# STRATABOUND MINERALS CORP. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

April 28, 2021

The following discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with the Company's annual audited financial statements and related notes for the year ended December 31, 2020 which have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

## **Description of Business**

Incorporated in March 1986, Stratabound is in the business of mineral exploration and evaluation, currently with a gold prospect in the Yukon Territory, and gold and base metal properties in New Brunswick. Stratabound's 2020 activities were focused once again on continuing exploration programs on its flagship Golden Culvert Property in the southeastern Yukon Territory since acquiring it in 2017 and on its new McIntyre Brook gold property option in northern New Brunswick as well as develop on its third priority 100% owned Captain copper-cobalt-gold project in Central New Brunswick.

#### Overview

#### Recent Developments

In April 2021, the Company entered into a definitive agreement to acquire 100% of the issued and outstanding shares of California Gold Mining Inc., by way of a court-approved plan of arrangement. Under the agreement, the Company will issue 1 common share for each common California Gold Mining Inc. share. The Company anticipates that it will issue 65,108,269 shares to California Gold Mining Inc. shareholders as a result of the arrangement. This acquisition includes the advanced Fremont Gold Project, located in the California Mother Lode Gold District, hosting an NI 43-101 mineral resource of 515,000 ounces and 364,000 ounces of gold in the indicated and inferred categories, respectively.

In March 2021, the estate of a former director exercised 300,000 options on a cash-less basis for total proceeds of \$30,000. The net shares issued by the Company as a result of this exercise was 178,844.

In March 2021, the Company upgraded its United States over-the-counter listing from OTC:PK to the OTC:QB exchange under the symbol "SBMIF".

In January 2021, the Company signed an option agreement whereby the Company can earn a 100% interest in the Win property, which is adjacent to the Company's existing Golden Culvert property. The Company made a payment of \$13,400, and issued 117,300 common shares upon execution of the agreement. The Company must incur \$35,000 of exploration expenditures by January 2022, and must make payments totalling \$134,000 in aggregate over the next five years to maintain the option.

In January 2021, 77,777 warrants were exercised for total proceeds of \$7,000, and the Company issued 77,777 common shares.

During December 2020, the Company closed a private placement consisting of 6,635,393 units, with each unit comprised of one common share and one third of one common share purchase warrant for \$0.31/unit, with gross proceeds raised of \$2,056,972. Each whole warrant entitles the holder to purchase one common share of the Company at \$0.45/share for a period of two years from the closing of the financing. The warrants also contain an acceleration clause, in that if the shares of the Company trade above \$0.55 for more than a 10-day period the Company may elect to accelerate the expiry date. The Company issued 796,246 brokers warrants, exercisable at \$0.31 for a period of two years from the date of issue.

During the year, the Company received proceeds of \$479,372 from the exercise of 3,611,055 warrants and \$130,000 from the exercise of 1,300,000 stock options.

In November 2020, the Company granted 300,000 options pursuant to its incentive stock option plan to a director of the Company. Each option entitles the holder to subscribe for one common share of the Company for \$0.22 for a period of 5 years, subject to the terms of the plan. These options vest 50% immediately, with the remaining 50% to vest within one year of the grant date.

During October 2020, the Company closed a non-brokered private placement consisting of 6,360,000 flow-through units, with each unit comprised of one common share and one half of one common share purchase warrant for \$0.25/unit, with gross proceeds raised of \$1,590,000. Each whole warrant enables the holder to purchase one common share of the Company at \$0.35 for a period of two years from the date of issue. The warrant also contains an acceleration clause, in that if the shares of the Company trade above \$0.45 for more than a 10-day period, the Company may elect to accelerate the expiry date. The Company paid finders fees of \$61,750 and issued 247,000 broker warrants, exercisable at \$0.24 for a period of 18 months.

During October 2020, the Company granted 100,000 options pursuant to its incentive stock option plan to a consultant of the Company. Each option entitles the holder to subscribe for one common share of the Company for \$0.25 for a period of 5 years, subject to the terms of the plan. These options vest 50% immediately, with the remaining 50% to vest within one year of the grant date.

During September 2020, the Company closed a private placement consisting of 25,564,950 units, with each unit comprised of one common share and one half of one common share purchase warrant for \$0.20/unit, with gross proceeds raised of \$5,112,990. Each whole warrant entitles the holder to purchase one common share of the Company at \$0.30 per share for a period of two years from the closing of the financing. The warrants also contain an acceleration clause, in that if the shares of the Company trade above \$0.40 for more than a 10-day period, the Company may elect to accelerate the expiry date. The Company issued 151,250 broker warrants, which have the same terms as the warrants issued with the private placement units.

As of April 28, 2021, the Company's outstanding shares total 89,468,136 (December 31, 2020 - 89,094,215).

#### New Appointments to the Board of Directors

In November 2020, the Company appointed Mr. Chad Tappendorf to the Board of Directors of Stratabound Minerals Corp. Mr. Tappendorf is a Partner at Coast Capital, an investment firm based in New York which takes a private equity and long-term approach to investing into public companies. Mr. Tappendorf has extensive global private and public equity investment experience and has held board memberships of several companies in the resources, logistics, real estate, and consumer goods industries. Mr. Tappendorf has managed and lead teams of professionals in US\$ multi-billion private equity portfolios and led all aspects of the investment process, including identifying new investment opportunities, due diligence, valuation, and transaction and tax structuring and negotiation.

## Exploration Programs at the Golden Culvert Property

Building on the successful 2019 exploration program and leveraging the significant funding that was received during the 2020 year, the Company concluded a first phase exploration program during the third quarter of 2020, and a second phase diamond drilling program in the fourth quarter of 2020.

The first phase exploration program consisted of collecting 116 soil and 157 rock samples, ground geophysics and geological surveys on property-wide targets across the remaining underexplored 24 km strike length extending either side of the Main Discovery area that has been the focus of close-spaced, detailed work conducted to date. The Company had received approval from the Yukon Ministry of Community Services for the Company's COVID-19 Alternative Self-isolation Plan and had also been approved for government funding through the Yukon Mining and Exploration Program (YMEP). The first phase program outlined a 1 kilometre long by 100-metre-wide boulder field grading 13.27 g/t gold averaged from a total 93 samples. The boulder field is composed of multiple parallel gold-bearing quartz "float-trains" linking mineralized outcrop and trenches grading up to 95 g/t gold over 1.5m within 24.41 g/t gold over 6 metres and overlies past diamond drill intercepts up to 60.1 g/t gold over 0.9m within 2.53 g/t Au over 33.1m

The second phase diamond drill program comprised seventeen diamond drill holes for a total of 3,217 metres across one kilometre of strike length. The diamond drill program focussed directly under the gold-mineralized float-trains identified in the first phase described above. All drill holes intercepted multiple, parallel gold-bearing quartz vein and breccia structures constituted of higher-grade cores within lower-grade wall-rock halos as observed in past work. A total of 25 diamond drill holes comprised of 4,587 metres and 24 trenches completed to date have intersected and outlined a 970-metrelong by 130-metre-wide mineralized corridor containing multiple parallel gold-bearing structures.

The results thus far continue to confirm the Company's belief and continued investment in the project.

#### Golden Culvert Property Description

The Golden Culvert Property is located in the Little Hyland Valley District of the Southeastern Yukon Territory, approximately 205 kilometres north of the town of Watson Lake. The property lies parallel to and about 25 km northeast of the 3 Aces Project of Golden Predator Mining Corp. Significant gold mineralization up to 95.0 gpt Au over 1.5 metres in multiple parallel quartz vein and breccia structures is reported by Stratabound in recent press releases and in filed assessment reports. Gold occurrences in the upper Hyland River valley form a 50-km-long belt that is considered to be the easternmost portion of the Tombstone Gold Belt (Hart and Lewis, 2008). The entire 800-kilometre-long Tombstone Belt of gold deposits and occurrences lies within the greater Tintina Gold Belt that includes Fort Knox, Pogo, Brewery Creek and Dublin Gulch.

Golden Culvert covers 83.8 square kilometres across a 24-kilometre strike. The property is a relatively new discovery, first staked in 2005. Work filed in Yukon mineral claims assessment reports has outlined a northerly trending, 3-kilometre-long by 250-metrewide anomaly of +30 ppb Au up to 791 ppb Au gold-in-soils that remains open at both ends. The gold-in-soils anomaly is sometimes coincident with arsenic, silver and copper alteration patterns. The soils anomaly is centred around partially exposed, near vertically dipping sub-parallel quartz shear veins and breccia, with adjacent wallrock alteration, containing gold and sulphide mineralization. The main shear veins are associated with sub-perpendicular flat, sheeted extension veinlets that strike parallel to the main shear veins. Work conducted by Stratabound since 2018 including 25 diamond drill holes and 24 trenches confirms that a 130-metre-wide corridor of at least six parallel gold-bearing structures occur within the soils anomaly, extends for at least one kilometre of strike and to 150 metres in depth where it has been delineated to date. The structures remain open along strike and depth. A new gold-bearing structure was discovered in 2019 to occur 7.1 kilometres along strike to the north with no exploration conducted in between. (See option and purchase agreement terms under "Commitments" below.)

Including the option-related expenditures and the exploration program costs, the carrying value of the Golden Culvert properties is \$4,560,775 at December 31, 2020. (See "Commitments" below for details on the property option and purchase agreements)

#### Bathurst, New Brunswick Base Metal Properties

Stratabound owns a 100% interest in the CNE/Captain and Taylor Brook claim groups, totaling 158 claims, and a 100% interest in the CNE Mining Lease, within the Bathurst Mining Camp in northeast New Brunswick, Canada, one of the world's greatest zinc-lead-silver districts. All are subject to a 1% net smelter return royalty on production, other than the portion of the CNE/Captain Group formerly known as Captain East, which is royalty-free.

These 100%-owned properties are all situated in the heart of the Bathurst camp, with three world-class base metal mines occurring within a 20-kilometre radius, namely Brunswick No. 12, Brunswick No. 6, and Heath Steele. The wholly owned claims host three known base metal sulphide bodies: The Captain, CNE and Taylor Brook deposits, on properties with potential that has not been fully explored.

# 1. Captain Copper-Cobalt-Gold Deposit

The Captain Property is the subject of a NI 43-101 Resource Estimate dated March 23, 2011 titled "Technical Report on an Updated Mineral Resource Estimate" prepared by Mercator Geological Services. In 2019 management conducted compilation of past work and made notice that eight diamond drill holes completed on the Captain Deposit in late 2014 were never reported either publicly or through assessment filing by past management as the Company had announced cessation of activities and was considering dissolution immediately thereafter in January 2015. In light of the unreported positive 2014 drill results Stratabound management recommended a review and update of the Captain Deposit NI 43-101 resource, which is ongoing, and a follow-up drill program was completed in the fourth quarter of 2020. Copper prices have since reached a 5-year high of US\$4.47/lb. at the time of this report whilst LME copper inventories reached 5-year lows in December 2020 as increased demand for both commodities, provide a compelling case for both as key resources required for the burgeoning EV-battery metals markets in the medium and long term. The deposit also contains minor but potentially recoverable amounts of gold and silver. Management is continuing to explore the possibility of a small-scale, high-grade, direct-shipping mining project to generate nearterm cash flows. The Captain Deposit is strategically located 100KM by road to the deepwater port of Belledune near Bathurst, NB, and 40KM to the nearest railroad.

## 2. 2020 CNE Exploration

A small two-hole diamond drill program was completed in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2019 on the CNE under the portion of the soil anomaly that is just east of the CNE Deposit mined and reclaimed in 2013. Though no significant results were encountered, soil geochemical surveys have proven effective in discovering economic base metals deposits at Captain/CNE and more such work was recommended as well as a review of past work. The CNE lies directly along strike, and between the Captain and prolific world-class Brunswick #12 and #6 base metals mines owned by Glencore.

## 3. Taylor Brook

During February 2017 and as amended in May 2019 and July 2020, the Company and Jaeger Resources Corp. ("Jaeger") entered into an option agreement whereby Jaeger can earn an 80% interest in the Taylor Brook property in the Bathurst Camp in New Brunswick through exploration expenditures, the assumption of the Company's work and payment obligations relative to the Taylor Brook claims and the issuance to the Company of shares of Jaeger. Please see the discussion on Page 13.

During the second quarter of 2019 the Company and Jaeger agreed upon an amendment to the agreement, whereby the Company allowed Jaeger an extension of the time to complete the required \$500,000 cumulative expenditures until February 2023, in exchange for an additional 1,600,000 shares issued by Jaeger. On October 21, 2019 Jaeger received notification of acceptance from the New Brunswick Department of Energy & Resource Development Deputy Mining Recorder that assessment work totaling \$25,089.23 with excess work credits of \$12,373.13 to be applied to future renewals.

In July 2020, the Company and Jaeger agreed to amend the Taylor Brook Option Agreement to provide Jaeger Resources Corp. an additional year to fulfill its work

commitments on the property. Jaeger Resources Corp. now has until 2025 to meet its spending requirement of \$500,000. Jaeger has recently completed a geophysical exploration program on the Taylor Brook Property, (Jaeger September 17, 2020 press release).

## 2020 Exploration Programs - Bathurst Base Metal Properties

During the fourth quarter of 2020 the Company completed a drilling program at the Captain Deposit consisting of 15 tightly spaced and shallow diamond drill holes, for the purpose of defining the near-surface potential for a small-scale direct-shipping mining project. Twelve of the 15 holes intercepted significant copper-cobalt-gold-silver mineralization within 6-9m of surface at the bedrock interface, across an average 9.6m true width and along approximately 120m of strike length.

The carrying value of the Bathurst properties is \$558,343 at December 31, 2020.

#### McIntyre Brook, New Brunswick

On December 5, 2019 the Company signed a Definitive Agreement to option and acquire 100% of the mineral rights to the McIntyre Gold Project located adjacent to Highway 180 about 80 kilometres west of Bathurst, New Brunswick. The McIntyre Gold Project represents a new exploration model that has only recently been recognized to occur in the Maritimes with geological features identified to be comparable to world class iron oxide-copper-gold (IOCG) deposits such as occur at Olympic Dam in Australia and Candelaria in Chile. The Project consists of two known gold occurrences that occur 1.5 kilometres along strike of each other, the McIntyre Brook and the Big Pit. The McIntyre Brook occurrence features 40 significant gold values between 0.20 and 41.56 gpt gold out of a total 46 grab samples collected from bedrock exposed in trenches along 300 metres of strike length. The zone remains open at both ends and occurs within a 480metre wide, 8 to 165 ppb gold-in-soil anomaly that remains open beyond 500 metres of strike length. The Big Pit Cu-Au occurrence comprises a chalcopyrite-hematite vein that contains gold. At the Big Pit occurrence, rock samples yielded up to 14405 ppm (1.44%) Cu and 7.33 gpt gold. In 2006, 20 grab samples were collected from the bottom of the trench with one sample returning 9.53 gpt gold.

In December 2019 the Company had completed a modest diamond drill program and subsequently announced in February 2020 that the drill results confirmed significant gold mineralization previously reported to occur in surface trenches along 300m of strike featuring 40 samples grading between 0.20 and 41.57 gpt gold also now extends to at least 80m below surface.

The project is still at a very early stage and much remains to be determined with further work. (See "Commitments" below for details on the property option and purchase agreements). At December 31, 2020, the McIntyre Brook Claim Group comprises the McIntyre Brook, McIntyre-Moose Brook, Gold Brook, and Tardiff Brook properties.

# McIntyre-Moose Brook/Gold Brook

In February 2020 the Company announced it had acquired an additional 2,450 hectares of favourable prospective ground adjacent to and along strike of its currently optioned 375-hectare McIntyre Brook Gold Project in northern New Brunswick through staking and further property option and purchase agreements. The total acquisition package extended the strike component from 1.2 km to approximately 12 km and includes three recorded gold and base metals showings approximately 10 km along strike to the west of the previously optioned main McIntyre Brook Gold Occurrence. (See "Commitments" below for details on the property option and purchase agreements).

#### Staking of New McIntyre Claim:

In addition to the acquisitions through option agreements Stratabound completed staking of a new claim block comprising 625 hectares located adjacent to the north of the currently held McIntyre Option in 2019.

# Expansion of existing McIntyre Brook Claim

In November 2020, the Company completed an amendment to the initial McIntyre Brook property acquisition to acquire an additional 7 claims adjacent to the original McIntyre Brook. (See "Commitments" below for details on the property option and purchase agreements).

## Acquisition of Tardiff Brook

During October 2020, the Stratabound has signed a definitive option agreement which sets out the terms under which Stratabound has the option to earn 100% interest in 7 claims comprising 2,675 hectares (26.75 km²) located north and south of the Company's existing optioned claimswhich is adjacent to the original McIntyre Brook property. (See "Commitments" below for details on the property option and purchase agreements).

#### 2020 Exploration on McIntyre Brook Property

On November 10, 2020 the Company announced that an approximate 125 line-kilometre soil sampling program totaling 2,500 soil samples which commenced in early October at McIntyre Brook, Moose Brook and Gold Brook, and provided coverage over the entire 2,825 hectares covering the entire 12 kilometres of property strike, had concluded. Results from the sampling program are being evaluated and will guide the Company's plans with this property moving forward.

The carrying value of the McIntyre Brook Claim Group at December 31, 2020 is \$443,596.

# Share Issuances and Private Placements of Units and Flow-Through Shares

The Company had the following share issues during the fiscal 2020 year:

#### Non-brokered private placements

During September 2020, the Company closed a private placement consisting of 25,564,950 units, with each unit comprised of one common share and one half of one common share purchase warrant for \$0.20/unit, with gross proceeds raised of \$5,112,990. Each whole warrant entitles the holder to purchase one common share of the Company at \$0.30 per share for a period of two years from the closing of the financing. The warrants also contain an acceleration clause, in that if the shares of the Company trade above \$0.40 for more than a 10-day period, the Company may elect to accelerate the expiry date. The Company issued 151,250 broker warrants, which were valued at \$22,465, and have the same terms as the warrants issued with the private placement units.

During October 2020, the Company closed a private placement consisting of 6,360,000 flow-through units, with each unit comprised of one common share issued on a flow-through basis one half of one common share purchase warrant, for \$0.25/unit, with gross proceeds raise of \$1,590,000. Each whole warrant entitles the holder to purchase one common share of the Company at \$0.35 for a period of two years from the date of issue. The warrant also contains an acceleration clause, in that if the shares of the Company trade above \$0.45 for more than a 10-day period, the Company may elect to accelerate the expiry date. This flow-through share issuance also included a premium of \$165,200, recorded as a liability of the Company. The Company paid finders fees of \$61,750 and issued 247,000 broker warrants, exercisable at \$0.24 for a period of 18 months. The Company valued these warrants at \$39,338 using the Black-Scholes pricing model.

During December 2020, the Company closed a private placement consisting of 6,635,393 units, with each unit comprised of one common share and one third of one common share purchase warrant for \$0.31/unit, with gross proceeds raised of \$2,056,972. Each whole warrant entitles the holder to purchase one common share of the Company at \$0.45/share for a period of two years from the closing of the financing. The warrants also contain an acceleration clause, in that if the shares of the Company trade above \$0.55 for more than a 10-day period the Company may elect to accelerate the expiry date. The Company issued 796,246 brokers warrants, exercisable at \$0.31 for a period of two years from the date of issue. These warrants were value at \$192,121 using the Black-Scholes pricing model. A director of the Company received 159,249 of the broker warrants.

#### Shares issued for mineral properties

During 2020, the Company issued shares in exchange for mineral and exploration rights as follows:

- i) In February 2020, the Company issued 500,000 common shares, valued at their market price of \$40,000, in connection with the acquisition of the McIntyre-Moose Brook property, which is a property adjacent to the McIntyre Brook property.
- ii) In February 2020, the Company issued 90,000 common shares, valued at their market price of \$7,200, in connection with the acquisition of the Gold Brook property, which is a property adjacent to the McIntyre Brook property.

iii) In December 2020, the Company issued 200,000 common shares, valued at their market price of \$60,000, in connection with the acquisition of the Tardiff Brook property, which is a property adjacent to the McIntyre Brook property, and 200,000 common shares, valued at their market price of \$60,000, in connection with the expansion of the original McIntyre Brook property.

#### Performance shares

During June 2020, the Company issued 600,000 common shares to officers of the Company in recognition of their work performed to date. The shares were valued at their market value of \$42,000.

#### Warrants and option exercises

During the year, the Company received \$479,372 for the exercise of 3,611,055 warrants, and \$130,000 for the exercise of 1,300,000 options.

#### Overall Performance

#### Results of Operations

Stratabound had a comprehensive loss of \$1,520,274 in 2020, as compared to comprehensive loss of \$235,465 during 2019. The Company incurred significantly more expenditures in latter 2020 as it began to ramp up its exploration activities, as a result of the financings that were closed during the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarters of the year. In addition, as the shares of the Company began trading more actively and experiencing a price increase, the options granted to management during the year had significantly more value assigned to them using the Black-Scholes option pricing methodology, than they had in the prior year.

Exploration expenditures incurred during 2020 were \$2,476,612 (2019 - \$673,302). The Company conducted an exploration program in Golden Culvert, Captain, and McIntyre Brook properties, in addition to expanding the McIntyre Brook claim group.

Expenses relating to exploration and evaluation of mineral properties and their acquisition are capitalized as Mineral Exploration and Evaluation Assets on the statements of financial position.

#### Selected Financial Information

The financial data are presented in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). The reporting currency is the Canadian dollar.

#### Summary of Quarterly Results

| 2020                      | Dec 31      | Sep 30      | Jun 30      | Mar 31      |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|                           | 2020        | 2020        | 2020        | 2020        |
| Revenue - interest income | \$ -        | \$ -        | \$ -        | \$ -        |
| Income (loss) before      | (\$709,666) | (\$440,158) | (\$226,133) | (\$144,317) |
| income taxes              |             |             |             |             |
| Comprehensive income      | (\$709,666) | (\$440,158) | (\$226,133) | (\$144,317) |
| (loss)                    |             |             |             |             |
| Basic and diluted income  | (\$ 0.008)  | (\$ 0.009)  | (\$ 0.010)  | (\$0.010)   |
| (loss) per share          |             |             |             |             |

| 2019                                      | Dec 31<br>2019 | Sep 30<br>2019 | Jun 30<br>2019 | Mar 31<br>2019 |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Revenue - interest income                 | \$ -           | \$ -           | \$ -           | \$ -           |
| Income (loss) before income taxes         | (\$381,217)    | (\$125,752)    | (\$63,659)     | \$211,615      |
| Comprehensive income (loss)               | (\$381,217)    | (\$125,752)    | (\$63,659)     | 211,615        |
| Basic and diluted income (loss) per share | (\$ 0.010)     | (\$ 0.002)     | (\$0.002)      | (\$ 0.001)     |

#### General and Administrative Expenses

General and administrative expenses in were \$997,096 in 2020 compared with \$263,165 in 2019. The increase in expenditures was the result of an increase in compensation paid to the CEO and Executive Vice President, including payment \$72,000 related to previously un-compensated work effort for the 2017, 2018 and 2019 years, and compensation to an officer who previously had none. In addition, as the Company's exploration activity increased, the Company employed additional contractors to perform on-site project management activities which are capitalized as exploration and evaluation costs, and which were previously performed by the CEO and Executive Vice President. Additional professional fee expenditures were incurred to replace the legal and financial work effort of retired executives who also received no previous compensation, and increased promotional fees were incurred to promote awareness of the Company and its ongoing projects.

#### **Liquidity**

At December 31, 2020 the Company had positive working capital of \$5,885,022 (not including the current liability representing the tax liability with respect to the flow-through share issuance, which is not payable in cash). In comparison, the Company had a working capital deficit of \$54,017 at the end of 2019.

Future exploration of Stratabound's properties is dependent on continued equity financing and/or joint ventures with other companies. Completion of acquisitions will require new financings from equity and debt sources. At December 31, 2020 the Company had no third-party debt other than accounts payable. Further, the Company has no purchase obligations or off-balance sheet arrangements.

#### **Related Party Transactions**

Compensation awarded to key management included non-cash stock-based compensation of \$573,349 (2019 - \$221,755) along with consulting fees of \$336,167 (2019 - \$188,000) and directors' fees of \$204,983 (2019 - \$nil). Key management includes the Company's officers and directors. Of the consulting fees paid, a total of \$10,000 (2019 - \$141,000) were capitalized to mineral exploration and evaluation assets.

During the year, current and former directors and officers exercised 189,051 (2019 - nil) warrants and 1,000,000 options (2019 - nil) for total proceeds of \$37,810 (2019 - \$nil). A director of the Company received 159,249 finders warrants in connection with a private placement (Note 11).

Included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities at December 31, 2020 is \$52,020 (2019 - \$111,389) owing to officers and directors of the Company.

#### **Commitments**

#### Golden Culvert:

The Company has the option to acquire 100% ownership of the Golden Culvert and Little Hyland properties (collectively, Golden Culvert) comprising 431 mineral claims in the Little Hyland Valley District of the Southeastern Yukon Territory, approximately 205 kilometres north of the town of Watson Lake. A final share issuance to Southshore of 833,333 shares recorded at the market price of \$50,000 was made on December 12, 2019 completing the final obligation to Southshore and now Stratabound only has obligations directly under the Option Agreement with the Optionors. Maintenance and exercise of the option will require the following payments:

- December 12, 2021 \$395,000
- December 12, 2022 \$550,000

All payments required to maintain the option have been made to date. The payments can be made in cash or up to 50% in Stratabound common shares, as the Company's election.

Exercise of the options will also require fulfillment of work requirements of \$350,000 at each of the Golden Culvert and Little Hyland properties during the period ending September 27, 2022. The Golden Culvert work commitment was fulfilled during 2018. The claims are subject to net smelter return (NSR) royalties aggregating to 2.5% to South Shore and the Optionors.

Upon completion of the December 2022 payments, the Company will be deemed to have earned a 100% interest in all of the property.

#### McIntyre Brook:

Exercise of the McIntyre Brook options, which comprise McIntyre Brook, McIntyre-Moose Brook, Gold Brook and Tardiff Brook will require fulfillment of the following work requirements:

- 2021 \$60,000
- 2022 \$15,000
- 2023 \$20,000
- 2024 \$15,000

Maintenance and exercise of the McIntyre Brook options will require the following annual payments:

- 2021:
  - i) \$75,000, with the option to pay up to \$30,000 with common shares
  - ii) 200,000 common shares
- 2022:
  - i) \$100,000, with the option to pay up to \$42,500 with common shares
  - ii) 100,000 common shares
- 2023:
  - i) \$145,000, with the option to pay up to \$57,500 with common shares
  - ii) 50,000 common shares
- 2024:
  - i) \$160,000, with the option to pay up to \$60,000 with common shares
  - ii) 50,000 common shares

All payments and work commitments required to maintain the option have been made to date. Upon completion of the fourth anniversary payments the Company will have earned 100% ownership in the McIntyre Brook claim group.

This claim group is subject to the following net smelter returns ("NSR") on production:

- McIntyre Brook This claim is subject to a 2% NSR on production; however, the Company may re-purchase the NSR for either \$1,000,000 or increments of \$500,000 per 0.50% NSR;
- McIntyre-Moose Brook This claim is subject to a 2% NSR on production; however, the Company may re-purchase 1% (one-half of the 2% NSR) for \$1,000,000 or increments of \$500,000 per 0.50% NSR;
- Gold Brook This claim is subject to a 2% NSR on production; however, the Company may re-purchase 1% (one-half of the 2% NSR) for \$1,000,000 or increments of \$500,000 per 0.50% NSR; and
- Tardiff Brook This claim is subject to a 2% NSR on production; however, the Company may re-purchase the NSR for either \$2,000,000 or increments of \$100,000 per 0.50% NSR;

# Flow-through spending commitment:

The Company has spent all of the flow-through financings received in the 2020 fiscal year, and as a result, has no further flow-through spending commitments at December 31, 2020.

# **Share Capital**

The authorized capital of the Company consists of an unlimited number of common shares without par value. As at December 31, 2020, the number of common shares issued is 89,094,215 (fully diluted 117,899,099).

# Warrants outstanding at December 31, 2020

| Number of Warrants | Exercise Price | Expiry Date        |
|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|
|                    |                |                    |
| 77,777             | \$ 0.090       | January 22, 2021   |
| 325,000            | 0.100          | July 22, 2021      |
| 2,000,000          | 0.090          | December 12, 2021  |
| 247,000            | 0.240          | April 8, 2022      |
| 3,009,975          | 0.300          | August 21, 2022    |
| 242,000            | 0.350          | August 21, 2022    |
| 590,500            | 0.350          | September 23, 2022 |
| 9,801,250          | 0.300          | September 23, 2022 |
| 2,470,000          | 0.350          | October 8, 2020    |
| 2,211,803          | 0.450          | December 29, 2022  |
| 796,246            | 0.310          | December 29, 2022  |
| 21,771,551         | \$ 0.311       |                    |

# Options outstanding at December 31, 2020

| Number of Options | Exercise Price | Expiry Date        |
|-------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| 33,333            | 0.33           | April 30, 2021     |
| 500,000           | 0.30           | October 13, 2022   |
| 1,000,000         | 0.10           | July 16, 2024      |
| 800,000           | 0.10           | January 16, 2025   |
| 800,000           | 0.10           | May 19, 2025       |
| 3,500,000         | 0.25           | September 28, 2025 |
| 100,000           | 0.25           | October 22, 2025   |
| 300,000           | 0.22           | November 3, 2025   |
| 7,033,333         | 0.197          |                    |

#### **Risks and Uncertainties**

The business of exploration and mining is full of risks that even a combination of experience, knowledge and careful evaluation may not be able to overcome. The operations to be conducted by the Company will be subject to all of the operating risks normally attendant upon mineral exploration and development. Failure to obtain financing can result in delay or indefinite postponement of exploration and development projects with the possible loss of such properties. While the Company has been successful in the past at raising funds, there can be no assurance that it will continue to do so. Equity financing opportunities require favorable market conditions and commodity prices that cannot be assured.

Whether a mineral deposit once discovered will be commercially viable depends on a number of factors, some of which depend on the particular attributes of the deposit, such as size, grade and proximity to infrastructure. These factors are beyond the control of the Company. The Company must also compete with companies that may have greater technical or financial resources. The Company is unable to predict the amount of time which may elapse between the date when any new mineral resource may be discovered and the date production may commence from any such discovery.

The exploration and development of mineral properties and the marketability of any minerals contained in such properties can be affected by many other factors beyond the control of the corporation, such as metal prices, availability of adequate refining facilities, or the imposition of new government regulations affecting existing taxes and royalties or environmental and pollution controls.

The directors of the Company are engaged and will continue to be engaged in the search for mining interests on their own behalf and on behalf of other companies, and situations may arise where the directors and officers may be in direct competition with the Company. Conflicts of interest, if any, which arise will be subject to and governed by procedures prescribed by the *Business Corporations Act* (Alberta) which require a director or officer of a corporation who is a party to, or is a director or an officer of or has a material contract with the Corporation to disclose his interest and, in the case of directors, to refrain from voting on any matter in respect of such contract unless otherwise permitted under the *Business Corporations Act* (Alberta).

#### COVID-19

Due to the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic, material uncertainties may arise that could influence management's going concern assumption. Management cannot accurately predict the future impact COVID-19 may have on:

- Global gold prices;
- Demand for gold and the ability to explore for gold;
- The severity and the length of potential measures taken by governments to manage the spread of the virus, and their effect on labour availability and supply lines:
- Availability of government supplies, such as water and electricity;
- The ability to complete an RTO;
- Purchasing power of the Canadian dollar; and
- Ability to obtain funding.

At the date of this Interim MD&A, the Canadian federal government and the provincial government of Ontario have not introduced measures that have directly impeded the operational activities of the Company.

#### Critical Accounting Estimates

The Company makes estimates and assumptions about the future that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities. Estimates and judgments are continually evaluated based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. In the future, actual experience may differ from these estimates and assumptions.

The effect of a change in an accounting estimate is recognized prospectively by including it in total comprehensive income in the period of the change, if the change affects that period only, or in the period of the change and future periods, if the change affects both.

Information about critical judgments in applying accounting policies that have the most significant risk of causing material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities recognized in the financial statements within the next financial year are discussed below:

#### Exploration and evaluation expenditures

# Estimates

In situations where indicators of impairment are present for the Company's mineral exploration and evaluation assets, estimates of recoverable amounts must be determined as the higher of the Cash Generating Units (CGU's) estimated value in use or the estimated fair value less costs to sell. Value in use is based on the present value of the future cash flows expected to flow from the CGU to the Company, and actual

cash flows may vary. Fair value less costs to sell is based on recent sales of comparable assets which may or may not be indicative of the CGU's fair value.

#### Judgments

Management uses judgment in determining whether or not there are indicators of impairment for its CGUs. The results of management's assessment could result in an impairment test not being performed when indicators did in fact exist, which could impact the valuation of the CGUs' carrying values. Management uses judgment in determining what constitutes a CGU.

The CGUs identified by the Company are as follows:

- 1. Golden Culvert Property
- 2. McIntyre Brook Property
- 3. Bathurst Group

During the year, the Company had one reportable segment, exploration.

#### Income taxes

#### Estimates

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are determined using the tax rates expected to be in effect at the time the assets are realized and liabilities settled. The actual tax rate in effect at that time may vary from the expected tax rates.

#### Judgments

Significant judgment is required in determining the provision for income taxes. There are many transactions and calculations undertaken during the ordinary course of business for which the ultimate tax determination is uncertain. The Company recognizes liabilities and contingencies for anticipated tax audit issues based on the Company's current understanding of tax law. For matters where it is probable that an adjustment will be made, the Company records its best estimate of the tax liability including the related interest and penalties in the current tax provision. Management believes it has adequately provided for the probable outcome of these matters, but the final outcome may differ materially from the amount included in the tax liabilities.

In addition, the Company recognizes deferred tax assets relating to tax losses carried forward to the extent there are sufficient taxable temporary differences (deferred tax liabilities) relating to the same taxation authority and the same taxable entity against which the unused tax losses can be utilized. However, utilization of the tax losses also depends on the ability of the taxable entity to satisfy certain tests at the time the losses are recovered.

# Share-based payment transactions

#### Estimates

The Company measures the cost of equity-settled transactions with directors, officers, employees and consultants by reference to the fair value of the equity instruments at the date at which they are granted.

#### **Judgements**

Estimating fair value for share-based payment transactions requires determining the most appropriate valuation model, which is dependent on the terms and conditions of the grant. This valuation requires the determination of the most appropriate inputs including the expected life of the share option (based on historical times between vesting date and exercise date) and share price volatility (based on historical share price volatility). In addition, the amount recognized is based on the number of equity instruments expected to ultimately vest, which relies on estimates of forfeiture rates which is based on historical evidence of forfeitures. History may not always be indicative of the future and as a result, the value determined has significant estimation uncertainty. The assumptions and models used for estimating fair value for share-based payment transactions are disclosed in the December 31, 2020 audited financial statements. The same estimates are required for transactions with non-employees where the fair value of the goods or services received cannot be reliably determined.

# Financial Instruments

The Company's financial instruments include cash, marketable securities, term deposits, accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

#### Financial assets

Financial assets are initially recorded at fair value and are designated into one of the following three categories: amortized cost, fair value through profit or loss, or fair value through other comprehensive loss.

These assets arise principally from the provision of goods and services to customers, but also incorporate other types of financial assets where the objective is to hold these assets in order to collect contractual cash flows that are solely the payments of principal and interest. These assets are initially recognized at fair value plus transaction costs that are directly attributable to their acquisition or issues, and are subsequently carried at amortized cost using the effective interest rate method, less provision for impairment.

The Company measures a loss allowance at an amount equal to the lifetime expected credit loss that results from possible default events over the expected life of accounts receivable and unbilled service revenue.

The Company's financial assets measured at amortized cost is cash and term deposits. The marketable securities are measured at fair value through profit or loss.

The Company is not yet in the development stage and has no customers.

#### Other financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are classified as other financial liabilities and comprise accounts payable and accrued liabilities and short-term loans payable. These liabilities are initially recognized at fair value net of any transaction costs directly attributable to the issuance of the instrument and subsequently carried at amortized cost using the effective interest rate method. This ensures that any interest expense over the period to repayment is at a constant rate on the balance of the liability carried in the statement of financial position. Interest expense in this context includes initial transaction costs and premiums payable on redemption, as well as any interest payable while the liability is outstanding.

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities represent obligations for goods and services provided to the Company prior to the end of the period which are unpaid. All amounts are unsecured and are normally paid within 30 days of recognition.

#### **Subsequent Events**

In January 2021, the Company signed an option agreement whereby the Company can earn a 100% interest in the Win property, which is adjacent to the Company's existing Golden Culvert property. The Company made a payment of \$13,400, and issued 117,300 common shares upon execution of the agreement. The Company must incur \$35,000 of exploration expenditures by January 2022, and must make payments totalling \$134,000 in aggregate over the next five years to maintain the option.

In January 2021, 77,777 warrants were exercised for total proceeds of \$7,000, and the Company issued 77,777 common shares.

In March 2021, the estate of a former director exercised 300,000 options on a cash-less basis for total proceeds of \$30,000. The net shares issued by the Company as a result of this exercise was 178,844.

In March 2021, the Company upgraded its United States over-the-counter listing from OTC:PK to the OTC:QB exchange under the symbol "SBMIF".

In April 2021, the Company entered into a definitive agreement to acquire 100% of the issued and outstanding shares of California Gold Mining Inc., by way of a court-approved plan of arrangement. Under the agreement, the Company will issue 1 common share for each common California Gold Mining Inc. share. The Company anticipates that it will issue 65,108,269 shares to California Gold Mining Inc. shareholders as a result of the arrangement.

The Company's publicly filed documents are available on SEDAR at <a href="https://www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a>

Additional information on the Company's projects including news releases, maps and photos can be viewed on the Company's website www.stratabound.com.

All scientific and technical data disclosed in this report has been reviewed and verified by R. Kim Tyler, P. Geo, a Qualified Person within the meaning of National Instrument 43-101. R. Kim Tyler, P. Geo is the Qualified Person for the Company.

Certain information regarding the Company contained herein may constitute forward looking statements. Forward looking statements may include estimates, plans, expectations, opinions, forecasts, projections, guidance or other statements that are not statements of fact. Although the Company believes that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, it can give no assurance that such expectations will prove to have been correct. These statements are subject to certain risks and uncertainties and may be based on assumptions that could cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated or implied in the forward-looking statements. The Company does not plan to update or alter any forward-looking statement except where required by law. Specific statements include plans for further drilling, acquiring properties and raising additional equity; and specific risks include operational and geological risks and the ability of the Company to raise necessary funds for exploration. The Company's forward-looking statements are expressly qualified in their entirety by this cautionary statement.