Original Credit Agreement, Standard Bank exercised significant control over the operating accounts of MSR located in Mexico and in the United States. Standard Bank's control over the accounts has been lifted significantly under the terms of the Credit Agreement, giving the Borrowers authority to exercise primary day-to-day control over the accounts. However, the accounts remain subject to an account pledge agreement between MSR and Standard Bank.

#### **Debt Covenants**

Our Credit Facility with Standard Bank requires us, among other obligations, to meet certain financial covenants including (i) a ratio of current assets to current liabilities at all times greater than or equal to 1.20:1.00, (ii) a quarterly minimum tangible net worth at all times of at least U.S.\$15,000,000, and (iii) a quarterly average minimum liquidity of U.S.\$500,000. In addition, the Credit Facility restricts, among other things, our ability to incur additional debt, create liens on our property, dispose of any assets, merge with other companies, enter into hedge agreements, organize or invest in subsidiaries or make any investments above a certain dollar limit. A failure to comply with the restrictions contained in the Credit Facility could lead to an event of default thereunder which could result in an acceleration of such indebtedness.

In connection with the refinance proceedings, MSR, as a condition precedent to closing, obtained a waiver letter from the Lender of any default or event of default as a result of not being in compliance with regulations of Mexican federal law with regard to certain filing and environmental bonding issues in connection with the operation of mining the El Chanate concessions as well as certain insurance requirements. MSR has not yet complied with these regulations due to the absence of professionals in the area qualified to conduct studies to facilitate compliance. MSR believes that the Mexican government is aware of these barriers to compliance and that it has not enforced the Requirements against MSR or other mining companies in Sonora. MSR has agreed to make a commercially reasonable effort to come into compliance with these requirements. See also "Environmental and Permitting Issues" section below.

As of July 31, 2008, except for the aforementioned waiver, we and our related entities were in compliance with all debt covenants and default provisions.

#### **Environmental and Permitting Issues**

Management does not expect that environmental issues will have an adverse material effect on our liquidity or earnings. In Mexico, although we must continue to comply with laws, rules and regulations concerning mining, environmental, health, zoning and historical preservation issues, we are not aware of any significant environmental concerns or existing reclamation requirements at the El Chanate concessions. We received the required Mexican government permits for construction, mining and processing the El Chanate ores in January 2004. The permits were extended in June 2005. Pursuant to the extensions, once we file a notice that work has commenced, we have one year to prepare the site and construct the mine and seven years to mine and process ores from the site. We filed the notice on June 1, 2006. Once we revise our new mine plan based on the 2007 Report, we will work to extend the permits for mining and processing for the new life of mine. See also "Debt Covenants" above.

We received the renewable explosive permit from the government that expires on December 31, 2008 and is renewable annually.

We do include in all our internal revenue and cost projections a certain amount for environmental and reclamation costs on an ongoing basis. No assurance can be given that environmental regulations will not be changed in a manner that would adversely affect our planned operations. We estimated the reclamation costs for the El Chanate site to be approximately \$2,300. Reclamation costs are allocated to expense over the life of the related assets and are periodically adjusted to reflect changes in the estimated present value resulting from the passage of time and revisions to the estimates of either the timing or amount of the reclamation and closure costs. The asset retirement obligation is based on when the spending for an existing environmental disturbance and activity to date will occur. We review, on an annual basis, unless otherwise deemed necessary, the asset retirement obligation at each mine site. We reviewed the estimated present value of the El Chanate mine reclamation and abandonment costs as of July 31, 2008. This review resulted in an increase in the Asset Retirement Obligation by approximately \$293. As of July 31, 2008 and 2007, approximately \$1,666 and \$1,249, respectively, was accrued for reclamation obligations relating to mineral properties in accordance with SFAS No. 143, "Accounting for Asset Retirement Obligations."

We own properties in Leadville, Colorado for which we have previously recorded an impairment loss. Part of the Leadville Mining District has been declared a federal Superfund site under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, and the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986. Several mining companies and one individual were declared defendants in a possible lawsuit. We were not named a defendant or Principal Responsible Party. We did respond in full detail to a lengthy questionnaire prepared by the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") regarding our proposed procedures and past activities in November 1990. To our knowledge, the EPA has initiated no further comments or questions. The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety of the State of Colorado (the "Division") conducted its most recent inspection of our Leadville Mining properties in August 2007. The Division concluded that based upon 2007 equipment prices and labor costs, an additional \$46 was necessary to be bonded with the Division to reclaim the site to achieve the approved post-mining land use. The total amount of the bond sufficient to perform reclamation as of July31, 2008, is approximately \$82. We have met this bonding requirement. During our 4th fiscal quarter ended July 31, 2008, we sold two of the Leadville Mining claims and the mill for gross proceeds of \$100 which was recorded within other income and expense.

#### **Contractual Obligations**

Our contractual obligations as of July 31, 2008 are summarized as follows:

|   | Payments Due by Period |        |           |       |       |        |       |    |       |       |
|---|------------------------|--------|-----------|-------|-------|--------|-------|----|-------|-------|
|   |                        |        | Less than |       | 1 - 3 |        | 3 - 5 |    | More  | than  |
| Contractual Obligations                 | Total                  |        | 1 Yea     | ır    | Years |        | Years |    | 5 Yea | ırs   |
| Debt (1)                                | \$                     | 13,500 | \$        | 5,125 | \$    | 8,375  | \$    | -  | \$    | -     |
| Remediation and reclamation             |                        |        |           |       |       |        |       |    |       |       |
| obligations <sup>(2)</sup>              |                        | 3,751  |           | -     |       | -      |       | -  |       | 3,751 |
| Operating leases <sup>(3)</sup>         |                        | 585    |           | 132   |       | 440    |       | 13 |       | -     |
| Derivative instruments <sup>(4)</sup>   |                        | 2,626  |           | 1,177 |       | 1,449  |       | -  |       | -     |
| Minimum royalty payments <sup>(5)</sup> |                        | 1,000  |           | 1,000 |       | -      |       | -  |       | -     |
|   | \$                     | 21,462 | \$        | 7,434 | \$    | 10,264 | \$    | 13 | \$    | 3,751 |

- (1) Amounts represent principal (\$12,500) and estimated interest payments (\$1,000) assuming no early extinguishment.
- (2) Mining operations are subject to extensive environmental regulations in the jurisdictions in which they operate. Pursuant to environmental regulations, we are required to close our operations and reclaim and remediate the lands that operations have disturbed. The estimated undiscounted cash outflows of these remediation and reclamation obligations are reflected here. For more information regarding remediation and reclamation liabilities, see Note 13 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.
- (3) Amount represent a non-cancelable operating lease for office space in NYC that commenced on September 1, 2007 and terminates on August 31, 2012. In addition to base rent, the lease calls for payment of utilities and other occupancy costs.
- (4) Amounts represent the net cash settlement of 75,044 ounces of gold at \$35 per ounce.
- (5) Amount represents the payment of the 10% net profits interest on the El Chanate mining concessions which is capped at \$1,000. This does not include the net smelter return payments as this payment is linked to the gold price and cannot be reasonable estimated given variable market conditions.

While we believe that our available funds in conjunction with anticipated revenues from gold sales will be adequate to cover capital expenditures, debt service, royalties, net cash settlements on our gold price protection agreement as well as operating activities at El Chanate and corporate general and administrative expenses for fiscal 2009, if we encounter unexpected problems we may need to raise additional capital. We also may need to raise additional capital for significant property acquisitions and/or exploration activities. To the extent that we need to obtain additional capital, management intends to raise such funds through the sale of our securities and/or joint venturing with one or more strategic partners. We cannot assure that adequate additional funding, if needed, will be available. If we need additional capital and we are unable to obtain it from outside sources, we may be forced to reduce or curtail our operations or our anticipated exploration activities.

#### **New Accounting Pronouncements**

#### Fair Value Option

On February 15, 2007, the FASB issued FASB Statement No. 159, The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities - Including an Amendment of FASB Statement No. 115. This standard permits an entity to choose to measure many financial instruments and certain other items at fair value. This option is available to all entities, including not-for-profit organizations. Most of the provisions in Statement 159 are elective; however, the amendment to FASB Statement No. 115, Accounting for Certain Investments in Debt and Equity Securities, applies to all entities with available-for-sale and trading securities. Some requirements apply differently to entities that do not

report net income. The FASB's stated objective in issuing this standard is as follows: "to improve financial reporting by providing entities with the opportunity to mitigate volatility in reported earnings caused by measuring related assets and liabilities differently without having to apply complex hedge accounting provisions".

The fair value option established by Statement 159 permits all entities to choose to measure eligible items at fair value at specified election dates. A business entity will report unrealized gains and losses on items for which the fair value option has been elected in earnings (or another performance indicator if the business entity does not report earnings) at each subsequent reporting date. A not-for-profit organization will report unrealized gains and losses in its statement of activities or similar statement. The fair value option: (a) may be applied instrument by instrument, with a few exceptions, such as investments otherwise accounted for by the equity method; (b) is irrevocable (unless a new election date occurs); and (c) is applied only to entire instruments and not to portions of instruments.

Statement 159 is effective as of the beginning of an entity's first fiscal year that begins after November 15, 2007. We elected not to adopt the fair value option for any eligible instruments.

### **Noncontrolling Interests**

On December 4, 2007, the FASB issued FASB Statement No. 160, "Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements - An Amendment of ARB No. 51." Statement 160 establishes new accounting and reporting standards for the noncontrolling interest in a subsidiary and for the deconsolidation of a subsidiary. Specifically, this statement requires the recognition of a noncontrolling interest (minority interest) as equity in the consolidated financial statements and separate from the parent's equity. The amount of net income attributable to the noncontrolling interest will be included in consolidated net income on the face of the income statement. Statement 160 clarifies that changes in a parent's ownership interest in a subsidiary that do not result in deconsolidation are equity transactions if the parent retains its controlling financial interest. In addition, this statement requires that a parent recognize a gain or loss in net income when a subsidiary is deconsolidated. Such gain or loss will be measured using the fair value of the noncontrolling equity investment on the deconsolidation date. Statement 160 also includes expanded disclosure requirements regarding the interests of the parent and its noncontrolling interest.

Statement 160 is effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning on or after December 15, 2008. Earlier adoption is prohibited. We believe adoption of this standard will not have an impact on the financial condition or the results of our operations.

#### Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities

On April 21, 2008, the FASB posted a revised FASB Statement No. 133 Implementation guidance for Issues I1, Interaction of the Disclosure Requirements of Statement 133 and Statement 47, and K4, Miscellaneous: Income Statement Classification of Hedge Ineffectiveness and the Component of a Derivative's Gain or Loss Excluded from the Assessment of Hedge Effectiveness. The revisions relate to the issuance of FASB Statement No. 161, Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities. We believe adoption of this standard will not have a material impact on the financial condition or the results of our operations.

#### Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

The FASB has issued FASB Statement No. 162, *The Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles*. Statement 162 is intended to improve financial reporting by identifying a consistent framework, or hierarchy, for selecting accounting principles to be used in preparing financial statements that are presented in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles for nongovernmental entities. The hierarchy under Statement 162 is as follows:

- \* FASB Statements of Financial Accounting Standards and Interpretations, FASB Statement 133 Implementation Issues, FASB Staff Positions, AICPA Accounting Research Bulletins and Accounting Principles Board Opinions that are not superseded by actions of the FASB, and Rules and interpretive releases of the SEC for SEC registrants.
- \* FASB Technical Bulletins and, if cleared by the FASB, AICPA Industry Audit and Accounting Guides and Statements of Position.
- \* AICPA Accounting Standards Executive Committee Practice Bulletins that have been cleared by the FASB, consensus positions of the EITF, and Appendix D EITF topics.

Statement 162 is effective 60 days following the SEC's approval of the PCAOB amendments to AU Section 411, *The Meaning of Present Fairly in Conformity with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles*. Since Statement 162 is only effective for nongovernmental entities, the GAAP hierarchy will remain in AICPA Statement on Auditing Standards (SAS) No. 69, *The Meaning of "Present Fairly in Conformity with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles" in the Independent Auditor's Report*, for state and local governmental entities and federal governmental entities. We believe the adoption of this standard will not have a material impact on the financial condition or the results of our operations.

#### Accounting for Financial Guarantee Insurance Contracts

The FASB issued FASB Statement No. 163, *Accounting for Financial Guarantee Insurance Contracts*. This new standard clarifies how FASB Statement No. 60, *Accounting and Reporting by Insurance Enterprises*, applies to financial guarantee insurance contracts issued by insurance enterprises, including the recognition and measurement of premium revenue and claim liabilities. It also requires expanded disclosures about financial guarantee insurance contracts. Statement 163 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008, and all interim periods within those fiscal years, except for disclosures about the insurance enterprise's risk-management activities, which are effective the first period (including interim periods) beginning after May 23, 2008. Except for the required disclosures, earlier application is not permitted. We believe the adoption of this standard will not have an impact on the financial condition or the results of our operations.

#### **Disclosure About Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

We do not have any transactions, agreements or other contractual arrangements that constitute off-balance sheet arrangements.

# **Critical Accounting Policies**

Our financial statements and accompanying notes are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Preparing financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenue, and expenses. These estimates and assumptions are affected by management's application of accounting policies. Critical accounting policies for us include inventory, revenue recognition, property, plant and mine development, impairment of long-lived assets, accounting for equity-based compensation, environmental remediation costs and accounting for derivative and hedging activities.

# Ore on Leach Pads and Inventories ("In-Process Inventory")

Costs that are incurred in or benefit the productive process are accumulated as ore on leach pads and inventories. Ore on leach pads and inventories are carried at the lower of average cost or net realizable value. Net realizable value represents the estimated future sales price of the product based on current and long-term metals prices, less the estimated costs to complete production and bring the product to sale. Write-downs of ore on leach pads and inventories, resulting from net realizable value impairments, are reported as a component of *Costs applicable to sales*. The current portion of ore on leach pads and inventories is determined based on the expected amounts to be processed within the next 12 months. Ore on leach pads and inventories not expected to be processed within the next 12 months are classified as long-term. The major classifications are as follows:

#### Ore on Leach Pads

The recovery of gold from certain gold oxide is achieved through the heap leaching process. Under this method, oxide ore is placed on leach pads where it is treated with a chemical solution, which dissolves the gold contained in the ore. The resulting "pregnant" solution is further processed in a plant where the gold is recovered. Costs are added to ore on leach pads based on current mining costs, including applicable depreciation, depletion and amortization relating to mining operations. Costs are removed from ore on leach pads as ounces are recovered based on the average cost per estimated recoverable ounce of gold on the leach pad.

The estimates of recoverable gold on the leach pads are calculated from the quantities of ore placed on the leach pads (measured tons added to the leach pads), the grade of ore placed on the leach pads (based on assay data) and a recovery percentage (based on ore type). In general, leach pads recover approximately 50% to 75% of the recoverable ounces in the first year of leaching, declining each year thereafter until the leaching process is complete.

Although the quantities of recoverable gold placed on the leach pads are reconciled by comparing the grades of ore placed on pads to the quantities of gold actually recovered (metallurgical balancing), the nature of the leaching process inherently limits the ability to precisely monitor inventory levels. As a result, the metallurgical balancing process needs to be constantly monitored and estimates need to be refined based on actual results over time. Our operating results may be impacted by variations between the estimated and actual recoverable quantities of gold on its leach pads. Variations between actual and estimated quantities resulting from changes in assumptions and estimates that do not result in write-downs to net realizable value will be accounted for on a prospective basis.

# In-process Inventory

In-process inventories represent materials that are currently in the process of being converted to a saleable product. Conversion processes vary depending on the nature of the ore and the specific processing facility, but include mill in-circuit, leach in-circuit, flotation and column cells, and carbon in-pulp inventories. In-process material are measured based on assays of the material fed into the process and the projected recoveries of the respective plants. In-process inventories are valued at the average cost of the material fed into the process attributable to the source material coming from the mines, stockpiles and/or leach pads plus the in-process conversion costs, including applicable depreciation relating to the process facilities incurred to that point in the process.

#### Precious Metals Inventory

Precious metals inventories include gold doré and/or gold bullion. Precious metals that result from our mining and processing activities are valued at the average cost of the respective in-process inventories incurred prior to the refining process, plus applicable refining costs.

#### Materials and Supplies

Materials and supplies are valued at the lower of average cost or net realizable value. Cost includes applicable taxes and freight.

#### Property, Plant and Mine Development

Expenditures for new facilities or equipment and expenditures that extend the useful lives of existing facilities or equipment are capitalized and depreciated using the straight-line method at rates sufficient to depreciate such costs over the estimated productive lives, which do not exceed the related estimated mine lives, of such facilities based on proven and probable reserves.

Mineral exploration costs are expensed as incurred. When it has been determined that a mineral property can be economically developed as a result of establishing proven and probable reserves, costs incurred prospectively to develop the property will be capitalized as incurred and are amortized using the units-of-production ("UOP") method over the estimated life of the ore body based on estimated recoverable ounces or pounds in proven and probable reserves.

# **Impairment of Long-Lived Assets**

We review and evaluate our long-lived assets for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the related carrying amounts may not be recoverable. An impairment is considered to exist if the total estimated future cash flows on an undiscounted basis are less than the carrying amount of the assets, including goodwill, if any. An impairment loss is measured and recorded based on discounted estimated future cash flows. Future cash flows are estimated based on quantities of recoverable minerals, expected gold and other commodity prices (considering current and historical prices, price trends and related factors), production levels and operating costs of production and capital, all based on life-of-mine plans. Existing proven and probable reserves and value beyond proven and probable reserves, including mineralization other than proven and probable reserves and other material that is not part of the measured, indicated or inferred resource base, are included when determining the fair value of mine site reporting units at acquisition and, subsequently, in determining whether the assets are impaired. The term "recoverable minerals" refers to the estimated amount of gold or other commodities that will be obtained after taking into account losses during ore processing and treatment. Estimates of recoverable minerals from such exploration stage mineral interests are risk adjusted based on management's relative confidence in such materials. In estimating future cash flows, assets are grouped at the lowest level for which there are identifiable cash flows that are largely independent of future cash flows from other asset groups. Our estimates of future cash flows are based on numerous assumptions and it is possible that actual future cash flows will be significantly different than the estimates, as actual future quantities of recoverable minerals, gold and other commodity prices, production levels and operating costs of production and capital are each subject to significant risks and uncertainties.

# Reclamation and Remediation Costs (Asset Retirement Obligations)

Reclamation costs are allocated to expense over the life of the related assets and are periodically adjusted to reflect changes in the estimated present value resulting from the passage of time and revisions to the estimates of either the timing or amount of the reclamation and abandonment costs. The asset retirement obligation is based on when the spending for an existing environmental disturbance and activity to date will occur. We review, on an annual basis, unless otherwise deemed necessary, the asset retirement obligation at our mine site in accordance with FASB FAS No. 143, "Accounting for Asset Retirement Obligations."

### **Deferred Financing Costs**

Deferred financing costs which were included in other assets and a component of stockholders' equity relate to costs incurred in connection with bank borrowings and are amortized over the term of the related borrowings.

#### **Intangible Assets**

Purchased intangible assets consisting of rights of way, easements and net profit interests are carried at cost less accumulated amortization. Amortization is computed using the straight-line method over the economic lives of the respective assets, generally five years or using the units of production method. It is our policy to assess periodically the carrying amount of our purchased intangible assets to determine if there has been an impairment to their carrying value. Impairments of other intangible assets are determined in accordance with SFAS 144. There was no impairment at July 31, 2008.

#### Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The carrying value of our financial instruments, including cash and cash equivalents, loans receivable and accounts payable approximated fair value because of the short maturity of these instruments.

#### Revenue Recognition

Revenue is recognized from a sale when the price is determinable, the product has been delivered, the title has been transferred to the customer and collection of the sales price is reasonably assured.

# **Equity Based Compensation**

In connection with offers of employment to our executives as well as in consideration for agreements with certain consultants, we issue options and warrants to acquire our common stock. Employee and non-employee awards are made in the discretion of the Board of Directors.

Effective February 1, 2006, we adopted the provisions of SFAS No. 123R. Under FAS 123R, share-based compensation cost is measured at the grant date, based on the estimated fair value of the award, and is recognized as expense over the requisite service period. We adopted the provisions of FAS 123R using a modified prospective application. Under this method, compensation cost is recognized for all share-based payments granted, modified or settled after the date of adoption, as well as for any unvested awards that were granted prior to the date of adoption. Prior periods are not revised for comparative purposes. Because we previously adopted only the pro forma disclosure provisions of SFAS 123, we will recognize compensation cost relating to the unvested portion of awards granted prior to the date of adoption, using the same estimate of the grant-date fair value and the same attribution method used to determine the pro forma disclosures under SFAS 123, except that forfeitures rates will be estimated for all options, as required by FAS 123R.

# Accounting for Derivatives and Hedging Activities

We entered into two identically structured derivative contracts with Standard Bank in March 2006. Each derivative consisted of a series of forward sales of gold and a purchase gold cap. We agreed to sell a total volume of 121,927 ounces of gold forward to Standard Bank at a price of \$500 per ounce on a quarterly basis during the period from March 2007 to September 2010. We also agreed to a purchase gold cap on a quarterly basis during this same period and at identical volumes covering a total volume of 121,927 ounces of gold at a price of \$535 per ounce. Although these contracts are not designated as hedging derivatives, they serve an economic purpose of protecting us from the effects of a decline in gold prices. Because they are not designated as hedges, however, special hedge accounting does not apply. Derivative results are simply marked to market through earnings, with these effects recorded in *other income* or *other expense*, as appropriate under FASB Statement No. 133, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities" ("FAS 133").

On October 11, 2006, prior to our initial draw on the Credit Facility, we entered into interest rate swap agreements in accordance with the terms of the Credit Facility, which requires that we hedge at least 50 percent of our outstanding debt under this facility. The agreements entered into cover \$9,375,000 or 75% of the outstanding debt. Both swaps covered this same notional amount of \$9,375,000, but over different time horizons. The first covered the six months that commenced on October 11, 2006 and terminated on March 31, 2007 and the second covers the period from March 30, 2007 through December 31, 2010. We intend to use discretion in managing this risk as market conditions vary over time, allowing for the possibility of adjusting the degree of hedge coverage as we deem appropriate. However, any use of interest rate derivatives will be restricted to use for risk management purposes.

We use variable-rate debt to finance a portion of the El Chanate Project. Variable-rate debt obligations expose us to variability in interest payments due to changes in interest rates. As a result of these arrangements, we will continuously monitor changes in interest rate exposures and evaluate hedging opportunities. Our risk management policy permits us to use any combination of interest rate swaps, futures, options, caps and similar instruments, for the purpose of fixing interest rates on all or a portion of variable rate debt, establishing caps or maximum effective interest rates, or otherwise constraining interest expenses to minimize the variability of these effects.

The interest rate swap agreements will be accounted for as cash flow hedges, whereby "effective" hedge gains or losses are initially recorded in other comprehensive income and later reclassified to the interest expense component of earnings coincidently with the earnings impact of the interest expenses being hedged. "Ineffective" hedge results are immediately recorded in earnings also under interest expense. No component of hedge results will be excluded from the assessment of hedge effectiveness.

We are exposed to credit losses in the event of non-performance by counterparties to these interest rate swap agreements, but we do not expect any of the counterparties to fail to meet their obligations. To manage credit risks, we select counterparties based on credit ratings, limit our exposure to a single counterparty under defined guidelines, and monitor the market position with each counterparty as required by SFAS 133.

# Item 7A. <u>Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk</u>

#### Metal Price

Changes in the market price of gold significantly affect our profitability and cash flow. Gold prices can fluctuate widely due to numerous factors, such as demand; forward selling by producers; central bank sales, purchases and lending; investor sentiment; the relative strength of the U.S. dollar and global mine production levels.

#### Foreign Currency

Changes in the foreign currency exchange rates in relation to the U.S. dollar may affect our profitability and cash flow. Foreign currency exchange rates can fluctuate widely due to numerous factors, such as supply and demand for foreign and U.S. currencies and U.S. and foreign country economic conditions. Most of our assets and operations are solely in Mexico; and therefore, we are more susceptible to fluctuations in the Mexican peso / US dollar exchange. Our Mexico operations sell their metal production based on a U.S. dollar gold price as is the general, world-wide convention. Fluctuations in the local currency exchange rates in relation to the U.S. dollar can increase or decrease profit margins to the extent costs are paid in local currency at foreign operations. Foreign currency exchange rates in relation to the U.S. dollar have not had a material impact on our determination of proven and probable reserves. However, if a su